

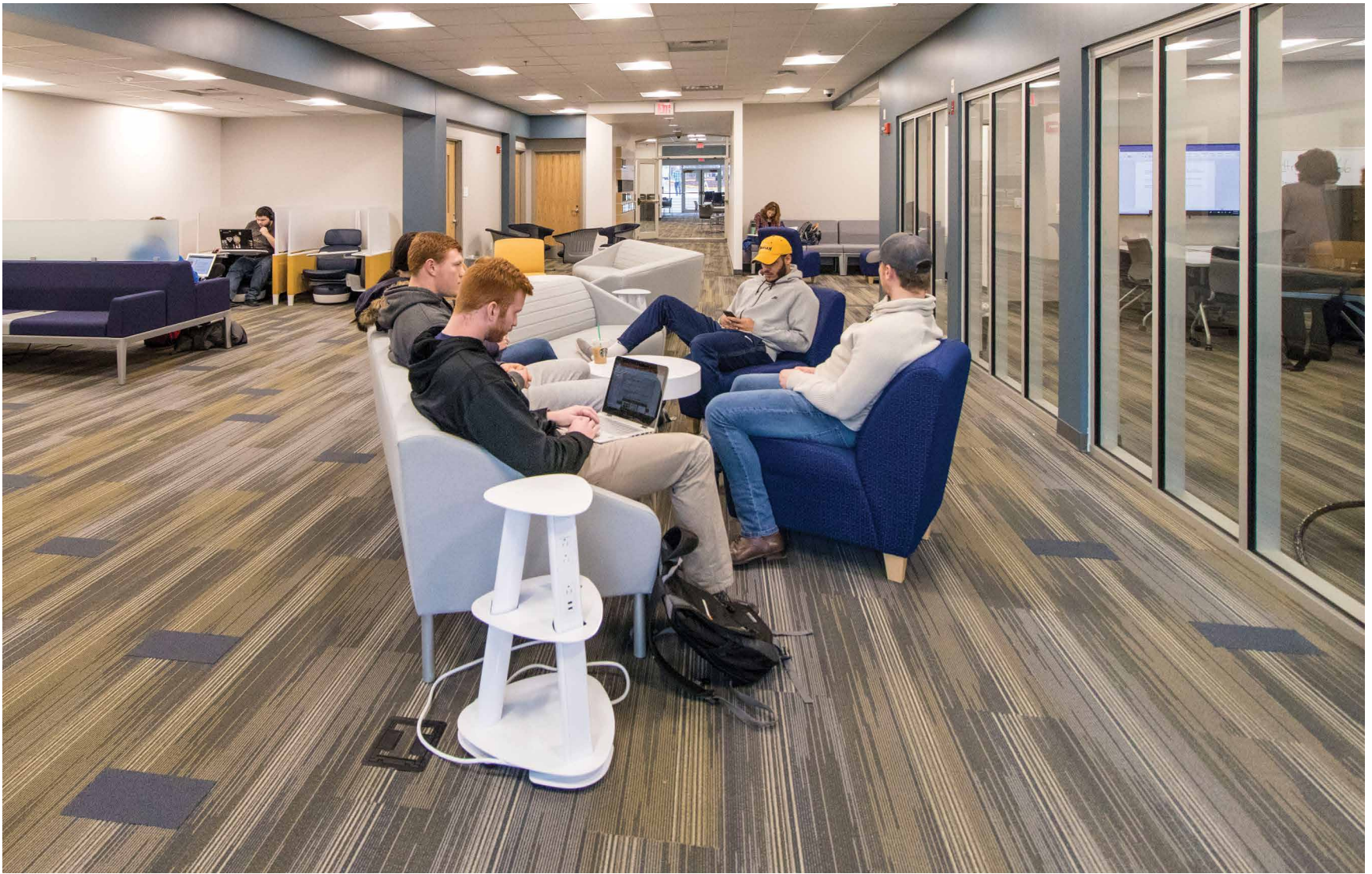
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*the legacy we're made for*

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Maria Sunga '19 and Nick Marroquin '19 sit outside the brand new Dining Commons. The outdoor seating is just one of the many features of the new space for students to eat, mingle, and study.

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## Greetings Marian University Community,

In this issue of the *Marian University Magazine*, we're conveying Marian University's ongoing and deep commitment to transformations. Whether we're looking at new building projects, how the university has changed through the eyes of a legacy family, or how a student comes to Marian a teenager and leaves a leader, we are a university with a tradition of transformations.

If you haven't been on campus in many years, you will certainly notice a transformation; but you'll just as likely notice it if you haven't visited this year. This semester alone, we welcomed students back to campus with the opening of two new facilities: the Paul J. Norman Center, new home for our Byrum School of Business, and the Dining Commons, a beautiful new space where our students can gather to eat and spend time with one another outside of the classroom. We've also opened the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital Hall of Champions, and are set to open a new arena/convocation center and new fitness facilities later this year. And there's more to come!

These major building projects are a part of our new major initiative—*Forging Leaders: The Legacy We're Made For*. We've set out on this ambitious course because our vision calls us to develop transformational leaders for service to business, healthcare, education, ministry, and not-for-profits. We're working to continuously improve the learning experience for our students to ensure our graduates are exceptionally inquisitive, skilled, trustworthy, and healthy in their approach to leadership and service to others. You might be wondering how we go about pursuing this vision. On pages 16-21, we'll walk you through how leaders are made by introducing you to some of our incredible students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as the curriculum, projects, and programs that are transforming our students.

No one sees transformation quite like legacy families. They have experienced firsthand the transformation Marian provides, and then get to witness it in their children and grandchildren. Legacy families also remind us that, while we are pursuing our vision with vigor, Marian University remains steadfast in our mission and our values. Yes, change and continuous improvement have been occurring in countless ways throughout our more than 80 years in Indianapolis, but at our core, we have always been a Catholic and Franciscan community of thinkers, believers, and doers committed to serving and transforming our communities and our world.

Please continue to be active participants in the *Forging Leaders* initiative and in Marian University by sharing your prayers, time, talents, and treasure. Go to pages 14-15 to learn about the key components of the initiative, and visit [marian.edu/forgingleaders](http://marian.edu/forgingleaders) for an in-depth look at what we're doing now and what we have planned for the future.

God bless you, your family and friends, and the many endeavors to which you are dedicated, always!

GO KNIGHTS!



Daniel J. Elsener  
President



From the number of students to the expanding campus, Marian University has transformed since the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, founded the school in 1937. We posted a couple throwback photos on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and asked for your help to caption them. Here's what you had to say.



“The Caterpillar and the Butterfly.”  
– Jul Broxterman Schuck '69

“Breaking ground for Doyle Hall.”  
– Michael Izzo '70

“Time to build.”  
– Michael Kurtz

“Move along people...nothing to see here...get to class.”  
– Susan Miller

“Sister Karen’s Cat?”  
– Ann Werner '73

“The photo exemplifies the willingness of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, to continue their mission of meeting educational needs. Build my church? You betcha, and they have the tools to do it! #FranciscansRock”  
– Christy Wesselman '82

“Marian College is expanding Doyle Hall, ground breaking in the true Franciscan fashion!”  
– Carol Abell Wissel '78

“Paving the way to forge the Franciscan, or make way, St. Francis, sister has this one.”  
– T. Cunningham '17

“Onward and upward—the third floor of Clare Hall was only the beginning!”  
– Cathy Watt Siler '86

“Clare Hall before the third floor was added to the building.”  
– Michael Kurtz

“Congregating in front of Clare Hall? No guys?”  
– Ann Werner '73

**What’s really happening?**

**Photo 1:** Sr. Adele (Karen) Zahn, OSF, sits atop a piece of construction equipment just after breaking ground on Doyle Hall in 1964. Sister Adele ministered at Marian University for 55 years, teaching English, French, and Humanities.

**Photo 2:** Students gather in front of Clare Hall in 1951. In 1954, the school became the first co-educational Catholic college in Indiana.

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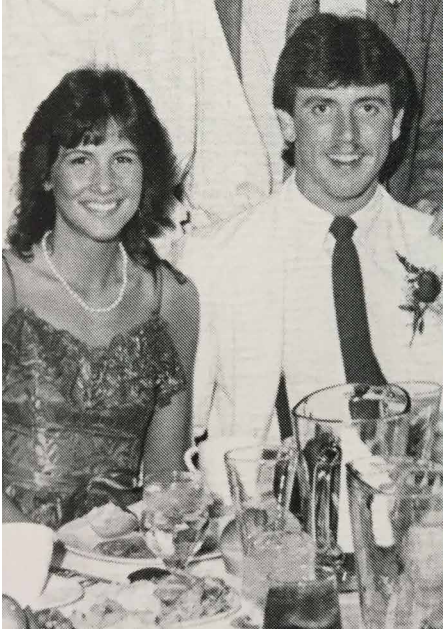
# LEGACY *Families*

LAY ● WARE ● BOYLE/KERVAN

In each family's story, we see the university's transformations taking shape. Marian became co-educational, built new facilities, and welcomed more students. But, through each there is a connective thread: athletics, faith, business, family. Here are a few of our legacy families, proudly representing to the world what it means to be a Marian Knight.

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By Katie Bradley



**Left:** Renee (left) and Stan (right) at Spring Formal during their time at Marian.

**Right:** Stan (left) and Renee (right) cheered on Vanessa (center) at many volleyball home games during her time at Marian University.

## Bringing the Competitive Edge: The Lay Family

In true 80s fashion, Stan '88 and Renee Gilmour '89 Lay were brought together by Rambo.

"We officially met at a Halloween dance—in typical 'Stan' fashion—when he jumped over a desk and a few chairs to introduce himself because I was dressed up like Rambo," Renee said.

Stan recalled seeing Renee for the first time in the Marian Café, well before that fateful night.

"I was blown away," Stan said. "But, I didn't get the courage up to really talk to her until that Halloween party in Doyle Hall."

The two have many fond memories from their time here. Stan remembers the unconventional twin waterbed with a loft over it he had in Doyle Hall. Renee flirted with fame as a member of KISS in Mock Rock, a performance she revived for an alumni event a few years back.

With Renee on the volleyball team and Stan on the baseball team, both loved being student-athletes.

"Coach Morrell and Bret Shambaugh '85 changed my life forever with the invitation to come to Marian College to play baseball," Stan said. "The baseball team was my family away from home. You knew those guys had your back."

After graduating from Marian, Stan and Renee married in 1989 and had a daughter, Vanessa, and a son, Alex. When Vanessa Lay '17 decided to attend Marian, Renee had some trepidation.

**"We always talked about how great Marian was for us; so, I hoped she wouldn't choose Marian for that reason and then be disappointed," Renee said. "Fortunately, it was the perfect fit for her. It has been so fun watching her experience Marian for herself, and we've enjoyed being back on campus."**

While her parents' fond memories of Marian certainly influenced Vanessa's decision, it was a campus visit that sealed the deal.

"I fell in love with the campus and the nursing program," Vanessa said. "I also was blessed to play my two favorite sports and follow my dream career all at one school."

Vanessa followed in her parents footsteps, playing on the volleyball and softball team.

"It was so special to see her grow in her confidence and abilities," Stan said. "I'm so proud of her academic achievements and her softball and volleyball accomplishments. She is my Golden Knight forever."

Because they were all student-athletes during their time at Marian, the Lay family has seen many changes in Marian athletics throughout the years.

"Conferences have changed and athletics have changed, but Marian has always been a great place to get your degree and play sports," Stan said. "Today, women's sports are off the charts, and football has added so much activity on campus."

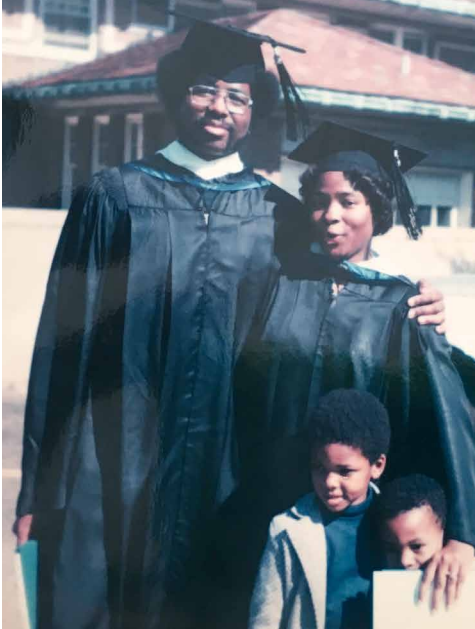
"I think Marian definitely takes athletics a bit more seriously these days," Renee said. "They're upgrading facilities, provide trainers and equipment, and many of the teams are competing at a national level."

Even with all of the changes to athletics, there is one very specific similarity.

Renee and Vanessa had a unique mother-daughter experience when Vanessa competed for and won the conference championship in volleyball in 2017. Her mom's team (in 1988) was the last volleyball team to earn that honor!

"Marian has given me some of my most cherished memories in my life, and Vanessa going there and having such a great experience herself just added to it," Renee said.

Today, Stan and Renee live in Lebanon, Ohio, where Stan is director of retail operations for Club Marketing Services, and Renee is chief financial officer for the Countryside YMCA. Vanessa lives in Indianapolis and is a registered nurse (RN) in the operating room at Riley Children's Hospital.



## A Legacy Created by Faith: The Ware Family

Faith brought both Michael '75 and Denise Evans '76 Ware to Marian College. It would also be what brought them together: first to meet, then to date, and eventually to marry. The two met as students in the Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel. Michael sat behind Denise, and when he realized she didn't have a song book, he moved up a row to share with her. They spent the next year attending Mass together before they started dating.

"Praying together was the foundation of our relationship. We met at this church," Denise said. "So, we decided to get married where we met because what are the chances that I'm going to meet someone in a church?"

Denise and Michael wed at the Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel in 1976. They had their reception in Allison Mansion. Their professor, Fr. Donald Buchanan, officiated the wedding and family, friends, and the many Sisters who held a special place in their hearts filled the church for the special day.

They both went on to become teachers—Denise spent her career teaching in Indianapolis Catholic schools, and Michael spent his teaching special education in Wayne Township. They had three children: Katrina, Monique, and Evan.

Middle child Monique Ware '09 would end up choosing Marian for college, a choice that elated, but also surprised her parents. Throughout her childhood, she was adamant that she would not attend her parents' alma mater.

"My dad talked me into doing a campus tour and once I did that, I was hooked," Monique said.

When Monique moved into Clare Hall to begin her freshman year, Denise was surprised to learn it was now a coed dorm. During her time at Marian, they could rarely even have men visit the dorms. And Monique's keys to Clare Hall were actually a legacy of her mother's. During Denise's first three years here, the women didn't have keys to get into the dorm. They had a curfew and the doors were locked at that time.

"Senior year, we were in the dorm and just thought this was ridiculous," Denise said. "So, we all protested, signed a petition, and got keys."

For all three, change on campus was a part of their experience. The Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library opened Michael's freshman year. He remembers carrying books from Allison Mansion to the new library and literally creating a new path on campus.

**“Until the library opened, there was just one way across campus, just one path,” Michael said. “But the atmosphere hasn’t changed. It has its Catholic identity.”**

During Monique's time here, the university started a football team, adding more students and St. Vincent Field, which gave her a home

**Left:** Michael (left) and Denise (right) celebrate graduation with their nephews outside of what is now the Paul J. Norman Center.

**Right:** Monique (left), Denise (center), and Michael (right) Ware visit the new Norman Center.

track to compete on—she played basketball and ran on the track and field team. Monique still holds the school record for both the long and triple jump. Now, as an assistant coach for the men and women's long and triple jump, she hopes to see those records broken soon.

"A big chunk of construction started my junior year and then it seemed like every year there's something new being built," Monique said.

Monique has seen the changes beyond her four years as a student. Hired before she even graduated, Monique has dedicated nine years to the university through the Office of Financial Aid. As associate director of financial aid, she's helping the next generation come to Marian and become transformational leaders.

And while the campus, the students, and many of the professors have changed from the time Michael started to the time Monique graduated, they still see continuity in the faith on campus, the clubs students are involved in, and the university they all chose to attend.

In fact, this February, Michael and Monique came to the annual Soul Food Dinner hosted by the Union for Black Identity (UBI), a student group that all three Wares were members of during their time on campus. They each hosted their own Soul Food Dinners in the 1970s and the 2000s.

The campus of the 1970s looks different from the campus of the 2000s, which looks different from campus we have today. But, there is one particular space that remains unchanged in the best way.

"Campus looks so different and yet, it doesn't," Denise said. "Whenever I'm in the chapel, it feels exactly the same as it did in the seventies. Even the Mass is different, but it still feels the same."





## Three Generations at Marian: The Boyle/Kervan Family

When Michael Boyle '59 came to Marian College in 1955, he was a part of one of the single biggest changes to occur at Marian: men attending. The university went co-educational in 1954 and Michael was a member of the second class to include men and women. While he caught some flak from male friends, Michael's faith led him to Marian.

“I wanted to continue my Catholic education, which has been a great benefit throughout my life and is very useful today,” Michael said. “And, I wanted an education that would prepare me for my career. I received both at Marian.”

Little did Michael know that both his daughter and his grandson would follow in his footsteps.

“I knew from the time I was little that I would go to Marian,” Cathy Boyle Kervan '83 said. “It was a legacy and important to me.”

Cathy loved her time at Marian, studying business and art, meeting friends she still vacations with at Lake Wawasee each summer, and sharing her experience with family at events like sibling weekend—now known as “Kids ‘N’ Sibs Weekend.”

So, when her son, Thomas Kervan '21, went on a college visit with a friend and ruled Marian his top choice, she knew it would be a good match for him, too.

Like his grandfather and mother, Thomas is studying business. Since starting last fall, he's already seen incredible growth with both the new Dining Commons and the Paul J. Norman Center, new home to the Byrum School of Business, opening this spring.

“Even though I'm only a freshman, I can definitely already see the campus expanding,” Thomas said.

When Carolyn “Boots” Stark Kervan '62, grandmother to Thomas and mother-in-law to Cathy, came back to campus last fall for Family Weekend and for her 55th class reunion, she couldn't believe all of the changes.

“There's so many more students and buildings,” Boots said. “It's amazing to me how much the campus has 'grown up.' When I go there and walk around, it makes me feel so proud.”

To see the changes that happened throughout these three generations, one need look no further than where they lived as students. Michael commuted to campus as Doyle Hall wasn't built yet and there were no residence

Left: (left to right) Carolyn “Boots” Stark Kervan '62, Cathy Boyle Kervan '83, Thomas Kervan '21, and Michael Boyle '59 were all back on campus for Family Weekend 2017.

Below: Cathy Kervan (middle) reads with classmate Robb Farris '83 and Sister Rose Marie Butler '60, assistant to the treasurer and financial aid director, during her time at Marian.

halls for men at the time. Thomas now lives there. Her senior year, Cathy lived in the “historic” portion of what is now the Paul J. Norman Center—the building where her son takes business classes. Of course, not everything has changed. Boots lived in Clare Hall where students still live today.

She also sees continuity when she talks to her grandson and hears about how much fun he's having at Marian. Boots has many fond memories of planning dances, playing bridge, and borrowing Fr. Courtney's car, to name a few. The activities might have changed—Thomas is partial to basketball over bridge and he hasn't asked Fr. Stang about borrowing his car—but that special tight knit community experienced by his grandparents and parent remains.



The January 2018 opening of the dining commons marked completion of the first phase of a two-part construction project on a new building housing the Dining Commons, fitness facility, and arena/convocation center. This new center accommodates the university's extraordinary growth over the past 15 years, as well as future enrollment growth.

How does this compare to Marian University's first dining hall in 1937? Let's take a look at then and now...

# then &



## 1937

Alverna Hall, now the Paul J. Norman Center, home of the Byrum School of Business, was a women's residence hall and cafeteria for students. It was named Alverna Hall after Mount Alverna, where St. Francis experienced stigmata.

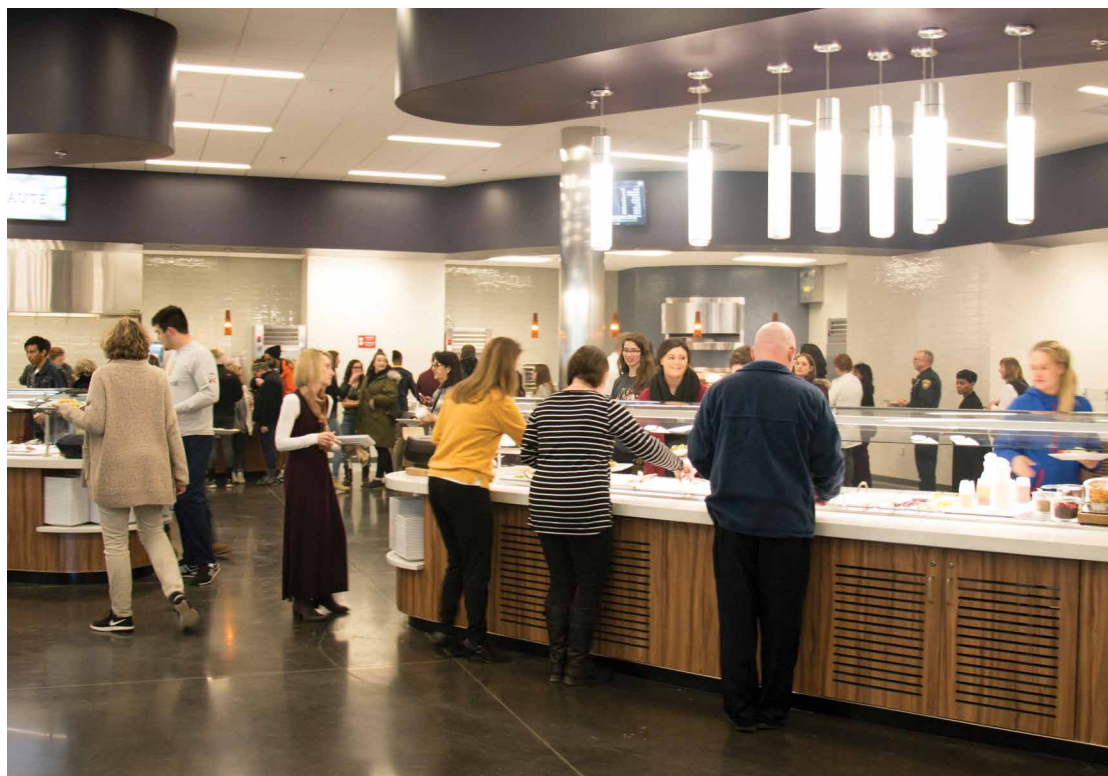


# & now



2018

The new Dining Commons seats more than 500 people. The space includes a wood-burning pizza oven, a multi-faith prayer room, a double-sided brick fireplace, and outdoor seating. Additionally, the space is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.





# Moving the Needle:

Growth in graduate programs is yielding results, including a new administrative unit.

By Susan Sullivan

In our 2025 strategic plan, we set lofty goals for increasing the number of graduate degrees offered at Marian University and the numbers of students enrolled in them.

Specifically, these goals call for establishing at least 14 master's and doctoral degrees with a total enrollment of at least 1,200 students.

As the 2017-18 academic year winds down, we're happy to report the needle is moving. To date, our progress includes:

9

master's and  
doctoral degrees

1,126

graduate and  
professional students

“Between 2008-16, most of our institution's growth came from medical and education students. Growth in adult and contemporary student populations is consistent with national trends,” explains Bryan Moody, executive director of graduate and online admission. “At our present pace, I'm confident we will exceed our enrollment goal.”

He attributes the growth to working adults who seek additional training and the educational credentials needed for career advancement or career change.

Moody, who directs a team that includes 12 graduate enrollment management professionals, recruiters, and administrative staff, notes there are 22 different academic options and tracks that fall under his umbrella.

That umbrella includes:

- Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
- Master of Science in Counseling
- Master of Arts in Education
- Master of Arts in Educational Leadership
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry
- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Currently, the Master of Arts in Teaching (or MAT) degree is offered in three different formats, including one that is 100 percent online. Hybrid degrees, which blend online coursework with on-campus classes, are also being developed. The master's in pastoral ministry is the first, but Saib Othman, Ph.D., associate provost for academic affairs, says faculty are considering ways to create more online courses and degrees in the future.

Othman says launching the university's new College of Graduate and Online Programs last year is a key component of the strategy.

"This new unit is responsible for developing services and infrastructures that meet the needs of graduate students, which are different than those of undergraduate students. Many graduate students work full-time, have family responsibilities, and take classes part-time, so they expect flexible evening and weekend options and services."

Groundwork like developing a student handbook, orientation program, and health insurance options for the 2018-19 academic year beginning in August is near completion.

"We're exploring extended hours for the Writing Center, library, and The Exchange, for example. Extended hours for food and beverage service is another factor," Othman adds.

Retention rates for graduate students are high, although Othman notes Marian isn't trying to compete with large public land-grant institutions and state universities.

“As we plan future graduate degrees, we're working closely with business and community leaders to ensure our programs are well-aligned with employment and workforce needs,” Othman notes.

Future graduate programs at Marian are likely to be STEHM (science, technology, engineering, healthcare, and math) related, he added.

By all accounts, Marian's graduate students are exceptional individuals with bright futures. Here are just a few examples.

➔ **Maggie Boeckman**, a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) student, is one of just 35 future nurse anesthetists from across the United States selected for the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists mentoring program. Boeckman is attending AANA's mid-year assembly in Washington, D.C. this April, where she'll meet her mentor. Marian's program is one of just 120 in the nation that can each nominate one student. DNP student **Megan Engelman** is serving as a student representative on the Indiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists Board of Directors.

➔ Master of Arts in Counseling students **Ryan Ventillo** and **Dionne Elsener** will present original research during a poster session at the Midwestern Psychological Association's April conference in Chicago. Ventillo's research is titled "Relative Effects of Anxiety Mindset and Personality Traits on Social Anxiety," while Elsener's is "The Effect of Fetishization and Racial Bias on the Multiracial Experience."

They are also service-minded individuals who are making a difference in the quality of life for others.

➔ After Hurricane Harvey devastated the greater Houston area, DNP student and future family nurse practitioner **Renee McDougal** flew to Texas where she helped dialyze over 400 patients. McDougal served with Fresenius Medical Care, where she was part of a team charged with caring for 4,500 patients displaced from their usual dialysis clinics because of hurricane damage.

➔ **Smyrna Hatfield**, also a DNP student and future family nurse practitioner, is featured as one of two subject-matter experts in an educational video about blood typing and transplants. The video was produced by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). Hatfield is also active in the North American Transplant Coordinator Organization (NATCO) and has presented research at four NATCO annual conferences since 2009.

## TOP FIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT: 2017-18

Medical students are the largest group of grad students at Marian. Outside of medicine, the top five graduate programs are:

1. Education
2. Biomedical sciences
3. Educational leadership
4. Nurse anesthesia
5. Family nurse practitioner



**GENDER**  
Men: 34 percent  
Women: 66 percent

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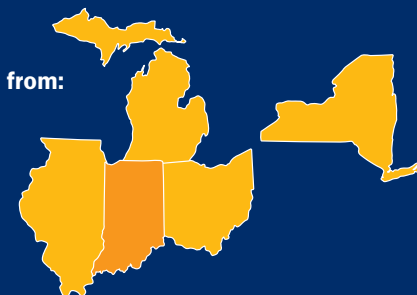
**AVERAGE AGE**

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**PERCENT MINORITY**

### Students come from:

- Indiana
- Illinois
- Ohio
- Michigan
- New York



# 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.

## Colts add Marian's Krishawn Hogan to active roster

*The Indianapolis Star* | September 26, 2017

The Indianapolis Colts elevated wide receiver Krishawn Hogan to the active roster Tuesday.

Hogan is a Warren Central High School and Marian University alumnus. Hogan had 263 catches for 4,395 yards and 42 touchdowns at Marian, and he also rushed for 25 scores. He had 80 catches for 1,435 yards and 15 TDs last season.

## Olympic hopeful cyclist turns life-changing crash into life-saving science

*The Tennessean* | October 5, 2017

Bolting downhill at 60 miles an hour, adrenaline buzzing through her veins, Sinead Miller dominated the cycling circuit. The Olympic-bound athlete—a girl who attended her first motorcycle race at 6 weeks old and learned to ride a dirt bike at age 4—just couldn't be stopped.

Until she was. On the second stage of a race, on a road somewhere in the Netherlands, Miller crashed. She splintered her helmet, shattered multiple bones in her face and fractured two vertebrae in her neck. She was 20 years old. Months worth of memories were erased. She doesn't remember it. And she doesn't want to.

"I've never asked anyone about it," she says, her bold, blue eyes looking sharply ahead. The crash changed her life.

Now, as a 27-year old biomedical engineer at Vanderbilt University, she is a scientist changing—and potentially saving—the lives of others.

Miller has developed a new way to treat sepsis—an infection that kills approximately a quarter million Americans each year.

*Sinead Miller graduated from Marian with a Bachelor of Science degree in 2012.*

## Marian basketball focused on building a culture: 'It's a process'

*The Indianapolis Star* | October 30, 2017

The landscape around Marian University's gym is filled with dirt, construction cones, diggers and hard hats. Inside shows plenty of signs of work in progress, too.

"We've got to get through this. Once we get through it, it'll be worth it," Marian's first-year men's basketball coach Scott Heady said of the construction. But he could've just as well been talking about his basketball program.

## Marian to unveil \$150M fundraising campaign led by Klipsch gift

*Indianapolis Business Journal* | November 10, 2017

Marian University has big ambitions for boosting the national reputation of its teacher-training program—and the effort is getting a \$12 million lift from board member and school-reform advocate Fred Klipsch and his wife, Judy.

The donation, which will be used in part for scholarships and put the Klipsch name on Marian's Educators College, is part of a larger fundraising campaign with a goal of raising \$150 million by the end of 2021.

## Cyclocross School is in Session for Marian University's Cycling Program at the Major Taylor Cup

*Cyclocross Magazine* | December 7, 2017

The varsity cycling program of Marian University in Indianapolis has played an important role in developing top U.S. talent during the past decade.



Josh Johnson (NeighborLink), Zach Bender (Cycle-Smart), Drew Dillman (Think Green), Coryn Rivera (Sunweb), Katie Keough (CannCndale p/b Cyclocrossworld.com) are all alumni of the program, and current riders KK Santos (Amy D. Foundation), Caleb and Emma Swartz (Trek Cyclocross Collective), and Anders Nystrom (ClifBar) are now taking up the mantle as Knights on Bikes.

## Marian to Cut Ribbon on Business School Home

Inside INdiana Business | December 8, 2017

Officials from Marian University will today cut the ribbon on the new home of the Byrum School of Business. The university says the \$7 million Paul J. Norman Center will welcome students for classes at the beginning of the spring semester on January 8.

Marian broke ground on the facility in May 2016, saying it was necessary to accommodate the growing enrollment in the Byrum School. The university named the building after Norman, a 1973 graduate and chief executive officer of Ohio-based NU Holdings Inc., following a major gift earlier this year from Norman.

## Marian University celebrating, investing in future educators

WISHTV.com | January 22, 2018

Marian University welcomed a new class of aspiring teachers Saturday afternoon with a signing ceremony.

Incoming freshmen inked proclamations, also signed by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick, formally declaring their intent to pursue careers in education.

## Marian Students Serve in Puerto Rico on Alternative Spring Break

WTNR | March 6, 2018

March brings spring break and a trip to the beach for many college students. Marian University challenges students to consider an alternative.

A group of students are serving in Puerto Rico this week, almost six months since Category 4 Hurricane Maria blasted the island. The storm killed at least 60 people and left behind widespread destruction. Sixteen percent of the island, some 200,000 families and businesses, are still without power.

Some Marian students are giving up their spring break to work at Camp Caribe on the southern coast of Puerto Rico. The church camp is on the beach in Juana Diaz, but this trip is not just fun in the sun.

## 11-Year-Old Paralyzed in Shooting Vows to Play Again, Gets Special Visit at Riley Hospital

WRTV-6 | March 21, 2018

An 11-year-old football fan, paralyzed in a drive-by shooting is learning to walk again—and doctors at Riley Hospital Children set up a special treat for him on Wednesday.

Preer, a football fan, plans to be on the field playing again in three years—so as a special treat for all his progress they brought in players from Marian University along with head coach Mark Henninger to visit with him and throw a football around.

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President of Marian University

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- One-year residency program

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- New facility, the Paul J. Norman Center
- Endowed professorships
- Endowed scholarships for business students

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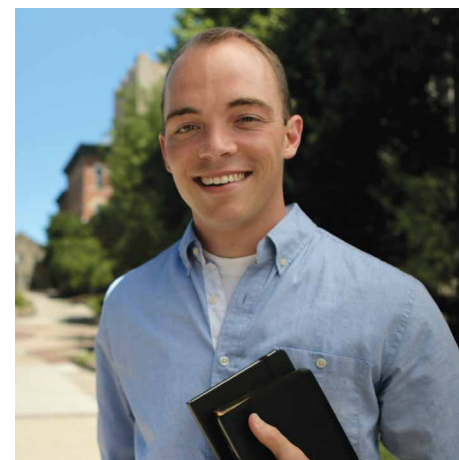
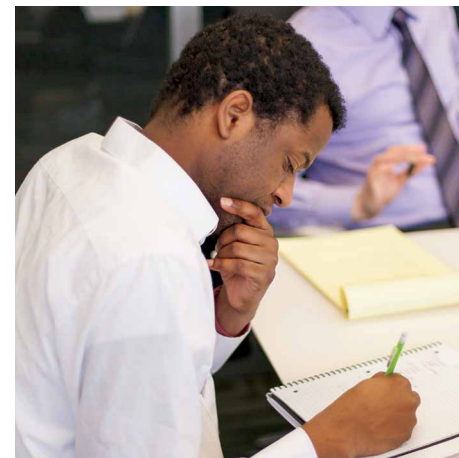
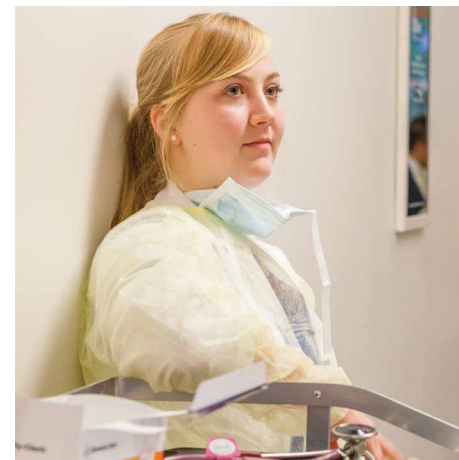
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- Doctors
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### Progress as of March 31, 2018

→ **Goal: \$50 million**  
**Vision Team:**  
 Chad Slaughter '96 and Jack R. Snyder

→ **\$21.7 million**  
 **43%**

→ **Goal: \$30 million**  
**Vision Team:**  
 Denise Feser '77 and Chris LaMothe

→ **\$23.2 million**  
 **77%**

→ **Goal: \$15 million**  
**Vision Team:**  
 John '63 and Phyllis Cardis and Ed and Peggy Bonach

→ **\$7.5 million**  
 **50%**


→ **Goal: \$20 million**  
**Vision Team:**  
 Brian Daeger '88 and Jonathan Nalli

→ **\$11 million**  
 **55%**

→ **Goal: \$15 million**  
**Vision Team:**  
 Scott Bruns '96 and Vicki Yamasaki

→ **\$9 million**  
 **60%**

→ **Goal: \$20 million**  
**Vision Team:**  
 David Haire '71 and Bryan Bedford

→ **\$4.5 million**  
 **23%**

\*\$18,300,000 came through other strategic priorities.

**TOTAL: \$95.2 million\***

 **63%**

# HOW LEADERS ARE MADE

By Katie Bradley, Jackie Crone, and Julia Kelb '16

At Marian University, we're forging the next generation of leaders this world needs. How are we doing this? We've created athletic programs that build character, we're connecting students with incredible mentors who help jumpstart their careers, we have curriculum that teaches students how to excel, and we're empowering them to serve others. While they're at Marian, our students gain experience, knowledge, and connections. They're challenged and that challenge leads to growth.

Here are some of the people and programs forging leaders at Marian University.

  
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## Building Character, Winning Championships

To be an athlete at the collegiate level, skill is a must. But when an entire conference is filled with skilled athletes, what sets the national championship-winning team apart? Character.

In just five years at Marian University, women's basketball head coach Katie Gearlds led her team to three National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Tournament appearances, two of which the team returned home with the title of National Champion.

"We win because we have disciplined, high-character athletes. Our athletes can be coached and take constructive criticism," Gearlds said. "We live in a world where we want instant gratification right now. You have to have an athlete that is willing to put in the work, the time, everything that goes along with becoming a good athlete. It just doesn't happen overnight."

And sometimes putting in the work doesn't mean sweating the most at practice. It means being on time, building relationships with professors, or taking advantage of opportunities to lead.

**"Whether it's in practice, in the weight room, or in the community, you are given so many opportunities to stand out. We have an emotional leader, we have a verbal leader, a mental leader, a spiritual leader. You put women together, and you are going to see everyone lead in some way," Gearlds said.**

Gearlds recruits talented players, but when they step foot onto the court at Marian University, it's time to prove their toughness, commitment, and work-ethic.

"Coaching is 15 percent X's and O's and 85 percent just relationships, building character. That's what putting together a winning culture is all about. If you are successful in athletics, you are going to be successful in the real world."



Coach Katie Gearlds



The 2017 women's basketball team celebrates their national championship.

# character

## Experience Teaches

Practice makes perfect...or, at least, prepared, which is the exact intention of the Fred S. Klipsch Educators College. Its innovative approach to teacher preparation goes well beyond the traditional student teaching experience with a year-long paid clinical residency as well as enhanced practical experiences throughout the undergraduate years.

**“The residency program is what sold me on Marian University. I don’t want to just get an education degree. I want to become an effective teacher with real skills based on real experience,” says Madelynn Griggs ’22. Griggs is a freshman who has already been practicing classroom management skills in the new virtual simulation lab.**



Allison Segarra Hansen

Allison Segarra Hansen, director of clinical experiences and assistant professor, literacy and elementary education, explains that the practical experiences begin immediately. For example, one of the first courses includes key observation protocols that help the future teachers know exactly what to look for from the very first moment they enter a classroom.

Future courses will emphasize social-emotional learning and cultural

components that will provide important insights into the variety of complex issues in today’s classrooms.

Nationally, typical feedback from current teachers and principals is that traditional education programs do not spend enough time on classroom management—routines, transitions, procedures, and ways to deal with different kinds of students and situations.

“There is no point in waiting until the junior or senior year to discuss and practice classroom management. We choose to address this early and often by imbedding these discussions into even the earliest methods courses. When this current class of freshmen become the residency cohorts, they will have hours of clinical practice already behind them,” said Hansen.

Kevin Kubacki, executive director of the Neighborhood Charter Network, knows that new teachers must be prepared to face challenges beyond their content areas in order to truly lead in the classroom. “We believe that the intentional and deliberate practice afforded to new teachers through Marian University’s teacher residency program provides the right and necessary learning environment for rising teachers to develop quickly and effectively into the caliber of teachers that our children deserve,” said Kubacki.

Kyrstin August ’22 says coming to Marian University was an easy choice. A future Spanish teacher, she wants to inspire a love for the language and knows that the unique and comprehensive practical experiences this program provides will give her the technical skills that will make it easier to pass on her passion—and easier to lead.



Maddie Heidenreich ’17 laughs with a student at Family Literacy Night at Cold Spring School. She now teaches fourth grade at Rosa Parks Elementary School in Perry Township.

experience

# Hiring Young Leaders, Mentoring the Next Generation

Year after year, the accounting firm Petrow Kane Leemhuis, PC returns to Marian University to interview students for internships and full-time positions. Of the current 13-member team, three Marian University graduates (David Holmes '12, Michael Barton '14, Zachariah Graves '15) hold full-time positions on staff and one student (Michael Annee '19) holds a tax internship position.

“The students are great. I think the school of business is great. I think their accounting program is really good, and the professors there are teaching accounting really well,” John Leemhuis, partner at the firm and former Marian University adjunct professor, said. “We’ve been lucky every year recruiting from Marian.”

In the Byrum School of Business, students have opportunities to learn leadership skills through the hands-on curriculum, including a course required in just their freshman year in which teams pitch an original business concept to Indianapolis executives with a stake in the outcome. When hiring, the top leadership skill Leemhuis is looking for is communication.

“We can teach anybody to prepare a tax return, to prepare a financial audit, but we can’t teach them how to communicate with a client. I want them to be able to talk through a tax return with a client in language they will understand.” Leemhuis said.

Once hired, Leemhuis explained that creating an environment where employees feel trusted and empowered to advance and grow is key for new hires to continue to hone their leadership skills.

**“We are committed to making sure our young employees have the opportunities to succeed at work and in their lives. It’s a people world and a people business, and I think leadership is learned through emulating the great leaders around you,”**  
Leemhuis said.

Michael Barton '14, audit manager, serves in leadership roles for the Catholic Business Exchange, Dropping Dimes Foundation, and 50th year reunion of the National Basketball Association/American Basketball Association reunion. He was also appointed by the Governor of Indiana to serve the state on the Board of Accountancy.



**Top:** Zachariah Graves '15 and Michael Annee '19 chat with John Leemhuis in his office. Graves joined the staff in 2015, and Annee began his internship in January 2018.

**Bottom:** From left to right: David Holmes '12, Michael Annee '19, John Leemhuis, Zachariah Graves '15, and Michael Barton '14.

“I think a good leader pulls people along to be successful rather than pushes them from behind,” Leemhuis said. “Zach’s passion is football, Michael’s passion is basketball, and David is very involved with Marian. If you have a meeting at four, go to it. If they are really happy with their total day, then they are going to be happy with their job.”

Whether it be leading an accounting firm, a youth group at a local church, or a team of nurses in the NICU, Marian University is committed to forging transformational leaders, and employers, like Leemhuis, are taking notice.

# mentoring

## Learning from Leaders

Sometimes the best preparation for doing your job is learning about the jobs of those around you. While nursing students generally have a clear vision of what being a nurse will be like, they have a lot to learn about higher level management, behind the scenes routines, and even the application of public policy.

The Leighton School of Nursing answers this need with the Leadership/Community in the Nursing Profession course for second semester seniors taught by Ann Uhar, MSN, RN, assistant professor.

**“This course definitely opens their eyes to that bigger picture understanding of everything from medical team management, policy discussions, and even their responsibility as public health advocates,” Uhar explains.**

Each student is paired with a preceptor, a nursing manager or director at Community North or Franciscan Health. The preceptors guide the learning through one-on-one relationships, helping students apply classroom principles. Beyond observing, students are encouraged to ask questions and be active participants. As a pair of fresh eyes, their opinions may be requested—sometimes in a meeting full of CFOs, CEOs, and doctors. This can be rather intimidating.

“Before taking this course, I was not very cognizant of the formal operations of a nurse manager, and how significantly he or she can influence the culture, safety, and quality of care on a unit,” Amelia Carney '18 said. “I gained a new perspective about the importance of leadership in nursing across all levels, particularly on hot topic issues such as nurse-patient ratios, bullying in the workplace, short staffing, recruitment, and conflict resolution.”

Uhar watches her students start to see value in things they've never pondered before, like what a healthy work environment feels like or what it means to have an engaged staff.

“Managers deal with the things we don't always know about but that, ultimately, have a huge impact on the way a unit runs,” Abigail Hicks '18 said after taking the course.

Uhar also introduces students to another type of leadership with an advocacy project.

“Nurses continue to be ranked as the number one trusted profession. That gives us a voice, so we need to use it,” states Uhar.

She teaches them how. During her class they attended a State Board of Nursing meeting and wrote a formal letter to state legislators about a bill they care about. Ultimately, she wants them to understand the role of the nurse as a public health advocate. There is much to discuss when the students share their experiences back in the classroom, like how they will choose to engage once on the job and how high they'll set their career goals. Wherever they end up, these future nurse citizens are destined to lead.



The Leadership/Community in the Nursing Profession course teaches nursing students how to be leaders and advocates in their professions. **Left:** Amelia Carney '18, **Top center:** Abby Hicks '18, **Bottom:** (left to right) Katherine Gregory '18 (on-campus accelerated), Professor Ann Uhar, and Charity Jamison '18.

# learning

### Challenge Leads to Growth

A little over a year ago, KaLynn Terrell '19 found out her school—Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana—was closing. She went from having her future mapped out to not knowing what the next year would bring.

**“I’m generally a really resilient person, but the change was really hard, and I was fighting it because I didn’t want to go,” Terrell said. “But you learn and you grow and I can already see the different opportunities opening up for me by being at Marian and being in a bigger city.”**



Despite the unexpected and challenging transition, Terrell found herself embraced by Marian faculty who wanted to see her succeed.

“My professors have been overwhelmingly nice and supportive,” Terrell said. “They really check in and want to make sure I’m doing okay.”

Terrell has already established herself as a leader on campus, especially for fellow students from St. Joe’s. She serves as the St. Joe’s representative on the student section of the Board of Trustees, speaking on behalf of her fellow students and checking in with them throughout their first year at Marian. She also serves as president of the Union for Black Identity (UBI), a position that fit well as she was president of the Diversity Coalition and chair of the Black Student Union at St. Joe’s. She is a lead peer tutor, teaching assistant for a reading strategies course, a tutor for athletics, and works at the on-campus Subway®. Next year, she plans on being a resident assistant.

“KaLynn works diligently to provide significant Black cultural experiences through our campus UBI organization that all of us can unite to celebrate with courage, pride, and dignity,” Cathi Cornelius, Ed.D., associate professor of elementary education. “We are truly blessed to have her serve in this leadership role of this historic culturally responsive student organization.”

Yes, she is settling in quite nicely.

Set to graduate in 2019, Terrell is now looking for her next move—graduate school. She plans to get her master’s and Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

“I want to be the safe haven for people, and I can do that through therapy, through assessment and diagnostics, and by helping people get the treatment they need,” Terrell said. “Many of these people have been written off by society because they have a mental illness, because they have a disorder. I can help change the stigma of mental illness.”

Joseph L. Smith Sr. '71, Board of Trustee Emeriti and founding member of the Union for Black Identity (UBI) (left); KaLynn Terrell '19, president of the UBI; and Michael Ware '75, a former member of UBI; gather at the annual Soul Food Dinner at Allison Mansion in February 2018.

growth

## Leading Through Service

Each month, TJ O'Neil '20 and Theodore "Teddy" Jorgenson '20 bring fellow students to Roberts Park Methodist Episcopal Church in Indianapolis to hand out hygiene packs and talk with the homeless about their lives and their faith.

"We're providing students with a unique experience and getting them to look at what real homelessness is, breaking down stereotypes and tearing down walls," O'Neil said.

The two organized their program, Students Helping and Loving Outreach Ministry (SHALOM), as their Sophomore Service Project through Marian's San Damiano Scholars Program for Church Leadership.

"The projects give students an opportunity for real-world experience in designing, planning, running, and evaluating a project," Mark Erdosy, executive director of San Damiano Scholars Program, said. "Through the projects the students have an opportunity to continue their vocational discernment. Pope Francis is fond of saying, 'Always step outside of yourself.' Through these projects, our students are doing that."

The San Damiano Scholars Program is offered to incoming students who are interested in becoming leaders in parishes, schools, healthcare, and not-for-profits. Throughout their time at Marian, they are challenged to learn and grow in their faith.

For O'Neil and Jorgenson, the project began as a way of filling a need. Homeless people need toilet paper, toothbrushes, feminine products. But, as they handed out packs and witnessed the reality of homelessness firsthand, they knew it was about much more than handing out supplies. They started bringing chairs to encourage conversation among students and people at the church.

**"Sometimes you have this instant connection or witness it with other students," Jorgenson said. "We talk about God and different theologies. We learn about their lives. It's hard to describe the impact."**

While the two leading the project are a true testament to the leadership learned and exhibited by Marian students, the way others have gotten involved speaks to the incredible spirit of the Marian community. New students join them every month as they go out to the church. Students and their parents constantly give donations, ensuring that the program lives beyond the \$500 grant that allowed them to start it. In fact, when



TJ O'Neil and Teddy Jorgenson have handed out more than 400 hygiene packs to the homeless. Here is what they include in those packs:

- Toilet paper
- Toothbrush
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine products
- Razors
- And more

If you are interested in donating products or money, please contact Jeanne Grammens Hidalgo, campus minister of service and social justice, at [jhidalgo@marian.edu](mailto:jhidalgo@marian.edu).

**Above:** TJ O'Neil '20 (left) and Teddy Jorgenson '20 put together packs in Alumni Hall.

students came home from the Right to Life March with extra snacks, they knew exactly who to give them to and the snacks were added to the packs handed out. The Office of Campus Ministry provides them with homeless resource books to include.

Beyond the community supporting the program is the community supporting O'Neil and Jorgenson. Erdosy encouraged them to start the program. Jeanne Grammens Hidalgo, campus minister of service and social justice, connected them with advocate for the homeless, Maurice Young, who taught them about the Indianapolis landscape for homeless people and helped them develop their program.

Next year, two freshmen students have agreed to take over the program. This tends to be the case with sophomore service projects. They live beyond a student's sophomore year.

Have you seen the Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk on campus? That was a sophomore service project. You've probably heard about students taking service trips to Guatemala. That too was a sophomore service project. These projects start as a means of teaching students how to lead through faith, but they end up teaching and serving so many more.

# service

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## CALLING ALL KNIGHTS!

Make plans to return to campus for Homecoming 2018. We have many fun activities planned for alumni and families of all ages. Mark your calendars, and get out your Knight gear.

Knights vs. Concordia University football game  
Saturday, October 20, at 1 p.m.



Alumni from classes ending in 3 or 8, we are  
planning special class reunion celebrations.



Visit [marian.edu/alumni](http://marian.edu/alumni) for general information. For detailed information about your reunion or to join your Reunion Steering Committee, contact Cathy Siler at [csiler@marian.edu](mailto:csiler@marian.edu) or 317.955.6241.

### HERE ARE A FEW OF THE ACTIVITIES WE HAVE PLANNED:

#### Thursday, October 18

Mass in memory of deceased Marian Alumni, *Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel, Marian Hall*

Thirsty Thursday, *Marian University Campus*

#### Friday, October 19

Community Dinner, *location TBD*

#### Saturday, October 20

Campus Tours, *Alumni Hall*

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

Homecoming Football Game vs. Concordia University, *St. Vincent Field*

Reunion Celebrations, *various locations*







Sr. Olivia Grassmann (formerly known as Sr. Vitalis) taught music at Marian College from 1941 through 1960, so the family legacy goes back almost to the founding of the institution.

A quick review of the Marian University alumni database showed me that we have 27 legacy students currently enrolled and more than 285 alumni whose parents attended or graduated from Marian University. In addition, my family is only one of several three-generation families to attend here. Many parents have sent multiple children to Marian, and some siblings have sent their children here. Marian University is part of many family traditions, and has been at the beginning of many families, where students met here, married, and started families and traditions of their own. Besides familial connections, more than 100 alumni have chosen to remain close to Marian by returning after graduation (sometimes many years after) to work, and more than 50 alumni are currently employed here. You will find many stories of legacy families in the pages of this issue of the *Marian University Magazine*.

As I reflect on the theme of “Legacy,” however, I cannot help but think of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana. More than 80 years ago, the Sisters began a legacy that has resulted in the education of more than 14,000 college students, not to mention all the lives that have been impacted as a result of the education of those 14,000. It is due to the Sisters’ selfless service to Marian and her students that we are still here today, marveling at the remarkable achievements of the Marian University family.

Every Marian student for the last 80 years has somehow benefited from the generous service of the Sisters. I heard an alumnus at his 55th reunion brunch last fall mention that he received his education because the Sisters of St. Francis offered him a scholarship that allowed him to have an education he otherwise would not have been able to afford. Although not all Marian students received scholarships back in the day, tuition was kept artificially low due to the fact that the Sisters demanded lower compensation than their lay counterparts. As the number of Sisters serving in faculty and staff roles has declined, tuition has risen, and the need for scholarships has increased.

Our theme this year is “Forging Leaders: The Legacy We’re Made For.” There are many ways to look at legacy as it relates to Marian University. One definition of “legacy” is “an applicant to or student at a school attended by his or her parent,” which means I am a Marian University legacy. In addition, I have three daughters who are legacies, and third-generation ones at that! In addition to my parents and daughters, my mother’s aunt,

Whenever I speak with our alumni about their time on campus, the Sisters are part of the conversation. I dare you to name five Sisters who were here when you were on campus. I bet you won’t be able to stop at five! The Sisters are now serving full time on campus at Marian in much smaller numbers, but several serve on Marian’s Board of Trustees, and our community’s well-being remains in the Sisters’ prayers from Oldenburg. The Sisters have entrusted us to carry on their legacy of forging leaders for service to the world. Thanks to the Sisters’ sacrifice and dedication to Marian University and the Franciscan sponsorship values which they have instilled in all Marian students, their legacy is in good hands.

Cathy Watt Siler ’86  
Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement

## HELP US HONOR THE SISTERS AND THEIR COURAGE TO VENTURE.

In 1937, the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, courageously responded to the needs of the time and founded Marian University. Their selflessness in service continues to allow countless students to learn, lead, and serve. Now it’s time to honor them.

Your gift supports the Sisters and further advances their legacy of increasing access to a life-changing education.

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For more information, visit [marian.edu/sisters](http://marian.edu/sisters) or contact Cat Cleary at 317.955.6564.



Did you get an exciting new job or promotion? Make a career change? Want to show the newest member of your family to the Marian University community? Did your wedding party or reception include Marian University alumni? If so, let us know by emailing [alumni@marian.edu](mailto:alumni@marian.edu). It could be included in the next issue of the *Marian University Magazine*.

1965

**Bill and Judy Tishaus Davidson** brought our friend, *Knightrö*, along when they cruised to Greenland.

See where else *Knightrö* has been on page 26.

1966

**Mary Anne Barothy** wrote a book about her encounters with Doris Day and was featured in the January 2018 issue of *REMINISCENCE EXTRA* magazine. Her book *Day at a Time – An Indiana Girl's Sentimental Journey to Doris Day's Hollywood & Beyond* has been out for 10 years now and is featured on Turner Classic Movies website.



**Richard Dufour** is certified by The Center for Teacher Effectiveness to train educators in classroom management and student motivation.

1976

**Mary Beth Bonaventura** joined the Indiana Attorney General's Office in the position of special counsel.

1979

**Steve Greenlee** was inducted into the Elkhart County Sports Hall of Fame. Steve was recognized for his efforts as a football statistician for the Jimtown Jimmies for 37 years, and as the PA announcer for the boys' basketball team for 30 years. Greenlee was also involved in coaching for several sports.

1985

**Joan Kline Starnes** is completing 30 years of teaching in the North Montgomery Community School Corporation this year. As a teacher, she has enriched the lives of some 900 students.

1986

Marian University's Office of Campus Operations is the work home for three alumni, who have more than 50 years combined working for Marian University. They love Marian so much they have never left! These alumni include: **Jeff Castner**, **Crystal Driver Clark '04**, and **Carrie Sherman Brunke '11**.



1988

**Mary Ann Dewan** was named Superintendent for the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

**Patty Koors** received the Busald Award in 2007 and the St. John Bosco medal in 2016 from the Catholic Youth Organization.

1992

**Robert Schafer Jr.** is revenue management consultant for Trinity Health.

1999

**Mandy Keyes Boggs** is back office manager/head technician for Thorntown Veterinary Clinic.

2001

**Jill Carson-Coen** coached a team of dancers for Shelby County's 2017 Dancing with the Stars competition.

**Anne Elsener** and husband, Ben Hilby, welcomed second son, Edward Elsener Hilby, in June 2017.

2002

**Tamika Westmoreland** has a daughter—Jeriah Rene Roberson—who is 10 years old.

2007

**Wendy Disbro** published "Stability Guidelines for Dithiothreitol Treated Red Blood Cell Reagents Used for Antibody Detection Methods in Patients Treated with Daratumumab" in the *Immunohematology Journal*. She has completed her specialization in blood banking. Wendy is the blood bank business manager for Immucor covering Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky.

**Maria Elsener-Mayer** and husband, Timothy Mayer, welcomed twin daughters Marcella Rose (5 lbs., 10 oz.) and Sheila Christine (5 lbs., 5 oz.) in September 2017.

2008

**Brittany Hendrix** passed the bar exam in February 2017, and is now a deputy prosecuting attorney with the Porter County (Indiana) Prosecutor's Office.

**Ellen Voegele** married Brenton Kuchera on July 2, 2017. Ellen is associate director of young adult ministry for Waterloo Catholic Parishes in Waterloo, Iowa.

2009

**Charlie** and **Kelly Johannigman BA '09, MAT '11 Elsener** welcomed their third child in December 2017.

**Fr. Douglas Hunter** is the associate pastor of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, Indiana. Fr. Hunter also serves as chaplain coordinator for Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis and serves as chaplain for the Indianapolis Colts.

**Layne Maloney** is the executive director of facilities at University of Indianapolis.

2010

**Kali Katina Genos** married Thomas Howey on October 14, 2017.

2011

**Caitlin Johns Bain** has been named development director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.

**Lisa Blankman** was named to the board of Central Indiana Before and Afterschool Programs (AYS), a non-profit which provides programs for Indiana children outside the school day.

2012

**Sarianne Capehart** married Neil Weyer on April 14, 2018.

**John** and **Sheila Elsener, MAT '15 Hasty** welcomed their first child, Luke Andrew Hasty, to the world in October 2017.

**David Holmes** has been promoted to tax manager at Petrow Kane Leemhuis, PC.

**Kelsey Uebelhor** and **Nathan Jones '14** were married June 3, 2017. Kelsey works in marketing at Salesforce. Nathan is a teacher and football coach at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis. The couple were joined in marriage by **Rev. Christopher Droste '10**.

**Sinead Miller** and **Alex Wieseler** were married in October 2017.



**Sinead Miller** and **Alex Wiesler** won the top prize at the Louisiana Startup Prize for their company, Path Ex. The company (which Miller and Wiesler founded) has developed a medical device that speeds up the detection of sepsis.

**Franchelle O'Neal** is executive assistant at Anthem, Inc.

**Steven Pelych, MAT '12** is principal at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis.

2013

**Joel Bone** is instructing young baseball players at a 10-week instructional baseball academy sponsored by his employer, Adams Memorial Hospital Sports Clinic, where Joel serves as a sports performance therapist.

**Curtis Clem** and **Rachel Turk** were married on August 5, 2017.

**Jared Duncan** is senior tax analyst with Knauf Insulation.

**John** and **Katelyn Murphy '15 Keevers** welcomed John Scott Keevers in December of 2017.

**Robert** and **Amy Oechsle '14 Palmer** welcomed son, Dawson, in January 2018.

**Justin Wedgewood** and **Jessica Williams '15** got engaged in the Basilica of St. Clare in Assisi, Italy. The two were both San Damiano Scholars for Church Leadership and met while in the program. The timing seemed right. And the location... indisputably ideal. So, after leading a local group of pilgrims in prayer within the Basilica, Justin turned to Jessica and asked her to marry him. She said, "Yes." Ah, that's amore. Justin, director of youth ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, teaches music to grades five through eight at St. Vincent School. Jessica lives in Washington, D.C., and serves as an executive assistant for U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita.



"We were both San Damiano Scholars," Wedgewood explained, "and we met through that program." Since the Franciscan spirit and the Catholic faith have played such significant roles in the couple's relationship, Wedgewood deemed Assisi the definitive destination for a marriage proposal. "This is where Sts. Francis and Clare

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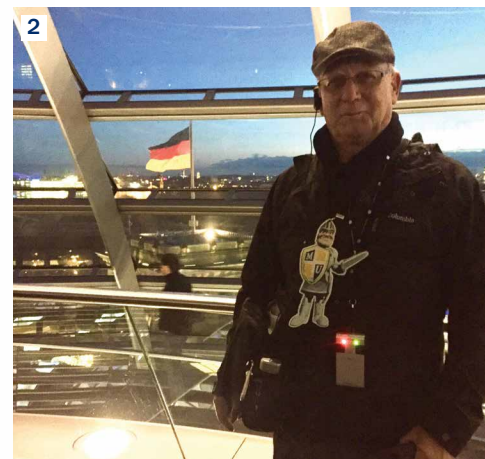
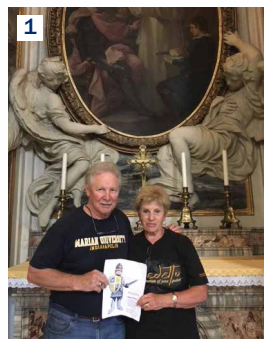
# NOMADIC KNIGHTRO

1. Glue Nomadic Knightro to poster board or construction paper for a little extra heft.
2. Cut out Nomadic Knightro.
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## NOMADIC KNIGHTRO TRAVELS...



1. As a part of their "bucket list" trip to Italy, **Dr. Dick Phillips '63 and Mary Ellen Benedetto '63 Phillips** snapped a photo of Knightro inside a church in Foggia along the Adriatic Sea.
2. Knightro spent an evening with **Vic Hermann '68** at the Reichstag in Berlin, Germany.
3. "Knightro got extremely excited when he saw this wooden catapult in the old fort that protected the city of Bad Schandau above the Elbe River in Germany," writes **Vic Hermann '68**.
4. **Dr. Dick Phillips '63, Mary Ellen Benedetto '63 Phillips, Dr. Gaye Moseman and Dr. Bob Moseman '63** explore Mayan ruins in Costa Maya, Mexico on their Western Caribbean cruise in February.

lived and where Francis claimed that Christ on the San Damiano Cross spoke to him and sent him on his mission to 'rebuild my Church,'" Wedgewood explained. "That same cross is currently in the Basilica of St. Clare." But what about the rings? "I got my wedding ring in Assisi," Wedgewood said. "It has the tau cross on it, and that was a symbol St. Francis loved. The next day, both of our rings were blessed by Pope Francis."

## 2014

**Drew Adams** married **Lindsay Nichols '16** on December 30, 2016.

**Michael Barton** has been promoted to audit manager at Petrow Kane Leemhuis, PC.

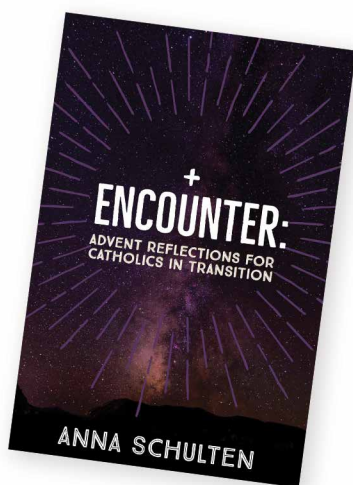
**Megan Beyers** is circulation supervisor at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

**Luke Burkhart** is an account executive with Well Done Marketing in Indianapolis.

**Matt Duncan** is associate attorney at Gillenwater Law Offices.

**Drew** and **Megen Ruff '15 Kelley** welcomed daughter, Reagan Belle Kelley, in December of 2017.

**Anna Bittner Schulten** wrote her first book, *Encounter: Advent Reflections for Catholics in Transition*, after moving from Indiana to Anchorage, Alaska in 2015. The book is available for purchase on amazon.com and on Anna's website, annaschulten.com.



## 2015

**Margaret Blandford** and **Aaron H. Smith '16** were married on December 30, 2017.

**Kolten Everts** is a commercial estimator at Renovia.

**Kaitlin Krudop Frecker** and husband, Vincent welcomed son, Theodore Robert, in January 2018.

**Rita McCluskey**, a wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch, was recognized on the Working Mother/SHOOK Research's "Top Wealth Adviser Moms" list for 2017.



**Shannan Kelley** married Paul Stanley on July 22, 2017.

## 2016

**Alexus Casada** married Harry Snyder on September 17, 2017.

**Jake Fleet** is an account executive at Gartner.

**Brooke Grannan** married Mike Horan on October 21, 2017.

**David Knight** has been hired as a police officer by the Columbus Police Department.

**Elizabeth Thomasina Marsili** has filed to run in the Democratic Spring '18 primary for the Indiana House.

**Alex McCool** is head varsity softball coach at Franklin County High School.

**Will Sickbert** is a leasing agent with Spinnaker Court Apartments.

## 2017

**James Crowley** is a digital marketing associate at Element Three.

**Rob Gibson** and **Cheryl Hill** were married on May 27, 2017.

**Luke Messmer** is a concierge banker at Forcht Bank.

**Madeline Messmer** married Markus Montee on July 1, 2017.

**Dalton Mudd** is a staff accountant in tax services for Sponsel CPA Group.

**Nikki Van Volkenburgh** is a research analyst at Marian University.

**Benjamin Worth** is a systems monitor for Meijer.

The Indianapolis Colts promoted rookie receiver **Krishawn Hogan** to the active roster. He is the first player from Marian University to play in the NFL. Krishawn saw his first game-day NFL action on Sunday, October 1, 2017 and was credited with a tackle in his first play as an NFL player.



**Alice Walpole Kocher '43**—March 17, 2017  
**Joan Duffin Long '45**—October 4, 2017  
**Frances Jean Sandschulte, OSF '45**—January 5, 2017  
**Joanne Lauber Kern '46**—April 23, 2017  
**Virginia Mae Hunter Pitts '46**—March 11, 2016  
**Mary Jane Hermann Ritter '46**—October 5, 2017  
**Pauline Anne Pflumm Novotny '47**—June 8, 2017  
**M. Patricia Cronin '48**—September 16, 2016  
**Josephine Hansing Gottemoeller '48**—February 13, 2017  
**Mary Kathryn Klaiber McManis '48**—June 1, 2017  
**Charlene Spitzfaden '48**—November 8, 2017  
**Patricia Parker Cook '49**—August 16, 2015  
**Veronica Frederick, OSF '49**—August 11, 2017  
**Emily Bosler Costello '50**—February 4, 2018  
**Stephanie Zimmer, OSF '52**—December 5, 2017  
**Alice Ann Field Davis '53**—October 21, 2017  
**Suzanne Hart Schild '53**—July 3, 2015  
**Mary Betsch Franke '55**—March 8, 2016  
**Julia Abrams Fennerty '56**—January 25, 2016  
**John J. Powell '56**—September 28, 2017  
**Sally Anne Schwegman '56**—March 20, 2016  
**Angela Betsch, OSF '57**—November 24, 2016  
**Julia Barnes Evard '57**—September 22, 2017  
**Mary Kops '57**—January 20, 2017  
**Jeanne Mayberry Bell '58**—September 5, 2015  
**Sr. Pat Connor, OSF '58**—November 6, 2017  
**Martha Bir Kennell '58**—May 26, 2017  
**Delores Jean “Dee” Riley LaRosa '58**—January 27, 2016  
**Dolores Ann Evard Kesterson '59**—November 15, 2016  
**Charles Edward Crawford '60**—January 25, 2018  
**James Jenks '60**—October 3, 2016  
**Sr. Margaretta Black, OSF '61**—September 1, 2017  
**William Henry Daley '61**—September 27, 2017  
**Daniel Kallmyer '62**—December 6, 2015  
**Emanuele “Manny” Bomben '63**—December 8, 2017  
**Ann Marie Holleran Hogan '63**—January 18, 2018  
**Elizabeth “Betty” Jean Medes Bubb '64**—May 8, 2017  
**Jim McMahan '64**—January 22, 2018  
**Jane Frances McAuliff Muller '64**—April 22, 2015  
**Ann Miller Hood '65**—September 5, 2017  
**James M. Kuchler '65**—November 23, 2017  
**Nancy Bergner Steele Sheil '65**—November 14, 2015  
**Kathleen McCarthy Turk '65**—February 1, 2018  
**Gary Yohler '67**—December 6, 2017  
**Teresa Eckrich '71**—October 23, 2017,  
**Michael Gilbert Wilcox '73**—April 3, 2016  
**Stephen Yohler '73**—July 2017  
**Lynne M. Holzhausen '77**—January 31, 2018  
**Carrie L. Maish '79**—March 4, 2016  
**Shannon Lorton McIlwee '78**—February 14, 2017  
**Carol Royston, OSF '79**—May 6, 2017

**Francis Edwards Diskey '80**—May 2, 2017  
**Mary Ellen O'Connor Brinkman '82**—July 1, 2015  
**Lois McClellan Fox '82**—April 13, 2017  
**Suzanne Campbell Hinsch '84**—July 17, 2017  
**Brenda L. Alejos '85**—March 14, 2017  
**Janet Ervin Braxton '87**—January 15, 2017  
**Diane L. Ciciora Sherman '88**—August 9, 2017  
**Marcia Woolslayer '91**—May 25, 2017  
**Beth A. Long '94**—March 31, 2017  
**Sharon K. Berry '97**—March 15, 2015  
**Jacob (Britney) Whitney Horvath '16**—August 24, 2017  
**Most Reverend Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB**, Archbishop Emeritus  
of Archdiocese of Indianapolis—January 25, 2018  
**Sister Adele Zahn**, formerly Sister Karen,  
Faculty Emeritus—January 24, 2018

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# Scott Bruns '96 Gives Career Advice

Growing up in Ellettsville, Indiana, Scott Bruns '96 always thought he would attend Indiana University and become a Hoosier. But during his senior year, Coach Scott Fleming came and talked to Bruns about playing tennis and baseball at Marian College, a school he'd never heard of. Scholarships made attending possible and when he visited campus, Bruns felt like Marian had a community and a culture he wanted to be a part of. Bruns flourished during his time here, developing lasting relationships with friends and professors that have endured well past graduation.

**“I’ve been extremely fortunate that I’ve had many mentors throughout my career, both at the firm and at Marian,” Bruns said. “I’ve stayed connected to those professors—Kevin Huston and Tim Akin—who really helped jumpstart my career coming out of college.”**

Bruns began his career with EY—the largest public accounting firm in the state and one of the big four in the world—as an audit professional in 1996. Throughout the last 20 years, he has had many opportunities with the firm, working his way around the world and to the top of the Indianapolis office. Now, he’s the managing partner of the firm’s Indianapolis office and leads more than 400 people. His rise to such an esteemed position did not happen by accident, and he has great advice for anyone looking to start, change, or recharge his or her career.

In Bruns’ words, here’s his simple, three-step process for success.

## 1 Take risks.

Don’t always take the safe move. Marian instilled in me a confidence in myself that has paid dividends throughout my career.

You can’t be afraid to fail. I went from a small town in Indiana to a position where I was traveling the world helping our global life science teams with education, thought leadership, and client interaction. It was a daunting task, but great experience and ultimately led to my current position.

## 2 Invest in yourself.

Whether it’s reading, going for new experiences, working with different organizations, or meeting new people. Anytime you think you’ve got all the answers, you get in trouble. I don’t take myself too seriously, but I always want to learn and I always want to get better.

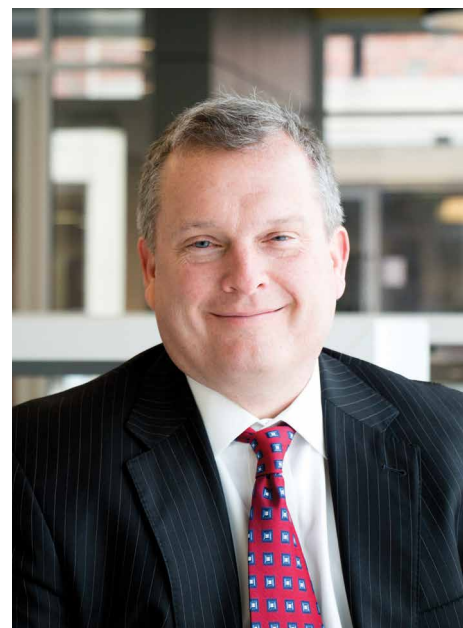
You are your best salesperson and investing in yourself and the skillsets you have pays off tremendously.

## 3 Find a mentor.

Find someone who has the beliefs, the values, the experiences that you want to emulate. No matter what profession you go into, you are going to have ups and downs, and I think having someone who has been there, done that, is key from a long-term perspective.

A mentor is a great resource to be able to bounce ideas off of, ask questions, and discuss how you’re feeling. It makes things a little easier when you have challenges in your professional career.

Bruns is a very active alumnus and is co-chairing the Leadership Scholarships and Experiential Learning Excellence initiative of the Forging Leaders Initiative because he wants to give more students the opportunities Marian University afforded him. This spring, Bruns became a member of Marian University’s Board of Trustees.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **2018 Commencement Ceremony**

May 6 at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds

### **Tea on the Terrace**

July 14 in Allison Mansion at 11 a.m.

### **Family Weekend**

September 21-23

### **Homecoming Weekend**

October 18-21

### **Transformations Gala**

November 9 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.  
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