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*What does success
mean to you?*



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Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's undergraduate college in the liberal arts tradition, founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844. The College offers three coeducational graduate programs in data science, speech language pathology, and nursing practice. According to its mission, Saint Mary's College seeks to educate students, develop their talents, and prepare them to make a difference in the world. Visit saintmarys.edu for more information. "Like" Saint Mary's College on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@saintmarys and @saintmarysnews) and Instagram (SaintMarysCollege).



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UPON REFLECTION

When we talk about success at Saint Mary's, we mean more than money, status, or fame. We believe students should ask themselves who they want to be as much as what they want to be. The personal reflection involved in answering the "who" question leads to true self-discovery, which is the path to a meaningful life, a success by any measure.

In this issue, *Courier* explores what success means to Saint Mary's alumnae and students. As the College embarks on its Continuous Unified Strategic Planning (CUSP), the focus will be on strengthening the spiritual, social, and academic environment that has allowed our graduates to thrive.

The women attending Saint Mary's today have even more avenues of success available to them than their predecessors. It is the mission of the College not only to prepare them to pursue the lives they envision for themselves, but to ensure that the distinctive characteristics that define the Saint Mary's experience endure through a lifetime.

Diverse personal definitions of success, each nurtured in our campus culture, are portrayed in these pages. From alumnae leading nonprofits to students serving as ROTC battalion commanders, this issue teems with stories of women charting their own paths.

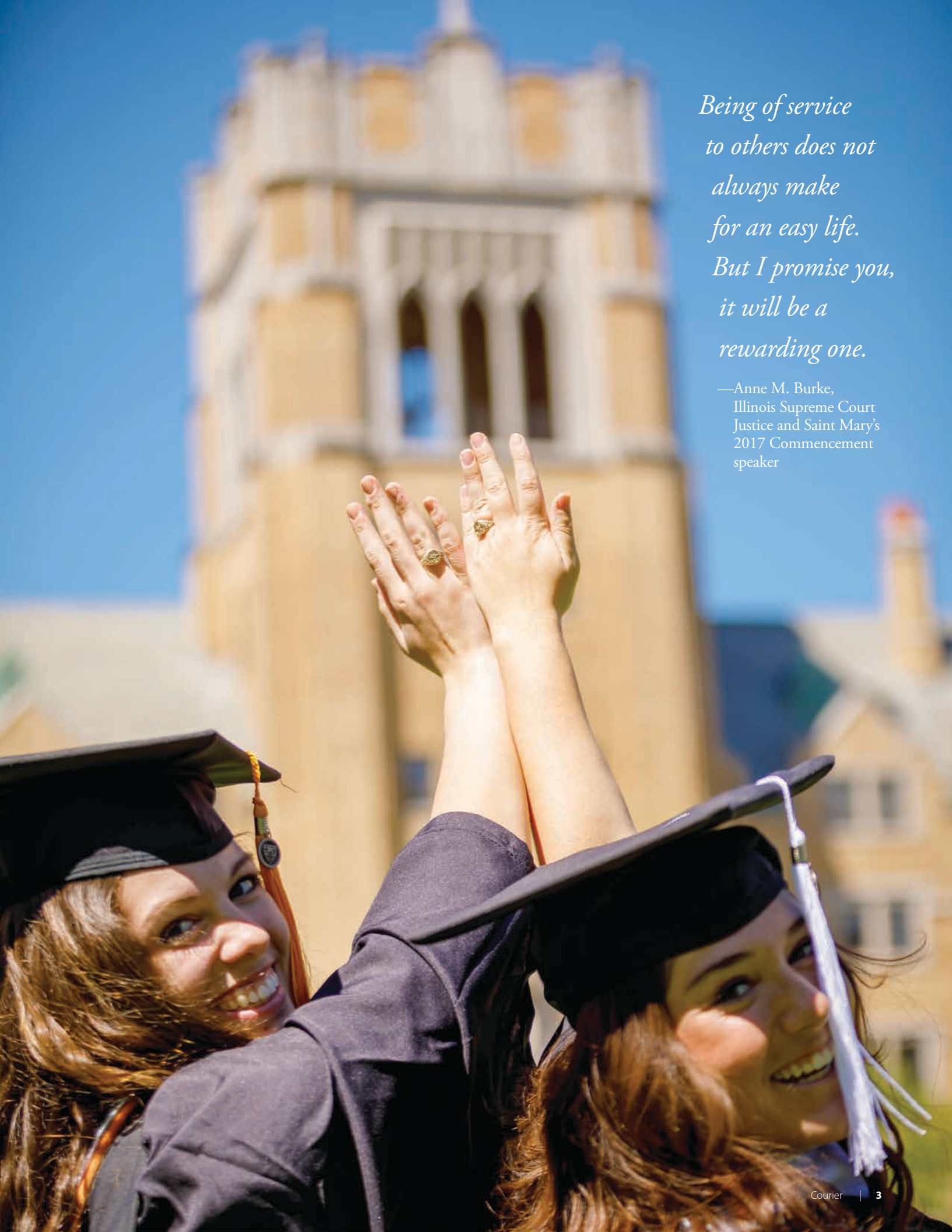
Diane Fox, director of the Office of Student Success, knows as well as anyone on campus just how many paths to success our students and alumnae take. Under her leadership, we're working to open even more to them.

Women remain underrepresented, and often underpaid, in too many areas of society. Saint Mary's must continue to be a place that equips women to be a force for positive change. Our strategic plan's mandate calls on us to empower spiritually-inspired women to become servant leaders. One of the greatest forms of empowerment a woman can have is the capacity to choose her path for herself, to resist society's pressures in order find her own way. As Colleen Quinn '17 wisely puts it, "Success is being comfortable with being uncomfortable. You can't measure success for anyone except yourself."

At Saint Mary's, women find a community where they can take the measure of themselves, where they are encouraged to pursue their highest ambitions, always within a moral and spiritual context that adds depth and substance to their personal and professional lives.

If Saint Mary's can continue to succeed in providing that challenging and nurturing environment for our students, our alumnae will always find success, however they define it.

Janice A. Cervelli, FASLA, FCELA
President

A photograph of two female graduates in black caps and gowns. They are smiling and have their hands raised in the air. The graduate on the left is looking towards the camera, while the one on the right is looking slightly away. In the background, a large, ornate stone tower with arched windows is visible against a clear blue sky. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

*Being of service
to others does not
always make
for an easy life.
But I promise you,
it will be a
rewarding one.*

—Anne M. Burke,
Illinois Supreme Court
Justice and Saint Mary's
2017 Commencement
speaker

Reflecting on





success: *What does it mean to you?*

“You can’t measure success for anyone except yourself.”

—Colleen Quinn ’17

Money, power, title — these are all things our culture teaches us to value. And while they can be important, are these the best markers of success?

Saint Mary’s teaches students in the liberal arts tradition across the disciplines to expand their minds, and discover more about the world, and their place in it.

Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC wrote, “We will not promise you happiness. We will not wish you security. For we remember that ‘security is mortal’s chiefest enemy.’ And we know that you can be secure only when you can stand everything that can happen to you. If your school has prepared you for this, it has been a good school.”



Colleen Quinn '17

For Colleen Quinn '17 and Sarah Cook '88, Sister Madeleva's words resonate. Quinn, a business administration major, came to Saint Mary's four years ago, an 18-year-old from the south suburbs of Chicago.

Reflecting now on the past four years, Quinn recalled how nervous and homesick she was those first few months. Her decision to study abroad in Rome was surprising to most, but she thought then, success would be simply surviving those three months so far from home.

Quinn thrived abroad. Traveling around Europe and navigating new places revealed her inner strength. She discovered that success comes after struggle.

"We often have our own vision of what success looks like, but that doesn't mean it's necessarily what we need," Quinn said.

Senior year Quinn took a variety of electives including assistant professor of communication studies Terri Russ' Women's Leadership course. Throughout the semester she learned about the makings of women leaders, but also affirmed how Saint Mary's had empowered her to be a strong leader herself.

When she graduated in May, Quinn already had a job offer as an employee of the E&J Gallo Management Development program. Walking across the stage at Commencement it wasn't the job that made her feel successful.

"The way I measure success has changed as I grew in confidence and understanding of my place in the world," Quinn noted. "I'm successful because I have great friends and I have an informed lens to look at the world. I'm not successful because I have a job after graduation because I never want my identity to be defined by my career."

Quinn's personal definition of success is not far off from Sarah Cook's. Cook was highly involved in activism and awareness of sexual assault during her time at Saint Mary's. Now a professor of psychology and associate dean of the Honors College at Georgia State University, she studies sexual assault and post-traumatic growth. Her research looks at how asking questions and giving women a voice and the language to discuss sexual assault is beneficial.



"Saint Mary's gave me lifelong mentors, leadership experiences, and opportunities to witness successful women in a variety of ways."

In her early twenties, Cook thought after finishing her PhD, her career would possibly lead her to political office. At that time, her definition of success didn't necessarily include children.

"When I was at Saint Mary's I was extremely ambitious and competitive," she recalled. "I thought success was going to graduate school to be a leader in my field, but I learned that studying something doesn't make you invulnerable to the experience."

The way Cook defined success morphed after she was a victim of a near-fatal sexual assault in graduate school. When she woke up in a hospital bed, her initial thoughts helped her to understand what was truly important.

"My very first thought was of my then-boyfriend, now-husband. Being the best in my field was not [as] important anymore."

But she didn't stop her research. Cook was more determined than ever to continue studying sexual assault and the effects of post-trauma, but she made the conscious decision that her loved ones came first. Cook said Saint Mary's inspired her through many mentors in both faculty and administrative positions.

"The College gives models and mentors. Saint Mary's gave me lifelong mentors, leadership experiences, and opportunities to witness successful women in a variety of ways."

In 2002 and 2006, Cook and her husband Kevin Beyers adopted their sons. She said the adoption of their sons opened her mind to new facets of success. "I wanted to be a fantastic mother, wonderful life-partner, along with an academic in pursuit of social justice."

Recently in her job, Cook was faced with the choice to stand up for a colleague who was being treated unfairly or to continue on with business as usual. Because she believes in speaking truth to power, even when it may bring consequences or there is risk, Cook made the choice to stand up for her colleague. She knew in her gut it was the right thing to do.

"Funny thing is, even though it was a huge risk, and I had no idea what would happen, doing the right thing made me feel successful."

For both Cook and Quinn, identity and success are intertwined. Quinn doesn't want her career to define her, and while she's navigating adult life, she knows it's the people who have made the difference for her.

Cook wants to model for her sons what it means to treat all people with respect and dignity.

"Saint Mary's taught me to incorporate my faith into the day-to-day. I see God in every person."

Quinn moved to Manchester, New Hampshire in July, something she never thought she'd be smiling about. Quinn said Saint Mary's taught her so much about how to be an effective leader.

"Success is being comfortable with being uncomfortable. You can't measure success for anyone except yourself."

And still, their definitions of success might change as their identities evolve.

So, answer the question now: How do you define success in your life? [C](#)



Sarah Cook '88

Share your stories on the Saint Mary's College Facebook page or use the hashtag **#successatsaintmarys**

Inspiring Motherhood: Planting the Seeds for Success

By Jennifer Libby Kenealy '92



Photo by
Tasos Katopodis

It is hard to believe it has been 25 years since I graduated from Saint Mary's. There have been lots of changes and transitions, yet the seeds of my life's path were planted during my four years.

As an English literature major, I have always loved books and the way reading opens minds to new perspectives and ideas. My liberal arts education made me more passionate about the importance of literacy and professors at Saint Mary's along with my year in Rome sparked a curiosity in me to be a lifelong learner. I left college with a conviction that my job was to go out and make the world a better place.

Two years after graduating from Saint Mary's, I went back to school for a master's degree in education. I taught for 15 years on and off, trying to balance raising my own children with my love of learning new curriculums and finding creative ways to teach fourth and fifth graders. Throughout my life I have experienced joy and curiosity in learning and, as a teacher, I wanted to inspire that same curiosity and joy in my students.

Ultimately, I stopped teaching when the hours did not match up with my family's needs. A new opportunity to share my love of learning presented itself when I got invited to attend Target Corporation's three-day Literacy Boot Camp. Community members and Target employees gathered in Washington, DC, to brainstorm solutions



to improving literacy. Through case study, we discovered a fifth grade student's barrier to literacy was that she did not have enough books to read in her home. After three days, I was instilled with the mission of getting kids books and was reminded of my role in making a difference in the world.

While I had struggled with being undefined professionally, I was excited and inspired to host a holiday book drive. My first book drive generated around 5,000 books to pass out at a local Christmas toy giveaway. Collecting and sorting these books in my basement, I discovered how many books our community had available; we just needed to build bridges between the resources and needs in our community.

The book drive inspired me to create something that would allow kids to have constant access to books. It had become apparent that libraries don't always work for low-income families because of steep fines. So I started networking with different groups to create sharing shelves around the community.

Collecting the books in my home and coordinating three kids' schedules made life a little messy at times – especially when we decided to add a puppy to the mix! But my passion for making a difference led me to co-found a nonprofit with a good friend of mine, Erica Jones, called InspireLit last October. Like me, Erica wanted to formalize the volunteer work we were already doing and widen the scope of services we could provide. We were affirmed by a 2010 University of Nevada at Reno study that showed books in the home are a top indicator of a child's success in school. We knew that our community had the books; we just needed to organize and distribute them.

Our mission with InspireLit is to inspire kids by surrounding them with engaging resources. Our main focus has been books, but we hope to add mentoring, girls' leadership training, and math tutoring in our future. InspireLit is trying to give kids an equal playing field when it comes to books. We partner with teachers, firefighters, and other community members to help distribute gently used books. These book connectors help kids find books that match their interests and reading level to motivate their literacy journey.

At InspireLit, we want all kids to have the same love of books our kids have had to help ensure them a successful future. Being a mom has qualified me to do this job and more. I love the feeling of being captivated by a book and I want all children to know that feeling.

The collaborative nature of my Saint Mary's education has influenced the type of work I have done from teaching to starting a nonprofit organization.

And motherhood has opened my heart wider with a desire to help all kids. I have learned that real change happens when vested parties tackle problems together and every kid deserves the best our community can give.

When I graduated from Saint Mary's 25 years ago, I could never have predicted the way my life would unfold. At times I didn't feel successful without a job title, but I have found peace with the unknown future of my career path. For me, success is being able to put my family first and sharing what I have. I hope the books I distribute plant the seeds of curiosity and joy of literature – that, too, is success. **C**

Editor's Note: Kenealy was named one of Washington Family Magazine's 'Moms of the Year' in 2016.

Ensuring Success: One Student at

Study tables, weekly tips, and workshops. Oh, and the occasional bowl of soup when a student is under the weather. It's all part and parcel of the Office for Student Success and the Student Success Program at Saint Mary's.

Diane Fox is the director of the Office for Student Success and has been leading it since its beginnings eight years ago.

"The Office is really about linking students with resources and giving them the confidence to use those resources," she said. "It's about more than improving academic skills. The students learn problem solving and life skills."

Available to any student, with or without a referral, the Office offers academic success workshops, weekly



a Time

email tips and motivations, study tables and individual consultations.

“It takes courage for students to come to college,” Fox said. “I believe that people ask for help out of strength rather than weakness.”

Under the aegis of the Office for Student Success, the Student Success Program (SSP) dives a bit deeper.

For a variety of reasons — not always academic — some students are admitted to Saint Mary’s through the SSP, which comprises a two-hour credit class on academic skills and strategies and individual consultations in the first semester. In the student’s second semester, they attend workshops and partake in the study tables.

But the help and support don’t end there. Up until their last day of senior year, Fox tries to keep in touch with as many of her students as possible to continue providing what they need to achieve success. Then, the day before baccalaureate, graduating seniors who participated in the SSP are feted with a reception attended by the president and other college dignitaries.

“I tell them I was with them on their first day, so I want to see them on their last day,” Fox said. “We celebrate their success because these students are the ones we took a chance on.”

Students like **MaKayla Roberts ’18**.

“At first I wasn’t sure what the Student Success Program was,” she said. “But once I got to Saint Mary’s, I found it very helpful because I wasn’t really sure how to study. In high school, I didn’t need to. Having the extra support from Diane Fox was amazing. She helped me through not only my first semester but the rest of my college years.”

Roberts particularly benefited from learning time management skills. Before, she would wait until the last minute to do homework and projects. With a weekly calendar provided through the program, Roberts set aside time for homework and time for relaxation.

“The calendar helped me be more successful and I’ve used it to this day,” she said.

Another program participant, **Hannah Britton ’17**, felt very overwhelmed not long into her first year.

“I realized I was falling behind in my classes and I didn’t like my major as much as I thought I would,” she said. “Most of my friends who weren’t in the program were exhausted every day. But I could just go to Fox and get the advice I needed. It was a lifesaver.”

But she didn’t think that way at first.

“I was extremely disappointed when I learned I would have to do all this extra work to attend Saint Mary’s. But sitting in that first SSP class, it was a breath of fresh air. Everyone was nervous and scared but Fox made us all feel right at home that very first day.”

The 2016–17 Student Success class had a record 52 students. In previous years, the group has averaged 0 to 35 students.


Yet whatever the size, the value of the success program is undeniable.

“In the beginning, I wasn’t sure I’d make it,” Roberts said. “I was homesick and I struggled. But being in the program was a blessing. I wouldn’t be where I am today without it.”

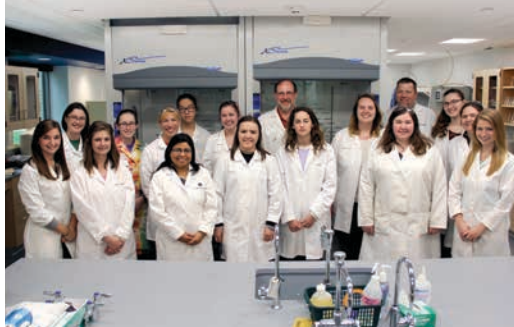
Oh, and the soup?

“In my first year, I was sick and Fox came to my dorm room and brought me soup,” Britton said. “She bends over backward to do anything for her students.”

For her part, Fox gives the students all the credit. Every year, on the first day of class, she quotes Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who said, “We are all pencils in the hand of God.” She then tells them, “While you are here at Saint Mary’s, I am your pencil. You must choose to pick up the pencil and use it.”

She concluded, “Each student makes a choice to be successful. I tell them, ‘I’m not going to take responsibility if you fail, so I can’t take credit if you succeed.’ It’s all about empowerment, which is a good academic skill and a life skill.” 





Summer Research

Many Saint Mary's students and faculty spent the summer furthering their research projects and academic endeavors both on campus and around the world. Collecting data in Nepal or studying echolocation in Texas, their research is in pursuit of new discoveries. Projects were funded by college endowments or other grant sources, including the National Science Foundation.

"Proteolytic Processing of Mitochondrial Protein OPA1", **Catherine McMahon '18**, **Chloe Griggs '20**, and Jennifer Fishovitz, assistant professor of chemistry

"Development of a Yeast Biosensor for Prednisone Detection", **Kelsey Conkright '18**, **Heather Miller '19**, and Don Paetkau, associate professor of biology

"Sensing in swarms: flight and echolocation of bats in large swarms in New Mexico", **Morgan Kinniry '18** and Laura Kloepper, assistant professor of biology

"Just Water? Exploring biological and social determinants of public health in Kathmandu, Nepal", **Emily Castro '18**, **Victoria Chandler '19**, **Adrian Milos '19**, **Julie Weilbaker '18**, **Laura Elder**, assistant professor of global studies, and Reena Lamichhane-Khadka, assistant professor of biology

"Development of Novel Paper-Based Devices to Assess the Quality of Water", **Natalie Spica '18** and Reena Lamichhane-Khadka, assistant professor of biology

"Sex-stage-specific floral scent of the endangered plant *Canella winterana*", **Hanna Makowski '18** and Cassie Majetic, associate professor of biology

"Development of Novel Paper-Based Devices to Assess the Quality of Pharmaceuticals", Eli Barstis, **Catherine Breakfield '18**, **Heather DiLallo '19**, Toni Barstis, professor of chemistry, and Ian Bentley, assistant professor of physics

"Validating Paper Analytical Device Analyses of Substandard Pharmaceuticals using Liquid Chromatography with Photodiode Array and Mass Spectroscopy Detection: Omeprazole, Azithromycin and Amoxicillin/Clavulanate", **Kyra Dvorak '19**, **Kirstin Favazzo '19**, **Elizabeth Innis '19**, **Sheila Lawler '19**, and Christopher J. Dunlap, associate professor of chemistry

"Collaborative Research: Comparison of Communications Across Campus Cultures (The 4C Project): Toward Evidence-Based Customization of Learning Experiences", **Ellen Rabaut '18** and Kathryn Haas, assistant professor of chemistry

"Transporting Cu(1) as Cargo and Using Ci (111) as a Killer Cofactor: Histidine-rich Motifs in Ctr1 and Histatom 5 Cpmtrp; Cu Oxidation State and Reactivity", **Erica Slogar '19**, **Alicia Twisselman '19**, **Madison Sendzik '17**, Dominic Babbini, visiting assistant professor of chemistry, and Kathryn Haas, assistant professor of chemistry

"Digital Archive of E.E. Cummings' Drafts of Poems: A Prototype", David Carroll, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science and Aaron Moe, assistant professor of English literature

"Recidivism of Juvenile Delinquents in Iowa's First District", **Emma Foley '18**, Ranjan Rohtagi, assistant professor of mathematics

Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR)

Sponsored by **Maryjeanne Ryan Burke '56** and Daughters Pre-tenure Faculty Endowment: "Modeling Addiction Relapse-Recovery Cycling, Case Study: Alcoholism", **Monica McGrath '19** and Jacob Duncan, assistant professor of mathematics

Sponsored by the National Endowment of Humanities: "What Does It Mean to be a Teacher at a Rural School?: A Case Study of Four Schools in White County, IN", **Kristie LeBeau '18** and Leslie Wang, professor of sociology

"Responding to Pope Francis' Call to Action: A Saint Mary's College Farm-to-Table Coffee Shop", **Jenny Hagenauer '18** and Amy Gillan, professor of education



Biology professor Laura Kloepper worked with trained hawks in New Mexico to study echolocation of bats. Visit saintmarys.edu/Courier to follow the Belle Bats research team.

The Academic Affairs Council selects faculty members as recipients of some of the College's most prestigious awards.



Spes Unica Award

Laurel Thomas, professor of music, is the 2017 **Spes Unica Award** recipient. Thomas was recognized for her service to the College in a variety of roles, as well as for her contributions to her students, the music department, and the intellectual life of the College. The award recognizes a faculty member's eminent service to Saint Mary's in the areas of teaching, scholarship, creative activity, and/or service.

Maria Pieta Award

Leslie Wang, professor of sociology, is the 2017 recipient of the **Maria Pieta Award**. Wang has dedicated more than 20 years to teaching with a tireless commitment to his students. This award recognizes the quality of teaching in courses for first-year students and sophomores in honor of Sister Maria Pieta, CSC, who was a faculty member and administrator at Saint Mary's.



Faculty Awards

Janet Fore, director of the Cushwa-Leighton Library, received the **Kevin J. and Marijo Rogers Kelly '77 Faculty Service Award**. She has served with distinction in the field of library science for the past 30 years. Fore's dedication to her profession is visible through her extraordinary professional service to national, regional, and state library organizations.

Nancy Nekvasil, professor of biology, received the **Carmi and Chris Murphy Faculty Award for Student Mentorship of the Senior Comprehensive**. Nekvasil has worked with passion and dedication, encouraging each student to reach her highest potential. It is estimated that she has served as the senior comprehensive project advisor for at least 100 students during her tenure at Saint Mary's.

Ann Marie Short, assistant professor of English, is the recipient of the **Donald R. and Nora Barry Fischer '73 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence**. She was recognized for her dedication to English literature majors to achieve exceptional expertise through her courses in global literature, her advising of senior comprehensives, and her outstanding classroom pedagogy.



Left to right: Ann Marie Short, President Jan Cervelli, Janet Fore, and Nancy Nekvasil



The Academic Affairs Office selects Visconde for the Saint Catherine Medal.

Princess Mae Visconde '18 was surprised at Honors Convocation with the **Saint Catherine Medal**. The award recognizes a sophomore or junior who demonstrates high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and contributes to the College community in the spirit of Christian leadership. Visconde served as secretary of the Student Diversity Board, joined a group of pilgrims who traveled to Peru with Campus Ministry over fall break, and is active with Circle K. She also served as a ministry assistant in Holy Cross Hall.



Class of 2017 Commencement

At Saint Mary's College, three categories of students represent the excellence of a graduating class.

The **Valedictorian** represents the mind.

The **Lumen Christi Award** recipient represents the soul.

The **Outstanding Senior** embodies the heart.

Valedictorians

Brianna Kozemzak '17 of Eagan, Minnesota, graduated summa cum laude with a degree in computing and applied mathematics and a minor in chemistry. While at Saint Mary's, she found her niche in the world of applied mathematics. Kozemzak was awarded the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in April. She will pursue a PhD in Biomedical Informatics at Stanford University.



Kozemzak

Elise deSomer '17 of South Bend, Indiana, graduated summa cum laude with a degree in studio art and English literature with a minor in English writing. DeSomer plans to pursue opportunities to develop her professional skills in a traditional job environment. Eventually, she plans to get her PhD in English literature.



deSomer

Lumen Christi

Yaqi Song '17 of Chengdu, China, was honored at Commencement as the outstanding woman of faith in her class. She earned a degree in studio art. According to her award citation, Song found time to be a grader in the math department, teaching assistant for modern languages, volunteer at the Early Learning Center, and



Song

the art editor of *Chimes* magazine. Song has been deeply involved in clubs and activities that promote diversity and provide valuable experiences to engage faculty, staff, and students. The Lumen Christi is the highest student honor at Saint Mary's, awarded to the senior who stands out as an outstanding woman of faith.

Outstanding Senior

Alex Winegar '17 of Grand Haven, Michigan, was honored at the Alumnae Association Champagne Brunch as the Outstanding Senior of the Class of 2017. Winegar was president of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA), member

of Dance Marathon corporate partnerships committee, associate Saint Mary's editor for *The Observer*, and volunteer with Rebuilding Together. Among her numerous activities over the past year, Winegar also found time to undergo surgery and donate bone marrow to someone she did not previously know. "Saint Mary's College has prepared me to be a better clinician and a better world citizen," she said. "I am prepared for the next chapter of my life because of these experiences."



Winegar

Three Honorary Degrees Conferred



Burke

Commencement speaker **Anne M. Burke**, Illinois Supreme Court Justice and a founder of the Special Olympics, was recognized for her work as a tireless advocate for children and the disabled. Burke has served as Special Counsel for Child Welfare Services in Illinois, implementing reforms to law enforcement procedures and social service programs to increase protections for children.

Burke offered her wisdom to the Class of 2017. “Inscribed on the wall of the courtroom of the Illinois Supreme Court is a Latin phrase: ‘Audi alteram partem.’ It means ‘Hear the other side,’” Justice Burke said. “A willingness to understand another’s viewpoint — to listen to and consider the merits of an opposing point of view — is essential. And, I would suggest, that if you want others to listen to you or hope to change other peoples’ minds, you must be open to changing your own.”

Read her full speech at saintmarys.edu/Commencement/Burke



Brannick

Sister Maura Brannick, CSC, received an honorary doctorate for her work in founding the South Bend health center that bears her name. She was recognized for her decades of work extending care to uninsured St. Joseph County residents. A registered nurse, Brannick established a clinic in 1986 to provide basic, preventive services for those without access to Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance. Her vision attracted many volunteer physicians, as well as students and local residents, who have expanded the clinic’s offerings to include more comprehensive care for the most vulnerable members of the community.

Dorothy Feigl, the Denise DeBartolo York Chair in Science and professor of chemistry at Saint Mary’s, was honored for her commitment to mentoring students. She has served the College since 1966 in many roles, including as chair of the chemistry and physics department, as a Board of Trustees member from 1976–1982, and as vice president and dean of faculty from 1985–1999.



Feigl



Multiethnic Graduation Celebration

Charmaine Samaraweera Torma '99 gave the address at the 10th Annual Multiethnic Graduation Celebration on Thursday, May 18. Torma is president and owner of Charmaine Torma Consulting LLC.

A psychology and sociology major at Saint Mary’s, Torma shared five life lessons with the 31 multicultural students in attendance. The Office of Multicultural Services and the Student Diversity Board hosted the event.

To read Torma’s remarks, see saintmarys.edu/Courier

2017 LEGACIES

Our legacy graduates celebrate along with their family members: mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other women who all attended Saint Mary's. *(Mothers are listed in italics; deceased alumnae denoted with an asterisk.)*

Riley Nicole Althouse, Mary Gartland Tegarden '35*, Eleanor Gartland Organ '36*

Rose Marie Biehl, Cynthia Kordell Girzadas '87, Jill Piper Girzadas '96, Barbara Biehl Mitchell '81

Mary Eve Bollard, Ruth Habig Green '44*, Evamae Habig Bollard '48*

Anna Judith Bourjaily, *Jennifer Veselik Bourjaily* '88, Rita Conley Bourjaily '56, Ann M. Bourjaily-Maney '82, Mary Clare Bourjaily '96, Jamie Ann Veselik '04, Meaghan Veselik Klump '11, Claire Evalyne Veselik '17

Jessica Arlene Bradley, Kaitlin Mae Bradley '12

Caleigh Lydon Branigan, *Cathy McIsaac Branigan* '85

Adrienne Frances Rose Bruggeman, Elizabeth Blust Bruggeman '82

Elizabeth Marie Buckman, *Patricia Dunlevy Watson* '88

Megan Marie Carswell, *Ann Marie McGraw Carswell* '88, Margaret Mary Carswell '17

Margaret Mary Carswell, *Ann Marie McGraw Carswell* '88, Megan Marie Carswell '17

Elizabeth Kaylor Chandler, Michelle Marie Chandler '02, Melissa Chandler Wright '07

Alison Rose Coffey, *Mary Cox Coffey* '84, Maureen Cox Scanlon '86, Margaret Cox Petrucelli '88, Rosemary P. Cox Conway '94, Catherine Mary Cox '98

Catherine Anderson Coggeshall, *Beth De Ment Coggeshall* '86

Claire Kathleen Condon, Jennifer Kaplan LoConte '94, Lauren Frances Condon '06, Erin Condon Kodman '07, Erin Kaplan Kirkendall '11, Caitlin Jean Condon '12

Emma-Kate Elizabeth Conlin, Martha Elizabeth Conlin '93

Colleen Noelle Crooks, *Maura Barille Crooks* '87, Daphne Kosse Crooks '89, Kathleen Crooks Flynn '91

Elizabeth Eileen Cusick, Nora Elizabeth Cusick '12

Maureen Siobhan Daday, Mary-Alice O'Grady Sullivan '86, Margaret Daday Koller '90, Mary Daday O'Brien '09

Margaret Therese Davis, Mary Lou Quinlan Loughlin '48*

Elizabeth Rose Desits, Jeanne Nemeth Baker '54, Debra Mnichowski Brown '76, Lisa Tugman Grocock '89, Lauren Elizabeth Grocock '17

Elise Ann deSomer, Kelly Nelis Nicholas '06, Lindsey Christine Nelis '10, Jami Elizabeth Nelis '12

Mary Joy Anne Dingler, *Melissa Cantu Dingler* '80

Megan Maureen Doherty, *Mary Cay Gurchik Doherty* '91

Alexandra Leigh Dresser, *Carol Disser Dresser* '83, Madeline Claire McCrea '10

Kathleen Hall Dunn, Margaret Hall Cushwa '30*, Mary Ellen Cushwa Wolsonovich '71*,

Mary Organ Dunn '76, Margaret Cushwa Haller '90

James Michael Durham, Lisa Horenkamp Durham '93, MS '17

Lisa Horenkamp Durham, James Michael Durham MS '17

Brigid Colleen Feasel, *Julie Wagner Feasel* '89, Meghan Kathryn Feasel '13

Marguerite Doris Fisher-Heath, *Mary M. Fisher* '73, Anne Fisher Campbell '74, Kathleen Fisher Leppert '98, Bridget Fisher Whyte '03

Michaela Murphy Gaughan, Megan Goggin Gaughan '89

Meaghan Adelaide Gibbons, *Alexis Swedish Gibbons* '81, Lori Swedish Campbell '91

Alexis MaryAnne Grady, Autumn Grady McCarthy '00, Tamela Rea Grady '02

Lauren Elizabeth Grocock, *Lisa Tugman Grocock* '89, Elizabeth Rose Desits '17

Katy Irene Harris-Forkner, *Catherine Harris-Forkner* '87

Christine Noelle Harvey, Madeline Elizabeth Miles '13

Anna Marie Helmer, *Eileen Brake Helmer* '89, Margaret Schreck Brake '89, Courtney Ray Helmer '11

Alexandria Terese Henke, *Kimberly M. Henke* '85, Theresa E. Mondovics '88

Hannah Patricia Molloy Hestad, Tara Jones McIntosh '84

Madeline Grace Hidalgo, *Jeanne T. Grammens* '86, Stephanie Katherine Grammens '05

Bridget Trainor Hogan, Carol Collins Hogan '72, Erin Hogan Liebenauer '08, Colleen Hogan Jain '10, Megan Anne Hogan '13

Elizabeth A. Homer, *Mary Beth Spear Homer* '80, Mary Bazan Spear '82, Susan Spear Rajkovich '83, Kathryn Spear Malone '87, Mary Kathryn Homer Mchugh '05

Margaret Elizabeth Kelly, Mary Louise Kelly Sullivan '49, Colleen McNamara Coleman '07

Erin E. Kennedy, Maureen Hartnett Mills '85

Samantha Anne Kerper, *Tracie Williams Kerper* '87

Colleen Patricia Kilgallon, *Maureen Cogan Kilgallon* '80, Dorothy Hayes Delaney '20*, Margaret Hayes McManus '24*, Catharine Harahan McConnell '78

Katherine Mary Kingsbury, Janine Anne Kingsbury '11

Sara Elizabeth Knable, *Florence Lawless D'Agostino* '52*, Suzanne Sommers Weiss '83, Angela F. D'Agostino '83, Erin Marie Sommers '07, Maura Elizabeth Sommers '11

Dana Marie Kozinski, Katelyn Michelle Kozinski '13

Gina Irene Kraig, *Mary Clare Calacci Kraig* '84, Margaret Schwertley Nolan '25*, Elizabeth A. Nolan '50, Katherine Nolan Calacci '55*, Mary Helen Calacci Ascher '85, Mary Margaret Calacci '87, Elizabeth Anne Kraig '13

Madeline Nicole Kramer, Danielle Marie Kramer '12

Katie Lynn Kulwicki, Krista Jan Kulwicki '11

Grace Anne Kumor, *Marcie Thorson Kumor* '94, Sister Monica Marie Hynds '22 CSC*, Monica Thorson Dunn '98

Cassandra Lynn Libbing, Janet Libbing Prendergast '92

Margaret Celene Long, Kerry J. Long '70, Connie Long Myers '75, Bridget Myers Mullins '03

Mary Katherine Luft, *Kathy Gerhart Luft* '84

Madeline Rose Maher, *Patricia Sullivan Maher* '87, Katherine Rose Sullivan '12

Alison Mary Mahoney, Molly Mahoney Opal '04

Colleen Rose Maus, Mary Kay Hanks Hogan '56*, Judith Hanks Maus '57, Elizabeth A. Maus '81, Catherine A. Maus '81, Kelly Maus Piazza '08, Casey June Maus '09, Kathleen Elizabeth Maus '11

Meghan Catherine McAleer, Colleen Mary McAleer '13

Meghan Leslie McDonough, *Leslie Roberts McDonough* '82

Caroline Marie McGinley, *Lori Kubicki McGinley* '88, Gina Kubicki Ogden '79

Sarah Catherine McKevitt, Elizabeth McKevitt Knollman '08, Mary McKevitt Balash '11

Clare Marie McMillan, Marilyn Wolter Laboe '61, Anne Froning Laboe '64, Ren'ee Laboe Howard '89

Claire Anne Miller, *Kathleen Hesslau Miller* '85, Anne Hesslau Dondanville '82, Jean Marie Miller '14

Maria Analisse Molnar, Susan Molnar Russell '82, Caroline Molnar Favazzo '93, Christin Marie Molnar Campbell '07, Lauren Knisley Twardowski '07

Hannah Marie Monte, *Jacquelyn Kinney Monte* '86, Ann Kinney O'Brien '78, Sarah Paige Monte '14

Kaileigh Ann Moore, *Mary Margaret Sullivan Moore* '88, Colette Moore Balmer '87, Margaret Gazzolo Sullivan '92

Kaitlyn Marie Morris, Jeanne Brown Morris '84

Margaret Elizabeth Mraz, *Kathy Pearsall Mraz* '81

Elizabeth Ann Murray, *Irene Kenny Murray* '82, Colleen Kenny Murray '10, Clare Kenny O'Malley '17

Kathleen Elizabeth Nester, Sheila Conlin Brown '56, Bridget Brown Weber '80, Kathleen Brown Stone '87

Hannah Summer Nichols, *Cathy Antonini Nichols* '82, Sherry A. Antonini '78, Susan Antonini Affinito '86, Jennifer Antonini Stafford '97

Julianne Marie Olivieri, *Jeanne Marie Burke Olivieri* '88, Catherine Burke Dudley '90, Lynne Toni Olivieri Barton '91

Clare Kenny O'Malley, Irene Kenny Murray '82, Colleen Kenny Murray '10, Elizabeth Ann Murray '17

Kimberly Rose Orlando, *Janet McMeel Orlando* '80, Jessica Marie Orlando '12

Grace Marie Pingel, *Ann Loughran Pingel* '85, Mary Frances DeCelles Loughran '85, Margaret Pingel Bagiackas '86, Sheila Weisensee Loughran '89, Angela Finke Pingel '01, Mariel Regina Rose '12

Giovanna Monroe Posselius, *Roselie Bellanca Posselius* '81

Carlotta Patrice Powers, Susan M. Powers '81

Mary Elizabeth Prebys, Mary Schwertley Prebys '49*, Eileen Murray Froehle '81, Marguerite Prebys Blue '86, Elizabeth Mary Froehle '09

Maiti McKenna Quill, *Maureen Murphy Quill* '85, Angela Leahy Esteve '88, Stephanie Ann Leahy Trujillo '91

Madeline Marie Rafferty, Brigid E. Rafferty '78, Elizabeth P. Rafferty '83

Gabriela Adriana Romo, Mariana Rodriguez Villanueva '99, Rocio Rodriguez Guzman '00, Jasmine Saavedra '10

Emily Charlotte Rompola, Sarah Colleen Rompola '10

Jacquelyn Lee Rooney, Melinda Ross Ketels '93

Allison Lynn Sanchez, *Julie Kozlowski Sanchez* '93, Natalie Anne Hock '04

Morgan Kathleen Sands, Elizabeth Sands Van '07, Chelsy Rhoades Parker '11

Lianna Yi Schmidt, Amanda Nicole Schramm '06, Grace Maria Schmidt '12

Serena Christine Shoff, Sarah Marie Shoff '12

Aspen Elizabeth Sims, Maureen Butler O'Malley '57

Bridget Regina Sitko, Mary K. Sheehan Chandler '57

Rachel Michelle Skinner, Abigail Skinner Reardon '12

Melissa Marie Snyder, *Suzanne Bare Snyder* '88

Jennifer Lynn Sporleder, Elizabeth Joanna Sporleder '98

Nicole Janice Strobel, Ann Raven McCarthy '82, Mary Raven Mansmann '88

Emily Kathleen Sullivan, Patricia Sullivan Maher '87

Bridget Mary Swanson, Beth Ann Drinan '92, Ellen Drinan Freeman '05, Catherine Margaret Swanson '12

Lauren Ann Telford, *Susan Cavanaugh Telford* '89, Sarah Elizabeth Cavanaugh '05

Meghan Elizabeth Tinkham, Elizabeth Marie Stockhus '88

Taylor Ann Townsend, Karen Wilson Boike '76

Kaitlyn Greer Venters, *Anne McCarthy Venters* '86, Maureen McCarthy Matthews '89

Claire Evalyne Veselik, *Mary Rose McMahon Veselik* '85, Jennifer Veselik Bourjaily '88, Jamie Ann Veselik '04, Meaghan Veselik Klump '11, Anna Judith Bourjaily '17

Marymargaret Teresa Wallach, *Margaret Turk Wallach* '80, Kathleen Wallach Schmiede '07

Abigail Grace Waller, *Paula Ballantine Waller* '86, Elizabeth McDermid Cronin '36*, Claudia Cronin Waller '61, Kelly Aisthorpe Waller '86

Kerry Elizabeth Wanner, Catherine Thulis Peil '43*

Mary Margaret Williams, Maricarol Williams Phipps '06

Erin Frances Wilson, *Mary Foley Wilson* '90, Christine Foley Peartree '84

Laurel Anne Wilson, Joan Stanislaw Shanahan '76, Mary Pat Wilson Russell '78, Molly Elizabeth Wilson '12

Jenna Marie Wozniak, Nicole Oppolo Jacobs '99, Lauren Oppolo Bukovac '01

Shannon Reilly Zofkie, Deborah Zelenka Knightly '77

Lauren Margaret Zyber, Claire Elizabeth Zyber '13

Success on and off the field



“This We’ll Defend.” It is the motto of the United States Army, but it also speaks to the nature of the type of leader Emilie Vanneste ’17 has become.

As she transitions from defending the lacrosse field to defending our country, she wholeheartedly embraces the College’s mission of being a place “where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world.” Her first year on campus was far from ideal, but her perseverance and ability to overcome challenges paved a path to leadership she never envisioned.

Vanneste is only the second student-athlete in the last 20-plus years to compete for four years and navigate the responsibilities of Reserve Officer’s Training Corps (ROTC) at Notre Dame. She earned the position of Army Battalion Commander during her senior year and was one of two Saint Mary’s women to lead their respective ROTC battalions in 2016–17.

“Saint Mary’s has always said ‘We prepare our students to be confident and go into everything thinking they can come out on top,’” she said. “I really do think that has translated into my role.”

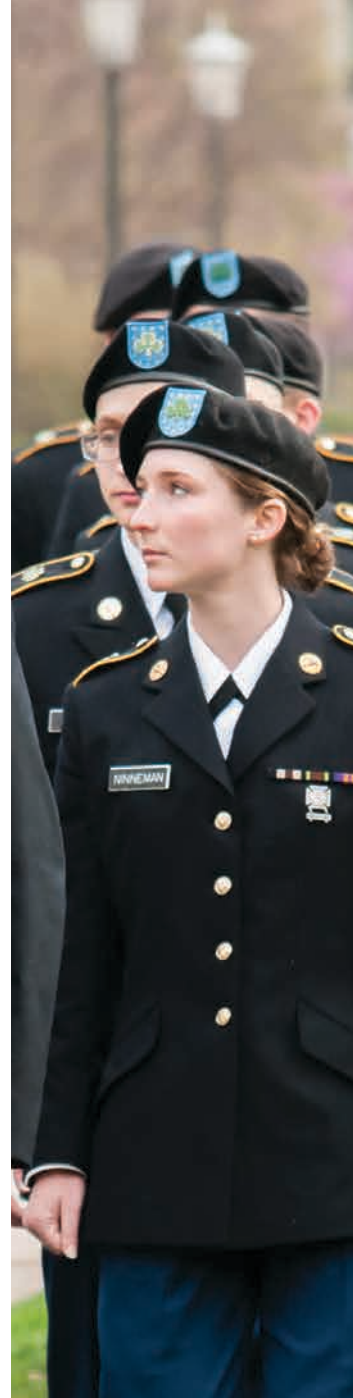
Vanneste’s first season was the Belles lacrosse team’s inaugural season as a varsity program. She sat out the first several games of the year due to injury. She healed and took to the field for the first time in a game on April 5, 2013, as the Belles claimed their first-ever win for the program. Less than two weeks later, her season ended abruptly with a year-ending injury.

The following spring, she led the team in goals, assists, and points. A two-time team captain, she went on to earn all-conference honors, became the first player in program history to score 100 goals, and is among the team’s career leaders in goals, assists, points, ground balls, draw controls, and caused turnovers. In May, she was the 2017 recipient of the athletic department’s Leadership Award.

She accomplished all of those athletic feats while pursuing her degree in biology and climbing the ranks in the Notre Dame Army ROTC program.

“When I was in classes at Saint Mary’s, it was all women, but when I went across the street [for ROTC], females are a minority,” Vanneste said. “It just goes to show that my confidence doesn’t need to change whatsoever. It stays the same wherever I go.”

This year, for perhaps first time in the history of the Notre Dame Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), all three battalion commander positions are held by women. Two of these three women are Saint Mary’s women. Pictured in this article: **Emilie Vanneste ’17**, Army Battalion Commander. Not pictured: **Megan O’Bryan ’17**, Air Force Wing Commander.



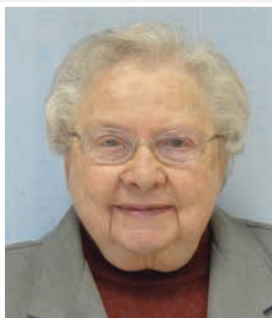


ALUMNAE DEATHS

1937	Betty Lamb McDowell	November 9, 2015	1957	Jo Ann Kerr Boepple Virginia Vighi Carson Sister Margaret Andre Waechter, CSC	March 9, 2017 April 29, 2017 February 18, 2017
1938	Jean Scheele Voelker	March 3, 2017	1958	Mary Wills Asplin Harriet Lois Capron Ann Burns Hendrick	April 21, 2017 January 14, 2017 May 28, 2017
1940	Elizabeth Garrett Bennett Dorothy Ann Kirley Dooley	August 4, 2016 June 5, 2017	1959	Susan Dwyer Karen L. Eustice	May 10, 2017 March 28, 2017
1941	Sister Justine Apfeld, SMR Sister M. Joannes O'Connor, OP	February 19, 2017 March 3, 2017	1960	Mary Margaret Fisko Ripp	May 3, 2017
1942	Natalie Nicholaus Courter	May 23, 2016	1963	Catherine Streine Hartford	April 30, 2017
1944	Jean Bauer Davis Marguerite Shaughnessy Wittebort	February 11, 2017 March 5, 2017	1965	Katherine Lancelot Harrington Mary Miller Smith	May 22, 2017 May 19, 2017
1946	Sister Constance Mary Ackerson, CSC	May 12, 2017	1966	Sister Alice Lamping, CSC	May 31, 2017
1947	Mina P. Costin Elizabeth Gartland Grimes	March 11, 2017 April 26, 2017	1968	Mildred Jean Glant Mary C. Hemminger Clarence J. Martin	March 27, 2017 April 26, 2017 February 21, 2017
1948	Maye Heslin Ingersoll	November 20, 2015	1969	Glenda F. Keen	May 19, 2017
1949	Dorothy O'Connell Kelly	February 11, 2017	1972	Jacquelyn Stone Laumakis	October 25, 2016
1950	Elaine Korth Loser Jean Malooly Molnar Mary Pat Feeley Thornton	September 13, 2016 March 23, 2017 November 17, 2016	1974	Mary Eberhardt Coughlin	January 23, 2017
1951	Rosemary Schwab Janowski Virginia Binsack Murphy	April 10, 2017 January 29, 2017	1975	Susan Piacquad Mondello	January 26, 2017
1952	Mary McDonough Connolly	November 22, 2015	1979	Mary Josephine Walker-Devine	November 30, 2015
1953	Sister Vivian Marie Coulon, MSC Nancy Ledger Hobby Winona Drouillard O'Brien Elizabeth Andrassy Olgyay	February 14, 2015 November 7, 2015 May 24, 2015 January 24, 2017	1980	Amy Knox Alford	March 21, 2017
1954	Mary Estabrooke Beargie Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan Rosemary Gohmann Szumilas	September 8, 2015 February 16, 2017 April 13, 2017	1981	Lisa F. Obry	April 6, 2017
1956	Joanne Rogan Blachly Patricia Bushey Sister Mary Marjorie Packer, CSC	February 23, 2017 October 26, 2016 March 2, 2017	1984	Cathleen Noonan Johnson	June 11, 2017
			1987	Margaret A. Monahan	March 20, 2017
			1990	Elizabeth Lieske Vasti	November 28, 2016
			1994	Megan Kelsey Vredenburg	April 8, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

SISTER MARY JEANNE FINSKE, CSC



On June 3 at the age of 92, **Sister Mary Jeanne Finske '53, CSC** passed away.

During her 75 years as a Sister of the Holy Cross she wrote that her intellectual curiosity, affability, and generosity were focused on "serving the educational and spiritual needs of young persons, directly in the elementary schools as well

as indirectly through their teachers and parents."

Sister Mary Jeanne spent 26 years at Saint Mary's as a dean and an assistant professor in the Department of Education.

SISTER M. ROSE BERNARD, CSC



Sister M. Rose Bernard '49, CSC passed away on July 7.

Sister Rose earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing. Her first mission was in Dhaka, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), where she spent her first years in midwifery and at the dispensary.

She returned to the US to earn her master's and PhD in sociology and taught at Saint Mary's from 1973–79 in the sociology department.

Her service abroad is marked by the 40 years of visa stamps.

FAMILY DEATHS

Thomas Adams, father of Jean A. Adams '74, Jane Adams Arseniadis '76 and Joan Adams Bowe '78, January 14, 2017.

Julia Ameduri, mother of Gina M. Ameduri Loebach '81, grandmother of Julianna Teresa Loebach '12 and Angela Maria Loebach '16, cousin of Rosemary Rappelli Mandrici '78, March 23, 2017.

William Bickel, father of Catherine M. Bickel '81, June 13, 2017.

James Brennan, father of Julie Ann Brennan '78, March 14, 2017.

Ronald Broviak, father of Mary Beth Broviak Petrie '04, November 8, 2016.

Robert Case, father of Mary Case Patchen '82, February 11, 2017.

Thomas Coyne, father of Briana Mary Coyne '12, uncle of Eileen Easby Vehmeyer '13, cousin of Beth Lichtenfels Vehmeyer '77, April 12, 2017.

Patricia Cunningham, mother of Maureen P. Cunningham '84, March 4, 2017.

Mary Kay D'Aquila-Phillips, mother of Christina Marie D'Aquila-Phillips '02, July 7, 2016.

James Darrow, father of Jennifer Anne Darrow '89, April 23, 2017.

Alfonso DiBenedetto, father of Linda DiBenedetto Bradley '75 and Rosanne DiBenedetto Corigliano '81, February 22, 2017.

Vincent Dooley, husband of Barbara Barker Dooley '57, April 10, 2017.

Joseph Anthony Fese, father of Jessica Rae Fese '11, April 9, 2017.

James Fischer, father of Jaclyn Fischer Van Woerkom '00, brother-in-law of Nora Barry Fischer '73, March 28, 2017.

Virginia Hansen Fleege, mother of Kathleen Fleege Harrington '72, February 22, 2017.

Henry Flock, father of Annmarie Flock Buosco '88 and Maryann Kelly Flock '91, April 1, 2017.

Eleanore Fogle, grandmother of Kristyn Jan Fogle '08, March 7, 2017.

Sandra Gentile, mother of Amy Gentile '92, grandmother of Alexandra Gentile Zellner '12, January 30, 2016.

Linda Gibson, mother of Melissa J. Gibson Ryker '91, May 29, 2017.

Elizabeth Griffin, mother of Kathleen Griffin McCormick '70 and Susan M. Griffin '71, sister-in-law of Eileen Hennessy Griffin '56, March 29, 2017.

Walter Hawkins, father of Kathleen Hawkins Mullen '83, April 26, 2017.

John Heineman, brother of Margaret Heineman Daniels '59 and Ellen Heineman Colemire '70, uncle of Christine Daniels Tillinghast '89, April 6, 2017.

David Heise, father of Shannon Heise Stafford '96, February 8, 2017.

Joseph Herbig, father of Kathryn Elaine Herbig '12, January 7, 2017.

George Hickey, father of Kathleen Hickey Devine '87, May 20, 2016.

Harvey Hinks, father of Karen Anne Hinks '77, February 21, 2017.

John Horney, husband of Alice Fanning Horney '69, uncle of Debra A. Laverie '85, June 11, 2017.

Norman Horvath, father of Mary Horvath Harvey '97, February 23, 2017.

Clairese Huennekens, mother of Amy Huennekens St. Hilaire '92, April 29, 2017.

Scott Ralph Jackson, brother of Heather Jackson Martin '93 and Stephanie Jackson Reitter '95, February 22, 2017.

James William "Jeff" Jeffers, brother of Barbara Jeffers '90, nephew of Julie Franden Fitzgerald '59, cousin of Lisa Mehlich Fox '86, March 26, 2017.

Paul Jewell, father of Erin Jewell Gilfillan '05, March 17, 2017.

Albert Karle, father of Virginia A. Karle '81, May 7, 2017.

James Roger King, father of Michelle King Hauck '89 and Tracy King '91, May 30, 2017.

Richard Klingelsmith, father of Mary Klingelsmith Zonsius '80, February 21, 2017.

Mary B. Kordsmeier, mother of Sharon Kordsmeier Dillane '80, July 14, 2016.

Joseph Kovach, father of Pamela Kovach Davies '80 and Judith Kovach '84, January 5, 2017.

Robert Kramer, husband of Susanne Meany Kramer '61, March 26, 2017.

James Morrison Lane, husband of Anne Heidrich Diebel-Lane '64, stepfather of Christine Diebel Hempsted '87, January 17, 2017.

Richard Laue, father of Mary Laue Iberle '83, grandfather of Jenna Elizabeth Iberle '13, May 16, 2017.

Kathryn Leddy, mother of Maura Kathleen Leddy '97, December 21, 2016.

Robert Lee, husband of Elaine Philip Lee '56, March 2, 2017.

Gene Lechner, husband of Jeannine Timko Lechner '57, March 31, 2017.

David Lesley, husband of Patricia Pritchard Lesley '71, February 12, 2017.

Kathleen Faye Lunneen, mother of Mary Ann Lunneen-AnKrapp '86, grandmother of Tara Faye Lunneen Mabry '01, March 29, 2017.

Nora Jean Maloof, mother of Virginia Maloof Cascarilla '71, Teri Maloof Kratus '73 and Faye Judith Maloof '77, aunt of Jacqueline Aftoora Orsagos '82, June 3, 2017.

James E. Maughan, father of Shannon Maughan Stevenson '86, February 23, 2017.

Robert Mauro, husband of Louanne Scanlon Mauro '70, father of Jeanine Mauro Stricker '01, May 1, 2017.

Mary McDonnell, mother of M. Diane McDonnell Lapelle '74 and Mary McDonnell Carney '75, April 19, 2017.

Thomas Monaghan, father of Kristi Monaghan Byrd '94, April 1, 2017.

Pauline Monahan, mother of Mary Jean Monahan O'Malley '79, Kathleen Monahan Connor '81 and Patricia Monahan Diana '83, April 22, 2017.

Mary Wagner Mulherin, mother of M. Catherine Mulherin Longley '92, February 24, 2017.

Edmond Murphy, father of Susan B. Murphy Harvath '91, March 24, 2017.

Bazil O'Hagan, father of Margaret O'Hagan McGill '82, Eileen O'Hagan Stotzer '84 and Kathryn O'Hagan Furry '87, February 21, 2017.

Henrietta Pajakowski, mother of Phyllis Pajakowski Largey '69, cousin of Sister Mary Ann Pajakowski, CSC '69, May 3, 2017.

Theodore Pajor, father of Karla Pajor Ropelewski '86, May 26, 2017.

Robert Piercy, father of Patricia Piercy Cushing '90, February 13, 2017.

Michael Posthuma, father of Taryn Posthuma Schneider '05, October 6, 2016.

James Purcell, father of Alicia Purcell '74 and Andrea Purcell Katz '82, May 19, 2017.

Thomas Rochford, father of Mary K. Rochford '76, February 27, 2017.

Donald "Buddy" Romano, father of Florence Romano Daly '82, grandfather of Patricia Daly Borg '10, Kathleen Klauer Kenefick '14, Shauna Marie Barry '15 and Margaret Mary Romano '15, March 18, 2017.

John Shelton, husband of Jillian Seymour Shelton '01, brother-in-law of Julie Seymour Bannwart '03, March 7, 2017.

David Sizemore, husband of Elaine Zakowski Sizemore '83, February 22, 2017.

Thomas Smiggen, father of Christine Smiggen Forester '93, uncle of Suzanne Smiggen Condit '80, Sharon S. Ruble '82 and Sheila C. Smiggen '86, February 6, 2017.

Betty Mae Snow, mother of Patricia Snow Hession '74, April 11, 2017.

Anthony Szafran, husband of Patricia Brennan Szafran '63, March 2, 2017.

John Wilkinson, husband of Mary Ebzery Wilkinson '69, February 20, 2017.

A. Howard Williams, father of Sara Elizabeth Williams '11, March 2, 2017.

John Yon, father of Cherie K. Hodrick '72, May 7, 2017.

Lucile Yon, mother of Cherie K. Hodrick '72, May 27, 2017.

Robert Zermeno, father of Kelly Zermeno Stein '97, April 20, 2017.

For births and weddings please visit Baby Belles and Wedding Belles at alumnae.saintmarys.edu

Reunion 2017



Eight hundred eighty-one alumnae

and 124 guests returned to campus this year for Reunion Weekend, June 1–4. The Class of 2012 was the largest five-year class to return with 110 Belles.

Seventy-four percent of alumnae who returned to campus gave back. The Class of 1967 had the highest participation of any class at Reunion, with 51 percent of the class taking part while the Class of 2007 won the Young Alumnae Class Participation Award with 41 percent of the class participating.

The Class of 1972 won an impressive three out of five Reunion Gift Campaign awards: the Highest Class Gift to the Annual Fund Award at \$149,719, the Highest Class Gift to the College at \$436,062, and the Mother Pauline Legacy Award.

Visit saintmarys.edu/ReunionGift to view all final Reunion Gift Campaign results.



To see a gallery of Reunion photos go to saintmarys.edu/Courier.

THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE RECOGNIZED THREE NOTABLE ALUMNAE AWARD RECIPIENTS DURING REUNION WEEKEND. THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD IS THE HIGHEST HONOR THE ASSOCIATION BESTOWS ON AN ALUMNA.



(Left to right) **Melissa Roberts Wheeler '97**, **Graciela Batista Nearing '67**, **Susan Scherer Calandra '72**, and President Jan Cervelli.

Distinguished Alumna Award

SUSAN SCHERER CALANDRA '72 was honored for her exceptional service to the College. Calandra joined the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees in 2006 and concluded her service on the Board at the end of May. During her time on the Board, she served as treasurer, chaired the Audit Committee, and was a member of the Investment Committee. In 2012, she worked alongside her fellow Investment Committee members to enter into an agreement with the University of Notre Dame, which allowed the College the ability to purchase units in the unitized Notre Dame Endowment Pool (NDEP). This investment management agreement, of which Calandra was a major proponent, has created a significant financial growth opportunity for Saint Mary's.

Alumna Achievement Award

GRACIELA BATISTA NEARING '67 was honored for her dedication to clinical psychology, especially for children, and her service to the College. A practicing clinician, Nearing's passion for giving back has led her to offer pro-bono

psychological services to homeless women and their children and serve as a psychology volunteer for the Archdiocese of Miami. She embarked on a pilgrimage to her home country of Cuba to witness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's visit a few years ago and, not long after, returned for Pope Francis' visit. She is a supporter of Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) efforts in Cuba and the efforts of Caritas Cubana, an organization that provides care for infants and the elderly in Cuba.

Humanitas Award

MELISSA ROBERTS WHEELER '97 was recognized for her service in Catholic education and with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). A teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne since 2001, she has also served as the school's social justice coordinator since 2005. She was named head of the theology department from 2003–2012. Working in these capacities, she has touched the lives of countless students. In 2012, Roberts Wheeler was named diocesan director for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. As director, she is responsible for representing the diocese at national CRS events and coordinating the organization's work within the diocese.

Carolinas

The Carolinas Club celebrated Founders' Day in October 2016 with a potluck dinner hosted at **Christina Vellucci '93's** house in Charlotte. We enjoyed a nice evening together and recorded a welcome video for our new SMC president.

In December, our club joined in the annual ND/SMC Christmas Party hosted by an ND alumna in Charlotte. For Christmas giving, our club urged members to donate to Belles Connect, an organization at SMC that supports students. Co-presidents **Christina Vellucci '93** and **Jody Letourneau '97** decided to make Belles Connect our club charity with annual club donations. **Beth Zuhosky '90** has been the vanguard in leading this effort, having supported a student through Belles Connect. Our club will donate \$600 from members' donations to Belles Connect this spring as our 2016 donation.

The new year brings in new leadership to our club. **Cassie Callon Bernat '08** will be president and **Christina Vellucci '93**, as past-president, will assist with continuing discussion groups and get-togethers. Please contact Cassie at cassie.bernat@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved with the Carolinas Club in Charlotte or host a get-together in your town outside of Charlotte.

Cleveland/Akron

The Cleveland/Akron Club has been serving and socializing!

In January, new club president **Miranda Oltmanns '16** and new vice president **Colleen Michael '16** hosted a post-holiday social to catch up with area alumnae. A great turnout resulted in great fun for everyone.

In April, **Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74** and **Katie McVoy '03** cochaired the club's annual spring exam care packages, sending goodies and good wishes to area students as they prepared for finals.

The club is looking forward to supporting fellow alumnae as they Race for the Cure in August. Other summer events include the club's annual meeting, was held in June, and our first year send-off.

We will post information about upcoming summer and fall events on our Facebook page and send information via email. Like the SMC Cleveland/Akron Alumnae Club on Facebook or send updated contact information to **Katie McVoy '03**, kmcvoy@gmail.com, and we'll keep in touch with you.

Columbus



The Columbus Club had their spring brunch with President Jan Cervelli as the guest of honor. It was cohosted by **Katie Vincer Sears '03** and **Annie Sofranko '11** at the New Albany Country Club on April 30. We had 22 local alumnae in attendance.

President Cervelli updated us on the activities on campus and her exciting "freshman year" as president. She captivated our hearts with her sincere and caring attitude towards all the Belles on campus. Thank you, President Cervelli, for joining us for a fabulous brunch!

Dayton

The Dayton Club has selected a local organization, The Glen at St. Joseph, to focus the service aspect of our club. After a successful Christmas event where alumnae from all decades donated and wrapped usable gifts for the mothers at The Glen, several club members participated in a Mother's Day event there in May. We are so pleased to be able to help The Glen and thank you to our club for giving your time in service!

We also rallied to support our 20 current Saint Mary's students from the area by delivering a "finals care package" to each! **Brooke Druktenis Beck '10** remembers receiving treats and other essentials as a student from the Saint Louis Club, so she made sure that Dayton sent well wishes to our current students in the same way.

Detroit

The Detroit Alumnae Club started the year with a small gathering at the Detroit Institute of Art. Several club members celebrated an early Valentine's Day by attending a unique chocolate, tea, and coffee exhibit.



In April, the club welcomed the college's new president with a reception at The Village Club in Bloomfield Hills. We had more than 40 guests in attendance including alumnae, spouses, and friends. A special thank you to **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin '68** and **Moira Cronin '06** for planning and

hosting the celebration. A lovely evening was had by all! Also, a special thank you to **Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79** for hand-making the gift we presented to the president that night.

We are in the process of planning events for the remainder of the year. Be sure to check out and like our Facebook page, Saint Mary's College Detroit Alumnae Club, for details. Also, please contact the club (smcdac@gmail.com) if you need to be added to our email list.

Grand Rapids

During Lent this year, we decided to organize and participate in two local service projects to remind us what Lent is all about and help those in our community closest to us.

Our first project was at Kids Food Basket, a nonprofit that fights childhood hunger by serving sack suppers to more than 7,500 kids each weekday in West Michigan. We had alumnae and their children assemble more than 500 sack dinners that night. What a great way to catch up with our local SMC alumnae and help our community.

Our second project was in conjunction with the Notre Dame Alumni Club. The event was organized by **Nicole May '93**. On a cold Saturday morning in March, we brought some warmth to others by assisting at the HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid, a Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to helping pregnant women bring their babies to term by offering them support regardless of their faith, origin, or background. During our volunteer time, we cleaned, stocked, and straightened the clothing, feeding, and diapering supplies for mothers with

newborns who may not otherwise be able to get necessary supplies.

Both projects brought us closer together as a club while serving and learning about two great nonprofits in our area. We all agreed we should make it a tradition and volunteer every year.

Our book group continues to meet every other month. In January, we met at the home of **Janie Boeschstein '89** with the author of *The Pug List*, Allison Hodgson. Allison is a friend of **Maria Vogel '96**, a regular in our book group. We all enjoyed an evening with a local celebrity. This is the fourth time our book group has invited an author to our meetings. It's a great way to bring the books we read "to life."



If you would like more information on our alumnae club, please contact **Tara Millar '90**, club president, at tmillar@comcast.net, or for young alums, **Sarah Slomski '11** at sslomski89@gmail.com.

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Alumnae Club welcomed two new board members: **Kelly Gutrich '15** and **Lindsey Stuss '12**. We are excited to announce this new addition and look forward to events planned for the second half of 2017!

If interested in becoming more involved, please contact us at smcindybelles@gmail.com.

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Alumnae Club is thrilled with the third ornament in a series of collectible Christmas ornaments to honor the heritage of Saint Mary's College. The 2017 ornament, View From Lake Marian, is made in the US of brass. It depicts one of the most picturesque scenes on the Saint Mary's College campus, the bridge over Lake Marian with Haggar College Center in the background. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund.



The club continues to plan for various gatherings and to support the young women from our area with gatherings for those who have been admitted to Saint Mary's, as well as Starbucks cards for finals week each December. We hope to see many of you at future events!

We are really enjoying the increased activity on our club's Facebook page. Please like our page to keep up with what's going

on in LA at: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarysCollegeLosAngelesAlumnaeClub/>.

Please visit <http://www.saintmarysclub.com/> to learn about upcoming events, how to join the club, and this year's limited edition heritage Christmas ornament.

Nashville

In October 2016, a few of us got together for a happy hour/dinner at Cabana in Hillsboro Village. Fun was had by all and we look forward to planning future events.



Also, the Nashville Social Club is planning a Student Send Off for August 2017 and hope to welcome incoming and returning students with a small gathering.

If anyone wants more information on how to get involved or help organize events, please contact **Monica Cannon Meeker '03** at cannon.monica@gmail.com. Looking forward to a great school year in 2017-2018!

South Bend

The South Bend Alumnae Club has had an exciting year. Area alumnae enjoyed participating in happy hours, the Welcome Home Tailgate hosted by the Alumnae Association, holiday shopping to raise funds for our scholarship, a special Founders' Day Celebration, a Party with Santa, an evening of wine and painting, and the One Book, One Saint Mary's dinner and discussion with Professor Billy on January 26.

We were most excited to host our first Founders' Day Panel Discussion and Dinner. Thirty club members enjoyed an evening full of lively conversations about Saint Mary's then and now along with a presentation to commemorate the

Sisters of the Holy Cross's 175th anniversary. During the event, club members were also thrilled to welcome President Jan Cervelli through a video message shown during her Inauguration this fall; many local alumnae also participated in the festivities in person.

On June 11, the club connected with alumnae at our family picnic at Potawatomi Zoo Park.

Our ongoing fundraiser continues to be a success! The South Bend Club has partnered with ADesign & Sons, owned by **Anne Husslau Dondanville '82**, to offer alumnae the original French Cross jewelry, including necklaces, earrings, and bracelets. These beautiful pieces are the perfect gift for a fellow Belle or even yourself! The best part, 40 percent of each purchase goes to the South Bend Alumnae Club Scholarship Fund that awards annual scholarships to current Belles from the Saint Joseph region. Jewelry can be viewed and purchased on our website smcsclub.com.

Yearly dues are \$30 and new alumnae are free for the first year. Dues are not required to attend events but are encouraged to help defray event costs and help build our scholarship fund. Dues paying members will also see additional incentives at events throughout the year. Dues can be paid online at smcsclub.com or by mailing a check to **Regina Mauck '14** at 1321 Enchanted Forest Street, South Bend, IN 46637.

If you are new to the South Bend area, or live here and want to join the fun, please contact the club at smcsclub@gmail.com, visit our website smcsclub.com, and like us on Facebook, "Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club," to view upcoming events and club news.

Washington, DC

Our fall calendar was packed with a variety of events. In the beginning of September, we added to our speaker series when **Kim Bero Rennick '96**, director of sector marketing for DLA Piper LLP, offered a working lunch presenting a roadmap for how to effectively give our "Best Yes." Later that month, to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, a group of alumnae, friends, coworkers, and a "Little Sister" from the Boys & Girls Club volunteered at So Others Might

Eat (SOME) by serving lunch to those in need. It was inspiring to see Belles from '66 through '14 come together to care for locals while honoring the Sisters!

October allowed us to get to know each other better at the "Then and Now" Founders' Day event. Plus, DC club members had the special opportunity to meet at the National Mall to film a segment for President Cervelli's "welcome" video that aired at her Inauguration...that was a FUN experience!

We kicked off the holiday season with an SMC/ND family Mass and dinner. We continued to spread holiday cheer to the 28 DC-area students by creating finals care packages full of treats and motivation. We continued the festivities with a holiday happy hour and gift drive for Catholic Charities' annual Angel Tree.



April 2 brought a fun celebration of our "healthy" DC Alumnae Club: **Kara O'Leary '89** presented us with the "Club of the Year" Award before a Pure Barre workout and lively discussion with a health-focused panel of alumnae. Stay tuned for our next alumnae panel (service-focused) as well as a presidential visit!

Do you love to read, discuss and share GOOD books? Join our NEW monthly DC book club! Like us on Facebook, SMC Washington, DC Alumnae Club, or email us at smc.dc.club@gmail.com for more info.



The Spirit of Song

Lauren Zyber '17 reflects on what it means to be a Belle of Saint Mary's during the Women's Choir Spring Break Tour.

Go to saintmarys.edu/Courier to read her story.

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In her Christmas letter **Rita Moliski Goth** stated it well: "2016 has been quite a challenge." While she and her husband, Jack, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in May and have grandchildren graduating from college, they both are now in their 90s and have seen health problems associated with aging. Rita wrote, however, that she is ready for 2017 challenges and thankful for all the blessings that came with last year's trials.

Mary "Terry" Kelty Strudeman has moved into a condo. Her new address is 1120 Thomas #205, Oak Park, IL 60302. Her traveling was limited by the move and she still is much involved with children and grandchildren. Terry sees the uncertainties of the world as a wake-up call to spread love, compassion, joy, and kindness.

On a similar theme, **Sister Ramona Marie Oppenheim, MM**, wrote that her congregation (Maryknoll Sisters) are focusing on becoming more conscious with environmental concerns for all creation on our planet. "We are living in a big historic shift and it affects our theology as well as our lifestyle."

As for your reporter, I also am much tied to family with relatives in 15 states to visit. I'm looking forward to returning to SMC in May for my great-niece **Gina Irene Kraig's '17** graduation. This past winter I succumbed to the love of novels. Among my current favorite authors are Isabel Allende, Paula Hawkins, and Fannie Flagg. I try to get the large print editions. That's it.

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As I write this in April, our 65th Reunion is not far off. I hope we get a big turnout, as it will probably be our last. By 2022, we'll be in our 90s. Look at all whom we've lost since our 60th — **Jean Wade Bestler, Betty Foley McGlynn, Joanne Hickey Frazel, Eleanor Fails, Thelma Hausman Dunlevy, Mary Barnet Large, Sally Disser Weigand, Mary Jane Belfie Boles, Liz Werres Ravenscroft, and Sheryl Palmer Rompf**, that I know of. (Don't ask me their married names. I'm lucky to remember their maiden names. I am glad there'll be name tags, so we won't stumble around trying to remember each other's names.) We have a lot of dear friends waiting for us in heaven!

So far, I know of 10 who are definitely coming to Reunion: **Faith Kilburg McNamara, Lynn Dargis Ambrose, Mary Berners Kishler, Julie Skelly Fries, Sister Grace Shonk, CSC** (who is now living in the convent at Saint Mary's), **Loretta Jo Brazaitis Ebert, Helen Wade O'Brien, Joanne Bryan MacDonald, Emma Lou Roach Majewski**, myself. Do you know any more? How about **Jeanne Johnson Desmond** and **Patricia Cain Murray**? How about **Barb Nolan Wagner**? **Nancy Ahlforth Steele**? **Nancy Hutchison Newton**?

Elaine Smith Caraher and Maureen Carroll Muller? Joyce McMahon Hank? Beverly Miller Skoniecke? I'm hoping more will show up and surprise us.

It would be fun to have a discussion among ourselves of topics of interest to us now that we're getting to be "super-agers," e.g. "Strategies for Seniors Surviving Successfully," "Expanding our Horizons into our Eighties," "Keeping on Learning" or some other topic. You get the idea.

Lynn Dargis Ambrose sent a lively Christmas letter updating her large family. She is the family correspondent and just keeping track of all the family members' activities must be exhausting. It's even exhausting to read! Besides taking Caleb, her therapy dog, around to hospitals she is also active in the San Diego book club, along with **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**, and hosts the SMC San Diego's annual Christmas cookie exchange and donations collected for worthy causes. And she was all set for Reunion — plane, car rental, inn rental, all arranged. That's Lynn!

Joanne Bryan MacDonald wrote that her vision has declined somewhat, but she was hoping that a retina specialist could give her an injection to help. She had just spent a week with her youngest son and family in San Miguel Allende (Mexico), where they live 10 months a year. "The town is lovely with its brightly colored buildings and flowers and magnificent churches and perfect climate." She planned to spend seven weeks in spring in Englewood, FL, where she and Mac owned a condo on Manasota Key for 20 years. She loves the area and would move there if family were in the vicinity and not scattered from coast to coast.

I continue to be busy with many things — our choral group Le Cantanti di Chicago is going to Washington in June to take part in a festival for the centennial of Kennedy's birth. We're also having a concert on May 21. I'm not going to DC as it is too humid for me, and besides, I'm going on a cruise with Garrison Keillor and the Prairie Home Companion (my third) to Norway and Scotland in June, right after Reunion. I also host a monthly movie group at the Hyde Park Art Center. This year the theme is women — in various cultures. I will update this after Reunion! Hope to see you there!

The *Courier* staff has kindly allowed class reporters of Reunion years to add to the already submitted column for inclusion in the summer edition. Although I am full of the joy of attending and the desire to share the experience with everyone, I had already reached our allotted space, which is a good thing! Next time I will have much to tell, including your Reunion surveys, which I have just received.

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It's never easy to start with more sad news. This time it's particularly hard. Many of you (using email addresses) already know of the death of **Mary Fran Koehneman Nolan**. Mary Fran died February 16 in Nashville, TN, and is survived by her four children. She taught first grade in Mandeville, LA, for 23 years

and was buried there. "She was an inspiration to all who knew her."

Margaret Keller Howells now has two great-grandchildren; her youngest grandchild William has a tennis scholarship to Notre Dame and is so excited. She still volunteers with Meals on Wheels and also drives food to a soup kitchen in Maryland. Margaret's looking forward to baseball and following the Washington Nationals team. (Not Cubs?)

Jane Flynn Carroll has been working on preparing to sell her house since the first of January. She's still a weekly volunteer at a thrift shop that benefits a mental health agency.

Ann Murray O'Neill was in Florida for the winter and will go back to Iowa in the summer, where her three children are. She walks about four miles five days a week with a friend who likes to walk. Notre Dame welcomes wives of deceased husbands at ND reunions. Are there any others, Class of '52?

Nancy Gibbon Ross sent (Facebook?) an old picture of the ND grotto. Interesting how it hasn't changed.

From a recent *SB Tribune*: "Understanding Your Dreams will be offered at the Michigan City Public Library. Learn techniques on how to remember and understand your dreams. **Sister Terese Fabbri**, dream therapist, will facilitate."

Bernice Boucher Hopp says: "**Carolyn Flynn Fay '56**, my 'lille sister, recently moved into Marquette and volunteers as a reader in the chapel. Marquette hosted a Catholic Women's Study Club in February, and their St. Patrick's Day was a fun celebration with a buffet and Irish music."

Pat Byrne Lyren writes: "I am in hiatus mode right now, although almost ready to pull the trigger on publishing a history that Carl wrote of the battle for Peleliu during World War II. As English major detritus, the women of my family recently had a Jane Austen tea, wearing period dress, trimming bonnets, playing period games, and so forth, and finally watching *Pride and Prejudice* once again."

Rody Oppenheim Dilenschneider sent a long email. (I like!) "In April daughter **Mary Dilenschneider Condon '87** will drive Jack and me to the Maryknoll motherhouse to visit my sister, **Sister Ramona Marie Oppenheim, MM '50**, for her 89th birthday and Mary, who is a geek squad all by herself, will help Monie set up her iPad so she can Skype with us and Father Frank, SJ (age 92!). We are the only three left. Maybe I should establish a tontine!"

This month in my book club we're reading Tom Friedman's *Thank You for Being Late*; last month was *The Golem and the Jinni* and before that, two of Bill Bryson's books, which I think are hilarious and yet I always learn something.

The movie of *A Man Called Ove* is sheer delight and so is the book. Still, my most favorite movie from the last two years was *Bridge of Spies*. There is a camera shot at the near end of the movie which I deem spectacular.

Peg Tiernan Sheehan enjoyed last issue's book list and has started Rody's *New York*, especially liking the maps. She's found a new author — Cameron Wright. "My daughter insisted I read *The Rent Collector*. She nagged, I got the book, and couldn't put it down. He's also written *Letters for*

Emily, which was also really good. I think he's only written the two books. I wish he'd write faster!" Peg asks for mentions of books — "far better than medical reports."

How about *A Spool of Green Thread*, *Mr. Churchill's Secretary*, *Wonder*, *The Scarlet Feather*, *Clementine* (Churchill), *A Gentleman in Moscow*, *Hillbilly Elegy*?

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Frances Clohessy Spillane still enjoys spending time in Florida during the winter and especially likes the time she can spend at the Cape during the summer months. She is looking forward to visiting with some relatives and friends from Ireland while she is still in Florida (winter 2017) and is planning a trip to Ireland in April 2017 with her son to visit a granddaughter who has been studying for a semester at the University of Dublin. (Lucky you, Frances!)

A great and lively conversation was had with **Sybil Emmett Tucker** who lives in Dallas, TX. She stepped down from her long-time position as director at Ursuline Academy; however, still works two days a week in the archive department. She really enjoys this opportunity to learn more about the beginnings of the academy, which was founded in 1875. They have a gallery in which to display items and this year they are focusing on graduation dresses over the years since 1912. They will focus on mother/daughter dresses for this particular display. She also belongs to a service group as well as a couple book clubs. She and her husband recently took a trip to the Crystal Bridge Museum in Arkansas. It has the largest collection of American art and is filled with scenes of families, farms, woods, rivers, and other natural beauty. Sybil wants to remind all the "girls" that they will always be young in her eyes even though we have all changed. My memory is that we are always young freshman women. (Hope we can all keep thinking that way, Sybil.)

Carol Marion Wick, who lives in Eau Claire, WI, reports that she has recently had a health challenge; however, she is taking medicine permanently to handle the issue. She and her husband live about 80 miles from family in the Twin Cities and enjoy celebrating birthdays with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is happy to report that both she and her husband are "still standing erect and taking nourishment. Life is good for us."

I am so happy to hear that, Carol. I recently had a left hip replacement; however, am ready to be hip-hopping without the cane with the Easter bunnies.

Sarah Struett O'Keefe reported that **Pat Cutter Reynolds** is planning to take some classes at Second City while in Chicago during the summer to enhance her skills of being a stand-up comedian. She is also writing a play about four women. (P.S. Hope her classmates will be able to get front row tickets!) She keeps busy in the winter while in Florida especially when the children come to visit.

Mary White let me know that things are really bustling in the Washington, DC, area, and because

of the cold weather this year the blossoms were white rather than pink.

Well, I would love to see them any year regardless of the color.

Mary also told me that **Juliette Noone Lester** has moved from Washington, DC, into her new lovely apartment in Upper Arlington, OH (Columbus area) and would like to hear from her classmates. Her address is 3175 Tremont Road, Upper Arlington, OH 43221. She sees **Sue Mitchell Crowley**, who is also living in the area as well as **Nancy Doersam Bichimer** when she and Roy visit the area. Julie enjoys spending time with her brother's three grandchildren. Two of them have a keen interest in the piano, which she encourages. She recently hosted a large gathering of relatives to celebrate the 60th birthday of her sister-in-law.

Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke submitted a newspaper article about the late **Kathleen (Kay) Willett Diebels**, who died on May 20, 2016. She was a founding member of the League of Women Voters of Juneau and served as president in 1967. She served on the Juneau Planning Commission for several years in the 1970s as a member and chair. She also chaired the Alaska Salary Commission, now known as the State Officers Compensation Commission. In 1982, she was elected to the Juneau Assembly for a one-year term and again in 1983 for a two-year term.

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Ah, Christmas cards! What a joy they bring. First there's the moment of slitting the envelope (or opening the e-card) and then the fun of seeing who it's from and catching up. For me, the joy continues as I reread each one and have greetings and news to share with you.

Pat Bauervic Leonard reported from snowy Michigan that their son Tim is a recently elected Colorado state representative. He has been placed on the education committee due to his experience in the founding of the Golden Classical Academy, a charter school. Pat received a great picture of **Theresa Binckley Byrne** taken on her 81st birthday. "She looks terrific — all that tennis and yoga really pays off."

Bill and **Patsy Moore Payne** are continuing to enjoy cruising, with one trip in New England and another on the Hudson River.

Liz McCorkle Groden, like many of us, says her life revolves around medical appointments but, relishing the support of family, she is back driving and enjoying life.

Dan and **Pat Peterson Huber**'s wonderful family portrait graced their card and told of good times with family and friends in Hilton Head (where Hurricane Matthew missed their home but caused considerable island clean-up) and Lake Forest where they are within 20 minutes of their three children and families, including 13 grandchildren.

Some of our class's artistic talent was displayed by **Margi McCarthy Rice** in her darling penguin

card and **Peggy Maher Engler**'s beautiful forest scene.

Jody Donohoe McGoldrick's Christmas Eve BIG birthday was celebrated then, but the real shindig was moved to Memorial Day at the homestead in Hot Springs, VA, where better weather added to the family fun.

Sam and **Rosemary Knope Trippe**'s Christmas photo showed them in front of the cottage they built in a retirement community near their former home in Easton, MD. Unpacking boxes does provide "an occupation well into the future." Sadly, Rosemary's brother died last July in Ocala.

Julie Dittoe Schmidlin mentioned Ray's health issues but said things were looking up and having a great-grandchild on the way gave everyone joy.

John and **Carole Nordengren Suttner** are busy people in Chilton, WI. With the size of their family (and the majority are in the area) there's "always someone coming or going." Family gatherings now number 40 plus, with 19 grandchildren and three great-grandbabies.

Dee Kiley LeFevour's spring greetings (which she cleverly sends out after the holidays each year) featured her wonderful family at the June wedding of her granddaughter Kiley.

Mary Comisky Riley doubts that she will be coming to Reunion from Arizona but remembers fondly our 50th. The late February tornado that hit Ottawa, IL, made me think of our Ottawa contingent: **Mary Comisky Riley**, **Anne White Maysak** and her sister **Mary White '55**, and **Virginia Vighi Carson**. A relatively small town whose residents made a large impact on us!

Per usual, Don and **Mary Lou Ahern Colfer**'s lovely card with a photo of one of their collection of crèches was the first to arrive. Pleasure turned quickly to disbelief. Mary Lou died suddenly on December 18, the day after her birthday. She was hospitalized, awaiting discharge when she passed away. She is survived by her husband, Don, their four children, including **Cathleen Colfer Norton '85**, and 10 grandchildren. Mary Lou was a home ec major, taking her turn residing in Riedinger House. Later she used her talents to run a successful travel agency that she and Don owned and was an active supporter of Misericordia Home in Chicago. **Janet O'Connell McCue**, **Pat Bauervic Leonard**, and **Liz McCorkle Groden** had all spoken to Mary Lou on her birthday and contacted me with the shocking news.

In January, **Alice Quinn Kalafut** alerted me to the death of Tom Spalding, husband of our late classmate, **Mary (Chickie) Taylor Spalding**. Chickie had passed away last April. Our sympathy certainly goes to their three children and eight grandchildren on losing both of them in such a short time.

My recent email reminding you about the second annual Mass for our deceased classmates on the last Wednesday in March (this year March 29) brought wonderful response. **Nancy Mack Gallivan** was touched to be included since she was only at Saint Mary's freshman year. (I think that was the most important year — can you remember how young, nervous, and impressionable we were?) **Imogene (Jeannie) Haenn Rainey** said, "I know where my thoughts and prayers will be that day." Others not previously mentioned who expressed

solidarity were **Diane Landphair Knuth, Ann Schultheis Massey, Marilyn Stupek Ahern, Maureen Butler O'Malley, Judy Hanks Maus, and Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski. Sara Trippel Funck**, who lives about an hour from South Bend, intends to be present at "our Mass."

Kay Howard Boyle wrote the Mass on her calendar and shared the happy news that her granddaughter Clara Shirk has chosen Saint Mary's for her college next year. Some of these responders and some Christmas cards also mentioned the hope to attend Reunion. By the time you read this, our 60th will be a memory. Let's hope that a good number of us are there, but know you are all there in spirit and memory.

In the fall, I was copied in on a wonderful thank you letter, which was written to **Eva Haas Dolan** from the current recipient of our Class of 1957 Endowed Scholarship Fund. **Aspen Elizabeth Sims**, a history major, did her student teaching in the spring. Aspen graduated in May but please keep future students in mind as we continue to support "our" scholarship fund. It is truly a good cause.

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It's April 4, 2017, and it is 36 degrees and cloudy. Just wanted my classmates to know the adverse conditions under which I am writing and to make those in warm and sunny weather feel guilty. OK?

Paula Lawton Bevington sent me the obituary of **Carolyn Sidley Martin**, who died exactly four months ago (December 4, 2016) in Painesville, OH. Carolyn had been suffering from Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia since 2002. Her husband, Raymond J. Martin, died in 2006, and Carolyn is survived by her son Francis Martin and her daughter Ellen Kooser and seven grandchildren.

Both Paula and I were impressed by Carolyn's dedication to Birthright, including being a charter member, executive director and active volunteer. She practiced what she preached by welcoming several pregnant women into her home. She and her husband, Ray, were active in Serra International and Carolyn was a member of the board of directors of R.W. Sidley Inc., where she managed the Edith Sidley Scholarship committee, distributing more than \$100,000 to graduates of Ledgemont High School while serving her tenure.

During one of our Reunions at Saint Mary's, Carolyn and I took a walk and she told me about her mother, Edith Cooper Sidley, who was a member of a Homestead family in Doland township, Spink County, SD. Later Carolyn gave me a signed copy of her mother's memoir, *Highlights of My Life*. Rest in peace, Carolyn, and please pray for your classmates.

I can't help being reminded of our classmate and friend **Mary Husted Bottum** and her family who began life in Wall, SD, in the 1930s when her father, Ted, bought the Wall drugstore and became world famous for his quirky signs of "free water" and directions to Wall Drug Store that appeared all over the world.

Christmas brought a card from **Joan Renehan**

Thompson with her children and grandchildren on the beach at a resort in Southern California celebrating Joan's 80th birthday. Joan puts me to shame: water aerobics five days a week, regular bridge games, and volunteering once a week in recovery at a local hospital.

Her children and grandchildren seem to be spread from Thailand on a Fulbright, to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, to Paris studying medicine in the morning and culture and cuisine in the afternoon while enrolled in a program set up by Oxford. Joan looks wonderful.

Thanks to **Ellen Canny Werner**, who writes from Fort Myers, FL, about a luncheon on her patio with **Karin Moore Beckert**, who was visiting Ellen, and **Sally Hultkrans Callahan, Mary Ann Coryn McGee, Eleanor Hanks Connors, and Pat Kennedy Flock**, who brought the wine. Can't help but be a little envious.

Over the winter, I did some reading including *How Dante Can Save Your Life* by Rod Dreher. The author had reached a stage of life where a personal crisis overwhelmed him and he felt himself "in a deep wood" of confusion and despair, just as the poet Dante in his 700-year-old poem *The Divine Comedy*. The Dreher book turned me towards my three-volume *Divine Comedy* that we studied in Christian Culture.

The poem fascinated me with its descriptions of appropriate punishments for sins. Never thought of the sin of sloth before, but may have to cut down on watching Netflix.

On the bright side, my grandson Michael Voelker, son of **Mary Catherine (Kate) Willson Voelker '81**, spent this semester in Queensland, Australia, and **Ann Harris Mohun** took him to lunch. Ann sounds in great shape, swimming, reading, and working from her home. Michael had a great time. Ann wanted me to say "hi" to her classmates.

Hannah Storen Kreps sent a Christmas card with the obituary of her beloved husband, William Lee Kreps. Bill died July 25, 2016, with Hannah at his side. Bill was a 1955 mechanical engineering graduate of Notre Dame and continued to hold volunteer positions at Notre Dame, including president of the Notre Dame Senior Alumni Board, 2008–2009. Hannah and Bill had 13 wonderful years together. We are sorry for your loss, Hannah.

Paula Lawton Bevington forwarded me the report of the Sister M. Alma Peter, CSC Memorial Scholarship. The 2016-2017 recipient is **Hannah M. Nation '19**, who is a business administration major. The class received a beautiful thank you letter from Hannah for "our generous gift," which allows her to pursue her dreams. All of you, take a bow.

I received a number of emails from **Barbara (Babs) Hilger Hanahan**. Babs lived on Walloon Lake in Michigan for a number of years, but sometime after the death of her dear husband, Mike Hanahan, she moved to Winnetka, IL. The emails she sent to me tracked some travel from Venice, Italy, the White Lion in Aldeburgh, Suffolk (UK), Kerkira, Corfu (Greece), and Walloon Lake. There was a particularly lovely picture of Babs alone. Despite Mike's death, she looks wonderful and continues to paint.

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I received an obituary for **Margy Keenan Clough** from **Ann Conaghan Hinckley**, who was her very dear friend since our college years. Margy died peacefully in her sleep on July 29, 2016, leaving behind five children, seven grandchildren and two greats. She lived a full and independent life in Nederland, CO. She was a master potter, a Reiki practitioner, a sought-after astrologer, and one of the early yoga instructors in the Boulder area. Ann writes that she attended Margy's 70th birthday in Sante Fe, NM: "Her children had a party for her and we did yoga in the field and picked wild flowers for the party." Please remember Margy in your prayers.

Ann traveled to Rome in November with her Sarasota, FL, choir to sing in St. Peter's Basilica. She said it was thrilling to sing at Altar of Chair and look out and see her family.

Pat Scanlon McCarthy lost her husband, Tom, on July 21, 2016, and **Jayne Colgan Sullivan** lost her husband, Roger, November 28, 2016. Roger was a prominent eminent domain attorney in Los Angeles and was named a Papal Knight of Malta in 1988 and later appointed the Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory by Pope John Paul II. May their souls rest in peace.

Carol Ann Cruise is working on new designs and experimenting, hoping to offer new ones in PDF form. "Wow! What a concept. It's all changing so fast. Thank the Lord that I have a wonderful web person."

Had lunch recently with **Marty Gillis Esrig** and husband, Aaron, in their beautiful home in nearby Tustin. She told me that both **Leah Hyslop Riband** and her husband, Herb, are in the same care facility in Pennsylvania due to independent falls resulting in significant injuries to both of them.

Saw **Susy Brown Bapst** on Facebook frolicking with her Ohio girlfriends in Florida. **Carol Podesta Foley** reports that she met with **Rosalie Riegle, Mary Scuderi Loughran, Gerry Dunn Leinenweber, and Barbara Morrissey Kelly** in December at the Union League Club in Chicago for their annual Christmas lunch.

Rosie Mudd Nickodemus writes that she is healthy and happy. She traveled to Panama last March, spent time with her son and his family in Arizona, saw many plays in Stratford, Ontario, and visited her new great-granddaughter in Olympia, WA. She also made it to Chicago to see *Hamilton*. (Lucky girl!)

Mary Moran Smith keeps busy visiting her children, who are scattered all over the map. She spent a quiet week in a rented condo in Coronado Shores last summer and will visit England in June.

Jackie Baumer Berg and husband, Tom, drove to Saint Mary's for outgoing **President Carol Mooney's '72** retirement party in April and incoming President Jan Cervelli's installation in November. She said both were beautiful events. She sat with **Peg Broughton McGrath** at dinner. Jackie hears from **Alice Broucek**, who loves living in "The Villages" in Florida.

Marge Liebrich O'Connor and husband, Bob, just had their 19th grandchild, and Bob turned 90 in January.

Patricia Wilson Fastiggi spent the winter in Mission, TX, summer at camp on the shores of Lake Champlain, and a few months at her condo in-between.

Spoke with **Connie Roller Curtin** recently. She is suffering from coronary artery disease and uses a portable oxygen tank, which has slowed her down a bit. Two of her sons who live nearby take her to lunch every day. She has sold her timeshare in Sedona but will make one last trip there in the fall.

Please keep **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon's** oldest daughter in your prayers. She was diagnosed with breast cancer last November, had a mastectomy, and is undergoing chemo, which has not gone well. After a break, she will undergo a new chemo therapy. Bob and Colleen enjoyed a Caribbean cruise right after Christmas and are looking forward to a future cruise to Alaska with all his children; there will be 21 making the trip.

Gerry and I spent the last two weeks of December visiting our youngest daughter and family in Naples, FL, and my sister **Betty Benford Belfiore** in nearby Venice. Had a wonderfully relaxing time. All is well here in Southern California, especially with the gift of abundant rain. We're not used to green hills and dales. Have discovered a new game (at least for me) called pickleball. Highly recommend it. Easier on the body than tennis, which I still play.

Class of '59 Endowed Scholarship for 2016-17 is \$25,700; \$11,000 going to **Casey Morgan Kochniarczyk '17** (a senior nursing student from Tinley Park, IL) and \$14,700 to **Alexis Rochelle Woods '19** (studying sports journalism from Mishawaka, IN).

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I am sorry that I missed our 55th Reunion 2017 in June; our granddaughter Danielle graduated from our parish eighth grade on June 2 and then her brother Casey graduated on June 11 from Brookfield Central High School (BCHS). He will go to the University of Wisconsin/Stout next fall and Dani will go to BCHS. We have been entertained by five of our "grands" participation in many of the arts: school dramas *Beauty & the Beast* in Brookfield and *The Lion King* in Lake Zurich, IL; grade school band concerts of four granddaughters in Wisconsin and Illinois; second-grade granddaughter in Milwaukee with the Children's Choir; two art shows by a local grandson and granddaughter in Illinois; and granddaughters' performance in "Motion in Dance" recital June 12. Our oldest granddaughter, Alyssa Brokaw (Madison, WI), will study microbio/public health combo at the University of Washington in Seattle.

I fell again May 10, walking out the front steps, hit the left side of head, body this time! Not sure why/how, leg just gave way; I just tripped and went down, hit sidewalk. I was using my four-leg cane! Still sore, bruises are healing slowly.

Classmates, will you share your experience at Reunion 2017? How many classmates attended Reunion, who was there, what did you experience that filled you with joy, a magic moment you will always remember? Will you share with me and classmates? As I write this, spring trees are in full bloom in our yard, robin's nest with babies on front ledge of house, wild turkeys strutting and fanning tail feathers at their females for attention!

Thanks for sharing on your Reunion '17 updates. I especially like the comments shared in your family news, personal accomplishments, memory/story you shared, and your advice your 2017 self would give to your 1962 self. Very insightful! There were many repeats or similar advice. We ARE "Saint Mary's WHOLE WOMEN!"

From **Mary Anne Balles Bland**: "Won't make it to Reunion, but had a mini reunion in late May '17 with three classmates, **Eileen McDermott**, **Mary Ciruli Marcello**, and **Patty Emmert Melaku**." They all met in Norfolk, VA, and drove up to Chincoteague Island to meet their Rhodes Scholar group. They had a delightful mini reunion and were active participants in the tour. The wild ponies on Assateague Island were gorgeous and the seafood was delicious.

Barbara (Ange) Benz (Long Beach, IN), MA Purdue University '67, retired high school math teacher, still tutoring various "groups" and "presentations." She recently was moderator for an Abrahamic Religious Education Forum in Michigan City, IN.

Margaret Burns DeMartini (Pullman, WA) was not able to attend Reunion — can't travel anymore. A retired teacher in 2000, widowed in 1993, has two children, became a hospice volunteer in 2000, has been "steadily employed" ever since!

Maureen Callahan Schmid (Tempe, AZ), retired professor, 2010 linguistics PhD, State University of New York at Buffalo '80, ND-MA English. Married Leonard, has two children, Daniel and Laura. Maureen is active with the League of Women Voters, also sings in her church choir. Personal triumph at age 76, started piano lessons! (Way to go, Maureen!) Her advice to 1962 self: RELAX!

Sara Camblin Breault of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Retired in 2006 as project manager at Canadian International Development Agency. Graduate, University of Ottawa, criminology-MCA '77. Married to Guy Breault.

Diane Dickerson Bird (Loogootee, IN.) Retired (1995) as director of personnel safety at National Gypsum, Shoals, IN. Widowed, mother of four children — two boys, two girls. Grandsons (21 and 16) and three granddaughters (13, 12, 7). Her advice for 1962 self: Relax and enjoy!

Mary Griffin Burns (Evanston, IL). Attorney, teaches family law at Loyola in online program; master's in jurisprudence in children's law and policy. She and Robert have two children and two grandchildren. Her memory of SMC: having a non-speaking part in the second act of *The Skin of Our Teeth* with Helen Hayes, the First Lady of the American Theater, sitting next to her during a rehearsal, knitting and being so thrilled to tell us that her son just got a role in *Hawaii 5-0!* Advice to 1962: Be "more curious" about other people and "listen to the stories" about themselves and families. Make friends "outside" the circle you are in!

Marie Hank McKellar (Dobbs Ferry, NY). Retired math professor (1994), MA and EdD. Married to Archie. Active in civic affairs, leader of a \$7M project to redevelop the Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park that was falling into the Hudson River. Lovely now, except for the geese! She has a strong interest in NYC opera and theater. Her advice: "Blow your own horn; the world rewards those who speak up!" We need to learn that!

Mary Lou Herbst Schline (Winston-Salem, NC), retired teacher (five years), Western Connecticut State University — 30 graduate hours. She and Barry have four boys, volunteers for Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Center for Women (past five years), member of two book clubs (reading is her passion), active in parish women's bible study, personal triumph is the lives of the students she touched in her 25 years of teaching!

Sheila Higgins Botti (Burr Ridge, IL). Sheila and Aldo have six children: four boys, two girls. She is a merchandiser (25 years) for The Courtyard, a consignment shop that benefits Wellness House in Hinsdale, IL.

Margaret Huemmer Kluszynski (Mishawaka, IN) lists her occupation as homemaker, mother, wife. "Never retired." She and Joseph have five children: three boys, two girls; three granddaughters, five grandsons. Joe is a St. Vincent de Paul active member, lector, parish gardener participant. She volunteered in the parish school, as Eucharistic minister, head of a prayer group, and other parish activities. Her advice: Be all you can be, follow your heart and see Christ IN and BE Christ to others.

I'll end here! Stay tuned for more news in future *Couriers*, God bless us all!

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Running late with my *Courier* column. I'm just back from a business trip to the Bay Area, a trip that allowed for time with dear friends — classmates **Margo Vitalich Manley** and **Ann Purcell Perini** as well as **Lyn Cosgriff Isbell '62** and **Karen Preston McCarty '70**. Ann and I had a lunch of four-plus hours at San Francisco's Cliff House with Lyn, who held us spellbound with the story of her parish's mobilization to serve as a sanctuary for undocumented immigrants. Lyn's Jesuit church — St. Agnes, located in the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood of San Francisco — attracts parishioners from long distances who revel in its music, liturgy, good homilies, and inclusiveness. The church was active in the sanctuary movement of the '80s when so many people fled the military conflicts in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala. Now parishioners are building on the strategies that opened their eyes and changed their hearts back when they had been ignorant of what was happening in Central America.

Lyn explained that people fleeing from Mexico and Central America in the past several years are in just as much danger today as they try to reach a safe harbor from drug wars, gang wars, and poverty wars while other arduous circumstances prompt refugees, immigrants, and visa holders

from the Muslim-majority countries targeted by the president's Executive Order 13769. Hundreds of her fellow parishioners had turned out for two recent training sessions involving the formation of a rapid response network of volunteers who will become legal observers in the event of a raid by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers. People volunteering as rapid responders have been asked to arrive when a raid is taking place and act as quiet legal observers. Other volunteers will serve on accompaniment teams and work with families after someone is detained, providing rides, food, childcare, and other practical help. They will also hold vigils and "pray ins" and perform other public actions. Lyn has decided she can be most helpful as a courtroom observer. I returned to Boston to find the whole story of St. Agnes's mobilization in my mailbox, courtesy of *America* magazine (April 3, 2017). Definitely worth reading. The article concludes with a plea that we begin listening and understanding the lives of undocumented people. Ann and I certainly got a boost in that process when we lunched with Lyn.

Another Californian responded to my plea for news from classmates. **Mary "Mer" Clemens Becker** is busy on the home front in Santa Barbara and she loves having her once-scattered children now settled in the state. Mer joined the January Women's March in Los Angeles, an enormous event that she describes as "filled with great spirit." Since then she has been engaged in follow-up activism through Indivisible and Move On and notes, "After resisting for a long time, I've activated my Facebook account and am on Twitter because social media is such an important part of the work." Mer also continues to support good women candidates for political offices at the local, state, and national levels.

From **Mary Jo Pauli Landry** comes news that **Phoebe Blake** has become active in an urban renewal effort in Providence, RI, focused on extending the downtown's attractive Waterplace Park and its river walks into an area referred to as the I-way that opened up when a major highway was moved. Waterplace Park — once covered in railroad tracks and paved bridges that concealed the Providence River — has done much to revitalize the entire city. Enthusiasts are pushing for more, but there is the inevitable controversy surrounding how to use newly-available land. I hope Phoebe will send news of how her fellow advocates push their perspective forward.

Several weeks after the *Courier's* April 1st deadline, we learned that **Catherine Streine Hartford** had died in a Bay Area hospice in early May. **Beverly Troxler O'Grady**, a close college friend, sent word, noting that they had been bridesmaids in each other's weddings and friends throughout life. Remembering Catherine's spunky way of getting on with everything, she noted that Catherine's notable career success had been signaled early on as she invariably came out on top with the "pithy statement challenges" set by the late **Sister Miriam Joseph Rauh '20** at the outset of every Shakespeare class. Catherine married Michael Hartford (ND '63), became a psychiatric nurse, and directed a large Washington, DC, medical facility. She later founded a prominent drug analysis testing company. Her mom, the late **Myrtle Kramer Streine '28**, graduated from Saint Mary's College. Until she entered hospice, Catherine made her home

with partner Joan Rafter in Mountain View, CA.

And finally, in a recent letter to our Reunion chairs, the Saint Mary's Development Office stated that the value of the Class of '63 Scholarship Fund had grown to \$235,964.94 by June 2016. A scholarship in the amount of \$9,400 was awarded in the 2016-2017 academic year.

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Such a response! Thank you! Lots of travel, moves, and "get togethers."

Mary Kay Brady Turner was part of **Sue Shalgos Wolsfeld's** winter rescue. Sue invited **Angie Braunstein Maher, Joanne Casellini Kelly, Bobbye Borchers Flecker, Carol Cronin Moran, and Linda Camiller Sanderson** to Scottsdale in March. Imagine the 57 years of talk topics.

Sue Badalucco Gerhard and John live close to the New York thruway, near Oak Hill golf course (US Open and Ryder Cup) and have room for four guests. Sue is Nonna and tries to visit her grandchildren twice a year (Chicago, South Carolina, Portland). Trips have been to San Jose del Cabo, Mexico, Tauck tours (national parks), and on their way to the Danube River cruise.

Roberta Blake Nesbit still lives in Malaysia but she and Derek have an apartment in Bath, England, so she visits her grandchildren there, hears about Brexit, overdoses on museum exhibits and culture. Last year, they took a trip to Australia: Sydney, Cairns, Barrier Reef to Perth (visited the zoo to see Southern Hemisphere animals in their own habitat).

Mary Ann MacDonell Burke loves watching the desert in bloom. Her grandson was on the winning wrestling Division 2 team for Arizona.

Louise Habeeb Anella and Steve visited, and on March 17 the ND Glee Club was at her parish.

Mary Whealan Burd and Ellen Brown McBride went to Washington, DC, for the Women's March. (Exhilarating, extraordinary, and exhausting!) They lunched with **Patty Malone Nathe** and her daughter Lauren. Great to catch up!

Kathy Pace Hiron moved to Golden, CO, so she and Jack are closer to their grandchildren, and they see **Sally Diggles Muller and Gail Nelson Griffin. Bonnie Burns Elbertson** and her husband, Terry, wintered in Florida and lunched with her roommate **Elaine Kletter Richardson** and Brian (ND '63). Was it really 53 years ago that they all met and dated?

Mary Vertin O'Neill and Dave wrote from Ouarzazate, Morocco. They are traveling with OAT — love the surprises around every bend. She recommends *Deep River* by Endo Shusaku.

Marty Thompson Coe and Charlie are off to Florida to celebrate the end of 15 months of "health issues." They have installed videos of their Marriage Enrichment workshops and presentations on their website, www.decide2love.com, and their revised ebook, *Decide to Love*.

Anne Heidrich Diebel-Lane needs our prayers and support. Anne's address is 611 Penn Place,

Winter Park, FL 32789. Jim and Anne married in 1992 and had six children between them. They have since buried two of these children. Anne had three seizures, unknown cause; she has been to Mayo several times and then Jim suffered a massive stroke and died. On the upside, Anne has become an expert taking Ubers, has learned to order her groceries online with delivery, and was the first female "golden grad" inducted into the ND club of central Florida.

Nan Tomshack Tulchinsky says that she has given up her day job and kept her night job! She is the "official scorer" of the ND women's and men's basketball home games. SMC has a fabulous athletic renovation and you will be proud. GO BELLES!

Kathy Roeder, Carole Barskis Weber, and Denise Cavanaugh toured the Dordogne region of France with SMC alumnae. Also, Kathy was in Haiti and began a program, CLM, to help women within 18 months to have a leakproof roof, a latrine, children in school, and at least one sustainable income source. In March, she went to Guatemala on a medical mission to identify needs and find resources to assist. Kathy asks for our prayers for her health and stamina so that she can continue to serve.

Kathy Menzie Lesko has written a biography: *Jeanne Devereaux: Prima Ballerina of Vaudeville and Broadway* with 50 photographs (available on Amazon).

T. Mignon (Bambi) Lamorte Lawless attended her daughter Mignon's wedding on Anguilla. She and her family have been reading *Medical Medium* by Anthony William. It has identified the Epstein-Barr virus as the culprit responsible for many symptoms, and Bambi's family are following his healing protocol.

Marianne Elliott Morin and Bob spent time in Maui with 22 of their extended family — checked off her bucket list! Her brother Tom is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Marianne is going to Wilton, CT, and to ND in June to honor him. It will be the first time back to SMC since 1964.

Blessings to all of you!

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On the evening of February 12, **Cindy Brown Scott** flew from Seattle to Fort Myers, FL, where she was picked up by **Lyn Swetish Froning**. The two of them drove a couple hours north to the Sarasota home of **Barbara Kurien Wolfe**. This is the fourth year these roommates have met for a three-day get-together. "We visited Selby Gardens, which had a wonderful Marc Chagall exhibit. The next day we had a peaceful lunch at the Ringling Museum after viewing the *Pathless Woods* exhibit, a unique walk through thousands of ribbons hung from the ceiling." Cindy and Lyn also joined Barbara and her husband Bob at a boat-cruise planning class they were taking. The next day Cindy and Lyn drove to

Sanibel Island to spend the last day of their trip in Lyn's gulf-front condo. "It always takes us the full three days of our visit to get caught up on our lives," writes Barbara.

A newsy note from an SMC grad: "Greetings from a Saint Mary's College grad, **Sheila Cronin '71**. Notre Dame's online magazine *The Golden Domer* published my story: 'Remembering Father John J. Cavanaugh.' He was campus chaplain at Saint Mary's when I was a student. You and your classmates might enjoy this story about his legacy." <http://bit.ly/2fLYbDY>.

Elise Meyer — "Nothing at all exciting! Still love my child care at Barre 3 and am visiting cousins in Dallas and Fredericksburg in Texas at end of month."

"What's happening with you?" writes **Janine Renaud Burns**. "My life's full and the family fine but spread out in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Maryland. Sixteen years ago, Dave and I retired and moved from Washington, DC, to Mathews, VA, small, rural, on the Chesapeake Bay, and with NO traffic light in the whole county. I began working with foster families through Social Services and remained part-time five years. Together, we welcomed retirement but the honeymoon was short-lived. Six weeks after Dave stepped back from the rescue squad, he was asked to serve as interim executive director for the Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic. Through 500+ physicians, nurses, dentists, and administrative volunteers, and 22-paid staff, the clinic serves working families with no health insurance in two counties. Dave's doing an amazing job but his up-to-12-hour days are full and he's 73! Dave and I are healthy. Rather than investigate retirement communities, however, we signed a contract to buy another Toronto condo, which will be ready for occupancy in November. Like our first, the space will be small. We're comfortable Torontonians as well as Virginians."

"This is pretty dull stuff," writes **Marianne Spalding Schiavone**. "During the month of March, Dave and I are hosting family and friends in a Ventana Canyon home. One week will be a mini ND reunion with Nick and Eileen Sordi coming from Colorado and Frank and Mary Ann Gaul from the Boston area. Back home in Oak Park we belong to the Inmate Book Club, composed of a dozen people living in our condo building. We have a strong leader, a retired ER physician, who teaches Great Books at a local college and is a Dickens scholar. This past season we read *Nicholas Nickleby* and then *A Christmas Carol*. Of the latter, each of us was asked to embellish the life of the character we were assigned. It was a fun, creative way to discuss the book over dinner. We also watched the old black/white movie version together: fun. We tried an evening of poetry reading/reciting and it was so successful, we plan to make it a staple. Recent personal book recommendations: *The Sympathizer* and *Common Grace*."

Nice note from **Linda Ann Dawson** with a change of address. She stayed in the same building in Camarillo, CA, just moved to a first-floor spot. So wise! "I have no news, really, but I do have a slight address change for the *Courier* mailing label database. The opportunity arose last summer to move to a downstairs apartment here at the same complex, so I took it. I find, however, I really should be walking up and down some stairs each day for the exercise! Now, if I could just get myself to

do that on a regular basis! Thanks for all you do! I definitely always read the 1965 class news section of *Courier*."

From **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell**: "En route now for a week tour in Costa Rica. First real trip since getting sick. Trial balloon! All went perfectly."

"**Regina Parks** and I are going to try to see the ND Glee Club concert on St. Pat's Day. Should be fun!" From **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky**.

Bit of news: **Joan Marskey Slattery** and Bill had dinner with **Sara Johnson Walz** and Nick in Palm Springs and had a great evening.

"My news is that I don't have news! Life is sweet at this time!" **Mary "Junie" Miller Smith**. Junie is in remission from lymphoma.

"Thanks for your birthday wishes," writes **Cathy Haenn Shannon**. "My 73rd birthday was really lovely. A friend brought over lunch and we sat around the kitchen table and just talked for three hours. What fun. Then Tom surprised me by making me my absolutely favorite dinner...prime rib. It was delicious and decadent! Keep your fingers crossed because I am hoping that the orthopedic doctor whom I see tomorrow will give me the OK to get out of the cast that I have been in since Thanksgiving. I think the fracture has finally healed and I can't wait to get back to normal. Even a trip to the grocery store sounds as good to me as a trip to Hawaii. Obviously, the little things you do bring great joy. I hope you are all well and happy."

Carolyn Clark Foster sent news: "Life's still progressing well down here on the NC coast — crazy weather (45 one day, 70 the next, and then we repeat the cycle), but at least nothing to shovel and no floods, so all is well. We're both healthy and are thankful for that and looking forward to ushering in 2017."

Paulette Couere Gamard wrote a note to Lil, who kindly passed it on to me: Her oldest granddaughter is graduating from college. She works half days and likes it. Sent a Christmas photo taken at her mother's 95th birthday party!

"I wanted to mention to everyone that the Saint Mary's Women's Choir performed here in Denver. It was great!" writes **Sheila Flynn Boone**. "I was so sorry to miss **Carla Aderente's** visit to the Denver area. Two days before her arrival, we flew to Amsterdam to begin a river cruise to celebrate our 50th anniversary. The cruise was wonderful; relaxing, visiting beautiful European cities, and cruising past fantastic historic castles all along the three-river route. The Saint Mary's choir just finished a spring break tour here, going from Colorado Springs to Denver and ending in Boulder. We went to the Denver concert, then hosted six choir members for the night. Their concert was wonderful. And it made me so proud to get to know some current students and to see what smart, thoughtful, talented, kind, and FUN young women are attending our alma mater! They all love Saint Mary's and had such good things to say about their professors, the new president, and their opportunities at SMC. (One of the girls who stayed with us is a chemistry major at Saint Mary's and getting her chemical engineering degree from Notre Dame.) They were a real pleasure. One of them is from Lafayette (my hometown) and went to my grade school and graduated from my high school. They all loved looking through my yearbooks and hearing about how things were at Saint Mary's (in the old days)!"

Our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship fund has been updated by the college. The fund distribution in 2016-17 has \$29,300 of funds available and distributed. We have a market value of \$1,131,558.28. We should certainly be proud of this accomplishment that gives tuition assistance to two Saint Mary's students each year.

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Jane McCoach McKee alerted several of her classmates that she saw **Alana McGrattan** on PBS's *Antiques Roadshow* from Albuquerque, NM. An antique dealer interviewed Alana about an 1875 wedding dress that she had brought to the show for evaluation. When Alana was young, her mother bought a chest at a local sale thinking that it contained dress-up clothes for her daughter. At the bottom of the chest was this exquisite 1875 wedding gown. Alana cared for the gown for all those years. The antique dealer estimated that the gown would bring \$1,000-\$2,000 at auction.

Alana chose to donate the beautiful gown to the University of North Texas Archives of Fashion. If you wish to see Alana in person, go to YouTube and search for PBS *Antiques Roadshow* from Albuquerque. Alana appears at the 33-minute marker.

Following Reunion, **Judith Arado Walker** drove from Charleston, SC, to Charlotte, NC, to visit with **Barbara Borchers Bernath**. The two watched the wonderful video of our class as organized by **Pat Hilger Zeigler**. **Elaine Amann Mayeux** joined them for lunch, where Barbara and Elaine talked about the good times at Reunion. Judy had to miss Reunion because of work commitments. Judy is a headhunter for nonprofit organizations in Charleston.

Barbara said that her sister **Bobbie Borchers Flecker '64** came for a visit and they watched the video again. Bobbie recognized herself in one of the photos.

Kate O'Hara Aubert wrote that **Maureen Rodgers Budetti**, **Carol Smither Mansfield**, and **Anne Liess Hoover** joined her for book group at her house in Church Falls, VA. They discussed J.D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy*. The other Saint Mary's graduates in the group are **Mary White '55**, **Denise Cavanaugh '64**, **Gretchen Jennings '65**, and **Marcia Black McMahon '65**. All three Virginians attended our 50th Reunion. It was the first reunion ever for **Anne Liess Hoover**.

Pam Smith Malone is hosting a gathering of **Mary (Dede) Cotter Delaney**, **Mary Dunn Finneran**, **Amy Bertorelli**, **Kathleen Donovan Dur**, **Barbara McCusker Poole**, **Jane McCoach McKee**, **Pat Guccione Conway**, and me in Nashville. We have tickets to the Grand Ole Opry. We plan to bring our cowboy boots and hats.

Several months ago **Amy Bertorelli** gave love a second chance by marrying a third-generation man from Camarillo, CA. Amy, who met her husband, Kurt Pidduck, on Match.com, tied the knot in California with her sons Todd and Wyatt walking her down the aisle. Several of Kurt's grandchildren were

junior bridesmaids and groomsmen. Amy and Kurt honeymooned on a Windstar Cruise to Tahiti.

Carolyn Hart Irvine welcomed a set of twins to her family. Her daughter Amy delivered a beautiful little girl and little boy the first of December 2016. Caroline will miss our mini reunion because another granddaughter will be making her First Communion.

Thanks to the Facebook messages from **Anne Sheehan Garbarino**, our class participated in the SMC Challenge. Anne sent several posts to encourage our classmates in contributing to this outstanding match giving. Saint Mary's reached the goal in donations.

A recent note from **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers** listed that our Class of '66 Endowed Scholarship as of 7/31/16 is \$93,532.10. In addition, Saint Mary's long-term investments are under management by the University of Notre Dame. Congratulations to all our classmates who gave so willingly to establish highly appreciated and needed scholarships to the future students at Saint Mary's College.

Again, thanks to our fearless leaders, **Barbara Borchert Bernath** and **Liz Bermingham Lacy**, who organized the activities for the weekend. They were assisted by the committees, such as the one for the Mass and for the hospitality room. Special thanks to **Pat Hilger Ziegler** for her compilation of the class video.

And to **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers** for leading us beyond our dreams in raising funds that topped our goal.

In early March, my husband and I traveled to Maynooth, Ireland, to visit our granddaughter **Caroline Duffy Kennedy**, who is studying at the University of Maynooth. Caroline is a sophomore at Saint Mary's, who hopes to complete her degree in education. It was a thrill to walk the campus with Caroline and to meet several of her fellow SMC classmates. As we left Ireland, Carolyn flew to Florence to join her twin, Deirdre, an ND sophomore, and her older sister, Casey, a junior at ND, for spring break. The sisters visited Florence and Rome and hiked Cinque Terra before flying back to Dublin for St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Ah, to be young again!

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Virginia Waters writes that she retired from the NYC law department after 30 years of specializing in First Amendment, land use, and landmark preservation cases, notably protecting the landmark status of Broadway theaters; she also handled the case about the mosque at Ground Zero. She volunteers one day a week in the library of the local school attended by the children of her niece Beth (daughter of **Joan Waters Dunfey**). It is very convenient that Beth lives on the same block. She goes to the beach at the Rockaways several times a week during the summer and in the winter goes to Fort Lauderdale for a month. She has traveled with her family to Montreal, Quebec, St. Augustine, Savannah, Charleston, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Santa Fe, and San Antonio. After a very troubled

adolescence, her son James has settled down and is now a junior in the construction management program at SUNY Delhi. She belongs to two book groups, one for 40 years, and reads quite a lot. She serves on the board of her neighborhood association in Victorian Flatbush and runs the annual Halloween parade, which serves about 400 children. Her retirement has been great except for a fall from a kitchen stool, which caused a fracture of a vertebra. Two surgeries later, she is still having back problems.

I also received a reply from **Teresa Menke Hargrave** that mysteriously disappeared from my Google mail. So I wrote back to her asking that she resend the message. Terry wrote that this may well be the first news she sent since I became class reporter; she hasn't been good about responding to the call for class news in these last years. In a nutshell, her news is that she just became an associate professor with Golden Standard Honors and will become an associate professor emeritus in September, i.e., she is retiring. She got a late start in academe as her most important career has been the launching of her kids, three of whom now live on the West Coast: one actor turning lawyer, one potter-social worker, one nearly doctor. Her oldest fortunately lives in Buffalo with his wife and they are going to have her first grandchild in May. Kip (ND '67) and Terry reside happily in Syracuse, NY, and plan to spend a lot of time in Buffalo and on the West Coast, more time riding their bikes, more time gardening, and more time than they'd like working for justice in the present political situation.

She wrote the last sentence somewhat tongue in cheek and struggled how to phrase it. But she woke up the next morning with the conclusion that she should be franker about the distress that she, her family, and friends are feeling due to what has happened to us as a nation in electing the current president, House and Senate, and the mood across the country. Since college, everything she and her husband Kip have done has been dedicated to bringing about both locally and globally a more caring, just, and peaceful world. They thought they knew our country and that for which it stands. But they now have to work much harder for the voiceless children, refugees who are not yet citizens, the plants and animals, and working people who can't afford decent health insurance, Affordable Care Act or not. She could go on and on. She thought she was going to push in retirement for what has become her niche in pediatrics and child and adolescent psychiatry: prevention and treatment of perinatal anxiety and depression. The niche has changed and pushed her to call her congressman on a daily basis, write and sign petitions, go to and speak out at meetings, and form a "huddle" in her living room. She sees the society we envisioned in the Sixties as now so much farther away. Her present perspective is that all these seem a call again to all of us to put our faith into action. She sees that these days it's like she is two people: the everyday one and the really worried one. Including both parts better addresses the reality of what life is like for her these days.

Mary "Zip" Largey Basile wrote to Kathy to feel free to share with our classmates when she saw them for the Reunion Committee meeting that she went through her four years of SMC scrapbooks and found several of their wedding invitations as

well as other such key "formal" dance invitations and campaign memorabilia from class officer elections. She saved some of these memorabilia thinking it would be fun to sort through them at our 50th Reunion. (I have also come upon a few such memorabilia, including the sign out/in record for one of the dorms. Anyone remember "bolting"?)

Claire Callahan Johannesen hosted a luncheon at Shadow Wood Country Club in Bonita Springs. **Mary Kay Duffy Gott '66** is a 50th year Reunion consultant to this group.

The group included **Barbara Gibson South, Claire Callahan Johannesen, Mary Jo Day Knauf, Harriett Hillebrand Cronin, Maureen Murphy Sheehan, Ann "Mimi" Banovic Mika, Vera "Penny" Wingeier Sullivan, Karen Huisking Coffey, Kathleen Huisking Sullivan, Rosie Van Gelderen Lyons, Christine Gott Dickemper, and Mary Donoghue Brueggan.**

Kathy Huisking Sullivan writes: We are in the planning stages for our Reunion.

Several '68 classmates have met in the Naples/Bonita Springs area, reminiscing about our SMC years and planning our 50th Reunion, which will be May 31–June 3, 2018. We would appreciate any help or suggestions from our classmates, and any ideas for a speaker for our class, which will be Friday during the day.



Alumnae from the Class of 1968 joined together at a luncheon hosted by **Claire Callahan Johannesen** in Bonita Springs.

We have a BBQ just for our class, on Thursday evening, May 31. Our class Mass is in the Le Mans chapel on Friday night, followed by our class dinner with President Jan Cervelli in Stapleton Lounge.

Ann "Mimi" Banovic Mika brought a picture from our 10th Reunion to one of our luncheons. It doesn't seem possible that almost 40 years have elapsed since then.

Kathy Huisking Sullivan is the Reunion Gift Giving Chairman, and **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin** is the Planning Chairman. We have a fabulous committee and everyone is enthusiastic about returning to Saint Mary's next year. Our theme is "Embrace Our Future."

The following committee members want to plan a unique Reunion for all of us to enjoy, and we would love to have more classmates with us. **Karen Huisking Coffey, Claire Callahan Johannesen, Barbara Gibson South, Vera "Penny" Wingeier Sullivan, Ann "Mimi" Banovic Mika, Fran Farrell Callahan, Maureen Murphy Sheehan, Christine Gott Dickemper, Rosie Van Gelderen Lyons, Mary Donoghue Brueggan, Mary Jo Day Knauf, Amy Borchers Ewert, Susan Dickey Smith, Mary "Zip" Largey Basile, Mary Bartlett Wolf, Jane Evans Schaffler, Peggy O'Connor, Judy Donofrio Culcasi, Francie Russell,**

Karen O'Donnell Thorpe, Susan Deddish Mazilauskas, Nancy Root Smith, Gwynne Morgan, Maggie Sullivan Slankas, Angela Maynard Sewall, and Donna de Manbey Boynton.

Claire Callahan Johannesen wrote the day after the kickoff luncheon for our southwest Florida snowbirds, where she enjoyed visiting with 12 of our classmates including **Kathy Huisking Sullivan, Karen Huisking Coffey, Rosie Van Gelderen Lyons, Maureen Murphy Sheehan, Nancy Root Smith, Christine Gott Dickemper, Amy Borchers Ewert, and Ann "Mimi" Banovic Mika**, who drove down from the Orlando area. They are looking forward to other classmates arriving in February and March and planned luncheons for Friday, February 17, in Bonita Springs and Friday, March 3, in Naples. Of course, talk at these gatherings always gets to our 50th Reunion and **Kathy Huisking Sullivan** shared with the group some thoughts about planning. She asked that we all help in spreading the word to any classmates who would be in the area at that time or who might want to plan a trip to join the group. There was lots of talk about the BIG 50th in 2018. One idea was to have all our classmates read the same book in preparation for a review/discussion at Reunion. Rosie suggested we read *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. By their next luncheon, some will have read it and offer a way to decide. Claire loved the book; a short, quick read, but certainly with food for thought! We did use the book review for a past Reunion. That discussion led to sharing our experiences of trying to care for our elderly parents; this was the basis for our pre-Reunion discussion of the topic using the book written by **Gwynne Morgan**. The March 3 gathering was at Cooper's Hawk Winery in Naples, FL. In addition to the regulars, they were thrilled that **Francie Russell, Fran Farrell Callahan, Jane Evans Schaffler, and Karen O'Donnell Thorpe** were in town and able to join the group. Claire presented an open invitation to any Belle '68 who may happen to find herself in beautiful southwest Florida on March 3 and asked that her email be forwarded to any classmates who would like to stay in the luncheon loop.

I thought there was a luncheon when I was in Florida for a conference. I briefly considered renting a car to travel to join the group but decided otherwise after learning that I would have had a three-hour, one-way drive. Florida is a very big state!

Apologies to **Sally Blackley Clemmer and Ginny Ward**, who did respond to the call for class news but whose emails also mysteriously disappeared from my gmail account. I did send both a personal email asking that the original email be resent but as of this writing, have not received a reply from Sally or Ginny. Sally was likely reporting on the travels planned by her and Dayne and perhaps that she is hoping to get out to campus for one Notre Dame home game and our intermittent mini reunion. Of course, any Belles on campus for the game are welcome to join us with undoubtedly more talk of Reunion.

Sally Blackley Clemmer wrote that she and Dayne continue to enjoy retirement and cruising. Come May, they are off to Japan, with stops in Tokyo, Sapporo, and Hakodate, and one port in Russia, completely unpronounceable. Back to Vancouver and a couple of nights in Seattle to see

the Boeing Assembly Plant, and they will finish the Asian trip. Knowing Sally, more trips are planned, with the river cruise in December (this will remind me of winters in South Bend) to the Christmas markets. Hopefully, Dayne and I can get together with Richard and Betty for a football game this fall. Sally also reminds us that our 50th is coming up and urges all of us make the effort to attend so our class can have a large percentage turnout.

Regardless of what we plan, one special benefit of our 50th is the use of golf carts to get to and from the available lodging at the campus hotel.

Mea culpa if I have overlooked any other messages. Several Belles '68 have asked to join our FB group and, of course, all are welcome. I did not try to include any of the information or photos posted there unless a specific request was made. So please, continue to send any news to econprofessor@gmail.com.



Blast from the past: Photo of the Class of 1968 at their 10 year class reunion in 1978 to now at their 45 year class reunion in 2013

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Hello, dear classmates! While many of us are retired, I did hear from **Pat Frazier**, who lives in Ithaca, NY, and she is still working two days/week. More importantly, I am so happy to also report that she is feeling well and is cancer-free!

Lynn Foss Jones and husband, Bob, continue to enjoy a growing family and while living in CO, spend a lot of time in Chicago. They added two new grandsons in the past year, bringing their count to four boys and seven girls!

Janet Krueger and husband, Bruce, very happily joined the grandparents' club. She wrote that they welcomed their first grandchild, writing, "Claire's daughter Oona (Gaelic for 'lamb') was born on September 13, 2016. When Claire had to return to her teaching position in early December, Bruce and I began our adventures in "Oona Care" 10 hours a day/five days a week! She is the light of our lives!" I'm not quite sure how Janet does it, but she has somehow carved out some hours somewhere and is now also using her sewing skills to make very sweet baby bibs, is acquiring a stash of fabrics, and was approached by a woman at a store who wanted to place an order!

News came from **Barbara Morris Woodroof** who reported, "Just enjoying life in Texas with our cows and dogs. Volunteer at SVDP food pantry and am on the local county college foundation board. My mother passed away in December at the age of 93."

Congratulations are in order for **Katharine "K.T." Cannon-Eger** and husband, Bill, who successfully worked on a very special project. She sent me a report on their work. "The new US Postal Service Priority Mail postage stamp is a centennial project of Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens four years in the making. Each year, more than 50,000 proposals for stamps are received. Approximately a dozen are selected each year as commemoratives. Only one idea becomes a Priority Mail or Express Mail stamp. The Lili'uokalani Gardens Priority Mail stamp marks the centennial of the beginning of this well-known and heavily used cultural landscape. It is the first time a Hilo locale appears on a US stamp and the first time a Japanese garden is featured on a US stamp. The process of answering research questions, proofreading draft text, and providing local contact information went on nearly a year. On December 28, 2016, we heard the news. It was official at last. The stamp would be issued in 2017. What a great New Year's present for Hilo, for Lili'uokalani Gardens' centennial, and for Japanese gardens everywhere. The stamp was designed by art director Greg Breeding with an illustration by Dan Cosgrove of Chicago based on a photo by Bill Eger. The dedication event was held in late January."

My husband, Roy, and I recently completed a two-week drive to Florida, visiting friends along the way there and back here to North Carolina. While in Naples, I was delighted to spend a wonderful lunch visit with my goddaughter Meredith Reid Odle, daughter of my roommate **Bev Pagorski Reid** and her husband, Don. We are now looking forward to a visit from another roommate from our sophomore year when I was in a huge quad on the front of Holy Cross Hall. **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** and her husband, Dan, are coming here for a visit next week!

At the risk of repeating myself, I want to reiterate that I usually send out group emails to about 20-25 classmates, asking for a few sentences updating us on where you live, what you do, and any news of classmates that you'd be willing to share. I work from an email list I have from the College. I usually get only four or five responses. If you have not updated the College with your current email, I cannot reach you. I do see many of you active on Facebook, but I never share that information in this column unless you've given me your permission. I am ALWAYS happy to hear from you, anytime of the year. I will save your news in my class column file to submit when I write our news, which is three times/year — April, August, and December. Please don't feel that you have to wait to be approached for news by me. Send me an email or snail mail, and I'll include it in our next column. THANKS! God bless! Joyce

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Carol Henninger Cousineau wrote, "I just retired last May, although I still order books for our

family's store from home. The business has been around for almost a hundred years and, with our two sons now involved, is in its fourth generation. I'm currently weighing options for volunteer work, although three of my four children, and eight of the nine grandchildren, are within a 40-minute drive. Busy-ness is built in. We spend much of the summer at a cottage on Chautauqua Lake in New York, and winters here in Cleveland, a balance I enjoy.

Shirley Johnson Morand, Berne Volpe Mitsch, Chris Herrick Baasten, Marilyn Becker Porcino, Mary Patt Glass, Mary Ellen Burke, Chris Balousek Dixon, and I had a mini reunion in May at Saint Mary's. Berne missed our official Reunion last year so Shirley organized this get-together to give Berne some Saint Mary's time with her college friends.

I have been busy with wedding plans as my daughter Tricia (ND '06) married Diego Rich in Lexington, KY, on April 22. So the mini reunion sounds great. I will be seeing **Maureen Walsh Fender '72** and her husband, Ed, at the wedding.

Please send news!

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When you read this issue of *Courier*, Reunion will be over. I hope that I can report that our class gift was amazing and a winner! No matter what, I know it will have been a fabulous, happy event for all who made it.

So the first part of this column is news that I received before April. **Ann Stringer Braly** sent the photo of the '72 and '74 cheerleaders who get together every fall for a Notre Dame football game. The photo was taken last September during the weekend of the ND-Michigan State game at **Kristan Parseghian Humbert's** home. Pictured left to right are **Kristan Parseghian Humbert '74, Terri Buck Lewallen, Mary Kraft Shanahan '74, Liz Sowada Linner '74, Rooney Frailey Russell '73, Ann Stringer Braly, Carol Cullen Lydiatt '73, Missy McCrary Gray, and Anne Cisle Murray '74.**



1972 and 1974 cheerleaders who get together every fall for a Notre Dame football game

Pam Seifert emailed after I contacted her about our Reunion gift and Reunion. She is a retired architect and a new grandma! Congratulations! Pam and husband, Steve Harvey (ND '72), live in the San Francisco Bay Area, where they have been since 1972.

I had a good catch-up email from **Mimi O'Shaughnessy Schroeder**, who spent a fun-filled four days with **Barb Roman Walsh** at Barb's Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, cottage. They have not seen each other for 35 years so there was a lot to talk about! They also jumped waves, climbed up lighthouses — and even closed down a few bars! Barb is a retired school teacher and enjoys visits with her son Tommy (ND '01) in Chicago, daughter Marie (ND '03), and granddaughter in New Jersey. Unfortunately, Barb's husband, Tom (ND '69, '73), passed away in 2011. Mimi only spent two years at SMC but said they were important to her and remembered fondly. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin and now lives in Atlanta with husband, Bob. She operates a boutique public relations firm for authors and publishers called Max Communications, www.maxbookpr.com. Barb's email is bromanwalsh@gmail.com and Mimi's is mimi@maxbookpr.com.

Sheila Cronin '71 sent me a link to a wonderful story she wrote about Father John Cavanaugh. It was published in *The Golden Domes*, Notre Dame's online magazine. Many of you might remember Father Cavanaugh from his time as chaplain at Saint Mary's and will enjoy the story. Sheila can be reached at Sheila.giftcounselorbook@gmail.com and the link is <http://bit.ly/2f1YbDY>.

Vicki Mech Hester is being treated for duodenum cancer and lymphocytic leukemia. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our 45th Reunion was so spectacular that it almost left me speechless! Luckily, I said almost! Catching up with wonderful classmates, seeing the remarkable changes on campus, laughing, talking and talking — the afterglow took forever to fade. My BIG news is our amazing Reunion gift award trifecta. We won the highest class gift to the annual fund, highest class gift to the college, and the highest number of legacies in the Mother Pauline Society.

Anne Pryser Leary and I thank our proactive, hard-working Reunion Gift Committee of **Pat Corn Andre, Susan Combs Dampeer, Mary Lou Gorno, Claire Mignelli Hughes, Lydia Haggar Novakov, Terrie McLaughlin Patterson, Ann Marie Tracey, Mary (Kate) Berney Werring, Mary (Susie) Johnson, and Linda Dougherty.** And we thank all of you for your generosity in making our class real winners. The crowning moment came when **Susan Scherer Calandra** was given the well-deserved Distinguished Alumna Award.

We missed those who had conflicts. **Amy Alsopiedy Ward** flew to California to meet her first grandson. **Ann Marie Tracey** went to the opposite coast, Washington, DC, to assist her daughter who was having her fourth child. **Rosemary (Ronie) Rogers Madden** was traveling in Ireland, and **M. Gloria (Daisy) Duckworth Davis**, in Africa. Another new grandma, **Marilyn Lehmann Scagnelli** flew to Tampa after Reunion to spend time with new twin granddaughters. And there were many more of you.

Thanks for a great Reunion! Look for more updates in later columns!

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Since June of 1990, my three college roommates, **Mary Jo Geffert Lahr, Terry Trenor Wilkins, Mary Ann Weis Fenimore,** and I have gathered together, at least once a year, at various destinations. It's a great time to share laughs and catch up on each other's lives. It's hard to believe that we've known each other 47 years — and counting!



Mary Jo Geffert Lahr, Terry Trenor Wilkins, Mary Ann Weis Fenimore, and Peg FitzGibbons Higgins in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL — Mary Ann's home.

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Hey classmates...let me hear from you... really...there is NO NEWS in your life? You can't be THAT boring!

I did the ND-Nevada game in September 2016; many laughed at me in advance saying they were going to "better" games later in the season. Ha! One of the few victories, fun tailgate party with family and friends of family, but alas no classmates from '74. Here's to a better 2017 season.

I visited with **Carol Longo Kaupp** and her husband, Phil, in their beautiful home in Dana Point, CA, last December, only to find they were shortly moving to a new home. Why would anyone leave this lovely home, I thought? Until I saw their new location with a deck overlooking the Pacific. So lovely, so happy for Phil and Carol.

Then in February, I visited with **Jeannelle Naquin Brady** and husband, Brian (ND '74), in Bonita Springs, FL. They are doing extremely well, have a very full social and family calendar. They had recently completed a family trip with some of their grandchildren to Disney World and were shortly heading to the Turks and Caicos Islands with more children and grandchildren in late March.

During that same trip, I shared a fun lunch with **M. Janet Caldemeyer** and her husband, Rick, and **Natalie Dwyer-Haller**. We met up at my condo in Fort Myers Beach and had one of our 10-hour lunches that evolved into a late dinner and drinks. So much fun laughing and catching up. Janet and Rick's daughter Norah was nominated one of the 10 most beautiful women in Dallas, which takes into account not just her good looks but her community service. Their son Pierce is in Dallas, too. Janet and Rick are helping Pierce and his wife completely redo

their home, tearing out walls, floors, and all. We mulled retirement options amongst us all. I'm sure you have similar thoughts?

Years ago I threatened to make up stories about my classmates who don't write in. I may revive that threat. Feel free to reach out to me at jbirkettct@yahoo.com.

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From Bangkok, **Leslie Wilson** reports that all is well as she enters her fourth year as Asia Regional Coordinator for Church World Service (<http://cws-asia.org>) working for grassroots development and humanitarian relief with teams in Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar (Burma), Timor-Leste, and Vietnam. She also has had the time, finally, to read three dozen replies to Marianne's early 2016 class survey and notes these highlights from many classmates.

But first here are Facebook updates from Leslie's first-year roommates: In Columbus, OH, **Mary (Patti) Organ Dunn** retired from hospital administration a few years ago and is working in oncology research (cancer clinical trials). She writes, "My three grown children are in Chicago and LA. We have had many ND grads and one soon to be SMC grad in my immediate and extended family. And, I have two adorable grandchildren, to date."

Joining Patti, and many other classmates, in loving being a grandmother is **Mary Angyus McLaughlin** who writes, "My four grown daughters are all over the country, and we got together in Colorado in March and had a great time. I'm glad my two grandsons live nearby; I enjoy hanging out with them while I decide to retire from my return to med tech work a few years back."

In survey responses, **Kathryn Crumley Horning** reminds us that she is executive director of the St. Jude League, which is part of the Claretian Initiative (tCI), which is a network of community development programs in high-poverty urban neighborhoods, and that she is also a member of the Regional Advisory Board of the City Southwest division of Chicago Catholic Charities.

From Tell City, IN, **Mary Jo Cinnamon Borders** writes to say she's an adjunct instructor at Owensboro Community College in Owensboro, KY, presumably related to her master's degree in education from Loyola College. She mentioned her grown sons, Thomas and Patrick, and her husband, Bill.

Sending greetings from Connecticut and recalling very fond SMC memories, **Megan Dore van Eyck** writes to remind us that she is the mother of three grown children, married to Robert, and a teacher's assistant and swimming instructor. Also in Connecticut is **Lisa Clifford Gorski**, who is busy being retired from teaching by being involved in the home schooling community, volunteering at her church, and with hours of quilting and sewing.

She has three grown children with her ND husband, Glenn Gorski.

Our third Connecticut classmate is **Sheila Rafferty Civalo**, who is a pre-K through 12 district STEM coordinator for Greenwich Public Schools and married to Cosmo Civalo, with whom she has two grown children, Noreen and Sean.

Finally in New England is **Chris St. Peter McGree**, who is a third grade teacher in Walpole and mother to six grown children and, so far, three grandchildren. She notes enviable winter travel to Key West and summers in Cape Cod along with ND football game outings with her husband, Thomas.

Moving down the East Coast, **Mary Anne Murphy Benedict** writes from Binghamton, NY, to mention singing, walking, traveling, and ND sports spectating as interests, the last being made easy by having a condo in South Bend. Mary Anne mentioned that she and Bill have a son, their third child and second ND graduate, working at ND with the Crossroads Project.

Linda Tempel lives in Brooklyn and is a nonprofit exec with Heart Share Human Services of New York, a half-marathon runner, and mother of two grown daughters. I (Leslie) have been lucky to reconnect, from long ago and far away Le Mans Hall Third Annex, with Linda and with **Sandy VanGilder** in New York City, where Sandy lives and works in her second career as a professional coach, particularly in the banking industry. Sandy is also a Facebook friend, so I am up to date on her two daughters and two new granddaughters, and her husband, Dave Rust (ND '76).

Another Facebook friend is **Madeleine McLean Longano**, whose teaching career (also a second one) as a public school teacher in Washington, DC, is a source of inspiration to me, along with her frequent travel to Rome with Don Longano (ND '76) and their three kids! Madeleine gives a "shout out" to **Portia Anne Prebys '66** for inspiring us all to love Rome, and I know there are many of us who join Madeleine in this gratitude.

Rosemary Barnes Kern is in Flemington, NJ, and is a manager/counselor at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. Besides being the mother of three grown children, including Stephanie, an ND graduate, Rosemary is involved in the Marriage Ministry and Catholic Engaged Encounter team at her family's parish and the diocese. Her husband is Stephen Kern (ND '75).

Elizabeth Costello Belthoff notes that she is a retired pediatric nurse practitioner and...mom of five, including **Meaghan Mary Belthoff '10!** Beth also notes time spent volunteering in church and community, and involvement with her kids' sports, including her youngest, who was finishing high school about this time last year.

From Atlanta, GA, **Judith Hawes Klemperer** checked in to say she is "not currently working," is married to Leslie Klemperer, and mother to Andrew and David, who are in their late 20s now.

And, two classmates wrote from Florida: **Lisa Hagen Karpowicz** from Naples notes that her daughter and son, with Paul (ND '75), are both ND graduates, and **Nell Frewin-Hays** from Lake Placid, where she works in public communications for the Highland County Sheriff's Office, and is also still teaching golf and still a member of both the PGA and LPGA, having been elected to the latter's

Teaching and Club Professional Hall of Fame a few years back. Wow!

Due to length requirements, we were not able to include all of the news received from our surveys. If you do not see news from your survey here, it will be included in our column in the fall issue!

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I hope to see many of you next summer for our 40th class Reunion; it is truly hard to believe since we don't even look or feel 40 yet, right?! I hope that you will send me family updates and photos for our class submission. Thank you.

Facebook can be a wonderful way to stay in touch. I have been fortunate to stay in touch with Marisa Anna Brown, the late **Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown's** beautiful daughter. We connect on the anniversary of Maria's death and birthdays. She was sweet enough to give me the following update. "I graduated from High Point University in North Carolina in 2013. I get back to Rhode Island at least twice a year to see my dad, Charlie, and family. My dad is enjoying the retired life. He is a part of a book club and widower's club, which keeps him somewhat busy. I'm a theatre teacher at an elementary school in central Florida. We both hope to visit the Saint Mary's campus soon to see her tree and the school. Thanks for letting everyone know! It makes me happy to know she is thought of still by all of you."

Brigid Rafferty wrote: "I have lived and worked in Chicago since 1978, always in the writing field. I'm a senior communication consultant at an employee benefits/HR consulting firm. For several years I also worked part-time teaching English as a second language to immigrants. As a Chicagoan, I'm lucky to hang with SMC '78 friends **Barbara Holihan Cockrell**, **Sharon Pocus Black**, **Colleen Clucas Wilcox**, and **Maura Murrhly**. I am looking forward to traveling for two weeks in Spain this spring with friends."

My husband, George, and I belong to the same parish as the DeCrane-Panzica family. It has been nice to see the entire family from time to time. At Christmas Mass, Donna walked in and said that the entire family with all eight grandkids would be in church that morning and that they were "positively giddy." The joy was palpable. Donna reported: "**Donna DeCrane Panzica '78** and Tim Panzica (ND '77) have four children who graduated from Notre Dame (Meredith '03, '05; Michael '05; Matthew '06; Craig '08). A few years after all were out of college, three of our four children were married within eight months. The following year, our first three grandchildren were born within eight weeks. Now all four of our children are married and we have eight grands, the oldest are the three 3-year-olds. Family gatherings are the most beautiful mayhem imaginable. After working 30 years as a builder, Tim is now an independent consultant on building projects. He loves what he's doing and is working more and longer hours than he ever has in his life. So much for slowing down in retirement. For over 10 years, I have been tutoring

children who have dyslexia. I thoroughly enjoy the challenge of discovering each one's learning style and the satisfaction of each student's achievement. A couple of years ago we started going back and forth from Cleveland to Florida during the winter. We stay long enough to satisfy our need for sunshine but can't stay away from the grandkids for too long. They are the joy of our life."

This is from **Sharon Pocus Black**: "There is something really great about longtime friends, especially SMC friends! My SMC classmates **Maura Murrihy, Brigid Rafferty, Colleen Clucas Wilcox,** and I manage to get together twice a year or so. This past visit we discovered a Chicago treasure — the artsy and splendid Driehaus Museum on Erie and Michigan. Congrats to Colleen who has earned the title of *Chicago Magazine* Five Star Realtor."

Joan Obiala McFadden and **Beth Welch** had a long weekend get-together in Naples this March celebrating turning 60 before they turn 61! Jody's triplets (Patrick, Bridget, and Maureen) and Elizabeth's youngest (John) all turned 30 this February. Elizabeth reported that Jody looks the same as ever! I have been lucky enough to see Beth myself as of late and she looks the same as always, beautiful.

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Sorry to report that the only news from the Class of 1981 is sad. **Lisa Obry** passed away suddenly on April 6, 2017. Lisa was a government major from Toms River, NJ, where she returned to live and work after graduation. She was a great classmate, roommate, neighbor, and friend and we'll miss her.

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Anne Becker writes: "Several from our class gathered in New York at the end of February; it was an unofficial reunion of those who lived on Regina North 2 our freshman year, or as we affectionately called it, Zoo-2. From Chicago we had **Patty Eder Pickett, Michele Brennan DiCanio, Robin Renee Fortman, and Tracee Hargreaves Hicks. Betsy Cronan Malkus** came in from St. Louis (via Palm Beach), **Maura O'Neil Kahn** took the train up from DC, and **Sue Kelly Rains** came from Athens, GA. I flew in from Indianapolis, where I have been living since law school. It was a short but whirlwind visit. We had hoped to get together with our freshman year RA, **Adriana Maria Trigiani '81** (now bestselling author), and her sister, **Toni Giovanna Trigiani '82**, who also lived on our floor. We were so sorry to miss them but unfortunately we couldn't meet up due to schedule conflicts. All of us looked fabulous (of course) and we had so much fun, including making new friends with taxi drivers and tour guides (who also said we looked fabulous!). It was a bit brisk with a minus-zero wind

chill so we plan to meet up again next year in a warmer locale with a few more who couldn't join us this year. I am in Indianapolis as a director with the law firm Lewis Kappes. My husband, Carl Pebworth, and I have three teenagers. Our oldest two, Hugh and Maggie, are at Brebeuf Jesuit and we have been touring colleges with Hugh, who also plays baseball. He just became an Eagle Scout so it is a busy time. Our youngest, Charlie, is a seventh grader at St. Richard's Episcopal. **Kelly Frances Craven** just moved from DC to Indianapolis to work for the new Indiana attorney general as senior advisor. Our offices are across the street from each other and we've been able to meet up for lunch often."

Ann Simonaitis LeRose is a human resource specialist for the city of Elmhurst, IL, having been in the field for 17 years. Her son Claude Jr. "is married to a lovely young lady, Emily (a speech pathologist), lives in the Detroit area, and is a fourth-year resident in a DDS-MD oral maxillofacial residency program. My daughter Catherine is a University of Pittsburgh-graduated dentist, working with her dad, Claude Sr., in Libertyville, IL, and married to my wonderful son-in-law Slaton Hoffner, a dental anesthesiologist. I have a faithful companion in long-time friend Jim Yarbrough and enjoy work, family and friends. I send my Saint Mary's friends many thanks for the wonderful years a long time ago when we all shared great, and sometimes challenging, times together! Also, a special thank you to **Mary 'Kitty' McCormack Picchietti**, who has been a faith-filled friend these past five years while I have recovered from some significant medical issues. Here is to another 20-plus years of sharing our stories together through *Courier*."

Karen Love and her husband, Ramon, live in Atlanta, where they recently celebrated 25 years of marriage. They have four children and one grandchild.

Julie Schatz writes that **Mary Sweeney** got married to Dr. Mark Yeager in Charlottesville, VA, in October of 2015. "It was beautiful and after being a single mom to her two daughters for many years, I was happy to see her so happy." Julie's twins, Anna and Jim, started college last fall. "Not a bit of empty nest sadness. My husband and I are loving the freedom and space. The difficult times were the six months leading up to their departure, knowing they would be leaving."

From **Jane Van Gilder Vosters**: "Like thousands of women around the world, **Beth Ferstel Strotman, Mary Laue Iberle,** and I met up on January 21. We marched from our cars to Tina's Italian Bake Shop in Gurnee, IL, and when it was time to go, we protested that we weren't finished enjoying each other's company yet! We talked about Mary's son Tim's wedding in December 2016; Beth had provided some of her gourmet B Sweet Cookies for the reception. Beth also baked and decorated beautiful cookies for my daughter's (**Jennifer Anne Vosters '16**) graduation from Saint Mary's in May 2016. We plan to bring our march to Milwaukee next time!"

'84 From the Courier Office

Our office received word from the family of **Cathleen Noonan Johnson**, alerting us of her passing on June 11, 2017. They would also like you to know that they will be placing her ashes at the

Notre Dame cemetery in late June or early July. If anyone wishes to pay respects there, they are more than welcome.

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This has been the year for reconnecting with SMC '85ers, and here is what they have shared.

My former summer bar buddy **Celeste Alleva Milne's** life has changed quite a bit recently, as husband Bob retired early from the Flint, MI, school system and bought the Frankenmuth Driving School. They sold their house in four days and bought a new house in Cheboygan, MI. They simultaneously moved in to her mom and dad's garage apartment, as her mom has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and dad really needed the help. Her son James got married the week after they moved, son Luke has a good job with Ann Arbor Huron High School, and youngest Mitch will be a senior at the University of Michigan. Celeste notes that the only thing the same since she and I last connected is their dog Rowdy!

I also connected through Facebook with **Jodie Spitali**. She emailed, saying she was in beautiful Atlanta and visiting dear SMC '85 "sisters" **Julianne Keigher Lange** and **Christine Smith Moran**! She shared that it's been at least 15–20 years since their last together time, and further shared that in that time there have been many moves, more children, a new husband (for her), children marrying, and many more profound life experiences for us all, yet it was as if we saw each other yesterday! Jodi currently lives on beautiful Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands! She and her husband Daniel own and operate a VRBO guesthouse called The Eagle Ridge Guesthouse in Eastsound, WA — a little slice of heaven and a dream come true! Visitors welcome! She has three children, James, 28, a paramedic/firefighter in Denver, Andy, 23, and Emily, 20, who are both attending college in Washington. "Life is rich and full of blessings! Sending love to all of you! I would love to hear from anyone called to get in touch! Jodispitali@gmail.com."



Julianne Keigher Lange, Jodi Spitali, and Christine Smith Moran.

Another recent connection took place because of Facebook, but in a different manner. It turns out that **Lisa Ann Edwards** and I are both professional coaches and were in a global program together. She saw my posts in the Facebook program group and reached out. We have been in touch since, and I'm actually enrolled in an ROI coaching program for coaches. After having lived in her home state of

Iowa for some time after graduation, she moved west to Oregon and now calls Seattle home. She is truly a world traveler, sharing her ROI coaching expertise in places like Kuwait (not as much now because of world events), across Europe, and here in the States. Lisa shared that she had reconnected with **Maggie O'Connell Thelen**, and I was able to reach out to her for an update as well. Maggie shares that her daughter **Arianna Thelen Myler '15** graduated from SMC, with a marriage to ND grad Christian Myler at the end of 2015. Her son Connor is working on his PhD at the University of Dayton and is involved in neuroscience research. Maggie celebrated her 31st wedding anniversary in July and recently retired as principal in a public elementary school system. She's now applying all she learned in her role as a consultant in educational technology!

After a visit to NYC for vacation and seeing the Emily Dickinson exhibit at the Morgan Library, I thought of fellow English major **Annie Gallagher Connors**. **Kathy Conley Taiclet** shared an update from Annie herself, who says: "All good in the Connors household. Jeff and I are still status quo — happily married, plugging along in the same jobs, and still in the same house that Jeff grew up in! It's a lot quieter these days, down to three kids, two old cats, and one Russian tortoise." Seeing this news, I'm wondering at this point if any other SMC '85ers have a Russian tortoise! That does seem like a very current pet in these times. She continues: "Margaret, 23, is working for Spring Venture Group in Kansas City, MO, and LOVES Kansas City; Tessie, 22, is a school counseling major at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA; Brendan, 20, is a sophomore at Villanova and Marine ROTC, recovering from VU's March Madness loss; Jimmy, 19, is a freshman chemistry major at Creighton, enjoying the Midwest college experience of friends from everywhere!" She said that she is just trying to keep Jack, 15, off PlayStation long enough to do homework; Juliette, 14, is really ready to finish middle school this year. Annie said she was so fortunate to meet up with SMC friends **Peggy Pecjak Golden**, **Maria Gschwind Horvath**, and **Ann Goldkamp Lamb** in November. Peggy and Maria showed Ann and me around their amazing city of Cleveland, and what a great time we had! Hope to see a bigger group of SMCers sometime soon!

From **Kathy Conley Taiclet**: "I'm on the Madeleva Society steering committee with **Colleen Flynn Roohan** (thanks for your commitment ladies!), so I saw her recently at SMC. Colleen was on her way with Ed and son Eddie to visit her daughter Sheila (a junior at ND), who's studying in the London program. Colleen still enjoys being a nurse, working with geriatric patients — getting closer to that ourselves! My family is doing well. David Jr. is living and working in Los Angeles; Jack is in the Navy and stationed in San Diego, and he is currently deployed. Prayers are accepted! Dorie is finishing up junior year at ND and is premed. Youngest Claire is graduating from Visitation High School in St. Louis, and is deciding on colleges right now. Dave and I are busy and looking forward to traveling the country to see our kids once we have an empty nest!"

Also, **Mary Elizabeth Blaha Doyle** shared with Kathy that she is feeling blessed, with a new grandson who entered the world at 9 lbs. 7 oz. and named John Clayton. **Ann Goldkamp Lamb** lives

near me and I see her often. She is being treated for breast cancer. She is doing OK with the treatments but she would love prayers.

Teresa McGinnis Wharton put together a softball reunion of sorts at SMC, and at the time of this writing it was going to happen soon.

And in other news, after 17 years together with my partner, I've now gotten married, so there's that. :)

More than 30 years out from graduation, it's still great to hear about the journeys of so many of you, and I'm happy to share them here. Send any additional news through FB if you'd like, or to Laineyisnow@gmail.com, and I'll pass it along. Blessings!

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Hard to believe that our 30th Reunion is next year and we all have crossed the bridge into our 50s. A couple of Belles were able to spend our time together this February celebrating the last of our friends to turn 50: **Colleen Siegel Stickell**, **Shawn Rhodes Finnan**, **Anne Williard Armstrong**, **Maria Kelty Candelaria**, and **Amanda Falvey Conmy**. We definitely missed **Lori Marie Hutchings**, who just moved to Northern California for a new job with American Hospice.

Sarah Rauh Cole says: "Life is good in Wabash, IN! My dad turns 90 and we will all get together for a big celebration (I have five brothers and four sisters, so it will be a big party!) This summer, I will be teaching driver's education and picking blackberries for a local farmer."

Nicole Bonacci Pugliese "just returned from a UK trip where I reconnected with an SMC student, **Emma Victoria-Magdal Haughton**, who lives in Brighton. Emma is a life coach, married to Stephen, and they have two daughters now in their early 20s. It was amazing to see her!" She adds: "My daughter Maria is getting married in October while finishing up grad school at Loyola. My middle child, Thomas, is graduating Notre Dame in May this year."



Left to right: Heather Ann Cornwell, Kathleen Bock Roche, Amy Appleby Hubbard, Ann Wilson Newcorn, Beth Whelpley Bennett, Nicole Bonacci Pugliese, Stephanie Leahy Trujillo '91, Angie Leahy Esteve and Moira Aileen Cronan-Vogt.

Margaret Kennedy Bradley shares: "I am meeting **Angie Cortesio Harrington** in Rome on Saturday, April 1, prior to visiting my oldest son, Hayes, who is studying in Berlin for the semester. I had lunch with **Lenore Madden McCarter** and her husband, Kolin (ND '88), who were visiting Los Angeles. They look the same and it was great to see them; it was as if we were still in college!"

Colleen Harty Taricani reports: "My husband and I are taking our kids to Rome this spring break to share my SMC Rome program experience with them!"

Kathleen Christie Hillsman and husband Steve (ND '88) "live in Elmhurst, IL, with three daughters." Kathleen continues "to work as the director of development for our daughters' Catholic grade school. Our oldest daughter, Christie (ND '15), is living in Lincoln Park and working in Chicago. Our middle daughter, Bridget, will graduate from Providence College in May of this year as an elementary/special education major. Our youngest, Moira, is a freshman at ND. We've had the opportunity to see **Tammye Radke Raster** and her husband, Bob (ND '88), during the past year, along with their youngest of seven children, Thomas, who is our godchild. We also tailgated during football season with **Diane Schroeder Freeby**'s son, Chris, another godchild. Steve and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary with a family trip to Ireland in June. God is good."

Kate McDevitt Meyer reports: "Last December, a group of us met for our annual Christmas lunch in Chicago. We caught up with **Katie Kearney Devereux**, **Lois Morahan Sheridan**, **Lenore Madden McCarter**, **Susie Sullivan Yemc**, **Teresa Donegan O'Brien**, **Erin Haggerty Antonietta**, **Mimi Sullivan Moore**, **Katie Pike Kanaris**, **Trish Smith Scanlon** (ND '88), and **Kate McDevitt Meyer**." Of her family, Kate shares: "Dan and I have four kids ages 22, 18, 15, and 10. We live in Milwaukee. We have a media company, BizTimes Milwaukee."

When not working with husband Bill to run the family business in the Kansas City area, **Moira Aileen Cronan-Vogt** is "adjusting to being empty nesters as our three children (Molly, Emma, and Patrick) have all been launched into the adulting world." At a gathering in Minneapolis, **Heather Ann Cornwell**, **Kathleen Bock Roche**, **Amy Appleby Hubbard**, **Ann Wilson Newcorn**, **Beth Whelpley Bennett**, **Nicole Bonacci Pugliese**, **Stephie Leahy Trujillo '91**, and **Angie Leahy Esteve** were present. She reflects: "We were blessed to have everyone in our group together except for **Anne Marie Borgman** (we settled for some FaceTime with her and her beautiful twins)."

Susie Sullivan Yemc reports: "My husband, Tom (ND '88), and I spent a weekend at Notre Dame this February for JPW. I spent an afternoon at SMC and was impressed by all the wonderful improvements made to campus over the years. Being on both campuses brought back so many great memories. Our son, Tommy, was the chair of JPW this year and it was a kick to watch him juggle all his responsibilities and still have a great time. Our daughter Rachael is a freshman at ND and I'll be back on campus this spring for her mom's weekend."

Suzie Bare Snyder will be visiting this May because her "daughter **Melissa Marie Snyder** graduates from SMC."

Ann Marie McGraw Carswell has "twin daughters, **Margaret Mary Carswell '17** and **Megan Marie Carswell '17**, graduated from Saint Mary's in May. Both are nursing majors."

Patty Dunlevy Watson moved to Georgia in 2015 to accept "the CIO job at TSYS, a payments company." She too is ecstatic that "daughter

Elizabeth Marie Buckman '17 graduated from Saint Mary's in May! She'll be working for Synovus Bank after she graduates."

In her capacity as a member of the Alumnae Board of Directors, **Elaine Zevkovich Rowzee** travels back to campus often. Living in "Portland, OR, with my husband of 21 years, Robert," she is director of finance for Oregon Health and Science University. She notes: "I go back to campus twice a year for meetings. It is a great honor and has been inspiring to meet fellow alumnae board members who have accomplished so much. I just got back from our spring meeting and it was exciting to see the great progress on the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Facility and to experience the excitement on campus generated by our new president, Jan Cervelli."

Nancy Fazio Finn is "busy teaching seventh- and eighth-grade science in my rural/suburban Cincinnati school as well as coaching 32 cheerleaders all year." Her children have moved beyond middle school: "My daughter Maddie graduates from the University of Cincinnati with a triple major in history, German, and anthropology then is headed off to Disney World to join the Disney College Program. A few weeks after her graduation is my daughter Katie's graduation from high school. She is then headed to Ohio University in the fall to become a junior high teacher like her mom. My oldest, Chelsea, returned from South Korea after teaching there a year. She will soon be off to Australia on her next adventure. The youngest, Lizzie, is just trying to figure out where life will take her." And, "Mike and I are celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this summer by going to some exotic location with our kids and having **Debbie Lee VanOoteghem** officiate the ceremony!"

To find balance, **Meghan Farley Astrachan** "took a sabbatical this year from teaching and directing to try to revitalize herself as an artist and human being. Think something like *Eat, Pray, Love*, but more like *Write, Paint, Sleep*." She's enjoyed "trips to the Catalina Mountains in the Arizona desert, her husband Isaac's family reunion in San Diego, CA, a yoga retreat in the Caribbean, and following her soccer-playing teenage son to France and Spain."

Tricia Hug Schorr and husband Greg have three kids. Gary, the oldest, "is a sophomore at Notre Dame. Our second is Maria, a senior in high school, who was just named valedictorian at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. Maria will be attending the University of Dayton next fall and playing volleyball. Our youngest is a freshman at Cathedral High School." Trisha's husband travels a lot, so she has "stayed home with the kids and loved watching them grow these last 20 years."

Julie Even Clancy and her husband of 23 years, Danny, are "almost empty nesters." They've been in Dallas for 26 years. Their "oldest son, Dylan, is graduating from the University of Texas and going to law school; middle son, Ryan, is finishing his junior year at the University of Texas and plans

to attend law school; and daughter Kylie Ann is graduating from Ursuline Academy and heading to Austin for college."

Regardless of where you have been recently or what you have planned for the near future, everyone seems to share this sentiment: "I am looking forward to our next Reunion in June 2018!" Please make sure to pencil that in now!

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Hope everyone had a joyous Easter and spring break, and that you're having a fun-filled summer!

Speaking of spring breaks... **Katherine Koller Brophy** helped with the logistics of the Saint Mary's Choir spring break tour stop in Colorado Springs, CO, on March 15 and 16. Her daughter **Mary Claire Brophy '18** is a member of the choir. Unseasonably warm weather welcomed them in Colorado and the choir enjoyed touring some of the sights, especially a personal tour of the Olympic Training Center, which was given by OTC employee **Audrey Marie Ballinger '08**. After the choir concert on March 16, the choir members were housed overnight by local alumnae before they headed on to Denver and Boulder before the long trek home. Katherine sends her many thanks to Dr. Nancy Menk for bringing the choir so far west (some of the students had never been past the Mississippi!) and delivering a little piece of Saint Mary's to her hometown. In spite of not presently having an active alumnae club in Colorado, the following alumnae responded generously to the need for choir hospitality: **Geri Bush '71, Ellen Boemer Loring '73, Diane Lo Guidice Highland '74, Kim Tychsen DeCelles '86, Jill Tiefenthaler '87, Katherine Koller Brophy, Kelly Kilmer-Mullagh '96, Quinn Shern Nelson '02, Jenny Mayer Titkemeier '06, and Audrey Marie Ballinger '08**.

Julie Wagner Feasel traveled to campus in May with her husband, John, and daughter **Meghan Kathryn Feasel '13**. They attended the graduation of her youngest daughter, **Brigid Colleen Feasel '17**, who earned a degree in studio art and art history. It's been eight straight years with a Feasel at Saint Mary's!

Another classmate is in South Bend on a more permanent basis... **Kathy Conte Prokopius** and her husband, Mark (ND '90). They moved from Chesapeake, VA, because Mark has been appointed to a three-year assignment as professor of naval science at the University of Notre Dame. Congratulations!

Martha Flick Jungenberg's family is staying in Lagos, Nigeria, for one more year with the US Consulate. They have been living on the island of Ikoyi. Martha works with her husband, Todd, at the consulate, where he is the non-immigrant visa (NIV) deputy chief and she is in an Expanded Professional Associates Program position in information resources management. Their oldest daughter, Sophia, completed her freshman year at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN. She's enjoying being back in the US but considers

Lagos home and really loved graduating from the American International School of Lagos (AISL). Grace and Emmalee are rising 10th and 8th graders, respectively, at AISL. The Jungenbergs, as always, are making the most of their time abroad with lots of adventures and travels. The family has bid for their next location, and will find out where they're going in August.

Meg Schreck Brake has enjoyed a year of change! Her oldest entered high school and her youngest entered middle school last fall, so after 14 years at home, Meg took a full-time job last July as the customer service manager for Imperial Beverage, a beer and wine distributor in Michigan. It's a family-owned company and she feels like she has landed in a wonderful spot...and the perks of the industry are fun too!

Colleen Hunt Ahern (one of the "quad originals") and her family visited the Brakes last winter and it was as if no time at all had passed. **Jane Barger** and **Kate Premo Shrum '88** met in New Orleans in May for a fun time!

Karen Crespy enjoyed a February Grand Rapids, MI, visit with **Barb Moorhead Vedders** and Joel, their daughter Abby, who is starting her sophomore year at Calvin College, and Jack, who is a junior at Grand Rapids Christian High School. It was a wonderful visit with lovely non-Michigan winter weather! In March, Karen was in Chicago for a long weekend and met up for two delicious lunches, one with **Katy Marie Burns** and one with **Jackie Brody Tavitias '91**.

NOTE: Many of your email addresses are out of date, so please take a moment to update your information with Saint Mary's or your class reporter. Keep in touch.

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I was glad to catch up with **Mary Elaine Cassidy** at her home over St. Patrick's Day weekend. Mary continues to work as a customer projects manager for ComEd in the Chicago area. Gathering there too were **Sharon Marie Kahn**, who works in high-end retail in downtown Chicago, and Mary's cousin, **Nancy Haske Schoenecker**, who is living in LaGrange with her husband and children.

Maureen Abood Shaheen has expanded from the food blogging business and into the e-commerce world. Her website, maureenaboodmarket.com offers Lebanese ingredients and tools to love — a collection of her favorite things inspired by her love of Lebanese cuisine, all with an eye towards making time in the kitchen "easier, more beautiful, and delicious."

Debbie Weltin Katzbeck got in touch to let me know she's accepted a new job at Thermo Fisher Scientific. She's now their director of talent acquisition for Thermo Fisher's Analytical Instruments Group.

Margaret Cushwa Haller writes that she's feeling old, like the rest of us, on the brink of 50, but also because her daughter graduated in May 2016 from Indiana University with a public health

and health administration major and global health promotion minor, all while playing field hockey for the Hoosiers. She is currently in an accelerated nursing program in Cleveland. Her son is a sophomore at Providence College in Rhode Island, double majoring in marketing and management with a minor in German. He is looking to study abroad next year in Vienna, which means I see trips to Europe in the fall! In the shorter term, she was looking forward to being back home on campus in May in support of her niece, a proud Class of 2017 Belle.

Unfortunately, I do have some very sad news for the Class of 1990. **Liz Lieski Vasti** passed away unexpectedly near her home in St. Petersburg, FL, in early December. Liz is survived by her husband, Peter J. Vasti (ND '90), and their three children, Lindsey, PJ, and Emily. Please keep the Vasti and Lieski families in your prayers.

Also, please keep the family of **Barbie Jeffers**, who lost her brother, long-time WDNV-TV sports anchor Jeff Jeffers (ND '77), in March. I'm sure you'll agree that to all of us Jeff was a beloved Notre Dame treasure — synonymous with ND football — but to Barbie, he was all of that, plus simply "big brother."

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Dearest 2001 Belles, I hope you are all enjoying the changing of the season and looking forward to the warm summer months.

Kara DeDecker Monson shared blessed news: "My husband, Eric, and I are thrilled to announce the arrival of our son, Jack Robert Monson. He was born January 11, 2017. Big sister, Mia, adores him."

And **Jen Chulski Rood** also wrote with wonderful news, "We welcomed Emmet William to our growing family on February 26. His proud big brother, Mack (McCormack James born August 8, 2015), is very curious about 'baby Emmet' and completely smitten with his new best friend. So far, things are going great and I'm looking forward to spending quality time with the family during my maternity leave."

Annie Rolfes Atkinson also checked in with some great news: "I started a new job at the University of Michigan as a senior finance manager at the Ross School of Business. I'm still cheering for the Irish, though!" Annie and her family relocated to Michigan in 2014 with her husband's job. They live in Saline.

And lastly, the winter has been harsh in my neck of the woods, so I'm definitely looking forward to sunnier days. After nine years, my colleague and I decided not to train for a half marathon with our kids this spring, so I'm curious to know what it's like to have entire weekends to myself. I'll keep you posted. Until next time, my best.

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Annie Furman Worthington writes that her little Samuel Francis was born at 5:59 p.m. November 2, 2016, just in time to see his beloved Cleveland Indians play in Game 7 of the World Series.

Shannon Nelligan Yarish and her husband Benjamin Yarish were blessed with the early arrival of their sweet daughter Kaitlyn Rayne Yarish on December 29, 2016. Shannon and Benjamin also celebrated Kaitlyn's baptism on February 26, 2017.

Amber Michelle Cerveney is her godmother.

Cindy Cvengros McCutcheon, Stephanie Redwanski Belschner, and Elizabeth Didier Krieg met for a girls' weekend in Columbus and enjoyed plenty of shopping, food, and laughs.

Cathy Canetti Ginter and her husband, Jacob, welcomed their baby boy, Sunny James Ginter, last February 2, 2016. Cathy writes that Sunny "is truly the sunshine in our lives!"

Lynn Marie Taylor-Glass and her husband welcomed their third child, Robert James, "RJ", on September 1. Lynn writes, "He is a very happy baby and continues to be the favorite toy and source of entertainment for his big sister (Taylor) and brother (Cal). In December we moved from western Massachusetts to Las Vegas where my husband works at Nellis Air Force Base. It has been a big change for us but we are settling in and ready for visitors! If anyone is in the Vegas area, please let me know!"

Monica Cannon Meeker is busy adjusting with her family in Nashville. Monica writes, "Annabelle is in second grade and Camilla is a pre-K 4 at St. George's Kindergarten. I am assisting the alumnae office with a social club in Nashville. I'm looking forward to our next event, Cowboys and Cupcakes, at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Franklin on April 20, 2017. Any new Belles in the area please feel free to reach out via email cannon.monica@gmail.com. Also we just completed a very relaxing and exciting trip to Sedona, AZ, the Grand Canyon, and Scottsdale with the girls and my mom. We hiked 10 miles in three days and enjoyed the good vibes of the mountains. I'm staying busy enjoying the outdoors, reading, volunteering, and holding down the fort at home. Giacomo is busy with work and recovering from 15 years of training!"

In my own news, my husband, Chuck, and I welcomed our son, Samuel Giovanni, into the world on October 28, 2016. What joy!

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I hope everyone had fun at the 10-year Reunion in May! Hard to believe it's already been a decade! This summer is particularly exciting for me, as I'll be getting married in Benton Harbor, MI, in July! My soon-to-be husband and I reside in South Bend.

Kat Kindt Zielinski is currently living in Naperville, IL, with her husband Aaron (ND '07). They have two daughters, Kinley Ann, 5, and Isla Sorin, 9 months. Kat will be starting a new job with Lurie Children's Hospital in their pediatric ER as a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Mary Beth Pavela Matenaer and husband, James, welcomed their third daughter, Eleanor Mary, into the world on November 12, 2015.

Congratulations to **Ashley Goodreau** on the birth of her son, Henry Rhys Blessing, on February 4, 2017!

Janie Scott Hyde got married on June 25, 2016.

Kaitlin Cox Hilger and husband, Paul, welcomed their fourth beautiful little blessing, Irelyn Elaine Hilger, on March 3, 2017, in Fort Wayne, IN. She was 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 19 inches long and born at 1:24 p.m. She is already well loved by her two older sisters, Lily, 7, and Lilah, 6, and big brother, Matthew, 2.

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Lauren Melissa Vokaty recently graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where she received her master of science in nursing degree to be an adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner.

Corey Duff Troia and husband, Andrew (ND '08), welcomed their first child, son Colin Joseph Troia, on May 3, 2016.

Erica Harmony Liskey and husband, Carl, welcomed son Elliot Carl Liskey on July 11, 2016.

Honore O'Brien Hyland and husband, JP, welcomed their son, Killian Francis Hyland, on September 29, 2016, in Washington, DC.

Twins Ruby and Reese Bortman were born to **Mary Esler Bortman** and husband, Brent, on October 21, 2016.

Darcy Cronin Thomas, her husband, Steve, and her first son, John Patrick, welcomed their second baby boy, Danny, on January 7, 2017.

Michelle Michalak Vicari gave birth to her second daughter, Taryn Mary, on May 2, 2017. Michelle, her husband, Brian (ND '08), and eldest daughter, Meara Rosalie Mae, born on September 23, 2015, continue to reside in Lisle, IL, where Michelle is able to stay home and take care of their two beautiful blessings.

My class news counterpart, **Cate Cetta**, married Brian Scola on October 14, 2016, in Chicago, and I was so glad to be among the innumerable Saint Mary's and Notre Dame alumni to dance the night away at the Lincoln Park Zoo's Café Brauer after a beautiful wedding ceremony and Mass at Holy Name Cathedral. The SMC contingent included bridesmaids **Connie Colleen Walsh** and **Nora Casey Bonaventura**; gift bearers **Jenn McLean Morgan**, **Mary Bridget Fearon**, and **Corey Duff Troia**; **Mary Stauder Keefe '83**, mother of the bride; and **Lynn Cern '82**, wife of the bride's father. Also in attendance: **Megan Staley Lunne**, **Allison Marie Fleece**, **Sarah Rose Griffin**, **Lindsay Niemec McKenna**, **Annie Davis Korek**, **Ann Regan Casey '79**, **Julie Kanak Rigali '83**, **Monica Gule Graffe '83**, **Katie Wilson Fahrenbach '83**, and **Amy Lowden Saletta '83**.

The guest list also included at least 15 Domers, most notably Frank Cetta (ND '81, '83), father of the bride. Cate and Brian are living happily in New York City, where Cate works as a production manager for NBC News.

The day after Cate and Brian's wedding, I made my way to South Bend for a mini reunion before the Stanford game with a handful of other loved ones from the class of '08, including **Elizabeth Bush Kozlowski, Erin Hogan Liebenauer, Kate Holloway Berghoff, Colleen Kielty Lintz, and Shawn Redington Westfall**. We parked at Saint Mary's and walked together — husbands and babies and a boyfriend in tow — to Notre Dame. Truly a trip down memory... *Avenue*.

In other news, **Emily Herman Hardan** shared that she married Dan Hardan on May 7, 2016, in Gainesville, FL. **Natalie Holtz Martinez** was a bridesmaid and other SMCers in attendance included **Honore O'Brien Hyland, Emily Arnold Schmidt, and Kaila Marie Poinsette-Jones '09**. Emily and Dan currently reside in Marietta, GA.

And **Brittany Pangburn Mendez** wrote in to say that she recently moved to Houston, where she earned her elementary education certification and is now a fourth-grade teacher with the Houston ISD. Congratulations, Brittany!

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Hello Class of 2010! My hope is that everyone is doing well, keeping busy, and enjoying life!

Congratulations to **Colleen Kenny Murray**, who married John Hunt V, a 2010 Iowa grad, on September 9, 2016, in Darien, IL. Bridesmaids included SMC grads **Lauren Rae Hall, Margaret Kathryn Burke Martell, and Kelley Ann FitzGerald**, and also Colleen's sister **Elizabeth Ann Murray '17**. Mother of the bride is **Irene Kenny Murray '82**!

If there are any Belles in the Traverse City area, please stand up! **Lisa Rubino Noel** and her husband moved to the area in March from Stevensville, MI. Both were excited for the move as it brought them closer to their family.

Emily Rose Graf joined the Children's National Health System team in July 2015. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with the patients on the blood and marrow transplant unit. As a physician assistant, Emily is responsible for working with high-risk leukemia patients. Emily recently won the 2016 Children's National Health System Patient and Family Advisory Council Award. She was nominated by one of the many families she works with for her excellence and commitment to delivering patient centered care.

Don't forget, if you recently got married, had a baby, moved to another city or state, graduated, or had a mini reunion you can reach out to me via the email address or send me a quick text via the number above so we can share the news with everyone! Until the next *Courier*, peace out, Belles, Class of 2010!

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Sarah Foley Kurup and her husband, Varun, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Anaiya Rose, on October 17, 2016.

Laura Smith married Dave Battistoni on November 12, 2016, at Holy Family Church in Chicago. Fellow 2011 Belles who stood up as bridesmaids were **Mary McKevitt Balash, Ashlee Rose Girard, Rachael Michelle Chesley, and Frannie Margaret Hermes**. In attendance were **Christina Alice Grasso, Leah Christine Brueggemann, Nora Collins Lewis, Erin Melone Smith, Katie Staak Flowers, Maire Ready DeLand, Mary Kate Boyce, Beth McKevitt Knollman '08, and Sarah Catherine McKevitt '17**. The newlyweds are now living in Chicago, IL.

Marie Naylor Rehagen and her husband, Andrew (ND '11), welcomed their sweet baby girl on December 26, 2016, and named her Magdalene Grace.

Paige Catherine Fairchild and her husband, Darrin Rosenthal, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Cora Elizabeth Rosenthal, on February 21, 2017, in Chicago.

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Kimberly Roland Brady married Brendan Brady on January 7, 2017, at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Phoenix, AZ, followed by a reception at the Phoenix Art Museum. **Liz Mary Labuziensi, Julie Helaine McGrail, and Kerry Clare Dooley** were all bridesmaids. **Antonia Francesca Infante** read during the wedding nuptial Mass and many other SMC women from the Class of 2012 were in attendance.

On March 20, 2017, **Colleen Margaret Golden** started her position as the annual development/stewardship specialist for the foundation for Saint Joseph Health System in Mishawaka. Saint Joseph Health System was founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Meagan Drone Gilbert, who lives in South Bend with her husband, David, was named one of 2017's Top 100 Senior Photographers in the country and opened her storefront studio in January in Granger, IN.

Kelley Louise Murphy returned to school in September 2016 for her advanced practice nursing degree at Rush University College of Nursing in Chicago with the intent of becoming a family nurse practitioner.

Katelyn Elizabeth Tondo-Steele matched in an OB/GYN residency at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, OH, where she will begin after graduation from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Speaking of Chicago, **Katelynd Memmott Park** moved from Chicago to Denver, CO, in September 2016. She is currently the endurance manager for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Alessandra Marie Stamper moved to Chicago in January 2017 and is now working as a showroom consultant at Aquae Sulis, a kitchen and bath showroom.

Cassie Palmer Gohn was hired as assistant professor of biology at Manchester University, where she will begin in the fall.

Lastly, **Hannah Hupp Cain** bought a new home with her husband, Cory, in February 2017 in Nashville, TN.

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Just a few updates from the class of 2013.

Anne Zimnicki George got married on September 10 to Eddie George at St. Mary Catholic Church in Mokena, IL. Congratulations, Anne!

In baby news, **Annie Doyle Clohisy** and her husband, John Clohisy (ND '13), welcomed a baby boy, John Clayton Clohisy III, on March 27. Congrats, Annie and John!

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Hello 2014 Belles! We are now three years out since graduation and it has been an exciting journey to connect and hear about the many successes of our class.

A number of Belles are continuing to grow and further their education. Recently, **Gabrielle Elyse Sanchez** began graduate school at Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis to earn her master's in social work. This spring, **Rachael Marie Young** will complete her master's in speech language pathology and graduate from Saint Mary's for a second time!

Other Belles are embarking on new professional experiences. **Gianna Antonette Burkhardt** recently began a new position at Teach for America as a coordinator on the collective leadership and engagement team in Washington, DC. **Steffanie Anjel Minnifield** is enjoying her new position as a behavior consultant at Centria Health Care LLC, in Novi, MI, where she is working using applied behavior analysis with children who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

Wedding Belles also rang recently for **Kaitlin Slotterback Arthurs**, who married Richard Arthurs in a civil ceremony on January 30, 2017. The couple

met through the SMC Ireland program and both attended the NUI Maynooth. The couple looks forward to celebrating a traditional ceremony in 2018.

Kaitlyn Barnes Kelham and her husband, Drew Kelham, joyfully welcomed into the world baby Belle, Peyton Marie Kelham, on January 12, 2017.

Thank you all for once again for sharing your wonderful updates. As always, we look forward to staying in contact and celebrating your accomplishments. Stay connected with our Facebook group Saint Mary's Class of 2014. #gobelles

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Hey, Belles! We have lots of exciting news to share with you about our classmates.

Bridget Mary Long just celebrated her first anniversary as an international/French speaker qualified flight attendant with United Airlines. Let your dreams take flight, Bridget!

Paige Allen Kelliher began law school at Valparaiso University in the fall of 2016 and plans on graduating in May 2019.

Jackie Rivera Jozwiak married Matthew Jozwiak (Holy Cross '14) in Savannah, GA, on October 28, 2016. Matthew did ROTC at Notre Dame and Jackie studied nursing. They are currently stationed in Fort Stewart, GA. **Annie Marie Hall** and **Clarissa Frederick Bogle '16** were both present at the wedding. **Hannah Elizabeth Ziegeler** was the wedding photographer.

L.E. Armstrong Evans is working for Medasource in Indianapolis. She just completed her first marathon! Go, L.E.!

Alexandria Nicole (Nikki) Charter recently moved to Chicago and is working in marketing.

Kelley Jean Wright has moved to Chicago and is working at Baker Tilley. She is living with fellow Class of 2015 grads **Adrienne Lynn Mocogni** and **Julia Cathleen Saran**.

Carolyn Rigby Tansey married Lt. Matthew Tansey (ND '13) in July 2016. Carolyn teaches second grade in San Diego.

McKenna Leigh Schuster has moved to Chicago and is working for HubGroup.

Tori Reed Wilbraham has moved to the Chicago area and is working for Huron Consulting Group as a Higher Education Consultant.

Kaitlyn Kathleen Rabach is currently pursuing her master's at the University of London. When she is not studying, Kaitlyn enjoys spending time at her home in Lake Como.

Katie Mae Ziltz, Emmi Murphy Hazen, and **Kati Marlene Schneider** have received their

second degrees from Saint Mary's! They are part of the first graduating class from SMC's master's in speech pathology. We are so proud of our first Double Belles!

Kathryn Leigh Nickol graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business, with her master's in management.

Theresa Grace Siver is pursuing her master's in philosophy at the University of Northern Illinois.

Delaney Adams Hunt has finished her second year of law school at John Marshall University.

Hope you're all doing well. Don't forget to email bellesnews2015@gmail.com with your updates. #GoBelles

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Madeline Kristine Harris and **Kristen Marie Whalen** have both relocated to Palm Beach, FL, since graduation! Madeline works as a graphic designer for two of Matthew Kelly's companies, Floyd Consulting, Inc., and Beacon Publishing. Since starting in July 2016, she has aided in Floyd Consulting's rebranding process and designed multiple book covers and book interiors for the publishing company. Kristen also works at Beacon Publishing as the operations coordinator, where she started in June 2016. Keep up the great work, ladies!

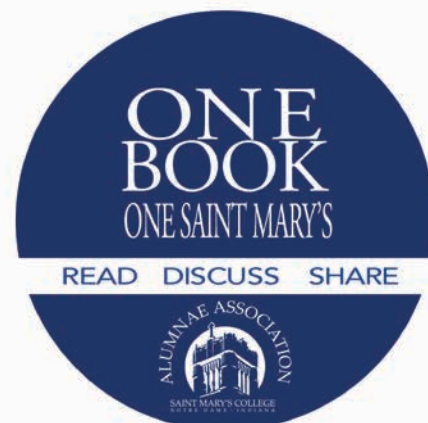
Another Belle has successfully shed the cold Midwestern winters and moved to sunnier skies.

Lauren Marie Gomez has been accepted at Chapman University to pursue school psychology! She will spend the next three years in Orange, CA, earning her EdS degree. Congratulations and best wishes!

Elizabeth Custis Hart has been commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy Nurse Corps. She accepted a three-year assignment at the United States Navy Hospital in Camp LeJeune, NC. She now lives in Sneads Ferry, NC. Congratulations!

Since graduation, **Sasha Kali Davis** has accepted a full-time position teaching preschool at Stanley Clark School in South Bend, where she worked as an extended day assistant while at Saint Mary's. They're lucky to have you, Sasha!

We're already eagerly anticipating our next class news report, since we've heard through the grapevine that there are some summer weddings coming up! Don't forget to share your news — weddings, babies, graduations, moves, new jobs, etc. — at smc16news@gmail.com.



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Atwood will present this year's
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Forecasting Opioid Effects With Data


Mike Durham MS '17 is not the first male graduate of Saint Mary's College, but as the husband of **Lisa Horenkamp Durham '93, MS '17**, he holds the title of first male legacy.

The Durhams graduated this past May as members of the inaugural Master of Science in Data Science class. According to Mike, "It's been a lot of fun to be part of Saint Mary's, where Lisa spent such a significant part of her life."

And Saint Mary's has allowed Mike to grow in his career. As a solution architect for Teradata Corporation, which sells, supports, and consults on big data projects, Mike personally supports the government Department of Defense clients. Thanks to his expanded analytics skills, Mike is now able to converse with his clients' data scientists on a peer-to-peer level. "I'm able to understand, evaluate, and communicate the value of data analytics with respect to the mission or clients' goals," he says.

But Mike isn't just using data to drive corporate decision-making; he recognizes its power to actually make a meaningful difference in people's lives. This summer he is working with Defense Health to examine opioid use among veterans and active duty military personnel. As the number one killer of Americans under age 50, opioid overdoses lead to more fatalities than car crashes or even gun violence. According to a June 20 article from the *South Bend Tribune*, "National data show that two percent of high school students and 2.5 percent of adults are addicted to opiates, which can include prescription painkillers such as morphine, hydrocodone and oxycodone."

Mike's efforts aim to use data to predict who is most at risk of three harmful side effects from opioid use: overdose, respiratory issues, and addiction. "We're looking for patterns that show who is most likely to fall into these three categories," he says. "If we can start using data to identify people at risk, we can implement early intervention programs to prevent them from falling into these cycles."

Mike's predictive efforts could help reduce the cycle of addiction and potentially save lives. 



Mike Durham MS '17 and Lisa Horenkamp Durham '93, MS '17 pose with their son Joseph after receiving their master of science degrees.

PATRICIA GAUGHAN '75 was named chief judge of the US District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The chief judge's position is held for seven years or until the judge turns 70. As chief judge, Patricia will continue to hear cases but will also take on administrative functions of the court and serve as spokeswoman.

KATHLEEN ENGLER MALONE '82 has been named one of *Forbes*' "Top American Women Advisors 2017." This ranking of America's Top Women Wealth Advisors is based on an algorithm of qualitative and quantitative data, rating thousands of wealth advisors with a minimum of seven years of experience and weighing factors like revenue trends, assets under management, compliance records, industry experience, and best practices learned through telephone and in-person interviews.

KELLY HANSON '94 accepted the role of Senior Vice President and President of Southwire Canada. In this role, she will manage sales, marketing, and support operations, all of which are based at Southwire Canada's headquarters in Mississauga, Ontario.

JENNIFER A. PUPLAVA '95 was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Cascade Community Foundation. The Cascade Community Foundation's mission is to lead and inspire charitable efforts that make the Cascade community a great place to live, work, and play.

AMY JOHNS '99 was appointed associate superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Johns' responsibilities will include working with the ongoing accreditation of schools in the diocese and supporting the schools' administration of the Choice Scholarship Voucher Program. She will also assist with school accreditation needs and curriculum development.

SARAH MIESLE '07 was honored for the second time with the Robin Hartman writing award, which is presented to a sports information director in the MIAA for their extraordinary contributions and outstanding writing in a sports information capacity. Sarah's winning piece, "A Hardwood Heartbreak," recapped the basketball career of **Aspen Davis '17**. Miesle is the second sports information director in the MIAA to be a two-time recipient of the Hartman Award.

EMILY ROMPOLA '17 was awarded a Governor Bob Orr Entrepreneurial Fellowship. Fellows work from Indianapolis-based host companies, receive executive-level mentorship, and build professional networks. Rompola is working for Lumavate, a tech start-up.

"NOW MORE THAN EVER, THE WORLD NEEDS WOMEN TO RISE TO CHALLENGES LIKE SAINT MARY'S GRADUATES DO." —LESLIE F. WILSON '76 *Sociology and Social Work, Mother Pauline Society Member*



Leslie F. Wilson '76 has traveled the world, and much of her inspiration for doing so is grounded in Saint Mary's College.

Committed since her graduation to supporting the College through the Annual Fund, Leslie is also helping future generations of Saint Mary's women by naming Saint Mary's College as a beneficiary of her retirement account.

For more information on including Saint Mary's College as a beneficiary of your retirement account, will, trust, or other planned gift, please contact **Anne Morgan** in the Office of Gift Planning at **(574) 284-4600** or **amorgan@saintmarys.edu**.



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My Heart is Drawn to This

By Meaghan Herbst Arzberger '07



At the end of the day, I think we all want to make a difference in the world.

When you are able to live out what you are called to do, then that, I feel, is success.

These days, I serve as the director of the department of economic opportunity at the York County Community Action Corp. We are a Maine nonprofit that works to break the cycles of poverty, and I love this work.

I live it. I breathe it. It's my vocation and my passion.

Every day, I get to talk to people and hopefully have an impact on their lives. And they, in turn, have an impact on me.

Growing up in the Catholic Church, I always felt I was meant to be of service to others. But it wasn't until I served an internship with a nonprofit in Washington, DC, that I realized a profound shift in that philosophy. I realized that it's not about being of service to others; it's about being *in relationship with* others.


I remember one family who came to us — two parents and six children — homeless. We got them into transitional housing, and over the course of two years, our agency provided financial coaching, food assistance, home buyer education, a connection to Head Start for the children, and a matched savings program. They worked hard and two years later, I was with them when they closed on a new home. Later, I found myself jumping through the halls with joy.

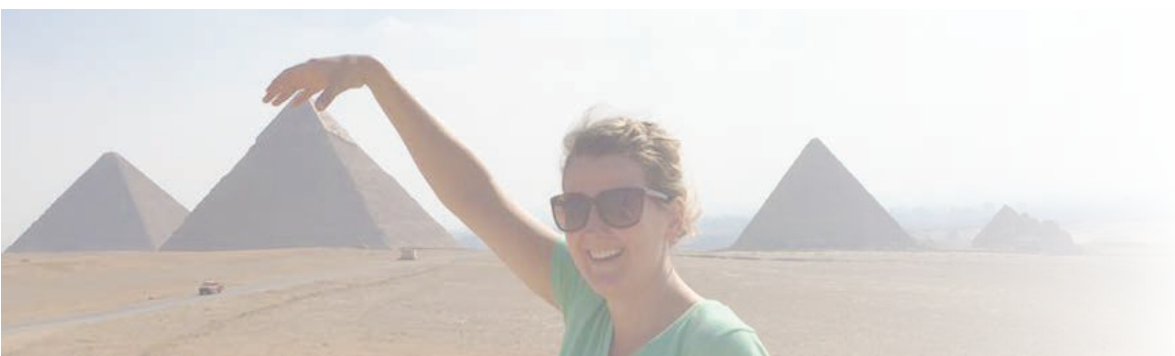
More than just financial support, we focus on building relationships and trust. We strive to be there for our clients if they just want to talk. We connect them with other families in similar circumstances so they have peer support.

Unfortunately, there are so many stereotypes and preconceived notions about the causes of poverty. A lot of people think it's about choices.

But that is just not true.

You have to dig deep to understand the whys of the circumstances in people's lives and what they consider success.

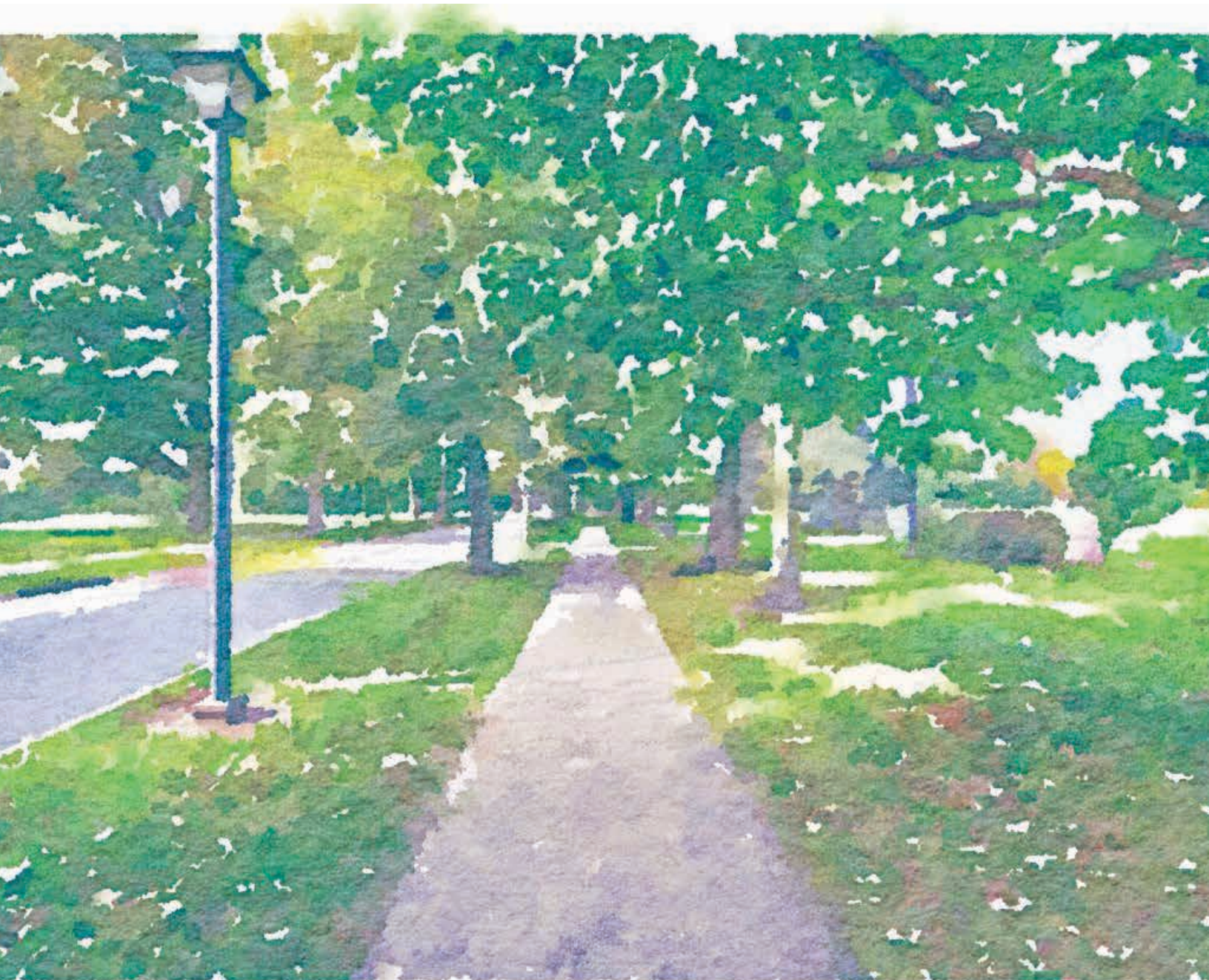
My heart is drawn to this work, and I'm so grateful to be able to do it. 



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The Avenue: Summer by **Yaqi Song '17**. Song, a studio art major with a minor in physics, received the Lumen Christi Award at Commencement this year. See page 15 to read about her honor.