

# ENVISION

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## MOTHER PAULINE SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

PEGGY THOMPSON '72 AND WADE THOMPSON

### Passion-fueled Future Giving: Establishing a Legacy

Peggy Thompson '72 and her husband, Wade, have created a life of adventure, varied interests, and generosity.

Peggy, a German major, graduated from Saint Mary's and moved to Alabama to help with education and development for a retirement community. Peggy met Wade in Alabama and together they built a successful consulting company and then bought a retirement community, which they managed for many years. Today, though, the couple are in what Peggy describes as a "deep, committed relationship with retirement."

Through the friendships she developed at Saint Mary's with smart, supportive women, along with an educational environment that cultivated intellectual agility, Peggy learned valuable life lessons.

"Saint Mary's was a place where I truly learned to learn," she said. "Because it holds such an important place in my development, it was natural to think of it as a place where monies would be used to lift up the next generation of women leaders."

As Peggy and Wade considered their bequest intentions, they thought of the Office for Student Equity at Saint Mary's as a conduit for furthering their philanthropic passions, including a long-established commitment to addressing gaps in access to opportunity. The Office for Student Equity supports the socioeconomic diverse community, and empowers students to achieve their full potential by providing services and programming to assist with gaps in resources.

"The experience of COVID these last two years has renewed my desire to smooth the path of young women whose tenacity and intelligence have led them to Saint Mary's, but who may struggle to achieve their goals because of limited resources," Peggy said. "I see supporting the Office for Student Equity as a concrete way to show these courageous young people that they are recognized and sincerely welcomed into our special sorority."

To learn more about how you can support your philanthropic passions through a future gift to Saint Mary's, contact Director of Gift Planning **Lauren Jaworowski Henzel '91** at [lhenzel@saintmarys.edu](mailto:lhenzel@saintmarys.edu).



*Peggy '72 and her husband, Wade.*



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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



*Dear friends,  
Is it possible to  
experience a new  
journey on a familiar  
road? I pondered this  
question recently. As  
an alumna and a parent  
of a current student of  
Saint Mary's College,  
I have forged many*

*travels on this road, the Avenue. With joy in my heart, I realize that a new adventure does await me on The Avenue. I am excited to introduce myself as the College's Director of Gift Planning. I am humbled to be on this journey with you - the many wonderful friends of Saint Mary's. Your generosity and affinity for the College is awe-inspiring. Your thoughtful planning of today secures future journeys down the Avenue for countless young women.*

*I look forward to meeting you, and I hope to connect with many of you at the upcoming Reunions. In the meantime, I wish you peace and safe travels on your journeys through life!*

*Very truly yours,*

Lauren Jaworowski Henzel, '91  
Director of Gift Planning

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## Empowering Students through Research Opportunities



Veronica Vanoverbeke '21  
participating in Neuhoff summer  
research program.

When **Marjorie A. Neuhoff '61** passed away in 2008, she provided a \$6.2 million bequest to Saint Mary's. Marjorie's bequest endowed a chair in nursing, a need-based scholarship, and the Summer Science Research Communities.

Professors Christopher Dunlap and Don Paetkau are the faculty coordinators of the research program which affords students an opportunity to research and present their scientific findings across the disciplines of biology, chemistry, and physics. "This

is a transformative experience," said Professor Paetkau. "For some, it cements their love of it (scientific research) and they go on to grad school. For others, they find that the research path is not what they want to do, but it helps them to discern their career and still makes them a stronger candidate in whatever they pursue."

**Veronica Vanoverbeke '21** researched the proteins in the inner ear neurons of the mouse and chicken. "I developed so many skills that will help me with my future career," Veronica noted. "This research experience has assured me that I want to pursue a Ph.D. in biology."

One of the components of the College's strategic plan *Revere and Revise: Saint Mary's College 2030* is to cultivate leaders through internships, career programming, global experience, research, entrepreneurship, and specialized credentialing. Your generosity to Saint Mary's will support additional opportunities to empower and develop the students of today into leaders of tomorrow.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Saint Mary's acknowledges alumnae and friends who have recently passed away, naming the College as a beneficiary in their estate plans or establishing a life income gift with the College:*

**John "Jack" Dilenschneider**

**George Hammer**

**Audrey Jack**

**Katherine A. Perry '57**

*Bequest gifts from alumnae, parents, and friends enable future generations of students to access a Saint Mary's education.*



## CENTER FOR INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE EDUCATION

# Saint Mary's Expands Resources for Health Science Programs

This fall, thanks in part to the generosity of the Lilly Endowment, Saint Mary's completed the first phase of its new initiative, the Center for Integrated Healthcare Education. The initiative builds on Saint Mary's tradition of providing high-quality health sciences education and secures the Department of Nursing Science as a premier nursing program in the region.

The first phase of the renovation project transformed the first floor and lower level of Regina Hall into a state-of-the-art teaching and training space for the Department of Nursing Science.

The Center features several simulation labs, high-tech medical mannequins, and observation rooms, offering students an ultra-realistic clinical experience. The Center also contains debriefing rooms and study spaces where students can prepare for and review their simulation experience. Five new classrooms are fitted with state-of-the-art technology, allowing professors to record lectures and hold video conferences with expert practitioners from around the world.

The renovation allows the Department of Nursing Science to expand its programs to prepare more students to serve patients in a variety of healthcare settings while also maintaining its rigorous nursing classes and clinical instruction.

Sue Anderson, Associate Professor and Director of the Department of Nursing Science, expressed the significant impact this space will have on the nursing science program as well as healthcare in the region. "This building and state of the art equipment is a well-placed investment in nursing education and the health of this nation. The focus on inter-professional education will give our students a head start in working with and leading highly effective healthcare teams, which ultimately improves healthcare outcomes."

The Center for Integrated Healthcare Education will eventually house all health science and behavioral health programs, including the speech-language pathology, social work, gerontology, and autism studies programs.

*In fall 2021, Saint Mary's benefited from the able assistance of extern Justin Ewing, a third-year law student at Notre Dame Law School. This article was written and researched by Justin.*

**Justin Ewing**  
Extern



*Simulation lab and large lecture/classroom space in the Center for Integrated Healthcare Education.*



## Remembering Alfred C. DeCrane (1931-2021)

*Alfred DeCrane, a generous friend of Saint Mary's College and a Mother Pauline Society member, passed away on September 22, 2021. Alfred and his wife, **Joan Hoffman DeCrane '53**, established the Joan Hoffman DeCrane Endowed Scholarship which provides financial assistance for many Saint*

*Mary's students. Al graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame and was a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School. He was employed with Texaco, eventually rising to serve as CEO of the company. In his retirement, Al continued to serve on many corporate boards, donated to many charities, and enjoyed time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and five children, David, Lisa, Stephanie, Sarah, and Jennifer. Al was predeceased by his daughter, Stacie.*

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## Guest Column

# Let Saint Mary's Benefit from Your Retirement Funds



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Those who want to create a gift for Saint Mary's in their bequests can use a variety of different vehicles such as wills, trusts, retirement funds, and insurance policies. If you are considering a charitable bequest, think about looking at your retirement funds, especially if you have family with whom you want to share your estate. Why?

Let's assume you are married with children and you want to create a charitable bequest to add a future gift to the Class of 1972 Endowed Scholarship. You also have an individual retirement account (IRA). If you name your children as the beneficiaries of your IRA, they will have to pay taxes on the withdrawals and must take all funds from the IRA within a ten-year period. If you name Saint Mary's College as a beneficiary of the IRA, the college is a qualified non-profit, so the distribution would not be taxed.

Instead of naming Saint Mary's as a beneficiary of your will or trust, think about using a retirement fund. Since no taxes are taken for charitable gifts from retirement funds, re-direct the charitable bequest in your will or trust to your kids and

name Saint Mary's as a beneficiary of a retirement fund. Your kids may actually receive more from you.

How? First, talk the idea over with your financial advisor. If you both agree that using your IRA or other retirement fund for charitable distributions after you pass away is a good idea, then contact the plan administrator and request a beneficiary form. You will fill out the form with the name of the beneficiary, the beneficiary's tax ID, and the address of the beneficiary. The following is the information you would need to name Saint Mary's College as a beneficiary:

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Next, reach out to Advancement at Saint Mary's to let them know that you have included the College as a beneficiary of your retirement plan and to ensure that your distribution is directed to your area of choice. This is an important next step!