

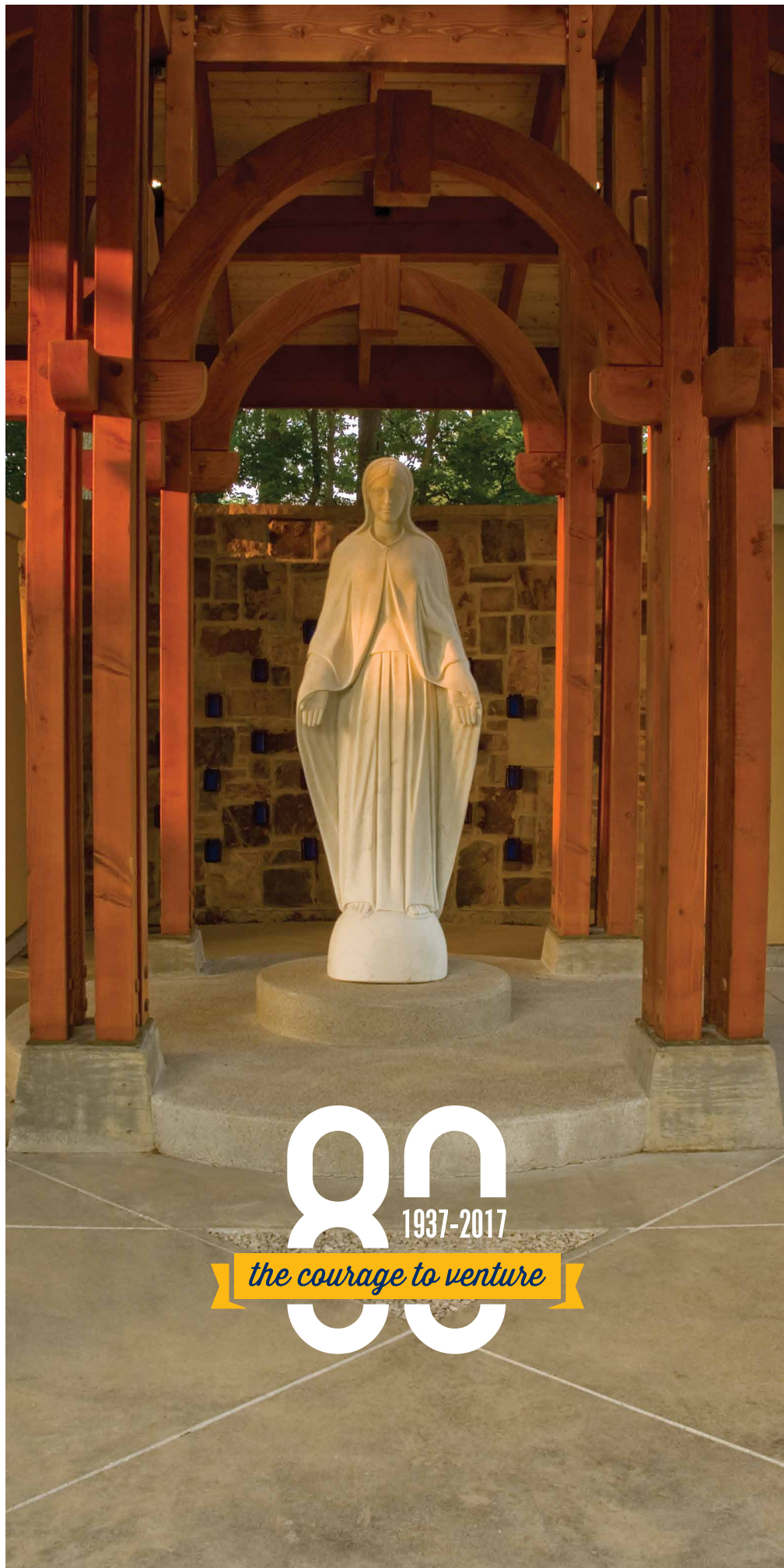
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# COURAGE TO VENTURE



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By Sr. Marina Pucke, OSF '39

### Blessed in our heritage:

the gospel of Jesus  
the ideals of Francis,  
the example of Mother Theresa;

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### Rich in our traditions:

fair to dare,  
hope to seek,  
love to endure,  
courage to venture;

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### Challenged in our future:

by the needs of our times,  
by the suffering of humanity,  
by the love of Jesus Christ;

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### We rededicate ourselves:

to Gospel poverty  
to Ecclesial service,  
to celibate love;

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### As we venture on:

with simplicity,  
with openness,  
with joy.

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On Sunday, May 7, 2017, the first graduates from the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine graduated. Left to Right: Amanda Day, DO, is now in her physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at University of Minnesota Medical School—Minneapolis, Ridaa Ali, DO, is now in her internal medicine residency at University of Illinois College of Medicine—Chicago, and Ariel Gallanosa, DO, is now in his anesthesiology residency at McLaren Greater Lansing.

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## Greetings Marian University Community,

Marian University was founded on the courageous leadership of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, specifically Mother Clarissa Dillhoff. Upon purchasing the Allison Estate, she wrote to her community, "It is this very spirit united effort to keep our schools in the lime light of educational endeavor: to do the best that can be done—which has induced us to undertake what may seem a preposterous project at this particular time; namely, the opening of a Day College in Indianapolis" (Whalen, 1966). Even though some may see it as a preposterous journey, we are continuing her vision of building a great Catholic university in this great American city today.

When the Sisters made the decision to move their college to Indianapolis during the Great Depression, they showed their courage to venture. Throughout this issue of the *Marian University Magazine*, you will learn about Knights who have continued that tradition and courageously ventured out into the world to serve and lead.

In May, we made history by graduating the first class of doctors of osteopathic medicine in Indiana. When we began this journey in 2010, we saw a growing need for doctors. Now, our first graduates are making an impact on Indiana's doctor shortage. Learn about where our students are working and how they plan to change the lives of their patients beginning on page 10.

Beyond the excitement of our college of osteopathic medicine, our campus continues to grow in enrollment and facilities. The new dining commons and fitness facilities will provide exceptional spaces to serve every aspect of student life, and the Paul J. Norman Center will house the new Byrum School of Business. You can find more information about this building and learn more about Paul's incredible commitment to Marian University on page 20. These new facilities are vital to meeting the demands of our Wildly Important Goal (WIG) to double the number of our

graduates available to the businesses, schools, healthcare providers, the Church, and other not-for-profits that seek Marian University alumni.

In an effort to celebrate our 80th anniversary and these exciting initiatives, we will hold our 2017 Courage to Venture Gala at the JW Marriott Indianapolis on November 10. Please join us in supporting Marian University at this year's annual gala. We will celebrate not only Marian's 80th anniversary in Indianapolis, but also a major announcement about the future of this great university!

The Sisters have provided bold leadership throughout our history. Clearly, educating women and men in the Franciscan and liberal arts tradition makes a profound impact on education, healthcare, pastoral ministry, business, and the sciences. This legacy of forging transformational leaders calls everyone in the Marian community to prayerfully consider what they are called to invest in our vision to not only protect what the Sisters created in Marian University, but also propel it forward in a dramatic fashion. I can hear Mother Clarissa Dillhoff guiding us with the words she wrote to her fellow Sisters 80 years ago: "This new adventure has been thrust upon us with a speed never before experienced...and it's worth the venture."

Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support in advancing Marian University's vision, mission, and values. I hope you enjoy reading about many impressive members of the Marian community, as well as learning more about the many exciting initiatives underway here on campus. I look forward to having a record number of alumni and friends present for the 2017 Courage to Venture Gala to celebrate our 80th anniversary and bold announcement about our future. Together, we are forging transformational leaders for service to the world—the legacy we're made for!

God Bless,

Daniel J. Elsener  
President



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# THE IMPACT OF THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS



It's been 80 years since the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, founded Marian University in Indianapolis. We reached out on Facebook, asking how the Sisters impacted and inspired you. Here's what you had to say.



"Sr. Margaret Ann was a true inspiration. She translated current children's stories into Middle English. We had to read *The Canterbury Tales* in that same original language. To hear her quote the line, "Nicholas let fly a fart, louder than a thunderclap," was worth the cost of a year's tuition. I also learned a lot in Sr. Gertrude Marie's German classes. I loved my four years at Marian."

**Jul Broxterman Schuck '69**

"The Sisters taught at my grade school and high school! They made me a better person. Taught us to be more empathetic, more giving, and love others. They also taught us to fear and respect authority. Lol. I still get nervous when I see that black habit! Nothing wrong with that! Every year, I rode with my mom and several nuns on their return to Oldenburg. Nervous all the way, but very impressed with their sacrifice and the simplicity of their lives!"

**Susan McAtee**

"I grew up in Oldenburg and had the sisters at Holy Family School, as well as at the Oldenburg Academy. In addition, I worked at the convent four years in high school, serving food in the infirmary and washing dishes."

**Sharon Bedillion '16**

"I taught at Marian University for years and am so thankful for my relationships with the Sisters, including Sisters Norma, Gloria, Janice, Monica, Carol, Olga, to name some that quickly come to mind. They all touched my life."

**Kelly Norton Buck**

"The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, taught at my high school. I chose Marian University because Sisters from the same order taught at Marian. They have influenced my life in numerous ways, especially in the way they witness the Gospel through their Franciscan lives."

**Chris Wesselman '82**

"Best teachers in the world."

**Bibiana Phillips**

"Sisters at St. Mary Academy (Indianapolis) brought me out of being shy, and I thank them for it. I don't think I would have the jobs I had if not for them. I think Sr. Mary Norbert took a special interest, but I didn't realize it at the time. Bless all the Sisters who taught. Too bad they aren't in our schools anymore."

**Jo Watt**

"The Sisters really cared about us as people. Some of my best memories were formed at Marian. From Sr. Gloria and Sr. Mary Rose in the music department and Sr. Carol and Sr. Monica in the math department. I can't forget Sr. Janice in the business office. Sr. Norma, however holds a special place in my heart. There are so many more Sisters—no time to name them all!"

**Cindy Kopenc McCraw '90**

"The Sisters of Marian were a great inspiration to us all by living holy devout lives and working hard at building a great Catholic liberal arts institution. Thank you to ALL of them living and deceased for bringing us Marian. Loved Sr. Vivian Rose for music. She was an amazing woman."

**Jeff Johns '87**

"Inspirational simply being who they are! Truly a blessing to work with and be educated by the Oldenburg sisters."

**Theresa Beam Roberts '15**

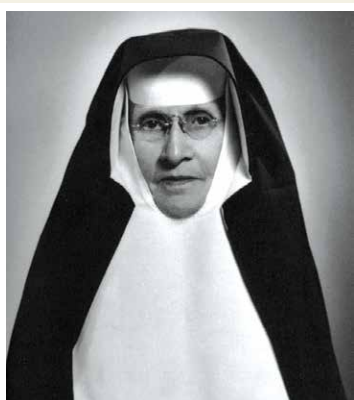
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# CELEBRATING 80 YEARS WITH THE

1937

Mother Clarissa Dillhoff, OSF takes the preposterous step of moving Marian College to the site of the former James A. Allison estate in Indianapolis to provide college education to lay women.



1944

Marian College is accredited by the Indiana State Department of Education.



1954

Marian College becomes the first co-educational Catholic college in Indiana.

1964

Doyle Hall opens as the first men's residence hall. The building is named for Monsignor John J. Doyle, who served as the college's first chaplain.



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*Left:* Mother Clarissa Dillhoff, OSF, is instrumental in founding Marian College and serves as its president until 1948.

*Middle:* First faculty members in 1937.

*Right:* Some of the first male students move into Doyle Hall.

## Celebrate With Us

This year marks a major milestone for Marian University! As we celebrate our 80th anniversary, we invite you to celebrate with us. Here are a few ways you can be a part of the fun:

**1** Come to campus for Homecoming, October 26-29. It's the perfect time to reminisce the past and celebrate the future! See page 24 for details.

**2** Mark your calendars and participate in our day of giving on Tuesday, November 28.

**3** Give \$80 for 80. On this very special anniversary, consider giving \$80 to the Sisters Legacy Fund or the area of your choice.

# COURAGE TO VENTURE

1976

Teacher education programs are formally accepted by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

*Left:* The 2016 freshman class of 390 is the largest in Marian University's 80-year history. These students boast the highest GPAs and SAT scores on this campus as well.

*Right:* Graduates in the inaugural class of the College of Osteopathic Medicine are now in their residencies. Find out where on page 10.

1986

Curriculum for baccalaureate in nursing is approved.

2000s

**2000:** Marian's Adult Programs launch to serve a new population of students.

**2001:** Daniel J. Elsener is inaugurated as eighth president.

**2009:** Marian College becomes Marian University.

2010s

**2013:** Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine opens and the university welcomes its first students.

**2016:** Enrollment exceeds 3,000 students for the first time.

**2017:** College of Osteopathic Medicine receives accreditation through the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and graduates its first class of doctors.



*Where will the next 80 years take us?*

4 Purchase a Marian University license plate and Drive with Pride! Visit [marian.edu/licenseplate](http://marian.edu/licenseplate) for more information.

5 Celebrate with us at the Courage to Venture Gala on Friday, November 10 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. We will be making a major announcement that night. Visit [marian.edu/gala](http://marian.edu/gala) for details.



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*Gala*, 11.10.17

# Osteopathy in Oldenburg:

VENTURES IN HEALING By Jackie Crone



The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, have a lot to feel good about. Their efforts and mission have touched countless lives and, specifically, led to the thriving Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM).

While the Sisters certainly aren't in it for the rewards, there are a few who won't deny the benefits of being connected to a medical school—especially an osteopathic medical school where the holistic approach to healing aligns perfectly with the Franciscan attention to mind, body, and spirit.

Osteopathy may be a new term to many of the Sisters being cared for on the third floor of St. Clare Hall in Oldenburg, but they have learned

firsthand about its healing powers through their participation in a service project initiated by students enrolled in an osteopathic manipulative medicine course at Marian University, in 2015.

“We were looking for an opportunity to practice osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM), and realized there were Sisters in Oldenburg who might benefit and that this would be a beautiful opportunity to give back to the women who have given so much to our community and world,” explained Nicholas Salupo, DO '17, a member of the inaugural MU-COM class and Indianapolis native.



According to Salupo, doctors practicing OMM use their hands to adjust the human body structure back to a state of optimal function. This treatment approach is rooted in the belief that all the parts of the human body are both functionally connected and able to maintain the health of a person when they maintain their inherent motions. OMM can be applied to any medical condition.

There are a group of sisters in Oldenburg who would agree. Since the OMM treatments have begun, they are in a lot less pain.

Sr. Evelyn Lindenmaire '62 admits she cannot figure out exactly what the medical students are doing.

"I can feel their fingers move, which really makes me relax, and they are willing to answer any question," Sr. Evelyn said. "I was surprised to learn about the fluids throughout the body and how they are in constant motion and that if something is blocking these fluids, there can be serious problems. There is a lot of real thinking and knowledge of the body that goes into this science. These students have helped relieve my pain and relax my body, making me feel less stressed."

The Sisters are not the only ones being educated on osteopathy. Sr. Rosie Miller '77 has dual degrees in education and theology and is also a certified healing touch practitioner and spiritual director. She did some quizzing of her own.

**"When I asked what modality they were using, the students correctly replied 'osteopathic' but there was some hesitation when asked about the philosophical aspects of their work," Sr. Rosie said. "Soon, though, they came through again with 'cranio-sacral therapy'. It is wonderful that they are able to understand the depth of their work."**

Samantha Collins '20 has been to Oldenburg twice in her first year. She has learned the value of interaction with real patients versus role-play in the classroom.

"My classmates are not ill or old," Collins said. "Their bodies have not endured years of hard labor or battled disease. Our advisor Dr. Coppinger always reminds us that 'anyone can find disease, but it's your job to seek the health in the patient.' It is easy to find health in the healthy, but the challenge in Oldenburg is to find health in the person who is truly sick."

These student-doctors are rising to this challenge just fine. Sr. SharonLu Sheridan '59 is impressed with their professionalism and gentleness.

"I like the fact that this process is non-invasive and very comfortable, so much so that I usually fall asleep before completion of the treatment," Sr. SharonLu said. "My leg and hip pain are practically gone."

Besides the physical benefits, the Sisters are also grateful to continue playing a role in the evolution of the MU-COM program. Sr. Gloria Gallagher '46 was still teaching music and humanities at Marian University when plans for the osteopathic medicine program began, so she is glad to continue to support the program by being an actual patient for these students.

And Sr. Lavonne Long '44 is also pleased to witness how these students use their gifts to help others.

**"I am impressed with Dr. Coppinger," said Sr. Lavonne. "He would come quietly into the room to watch and calmly give instructions if needed without breaking the doctor-patient bond. I could tell he loves teaching the students and guiding them to be the best doctors they can be. At the end of each treatment, I was struck by the prayerful nature of the experience. I felt the depth and beauty of what they are all doing for other people."**

The respect is mutual for Dr. John Coppinger who views the experience as "a sacred privilege and an extraordinary learning opportunity." Donald Sefcik, DO, MBA, dean of MU-COM and vice president of health professions, appreciates that, "...this program is clearly a win-win as the participants learn from each other and grow in their understanding of, and passion for, osteopathy. This inaugural class of 2017 has been especially motivated, well aware of the history they are writing as a new MU-COM."

Former high school physics, chemistry, and science teacher Sr. Tecia Jaehnen '62 is especially excited about this latest courageous venture of Marian University. "These students have devoted their limited free time to care for, and learn from, us, which shows their dedication to this program and their desire to do well. They have really helped decrease the amount of pain I experience in my leg and have increased my maneuverability. My advice to them is to keep the passion, because they truly are making history right now with this new science."

Salupo would appreciate this credit. "I am thankful for the opportunity to have been a pioneer at Marian University and hope that what my class and I did here lives up to the standards of the many medical students, faculty, and staff that will come after us as well as to the Sisters who have come before us and paved the way." As it turns out, these MU-COM students have a lot to feel good about as well.

**Top left:** MU-COM students who traveled to treat sisters in Oldenburg include, standing, Aaron Zell (second year), Laurel Boyd (third year), Tori Cuebas, (second year), Austin Boos (second year), Samantha Collins (third year), and, seated, John Coppinger, DO and Alecia Stewart (third year).

**Bottom left:** Nicholas Salupo, DO '17 returned for a December visit to spread some holiday cheer with Sr. Lavonne Long '48.

**Right:** Salupo administers osteopathic manipulative medicine on Sr. Patty Campbell '54.

# MARIAN UNIVERSITY IN

The people, programs, and potential of Marian University have been making news in Indianapolis and beyond. Here's a look at the headlines.

## Scott Heady Officially Named New Marian Basketball Coach

*The Indianapolis Star* | February 16, 2017

Scott Heady was officially named the men's basketball coach at Marian University on Thursday.

Heady, who led Carmel to Class 4A state championships in 2012 and 2013, told his current Carmel team earlier this week. Heady will coach the Greyhounds (15-4) the remainder of the season before taking over at Marian full-time.

"I have the best high school job in Indiana," Heady said. "I truly believe that. This opportunity (at Marian) is unbelievable. I've always felt like it would be a great job. It's a new challenge for me, and I'm really excited about it."

## 2017 Health Care Heroes: Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

*Indianapolis Business Journal* | March 3, 2017

Typically, about 70 percent of medical students who study and do their residency in the same state end up practicing there when their training is complete.

Hoosiers concerned about a physician shortage in Indiana hope those statistics hold true for the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, which will graduate its first class this year. The graduation is a milestone in Marian's bold plan, announced in 2010, to open the state's second school of medicine, and the first since Indiana University got into the medical school business more than 110 years ago.

In the inaugural class, 88 students are from Indiana and half of them qualified for the Indiana Primary Care Shortage Area Scholarship. The scholarship was approved by the Indiana General Assembly to battle the state's primary care physician shortage and is unique to Marian.

## The Winding Football Journey of Krishawn Hogan, the Only NAIA Draft Prospect at the Combine

*Sports Illustrated* | March 3, 2017

The unlikely NFL hopeful reclines at a conference table inside his agent's office on Wednesday morning, nine stories above the downtown sprawl. The streets below buzz with activity, a mishmash of commuters, construction workers and football prospects, the latter identified by their wide chests, defined biceps and the numbers on their t-shirts—all reminders that the NFL scouting combine/cattle call has begun.

Sometimes, even the unlikely NFL hopeful wonders how he ended up here, halfway between two buildings that frame the story of his life. His name is Krishawn Hogan, and he's aware that even the locals below may not have heard about him, unless they follow NAIA football or caught his recent segments on the local news.

## Marian Women Win Another NAIA National Title

*The Indianapolis Star* | March 15, 2017

Marian became the fourth school to repeat as NAIA Division II women's basketball national champion, pulling off a second-half rally to overtake St. Xavier 66-52 in the title game Tuesday at the Tyson Events Center.

The No. 4 Knights trailed 30-23 at halftime but shot a blistering 62 percent from the field in the second half. Marian went on a 14-0 run midway through the third quarter to seal its second straight national championship.

"It's great to be back-to-back national champions, but it feels pretty much the same as last year," said Joana Soeiro, the tournament's most valuable player. "It's not hard to keep your team playing as well for two years in a row. We have great players and coaches and we're ready to play against anyone."

## Marian to Launch Nursing Doctoral Program

*Inside INdiana Business* | March 20, 2017

Marian University has announced plans to launch a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program in May. The program, being offered through the Leighton School of Nursing, will include family nurse practitioner and certified registered nurse anesthetist tracks.



“The need for more APRNs results, in part, from an aging nursing workforce. As its members retire, there is a national shortage of well-qualified professionals to train the next generation of nurses,” said Dorothy Gomez, interim dean of Marian University’s Leighton School of Nursing. “More opportunities exist because health care executives recognize that nurses are essential members of work teams tasked with providing effective, efficient primary patient care.”

## Marian to Offer Online Masters in Teaching Degree

Inside INdiana Business | April 17, 2017

Marian University has announced plans to launch an online Master of Arts in Teaching degree. The program, which will begin this fall, is expected to take 18-24 months for students to complete.

“Whether the goal is to receive a master’s degree in teaching or a desire to graduate with a teaching license, our new MAT Online program now offers this flexibility,” said Erika Wise, director of online programs. “It prepares individuals with career aspirations to be teacher leaders who want to transform schools, students’ lives, families, society, and our world.”

## It’s a First for Marian: 133 New Doctors

The Indianapolis Star | May 7, 2017

Indiana, where many counties suffer from a shortage of physicians, will get 133 new doctors Sunday, when Marian College of Osteopathic Medicine graduates its first class.

“This is a monumental achievement. It’s something the state needs, something the patients need,” said Dr. Donald Sefcik, dean of the school. “The mission of the college is essentially to put primary care physicians in the state of Indiana.”

About 63 percent of those who are graduating plan to train in one of the four traditional primary care specialties: internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics or obstetrics/gynecology. Include emergency medicine, general surgery and psychiatry—another three areas of medicine that the Indiana Graduate Medical Board has identified as having shortages—and that number rises to more than 80 percent.

## The Man Behind Marian Athletics’ Growing Success

The Indianapolis Star | June 17, 2017

Since taking over as Marian athletic director in 2012, Downing has built the department up from an afterthought to a 12-time national champion. New buildings are going up around the Marian campus, new buildings that the success of the athletic department played a part in.

He doesn’t demand winning. He stays out of the way and just wants teams that compete.

“We want to be a school that is hard to beat, that isn’t going to let you beat us or beat ourselves,” Downing says.

That’s exactly what Downing is doing at Marian: making sure kids don’t beat themselves.

## Marian University Is Crawling with Pumas—Transfers from Closed St. Joseph’s College

The Indianapolis Star | August 29, 2017

The Marian University campus is crawling with Pumas.

During move in last week, Josh Christian spotted them everywhere. There were two crossing the quad; another exiting the library. One Puma came up behind Christian and wrapped his arms around the sophomore.

“Ah, hey buddy,” Christian said, returning the embrace.

Finally.

Christian, who arrived on campus early because of his new job as a resident assistant in one of the freshman dorms, has been waiting for this all week.

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# First Doctors Begin their Residencies



## Allison Pressimone, DO '17

PEDIATRICS, SINAI HOSPITAL OF BALTIMORE

Allison Pressimone, DO, chose pediatrics because of the joy she experiences when working with children.

» “The characteristics that I admire most in people—strength, resiliency, determination, humor, enduring love—are qualities that abound in children, especially children who are battling disease and overcoming immense obstacles,” Pressimone said.

Pressimone begins her residency in pediatrics at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore.

“I would like to continue a life of service during my residency training, whether that is to my patients, the community, or my fellow residents,” Pressimone said. “I think service can take many forms in healthcare—by working to provide the best care to a patient, taking time to help understand a diagnosis, or even just being a shoulder to cry on or offering a word of kindness—and as a resident-physician, I have the opportunity to incorporate the practice of servant leadership into my work.”



## Hamilton Harris, DO '17

PSYCHIATRY, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Hamilton Harris, DO, discovered his interest in psychiatry during his rural family medicine rotation in his third year.

» “Every day, I found myself connecting more and more with patients who presented seeking help for depression and anxiety than those who presented with physical ailments,” Harris said. “It was such a humbling experience that these patients trusted me—a complete stranger—with their struggles.”

In July, Harris began his residency in psychiatry at Indiana University.

“I hope to be instrumental in not solely treating mental health disorders, but also being absolutely present to my patients so they know I am truly invested in their wellbeing,” Harris said. “In working to improve my patients’ lives, I seek to play a role in transforming families, and ultimately communities.”

This May, Marian University graduated its first class from the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. These first graduates are now in their residencies, serving their communities and showing patients what it means to be a doctor from Marian University.

Here's a look at where these pioneers are serving:



## Gabrielle Butts, DO '17

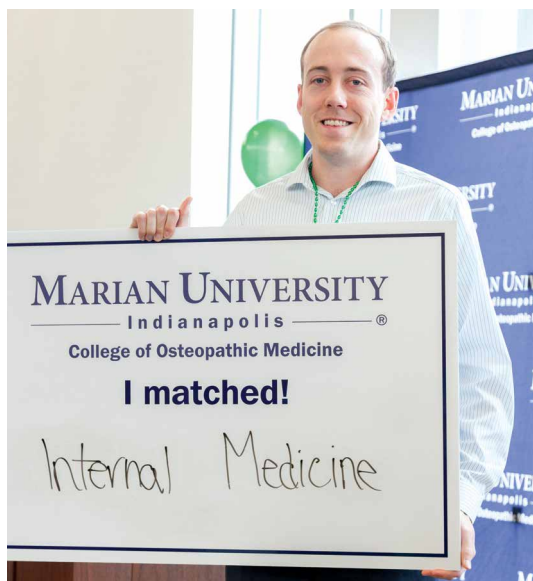
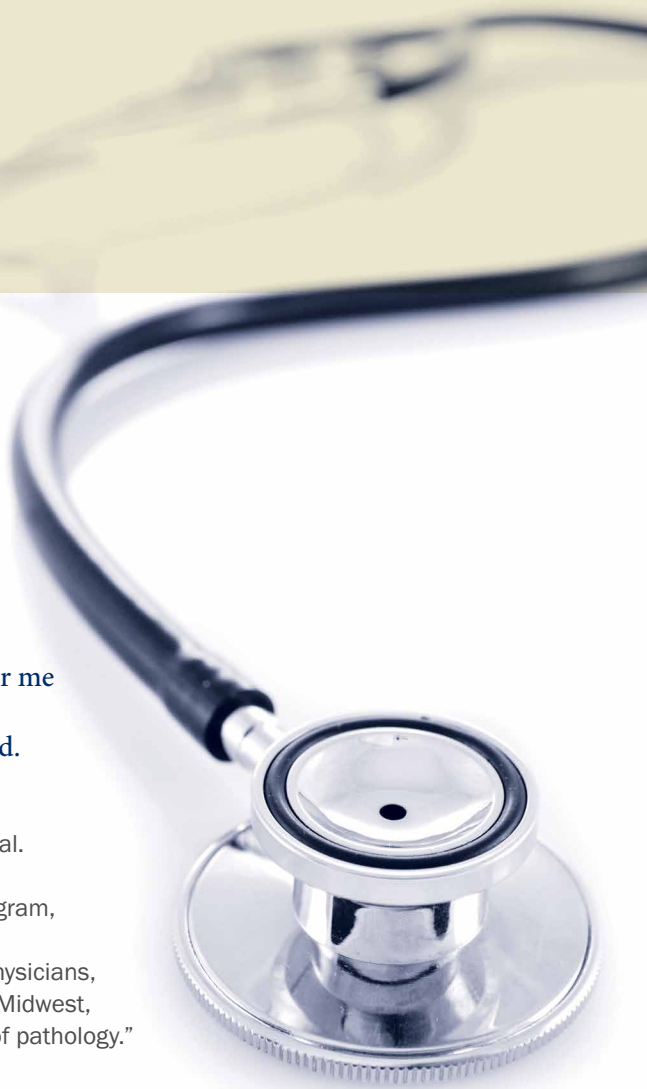
PEDIATRICS, PEYTON MANNING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Gabrielle Butts, DO, sees pediatrics as an opportunity to impact children's lives well beyond one visit to the doctor.

» "This field presents an opportunity for me to instill healthy habits and goals in children from a young age," Butts said.

Butts earned a residency in pediatrics at her top choice, Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

"It has the best of both worlds. As a small program, it provides more opportunities for one-on-one instruction and supervision from attending physicians, but unlike many other small programs in the Midwest, it also provides subspecialties and a variety of pathology."



## James P. Adlam, DO '17

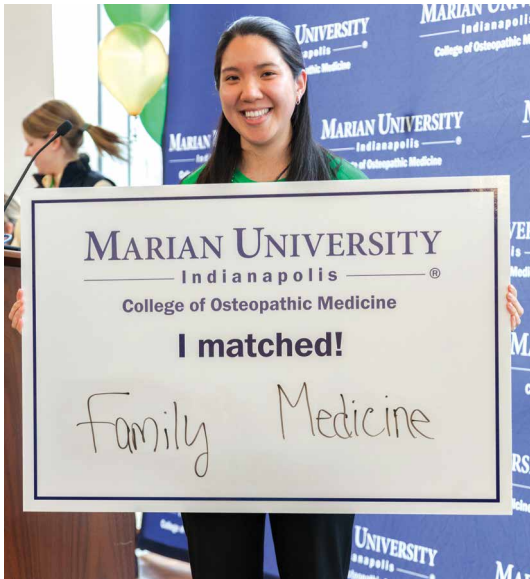
INTERNAL MEDICINE, ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL INDIANAPOLIS

James P. Adlam, DO, chose internal medicine with plans to gain a broad understanding of medicine.

» "Internal medicine requires knowledge in nearly every field of medicine," Adlam said. "While this seems daunting now, I'm excited by the knowledge I will continue to gain in order to understand and diagnose any illness of my future patients. This knowledge will allow me to treat the whole patient, rather than just the disease."

Adlam begins his residency at St. Vincent Hospital Indianapolis.

"My experience as a leader at Marian will certainly carry forward into residency and beyond. As a physician, I hope to be a role model for patients and future physicians."



## Kexia Van, DO '17

FAMILY MEDICINE, COMMUNITY SOUTH HOSPITAL

Kexia Van, DO, chose family medicine so that she can be a part of her patients' health journeys throughout their lives.

» “I aspire to be an osteopathic family physician, partnering with my patients and empowering them to live healthy, affirming lives that are meaningful and unique to them,” Van said.

Van begins her residency in family medicine at Community South Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

“My faith has been the single most powerful force sustaining me throughout my journey in medicine thus far, and I have no doubt that it will continue to do so every day moving forward,” Van said.

## Tyler Feldman, DO '17

FAMILY MEDICINE, ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL

Tyler Feldman, DO, chose family medicine because he wanted to develop lasting relationships with his patients.

» “It brings me great pleasure to know that I will be able to follow patients throughout their lives,” Feldman said. “I also like most medical areas, and family medicine gives me the ability to do a little of everything.”

Feldman begins his residency in family medicine at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

“Marian has taught us how to see the whole patient: mind, body, spirit,” Feldman said. “During my rotations, it was easy to see that medicine is a lot more than science; it’s an art. Marian and the osteopathic way of teaching have helped greatly in this area.”



## Haley Volk, DO '17

PSYCHIATRY, HARVARD SOUTH SHORE PSYCHIATRY

Haley Volk, DO, chose psychiatry because she is fascinated by complex psychopathology and wants to design individualized treatment regimens that will positively impact the lives of her patients.

» “Our courses emphasized the importance of humanistic and compassionate patient care,” Volk said. I look forward to serving my patients as an empathetic provider, while treating each patient with respect and dignity.”

Volk begins her residency at Harvard South Shore Psychiatry in Boston, Massachusetts.

“I’m prepared for this next step in my training. Hard work pays off and everything always works out for the best.”

# Pioneers

These 133 graduates of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) are pioneers.

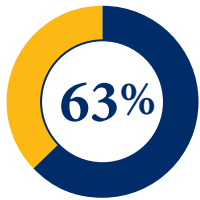
*“Being the first class to graduate from a new medical school with no predecessors to help guide them, the challenges they faced were noteworthy. As per their routine, being ‘pioneers’, they have blazed the trail and found their way.”*

–Donald Sefcik, DO, MBA, vice president of health professions and dean of MU-COM

## DO CLASS OF 2017 Residency Placement

# 99.2%

Placement rate for students in residency programs



### PRIMARY CARE

Family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics

### MATCHED IN 27 STATES AND 64 CITIES



38 percent matched in Indiana



73 percent matched in Indiana or surrounding states (IN, IL, MI, OH, KY)

### Specialty Areas

Students placed in 18 different specialty areas.

- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Surgery – General
- Emergency Medicine
- Anesthesiology
- Psychiatry
- Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Radiology – Diagnostic
- Traditional Rotating Internship
- Dermatology
- Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine
- Pediatrics/Psychiatry/Child Psychiatry
- Preliminary Neurosurgery/General Surgery
- Transitional Year

COMLEX pass and GME placement rates can be found at [marian.edu/medicalschoo/education](http://marian.edu/medicalschoo/education).

### Top Specialties

- 34% Family Medicine
- 16% Internal Medicine
- 11% Pediatrics
- 6% Emergency Medicine
- 6% General Surgery

### Top Facilities

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| St. Vincent (16)                          | Indianapolis, IN |
| Community Health Network (11)             | Indianapolis, IN |
| Franciscan Health (5)                     | Indianapolis, IN |
| Doctors Hospital (4)                      | Columbus, OH     |
| Grandview Medical Center (4)              | Dayton, OH       |
| IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital (4)      | Muncie, IN       |
| Indiana University School of Medicine (4) | Indianapolis, IN |

Placement information as of April 17, 2017.

# the courage to venture

## MEET THE CLASS OF 2017

By Gabbie Fales '17

Four years ago, I ventured from the comfort of my hometown in Missouri across two states and lots of corn fields to begin my college career at Marian University. Now, as I reflect back on my time here, I realize that Mother Theresa Hacklemeier's courage to venture is a courage I've learned to embody throughout college. I had courage to leave home and move to a new place my freshman year. I had the courage to become involved and take on leadership roles on campus my sophomore year. Junior year, I had the courage to challenge my own beliefs and grow from what I learned about myself. And now as a graduating senior, I will need the courage to venture again—the courage to leave a new place I call home, to begin a career, and to bring the Franciscan values with me wherever I go.

It has been a privilege and a blessing to get to know my classmates the past four years. They have been an essential part of the Marian University community for four years. As we all prepare for life after graduation, I know that my fellow Marian Knights will bring their gifts and talents to their work, in Indiana and around the world. Now it's your turn to get to know them—learn about their next steps after graduation and what the courage to venture means to them.



*A San Damiano Scholar and communication major, Gabbie is now events and communications manager for the Pujols Family Foundation, a not-for-profit where she interned while attending Marian University.*

### JOE MCNELIS '17

"I've learned a lot, had some great internships, met a lot of alumni, and made good friends. I'll always be happy to look back and know that I'm a Marian University graduate. I hope to be a good alumnus—one that comes back and supports Marian and remains a part of the community. I want to remember how good Marian was to me, and help future students have the same experience."

Joe McNelis '17, an accounting major, moved to Chicago, Illinois, to work as an accountant at Ernst & Young.



### LAYNIE MASON '17

"I've definitely ventured outside my comfort zone. I work in an emergency room (ER), which is an atmosphere I never thought I'd be comfortable in. I like to have everything in order and planned out, and the ER isn't like that at all. I had no idea I'd end up liking it, but now I thrive in that setting."

Laynie Mason '17, a biology major, will spend the next year working as a physician scribe in the emergency room at IU Health West with plans to become a physician assistant. She is currently applying to programs.





## KRISTIN HAUSER '17

“I am most excited to use my education to serve the young Church and to remind them of their call to live the Gospel. More than anything else, I want to systematically change the Church’s approach to youth ministry in a way that integrates young people with the whole Christian community.”

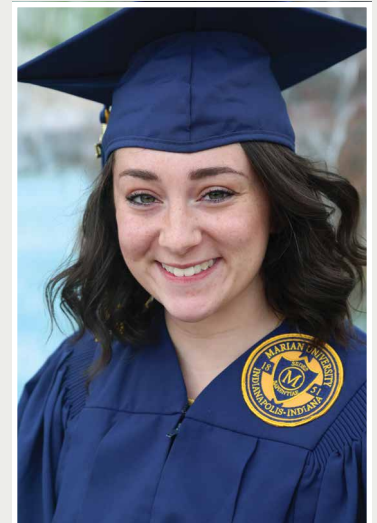


Kristin Hauser '17, a pastoral leadership major, will pursue her Master of Arts degree in theology at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in Boston, Massachusetts.

## RACHEL MARCHISELLO '17

“I want my patients to feel cared for not just by giving meds, but also by taking the time to talk with them and their families, too.”

Rachel Marchisello '17, a nursing major, is now a registered nurse for IU Health’s organ transplant unit.



## STEPHANIE MORGAN '17

“Graduating is almost like leaving home again. I’m sad to leave, but I’m not scared of post-grad life. I’m excited for a new chapter with different adventures and things to conquer. I’m excited to see where I can take myself these next few years on my own.”



Stephanie Morgan '17, a sociology major, is a talent acquisition specialist at PrincetonOne, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

## CAM GRUELL '17

“I want to be able to help the Marian baseball program continue to grow and be better as an alumnus. The team has been like a family; you come in knowing no one, and the first people you meet are your teammates. Anytime I needed help in the classroom, I asked the older guys. And then once I was older, I helped the younger guys out.”



Cam Gruell '17, a business marketing major, will travel to Bamberg, Germany to play catcher for the Memmelsdorf Barons.



# FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Our faculty are forging the next generation of leaders. Beyond their dedication to students in the classroom, faculty also research topics ranging from the scientific method, to back pain, to what makes a leader. Here are just a few of the many subjects our faculty are researching.

By Katie Bradley and Julia Kelb

## Everyone's a Scientist: A New Look at the Teaching of the Scientific Method

Question, research, hypothesis, experiment, analysis, and conclusion. These are the typical, linear steps of the scientific method. Kristy Wilson, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, and Bessie Rigakos, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology and chair of history and social sciences, teamed up to reframe the teaching of this linear method so students understand the complexity and messiness of scientific research.

About five years ago, Wilson was in the finishing stages of her project, getting it ready for publication, when she realized she was going to need some assistance.

"I realized I had no idea how to do a focus group. That's something that is kind of sociology's bread and butter," Wilson said.

And that's when Rigakos stepped in to help.

"Kristy had come to me and said, 'Can you look over my stats? Let's collaborate. How do we use this in the sociological process?' and I thought, 'Let's use my classes as the focus group,'" Rigakos said.

So that's exactly what they did. The duo developed a tool to assess students' previous knowledge of the scientific method and how they used it. The tool also shows students the messiness of the scientific process and arms them with the knowledge that their research process doesn't necessarily have to flow from one specific step in the method to the next.

"It's not like, 'oh look at my topic, look at my lit review,' now I get to move on. It's messy, it's dirty, it's all over the place. You can start from the bottom, you can go to the middle," Rigakos said.

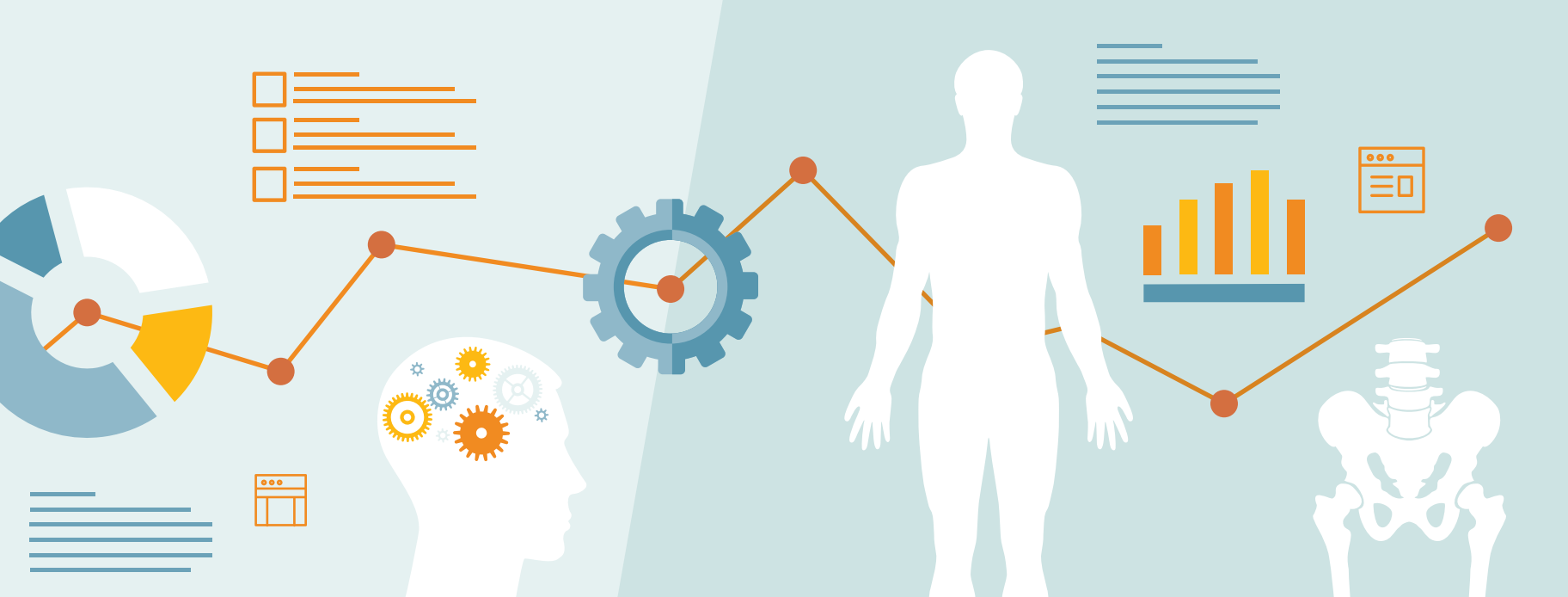
**"The scientific process is interdisciplinary. People think only one person does science. The person with the lab coat, the glasses. Whereas everybody in every discipline does some sort of research," Rigakos continued.**

Their study, "Scientific Process Flowchart Assessment (SPFA): Method for Evaluating Changes in Understanding and Visualization of the Scientific Process in a Multidisciplinary Student Population," shows the before and after of students' thinking processes by asking them to create flow charts. Visually, the pre- and post-tool charts look very different because of the new way to look at the scientific process.

"That linear form of teaching has very broad and pretty scary ramifications." Wilson said. "I think the very long-term goal is to change how students are educated about science even at the earliest levels," Wilson said.



Bessie Rigakos, Ph.D., (left) and Kristy Wilson, Ph.D. (right)



## What Can We Learn from Data?

Everything. Well, maybe not everything, but according to Thomas Gjerde, Ph.D., assistant dean of the Byrum School of Business, quite a bit.

“Data tells the story and reveals the story, but you have to be able to interpret it,” Gjerde said.

Gjerde uses data analysis to research Chile’s financial markets, looking specifically at the impact of their privatized pension system on corporate governance and the stock market. Compared to the United States, where the federal government directs individuals’ payroll deductions into the nationalized pension system that we call Social Security, individual Chileans allocate payroll deductions into a personal account managed by six private pension funds.

Through their research, Gjerde and coauthors Sakthi Mahenthiran of Butler University and David Cademartori of Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso, found that the dynamics created by the Chilean pension system led to a type of herd behavior where investors tend to follow the leader. Firms with low pension fund ownership were less transparent, so investors in those companies looked at the trades of insiders, and traded the same way.

In 2011, Gjerde and his coauthors presented their findings to Chile’s Securities and Exchange Commission in Santiago, Chile. “We were seated with several staff members around a large table and the Commissioner walked in and started asking questions about our research,” Gjerde said. “It was intimidating, but the Commissioner and his staff were very friendly. Among other things, we cited evidence in support of policies to improve transparency and financial literacy.”

Since, Gjerde has continued to research Chile’s financial markets with a study on Chile’s resilience to the mortgage crisis and another on Chile’s policy that companies must pay 30 percent of earnings as dividends.

In 2016, the Byrum School of Business began offering a major in business analytics and currently has 26 students enrolled in the major.

“If you look at what’s going on in the world around us, there is an enormous amount of information gathered,” Gjerde said. “Everything is captured now, and companies are having a hard time processing the information and understanding it in ways that help them increase the value of their business.”



The Byrum School of Business recognized business analytics as a high-demand area in business and a great way for young professionals to make an immediate impact.

“Here you have a direct way to apply what you learn and immediately start adding value to the organization that you work for,” Gjerde said. “For example, organizations are looking for people who can come in and say, ‘the data is telling us that we should focus on specific types of customers or develop specific markets.’ You’ll be in such high demand.”

Gjerde hopes to use his background in econometrics and his experience working with large data sets to help students learn to analyze, visualize and interpret “big data.”

## Seeking Health

Michael Kuchera, DO, FAAO, professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine and world-renowned leader in the field, teaches his students the foundation of osteopathic medicine: to seek health rather than treat disease.

“How can we help the body function better to fight disease and promote its own health from within?” Kuchera asks his students.



A third-generation doctor of osteopathic medicine, Kuchera has an extensive body of research looking at everything from the impact of eye dominance in treating patients to studying neurodegenerative disorders including Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson Disease.

Kuchera teaches students in the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) palpatory diagnosis (the process of using one's hands to examine the body) in treating somatic

dysfunction, which is defined by tissue texture change, asymmetry, restricted motion, and tenderness (TART). The college has purchased very precise models of the pelvis and lumbar spine that Kuchera uses in teaching and researching with his students.

Kuchera, along with fellow MU-COM faculty Kristen Metzler-Wilson, PT, Ph.D., worked with a group of third-year medical students (Daniel Hutchinson, Scott Hines, Nevin Vijayaraghavan, and Andrew Sammond) using interexaminer reliability to examine palpation diagnoses, exploring whether the same palpations done by different students led to the same diagnosis. Their research, “Interexaminer Reliability Study of a Standardized Myofascial Diagnostic Technique of the Superior Thoracic Inlet,” was recently published in the *Journal of Bodywork & Movement Therapies*.

“A lot of the research is setting up methodology for measuring the very subtle changes that we can make in individuals,” Kuchera said.

Kuchera sees osteopathic manipulative medicine as a philosophy, a science, and an art.

“Rather than learning manual medicine as a technique, our students learn it as an extension of their healing skills—diagnostic and treatment—to help people. And if they don't know a technique, they've got the principles so that they can go ahead and create their own techniques. That makes them an artist as well as a healer,” Kuchera said.

Beyond his work at Marian, Dr. Kuchera has earned an international reputation as a worldwide leader in his field. He serves in numerous leadership positions and has been honored with a number of prestigious awards. Among his many responsibilities, he served as president of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO), and represents the United States in the International Federation of Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine in the senior leadership office. In 2002, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Council of Research awarded Dr. Kuchera the Gutensohn-Denslow Award, the highest honor for a career of research and research mentorship. He was also named Research Mentor of the Year in 2008 by the American Osteopathic Foundation.

## Back Pain and No Gain

Countless visits to the doctor. Test after test. Still no cure to your back pain. It may have even gotten worse. Jackie Rowles, DNP, CRNA, ANP-BC, MBA, MA, DPNAP, DAIPM, FAAN, director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Anesthesia program, took a deeper look at sacroiliac joint diagnostic testing and found your provider may not be using the ideal tests.

The sacroiliac joint is a very large joint on the posterior pelvis which joins the hip and the pelvis together. There's a lot of pressure on that joint when we squat, stand, get up from a seated position, and go up the stairs. Pain from this joint can radiate around to the hip or groin and can be confused with back pain due to disc herniation, muscle pain, facet joint pain, or hip pain.

“As a pain provider, you have to do a really good, thorough clinical exam to figure out what is the correct pain generator so we can develop an appropriate treatment plan for our patients. Many pain generators cause the same symptoms, so it can be confusing,” Rowles said.

Rowles' research was two-fold. She first surveyed medical doctors, osteopathic medicine physicians, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, physician assistants, and physical therapists to see what clinical diagnostic testing they were using to identify sacroiliac joint pain. She then compared those results with what the literature showed were the most optimal exam tests in terms of sensitivity, specificity, and diagnostic accuracy.



“You’re supposed to do five diagnostic tests, and if three out of five are positive, then there’s very high likelihood you have identified the correct pain generator,” Rowles said.

In her study, “Use of Clinical Tests in the Diagnosis of Sacroiliac Joint Pain: Provider Preference vs. Optimal Practice,” Rowles found only 35 percent surveyed routinely utilized three clinical examination tests, 32.5 percent used two, and 80 percent of participants utilized one. Of the 35 percent using three tests, only 7.5 percent were using the most accurate tests for identification of sacroiliac joint pain.

“The bottom line of my research is that we are not doing what best practice dictates we should be doing, which is disappointing,” Rowles said. “We really need to go back and look at how we are training providers in medical schools and advanced practice nursing programs because we are the majority of the providers assessing, diagnosing, and treating pain.”

Rowles presented her research at the American Academy of Pain Management and the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

## Are Leaders Born or Made?

This is a question that frequently comes up among leadership candidates in Marian University’s Educational Leadership program and something that Jeffery Kaufman, Ph.D., assistant professor of leadership and research in The Educators College, seeks to better understand. In his initial research, he has found that people tend to fall into two sets: those who believe leadership is a skill and those who believe leadership is a trait.

Kaufman surveys incoming students in the Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership to rank a series of attributes in relation to leadership. Using Q-methodology—a research method used in psychology and social sciences to study people’s subjectivity—he’s aiming to not only get a better understanding of leadership, but also to understand how to better develop leaders at Marian University.

The research started with Kaufman and colleagues identifying more than 300 words associated with leadership. From there, they narrowed the list to 45, asking students to rank the attributes in how they relate to leadership.

“In our program, we talk about being a servant leader, being vulnerable, compassionate, transformational,” Kaufman said. “This is the language we use to talk about leadership.”

However, many of these words are not typically synonymous with leadership. In researching popular culture on what leadership is, Kaufman found a strong correlation between leadership and management.

“People interchange those words,” Kaufman said. “But Marian University, as a whole and as our department, sees a strong differentiation between those two notions. We believe leadership leads toward human flourishing, trying to move people. The goal should be to try to make you better and self-sufficient.”

Through pre- and post-testing, Kaufman will compare how students see leadership when they come to Marian University to how they view it when they leave. In other words, is Marian’s program impacting how they view leaders and effective leadership?

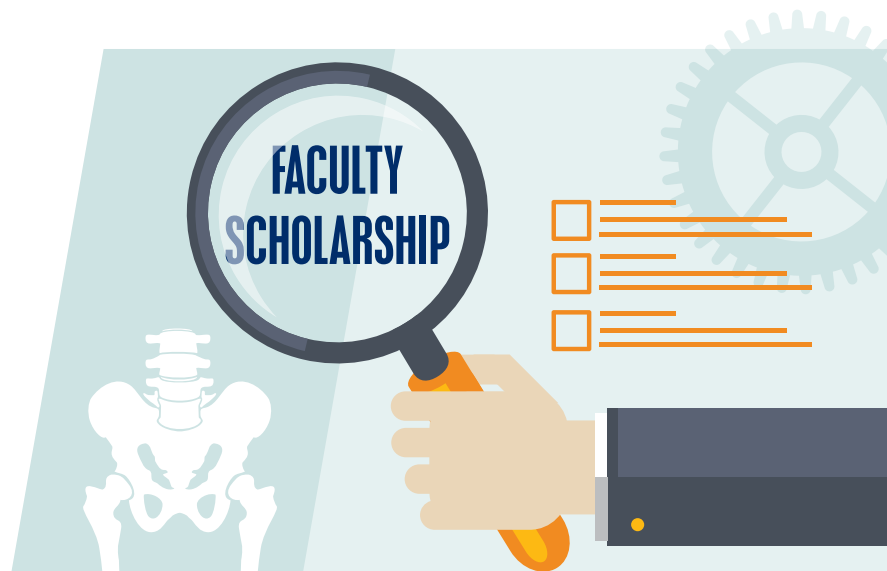
In his research, he’s had a few surprises. Risk-taking, one of the attributes on the list, ranked surprisingly low.

“They weren’t making the connection that being vulnerable is a risk, that making that final decision is a risk,” Kaufman said.

Program leaders have since been more deliberate in looking for opportunities to integrate and emphasize the concept of risk-taking within the curriculum.

“It helps us look at how people view leadership coming in and understand what we need to address in the program,” Kaufman said.

Kaufman is working with present and former colleagues in The Educators College, including LaTonya Turner, Ph.D., T. Jeffrey Hannah, J.D., Sr. Jeanne Hagelskamp, Ph.D., and James Bartlett, Ph.D., a professor at North Carolina State University, to conduct his research. They performed post-testing this summer and are in the process of analyzing results.





NEW HOME OF  
THE BYRUM SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS  
NAMED IN HONOR  
OF ALUMNUS  
PAUL J. NORMAN '73

This coming spring, a new building featuring the name of alumnus Paul J. Norman '73 will greet visitors entering campus on Cold Spring Road. Norman recently pledged an undisclosed seven-figure donation to the university.

“On behalf of the Marian University community, I want to express my extreme gratitude to Paul Norman for this magnanimous gift,” Marian University President Daniel J. Elsener said. “Paul has shown tremendous leadership in helping Marian University realize our vision of becoming a great Catholic university in a great American city.”

“When I look at how far Marian University has come in the 40 years since I graduated, I’m impressed and excited to see where we can go in the coming years,” Norman said. “As graduates of this incredible institution, we show the rest of the world what it means to be a Knight. This is a great privilege and responsibility. For nearly 80 years, Knights have been impacting this city, state, country, and world. Alumni not only represent the history of this institution, but will play a pivotal role in the future success of the university.”

Marian University broke ground on the new \$8 million facility in May 2016, stating that additional space was needed to accommodate enrollment growth in its Byrum School of Business. The new Paul J. Norman Center is designed to represent the changing work styles and mobile technology of businesses today, with trendy breakout areas, expansive glass walls, and open perimeter spaces. The dramatic atrium will provide flexible work zones with tiered collaboration space configurable for presentations, creative brainstorming, or casual student gatherings. The innovative space supports the school's unique hands-on curriculum where students learn by collaborating with local businesses.



Norman is chairman and chief executive officer of NU Holdings, Inc., a holding company employing approximately 175 people in 10 offices countrywide and operating several subsidiaries, which include Norman-Spencer Agency, Inc., Western Marine Insurance Services, Northern Star Management,

and REO Advisors. All of these companies administer insurance programs for specific industries. Additional companies under NU Holdings, Inc., include Thorn Valley Enterprises, an insurance loss control and risk management company, and Topic Design, an advertising and marketing company.

Construction on the Paul J. Norman Center is expected to be completed in December 2017, and will welcome Byrum School of Business students for classes when the spring semester starts in January 2018.

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The new building faces Cold Spring Road and will connect with the former Ruth Lilly Student Center, which houses the university's police station and SUBWAY®.

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In this year of Marian University's 80th anniversary, I've been reflecting on the theme of "Courage to Venture." Our foundress, Mother Theresa Hackelmeier, at the age of 24, had the courage to venture across the Atlantic to America with the intention of teaching the children of German immigrants in Indiana. Since, the Sisters have continuously evolved to serve the needs of their communities.

The Sisters began a great tradition of courage to venture at Marian University. Following their example, Marian University has grown and changed in many ways in recent years. One example is the creation of the Marian University football program 10 years ago. Since that time, the Knights football team has achieved two national championships, and fall Saturdays have not been the same on campus. In 2009, Marian College became Marian University. Since then, we have added many advanced-degree programs—most notably and recently, the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Graduate programs not only add to our student and alumni populations, but enhance our reputation in both the higher education and local communities.

I find it remarkable that even as Marian University is undertaking new challenges and planning for new ventures, our commitment to our current students and endeavors does not waver. This is evidenced by the 904 wonderful individuals who graduated this year from Marian University with valuable degrees, as well as the many athletic teams which are excelling in regular-season competition and national tournaments. As a Marian University alumna, it makes me proud and fills me with a

sense of wonder to think about how much my little college has grown from the day of my commencement 31 years ago. I occasionally get nostalgic for the way things were (I suspect that we all do), but I am amazed by how the community feel of the university and the genuine concern that faculty and staff demonstrate to our students and guests have not changed. What I notice most is that as a result of the growth, the campus is much more vibrant, and so much more widely known. I can say with pride where I attended college without having to describe where it is located.

My mother is known to say, "Nothing succeeds like success." Although it may appear to the casual observer that Marian University has become an overnight success, we know that the success that Marian University has achieved and the reputation that has followed is the result of careful planning, hard work, enormous prayers, and the courage to venture. That said, as we continue to pursue success in what we currently do, the spirit of the Sisters reminds us to remain open to new opportunities, to reach beyond our comfort zone, and dream of what challenge to tackle next. Thank God for the courage to venture demonstrated by the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, Indiana, the Marian University Board of Trustees, President Elsener, and generations of faculty and staff, alumni, and students.

Where will the next 80 years take us?

Cathy Watt Siler '86  
Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement



## Help us honor the Sisters of St. Francis and their Courage to Venture

During our 80th anniversary year, consider a gift of \$80 to the Sisters' Legacy Fund that supports the Sisters' retirement and further advances their legacy of impacting the community and developing leaders prepared to change the world.

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# HOW DOES YOUR CLASS DO REUNIONS?

By Cathy Watt Siler '86

Although our alumni are always welcome to visit campus, for many, alumni class reunions are the primary, and perhaps only, reason they come back to campus after graduation. At Marian University, the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement enlists the assistance of class members in the form of Reunion Steering Committees to ensure that reunion events are in line with the way alumni wish to celebrate together.

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2017 is October 27-29. As we prepare for the festivities, Reunion Steering Committees have been busy contacting classmates and helping the alumni office plan the reunion events. Of course, each class is different, with a personality all its own.

Here are some ways that classes have prepared for, or remained connected after, their reunions.

**Class of '61:** Members of this class gather monthly for lunch. This group became the nucleus of the 55th Reunion Steering Committee in 2016. The committee decided to make the 2016 Tea on the Terrace one of those monthly lunches.



**Class of '62:** This class decided to invite all classes celebrating 51+ years since graduation to celebrate a reunion brunch with them on the occasion of their 55th reunion in 2017. The more the merrier is their motto!

**Class of '67:** Members of this class have continued to gather to celebrate milestone birthdays. As they plan their 50th reunion this fall, the Reunion Steering Committee has requested a menu that mimics some of their favorite dishes from the local restaurants they remember from their college days. Members of the class have provided entertainment at the last several reunions as well.



**Class of '68:** Since their 45th reunion in 2013, this reunion committee has continued to meet (and has even added members). The committee communicates regularly with classmates and is currently planning their 50th reunion for the Fall 2018.

**Class of '71:** Like the Class of '68, this class has decided to remain active and communicate periodically with the class in preparation for their 50th reunion in 2021. Several of the members of the Class of '71, who reconnected at the 45th reunion, have continued to gather for lunch monthly.

“Even though some of us had not seen each other for 45 years, we took up right where we left off,” said Judy Weingartner Haynes '71. “We all prioritize our faith, families, and travel. In retirement, we now have the time to reconnect. Marian created a special bond.”

In May, 17 classmates and spouses gathered at Allison Mansion to have lunch and celebrate the life of their classmate, Jean Ryndak Barganski, who passed away in December 2016.



**Class of '92:** This reunion committee made contacting classmates about their upcoming reunion a celebration by gathering at a local establishment and having a mini-phonathon over adult beverages.

**Class of '07:** It has been Marian University's practice to have the first class reunion at the 10-year mark. The Class of '07 is actively working to make sure that their first reunion makes their classmates want to come back for every reunion.

Of course, Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2017 is for all alumni, not just those celebrating reunions. Classes can share a tailgate spot, attend Homecoming activities, including the football game and All-Alumni Reception, and have off-year reunions, either on campus or off.

If you are interested in assisting with your class reunion, whether it be in 2017 or in the future, please contact Cathy Siler, director of alumni and parent engagement at [alumni@marian.edu](mailto:alumni@marian.edu). For information about 2017 reunions, or for help planning an off-year reunion, visit [marian.edu/homecoming](http://marian.edu/homecoming) or contact [alumni@marian.edu](mailto:alumni@marian.edu).

# HOMECOMING 2017

## OCTOBER 26-29

*Join us for a weekend of fun!*



### Thursday, October 26

*Thirsty Thursday, Wheeler-Stokely Mansion*

### Friday, October 27

*Community Cookout, Allen Whitehill Clowes Amphitheater*

*Knight Fusion Concert, Marian Hall, Marian University Theatre*

*Reunion Receptions, various locations*

### Saturday, October 28

*Celebration of Wellness 5K, Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences*

*Rosary Walk, Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk*

*Campus Tours, Alumni Hall*

*Alumni Tailgating, Tailgate Village, Allen Whitehill Clowes Amphitheater and Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library Parking Lots*

**Homecoming Football Game vs. Siena Heights University, St. Vincent Field**

*Mass, Marian Hall, Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel*

*All-Alumni Reception, Alumni Hall*

**Reunion Dinners, various locations**  
*Reunion Classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007\**



### Sunday, October 29

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**1961**

**Dr. James Schott** has been inducted into the Orange County Public Schools Hall of Fame for his dedication to education in Orange County Public Schools (Florida), where he served as superintendent for many years. Congratulations, Dr. Schott!

**1962**

**Margaret Harmening Hillan** and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2017. They were blessed with 10 children, are awaiting the birth of their 29th grandchild, and have three adorable baby great-granddaughters.

**1963**

**Joseph Kempf** published his first book of poems, *A Fable of Fish*, in 2015.

**The Honorable Gerald Zore** is featured on the side of an Indiana Blood Center “bloodmobile” for his long-standing commitment to blood donation, a practice he started while attending Marian College.



**1965**

A reflection from **Mike Leonard** on the passing of **Kathleen Kiley Money**: “Kathy was a great friend with undeniable gifts of beauty, brains, and charm. She was an achiever who excelled at every facet that she undertook in life. Her skills as an art major produced works in various mediums that made our world a brighter place, a few of which still remain on display at Marian. Kathy cut a huge swath through the class of '65... and will always be remembered. RIP Kathy.”

**1966**

**Richard Dufour** is joining The Center for Teacher Effectiveness as national and international presenter/trainer for its Time to Teach professional development programs.

**1967**

**Rosie Thomas Houk** received the Lifelong Connections Award from Cathedral High School.

**1969**

**Theresa Feldman Siefker** and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 2. A luau proclaiming “A Trip to the 50th State in Your 50th Year” was held in Greenwood, Indiana, on the anniversary day and will be followed by a cruise to Hawaii in January 2018. Bob is a retired engineer from Allison-Rolls Royce while Theresa is retired from Covance Laboratories. They live in Greenwood.

**1970**

**Randy Hemming** still keeps in touch with best friend and fellow alumnus **Kevin McAnarney**, and with his theater mentor, Sr. Francesa Thompson.

**Frank Della-Penna** attended an Expert Group Meeting sponsored by the United Nations (UN) Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, Chile. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss policies to advance the rights of women and girls with disabilities in development and society.

**Carole Williams** received her Master of Science degree in strategic communication from Purdue University’s Brian Lamb School of Communication.

**1971**

**Kathy Cahalan, Ph.D.**, published her first book in February 2017, with co-author John Cosco, Ph.D., entitled, *Tomorrow Died Yesterday: A Survivor’s Guide to the Loss of a Spouse*. The book is available on Amazon.

**1972**

**Hugo Stimmler** is the chief investigator for the Neuces County Medical Examiner’s Office in Corpus Christi, Texas.

**1973**

**Sharon Bernhardt** celebrated 50 years of library service, which is the most for any Indianapolis Marion County Library employee, past or present. Bernhardt currently oversees eight library branches in Indianapolis.



**Sherry Meyer** has been serving as a missionary in Arua, Uganda, for 25 years.

**Domoni Rouse** was recently featured in *The Vincentian Frontline* for her work as executive director of Changing Lives Forever, a program that offers the framework needed for those aiming to move away from lives of generational or situational poverty. Learn more about the program by visiting [svdpindy.org](http://svdpindy.org).

**1975**

**Tom Sluss** was named Rock Steady Boxing’s 2016 Volunteer of the Year and also received SERTOMA’s 2016 Service to Mankind Award.

**1980**

**Pam Brown Bachus** was selected as Franklin County Community School Corporation’s Educator of the Month for April 2017. Pam is a second grade teacher at Brookville Elementary School.

**1984**

**Teresa Coverdale** and her husband, Paul, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6, 2017.

**1985**

**Nancy Horan Buening** was recognized with the 2017 Lead, Learn, Proclaim Award from the National Catholic Educational Association.

**1988**

**Jack Winebrenner** will host his 30th annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 9, 2017, and wants all alumni to know they are invited. Photo includes attendees (left to right) **Danny Galvin '89, Jeff Curtis '88, Brandon Wilson '12, Jim Poole '88, Debbie Broderick '90, Kelly Shaw Poole '89, Jack Winebrenner '88, Joe Barrett '91, Susan Hill Barrett '90, and Brent Adams '90**. Find Jack on Facebook for details and to R.S.V.P.



1988

**Mitch Black**, president of MOBI (a mobility management platform enabling you to centralize, comprehend, and control your entire device ecosystem), has been elected president of the Technology Expense Management Industry Association (TEMIA).

1996

**Leslie Wade VanHoy** was named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame 2017 Silver Anniversary Team.

1997

**Jennifer Pipoly Klug** was featured in the *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette* for her job as a physical education instructor, saying she has the 'best job in the world.'

**Jason Seaver** is the technology coordinator for MSD Decatur Township.

1999

**T. Kyle Nobbe** is an educator with North Decatur High School.

**Scott Selm** was named vice president, internal audit and business assurance at Celadon Trucking.

2000

**David Rusbasan** is the director of general education at Marian University.

**David Wolske** spoke at The Fine Arts Library as the third author in its series celebrating working artists who have published works that push the limits of traditional bound book form.

2003

**Jennifer White Conner** is serving as president of the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants and is the founding trustee and vice-chair of the Dermatology PA Foundation.

2004

**Darren Bunton** founded Eway Entertainment, "The World's First Nonprofit Entertainment Company," a media and technology company in downtown Indianapolis.

2006

**Megan Bottoms** is assistant professor/coordinator of leadership and activities at Riverside City College in Riverside, California.

2007

**David Proctor III** is an occupational therapist with Kokomo School Corporation.

2008

Caregiver Homes has named **Lisa Manley Bennett** director of community partnerships.

2010

**Jessica Davis** earned her Master of Public Affairs (Urban Sustainability) from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) on December 18, 2016.

**Matt Salzman** and his wife, Katie, welcomed Maximilian Salzman on July 30, 2016. Matt is the assistant director of grant management at Marian University.

2011

**Caitlin Johns Bain** is now the director of the Cathedral Fund at Cathedral High School.

**Meredith Riley Elam and Gabe Elam '15** welcomed their daughter, Elowen Victoria, on October 14, 2016.



**Blake Johnson** has been promoted to vice president of strategy: communications and planning at Complete College America.

**Corrine Purvis** married Graham Youngs on May 6, 2017. They were married by fellow Marian alumnus **Fr. James Brockmeier**.

**Marianne Felter VanScyoc** and husband, Austin, welcomed daughter, Savannah Marie on February 15, 2017. Grandpa **John Felter '73** is overjoyed!



2012

**Deacon Jeff Dufresne** was ordained a transitional deacon by now Archbishop Charles Thompson in April 2017 at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church. Deacon Jeff will be entering fourth theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He is studying for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. His summer assignment was at Our Lady of the Greenwood.

**John Hasty and Sheila Elsener-Hasty '15** were married on campus at the Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel on December 31, 2016.



**Karen McNulty** married Brian Candlish on December 10, 2016.

**Tyler Kleinschmidt** has been promoted to audit senior with Alerding CPA Group.

**Franchelle O'Neal** is the human resource coordinator at GEODIS.

**Alex Sylvester** recently made the 2017 National Association of Plan Advisors list of "Top Retirement Plan Advisor Under 40."

## 2013

**Scott Donlan** has been sworn in as a police officer with the Noblesville Police Department.

**Donovan Garletts**, who received his principal license from Marian University in 2013, has been named assistant superintendent of Greencastle Community Schools.

**Katie Young** married **Dan Lauck '15** on June 4, 2016. Katie works in the incentive compensation department at Salesforce.

## 2014

**Michael Barton** has been promoted to senior accountant with Petrow Leemhuis Vincent & Kane.

**Megan Beyers** is pursuing her master's in Library Science degree at IUPUI, and expects to graduate in December 2019.

**Cory Bowman** married **Sarah Kays** on June 17, 2017.

**Matthew Duncan** graduated cum laude from Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Matthew's law review note entitled "Democracy Down Under: A Comparative Look at Australian and American Electoral Systems" has been selected for publication by the *Indiana International and Comparative Law Review*.

**Augie** and **Kathleen Groves Hibner** were thrilled to welcome twins Charlotte Shore and Magdalena Elizabeth on April 29, 2017.

**Maxx Hagan** and **Lauren Paras** married on June 24, 2017, at St. Luke Catholic Church in Indianapolis. Maxx is senior financial analyst at Indiana University School of Medicine and Lauren teaches second grade at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Indianapolis.

**Katie Kaiser** has been promoted to senior accountant with Ernst & Young.

**Brittany Ables** and **Chris Katterjohn '15** welcomed Elijah Keith Katterjohn on March 3, 2017.

**Kacie Kelly** married John Miller on March 20, 2016.

**Misty Menis-Kyler** is serving as a missionary in Valle de los Angeles, Guatemala, near Guatemala City for the next two years. Misty lives at the orphanage, teaching and serving the many children who call the Valle home.

**Kara Miller** has been named cheerleading coach at Roncalli High School.

**Kristen Meyer** married James Douglas on January 7, 2017, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greensburg, Indiana.

**Linsey Puterbaugh** married Scott White on June 18, 2016.

## 2015

**Colleen Diemer** has passed the CPA exam.

**Kaitlin Krudop** married Vincent Frecker on October 22, 2016. Krudop is a registered nurse with Parkview Health.

**Rachel Garzon** has joined the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George and is now known by the name of Sr. Maria Consuela.

**Andrew Howard** married **Rachel Nakabayashi '14** on February 28, 2015. Andrew is teaching music at Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis.

**Coryn Rivera** is the first American to win the Tour of Flanders.

**Daniel Ross** is now ecclesiastical notary at the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

**Alexandria Schmieman** is the director of client care for Hefty Wealth Partners.

**Sarah Calderon** married Jonathan Wenzel on September 3, 2016.



## 2016

**Dakota Bacon** married Dylan Sterrett on June 18, 2016.

**Alexus Casada** is a management trainee for Enterprise.

**Brooke Grannan** is a second grade teacher at Holy Spirit Catholic School in Indianapolis.

**Ryan Heuer** is an internal auditor with Northwestern Medicine in Chicago.

**Natalie Butler** married **Philip Ryan IV '15**, on August 27, 2016. Natalie is the secretary of faith formation at St. Alexander Parish in Villa Park, Illinois.

**Ibrahim (Abe) Tawfeek** is head football coach at Richmond High School in Richmond, Indiana.

**Blake Thomas** is a real estate broker at Keller Williams.

**Tyler Williams** has passed all his CPA exams.

## 2017

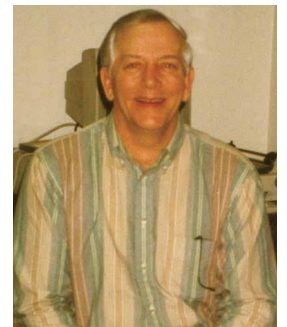
**Chrislyn Church Fite** has been accepted to the Doctor of Dental Medicine program at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Robert Gibson** is an assistant coach at Montana Tech of the University of Montana in Butte, Montana.

**Carmen Ovando** is mental health care coordinator for Eskenazi Health.

**Amelia Siler** is an account manager at Eclipse Marketing and Advertising.

The winter issue of the *Marian University Magazine* incorrectly identified a picture of John Sweany '68 as Coach Lynn Morrell. We apologize to the Morrell and Sweany families.



**Beloved Coach Lynn Morrell**

**Mary Grace Lawler '42**—June 9, 2017  
**Catherine Moran Goodin '50**—April 7, 2017  
**Therese Zerr Fargo '51**—March 12, 2017  
**Jean Ann Baker '53**—March 3, 2016  
**Gloria Quinett Gulley '53**—July 16, 2017  
**Rita Sheridan '53**—June 23, 2017  
**Barbara Hertel May '58**—June 16, 2017  
**Barbara Hesselgrave Dugan '60**  
—March 30, 2017

**Rev. Edward Dhondt '65**—March 14, 2017  
**Kathleen Kiley Money '65**—April 20, 2017  
**Richard Burkett '66**—April 2, 2017  
**Thomas Doyle '71**—August 30, 2015  
**Larry Joe Roberts '72**—September 17, 2015  
**Linda Knief '93**—October 9, 2015  
**Ryan O'Meara '00**—July 7, 2017  
**Nicholas Schmutte '07**—May 27, 2017  
**Sarah Warner '09**—April 25, 2017

**Davita Lee Sanders '12**—January 8, 2015  
**Dr. Allan Arkush**, clinical assistant professor of surgery (MU-COM)—March 31, 2017  
**Sara Reid**, retired professor emeritus of vocal pedagogy—February 26, 2017  
**Michael Simmons**, longtime supporter of Marian University and brother of several alumni—February 7, 2017  
**Walt Fields**, first athletic director and men's basketball coach—August 28, 2017

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# franciscan values

## From Oldenburg to Marian University: Growing Up with the Sisters

For Thomas Enneking, Ph.D., executive vice president and provost, and five generations of his family before him, the small town of Oldenburg, Indiana, is home—the same town the Sisters of St. Francis journeyed to in 1851 and have been rooted ever since.

Attending Holy Family Church and Oldenburg School, Enneking remembers the Sisters as Church leaders, teachers, and members of the community.

“Growing up, they were just people like everybody else. They were your teachers, and you would see them around the community,” Enneking said. “From first to seventh grade I had a Sister that was the teacher. Since the elementary school was a public school, we’d go to Mass earlier in the morning before classes, and we’d have religious education later in the afternoon. It seemed like a normal school day. I didn’t know anything different.”

After graduating from Batesville High School, Enneking attended Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He continued his education at Virginia Tech University, obtaining a master’s degree in civil engineering, and later graduated with a doctorate degree in the same discipline from the University of Notre Dame.

Although his experience with the Sisters in Oldenburg, Indiana, isn’t why he decided to join Marian University, the pioneer- and pace-setting spirit of the institution is part of what drew Enneking and his wife Sherri to campus in 2005. And the rest is history.

### **Q: What are some of your memories with the Sisters?**

**A:** I remember the Sisters in some interesting ways. When I was in high school, I worked as a janitor in Oldenburg Elementary School, so after the high school day, I would work in the evening at the elementary school. Well, some of the Sisters would still be in their classrooms. There were a couple Sisters that were avid Reds fans. I don’t remember their names, but there were two Sisters, one taught third grade and one taught fourth grade, and they’d have the TV on watching the Reds playoff or World Series game while I’m cleaning their room. It made these sisters seem very normal to a high school student in 1972.

Coming here it’s been similar to see how the Sisters are an integral part of the spirit of Marian University. Think about how young some of these sisters were when they came here to support the mission of serving the underserved and how all of us work to continue to support that mission today.

### **Q: How has it been witnessing all of that growth and change at the university?**

**A:** We’ve been entrepreneurial. We’ve given people the opportunity to try and to fail. We’ve had really good people here who care about the institution. All the way from the person who is cleaning the hallways at night, through the faculty and staff, through the administration, to the president’s office, there’s just this common thread of caring and people working as a team.

We’re not perfect, but we never lose sight of the mission or the students. We never lose sight of being a Catholic Franciscan institution. It’s really about continuing to support that entrepreneurial spirit following the example of the Sisters.

### **Q: What do you see as the biggest challenge in higher education?**

**A:** I think the biggest challenge in small private education is being true to your mission and having an economic model that works. Parents can’t afford to keep paying more and more for the college experience. How can we support the educational growth of our students economically as an institution? I think that’s going to require us to be creative and entrepreneurial while we continue to be efficient and identify alternative revenue streams.

Another challenge is finding a way to do two things: stay true to our mission as an undergraduate liberal arts university, but then also provide students an immediate marketable skill set. These are not mutually exclusive. The liberal arts core lasts a lifetime for students, but we have to recognize that in today’s market, parents and students are looking for a skill set that they can apply immediately. We want a student to be able to get their first job using that skill set, but then we also want them to be flexible and change as their career path changes using their liberal arts core. For example, our nursing majors are very good technical nurses, but they also have great critical thinking skills, logical problem solving skills, good communication skills, and exemplify ethical behavior. And that’s not just true of nursing. It’s true of every one of our students in all of our majors.

### **Q: We’re celebrating Marian University’s 80th anniversary. Where do you see Marian going in the next 80 years?**

**A:** I think we’re an institution that has an opportunity to change with the needs of the world. We will continue leveraging what we have, leveraging the liberal arts education, and leveraging our financial resources. We will provide graduates with the educational experiences to be transformational leaders in their own sphere of influence. We will continue our mission. We’re different today than we were a decade ago because we had to be. I think we will continue to change, and we have the right people to do that. I can’t imagine an institution that’s on a better trajectory of growth and change than Marian University.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Trick or Treat in the Halls**

October 26 at 6 p.m.

### **Homecoming**

October 27-29

### **Courage to Venture Gala**

November 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the  
JW Marriott Indianapolis. For more  
information, visit [marian.edu/gala](http://marian.edu/gala).

### **Global Studies Speaker Series:**

#### **Charles Strain, Ph.D.**

November 15 at 7 p.m. in the  
Micheal A. Evans Center for Health Sciences

### **Global Studies Speaker Series:**

#### **Senator Richard G. Lugar (Retired)**

December 10 at 7 p.m. in the Evans Center

### **Global Studies Speaker Series:**

#### **Peter Hotez, MD, Ph.D.**

January 9 at 7 p.m. in the Evans Center

### **Global Studies Speaker Series:**

#### **Former Indianapolis Mayor and Retired Marine Colonel Greg Ballard**

February 21 at 7 p.m. in the Evans Center

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Nearly 800 alumni and friends came together for the Clayton Family Circle of Honor Induction Dinner at Lucas Oil Stadium on April 18, 2017. That night, the university honored Peyton Manning and inducted him into the Clayton Family Circle of Honor.