

The background of the cover is a photograph of a fountain in a courtyard. The fountain's water is still, creating a clear reflection of the surrounding stone building and trees. The building has several windows and a classic architectural style. The water in the fountain is dark blue, and there are some small, light-colored petals or leaves floating on its surface. The overall scene is peaceful and well-maintained.

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Caring For Our Home

# UPON REFLECTION

As I look at this issue of *Courier*, I am struck by the overwhelming number of happy photographs from our two commencements and two reunions. Members of the Class of 2022 are captured enjoying all the expected pomp and circumstance connected to their Commencement. And graduates from the Class of 2020 wear irrepressible smiles as they participate in pre-Commencement rituals, don their caps and gowns, and take the long-awaited ceremonial march that COVID-19 denied them two years ago. “It was a commemoration and a reunion all in one,” Elyse Paul ’20 writes in her article on pp. 6-7: “Over the course of the weekend, we finally filled the gap in the Le Mans tunnel with our handprints, we opened our circle, we took our ‘final’ walk down The Avenue, and we personally thanked our beloved faculty and staff for all they had done for us.”

Reunion participants look equally joyful, whether laughing in small groups, reminiscing in circles around the fire pits in the Le Mans backyard, enjoying shared picnic tables under the big tent, or raising a celebratory glass at the banquet. It was, if you’ll allow me a pun, an occasion of “many happy returns!”

Indeed, the pictures and the words that fill several pages in this issue remind me of what truly endures from a college education. Yes, there is the deep learning and the preparation for work or for further study. But I have also been reflecting on something I heard journalist and higher education author Jeff Selingo say in a podcast I listened to recently: “We’re in graduation season, of course, when students leave college. And we know that years later, what they’re going to be talking about is relationships, whether those are faculty, staff, coaches, peers. Those relationships that made a difference in their lives. Meeting people in college, developing those deep relationships, is so critical to success both in college and after college. We have volumes of academic research on that.”

Those relationships are what bind our graduates—brand new, recent-ish, silver, golden, and more than golden—to

this College. They distinguish us from other institutions. I have received many messages from 2020 graduates (and their families) thanking the College for bringing them back for closure *together*. I have talked with numerous Reunion alumnae who returned to campus to spend time with friend groups that have grown only closer over the years and the decades with faculty and staff who animated their college experience. Even those returning for their 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and—yes—70<sup>th</sup> reunions, who saw almost none of the faculty and staff they knew at Saint Mary’s, marveled at how those working at the College today bring the same commitment, care, and love of learning to their work as those here in earlier times. The spirit of even those long-ago relationships lives on.

While I am proud that we are a place that builds these relationships, I think we can be even more deliberate about this crucial aspect of college success. Students who see their parents and grandparents maintain college bonds over time absorb the expectation that they will go to college and create the same kinds of relationships. But over a quarter of our students come to Saint Mary’s as the first in their families to attend college. As Jeff Selingo noted in his podcast, at most institutions “too many students are really spectators to the experience.” If we want to guarantee that every one of our graduates will leave with sustaining relationships, we need to bolster our intentional approach to ensuring that they are full participants in “belonging.” Every student who chooses to come to Saint Mary’s *belongs* here. We want to be able to say to every graduate on Commencement Day and at Reunion Weekend: “We know you.”

Warm regards,



Katie Conboy, Ph.D.  
*President*

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**On the Cover:** The spire atop Haggar College Center reflected on Lake Marian on a quiet campus morning.

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# A Legacy of Leadership

by Tori Murphy '19

## Emily Spore Chase '04, Ph.D., RN always knew what she wanted to be when she grew up—

and how to get there. In second grade, she dressed up for career day in her grandmother's nursing uniform. In fourth grade, she wrote to the Saint Mary's admission team describing the College as the only place for her. And in May 2004, she made her dreams a reality when she graduated from Saint Mary's College at the top of her nursing class.

While Emily knew what she wanted at a young age, and understood that Saint Mary's was part of her plan, her mother **Mary Beth Roitz Spore '79, Ph.D.**, saw Saint Mary's campus for the first time when she arrived for college in August 1975. While she was lonely and found the transition challenging, Mary Beth soon embraced her new home, making life-long friends and realized Saint Mary's was the best decision she's *never* made. It was years later when Mary Beth and her husband, Joseph, drove through Saint Mary's on vacation from Pennsylvania and young Emily, in fourth grade at the time, listened to her mother's stories detailing the independence and confidence she gained from her time on campus. It was then that Emily made up her mind to make Saint Mary's her college home.

Emily's family legacy is a representation of Saint Mary's alumnae: strong, resilient, and empowered. And while there are many tales of multi-generational Saint Mary's women doing good in the world, the Spore family gives us a glimpse into one of them.

"It wasn't so much that I wanted to follow my mom's exact footsteps, but that I saw how confident she was in a room full of men. She was a leader in her field, and that's what I was drawn to," said Emily.

Mary Beth graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and then went on to earn her doctorate in English literature, and began a 35-year career in academia. She was a professor and later a dean, noting that it wasn't always easy to be the only female in a male-dominated field. "At Saint Mary's, you see women presidents, women in positions of authority and responsibility. So I was equipped (by watching their pioneering examples) to respond effectively when I entered the real world and was getting pushback from male colleagues."

While Mary Beth leads in the world of higher education, Emily directed her skills toward the healthcare field, just as she'd always wanted. Graduating with a nursing degree from Saint Mary's, she continued her education at the University of Illinois Chicago, earning her doctorate degree in 2012. Currently, Emily is the chief nursing officer and senior vice president of Patient Care Services at The University of Chicago Medicine in Chicago. Three thousand five hundred nurses report to her as one of the senior leaders at the medical center. Breaking down barriers, Emily is the only

The Center for Integrated Healthcare Education's simulation laboratory allows students to practice clinical and decision-making skills.



nurse, one of four women, and one of two LGBTQ+ members on the leadership team—a true role model for her own daughter, **Meghan Chase**, a current Saint Mary's student, Class of 2025.

Just as her mom watched her grandmother excel, Meghan has grown up with a bird's eye view of Emily doing the same. Having just finished her first year at Saint Mary's, Meghan said being able to watch Emily at the hospitals and having the experiences of visiting the NICU with her has inspired her to become a nurse herself. "I never felt forced to be a nurse; I want to be a nurse. And I think it's important in our family to carry that on," Meghan said.

One academic advantage Meghan has over her mother is the College's new Center for Integrated Healthcare Education (CIHE). Because Emily identifies herself as a "nurse first and an administrator second," her excitement about the CIHE expansion of the nursing program in Regina Hall is obvious. "This really puts the Saint Mary's program on the map," she said. "There's evidence out there that simulation is best practice, and for students to be able to have this facility, we are going to see the best nurses coming out of Saint Mary's."

With a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment in 2020, the CIHE opened phase one of the three-phase project in the fall of 2021. The first floor and lower level of Regina Hall have been transformed and now contain an impressive 80-seat lecture hall, five simulation labs, three acute care rooms, birthing room, pediatric room, brand new high-tech medical mannequins, and more. At a time where nurses are so needed in the workforce, Saint Mary's is able to expand its nursing enrollment by more than 30% because of the center's expansion.

Throughout the next two phases, all health science and behavioral programs will be housed in Regina Hall, creating a space to mirror a real-life medical center.

The nursing sciences program has a substantial reputation for being the best of

the best, with many accolades to show for it. Recently, Saint Mary's was named one of the top four nursing schools in Indiana—and the top ranked private nursing school in the state according to Nursing Schools Almanac. In 2021, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked it in the top 26% of private and public undergraduate nursing programs in the nation.

As a leader herself in the nursing world, Emily has seen the best of the best when it comes to healthcare facilities. When walking through the CIHE, she couldn't help but compare the Center to where she works on a daily basis. "We do simulations at my work for nurses and physicians, and it's critically important," she said. "I've always thought Saint Mary's has the best nursing program in the country—I go out and say it all the time—but the ability to have this kind of facility sets it even more apart."

Additionally, as a response to the nursing shortage in the country, Saint Mary's is offering a direct-entry Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), making the College

the first in the state to offer this degree in a direct-entry format. Beginning in fall 2022, the MSN program is designed to be completed in two full years. Upon passing their licensure exams, graduates of the program will begin their careers with an RN-MSN.

While Emily and Meghan swapped stories about their shared experiences as nursing students at Saint Mary's, Emily emphasized the importance of giving back in order for the next generation to have facilities similar to the CIHE. "We need institutions like Saint Mary's that can educate women and build independent thinkers and leaders of the future," said Emily.

Emily's Saint Mary's legacy doesn't just begin with her mother and end with her daughter, being a Belle—and a leader—extends through the family tree. Emily's younger sister and Meghan's aunt, **Bridget Spore Faulk '08**, was a music major at Saint Mary's and founded the a capella group, Bellacappella. "While we all did very different things, it's still that essence of being a leader and being confident in your own field," said Emily.

Emily wants future generations to have the education and the experience that she had, that her sister had, and that her mom had, which is why she is motivated to support Saint Mary's through dedicated gifts to the nursing program and the Saint Mary's Fund. "It's for the current generation, which is Meg, and the future generations like my niece Sally. She is only 4 but we are already considering her a future Belle," she said. "We need institutions like Saint Mary's that educate women, build independent thinkers, leaders of the future, and strong voices at every table." †



A young Emily dressed up in her grandmother's nursing uniform, foreshadowing her successful career in healthcare.



From left to right: **Meghan Chase, Emily Chase, and Mary Beth Spore** exchange stories from their time on campus in the Center for Integrated Healthcare Education in Regina Hall.

# Class of 2020 Celebrating Together

A Personal Perspective by Elyse Paul '20

As a 2020 graduate, reuniting with my best friends for the weekend's Commencement Celebration was surreal. For two years, after being abruptly separated in March 2020, we hoped for a traditional celebration with all the pomp and circumstance. On Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2022, my classmates and I made an extraordinary comeback to campus to celebrate our undergraduate accomplishments and to catch up on where we've been during the past couple of years. Our time together on campus again felt like stepping back in time to a chapter of our lives we hold so dearly in our hearts. It was a true gift to return home and properly commemorate our accomplishments.

Seared into my memory is that moment in March 2020 when we found out classes would transition to virtual instruction. I was shopping for a dress for Commencement Ball—one of the eagerly

anticipated senior week events. We were told spring break would be extended by another week to give professors time to adapt to virtual instruction and that the College hoped to bring students back soon.

Many tears of uncertainty were shed during these early weeks while I desperately hoped I could return to my dorm room in Le Mans Hall. As the light of hope dimmed, our class mourned the loss of a “normal” senior week, Commencement ceremony, and a proper goodbye to everyone who had impacted us.

Despite the separation, we found ways to stay connected to our alma mater and found unexpected moments of joy even apart from each other. We acted as technology consultants for our professors. We sent mail to fellow students with encouraging words as we navigated a new way of life. When senior week arrived,

we celebrated virtually. My friends and I called each other on Facetime, cooked breakfast, and danced on top of couches in our living rooms blasting Beyonce's “Love On Top” for our own version of Late Night Breakfast. My mom, **Deanne Isabelle Paul '90**, Zoomed her classmates and other alumnae to toast my accomplishments for a unique twist on the alumnae Champagne Brunch. Other alumnae sent messages to remind us that our predicament would never undermine all we had accomplished at Saint Mary's. On the day of virtual Commencement, my friends and I called each other to cheer when our names were read.

Fast forward two years after that online ceremony, and remarkably more than half of the Class of 2020 returned to campus to celebrate together. Since May 2020, some of us have earned graduate degrees, and

started careers, and some have married and welcomed future Belles into the world. Although our lives have gone in many directions, returning to campus felt like nothing changed.

Just as promised, The Avenue led us home for a joyous celebration. Our friends were reunited and campus bustled with that distinct graduation excitement. Because we had already said our hard goodbyes, this ceremony felt bigger than Commencement. It was a commemoration and a reunion all at once. Graduates stayed in Le Mans Hall, pushed beds together for a weekend sleepover, and were reintroduced to shower shoes and communal bathrooms. Of course we checked to see if our old dorm rooms were unlocked to sneak a peek, and we applauded the installation of air conditioning units and other renovations the campus had seen in the past two years.

While our Commencement weekend did not bring together our entire class, 220 of us stood proudly as a representation of our combined accomplishments during an unprecedented year. I can attest that there were two things that my classmates and I



Elyse Paul and her mom, Deanne Isabelle Paul, display their Saint Mary's rings and College love.

desperately wanted to do at our postponed commencement. We longed to experience a proper closure to our time as students, and we wanted to express our gratitude to professors, staff, and other members of the Saint Mary's community who played an important role as mentors to each of us. Our celebration did exactly that and more. Over the course of the weekend, we finally filled the gap in the Le Mans tunnel with our handprints, we opened our circle, we took our “final” walk down The Avenue, and we personally thanked our beloved faculty and staff for all they had done for us.

On Saturday morning, Commencement day, the weather looked exactly as it did two years earlier, a sunny and clear sky. I believe it was divine providence. At noon, we processed through the doors of Le Mans Hall as faculty, staff, and parents cheered. The sight brought so many emotions.

Seeing my classmates one-by-one in the procession, savoring the moment we had longed to experience was absolutely euphoric. We were walking the walk we had dreamed of just as alumnae before us had walked. Nancy Nekvasil, former interim president of Saint Mary's during the spring of our senior year, fittingly served as our Commencement speaker. Her words and the remarks of many others described our strength and resilience in times of extreme stress and uncertainty.

When I look back, I may recall the trials we overcame to get to this moment, but above all, I will remember our beautiful outdoor Commencement that Saint Mary's made possible, two years later, to properly mark the occasion. Our triumphant return is a testament to the love that alumnae hold for Saint Mary's and its long-standing traditions. Saint Mary's commitment to tradition and community was displayed through all the efforts to bring us all back together. Those sentiments were wholeheartedly demonstrated as each member of the Class of 2020 crossed the stage as strong, resilient, patient, and deserving women. †



*“Above all, I will remember our beautiful outdoor Commencement that Saint Mary's made possible.”*



COMMENCEMENT 2022

# A Call for Active Hope



**On Saturday, May 14, 310 undergraduates and 50 graduate students claimed their degrees before family members and friends at the 2022 Saint Mary's Commencement.**

Along with the main ceremony, graduates and their families celebrated with events throughout the week. Among the highlights was the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Multiethnic Graduation Celebration on May 12 that formally honored 40 graduates from diverse backgrounds; and the Commencement Mass on May 13 that brought graduates and families together in prayer in O'Laughlin Auditorium with Bishop Kevin C. Rhodes presiding.

During her Commencement address, Catholic theologian M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D. implored graduates to bring hope to the world through their endeavors. After the past two years that have been rife with

upheaval, Copeland said spreading hope is necessary.

"Hope is sorely needed—not passive, acquiescent, equivocating wishing, but active, resilient, steadfast hope that acts to bring about good, that stands up for truth, that advocates and works for justice," she said. "Hope is not superficial, not simplistic, not naive. Do not confuse hope with optimism or with 'magical' thinking. Hope is difficult and complex, daring and demanding."

The event started and ended with rain, but the sunny weather during the ceremony was the ideal backdrop at Le Mans Green for a day of new beginnings with a focus on hope.

As the ceremony drew to a close, President Katie Conboy charged the Class of 2022 to "bear your vitalities to a world awaiting you!"

"You can do this in small ways or large ones, in local or global contexts," she said. "Raise your voices—with civility and a spirit of dialogue—in any space that requires it. Create community in your personal and professional worlds. Lift up the marginalized and walk with those who need your solidarity. Embrace new challenges and opportunities. Keep stretching. Keep growing. Look more for questions than for answers," she urged the graduates.

If students learned only one thing while at Saint Mary's, Conboy said she hopes it is that the talents and skills that are uniquely theirs become their gifts to the world.

"When you give those gifts away generously, you will find that you somehow have more of them to give," she said.

Commencement speakers M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D., and President Katie Conboy, Ph.D., address the 2022 graduates.





### Senior Week Traditions

A week of activities for seniors culminated with the traditional Opening the Circle on Le Mans Green and a final walk down The Avenue, with faculty and staff lining the street to cheer along the grads. The party on The Island filled the campus with music while seniors toasted each other and danced into the evening.



From left to right: Kathryn Schneider, M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D., and Mary L. Burke

### Commencement Honorees

This year, Saint Mary's honored three women for their inspiring contributions to the College.

Kathryn Schneider, a friend and partner with Saint Mary's College for more than 30 years, received the 2022 President's Medal. As former executive director of St. Margaret's House in South Bend—a day center that supports women and children who live in poverty—Schneider has been a role model to the entire community through her extraordinary service.

The College granted an honorary degree to **Mary L. Burke '85**. After Saint Mary's College, Burke earned an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Burke's connections to Saint Mary's are deep: through her roles on

multiple boards and alumnae clubs, notably 16 years on the Board of Trustees; and as a proud legacy—her mother, aunt, sister and several cousins are all alumnae. Her strong bonds and profound love for the College and for a Holy Cross education has made Burke one of Saint Mary's strongest advocates and most faithful servants.

The College also honored Commencement speaker M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D., with an honorary degree. The Saint Mary's community has benefited from Copeland's intellectual work on several occasions, including her visit as the 2007 Madeleva Lecturer, and this year as our 2022 Commencement speaker. She is considered one of the most influential, creative, and faithful Catholic theologians of our time.

*“Raise your voices—with civility and a spirit of dialogue—in any space that requires it.”*

### Honoring Multiethnic Grads

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Multiethnic Graduation Celebration honored the diverse backgrounds and unique journeys of 40 graduates and their families. Hosted by the Office of Multicultural and International Student Services, the event formally recognized the graduates' and their families' support, sacrifice, resilience, and achievements. **Adriana Garces Petty '01**, director of multicultural and international student affairs, said the event celebrates the achievements the graduates earned as they overcame obstacles to excel.



### Valedictorians Recognized

In a record-breaking year for the highest academic achievement, we honored six graduates as valedictorians for the Class of 2022, who graduated with degrees in business, speech language pathology, environmental studies, Spanish, social work, and statistical mathematics. Representing her cohort, **Allyson Emmett** delivered the valedictory address during the ceremony. “Saint Mary's has been a bridge to connecting me to local and global communities, as well as a bridge to changing my perspective on learning through uncertainty,” Emmett told the audience. “Welcome this transition phase and know it is the space where growth and self acceptance happens.”

From left to right: **Emily Tobias, Allyson Emmett, Margaret Devitt, Katherine O'Hara, Grace Floerchinger, and Lauren Honkamp**

Watch the valedictorian speeches at [saintmarys.edu/commencement](https://saintmarys.edu/commencement)

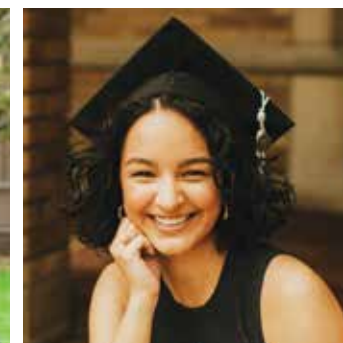


### A Moment of Their Own

Ten lacrosse team seniors, who would have missed their Commencement after earning a berth to the NCAA Division III Lacrosse Championship, were treated to an early ceremony this year. President Katie Conboy, faculty, and College administrators, in front of family and friends, led the student athletes through their own procession in the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex. Wearing full regalia, and walking to a spirited version of “Pomp and Circumstance,” the seniors were able to enjoy a complete, yet small-scale ceremony, planned just for them.



### Senior Award Recipients



Lumen Christi Award  
**Eliana Sanchez**

Outstanding Senior  
**Sophia Sanchez**

Madeleva Award  
**Katherine Sollmann, DNP**

# 2022 LEGACIES

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

**Amanda Acosta**, Kassandra Acosta '20

**Catherine Marie Alberts**, Jessica Elizabeth Alberts '18, Alison Y. Alberts '20

**Alexandria Baxter Arkwright**, Nancy Kurtz Arkwright '49\*

**Mackenzie M. Bardol**, Kelli Kristine Zeese '12

**Emma Kay Burges**, Rita May Sushmitha Pillai '21

**Sydney Jean Bleich**, Molly O'Hara Niezer '85, Leah Marie Kuharevitz '09

**Niamh Catherine Brophy**, Barbara Brown Mathys '65, Margaret Reynolds McBride '64, Ellen Brown McBride '64

**Payten Terese Bruni**, Zoe Considine Bruni '19

**Margaret Mary Cicchiello**, Katherine Lohmuller Decker '05, Ellen Pfister Gries '10, Mary Pfister Pasquali '08, Ann Coryn Lohmuller '81, Margaret Lohmuller Pfister '82

**Brigid Eileen Conmy**, *Amanda Falvey Conmy* '88, Lauren Falvey Bonadies '07, Anne Day Falvey '84

**Eileen Clare Cullina**, Joanne F. Cullina '82

**Jacklyn E. Cunningham**, Kelly Kristine Cunningham '18

**Emma Rose Deery**, Mary Deery Oakley '09

**Brianna Marie Deitz**, Ann Geary Pinola '93

**MaryKatherine Dempsey**, Colleen Marie Dempsey '20, Anne O'Connor Bucher '90\*

**Grace Elisabetta Dennis**, Stephanie Catherine del Pilar '14, Alexandra del Pilar Pecina '14

**Jacqueline Kathleen Drew**, *Gina Kathleen Drew* '98

**Madeleine Eckrich**, Helen Eckrich '20, Judith Tarnawski Eckrich '62, Kathleen Jones Eckrich '93, Roslyn Meta Eckrich Anderson '89, Monica Lynch Eckrich '91, Francine Eckrich Grace '86, Ludith Eckrich Julian '92

**Allyson Rose Emmett**, Kaitlin Jade Emmett '20

**Olivia Grace Emord**, *Karen Johnson Emord* '84, Patricia Johnson McCourt '90

**Elise Wilson Fahrenbach**, *Katherine Wilson Fahrenbach* '83, Colleen Anne Fahrenbach '15, Margaret Maray Fahrenbach '13, Katherine Maire Russell '14, Madeline Wilson Spond '14, Kelly Elisabeth Wilson '15, Laurel Anne Wilson '17, Susan Fahrenbach Forester '78, Mary Pat Wilson Russell '78

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**Vanessa Mae Gunter**, Rebecca Pauline Gunter '18

**Natalie A. Hall**, Allison Hall Vandevoorde '18

**Eleanor Catherine Hanson**, *Kelly Higgins Hanson* '94

**Kelly Marie Harig**, *Lelia Burke Harig* '87, Katherine Waltner Harig '77, Sharon Scully Harig '77, Frances Burke Phillips '89

**Nadia Christina Hartman**, Maria Diana Hartman '19, Natalie Hartman Walker '16, Francesca Michelle Samargin '17

**Molly Heath**, Alexis Ann Pontius-Buell '03

**Lindsey A. Herdsman**, Katherine Lewandowski Taylor '01

**Kathryn Antoinette Hund**, *Monica Lanigan Hund* '94

**Anne T. Jandrain**, Christine Elizabeth Jandrain '11, Jessica Jandrain Robertson '05

**Alexis Michelle Jozwiak**, Kimberly Jozwiak Depke '00

**Bridget Agnes Kane**, Mary Clare Kane '16

**Anna D'Andrea Keller**, *Jennifer Retoske Keller* '90

**Margaret Bronte Koepl**, Sophie Gracen Koepl '21

**Emily Ann Liczygiewicz**, Joy Florence Viceroy '13

**McKenzie Kathleen Looney**, Helen Marie Daniels Crowell '78

**Sarah M. Louth**, Katherine Taylor Louth '16

**Eleanor Sullivan Lynch**, *Kristen Sullivan Lynch* '91, Anne Bittorf Cox '57\*, Betty Comfort Manning '40\*, Mary Murphy '66, Ann Murphy '74, Marcia Murphy Walsh '65, Rita Bittorf Albert '37\*, Susan Sullivan Lane '63, Helen Sullivan Murphy '27\*, Katherine Sullivan Murphy '30\*, Mary Ann Sullivan '65, Louise Bittorf Sullivan '35\*

**Caroline Rose Mages**, Katherine Bennett Hyde '12

**Margaret A. Manning**, Lauren Manning Donlan '78

**Ciara Siobhan McAleer**, Meghan Catherine McAleer '17, Colleen Mary McAleer '13

**Shannon Alyce McCloskey**, Tracy McCloskey Todd '89

**Mary Kaitlyn McEleney**, Anne McEleney Hargrave '76

**Samantha Elizabeth Miller**, *Kathleen McCarthy Miller* '86

**Margaret Ellen Milligan**, Grace Catherine Milligan '20

**Anna Christina Noone**, *Francesca Trigiani Noone* '88, Mary Yolanda Trigiani '79, Antonia Giovanna Trigiani '83, Lucia Anna Trigiani '80, Adriana Maria Trigiani '81

**Kyra Anne Obert**, Kathleen Riegel Obert '65

**Wynn Elizabeth O'Brien**, *Gina Amick O'Brien* '95

**Katherine Elizabeth O'Hara**, Sheila Marie O'Riordan '20

**Jacqueline Rose O'Kane**, *Mary Muldoon O'Kane* '83, Cailey Rose Muldoon '21, Sheila M. Muldoon '85

**Shealyn Francis O'Leary**, *Kathleen Campbell O'Leary* '80, Julie Campbell Moore '95\*

**Sophia M. Olsen**, Hannah Kristina Benchik '20, Emily Moriarty Lennon '00

**Marirose Cecilia Osborne**, *Jacquelyn R. Renchik-Osborne* '89, Hannah Kristina Benchik '20, Karen Cecilia Klimek '21, Dawn Kennedy Boughal '66, Rosemary Boughal Benchik '61\*, Betty J. Bowen Benchik '37\*, Marilyn Benchik '89, Mary Hollies Benchik '89

**Irelyn Grace O'Shea**, Kaitlyn Marie Baker '16, McKenna Michelle O'Shea '21, Maureen O'Shea Junge '94, Kristie O'Shea Baker '93

**Caitlin Adair Prestage**, *Shannon McNamara Prestage* '86

**Natalie Ann Quinlan**, Courtney Marie Quinlan '18

**Kassandra Rose Richmond**, Jessica Marie Richmond '15

**Valeria E. Rojas**, Jaqueline Lizbeth Rojas '21

**Nicole Danielle Rust**, Zita Scheidler Rust '29\*, Sandra A. VanGilder '76

**Adriana Salgado**, Natalie Salgado '19

**Mary Grace Santschi**, Anne Patterson Santschi '56\*

**Abigail Marie Schreck**, *Molly Flood Schrek* '95, Laura Flood Palmer '92, Jennifer Schrek Solloway '98

**Megan A. Shanebrook**, Elizabeth Chandler Blanton '17, Michelle Marie Chandler '02, Melissa Chandler Wright '07

**Taylor Morgan Sharpe**, Ashley Marie DeLoddere '09

**Mara Frances Slosar**, Maureen McCormack Slosar '56\*

**Olivia Kate Smagala**, Anna Christine Smagala '20

**Erin Murphy Smith**, *Colleen Murphy Smith* '87

**Kathleen Marie Soller**, Stephanie Cunningham Ryan '04

**Molly Francis Soper**, Lisa Soper Soegard '14, Katherine Ann Soper '18, Amy McCarthy Carney '91, Patricia Devine McCarthy '65\*, Breccan Creevey Antongiovanni '02

**Natalia Rose Speedon**, Isabella Christine Speedon '18

**Marina Rost Staiger**, *Jeanette Rost Staiger* '83, Alice Rost Kecseg '77

**Hannah M. Sullivan**, Theresa Sullivan Norton '92, Bridget Mary Sullivan '98

**Riley Elizabeth Swope**, Mary Elizabeth Swope '99

**Veronica Brazziel Terrell**, *Elizabeth Kavanaugh Terrell* '89, Claire Elizabeth Kavanaugh '21

**Abigail Dortha Tobias**, Emily Frances Tobias '21

**Briana Susan Tobin**, Susan Tobin Cernugel '92, Holly Tobin Nelson '99

**Hannah Frances Toepp**, Betty Kamm Digby '45\*, Ruth Schindler Gerard '43\*, Lois K. Kamm '36\*, Harriet Kamm Nye '35\*, Jeanne Kamm O'Neill '40\*, Beth Kamm Reising '57, Clare Reising Sobieralski '86, Natalie Kamm Wolf Danielsson '46\*, Geraldine Toepp Burke '27\*, Rosemary Williams Toepp '52, Martha Scanlon Toepp '23\*, Robyn Chmielewski Albert '00, Maureen Toepp Damer '83

**Gizelle Torres-Mendez**, Monica Berenice Villagomez '18

**Sarah A. Tschida**, *Margaret O'Hearn Tschida* '84, Laura Pfeil Elliott '84

**Katelyn Anna Ullrich**, Lisa Ullrich Goodwin '87

**Katherine Theresa Underly**, Samantha Marie Underly '20

**Sydney Frances Vasile**, Kate Anne Vasile '17, Allison Elizabeth Vasile '17

**Sophia Rose Vlahos**, Margaret Therese Davis '17

**Rachel Elizabeth Weese**, *Susanne Scalise Weese* '89, Katherine Lee Weese '20, Annette Scalise Cable '87

**Elizabeth T. Zaczyk**, *Carol Ross Zaczyk* '85, Valerie Renee Zaczyk '20

**Stamatia Carolyn Zembillas**, Maria Katrina Leontaras '21



# Caring for Our Common Home

## Saint Mary's College Commits to Laudato Si' Action Platform

by Haleigh Ehmsen '16

*“We find hope and confidence in our community that we can respond to this need to care for that which God has made and loved.”*

—Interim Vice President for Mission Molly Gower

Saint Mary's College is addressing the climate crisis with immediate action and a global, unified, faith-based plan. In partnership with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, the College has signed on to the Laudato Si' Action Platform and is part of its first cohort, among 30 colleges and universities in the United States—including Loyola University Chicago and Georgetown University—as well as others around the world.

Named for Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical to address climate damage, Laudato Si' puts the pope's philosophy

of caring for our common home into practice. It also provides structure and a network of colleges and universities to work together for greater impact. It is a call that Saint Mary's is answering from a place of deep faith and hope for the future.

Over the course of seven years—the duration of the action platform—Saint Mary's College is prepared to take on environmental challenges that impact our campus and students. By creating a Laudato Si' taskforce, the College will create a plan that will

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—Professor Chris Cobb

galvanize the entire community to achieve its goals.

The taskforce is aligned with the College’s strategic plan, *Revere and Revise*, which calls on the Saint Mary’s community to build on the sustainability work already accomplished and underway. Including environmental stewardship in the strategic plan is the College’s acknowledgement of the global threat of climate change and the urgency to take action now.

Making the commitment was an unqualified yes, said Molly Gower, assistant professor of religious studies and theology and interim vice president for Mission.

“It’s important that we do the hard work of learning what is real, even when it is scary,” Gower said. “Saint Mary’s is a place where our students learn and grow academically and spiritually. It takes honesty and courage to open our eyes to see what is real in the world. Things are broken and need repairing. We find hope and confidence in our community that we can respond to this need to care for that which God has made and loved.”

## It’s Time for Urgency

This isn’t a new commitment for the Saint Mary’s community. In the 1990s the congregation and the College signed on to the United Nations’ Earth Charter, which lays out ethical principles for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful society. The way the College and the Sisters respond to the needs of the earth and their community should also continue to change with the growing urgency of climate change, said **Sister Veronique Wiedower ’70, CSC**, president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

“The timing is right to answer the Vatican’s call-to-action, to share our experiences and learn from others globally,” Wiedower said. “Together we can accomplish more.”

There are seven specific goals within the overall Laudato Si’ platform: response to the cry of the earth, response to the cry of the poor, ecological economics, adoption of sustainable lifestyles, ecological education, ecological spirituality, and community resilience and empowerment.

Chris Cobb, associate professor of English and environmental studies, and educational director of the Sustainable Farm, noted that signing on to the Laudato Si’ Action Platform is a commitment that validates the significance of caring for our planet.

“We seek to transform our relationship with the earth to one that authentically acknowledges that earth is our common home, and the way that we care for earth is the way we care for all of creation,” Cobb said.

## The Action of Stewards

As the College makes this seven-year commitment, the first step is assessing the current environmental sustainability initiatives. For many years students, faculty, and staff have paid special attention to improving sustainability on campus. Some examples include the “free store,” which diverts the end-of-semester move-out waste, reducing single-use plastics, water bottles and

straws, hosting Food Justice Week, among other initiatives. **Eliana Sanchez ’22** worked with the Food Recovery Program during her first three years at Saint Mary’s. She recruited student volunteers and worked with Campus Dining to take hot meals to the Center for the Homeless in downtown South Bend, altogether eliminating food waste from the dining hall.

## Pope Francis’ Laudato Si’ Goals



Her experiences with food recovery and other campus initiatives inspired her to take on an additional major in environmental studies. “When I came to Saint Mary’s, it was the first time I was exposed to how important it is to take care of the environment and the connection to my faith,” Sanchez said. “As I learned more about the climate crisis and how it is connected to my faith, it became integral to how I practice my faith.”

Sanchez, who served as the student trustee, is proud that the College has signed on to the Laudato Si’ Action Platform. She took a tri-campus sustainability course, co-taught by Cobb and other instructors at the University of Notre Dame and Holy Cross College, where she became passionate about creating a more sustainable future.

“We need institutional-level actions and through taking that course I learned that Saint Mary’s was already doing a lot,” Sanchez said. “I’m excited that Saint Mary’s will continue to grow in sustainability efforts to address the climate crisis.”

In 2020, the College’s Sustainable Farm began its first growing season. The farm provides experiential learning for Saint Mary’s students, who use its soil to conduct research. Students in Cobb’s conservation biology course were tasked with developing a plan for addressing an invasive species at the farm, Canadian

thistle. They created a comprehensive, practical plan for implementation that the College’s farmer, Deb Durall, and her team have since executed. “There will be modifications to the plan as we learn from experience; the next conservation biology class members will study the results at the farm and the plan’s implementation, then adjust the plan accordingly,” Cobb said.

Other ongoing projects are facilitated by the Office for the Common Good, including two programs that are addressing food waste: composting and food recovery, the initiative Sanchez tackled while at Saint Mary’s. These programs are carried out by student leaders and volunteers. Compost from the dining hall is transferred to the farm and can be used to nourish the soil and the crops that grow there.

## Responding to the Call

In year one, the College will focus on education and taking inventory of current initiatives. This will help evaluate existing initiatives and discover other opportunities to improve the College’s sustainability.

The Going Green Committee, which has been in existence at the College since the 1990s, will become the Laudato Si’ Action Platform Committee. This will help to build on current initiatives and expand the

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scope of a more sustainable lifestyle on campus.

Faculty, staff, and students will be involved in the action platform over the next seven years, and Cobb noted that they are important advocates for this initiative. “Students get the urgency. The damage has been done, and they are seeing the impact of the changes that are happening to the earth,” he said. “Rooted in our Catholic social teaching, we know that earth gives us life. We are an interdependent community, and God designed us to take care of the earth.” †

To learn more about how Saint Mary’s and the Sisters of the Holy Cross are addressing the climate crisis, and Laudato Si’, visit [cscsisters.org/ourtimeisnow](https://cscsisters.org/ourtimeisnow).



Student leaders direct the Campus Dining compost initiative that makes use of food waste as soil enrichment at the College’s Sustainable Farm.





# Home Again

## Celebrating Two Reunion Weekends

The tables were barely cleared from one Reunion before they were redecorated for a second one. Two back-to-back weekends of Reunion festivities in June brought together hundreds of alumnae to celebrate each other and Saint Mary's.

### On Campus Together

After two summers of virtual reunion celebrations, the Saint Mary's campus was filled with new memories during Reunion weekend. More than 800 alumnae from the classes of "twos" and "sevens" were honored during the weekend, and they came prepared to celebrate more than ever.

With homemade T-shirts, hats, stickers, and cups, these alumnae were ready for four event-packed days. Participants attended talks and panel discussions with current professors, toured buildings new and old, enjoyed morning exercise classes, celebrated Mass at the Church of Loretto, shared meals together, and met with President Katie Conboy.

As the largest registered class, the Class of 1972, or as they dub themselves "Carol Mooney's Class," celebrated their 50-year anniversary of being alumnae of the College.

*"I love Saint Mary's because of you."*

—President Emerita  
Carol Mooney

During the weekend, the Alumnae Association honored four alumnae with awards. **Rachael Stowe '07** was presented the Outstanding Young Alumna award for



her professional impact on the world, her passion for justice, thirst for the discovery of faith and knowledge, and her love of Saint Mary's. The Humanitas Award honoree was **Heidi Cerneka '87**, who was recognized for her lifelong dedication to serving the most marginalized women, from volunteer work as a teacher in Belize, to her work as an attorney in Mombasa and Nairobi where she helped women navigate the criminal justice system. **Mary Anne Luzar Tattersall '72, Ph.D.**, received the Alumna Achievement award for her impressive career in medical sciences, especially with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). And **Carol Mooney '72**, president emerita, was honored at the all-class banquet with the Distinguished Alumna award. She ended her poignant speech by thanking every graduate around the world saying, "I love Saint Mary's because of you."

With hugs, tears of laughter, and an overwhelming amount of gratitude, alumnae described their renewed sense of faith as well as their ongoing appreciation and love for their education. Reunion weekend is a time to celebrate all things Saint Mary's: lifelong friendships, the bond between graduates of all ages, and shared





memories of their time on campus. During these four exciting days, the College celebrated all the remarkable Saint Mary's women in the world.

### Alumnae Gather for Postponed Reunion

For members of class years ending in "zeros," "fives," "ones," and "sixes," their original Reunions were a medley of virtual group visits, online presentations, and livestreaming. It was, to say the least, wildly different from what they'd hoped it would be. Yet in many ways, the online Reunions brought unexpected joys. There were alumnae who attended who wouldn't

have—or couldn't have—made the trip to South Bend. There were others who proudly introduced family members and pets to their classmates, and showed off their homes and gardens, while on Zoom. Everyone made the best of it, and though different, it was still a beloved connection with classmates.

This year, June 9-12, Saint Mary's offered these alumnae a Reunion in person, with all the traditional activities, class photos, food and drinks, plus the reconnection and laughter.

"This time around, our alumnae who had their in-person Reunions postponed are here, ready to see the campus with

their own eyes. A good part of the virtual reunions were spent discussing what was going on at Saint Mary's. They were worried about the current situation, the students, and to be sure this special place was going to be able to weather the storm," said **Kara O'Leary '89**, executive director of alumnae relations and advancement. "Once they were back in the residence halls, roaming Le Mans, and walking across campus, you could see the gratitude and happiness on their faces. It was a really special time."

Next year, we celebrate the classes of "threes" and "eights," and we hope to see you there! †



### 2022 Honorees

Distinguished Alumna Award  
**Carol Mooney, Class of 1972**

Outstanding Young Alumna  
**Rachael Stowe, Class of 2007**

Alumna Achievement Award  
**Maryann Luzar Tattersall, Class of 1972**

Humanitas Award  
**Heidi Cerneka, Class of 1987**

# Summer Research

Saint Mary's faculty and students continue their research projects and academic work during the summer months on campus and around the world. Funding from the National Science Foundation, the Marjorie Neuhoff Summer Science grant—specifically for research in biology, chemistry and physics—along with other College endowments make the pursuit of new discoveries possible.

"Modeling Belief Evolution Over Time in Society," **Madeline Pooler '24, Molly Mullett '23,** and Pushpi Paranamana, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science

"IIBR Informatics: Intuitive Software for Automated Tracking and Counting," **Kyra Obert '22, Samantha Vorderer '23,** and Ian Bentley, associate professor of physics

"Explorations in Chemical Ecology and Animal Behavior," **Lex Gilman '23, Scout Steinhiser '23,** and Cassie Majetic, professor of biology (See campus mushrooms on right.)

"Neural Network Architecture for Stellar Labels," **Kathleen Connick '23, Rose Brienza '24,** and Marwan Gebran, associate professor of physics and astronomy physics

"Investigating Trifluoromethylation Strategies and Applications," **Makaya Robinson '24, Sarah Leddy '24,** and Elsa Hinds, assistant professor of chemistry

"Dialogue and Democracy Summer Institute," **Mary Lois Burke '25, Anais Juliano '25, Cholo Westrate '25, Paige Madden '23,** and Megan Zwart, professor of philosophy

The Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI), **Zahraa Mozan '24, Crystal Ramirez '23, McKenzie Lookebill '22, Neelofar Ahmed '22,** and Emily Rose McManus, director of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, academic director of SUSI



Scout Steinhiser collects samples for pollinator research.

*"Organisms big and small use chemicals to mediate their interactions with the world, and we're studying two systems that greatly impact humans every day: plant-pollinator interactions and mushroom chemistry and diversity."*

—Professor Cassie Majetic

### Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR)

"Place Based Elementary Inquiry," **Hanna Maheras '23,** and Jeff Grenier, professor of education

"Development in Cross Cultural Literacy Practicum," **Janet Nantumbwe '23,** and Katherine Higgs Coulthard, professor of education

"Assessing The Effects of Anxiety and Acute Stress on Prospective Memory," **Cecilia Swanson '23,** and Andrea O'Rear, professor of psychology

"Interreligious Conflict and Cooperation in the Medieval Mediterranean," **Paige Madden '23,** and Jessalyn Bird, professor of humanistic studies

"Restorative Justice and Prison Reform," **Sydney Ellis '23,** and Andrew Pierce, professor of philosophy

"Living and Dying Exposed: Comparing the Ethics of Bodily Exposures in Ireland and Chile," **Mary Elsinger '23,** and Nell Haynes, visiting assistant professor of global studies

"Leveraging the Libre Texts Project into the Next Generation Hub for Construction, Dissemination, and Usage of Open Educational Resource Textbooks," **Therese Diamond '23,** and Laura Williamson Ambrose, associate professor of humanistic studies †



## Temple Grandin Visits Saint Mary's

World-renowned professor, animal science expert and best-selling author Temple Grandin visited the College in April to discuss work strategies for young adults on the autism spectrum, drawing from her own experiences as an individual on the spectrum. Witty and honest, Grandin outlined how she discovered her strengths, and learned to channel them into a meaningful career. Hosted by the Department of Autism Studies, Grandin was the inaugural Autism Studies Lecture Series speaker. Through a generous endowment gift from the Peter B. and Adeline W. Ruffin Foundation in New York City, the lecture series will provide access to some of the greatest minds in the field for students, professionals, parents, and caregivers. "I was pleasantly surprised at how eager Temple was to spend time talking with students, faculty and members of the community," said Michael Waddell, director of the Autism Studies program. "She truly went above and beyond in this regard. It was nice to have Temple Grandin—an expert in this field—validate so much of what we are teaching our students."



## International Instructors Share Their Cultures

The College hosted two Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTA) in the 2021-2022 academic year. From Taiwan, Chih-Ting Lu taught Intro to Chinese, along with Mandarin Conversation and Reading. Hagar Hodeeb, visiting instructor from Egypt, taught Arabic.

"The FLTAs increase the diverse international presence on campus and promote mutual understanding among people of different nations through assisting foreign language teaching and cultural extra-curricular events," said Alice Yang, director of International Education in the Center for Women's

Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

Lu said she was curious about how a single-gender college would empower women. "But here, it just happens. It's really beautiful," she said. "...we have created a trust circle in our classroom and the students feel safe."

Since 2010, Saint Mary's has hosted 15 visiting educators from around the world, including China, Taiwan, Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia.

Top: Visiting instructor from Taiwan, Chih-Ting Lu

Bottom: Visiting professor from Egypt, Hagar Hodeeb



## Blending Humanities with STEM

This fall Saint Mary's will launch a new academic program that integrates technology fields with the humanities.

With the support of a Humanities Connections grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the new Digital and Public Humanities (DPH) minor combines coursework from the humanities, art, computer science, business, communication studies, environmental science, and others. "This new minor prepares students to thrive in a world increasingly shaped by technology," said Sharon Meagher, interim provost and senior vice president. "It will integrate project-based, experiential learning opportunities within nine academic specialties, providing students with a hands-on model of how humanities research engages with and influences the world." As of 2019, only 42 undergraduate digital humanities minor programs existed at institutions across the United States; half of which were located at high-level research institutions. Saint Mary's newly launched program will become one of just a handful of programs in the country that explicitly pairs the digital with the public humanities.

## College Receives Grant for First Gen Students

Saint Mary's received a \$1 million, five-year grant to ensure first-generation student success by joining the Kessler Scholars Collaborative. As part of the collaborative, the College will implement the Kessler Scholars model on campus. Additionally, Saint Mary's and partner institutions will share resources, evaluate best practices, and participate in collaborative-wide student engagement and networking opportunities. Between July 2022 and June 2027, Saint Mary's will devote at least 40% of the total grant, or \$400,000, to direct student aid. The first cohort of up to 20 Kessler Scholars will arrive on campus in fall 2023.



## Raise Your Voice Sexual Violence Symposium

April was Sexual Violence Awareness Month and as part of a commitment President Katie Conboy made to actively addressing sexual violence, the College hosted the inaugural Raise Your Voice Sexual Violence Symposium. The week-long event included guest speakers, art installations, and the annual tri-campus Take Back the Night walk. Students, faculty, and staff shared research and resources to provide essential information for survivors, advocates, and educators. Special guest Chanel Miller joined the College virtually to talk about her New York Times bestselling memoir, "Know My Name."

"Sexual violence affects everyone. As the only women's college in the state of Indiana, Saint Mary's should be a convener of events designed to educate the community around matters of particular importance to women," Conboy said.

## Partnership with ND for Accelerated Masters

Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business are collaborating on new accelerated bachelor's-to-master's degree programs. For Saint Mary's students who meet the criteria for entry, Notre Dame will guarantee advance admission to four of its master's programs. Students will be able to complete their graduate degree with one additional year of coursework or less. "These new offerings speak to the shared commitment of our two institutions to provide outstanding academic programming for our students," said President Katie Conboy. "At the same time, we are showing students how to maximize the investment in their education by earning a master's degree at an accelerated pace." The new dual-degree programs will

ensure that Saint Mary's undergraduates can complete a baccalaureate degree that includes required coursework for direct entry into the Master of Nonprofit Administration; Master of Science in Management; Master of Science in Finance; and Master of Science in Accountancy programs at Notre Dame.



## Twins Thrive on Campus

College is a time for independence, change, and a brief separation from your family. Unless you're one of the eight sets of fraternal and identical twins on campus for the 2021-22 school year.

While some twins wanted to stay together through college, others ended up at Saint Mary's together unexpectedly.

All of the Saint Mary's twins say it's been a benefit to be with her biological sister this year.

Emily and Erin Bennett '23 said it made the adjustment to college smoother. "Having Erin with me has been like having a built-in friend," Emily said. "I couldn't imagine not having Emily with me... I don't have to worry about being homesick, because I have family here," Erin added.



Emily and Erin Bennett

Read more at [Courier Online](https://www.courier.com).  
[saintmarys.edu/news/twins-together-saint-marys](https://saintmarys.edu/news/twins-together-saint-marys)



## College Names New Provost and Vice President for Student Enrollment

On August 1, Barbara May, Ph.D., joined the leadership team as provost and senior vice president. Arriving from the College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University in central Minnesota, she has served as academic dean since 2017. In that role, May was the key administrator for all academic programs, curricular and academic co-curricular matters, assessment of student learning, course scheduling, and educational policy. May earned her doctoral degree in molecular veterinary biosciences from the University of Minnesota and her bachelor's in biology and German from St. Olaf College.

Additionally, **Lori Johnson '91** joined the College's leadership team June 15 as vice president for student enrollment and engagement. Johnson comes to

Saint Mary's from Berklee College in Boston, where she served as associate vice president and dean of student advising and success since 2016. At Berklee, Johnson led initiatives involving enrollment, student retention, first-year experience, and scholarship programs. Johnson earned a bachelor of arts in social work in 1991 from Saint Mary's College and her master of science in administration in 2000 from the University of Notre Dame. Johnson previously served as an advisor and assistant director of First-Year Studies at Saint Mary's College, a position she held from 1999 to 2003.

Top: Provost and Senior Vice President Barbara May.

Bottom: Vice President for Student Enrollment and Engagement **Lori Johnson**.



## A Global Welcome for SUSI Alumnae...Finally

In June, Saint Mary's celebrated the Global Women's Leadership SUSI 2021 participants after a year-long wait. Students from the Middle East and North Africa first participated in a virtual SUSI program in summer 2021. The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), brought them together in real time to meet each other and their instructors. Students spent

their two weeks in the US absorbed in leadership and professional skills sessions, and visiting regional art and cultural centers. "We are honored to celebrate these amazing participants for how they showed up each and every day for women, girls, and LGBTQ+ people in their countries and globally, especially during the disruption and worry the pandemic brought," said

Emily Rose McManus, director of CWIL. "Their courage, persistence, and resilience in our intra-pandemic world is a true inspiration." Since 2012 Saint Mary's has hosted the SUSI Institute, inviting undergraduate women from Tunisia, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, and the United States to discover their leadership potential.



## ALUMNAE DEATHS

<b>1944</b>	Theresa Davis	July 15, 2021
	Jeanne Yuncker Klem	January 6, 2022
<b>1946</b>	Mary Anne Noel Hockensmith	July 26, 2021
	Theresa Sobierski Leazenby	February 3, 2022
	Anne Wolf Ronayne	March 31, 2021
<b>1947</b>	Joann Welch McLane	October 22, 2021
<b>1948</b>	Evelyn Bernica Lawton	February 27, 2022
<b>1949</b>	Mary Joan Mackey	January 5, 2022
	Leticia Martinez Malagon	April 6, 2021
	Mary Pickering Raymond	September 9, 2021
<b>1950</b>	Dorothy Skemp Heberlein	June 29, 2021
	Margaret O'Donnell Yockey	October 16, 2021
<b>1951</b>	Gloria Hexamer Matney	December 19, 2021
	Jean Dahm Wilmering	February 15, 2022
<b>1952</b>	Joanne Little O'Kane	June 17, 2021
	Antoinette DiSalle Watkins	March 16, 2022
	Marcella Deppen Welty	August 30, 2021
<b>1953</b>	Joy Reznor Gallagher	March 20, 2022
	Margaret Curtin Hutchinson	December 31, 2021
	Marion Lock Richter	March 8, 2022
<b>1954</b>	Hallie Kirkpatrick Snyder	February 21, 2021
<b>1955</b>	Martha Richards Jeffries	February 15, 2022
	Diane Cross Taylor	April 16, 2022
<b>1956</b>	Arleen Kann Battalora	August 9, 2021
	Mary Hennion Gassensmith	March 9, 2022
	Sister Elena Malits, CSC	March 10, 2022
	Abigail Foley Moore	April 3, 2021
	Janet Miller Waters	September 5, 2021
<b>1957</b>	Mary Reedy Ahlering	March 23, 2022
	Dolores Sirgany Barrock	January 18, 2022
	Mary Nell Knoebel	February 8, 2022
	Dee Kiley LeFevour	April 18, 2022
	Mary Getzinger Papai	June 7, 2021
	Nancy McNamara Score	January 25, 2022
	Judy Vanderkarr Siwkowski	February 11, 2022
	Josephine Murphy Vorda	March 15, 2022
<b>1958</b>	Mary Ann Hamilton Grace	February 25, 2022
	Kathryn Bowling Merkel	December 15, 2021
	Catherine Duffy O'Leary	April 13, 2022
	Mary Butler Ziegner	March 25, 2021

## 1959

Sister M. Pascaline Coff, OSB December 16, 2021

## 1960

Rita Payton Benear February 10, 2022  
 Katharine Abrott Brady January 11, 2022  
 Geraldine Chwalek DeGraff January 13, 2022  
 Ann Pelachik Einhorn May 30, 2021  
 Virginia Brazzill Guiden April 5, 2022  
 Marilyn Kraemer Kiep January 8, 2022  
 Patricia Carroll Marrone February 8, 2022  
 Carol Casper Perzy March 11, 2022

## 1961

Judith Jackson Johnson December 24, 2021  
 Patricia Geraghty Kowalski March 20, 2022  
 Brenda Bokor Solon March 18, 2022

## 1962

Constance Roule May 17, 2021

## 1964

Diane Smith O'Donnell February 12, 2022

## 1965

Carolyn Balough Colwell January 22, 2022  
 Patricia Podesta Crumley March 30, 2022  
 Lea Devliegher Houdek April 6, 2021

## 1966

Carolyn Wisniewski Ostlie September 23, 2021  
 Patricia Sweeney Schaefer October 3, 2021

## 1967

Maribeth Cleary Ebner January 7, 2022  
 Janet Thompson Powell April 26, 2021  
 Carola Phelan Sandoe February 23, 2021  
 Therese Gromyko Twomey December 27, 2021

## 1968

Donna McManus Conjar March 27, 2022

## 1969

Diane Hart Knowles March 29, 2022

## 1971

Julie Johnson Casey February 10, 2022  
 Carol Ekhaml Hanges April 11, 2022

## 1973

Susan Sendelbach December 24, 2021

## 1975

Marjorie Burkart Borchers February 16, 2022  
 Marilou Rinella McGirr February 16, 2021  
 Nancy Walkowiak May 17, 2021

## 1977

Kathleen Mercer McLarty April 13, 2021

## 1978

Jean Petrillo Waddill February 13, 2022

## 1980

Mary Elizabeth Bonte Kopko March 30, 2022  
 Elaine Reimann January 22, 2022

## 1986

Diane K. Loosmore Gutierrez April 14, 2022

## 1989

Michelle Barron Drolshagen January 13, 2022

## FAMILY DEATHS

*Pamela Abbate, mother of Jennifer Abbate Huffer '95, March 26, 2022.*

*Patrick Aftoora, father of Jacqueline Aftoora Orsagos '82, September 9, 2021.*

*Ronald Albino, father of Georgia Albino '19, January 13, 2021.*

*Janice Amado, mother of Fernanda Torres Amado '14, February 18, 2022.*

*Robert Amon, father of Lynn Marie Amon '92, September 18, 2021.*

*Richard Angelotti, husband of Carol Flaherty Angelotti '66, March 3, 2022.*

*Joanne Appleby, mother of Amy Marie Appleby Hubbard '88 and Angela Appleby Purcell '91, March 17, 2021.*

*Vincent Arceno, grandfather of Lisa Montpetit Brabbitt '89, February 22, 2022.*

*David Bachtel, husband of Donna Halbert Bachtel '70, father of Jennifer Bachtel Whitton '04, February 25, 2022.*

*Mary Ballard, mother of Sara Ballard Call '71, April 14, 2021.*

*Geraldine Bandera, mother of Sarah Joy Bandera Pellico '98, September 2, 2021.*

*Peter Barry, father of Carol Barry Cawley '81, December 28, 2021.*

*Carl Bausch, father of Mary Bausch Duffy '97, May 15, 2021.*

*David Beckmann, brother of Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75, November 19, 2021.*

*Bradley Boaz, father of Emily Boaz Schmale '13, January 12, 2022.*

*Edward Bohrer, father of Jackie Bohrer '86, March 12, 2022.*

*Christina Borden, mother of Mary Borden King '07, May 30, 2021.*

*Lewis Bowie, father of Tara Currey Schmitt '94, January 31, 2022.*

*Vernon Breen, father of Maureen Breen Barunas '77, December 14, 2021.*

*Harry Brinkman, father of Patricia Brinkman Sullivan '81, October 16, 2021.*

*Benjamin Broghammer, father of Elizabeth Broghammer Takacs '95, May 5, 2021.*

*Jack Brown, husband of Phyllis Croy Brown '56, December 8, 2021.*

*Patricia Brown, mother of Maggie Allyn Brown '17, February 6, 2022.*

*Carol Bryant, mother of Debra Bryant Tetzloff '86, January 23, 2022.*

*Sharon Bucheit, mother of Patricia Bucheit Gasper '91, December 20, 2021.*

*Leslie Anderson Burd, husband of Mary Whealan Burd '64, uncle of Laura Hartigan Kennedy '85 and Erin Leigh Whealan '88, brother-in-law of Patricia Whealan Hartigan '59 and Susan Whealan Adorney '70, January 11, 2022.*

*Patricia Ann Burke, mother of Jennifer Burke McBride '91, February 21, 2022.*



## Allow Us to Introduce Ourselves

This might be the first time we have introduced you to the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association Board of Directors (AABOD), but you have probably seen our work if you tune into SMCTalks, or have enjoyed Lenten and Advent reflections. The Board led the creation of these programs.

The AABOD was founded in 1879 and leads more than 20,000 members of the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association. Each and every alumna of Saint Mary's is welcomed into the Association upon graduation from the College—whether or not they join a club or participate in any events.

### Who We Are

The AABOD includes more than 20 alumnae from across the country, and from all walks of life. Currently there are alumnae from the 1970s through the 2010s working on your behalf. Alumnae are elected to serve as directors on the board for three-year terms. Three officers are elected for two-year terms by the directors. Our official mission is to "provide volunteer leadership for the

Alumnae Association by working with the Saint Mary's College community to design and promote opportunities for alumnae to connect with each other and the College." And we work diligently throughout the year to fulfill this mission!



### Our Work

We are a working board of the College creating and executing programming such as SMCTalks, Spirituality Hours, One Book One Saint Mary's, organizing Lenten and Advent reflections and panel discussions at Reunion. We also select the winners of the Outstanding Senior Award and the various awards given at Reunion. But this is not all we do.

We also work to grow and sustain the College through recruiting new students, helping with fundraising and working within our communities, while maintaining communication with all of our alumnae—even those without a club or affinity group.

### What's to Come

In coming issues of *Courier*, we will talk more about our work and welcome suggestions for how we can better serve our alumnae!



To find out more about the AABOD, scan the code to visit us online [www.alumnae.saintmarys.edu](http://www.alumnae.saintmarys.edu).

## Columbus

The SMC Alumnae Belles from Columbus continued our connection focus in the fall of 2021 in spite of our pandemic challenges! Our book club gatherings continued — some in person and some via Zoom thanks to the dedication of **Marilyn Messick '69** in leading that focus for us.

We gathered care packages to send to our 10 current Columbus Belles to share a little love and encouragement during winter finals, thanks to the organizing efforts of **Laura Fattaleh '84**! In the fall, **Julie Vieta '95** hosted a Meet and Greet for the current Columbus students and families to have an opportunity to share experiences with their fellow Belle alumnae, pictured here. We want to extend our gratitude to **Colleen Lowry '11** for chairing our club activities for the past three years and the incredible accomplishments during that time including facilitating club events, expanding the club member list, organizing care packages for current local SMC students, writing cards of encouragement and welcome to incoming freshman, and the significant growth in our club scholarship endowment fund. *Thank you for your leadership, Colleen!*



The chair responsibility has transitioned to **Cindy Finley '92**, so please feel free to contact Cindy directly with any questions or interest in the Columbus SMC Alumnae Club. We would love to welcome fellow alumnae and continue our focus on fellowship and giving back to our alma mater.

## Dallas/Fort Worth

The spring book club discussed Colleen Hoover's *Verity* on Saturday, April 2. The September Book Club meeting will feature the current Saint Mary's One Book, *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson.

Save the date for the annual student send-off on July 31!

For Founders' Day this year we will meet on October 13 at the Dallas Arboretum for a concert (le freak!) at 7 p.m. We will collect items for Genesis Women's Shelters at this event!

Mark your calendar for the annual December 8 Mass and Christmas dinner in Plano!

SMC DFW Club has a scholarship fund! You can now pay your club dues and donate to the scholarship fund within one website:

<https://secure.bimodules.com/s/1611/tp19/interior.aspx?sid=1611&gid=2&pgid=1805&cid=5405>

We appreciate your gift to support the club and current students from DFW.

Follow SMC DFW on Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/smcdfwclub/>

## Des Moines

The Des Moines Club hosted a One Book, One Saint Mary's event on April 28 at the home of **Kelly Cook Lewis '97**. The club is assisting the Des Moines Area Religious Council by gathering items for their May gala in support of their food pantry, which serves area residents at 14 locations in the metro area. We're excited that a student from Des Moines has chosen Saint Mary's, and we'll gather for a send-off on August 11.

## Los Angeles

When I think about the LA/OC club, I think breadth. Post pandemic, our gatherings reflect a blend of together and virtual, which meets the needs of a club with members from the Central Coast to south Orange County to San Bernardino — the area is vast. To that end, the Orange County, south LA book club is virtual; a second group meets together in West LA; Founders' Day, which is October 29, is in Manhattan Beach, near the ocean; and a presidential visit, April 20, was in Altadena.

Advent, Lenten, and Easter (May 24) retreats are all virtual with participants from all over our geographic area. And the ornament production and distribution takes a village. Here's the news about the 2022 ornament.

We surprise launched our 2022 ornament at our April President's Visit. The theme of this year's ornament honors the long history of a shared commitment by the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the College in providing care to others. This beautiful ornament marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Saint Mary's College Bachelor of Nursing Program and reflects Saint Mary's dedication to providing care to others, reflective of the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. A limited supply of these lovely ornaments is available; please visit [www.saintmarysclub.com](http://www.saintmarysclub.com) to purchase.

Lastly, our club is very proud of **Kristin Crowley '93**, who became the first woman fire chief in Los Angeles! Congratulations, Kristen!



Photo Caption: **Lucy Hanahan DaGiau '84**, Maria, the new director of the Brother André Outreach Center, and **Moira Michiels '88**. Our club has a tradition of supporting the work of the center, begun by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

## Nashville

The Saint Mary's Club of Nashville looks forward to resuming in-person activities. Mark your calendars for our traditional Student Send-Off Sunday, August 14. The book club selection for the fall is *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. We hope you will join us to discuss the reading selection on Sunday, September 11. If anyone would like to host or sponsor an event, please reach out to **Monica Cannon Meeker '03** [cannon.monica@gmail.com](mailto:cannon.monica@gmail.com). We look forward to a full season of game watches and happy hours in the coming months.

## CLUB NEWS

### Chicago West

Hello, Belles! It's been an exciting season filled with laughter, friendship, and memories.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022, and we are all excited to see so many new faces at our events!

The greatest gift after Saint Mary's is the community you join when you leave. I remember how I was a bit nervous going to my first Alumnae Club event in the area, but I instantly clicked with the ladies through our common shared experiences and love of SMC. Whether you are class of '69, '74, '83, '92, '04, '17, '22, or anything before and in between, you'll weave right into our common thread.

We've continued with our monthly book club meetings, which include sweet eats and drinks. Our hostesses have really knocked it out of the park: **Patty Cushing '90**, **Camille Vondruska '92**, **Bridget Cahill '89**, and **Jean Adams '74**. We will get together in August, September, and October so please look for **Anne McDermott's '85** monthly email for the upcoming books and other club events.

Our prayers and thoughts have been with **Joanne Marsh '69** as we gathered to honor her late husband Ed. Over the years, Joanne and Ed graciously opened their home for meetings and celebrations for the club. He was a proud Vietnam veteran who continued to serve the community as a volunteer at Cantigny.

Thank you to all for continuing to maintain active club status through yearly dues. It's never too late to update your membership. Information regarding Founders' Day events will be here before you know it.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

~**Lauren Caprio Stewart '04**

### Cincinnati

The Cincinnati Alumnae Club gathered in February to celebrate a belated Epiphany Party, one of our favorite traditions. Club members met for Mass followed by brunch and conversation at the home of **Beth McKevitt Knollman '08**. The club's newly formed "Cincy Connects" networking group gathered in March with alumnae and friends for a performance by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at



Music Hall. This outing was the first social outing of many planned for the coming year as the club seeks to engage local young alumnae and to welcome all Belles who may be new to the Cincy area.

We also remain committed to our service work with the Cincinnati Union Bethel Off the Streets (OTS) program. This year, we hope to host a cooking class with residents from the program and will also be raising funds to support these incredible women recovering from abuse in conjunction with Cincinnati's Fall Queen Bee Half Marathon and 4-miler. Visit [smccincinnatialumnae.weebly.com](http://smccincinnatialumnae.weebly.com) for all current information on club news and events. To learn more about Cincy Connects, contact **Kathryn Marshall '17** at [kathrynmarshall6595@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynmarshall6595@gmail.com) or **Heather Pine '19** at [jhpine20@gmail.com](mailto:jhpine20@gmail.com).









Mary's College for five years. Graduate work at UCLA and an assistant professorship at Texas Medical Branch in Galveston followed. When she married in 1974, she left UTMB to raise a family. She had ideas of being a writer when she first started college and she was able to achieve that in later years, writing small books for her son and grandchildren. In addition, on a very sad note, I just learned that **Jan Feller Schmidt** lost her oldest son on March 8, 2022, after a long illness. Please keep the Knight and Schmidt families in your prayers.

**Mary Moran Smith** had three of her grandchildren's weddings postponed during the pandemic but eventually they all got to say "I do." She is now enjoying great-grandmotherhood to little Thomas. **Rosie Mudd Nickodemus** is happy to be creeping out of COVID's clutch, as her choir is singing again, her book club is meeting in-person, and she's even able to travel a bit. She visited her sister **Mary Mudd McHale '50** in Maryland, and she celebrated her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday with a trip to Lacey, WA to see her granddaughter. She looks forward to summer when she can swim laps in her beloved pool.

I received a surprise phone call from **Miriam Callahan Porter**, who recently moved from Ohio to Studio City, CA with her husband Jerry to be closer to one of her children. She doesn't miss the cold weather. **Mary Carpenter Erlen** wrote in her Christmas card that she had decided to retire as an English professor at Fordham University and was wondering how she would ever move all her books in her office to her home. She has no immediate post-retirement plans. To be continued...

**Sue Brown Bapst** writes that after 24 years living in a large home in Bent Tree, GA, she didn't need all that room but she did need someone who would take care of her. She now calls *home* a nice apartment in an independent living facility called Holbrook in Acworth, GA. She's closer to family, busy with lots of activities and making many new friends. "Life continues to go on with my big family...new great-grandbabies, a couple of weddings, three college graduations this December, new jobs for last year's graduates, and a wonderful 85<sup>th</sup> birthday party given to me by my children this past October here at Holbrook. I am a lucky woman!"

**Pat Wilson Fastiggi** had successful decompression and fusion surgery last spring on her back. A family reunion followed in the summer and of course not everyone was there, but three of her family, who she had not seen in two years, made it all the way from Seattle, WA to Texas...or was it Vermont? She didn't say. Pat was in California last week with her daughter Barbara to visit a granddaughter who attends Scripps College in Claremont, CA. We had a great visit at a restaurant across from Orange County Airport before she returned to Texas.

Our life here in Reata Glen couldn't be fuller. More activities than we can handle, not to mention many, many new friends. Just returned from Mesa, AZ, where several of us pickleball players played in the USA Pickleball Southwest Diamond Regional mixed-doubles tournament. My partner and I received gold medals just for showing up as we were the only team entered in the 3.0-80s mixed doubles event. We were eventually matched with players from the 3.0-70s.

Our family continues to grow. We had four grandchildren marry last year and greeted two new great-granddaughters. This year is a repeat — four weddings and three great-grandsons. And next year — one wedding so far. We have spent two years watching Mass via Zoom offered by an outstanding Irish homilist, Father Robert MacNamara (Father Mac) and will find it hard to return to a brick and mortar church without him. COVID mandates are pretty much a thing of the past and now greatly overshadowed by the terrible Russian invasion of Ukraine. We pray this war will be resolved by the time you read this column.

## 1961

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**Joan Vogel MacLennan** and husband Tom have moved to a senior community north of Chicago and seven miles from the Wisconsin border. She belongs to a singing group and sings at Mass every week or so. They are expecting a third great-grandchild.

**Julia Armstrong-Zwart** wrote that after 40 years she had recently reconnected with **Jana Tognoli Crema '62**. They were planning to meet in June in New Jersey after Julia and her husband had finished a conference at Princeton. Julia and Jana were both Spanish majors at SMC, and Jana had joined Julia at Johns Hopkins for graduate school. In 1964, they were both in Florence for a year at the same time. Their lives further remained connected when Julia's husband was on the faculty at the University of Michigan and Jana's husband was on the faculty at Wayne State University in Detroit.

I would love to hear from you. My next deadline is August 1, 2022.

## 1962

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From **Mardi Hack**: "I promised this update some time ago, but several events got in my way. In June 2021, I fell while playing tennis and badly broke my wrist. It took a full six months to heal. Then in December I developed a squamous cell cancer on my leg. I surgically had that removed in March. Now, all is well on all fronts; my leg incision continues to heal! It is almost there!"

"Here is more of my update: Back in March of 2020, I was out in Coronado celebrating my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with my sister **Jinx Hack Ring '64** and my sister Kate. As I was getting ready to head home COVID-19 hit...and hit hard...I was not stricken...and I made it home safe and sound. Then I went nowhere again until July 2021! So far I have not had COVID. Luckily a friend and I had had a fabulous trip to Helsinki and Russia in 2019. That was incredible! We were on a small ship, so saw the big cities beginning in St. Petersburg and ending in Moscow...plus the little river towns in between! It was wonderful! In July 2021, I traveled

to Coronado, CA despite my broken wrist. It was a great reunion with my sisters after two long years of separation! They both live in California and I am in North Carolina! While homebound, I stayed connected with Rotary and Meals on Wheels. Both are favorites of mine. I now deliver meals twice a month. I am active in Rotary and have been for nearly 30 years!

"Come summer, I will head out West again...this time to Sonora, CA for my niece's wedding. It feels good to be able to travel again! In 2023, I have a trip planned to visit several Scandinavian countries with a good friend. We will start in Dublin, then go on to England, and then up into the North Sea. At the end of the tour, we will spend four days in Copenhagen. So there you have it. I am grateful for good health. And have had all COVID vaccines plus the two boosters!"

From **Ginny Lynch Collins**: "As I write this, life is returning to somewhat normal and our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion is nearing! We should have lots of news from it to report for the next issue."

**Pat Gallagher** updated us from Oakland. "As soon as COVID restrictions permitted, my husband Jim and I flew to Rome in November to visit my eldest son and family. He and his Italian wife, who own a very successful translation company, host a grand American-style Thanksgiving feast each year for friends and family. Two of my Italian-American grandchildren flew in from Amsterdam and Berlin for the occasion. The Italians like the novelty of the food (cranberries, pumpkin pie, cornbread...) as well as the prodigious quantities of everything. Forty guests speaking English, Italian, German, Dutch, Spanish, and Russian chatted happily, code-switching with ease. I had wanted to be an interpreter at the United Nations after I finished my degree in French at Saint Mary's. Had no idea I'd end up as the matriarch of this international family instead!"

"I've seen **Charmaine Hitchcox** perform in a couple of productions in San Francisco. What a dynamo! **Lyn Cosgriff Isbell** and I get together periodically. Lyn and I met up with **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy** and her granddaughter for lunch on Nob Hill in San Francisco last August. I continue to run the 'Friday writers' writing group. We have met every Friday for 14 years. Switched from in-person to Zoom when COVID forced us to change our habits. Writing from prompts, with an aim to writing 'deeper', we are crafting our family stories. I encourage you to write your own family story. A gift to your descendants — and to yourself!"

**Mary Griffin Burns** reports from Evanston/Chicago: "A quick and long overdue update of my comings and goings: A lovely lunch when COVID allowed in December with **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy** and **Maureen McCafferty**, in from New York. I've kept in touch virtually with other classmates and had in-person visits on the West Coast with **Pat Gallagher** and **Lyn Cosgriff Isbell** and with **Marilyn Cacciatore O'Leary** in Albuquerque. I'm retiring this year from teaching at Loyola Law School's Child and Family Law Center and look forward to visiting my three grandchildren who live in Gainesville, FL. My son is a neurologist at the hospital in Gainesville, specializing in movement disorders, and my daughter-in-law is an attorney at the hospital there. My daughter lives in

Montreal, where her husband grew up, but our trips to visit have been complicated due to the border issues with Canada during COVID. Like so many of us, second best but we do FaceTime."

From **Mary Irene Scanlan Doran**: "This past year, 92<sup>nd</sup> and Hamilton, the street where we raised our five children and have lived for over 46 years, was named Phil Doran Way in honor of my beloved husband, who passed away in September of 2020. We are humbled and find great comfort in knowing that his name will live on in the Christ the King community, where both Phil and I have spent our entire lives. We are blessed."

The Collins family is doing well, hoping the worst of the pandemic is over. For so very many years, Dick and I loved having our four children, their spouses, and our nine grandchildren so close by, letting us enjoy many events and watching them all grow up! Now with college students on both coasts and post-college grands settling in other cities (fingers crossed they return to Chicago eventually!), we keep in touch daily via our Big Fam group text! It keeps us all together very well until we can arrange a reunion.

As often as we can, we get together with **Mary Irene Scanlan Doran, Joan Roddewig Geary, Sheila Higgins Botti, Maureen Sullivan Sheehy** (all of us friends since high school), **Kathy O'Boyle Kearney, Babs Herbstritt Ward, and Carol Morrissey Showel**. Maureen and I live near each other, meet often for breakfasts that turn into lunch, and to walk!

From **Maureen McCafferty**:

"It's been a while since I contributed to *Courier*, so this will be a 'grand catch-up!' I'm still happy living in New York City, 10 years into my third career as a real estate agent for the Corcoran Group. (First career was teaching, then directing the Brooklyn Heights Montessori School for 10 years, and the second, for 22 years, was being an insurance agent for Equitable Life dealing mostly with NYC businesses.) I have lived in Greenwich Village for 50+ years and my office is in Soho, about a 20-minute walk, which suits me just fine. Love, love, love being active in a very demanding business and credit it for keeping my neurons connected!"

"My son Chris lives in San Francisco and when I get a chance to visit, I always see **Lyn Cosgriff Isbell, Pat Gallagher**, and Charmaine Hitchcox. We all re-connected with Charmaine when she came to our 50<sup>th</sup> year Reunion and it has been a wonderful renewal of friendship. Two other 're-connections' at our 50<sup>th</sup> year Reunion were made with **Jean Trainor McGlynn** and **Jane Hughes Carlson** — wonderful to be in touch with them, too! Another classmate who hasn't come to Reunions but with whom I'm in touch on Facebook is **Libby Knapke Salamone**. Libby has had an amazing career in real estate in Florida and was recently honored by Tampa Bay Realtors as an 'Agent Icon.' A very big deal! Congratulations, Libby!"

"Back to Chris — he and I connect several times a week on FaceTime, and if I can't see him 'in the

neighborhood' FT is still pretty good! He always makes me laugh, which I consider one of the greatest rewards in being a parent of an adult child!"

"I'm still in contact with **Mary Griffin Burns**. Mary and I connect by phone and regular mail. I've always appreciated Mary's sense of humor and her cards are hilarious! Mary was my 'go to' person in the Christian Culture program when I didn't understand certain readings. She would explain *everything* to me, in her room down the hall, and I clearly 'got it.' However, on the walk back to my room, it all faded back into the ethers, again! When I was in Chicago in December, Mary and I took **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy** out for her birthday and we had a lovely time.

"The Chicago visit, right before Christmas, was truly special as **Ginny Lynch Collins** had a beautiful luncheon for several '62 classmates — **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy, Carol Morrissey Showel, Babs Herbstritt Ward, Sheila Higgins Botti, Mary Irene Scanlan Doran, Joan Roddewig Geary**. I was happy to be included — it had been a long time!

"One of the things I love about living in New York City is the friendship of one of my nephews, Brian. He's my 'sidekick' and we enjoy going to movies and the theatre together. It's so fun to have a relative with whom you share deep friendship and would be in your circle even if you weren't related! I hope to be getting back to having regular dinner parties soon — Brian and I have hosted these occasions

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regularly (before COVID) and they're a ball! Conversation usually goes on until midnight!

"Another part of life also involves Saint Mary's. The book club I belong to was started by **Barry Troxler O'Grady '63** and includes two other graduates of '63 — **Joann Vanek** and **Mary Schuh DeSilva**. I'm grateful to this group, not only for their friendship, but they got me back to regular reading, which had fallen by the wayside for a while.

"A word about living in a major city at this point in time. NYC is definitely not 'easy' to live in. There are always daily challenges, especially seeing the need for more care of the homeless. I am in touch with a few people who have no home almost daily and even have some on my 'payroll.' Dan Berrigan, SJ, was a friend of 35 years who helped me understand that, almost more than contributing money, was to stop and talk for a while. Dan passed on a couple of years ago and I will always be grateful to him for helping Chris' father Paul die peacefully. Paul was dying from AIDS during the first wave of the disease in the early '80s, when few clergy were attending to these guys. I think of Dan every time I stop to talk to one of my homies on the street.

"Reunion is coming up and I'm looking forward to being there. 60 years! Whoever would have imagined this moment? I know the subject of 'aging' is present in a lot of our discussions and there's a book I'd like to recommend: *The Inner Work of Age, Shifting from Role to Soul* by Connie Zweig, PhD. I found it honest, helpful, and enlightening. I may be in the minority, but I find this stage of life pretty interesting!

"Being back on campus in June for the Reunion is wonderful to look forward to! I like the way Saint Mary's is progressing, and it will be an opportunity to express gratitude for four wonderful years and the many precious years of friendships I cherish with all my heart."

## 1963

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Lovely note from **Margo Vitalich Manley** in Half Moon Bay, CA: "It's been a challenging and humbling time these past two-plus years. I — and my family — have been blessed to mostly stay well. I continue living on my own in a comfortable little home in a comfortable little seaside town. My 'old dog Abby' — now 13½ years — is still a good companion! I've made new friends and kept most of those in Palo Alto and farther afield.

"Often, I fly to Seattle to visit my pal, who is doing well fighting metastatic prostate cancer. Looking forward to seeing the tulips there next month, and then going on an Eastern Canada small cruise in October. I'm also trying a new pastime — birding! Tugged on my hiking boots last weekend, took out my binocs, and headed out to a guided hike led by a patient and inspiring high school biology teacher. I'm signing up for a springtime class — might actually be in person!

"Wondering how you've all done participating in your parishes and communities through Zoom

or whatever? Last summer, drove the coast to the Oregon-Washington line in my smaller, more fuel efficient (last) car. Visited with daughters in Chico (north of Sacramento), a dear friend in Portland, and then had a lovely time with granddaughter Maxene and her boyfriend. Drove home along the beautiful coastline. Now I am looking forward to a San Francisco alum gathering to meet our new SMC President Katie Conboy. Wishing you all best health and blessings."

Margo's letter was followed by a very enjoyable phone conversation with **Judith Balavitch Sherman**. Judy recently ended her longtime lay pastoral ministry at her parish in Wyandotte, MI. When I asked what all that had entailed, she didn't pause for a second; "Everything the priest doesn't want to do." One can only imagine her role leading others through the remarkable challenges parishes have faced in recent decades. The church Judy had known over many years has merged with two other parishes, eventually becoming quite a large enterprise. Judy loved the work and misses it already. Her husband died unexpectedly three years ago, and she is now planning to move from Wyandotte to Grand Rapids, where her daughters (2), son, and grandchildren live. All signs are that this will be a happy move for her. We'll give you her new contact information when it happens.

**Dona Duncan Hotopp** and husband Tom (ND '63) have two grandsons at Notre Dame and a grandson and granddaughter in New Jersey. They are loving what technology brings to grandparents. "We see our two older grandsons singing in the ND Glee Club concerts on Facebook and watch the younger grandchildren playing CYO basketball via livestream from Maplewood, NJ. We also saw the Glee Club in person in Pittsburgh last fall."

She continued: "Tom and I are still on the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre boards, respectively, and we are helping to sponsor a rare major joint performance by the two organizations in 2023. Downsizing is next on our agenda." Dona hopes that touring will be good for our Reunion in another year. The dates are June 1-4, 2023.

Hope you'll send news for the next issue!

## 1964

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Dear Class of '64,

New beginnings! 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays! Travels! Books! I hope this catch-up column finds you well, hopeful, and energized! **Kathy Cullinan Seggerson** and John went on a Rick Steve's walking tour in Greece: Athens and the Peloponnesian Peninsula. **Mary Vertin O'Neill** and her husband during the pandemic "rehomed" a 5-year-old Welsh springer spaniel. In May, they will take a trip to ND to celebrate her cousin's (Father Thomas Zurcher, CSC) 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination, then on to South America in June.

**Marianne Elliott Morin** recommended *Loving and Living with Alzheimer's: A Reflection* by Jerilyn Tyner.

**Fran Bardello Craig** and her husband Peter spent five weeks in Hawaii then three weeks in Colorado with family. Fran's daughter Ellen has translated her mother-in-law's book of memoirs from Italian to English: *Piera: A True Story of Love and Survival in World War II* (Amazon). Ellen also posts Italian culture, travel, food on Instagram. **Kay Christenson Janiszewski** wrote that she was getting together with her "little sister" **Sharon Wesson Griffin '66** before she moves to Los Angeles. Kay plans on a trip to New Orleans in May with her family to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> and then to Ireland for two weeks. Kay suggested three books by Y.S. Lee: *A Spy in the House, A Body in the Tower, and The Traitor in the Tunnel*; and by Carla Laureano: *Five Days in Sky, London Tides, and Under Scottish Stars*.

**Jinx Hack Ring** had breast cancer surgery last November. It was caught early and all markers were positive. After three weeks of daily radiation, she was healing well and able to go to New York for a month to deal with Peter's brother David's death and the disposal of his things. Jinx has just read *Breath* and is trying to learn to breathe correctly. A few classmates gathered at the home of **Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld** in Arizona: **Bobbye Borchers Flecker, Joanne Casellini Kelly, Linda Camiller Sanderson, Angie Braunstein Maher, Anne Froning Laboe, and Mary Kay Brady Turner**.



A gathering at the home of Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld included Mary Kay Brady Turner, Linda Camiller Sanderson, Anne Froning Laboe, Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld, Joanne Casellini Kelly, Angie Braunstein Maher, and Bobbye Borchers Flecker.

From **Bobbye Borchers Flecker**:

My Saint Mary's roommate **Carol Cronin Moran** couldn't join us at the home of **Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld**. All these gals are still married to their ND husbands, but Carol's husband Bill Moran (ND '63) died about four years ago from cancer. **Anne Froning Laboe** came despite having her right arm/hand paralyzed for the last one and a half years. She has had two operations, but they didn't work! Her daughter Amy (44 years old and ND '99) accompanied her mom on the plane and helped her at Sue's house. Anne has a great attitude! We had a wonderful time. Susan was a great hostess and there were lots of good discussions and plenty of laughs — we still have it, us 80-year-olds!! **Joanne Casellini Kelly** brought us our SMC shirts. WE ARE BLESSED, that's for sure! We also were celebrating our 62-year friendship; we have been very close pals since 1960 when we were all freshmen!

Want to know more? Please send more ideas, books, and news. Love, peace, hope.

## 1965

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**Therese McCaffrey McConville**, who winters in Vero Beach, FL, sent me info of a mini reunion. **Kathleen McAnaney Glaser** and Therese always try to see **Nancy Wagner LaValle** when she comes to Vero Beach. They had lunch on President's Day weekend, and shared stories and laughs from SMC. "We all had different friends at SMC, but could be best friends today." Therese kindly included a great photograph of the threesome enjoying their afternoon.



L-R: Enjoying a luncheon together in Vero Beach, FL, Therese McCaffrey McConville, Nancy Wagner LaValle, Kathleen McAnaney Glaser.

Some news from **Marianne Spalding Schiavone**: "Granddaughter Kate, 14, a high school freshman, raised over \$12K for Opportunity Knocks, a 501(c)(3) entity serving adults with disabilities in our local areas. This was Kate's sixth annual Knocktoberfest. My husband Dave baked 14 loaves of bread for Kate's fest and took orders for many more from generous donors. At least two loaves are delivered nearly every day and our kitchen reflects his efforts. Dave and I look forward to an Australian/New Zealand excursion beginning December 30. We are flying nonstop from Chicago to Auckland, which should prove interesting for us old timers. We hope to reconnect with a lovely Aussie golf pro who lived with us for a week when she was in high school and was in the States to qualify for the open at our local Oak Park CC. After finishing well in the tournament in Atlanta, she earned a four-year scholarship to Duke University. **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo** and her family in town will join our family for Thanksgiving again. This year, we are game for a new plan: dining at Oak Park CC and bringing leftovers home. I am honored to serve on the board of the foundation at that club through which we endowed over \$183K in scholarships this year to deserving employees and caddies. God bless our youth again."

Lil kindly sent me a bit of news from **Dianne Byrne** when she sent her birthday missive. I checked with Dianne to see if I might print it. "My birthday was right after Thanksgiving, and I celebrated both with my family in Louisville. It had been just over two years since we were together, and it was a very joyful reunion. I have a delightful little great-nephew who had just turned 4, and it was fun to see how much he had grown since a 2-year-old. Besides Louisville, we stopped (on the drive from North Carolina to Kentucky) in Abingdon, VA to walk on the Virginia Creeper Trail, a wonderful rail-to-trail conversion. We also made a visit to

Mammoth Cave, a place I last visited on a class trip in the sixth grade."

Saw on Facebook that **Mary Harris Russell's** daughter Maisie flew in to surprise Mary on her birthday. What could be nicer?

"I am receiving a humanitarian award on Tuesday," writes **Teffy Lyons Brosnan**, "on January 18 from the Church Women United. Because of COVID, they have cancelled the brunch and have moved the ceremony to the church. Anyone may come, but they must wear a mask. Because it is in the church, it will be livestreamed. I am honored and humbled by this award and certainly did not expect it. I am accepting it because of all the people in my life who have brought me to this place in time. I am grateful for all of you and thankful to my hundreds of students, to my parish, Our Lady of Victory, to the residents at the Barnstable County Correctional Facility, St. Clare's, and *Homeless not Hopeless*, who allowed me to come into their lives and work with and for them. Now I am the educational coordinator for HnH, and I oversee the 50 residents at our four houses in Hyannis. Their needs range from social and emotional and life skills to computer skills and housing needs. Many of our residents now have vouchers after they filled out the housing form with my assistance. One form is 24 pages long: not an easy task. Now the waiting begins, but residents have a tracking sheet on which the residents record the places that they have called, to whom they spoke, and whether they filled a form with that housing complex. I encourage them to keep all their housing information in a folder which the office manager supplied, and she also assists them. We are a team! My life has changed dramatically, and you are always in my thoughts and prayers." Teffy has worked tirelessly on this very important project to rehabilitate AND house individuals recently released from incarceration. It's wonderful to see it all come to fruition. Teffy deserves great accolades!

For her March birthday celebration, **Beverly Senda DeFoe** writes that "a low-key Mardi Gras celebration for two and 'Zooms' with the grands makes for a perfect birthday!"

**Pat Hoben Daniels**: "What a wonderful report on what seems to be a spectacular rogue Reunion last summer! I'm happy to hear it was such a success for all those who were able to attend. I visited my son Richard in St. Joe, MI in July, and we did a trip around Notre Dame's campus when he picked me up at the South Bend airport. What changes there! I was relieved to find the Grotto just the same as I remembered it from our time at SMC."

**Barb Kurian Wolfe** writes from Sarasota: "We've self-quarantined for nearly 17 weeks now. I don't mind at all; my (sailing) squadron work has kept me very busy. I've rewritten manuals and completely redid our website. I've read a lot and we're planning an addition to our pool area, which has been a lot of fun. The virus is out of control here in Florida. I also do the old geezer shopping hour, but only about every other week. No restaurants and only a little curbside pickup. Before the virus, we ate out nearly every night and now I'm plowing through recipes again and even bought myself an Instant Pot! As long as we don't get sick, we're in this for the long haul!"

In January, **Sheila Flynn Boone** visited **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky** and **Regina Parks** at their new retirement apartments in Tucson. "Had a great time, but much too short a visit. We're traveling to California a lot since we have two new granddaughters there. A 1-year-old and a 2-month-old — Irish twins! Ski season has been good here in Colorado, but very cold! I seem to get slower each year, and my kids and grandkids get faster! Looking forward to our Reunion in June."

Ladies, kindly keep me updated if you change your email address. In the last year or so, we have "lost" a few of you. Hoping to see you at our June Reunion.

## 1966

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A few days after **Jackie Frances Gatz's** birthday, **Kathie Donovan Dur** took a minute from her busy life to call. Kathie wrote that she first met Jackie as a freshman when both were placed in an upper-level class for French majors. As Kathie remembered, they could read and write French, but were a bit weak on the proper pronunciation of the language. With some help from the madame who taught the class, both she and Jackie completed their requirement for language.

Jackie left after her sophomore year and finished her degree elsewhere. She has devoted her life to social work. Jackie has attended many of the recent Reunions.

**Carol Senda Damaso** mentioned that she was sorry that we missed our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2021. Saint Mary's is hosting a section of the Reunion in 2022 for the golden years. Carol Zooms with her roommates every month. She is thrilled to keep such close connection with her roomies. Carol is still active in Friends of the Library Board and Scottsdale Leadership.

**Shirley Yancey Kloepper** devotes most of her time to La Casa Amiga, a Hispanic center in Madison, IN. She has been involved since its inception 19 years ago and at present Shirley is the director.

**Anne Sheehan Garbarino** always answers my requests for news and I am thankful. A minute does not pass without Anne doing something. She walks her dog, swims her lake, visits her children and grandchildren, and during the winter Nordic skiing. Anne participates in a book group with some Washington, DC-area friends and fellow classmates.

Speaking of books, my group under my leadership just read a French novel titled *Fresh Water for Flowers* by Valerie Perrin. The reader follows the life of Violette Toussaint, a cemetery keeper in Bourgogne, France. Another suggestion, and it is the next read for the SMC Chicago Club East, is *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. This nonfiction tells the Great Migration from 1915 to 1970. Keeping to the historical nonfiction, my brother gave me *The League of Wives* by Heath Hardage Lee that tells the story of the women who took on the US government to bring their husbands home

from Vietnam. This is part of our history and a fine example of the power of women.

**Estelle Ford Williamson** claims three books to her repertoire. Many years ago, we spoke about her book with one of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan titled *Seed of South Sudan*. Estelle wrote it with Majok Marier, an Agar Dinko, who escaped as a small boy from the Sudanese army.

Her second book is *Farewell, A Novel of Early Atlanta & North Georgia*. Estelle was a nominee for the Townsend Fiction Prize. Recently, Estelle finished a third book titled *Rising Fear*, which follows the journey of Claire as she struggles to find herself in the wildness of mountain ledges and waterfalls. Estelle now lives in Beaufort, SC since 2019.

Estelle worked as a reporter for UPI in Atlanta. After she graduated with her master's degree, she spent her career as a management trainer and career specialist.

## 1967

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As I write this, I am looking forward to seeing many of our classmates at Reunion. Fifty-five years! Not everyone can be there, but will surely be with us in spirit.

**Mary Geddes Boehler** writes that she is sorry to miss Reunion, for the very first time, as she will be in Boston for a grandson's graduation. **Debbie Freeman Flatley** will also be at a grandson's high school graduation and comments on the conflicts like that that occur each year on the first weekend in June. "I really will miss being a part of the get together." **Mary Jeannette Sirridge** will miss this year as "we are expecting a grandchild around that time." **Penny Haller Hyman** will miss "seeing old friends and savoring being at SMC again" but she limits travel and her exposure to COVID to protect her immunocompromised daughter. Fortunately, she is able to spend time with vaccinated friends and to drive to Michigan to see family. She is looking forward to camping from spring until fall. **Sharon Boldt Tiedge Redding** says she will be there "in spirit" and says hi to everyone. She will be presenting the James T. Tiedge Alumni Award in her late husband's name to journalist Ben Tracy. **Graciela Batista Nearing** is unable to attend as there is "too much going on in my life that makes it difficult to break free." Our thoughts are with you, Graciela.

Among those who have written to say they are coming is **Carol Doehner O'Reilly**, who is coming with her sister, who celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. She has no big news, and she stays in touch with **Maureen O'Brien Doyle**, **Eileen Lex Keller**, and **Carol Virkler**.

**Judie Gabler Tidwell** writes that she is somewhat overwhelmed while getting her affairs in order after Kenny's death. She spends a lot of family time with Kenny's and her family and will be traveling with Kenny's cousin on a road trip that includes Charleston, SC. While there, she plans to visit with **Martha Tower Rebuck**, her husband and 8-year-

old daughter. At home, Judie remains active in the Alzheimer's support group and volunteers at a downtown soup kitchen run by her parish church.

**Joan Evans Clippinger** notes that she recently moved for summers to East Tennessee and would love to know if anyone lives nearby for a get-together. The Alumnae Office has her contact information.

I heard from **Carolyn Powley Head**, who says that although she hasn't contributed, she always enjoys hearing about everyone. So in her first-ever entry into class news, she brings us up to date. She and John had "48 great years of marriage (way too short), three children, and seven grandchildren." She was a middle school teacher for 30 years and was vice principal for 12 years, teaching in five states. "We retired to Charleston, SC in 2004, where John played golf and I tutored in Title 1 schools and was a guardian ad litem." She currently lives in Mt. Pleasant, two miles from the beach, and would love to see any classmates when they are in the area.

Traveler of the month award goes (no surprise) to **Loreli Trippel**. She was in New York in December, and despite shutdowns due to COVID, was able to take in two excellent Broadway shows (*Hadestown* and *Come From Away*) and the Rockettes Christmas show, and visited the New York Public Library's exhibit of articles from American history. She has enjoyed skiing through the end of March and recommends reading *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson.

In response to my letter asking about potential dedicated activities for our class during Reunion, I heard for the first time from two nuns who are part of the class of 1967. From Wichita, KS, **Sister Mary Kevin Rooney, ASC**, makes a good point. "I love to keep track of what is happening at Saint Mary's even though I'm not able to come. In the mid-'60s many of us religious made friends more among ourselves than with the rest of the class. I regret not having reached out more to broaden our base of friendships; it would have been SO enriching." And, "At least I can say a prayer for all of you as you plan." Sister Mary Kevin is a faithful *Courier* reader and is delighted with our new president Katie Conboy. She signed off "Peace, and prayer for Ukraine and Russia!"

**Sister Catherine Kamphaus, CSC**, is in Salt Lake City, where she retired as the principal of Our Lady of Lourdes parish school and now gives her time and energy to the parish. She lives in a large convent with Sister Geneva Rolf, CSC, and sends an open invitation to visit if you are in Salt Lake City. "Have a wonderful Reunion. You are all in my prayers."

**Suzanne Seidl Griffin** writes from Seattle to talk about her current national and international activities. Suzanne assists Afghan refugees who are at risk by their association with US government-funded organizations. She is verifying applications for the US Refugee Assistance Program. Suzanne also leads the Northwest District of Rotary International, whose priority is empowerment of girls. With her grandchildren now mostly in college or high school, afternoons formerly spent at recitals or sports are now freed up to attend local arts events.



February 2022, Naples, FL. From L to R: Joan Garvey Hermes, Mary Geddes Boehler, Sara Flecker Nash, Pat Canary McMahon, Mary Eiff Coyle.

## 1968

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January through March saw a combination of classmates who live in southwest Florida, "snowbirds," and some special out of state guests meet for outdoor lunches, storytelling, and memories. **Claire Callahan Johannesen, Barbara Gibson South, Kathy Huisiking Sullivan, Karen Huisiking Coffey, Mary Jo Day Knauf, Christine Gott Dickemper, Harriett Hillebrand Cronin, Mary Bartlett Wolf**, and **Roseann Van Gelderen Lyons** convened the get-togethers in 2020. Since then and with the help of our class Facebook site, emails, and invitations to others, we scheduled more lunches so we could include classmates who made special trips from other parts of Florida, California, DC area, Texas, and Massachusetts. This year we added **Karen Kramer Miltko, Fran Farrell Callahan, Nancy Sheeran Cholis, Penny Wingeier Sullivan, Maureen Murphy Sheehan, Ronnie Lynch Hanpeter, and Peggy O'Connor**. Some of us participated in the Notre Dame Club of Naples St. Patrick's Day parade. Yes, we wore green and tossed green and white beads to kids and parents along the parade route. These events helped us appreciate the times we had on campus as students and at Reunions. Fingers crossed that we will be together next winter in Southwest Florida and on campus for the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June 2023.



Alumnae enjoying a March luncheon in Florida. Front row, left to right: Kathy Huisiking Sullivan, Roseann Van Gelderen Lyons, Mary Jo Day Knauf, Peggy O'Connor. Second row left to right: Christine Gott Dickemper, Harriett Hillebrand Cronin, Cherie K. Hodrick '72, Mary Bartlett Wolf, Barbara Gibson South, Claire Callahan Johannesen, Penny Wingeier Sullivan, Maureen Murphy Sheehan, Karen Huisiking Coffey

At one of our March lunches, **Carrie Cummins Mueller '92** and **Lauren Jaworowski Henzel '91** of the SMC Alumnae Office updated us on President Conboy's initiatives and campus improvements. Our alma mater is fulfilling its mission and educating women for the future. **Cherie K. Hodrick '72**, a Pennsylvania and Florida neighbor of Mary Wolf's, also joined us.

Going forward, we would like other classmates to join us in southwest Florida next winter. Email mary@marybwolf.com and we will add you to the list.

## 1969

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Hello, dear classmates,

Our first news update came from **Betty Smith Sullivan** who wrote, "Norm (ND '67) and I have been married for 52 years this year. For most of that time, we have lived in my hometown of New Orleans, where he practices primarily maritime law while I volunteered for innumerable causes, but closest to my heart was and continues to be serving on the board of trustees of our local children's hospital for over 30 years. We have two great children, Shelley (ND '98) and Christopher, their wonderful spouses, and three fun grandchildren.

We just sold our home of 36 years to our daughter and her family and moved into a condo nearby. We love condo living!"

**Patty Frazier** sounded very positive with her outlook, and here's hoping she has healed well! Patty shared, "I slipped on the ice about a month ago, and I have trouble walking. I've had to cut back on my many activities, but I'm still with the theatre troupe where I live. I'll be going to a physical therapist and should be fine in a few more weeks. I live in senior housing in the countryside, and I love it. There are many amenities here, and the neighbors are very nice. My great-nephew is happy at Cornell, and my great-nieces are both on sport teams at the local high school. My nephew and his wife are busy and well."

Another upbeat contribution of news came from **Eileen Hayes Sutter**. "I am still living in Chicago, where I have lived since 1975. I enjoy retirement and stay active by volunteering with my church and others who are trying to restore some of our natural areas in the Chicago region. Over the years, I have learned lots about native plants and ecology from that group. I love reading and participating in discussions about books, as well as hiking and spending time outdoors. I am lucky enough to be a member of two great churches in Chicago: Old St. Patrick's Church in the West Loop with a great tradition of Celtic spirituality and St. Agatha's Church in the North Lawndale community with an equally great tradition of African-American spirituality. My faith has been deepened by

exposure to both of these traditions. Although I am childless, I have lots of nieces and nephews, and I am having fun watching them grow into adulthood and parenthood, part of life's greatest adventure." If you are friends of Eileen's on Facebook, perhaps you've been treated to her postings of her environmental work. Kudos and thank you for your work, Eileen!

**Georgia Florin Gasner** sent her news from California. "I'm still in San Rafael, 20 minutes from the Golden Gate Bridge, where I moved the week of 9/11. My daughter Emily is in San Francisco with her husband Greg and my two little grandsons, so fortunately I can see them and watch the little guys grow up. My daughter Anna is in New York with her husband Chris, and I could finally see them in September. The pandemic limited our cross-country visits, but I saw them in the fall. We'll all be together here for a week beginning tomorrow. **Janet Krueger** and I are in touch frequently and have had several Michigan-California visits. She will be here with her husband Bruce in a month. In September, I was able to get together with **Lynn Champion Schmitt** in Massachusetts for a wonderful but too brief visit. I'm still working as a therapist and loving it with no retirement plans in sight."

From **Linda Duncan Davey**: "I just received my *Courier* and was happy to see the mention of our group in the class news. However, it was also bittersweet because **Holly Higgins Redell** passed away on January 18, 2022. She was immunocompromised and after two years of near

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isolation she contracted COVID and passed away from COVID pneumonia. Her memorial Mass is Monday, April 18, in Lutz, FL. Blessings!”

Here’s a quick reminder of how I collect news three times/year for our April, August, and December deadlines. I work from a class list provided by our Alumnae Office. I randomly email about 30 of you for news, putting a check mark after your name so I don’t contact folks too often. The list has many names without any email listed or an outdated email which bounces back to me. For this column I contacted 30 addresses — had two bounce backs as invalid addresses and the four above responses. Of course you can also write — unsolicited — any time of the year, and I’ll be happy to save your news until our next column! Be sure to update the Alumnae Office with your most current contact info. I end this time with a gentle nudge to please step up and contribute news the next time you are contacted. Thanks very much! God bless!

## 1970

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I’m starting this column with a HUGE thank you to **Karen Preston McCarty** for her 15+ years of being our class correspondent. Thanks doesn’t seem quite enough. You did an amazing job of trying to keep us all informed and I always looked forward to getting my *Courier* and leafing through to find our class news. I can only hope to keep your stellar reporting legacy alive.

This is my first class news assignment. I’m writing this from my home in Long Beach, CA, where I’ve lived for the last five years, having moved from my retirement home in South Carolina to be closer to my siblings. I “upsized” so there’s always room for visitors if any of you are ever near. Both my father Bill Daly (ND ’41 and ’47 Law) and my mother **Martha Abberger Daly ’41** were class reporters as well. Too many shoes to fill. I just need help from all of you to keep the stories coming. Here goes...

**Pamela Carey Batz** called me in February to share the news that she and Bill are building a new handicap-accessible home in the next township over from them in southern Pennsylvania nearer to her daughter Carolyn. They will no longer have to deal with three flights of stairs as the new home is on one level and designed specifically for Pam. Depending on the weather, they should be in by fall. She also shared that June 25 she and Bill will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year of marriage. Happy Anniversary, Pam and Bill.

Her daughter Carolyn just made partner in her law firm in Pennsylvania. And as we were speaking, daughters Anne (in Boston) and Catherine (in Maine) were both snowed in. Daughter Marie (in Columbus) was not.

**Sara Bateman Koehler** feels it is a joy to connect with classmates on the monthly Zoom calls. It’s great to be able to access these even when we’re traveling, which we are frequently doing now with a new responsibility my husband has. Ken has always been a “car guy” and after serving as president of

our local Mercedes Club for the past five years, he has taken on the responsibility of overseeing the Central Region. These clubs go from Missouri to Mississippi, so we are enjoying exploring new places and meeting interesting people.

**Rosemarie Rinella Stocky** writes from San Jose, CA: “Our Villages Amateur Theatre is putting on *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at the end of April and I am playing the role of Charlie Brown! We’ve rehearsed for two years via Zoom, outdoors, and masked, since COVID shut everything down two years ago... Good Grief! It’s a fun production and I get to act like a kid again!” Break a leg, Rosemarie!

**Sue Bracco Gleason** writes: “We are still in Santa Barbara. We have been here 47 years, so I doubt if we will be moving anytime in the future. Gary (ND ’70) and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last June. We are taking the family on a trip to Ireland this August. COVID canceled our travel last year.

“We have two daughters: Kelly and Molly. After 15 years in Hawaii, working as an underwater archeologist for NOAA, Kelly and her family moved back to Santa Barbara. She is now at UCSB. Her husband is an economics teacher and boys’ lacrosse coach at Santa Barbara High. They have a girl (Riley, 6) and a boy (Finn, 4) and the best part is they live two blocks away from us. Molly lives in Mississippi. She ended up there by working for Habitat for Humanity through AmeriCorps and it turned into a full-time job. She is an architect and an artist and now works at an engineering firm in Jackson.

“As for Gary and me, we are both retired, try to travel whenever we can, and otherwise keep ourselves pretty busy. We manage to get back for an ND football weekend about once a year and get together with ND friends there. **Mary Beth Tetlow DeNiro** lives here in Santa Barbara and we get together frequently. I stay in touch with **Sue Moore Legge, Nancy Roberts Dobson, Mary Bruegge Flood, and Lynn Lombardi Norris**. We try to get together yearly. They are doing great! So here I am. I just thought it would take a lot longer to get this old! My best to all!”

**Bridget Mooney Phillips** shared the news that her beautiful mother passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning March 23 with three of the four surviving children at her bedside. “We were blessed to have her living for 96 years. I am sad for us but happy for her. Please keep us in your prayers.” To read her remarkable story, go to <https://obits.nola.com/us/obituaries/nola/name/jean-mooney-obituary?id=33844750>.

**Kathy Yuhás Kwinn** reports that she frequently gets requests from classmates about how to contact other classmates. It got her to thinking that many of you don’t know about the college’s online contact information database. Please email Kathy at [kyksmc70@yahoo.com](mailto:kyksmc70@yahoo.com) if you would like her to help you learn how to use this resource. She can help you one-on-one via Zoom, or if there’s enough interest, she can set up a group meeting to do it.

And while we are thinking about Kathy, a big thank you from all of us for hosting the monthly Zoom calls for the Class of ’70 and for being such a great resource to all of us who want to stay connected.

I also heard from **Mary Dunleavy Smith**, who was

in Hawaii earlier this year with her daughter Kelly Dunleavy (ND ’96), who was on the Big Island for a company conference. They had a marvelous time enjoying everything Hawaii has to offer, especially the beautiful warm breezes. She was able to totally forget about Connecticut’s winter weather.

Since our aborted 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion a couple of years ago, five of us have gotten together on a monthly basis for a Zoom mini-reunion hour. **Ginger Updike Daily** from Texas, **Linda Holland Trauth** from Colorado, **Sue Bourdin Roffmann** from California, **Mary Dunleavy Smith** from Connecticut, and **Diane Daly McGarry** from California. We usually spend the time updating each other on our families, but we always share books we are reading, movies we’ve seen, or series we are bingeing. It’s a great way to keep in touch. Let us know if there are others doing the same.

From **Mary Lou Wylie**: “Soon after moving from Harrisonburg, VA, where my husband Lennie Echterling and I had taught at James Madison University, to Richmond, VA in a house right next to our son and his family, Lennie developed Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He had already been dealing with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma for five years, so it was unusual to have two different forms of lymphoma. His form of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, mycosis fungoides, cannot be cured, but can be controlled. However, the Hodgkin’s lymphoma can be cured, so he had four months of chemo, ending in January 2022. The PET scan four weeks after his final chemo infusion found no signs of Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He will continue follow-up appointments and periodic PET scans for several years to be sure that he does not have a relapse. He will also continue to be monitored to be sure that his non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma is under control.

“We decided to try to make something good come from his chemotherapy, so we invited family and friends to send a dollar to enter a pool to pick the date that they thought Lennie would lose all of his hair, or select the option that he would not lose all of it. Half of the money collected would go to the winner(s) and half to Feed More, the Central Virginia Food Bank. Lennie’s hair got very thin, but he didn’t lose all of it, so there were several winners — and every winner asked that their winnings be added to the donation. Many people also sent additional money as a donation, so we donated almost \$600 to Feed More and others also made donations to food banks in Richmond, Harrisonburg, London, or other cities. We said that every hair that Lennie lost was helping battle food insecurity.”

Some sad news to report: **Mary Lee Carr Charles**’ husband Roger died February 17 while being transported to the hospital. His death was unexpected, but he had been undergoing work-up appointments toward heart surgery. Roger graduated from the USNA in 1967 and after a distinguished career with the USMC in Vietnam, he had been doing research and writing on mostly national defense and security matters, including a Peabody Award that he received. To learn more about this amazing man read on: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/washingtonpost/name/roger-charles-obituary?id=33132561>

On February 25, **Donna Halbert Bachtel**’s husband David passed away after a long illness. David was an ND grad, class of 1970, and a member

of the ND Glee Club. You can find out more about David’s wonderful life here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/david-bachtel-obituary?id=33313411>

**Vickie Derda Quinlan** reports the sudden death of her husband Stephen Quinlan on March 16. Read about Stephen’s wonderful life here: <https://www.kaniewski.com/obituary/StephenJ-Quinlan>

I know that all of our thoughts and prayers are with our affected classmates during these difficult times.

Here’s wishing you all a happy, healthy, and safe summer! Everyone wants to hear from you with news big or small, so call, write, or email me with your news!

## 1972

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Hello, dear classmates!

I am sending this Class News off on April 1. Do you remember when it was fun to pull April Fools’ Day jokes? Like wearing your shirt backwards or two different shoes? Not sure if anyone still does that anymore. When this column is published, our wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be over! I know the memories we have from the weekend, the fun we shared, and the friendships we renewed will stay with us for a long time.

I hope we reached our goal for the Class of ’72 scholarship fund. Knowing the amazing women in our class, I will guess we did...and probably went over.

A big thank you to **Anne Pryser Leary**, who I had the privilege to work with as Reunion Committee chairs. Anne is one of the most organized, intelligent, and “great with ideas” person I have met. We loved sharing this job together again — we were chairs for the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion and I guess did a good enough job to be asked back. Ready for our 55<sup>th</sup>. Anne? And another big thank you to our terrific Reunion Committee, who took up the challenge to contact classmates. We could not have done it without you.

My group of friends started planning our Reunion trip months before June. We decided to meet in Chicago on Wednesday and then drive to campus the next day.

Facebook is a class reporter’s friend! Love seeing pictures of **Maureen Callan Fischer** and her husband at a family gathering in Naples, FL in January. And then riding bikes on the beach in Hilton Head. One caption is “Life in the Slow Lane,” but they sure have fun!

A Kansas sports fan, **Mary Jo Anderson Coughlin** posting a picture of the Easter Bunny dressed in a blue jersey with a big KC monogram.

**Lynn Novotny** sharing memories from several years ago of days spent in Palm Beach with her parents.

**Marian Maher Watson** posting a video of Cat Stevens singing “Peace Train” with the comment

that she remembers this song playing from almost every room as she walked down the hallway of her SMC dorm. Memories!!

I will have lots of news from Reunion so get ready for the next several class news columns. Sending hugs to you all.

## 1973

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I am always delighted to hear from a classmate who has been “lost” for a while! **Kathie Rudowski Rezek** (aka: Rudy) got in touch with me and I have to share a couple of her introductory comments: “It’s only taken 49 years for me to send anything into *Courier*. I treasure the friends I made there, and my education was stellar.” I think many of our classmates can resonate with these remarks! Kathie continued with news about her life in scientific consulting. “I worked in various hospitals and clinics in Illinois and Missouri, managed four labs accredited by COLA for an oncology practice in Missouri, then spent my last 15 working years with COLA, inspecting labs all over the lower 48 states, and two years as an independent technical consultant for moderately complex labs in the St. Louis, MO area. Over the years, I have managed to connect with a few roomies when my travels took me to their locales: namely **Barbara Ann Kloos** when she was in Colorado, **Celeste Parks Scolaro** in the Chicago area, and **Kathy (Kayo) Ostermeyer Burmon** in Massachusetts. Ray and I now live in Canadian Lakes, MI and enjoy ‘The Good Life’ of north-central Michigan. We have one daughter Emily, who lives in Lille, France and works with Greater Europe Mission (GEM).”

**Jeanne Yuncker Klem ’44**, the mother of our classmate **Anne Klem Rettig**, passed away on January 6, 2022. Jeanne was born in 1922 and her family moved to South Bend in 1926 when her father became the owner of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Jeanne graduated from Saint Mary’s in 1944. In 1947, she married William “Bill” Klem, who attended Notre Dame as part of the Naval program during World War II. Together, they raised five children in South Bend.

On a trip to Florida in March 2022 to celebrate, a bit belatedly, their big milestone birthdays, **Mary Nokes** and **Molly McArdle Larsen** opted for sunny skies and the #1 beach in the United States — Siesta Key, Sarasota, FL. The weather was great for the pool, the beach, walking, shopping, golfing,



Marian Kennan Boulus, Molly McArdle Larsen, Mary Nokes.

dining out, and visiting friends. In fact, they were pleased to visit with **Marian Kennan Boulus** and her husband Michael (ND ’71), who live on Siesta Key. Mary retired June 30, 2021, from the National Association of Student Financial Administrators, where she had worked for 10 years as a meeting, event, and advertising manager. She is filling her free time with writing, improving her golf game, downsizing her closets and bookshelves, and reconnecting with friends and family after the last two years.

Congratulations and thank you to **Denise Donofrio** and **Anne Rogers Roche**, who have agreed to co-chair our Reunion Gift Committee for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion! Joining Denise and Anne on the committee, as of this writing, are: **Sue Glockner Fitzer, Cathe Moran, Ginnie Russell, Mary Ann Chory, Mary Sullivan Kelley, Mary Nokes, Mary Brelowski Zicafoose, Cindy Booth, Mary Ann Hornback Egan, Learose Detesco Moody, LoLo Stankus Ford, Carol Lambka Reimers, Mary Anne Madden Hoffman, and Karen Bush Schneider**. All will be helping with the planning to make our Reunion very special. Denise and Anne could use more help. Maybe you helped make your 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion a big success? Please consider sharing your expertise! Send Denise a note ([donofriodenise@gmail.com](mailto:donofriodenise@gmail.com)) if you would be willing to lend a hand or would like to share your ideas. In the meantime, mark your calendars for the first weekend of June 2023!

**Terry Trenor Wilkins** reports that her son Peter was married in Miami Beach to Kelly Vidal of Coral Gables on February 26, 2022. The wedding was postponed a year due to COVID, so it was an exciting time for the Wilkins family and friends to finally get together. Lifelong college friends **Peg FitzGibbons Higgins** and **Mary Ann Weis Fenimore** and their husbands were there to celebrate. A shout out to **Mary Jo Geffert Lahr**, who was unable to attend, but was there with us via FaceTime!



John and Terry Trenor Wilkins, Mary Ann Weis Fenimore and Mark, Peg FitzGibbons Higgins and Don.

After a little encouragement, I was happy to receive some news from **Cathe Moran**: “Since COVID is hopefully under control (until the next variant), it feels great to be able to see family and friends again!! I just returned from a wonderful visit with college roommate **Cindy Booth** in Bonita Springs, FL. Even though we spent a tremendous amount of time on the phone during the pandemic, it was such a treat to be able to see people without a Zoom call!! **Beth Lombardi Oliva** was in Naples, FL for a family wedding so we were able to have a wonderful dinner with her and topped the evening off with a catch-up call to **Pat McCracken**. Cindy

and I also had lunch with **Nancy Moran Moore**. We reminisced about our times in Le Mans Queen's court and laughed so hard we were crying.

"I have also seen a number of SMC classmates in Chicago. **Catherine Lannon-Barr** and I get together for brunch quite often and I have also been able to meet up with **Julie Webb, Marybeth Caplice Newman, Mary Beth Deneffe Anderson,** and **Anne Rogers Roche**. Looking forward to seeing **Peg FitzGibbons Higgins** when Peg visits Chicago in April.

"I am happy to report that my family has remained COVID-free, and I am so lucky that I have been able to spend time with them. I am also looking forward to returning to my volunteer role at the Maggie Daley Cancer Center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Bob and I are hopefully heading for a move to the northern suburbs this year. After almost 50 years of city living, we are ready for a new adventure. The pandemic robbed us of spending time with those we love, but it was a reminder of how much we cherish these relationships. I am looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion and spending time with all of my wonderful friends at SMC. I hope we have a great turnout. Let's all encourage our classmates to attend. Stay safe and healthy and hope to see you at Reunion!"

And from **Anne Faherty**: "I retired this past February after working in advertising and marketing for over 45 years, having spent the last 11.5 years at the Notre Dame Alumni Association on their marketing team. I continue to host the weekly Zoom gatherings with SMC friends that started two years ago. We all hope we will be able to start gathering more in person."

## 1979

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Greetings to all members of the Class of 1979. Hope you have all remained healthy and all is well.

**Megan Phillips** sent sad news that classmate and Rome-mate **Cathi Barker Spornick** passed away on December 3, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband Chuck, an ND grad. Two months earlier, Megan along with Cathi and other Rome program class members **Mercedes Weber Blake, Ann Stockwell,** and **Carol Villavicencio** held a Zoom session and enjoyed catching up. They talked about life during COVID, retirement (Cathi and Merce had already retired), and future travel plans. Cathi was soon to be returning to Megan's neighborhood of Decatur, GA to set up residence. Megan had also got to meet up when Merce and her husband Bob came through Atlanta during extended RV travels. This summer, Megan and her wife Jackie will be retiring. Megan is retiring from Oracle. With telecommuting, Megan and Jackie split their time between the beach at Apalachicola, which is on the eastern panhandle of Florida, and Atlanta. Megan is really looking forward to an empty in-box!

Happily retired in Hilton Head, SC is **Molly MacCourtney Duffey** and her husband Tom Duffey (ND '79). When they are not in Hilton Head, they are

visiting grandchildren in Wisconsin, New York City, and Colorado. Molly and Tom get back to campus at least once a year. They are very involved with the Keough School at Notre Dame and are looking forward to our upcoming Reunions.

Please continue to share your news as we enjoy learning about all the life updates.

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**Lindy Schultz Salvi '79** and husband Patrick Salvi (ND '78) were honored with **Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth's Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Philanthropic Award** in recognition of their dedication, leadership, and outstanding contributions to society this past April.

## 1983

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Greetings, Class of 1983! I hope you are all doing well.

This is from **Jackie Jablonski**: "I retired from 33 years of teaching in public schools. My husband and I got married in French Polynesia in 2020 during the pandemic. My eldest son married a lovely gal last summer in the beautiful mountains of Monarch, CO. My youngest son is marrying a lovely gal in Florida this year. Last winter I completed 100 days of skiing at Sun Valley to earn the 100-day gold pin. I also skied in Colorado and Wyoming, so I really skied more than 115 days over the winter. I am blessed!"

**Trish Sheehan Pearl** writes that she is retired from 19 years of substitute teaching and her husband still flies for American Airlines. They split their time between Florida and Connecticut. They have four daughters, six grandchildren, and three grandchildren on the way (who will probably be here by the time you read this). Daughter Christie is a major in the Army, as is Christie's husband. Daughter Lynda is a lieutenant commander in the Navy and flies the Seahawk. Daughter Michelle works for an insurance company. Daughter Lexi is a lieutenant in the Air Force and a navigator on the C-130.

As for me, your class reporter **Sue Poss Harrison**, I'm excited to announce that I've returned to work as an administrative law judge for the State of Arizona. I left my last job in the legal profession over 20 years ago to spend more time at home and never expected to return. But life has surprises we don't see coming, and my return to work at the age of 60 is one of them. I'm so grateful for this opportunity. I'm really enjoying myself, and I think I appreciate it all the more because I was away for so long.

## 1985

### EXCELSIOR

**Mary Pat Hoffman Heftman '85** was selected as the 2022 Business Events Strategist Honoree at the PCMA Foundation's Visionary Awards in March.

## 1987

### EXCELSIOR

**Ann Kaltenbach Hayes '87** was awarded the 2022 Silver Medal by the Cape Girardeau affiliate of the American Advertising Federation after working in communications for Southeast Missouri State University for 29 years.

## 1988

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The countdown for Reunion begins! I know I am looking forward to visiting South Bend in 2023. This summer is already fully booked. I will be a delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly, which is in-person in Chicago. The virtual meetings, while impressive, cannot compare to the live experience. At the close of the meeting, I will be leaving for a three-week river cruise Europe. It promises to be a whirlwind summer!

**Sherry Green Antonetti** has much to look forward to this summer with graduations of sons Peter and John, who finish up their college and high school careers, respectively. She also plans to visit her daughter **Mary Marta Grace Antonetti '20**, who teaches at a private school in Chicago. This is a welcome break from what has been a rough year. She relates: "I was diagnosed with breast cancer and after surgery had six months of chemo followed by six weeks of radiation. Hoping to be cancer free as of May. Pretty crazy that my oldest graduates from SMC in May and my other daughter is wrapping up her sophomore year at SMC!"

**Francesca Trigiani Noone** and friend are "still laughing about" an adventure they just had:

"Five of us from SMC (**Mary Leonard, Kristin Fiore Hanahan, Kathy Clark Feldmeier, Marcie Lange Adams,** and me) got together for a night in Alexandria, VA to see Shaun Cassidy perform at The Birchmere. With matching shirts on, we enjoyed reminiscing about our freshman year (we all lived on the same floor in Le Mans) and, more importantly, enjoyed watching **Kathy Clark Feldmeier** swoon over her teenage crush. We ended the evening in a local Irish pub where Shaun Cassidy walked in and was gracious, kind, and patient with all of us. A great night and another memory with some amazing SMC Chicks!"



At Shaun Cassidy concert in Virginia. Attending L to R were Kathy Clark Feldmeier, Kristin Fiore Hanahan, Marcie Lange Adams, Francesca Trigiani Noone, and Mary Leonard.



After a concert outing with Shaun Cassidy! Attending L to R were Mary Leonard, Marcie Lange Adams, Francesca Trigiani Noone, Kathy Clark Feldmeier, and Kristin Fiore Hanahan.

**Michelle Franz McCauley** has been busy with family: "The family is growing! My husband Emil and I welcomed our second grandchild Evelyn Anne Catrone this month. Our second daughter Claire McCauley will be married just after Easter."

**Kara Murphy Richards** has been busy with work. She shares: "I continue to serve as the presiding judge of Renton Municipal Court, where we have launched some life-changing programs the last few years." But plans are also being made for the day when work isn't a constant. Her husband Craig will be retiring from Costco in January after 37 years. She continues: "We are building a winter home in South Gulf Cove, FL. We will be near friend and classmate **Debbie Borgmann Rubiano**." Daughter Landry graduates from Notre Dame this spring. The proud parents "will be staying with classmate **Teresa Cozzi Butler**." By the time this is published, she says, "Plans should be underway for the next SMC '88 annual Reunion with **Beth Niklas O'Neil, Patty Dunlevy Watson, Debbie Borgmann Rubiano, Teresa Cozzi Butler, Jennifer Killian McCloskey,** and **Sheila Campbell McClure**."

When making your plans to reconnect with friends, remember to calendar your visit to South Bend in 2023! And watch for my request for news next August.

## 1989

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A big thank you to all who contributed to the **Karen Krajcir White** Memorial. The memorial tree was planted near Lake Marian and Haggard this past spring. And your contributions also allowed us to send a class gift in Karen's name to the Saint Mary's College Health and Counseling Center to support students' mental health.

In early November 2021, **Mary DeLany Lowe, Tera Sternitzke, Mary Carol Buhrfend Honquest,** and **Kristin Burtzloff Bodey** enjoyed an all-too-short weekend at Mary Carol's Lake Geneva, WI condo. As always, it was as if no time had passed, and they had a wonderful time!

**Kelly Glavin Zeh** and **Julie Wagner Feasel** found themselves in Las Vegas on the same weekend in March, so met up for breakfast before the Notre Dame Women's basketball team played in the NCAA tournament. Julie's daughters **Meghan Kathryn Feasel '13** and **Brigid Colleen Feasel '17** live in the Las Vegas area and she was visiting them, while Kelly was in Vegas for a fun weekend with her husband and friends. They were able to catch up while doing some great people watching, and even rode a gondola at the Venetian — which they say was very similar to Venice without the dirty pigeons! They hope to get together again in October at the wedding of **Penny Falaschetti Dolan's** daughter in Portland, OR!

"Typically on Ash Wednesday, most people are laying off meat and abstaining from drinks; not here, not us!" Those were the opening remarks from **Marisa Kosla Foster's** open mic set at Melinda's Pub in Worth, IL and they set the tone for the rest of the evening. Marisa was thrilled with the outpouring of support, especially from her Saint Mary's College friends! "People I haven't seen since graduation came out to see me; it was crazy." Marisa noted, "Winning the 'farthest distance travelled' was **Mary Beth Smith Romano** and the 'AirBnB award' went to **Beth Kavanaugh Terrell**, who allowed Mary Beth to sleep over! I was also very grateful for **Maria Koch Pogwist** and **Kerry Sullivan**, who came a long distance." Marisa's son will be a college freshman in August, and she hopes that he makes extraordinary friends like the ones she found at Saint Mary's.



Gathering of Beth Kavanaugh Terrell, Mary Beth Smith Romano, Marisa Kosla Foster, Maria Koch Pogwist, Kerry Sullivan.

**Kristen Zielsdorf Schwartz** and her husband Mike know firsthand that 2020 and 2021 had many people remodeling their homes and it has kept them busy! In 2004, Mike founded Built by Design and Kristen joined the company six years ago as

a project manager/design consultant. As a three-person general contractor team, each person wears a lot of hats to make the business successful. And they have seen the rewards by being consistently named to the Top 5 and Top 10 lists in Kansas City.

In a tradition that dates back to 2008, members of the extended Zielsdorf family were scheduled to go on a group vacation in June 2021. The adventure with 22 family members was supposed to be an Alaskan cruise, but sadly Canada's COVID-19 restrictions caused that trip to be cancelled. Since the family hadn't been able to gather since a trip to Ireland in 2017, Kristen's parents decided to host "Z Bash in the Bend" at their new home in Niles, MI!

The gathering was jam-packed with local activities like shooting sporting clays at Deer Creek, golf at Knollwood Country Club, a chartered boat ride on the Chicago River, a South Bend Cubs game, a tour and dinner at the Studebaker Museum, and an insider's tour of Notre Dame stadium! As Kristen said, "Who needs Alaska?"

The Zielsdorf family is full of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's passion, with Kristen graduating from Saint Mary's and her father Bob (ND '65), nephew Matt Alexander (ND '18), and two cousins Jeff Stump (ND '87) and David Horan (ND '96) graduating from Notre Dame. Kristen's parents Bob and Fran are huge supporters of business and entrepreneurship, and in 2018, they established The Zielsdorf Family Partnership for Corporate Engagement, which works closely with the Pulte Institute for Global Development at Notre Dame.



Kristen Zielsdorf Schwartz in the Notre Dame locker room

NOTE: Please update your email address, mailing address, phone number with Saint Mary's or through your class reporter. Keep in touch..

## 1991

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Hello, friends! Great things to report from our classmates, like **Tracy Maureen Sullivan**. Tracy was promoted to associate vice president of procurement and business services at Governors State University in the south suburbs of Chicago. In early 2021, she was appointed by Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker to the statewide Business Enterprise Program Council for supplier diversity certification,

compliance, and inclusion representing ALL Illinois public universities! Way to go, Sully!

While visiting her daughter in Washington, DC, **Erin Cusack Micklo** was able to have a quick reunion of sorts with **Jennifer Devlin Sack**, who was also visiting the area from Oklahoma. Jen was able to connect with **Katy Crooks Flynn**, who lives in nearby Virginia. Erin then traveled south to Charleston, SC to enjoy the company of her roommate **Caroline McNeive Monahan**. I'm told much laughter, wine, and fun ensued. None of this surprises me!

Here's an update from **Michelle Ann Sibilsky Curless**. She and husband Tom reside in Michigan with their two daughters. Oldest Maddie is a freshman at DePaul University, playing club volleyball and pursuing cinematic arts and digital media. McKenna is a junior in high school, who enjoys cheerleading, choir, and musical theater. She's looking forward to an upcoming SMC campus visit. Could we have another Belle on our hands? Tom enjoyed several gigs at The Mercury Lounge in New York City this past year and his latest album is about to drop! Michelle continues to work in the marketing technology industry and is currently the chief customer officer at Cheetah Digital. In addition to keeping in touch with her college volleyball teammates, she's also still tight with many pals, including roomies **KC Carretta Vitaniemi**, **Danielle Graham Lyons**, **Mary Dunnigan Crow**, and **Amy Ross Radtke**.

**Heather Atkinson Schneider** writes that she, along with **Susie Smith-Gilbert** and **Peggy Crossin Poole**, recently had the opportunity to meet President Katie Conboy at the Indianapolis Alumnae Club in March of 2022. She adds, "It was great to be in a room filled with Saint Mary's graduates of all ages, reconnect with some classmates, and hear Dr. Conboy talk about all the exciting and amazing things happening on campus."



Peggy Crossin Poole, Heather Atkinson Schneider, and Susie Smith-Gilbert '92 met with President Katie Conboy at the Indianapolis Alumnae Club event.

Heather's daughter is also a Belle! Molly is a sophomore, double majoring in ecology, evolution, and environmental biology AND gender and women's studies. Heather is working at Eli Lilly and Company as a writer in the Lilly Marketing Studios department. She lives in Westfield, and as luck would have it, just two miles down the road from Susie, who is currently the director of customer success/driver qualifications at First Advantage. Peggy is a French teacher at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis.

**Janet Timm Hergenrether** gathered with many fellow Belles at the home of **Katie Randolph Woods** and her husband Tim (ND '89) in Missouri in the fall of '21. Janet said, "It was a wonderful weekend to reconnect and enjoy each other's company." A fun fact about this group? TEN states were represented. In attendance were **Amy Cunningham Goodwine** (Indiana), **Faith Cederberg Sherry** (Virginia), **Jean Connolly Ambrose** (Nebraska), **Jeannie Sabin Barry** (Georgia), **Maria Marczak O'Rourke** (Mississippi), **Maura Clarke Saas** (Illinois), **Tonya Bono Haas** (Pennsylvania), **Wendy Dillon Pietrangelo** (Ohio), and of course Janet (Texas)!

Our class president and my dear friend **Lowell Ann Lehmann** has what I think is THE best news of all, as she celebrates a clean bill of health. Lowell shares that she recently hit her first anniversary as a cancer survivor and is cancer FREE! "In September of 2020, I was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer during my first standard screening. I am sharing this information to gently remind all of us to get our regular screenings. I was fortunate enough to have a path to a cure, to keep on living life with a new appreciation for each day, and to have all the love, prayers, and support of my family, friends, and medical team." We LOVE YOU, LOWE! Congratulations as well on becoming a dog mom to puppy Matilda, also known as Mattie.

Keep us all posted on whatever is happening in your life! Reach out to me via text, on Facebook, or at smcbelles91@gmail.com.

## 1992

From the *Courier* Office

From **Michaeline Feldman Barnes**:

We had a busy, but incredibly fun fall watching two of our daughters compete in the Big 10 Volleyball Conference. Our daughter Caroline is a freshman at the University of Illinois and studies information systems, while our daughter Lauren is a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin getting her master's degree in business analytics. We had the thrill of watching them compete against each other and then of watching Lauren's Wisconsin Badgers go on to win the B1G Conference title as well as the NCAA Championship. Lauren will graduate this spring with an undergraduate degree in finance, a master's degree in business analytics, four Big 10 championships, three Final Four appearances including a national championship, and as a two-time All-American. We are beyond proud of her... she has an incredible work ethic and an even better heart. We are looking forward to seeing what her future holds as well as to watching Caroline continue to compete in the B1G next year!

## 1993



EXCELSIOR

### Kristin Crowley '93

was unanimously confirmed in March 2022 to become the first female chief to lead the Los Angeles Fire Department.

## 2003

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**Val Gillis Brown** and husband Scott welcomed Henry William February 25, 2021. Val writes, "He's obviously much loved by his big sisters."

**Katie-Nell Scanlon O'Connell** returned to the workforce in June 2020 (after a 10-year hiatus to stay at home with her three children) as a marketing consultant for a top orthodontist in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Katie-Nell shares, "It's allowed me to work remote and continue running my household, but now I have a creative outlet and something just for me. I am loving it!"

**Lauren Hofer Damron** and husband Rich sold their Austin home in 2020 and built a new house just outside the city limits. Lauren writes, "We closed and moved in the spring/summer of '21. Now we're in the last phases of putting in a pool! Vivienne, 6, is thriving in first grade and Lily, 4, is in her first year of pre-k. We welcomed an au pair from Brazil in November."

**Rebekah Gano** wrote an action rhyme and sent it to *High Five Magazine* (published by Highlights), and it was published in the April 2022 issue as an activity for the young readers. Rebekah teaches a parent-child class at a nature center, and the rhyme, called "Grasshopper, Go!" was one that she wrote and used with the kids there.

**Monica Cannon Meeker** wrote that she traveled to Saint Mary's for the inauguration of our 14<sup>th</sup>

college president. "It was a moment of peace and healing after two years of limited travel due to the pandemic. Annabelle, my 12-year-old, and I met Dr. Conboy — suffice it to say Annabelle is ready to enroll as a Belle and Dr. Conboy was such a delight throughout the entire weekend."



Monica Cannon Meeker from her time with President Conboy.

"Nashville continues to grow by leaps and bounds. I enjoy hosting and showing guests around town when the opportunity presents itself. Meeker Interiors LLC is quite busy these days. I cannot tout our college enough in preparing me for the world at large. On a more personal note, my husband along with three other local physician specialists has secured a certificate of need for the first MultiSpecialty Ambulatory Surgery Center in Middle Tennessee/West Nashville. We hope to open the doors to this modern updated facility in the fall of 2023."

**Karen Schaff Awe, Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo, Lauren Dasso Stalter, Merideth Pierce Sullivan, Kendall Riedlinger Ymalay, and Amy Greene Smith** spent an amazing weekend together in February at Walt Disney World — without children. **Amy Greene Smith** writes, "We pretended to be kids in the Magic Kingdom, toured the countries in Epcot, and spent lots of time catching up, laughing, and making new memories. It was so wonderful to be together after a long couple years through the pandemic."



Classmates at Disney Kendall Riedlinger Ymalay, Karen Schaff Awe, Merideth Pierce Sullivan, Amy Greene Smith, Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo, and Lauren Dasso Stalter.

Amy also shares, "My twin daughters Alex and Kate will be 4 in July and they are enjoying their first year

of pre-school. I continue to work as a compliance officer for a health system in Cincinnati and hope to be able to catch up with more SMC friends at Reunion next June."

Amy teed up the closing line well: Don't forget to mark your calendars for our (gulp) 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June 2023. See you there!

## 2008

From the *Courier* Office

**Michelle Michalak Vicari** and her husband Brian Vicari (ND '08) welcomed their third daughter Gemma Brielle on March 10, 2021. Big sisters Meara and Taryn love spending time with their sister.

After nearly 15 years as your class news reporters, we're putting pencils down. We hope another 2008 alumna will pick up where we've left off, collecting word of all the wonderful milestones and updates our classmates wish to share. It's been an honor to serve you in this way, and we look forward to seeing many of you at Reunion 2023!

With gratitude,

**Natalie Grasso Cockrell** and **Cate Cetta Scola**



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## 2009

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It's hard to believe the 2022 academic year is drawing to a close. We hope you and your families have had a safe and happy year and continue to thrive this summer. The Class of 2009 has a lot of exciting updates to share.

**Jayde Kennedy Ball** opened her private practice, Chrysalis Psychological Services, PLLC, in Jackson, MI in January. The goal is to work with individuals age 5 and up suffering from various disorders. Best of luck in this new endeavor!

**Gracie Deery Oakley** became certified as a neonatal intensive care nurse in 2021 and is in her fifth year in the NICU at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis. In September, she and her husband welcomed their second son John Francis.

**Amanda Marie Blackwell** recently graduated with a doctorate in education with an emphasis in postsecondary education from Murray State University. She lives and works in Guatemala and got this second doctorate in order to create a postgraduate degree program in speech-language

pathology at a university in Guatemala. She is hoping the program will start accepting students in 2023.

**Sarah Davenport Balkovek** and her husband Logan welcomed their fifth daughter in February. Madeline joins her four older sisters — all future Belles we hope! She will be baptized this summer by their ND pal Christian Galvan, who will soon be ordained as a deacon.

**Pamela Lazaroff Quinn** and her husband welcomed their second child in August, Caroline Felicity. She also co-hosts a podcast about motherhood — check it out!

In July 2020, **Molly Goldsmith Sutton** became the regional director of philanthropy for Avera Health, a Catholic health care system based in Sioux Falls, SD. If you're ever making a big American road trip, consider visiting Molly in Mitchell, SD, home of the World's Only Corn Palace!

**Laura Cronmiller Kettlehut** and her husband Doug welcomed their first child Michael in June. **Andrea Beres Finn** and her husband David welcomed a baby boy Fitz last spring. Welcome, Michael and Fitz!

Have a great summer, Belles!

## 2010

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Hey Belles, I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their 2022 thus far! So happy to share the following birth announcements with everyone:

**Caitlin Smith Sica** and her husband Sam along with big sister Rebecca Anne welcomed Stephanie Margaret in October 2021.

**Rachel Raska Selle** and husband Jason Patrick Selle welcomed Gideon Patrick Raska Selle on September 29, 2021, at 5:44 p.m. in South Bend. He was 9 lbs. 12 oz. and 21 in. long. Gideon is adored by everyone especially his big brother Gabriel, who turned 2 in February!

**Tracey Chuckas Cantwell** and husband Ryan were elated to welcome baby Blair Natalie Cantwell on December 22, 2021. Fellow alumnae **Megan Marie O'Neill** is proud to serve as Blair's godmother and is already teaching her about Saint Mary's!

**Christina Smotherman Crush** and husband Patrick welcomed their second child Patrick Andrew on February 1, 2021. It has been a joy watching him and his big sister Mary Catherine interact with one another this last year!

Look out for an email from me,  
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Enjoy the summer!

## 2011

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Hello 2011 Belles,

Congratulations to everyone below on your exciting news. As always, if you ever have any news you want to submit please feel free to contact me anytime.

**Agnes Marie Wright** and her husband Tanner welcomed their daughter Fern Kelly Laughlin to the world on June 16, 2021. They love being a family of three!

**Colleen Rebecca Lowry** and husband Nate Shipman welcomed their first child Violet Ann Shipman on February 13, 2022. Born at 6:18 a.m., Violet weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. and is a little bundle of love!

**Frannie Margaret Hermes** is still living in Munich, Germany but in August 2021, she started a new job teaching nursery/pre-kindergarten at St. George's British International School.

**Sarah Michelle Horn** completed her master's in counseling and human service through IUSB in August 2021 and began working at Discovery Middle School in Granger, IN as a school counselor.

**Christina Alice Grasso** signed with Wilhelmina Models in New York as a content creator (@thepouf) and recently went to Paris Fashion Week, where she attended the Chanel Fall/Winter 2022 show.

## 2012

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We again have a number of babies to welcome into our Saint Mary's community. Congratulations to those with additions to their families!

In July 2021, **Kristen Figari Clark** gave birth to her third child, a baby girl and, she writes, hopefully a future SMC grad, Frances Alexandra Clark.

**Kelley Murphy Enzweiler** and her husband, Matthew Enzweiler (ND '13, ND Law '16), moved to Leawood, KS in September 2021 then welcomed their second child Mary Michael Louise on September 30.

**Mary Elizabeth "Bethy" Brophy Faulkner** and her husband James welcomed their son James William Faulkner V born on November 30, 2021.

**Taylor Paton Lough** and family celebrated the birth of daughter Bennett Kathryn Lough on January 5, 2022.

On February 5, 2022, **Bridget Meade Edmonds** and her family welcomed the birth of their second son Charles Patrick Edmonds.

**Elizabeth Leeuw Gaston** and her husband Jake welcomed their first child Benjamin Dittoe Gaston on February 9, 2022.

## 2013

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Hello, Class of 2013 Belles! We have so many updates!

First, babies! **Julia Harris Szenderski** and her husband Max had their first child, a son Harris Elliott Szenderski born December 4, 2021. **Caitlyn Marie Paulsen** and her husband welcomed their first child, Olaya Arai Martín Paulsen in Las Palmas, Spain on May 19, 2021. **Jennifer Simatovich Corsbie** and her husband Joseph welcomed their second child Dean Richard Corsbie on December 9, 2021. **Claire Zyber Isaac** and her husband Greg welcomed their first child Maren Margaret Isaac on March 19 — hoping for a future Belle! Congratulations on your new additions, ladies!

In wedding news, **Farah Elizabeth Tahmassebi** married Michael Perrin (from NY Fordham University) in South Bend at Christ the King Catholic Church on May 22, 2021.

**London Paige Lamar** is serving as the new Tennessee state senator. She is officially the youngest woman and African American to serve in Tennessee State Senate history! What an amazing accomplishment! Congratulations!

**Anna Marie Boarini** just celebrated four years at VINE Sanctuary, an LGBTQ founded and led refuge for over 700 formerly farmed animals. The sanctuary works for social and environmental justice, as well as animal liberation. She is the outreach and humane education coordinator at the sanctuary. Additionally, she and her partner Blake Wyman recently adopted a kitten, bringing their menagerie up to four.

**Katherine Mary Trainor** is starting a new job as the coordinator of admissions at Relay Graduate School of Education.

**Ciara Marie P. O'Halloran** recently left the Notre Dame Athletic Department at the end of January and took on a role with Atlanta United (MLS) as their director of major events in February.

**Gina Marie Deom** has published *Deconstructing Adolescent Ethnicity: A Longitudinal Analysis of Ethnic-Racial Identity Development and Self-Categorization* in the *Journal of Adolescence*, March 17, 2022, and *Data-Driven Decisions: Using Network Analysis to Guide Campus Course Offerings, College & University (C&U) Journal*, November 27, 2021.

There are so many great things happening for our fellow Belles. Congratulations to everyone on their accomplishments, babies, and weddings. If anyone has any updates, please feel free to email smcclassnews2013@gmail.com.



EXCELSIOR

**Stephanie Clary '12**  
has been announced as the  
new Environment Editor for  
EarthBeat, a project of the  
*National Catholic Reporter*.



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**Taylor Lough '12**  
was recognized by the Texas  
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## 2014

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From the class reporters: "Below is a combination of news collected both in December 2021 and April 2022. The December news should have appeared in the Spring '22 edition of Courier, but was inadvertently omitted. Thank you for your understanding!"

It's hard to believe that as we write this, it has been seven-plus years since our graduation! It's clear that 2021 was a big year for our class, and we are excited to celebrate some big milestones with you all!

Many of our classmates welcomed new babies to their families this year. **Arianna Bonomi** is thrilled to share that her son Gabriel Giovanni Lloyd was born on March 16, 2021. **Mary Colleen Underwood** Ryan and her husband Kevin welcomed a baby boy Jack Underwood Ryan on May 21, 2021, in Columbia, SC. **Brooke Vail Kostielney** shares, "Lots to celebrate in the Kostielney household! We welcomed our third little one in April — finally our future Belle, Nora Joy! In June, I started a new role as director of marketing for Verso Ministries, a niche travel company specializing in Catholic pilgrimages." Exciting news for all; we look forward to watching your families continue to grow.

In addition, **Kaitlin Slotterback Arthurs** welcomed a new baby girl Riley Ann Arthurs on Kaitlin's birthday, July 14, 2021, with her husband Richard Arthurs. **Emily Murphy Burden** also had a new baby Lanie Burden born September 8, 2021. **Megan Golden Ganser** welcomed a new baby girl born on September 25, 2021, Emelia Claire. **Kelly Murphy Meyer** and her husband Jake are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child Madison Claire Meyer on June 14, 2021, at 6 lbs. 4 oz. **Jessica Biek Christodoulides** and her husband Andreas celebrated the birth of their daughter on Thanksgiving 2021. Her name is Juliana Mae, and Jessica can't wait to subtly (or not so subtly) plant seeds of her wanting to be a Belle.

Congratulations to all of our new parents and growing families! We hope to see many Belles in the class of 2043 (crazy to think about)!

**Ana Maria Weikert** graduated in December with her doctorate of nurse anesthesia practice and will begin her career as avCRNA in Utah. Congratulations, Ana Maria! You should be so proud of your hard work. **Kat Sullivan Kinasz** started as the assistant director of development at Christ the King Jesuit College Prep. The school serves students on Chicago's west side, and she loves how mission oriented it is. **Galicia Chantal Guerrero** started her PhD in educational policy and equity this fall at St. Louis University.

We also rang many wedding Belles this year! **Lauren Kepley Ehrenberg** married Eric Ehrenberg on July 10, 2021, celebrating with several SMC 2014 classmates. **Katherine Elizabeth Lemek** married Peter Lemek at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Bettendorf, IA on Saturday, October 30, 2021. They were lucky to celebrate in person with lots of family and friends including several SMC alums.

Happy Spring, Class of 2014! We have a bunch of great news to share!

We wish to send well wishes to **Vanessa Fisher Doty** on her marriage to Cale Doty in August of 2020. In addition to getting married this past August, Vanessa graduated from the University of Minnesota with her doctorate of nursing degree during May of 2021 and then moved to Montana to start her new career as pediatric nurse practitioner. Congratulations on all your new adventures, Vanessa!

This past year, we've been blessed with many new babies in our community. So many new families are quickly growing! **Mary Catherine Faller Donegan** and her husband Seamus welcomed a baby boy Seamus Gerald Donegan on January 17, 2022. **Jenae LaCrosse Newberg** and her husband Josh welcomed baby girl Kensington (Kenzie) Grace Newberg on November 3, 2021. Her big brother Eli loves helping out and makes Kenzie laugh whenever he can. They're looking forward to having another potential Belle in the family! **Samantha Carey Kern** and her husband welcomed baby boy Liam Kern on December 12, 2021. **Grace Connelly Powers** and her husband welcomed baby girl Bernice "Necce" Elizabeth Powers. **Natalie Stoerger Hall** and her husband welcomed their second child, a baby boy, Levi Alexander Hall on December 29, 2021. **Grace Coffey DeMoss** and her husband welcomed a baby boy Connor Coffey DeMoss on March 10, 2022.

We can't wait to hear what is next for all of you! Be sure to join our Facebook group or email us at belles2014news@gmail.com to keep us updated. As always, go Belles!

## 2015

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Dear Class of 2015,

2022 is off to a great start! So many of you have been busy bees already.

**Linsey McMullen Brennan** married Patrick Brennan on December 18, 2021, in Cincinnati, OH. **Samantha Moorhead DiSanto, Alison Letitia Harris,** and **Katherine Anne Bussey** helped them celebrate. Congrats, Linsey and Patrick!

**Grace Marie McSorley** got engaged to Dr. Jose Cataneo-Serrato on February 19, 2022, in Chicago, IL. They celebrated with family and friends who made surprise trips in from Mexico, New Jersey, Florida, and Illinois. Congrats, Grace and Jose!

**Meghan Christine Roder** got engaged to James Hamlin on March 18, 2022, in Michigan City, IN. They celebrated with family and friends in Chicago, IL afterwards. Meghan also recently received her certification in neonatal intensive care nursing. Best wishes and congratulations, Meghan and James!

Here's to creating more wonderful memories in 2022. Don't forget to send me your exciting life updates to: nicoleotoole128@gmail.com. Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer!

## 2016

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Exciting news from the Class of 2016!

First up: new cities! Within the last few years, **Lauren Elizabeth Hlavin** has moved to Raleigh, NC; **Sarah Eileen Macius** moved to Australia, where she works for PWC Perth; and **Taylor Frances Schuler** moved to Minneapolis, MN. Hope you are loving your new digs, Belles!

Up next: new jobs! **Madeline O'Hara Gibbs** started a new job as client success manager at Mediaocean in Chicago this past November. Also in Chicago (and in November), **Bridget Enright** started as a nurse practitioner in acute care at Loyola Hospital Chicago. **Megan Marie Knobloch** was promoted to assistant director of global engagement programs at the University of Notre Dame. And **Mallory Christine Fowler** was recently hired to serve the Marianist Order through research, logistics, and technology at the North American Center for Marianist Studies in Dayton, OH. Huge congratulations, ladies!

**Kelleen Springer Roberts** has been knockin' 'em dead with her new position as a financial analyst with Ultimate Fighting Championship! She also got her master's in sports management from Georgetown University in May 2021 before getting married in October 2021. **Caitlin Frances Gibbons, Abigail Janowiak '15,** and **Alexa Kirwan Pitney '14** were in the wedding party. Congratulations on all these life moments, Kelleen!

**Ina Jonathas** married Steven Penney (ND '16) on April 21, 2018. On April 19, 2021, she and Steven welcomed baby Quentin! Best wishes to you and your family, Ina!

Thomas Lavelle Hoy Jr. was born to **Miranda Oltmann Hoy** and Thomas Hoy on December 26, 2021. He was 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 19.5 in. long at birth. Mother and baby continue to do well. We're so happy for your growing family, Miranda!

And finally, a huge Belles reunion from early this year! A large group of SMC ladies got together in January for a holiday gathering, and **Sarah Eileen Macius** was finally able to return to the US for a few weeks from Australia! Belles of 2016 included **Maddie Kohler, Krista Knapke, Aileen Kernan Schwab, Meghan Flanagan Loftus,** and **Madison Overly.** Other Belles included **Ariana Paul '15, Katie Nickol '15, Kelsey Ronan '17, Kelsey Trimble '18, Gabby Crown '18, Molly Robinson (ND '18), Erin Maloney '19, Caroline Macius '19, Grace Sadowski '11, Katie Sullivan '12,** and **Jessica Centa '12.** To quote **Maddie Kohler,** "It was a Belle of a good time!"

Send updates like new jobs, new cities, births, and weddings to smc16news@gmail.com.

## 2017

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Wedding Belles are ringing! Congratulations to **Molly Ann Franklin** who married Nick Boggess (ND '16) in August, **Cassandra Jo Mardis** who married Stephen Duffy in November, and **Michele Marie Mostoller** who married Zachary Trewitt, ND ('17, '18) in December. **Kimber Nelson Pinarski, Marie Joy Mastellone, Libby R. Horvath,** and **Maureen Siobhan Daday** were bridesmaids in the wedding.

We also have several classmates making strides in their careers including **Allison Renee Pudlo** who recently started a new job as the environmental education coordinator for the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District, **Cassandra Jo Mardis** who became a registered nurse, and **Hannah Colleen O'Brien** who began working for NASA at Johnson Space Center as a lunar curation scientist!

**Mary Molly McDermott O'Neill** is excited to share that she started a new job with CH Distillery in Boston and is looking forward to connecting with other Boston-based belles. **Mara Patricia Irish** is also proud to share that she was featured on the Home Shopping Network through her job with Harper Collins Publishers. Mara's class ring was even visible in some of the footage!

Lastly, a huge congratulations to **Kimber Nelson Pinarski** and her husband Stephen on the arrival of their first son Drew in May 2021.

Please continue to share your updates with me at kfizm01@saintmarys.edu to be included in the next edition.

## 2018

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Dear Belles,

I am sure we all might want the summer to slow down just a little bit. First, I want to extend congratulations to **Julie** and **Leann** on their recent graduation from medical school. Additionally, I was fortunate enough to live in the same section of Holy Cross Hall with Julie, Leann, and Princess during our first year. All I have to say is 1T for life!

**Julie Weilbaker Funrock** and husband Ludo welcomed baby boy George Joseph Funrock this past November. Julie graduated from Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 6, 2022. They recently moved to Colorado Springs, where Julie is excited for her residency at Southern Colorado Family Medicine Program in Pueblo, CO.

**Leann Nicole Tulisak** graduated from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 7, 2022, with a degree in osteopathic medicine (DO). She started her emergency medicine residency at the University at Buffalo this summer.

**Princess Mae Dela Rosa Visconde** recently started an Etsy shop called PHarhouse. The online shop features Saint Mary's themed hand-crafted gifts,

keychains, custom door mats and coasters. If you are in need of a graduation gift or need a new SMC sticker, feel free to stop by her shop to support a Belle!

Please continue to share your life updates and achievements with me at catherine.bruno9@gmail.com. Go Belles!

## 2019

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Hi Class of 2019!

This is **Adele Christian Edmonds** and **Kathy Ann Ogden** and we are so excited to introduce ourselves as the class reporters.

We were roommates all four years and are excited for the opportunity to help the college in this capacity. In almost three years as alumnae, we know you all have done some amazing things that your classmates would love to hear about. We are hoping to highlight some of those accomplishments and special moments in *Courier*.

Please send your updates or any questions to adele.edmonds@outlook.com or kogden@alumni.nd.edu

We will be reaching out periodically on the class of 2019 Facebook page and through email to remind you to share exciting news.

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**Lili Payne '22, *Memento Mori***

Focusing on the concept of death being inevitable as represented in Genesis 3:19 'For you are dust, and to dust you shall return,' Payne printed digital photos on colocasia leaves using a chlorophyll printing process. The process allows sunlight to temporarily engrave the images on the leaves. The images fade with the exposure of light as the leaves naturally decay.