



STATE OF THE SOCIETY

December 17, 2024

It's been a remarkable year for the society!

We are honored to share some highlights from the past year:

- Our Young Alumni Circle has taken off this year with 13 young women joining the society. This is notable as it demonstrates that our mission resonates cross-generationally and ensures our future.
- Our friends in Plymouth launched the Women of Marian: Ancilla Chapter which honors their foundresses, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, while creating opportunities for women on their campus.
- We have set new records at every event this year, and are ensuring this momentum continues into 2025! This year there was a(n):
 - 82% attendance increase at our Galentine's Celebration
 - 71% attendance increase at our Summer Luncheon
 - 112% attendance increase at our Holiday Wine Tasting
- Our endowment has grown, and thanks to being the beneficiary of the Founders Classic event, we will have more than \$500,000 in the endowment when we start fiscal year 2025-2026. This is amazing as it ensures we have the funding to realize our initial vision to support two young women in each undergraduate class. It also means we can start working on a new vision to increase that number to do even more for future women students of Marian.

Most importantly, we want to thank you for your generous gifts to the society. Because of you, we are currently reviewing applications for our 2025-2026 scholarships. The applicants are impressive young ladies who we will all be proud to support.

Happy holidays to you and yours,

The Women of Marian Leadership Committee



Holiday Wine Tasting

We were delighted to entertain 72 women at Allison Mansion on December 5th for our annual Holiday Wine Tasting!

This event is open to Young Alumni, Dillhoff, and Clare Circle members and is an opportunity to network with society leadership to celebrate successes of the year while looking to the future.

Thank you to all who attended, and for those who could not attend, we hope to see you on December 4, 2025 for the next one!



Women of Marian T-Shirts

In recent months, you have likely seen Women of Marian t-shirts, sported by some of the leadership groups. Well now, you can order one for yourself and other women in your life who are advocates of the society!

Orders will be accepted through January 7, 2025, and shirts will be available at the end of that month.

[Order your Women of Marian shirt now!](#)



2025 Galentine's Celebration

Join us for the next Women of Marian Society event, our Galentine's Reception on February 8, 2025! We're excited to share that the current Student Government Association President, Luci Woodrum '25, and the immediate past president, Brylee Koontz '24, will co-host this event. These impressive young women also serve on the Women of Marian Society Leadership Committee for the student and non-student group.

Mark your calendar and reserve your spot now for this event and be prepared for a fun-filled afternoon of networking and making new connections.

[Register for the 2025 Galentine's Reception now!](#)

NEW MEMBER REPORT

Please join us in welcoming the following women to our society:

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Nicole Beasley
Marjorie Britt
Sally Caltrider
Amanda Luper
Autumn Martin '10
Sharon Oak

1851 Student Circle

Brenna McGaha '27

Find a full list of Women of Marian members [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8, 2025
April 4, 2025
July 26, 2025
December 4, 2025

[Galentine's Celebration Reception](#)
Senior Celebration Night
Summer Luncheon
Holiday Wine Tasting (Young Alumni, Dillhoff, and Clare Circles only)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an announcement you'd like to share with your fellow society members? Please provide announcements you would like included to Becky Frey at

bfrey@marian.edu or by calling 317.955.6232.

OUR HISTORY

The Women of Marian Society serves to honor Marian University's foundresses, the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana.

The name "Women of Marian" was originally coined for graduates of Marian College, as it served as a women's college until 1954. The first gatherings of these original Women of Marian were called "Tea on the Terrace," which was an annual social opportunity for women graduates. In 2010, this evolved into a luncheon for women stakeholders of the University.

It was in 2019 that the Women of Marian Society, as it's known now, injected philanthropy and structure into these former all-women gatherings. Since then, the organization has seen tremendous growth and significantly impacted multiple young women.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Do you have a friend, family member, co-worker, neighbor, etc. that you'd like to get involved with the Women of Marian Society? Share this news with them and encourage them to join today!

They can join via an annual or monthly gift on our website—[found here](#).

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