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## About Saint Mary's College

Saint Mary's is a four-year, Catholic, residential, women's college in the liberal arts tradition.

Founded in 1844 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Saint Mary's College seeks, according to its mission statement, to educate students, develop their talents, and prepare them to make a difference in the world.

Located in Notre Dame, Indiana, the College offers five bachelor's degrees in more than 30 major areas of study along with two graduate degrees: a Master of Science and a Doctorate.

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On the cover: Student research examines how the protein Sestrin 2 might play a role in ovarian cancer.



# UPON REFLECTION

At Saint Mary's, we place special importance on a mind, body, spirit approach to education. Beyond the knowledge gained in the classroom, Belles find opportunities on campus and beyond for social, physical, and spiritual growth, which are equally important to realizing their full potential.

We have seen countless examples of how an emphasis on educating the whole person benefits not only individuals but communities and entire societies through our students, faculty, and alumnae who approach their work with the greater good in mind.

This issue of *Courier* introduces us to students and professors who collaborate on ovarian cancer research, an alumna who serves homeless veterans in Chicago, and a dental anesthesiologist who provides mobile services to people in need. These women represent the best of Saint Mary's, using their talent and intellect in ways that make the world a better place.

The common denominator among them is the pursuit of health and wellness. That means more than providing medical expertise, it requires responsible stewardship of resources to ensure that everyone has access to clean air and drinking water, food, and shelter — the basic needs that allow the physical, mental and spiritual health of individuals and communities to flourish.

Even the technology that helps us stay connected to friends and loved ones, the human network that sustains us, can have an unintended pernicious impact. When we compare ourselves to the image others present on social media, for example, we can fall victim to “the Happiness Effect” discussed in this issue, leading to anxiety and depression, an increasing concern among college students who have come of age in this media environment.

Part of the commitment Saint Mary's makes to students is to support them in the same holistic way we seek to educate them. The new Kristine Anderson Trustey '86 Wellness Program, to be established in the renovated Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex, will help us continue to fulfill that commitment. Holistic health and wellness fits with the College's long and strong tradition in nursing and speech language pathology, advancing the nurturing environment we offer on campus.

Kris made a significant gift to support student wellness and to bring innovative solutions to the challenges women face when it comes to health and well-being. We feel immense gratitude to Kris, as well as pride in calling her a fellow Belle, because she exemplifies how a holistic education serves the world. Her dedication assures that future generations of Saint Mary's students will be prepared to do the same.

Janice A. Cervelli, FASLA, FCELA  
President



# Water:

## Supporting the

We are all part of a web — the web of life.

Each of us is a strand in it. And what one does to the web, one does to oneself.

This vision is attributed to Chief Seattle, leader in the 19th century of the Suquamish Tribe in the Pacific Northwest. Chief Seattle understood at a deep level the interconnectedness that exists among all people. It is a vision that Saint Mary's both understands and supports.

One basic element that connects every person is the need for clean water. It is vital for all known forms of life and yet in too many corners of the world, it is a threatened resource.

That's why, Laura Elder, assistant professor in the department of global studies, led an interdisciplinary group of Saint Mary's students to Nepal in the summer of 2017. Together they studied the social and anthropological reasons behind Nepal's water contamination.

### The Land of 6,000 Rivers

On the largest continent on the earth containing the highest landforms on the globe lies the Himalayan mountains, also known as the Water Tower of Asia. Translated as “abode of snow,” the glacial runoff of the Himalayas is the source of the great rivers of Asia and provides the water supply for over 40 percent of the planet. These rivers flow into some of the most populated nations on the continent, including the Land of 6,000 Rivers, Nepal.

Nestled between China to the north and India to the south, and along the southern edge of the Himalayas, Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world. The country's heavily populated Kathmandu Valley contributes much of the water to this region. While 80 percent of the population has access to drinking water, it is not safe due to pollution from industry, agriculture, and crumbling sewage systems. Children are especially vulnerable — tens of thousands die every year from the host of diseases that are brought about by contaminated water.

“Our goal was to dig into the social determinants of contamination and disease, to understand exactly how economic, religious, and cultural factors contribute to this widespread problem,” said Elder. “We also looked at what we call structural violence, the sociological theory that structures are set in place to keep people in situations that chain them in poverty. The lack of clean water is a part of that.”

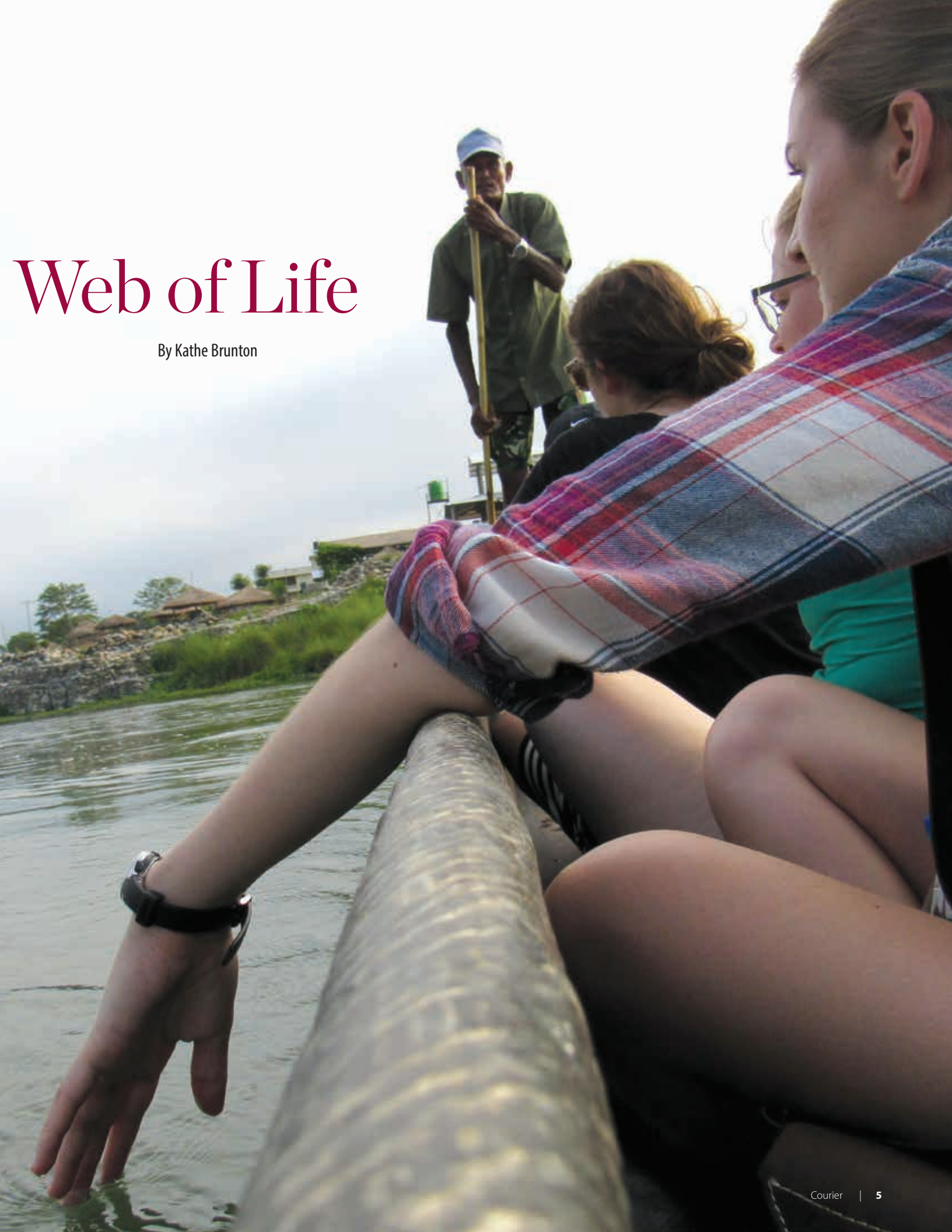
In Nepal, water is used not just for drinking, cooking, and bathing, but for religious purposes, too. Many people journey to the rivers to immerse themselves in a cleansing ritual. This practice can be as dangerous as drinking the water because it exposes a person to waterborne pathogens that can cause gastrointestinal illnesses. In turn, such illnesses contribute to impoverishment and social inequality, particularly for women.

< Natalie Spica '18 stands atop a bridge near one of the interview sites.



# Web of Life

By Kathe Brunton



## Research that makes a difference

Elder's group — Emily Castro '17, biology and global studies; Tori Chandler '19, global studies and English writing; Adrian Milos '19, biology; and Julie Weilbaker '18, Spanish — worked closely with students and professors at the Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences (KIAS) to conduct the field research. At the same time, Biology Professor Reena Lamichhane-Khadka, a native of Nepal, and Chemistry Professor Toni Barstis were leading separate groups of students in conducting microbiology and chemistry research related to water contamination and counterfeit pharmaceuticals.

Upon arriving in Nepal, members of the three teams met with government and water quality officials to discuss their research and gain approval for the projects. Khadka's understanding of the people, places, language, and customs of the country helped lend credibility as the group met with the officials.

The main focus for Elder's students involved collecting water samples and testing water pumps. They also developed a questionnaire and, with KIAS students translating, walked the neighborhoods to interview local residents on their water-access histories and their understanding of the factors related to water contamination.

Among other findings, they discovered that most people were aware the river water was unsafe to drink and needed to be boiled first. However, the water was being boiled for only five minutes, when it needed nearly 30 minutes to truly purify.

Analysis of the cultural data is ongoing, and the researchers plan to share their findings with partner institutions, such as the ASIANetwork, which provided a grant. Ultimately, the sharing of knowledge and resources among all, as well as the goodwill



The group takes a canoe ride across the river before going on a Jeep Safari in Chitwan, Nepal.

## The Himalayas: Water Tower of Asia


The Himalayas contain some of the tallest mountains in the world and separate Nepal and India from the Tibetan Plateau of China. Snow melt and runoff provide plenty of water to the nearby regions and fill the many rivers of Nepal. Without infrastructure to keep the rivers clean from sewage and pollution, the people of Nepal find themselves surrounded by contaminated water. Much of Elder's research is hoping to gain understanding of the complexities of these issues.





generated by the meetings with local officials, will help bring solutions to the Nepali people.

“One of our goals was to ensure an interdisciplinary approach, to use different skills and perspectives on water contamination, and I think that approach brought out better and more meaningful research. It is our hope that our findings will be of use to local hospitals, NGOs, and regulatory agencies,” Elder said.

From a broader perspective, the impact of contaminated water is a global issue. As Chief Seattle said, what affects one part of the web affects the rest. Through rivers, oceans, clouds, and rain, water circulates across the earth. And through the ideals of service and social justice, so too can knowledge and understanding develop solutions. Professors Elder, Khadka, and Barstis and their teams are helping to strengthen the web for all. 



**“I am a little pencil  
in the hand of a  
writing God, who  
is sending a letter  
to the world.”**

**— Saint Teresa of Calcutta**



(Top photo) The research group comprised of Assistant Professor Laura Elder, Manas Khadka, Professor Reena Khadka, Adrian Milos '19, Tori Chandler '19, Emily Castro '17, and Julie Weillbaker '18.

## Reaching Out, Understanding Injustice

### Student Perspective

By Julie Weillbaker '18

As a Spanish major and pre-med student, I once had the opportunity to do ethnographic research in Mexico and, to my surprise, I loved it. I found the field of anthropology to be a way of humbly coming forward and becoming a part of a community and people's lives. It spoke to my heart.

When the invitation came to join the Nepal trip, I jumped on it. There, I was able to fully integrate my love of microbiology with my love for anthropology, as our team walked the neighborhoods to collect water samples and interview people about water contamination.

Our first activity, though, involved visiting holy sites in the area. I was deeply touched to witness the connections between Hinduism and Catholicism. My Catholic faith is the most important thing in my life, so it was inspiring to see the Nepali people's respect for human life and creation, and their dedication and faithfulness to their beliefs. That deep sense of the dignity of others was so apparent, and the sacredness of being able to participate with them just blew me away.

As we went into the neighborhoods to conduct our field research, I could see how poor the people were and how welcoming. They invited us into their homes, offered us tea, and sat and chatted with us. I was the only foreigner in our group — the others were students from the Kathmandu Institute for Applied Sciences (KIAS) — but I was amazed at how much they welcomed me and let me into their daily lives.

This trip helped fulfill my passion for serving the underserved, a calling that comes from my personal relationship with Christ. But I also came to realize that serving others doesn't mean “I give and they take.” The heart of service involves being with them, standing with them, and working with them to overcome barriers that prevent them from living life the way they are called to live it. They are my brothers and sisters. It's a good lesson in humility, to come forth and be welcomed into their lives. Like that quote from Mother Teresa, I feel I am God's pencil.

I am hopeful that our research will lead to a better life for the Nepali people. Because at its essence, water is a symbol of life, of purification. And this journey has inspired me to keep working to make the world a better place, to continue reaching out and helping to change the injustices of the world.



An illustration on the left side of the page shows a hand holding a white tablet. To the left of the hand is a yellow book cover with a stylized face. The background is a light blue gradient with faint outlines of books on a shelf.

# #Perfect in an *Imperfect* World

By Megan Eifler

Look around Saint Mary's and you'll notice a difference from just a few years ago. Instead of talking to each other as they walk to class, most students are silently fixated on their phones.

Much of modern student life on campus is timeless; prepping for exams, attending Notre Dame football games, and going to club meetings are still all part of the experience. But a great deal of the social interaction has been replaced by a constant hum of selfies, posts, and tweets. Twenty-four hours per day/seven days per week students share, "like," and comment on the constant information received. At the same time, they reflect and compare themselves to what they see. It's an addictive cycle.

It's easy to compare the best version of others to the worst version of ourselves, especially when only viewing their "highlight reel" on social media. The experience can be especially anxiety-inducing for college students who are attempting to maintain their identities while simultaneously trying to figure out who they are. Jean M. Twenge writes in *The Atlantic* that iGen, the generation born between 1995 and 2012, is shaped by the smartphone and the rise of social media. "It's not an exaggeration to describe iGen as being on the brink of the worst mental health crisis in decades," Twenge continues, "Much of this deterioration can be traced to their phones."

Part of this condition stems from "FOMO," or "the fear of missing out." Basically, FOMO refers to the persistent worry that others are having fun without you. All that ruminating fuels unhealthy comparisons and feelings of isolation. This is not a new phenomenon, but thanks to social media and the ability to monitor what others are doing on Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, etc., it now has an added dimension. And with social media being described as more addictive than cigarettes and alcohol, college students are suffering its ill effects.



## Comparison is the death of happiness

College students are increasingly finding that social media aids and abets the process of comparing oneself to others. Donna Freitas, author of *The Happiness Effect: How Social Media is Driving a Generation to Appear Perfect at Any Cost*, interviewed students on 13 college campuses about their interactions with social media and found that students primarily post photos of themselves having a good time. “Basically, you never see anyone that’s not at a party,” according to one of the students she spoke with. “You very rarely see someone posting pictures of themselves studying...in the library.” The “highlight reel” is on full display.


Though they actively compared themselves to others on social media and experienced FOMO, students wished they didn’t engage in this behavior, labeling it “depressing, upsetting, and a bad habit.” They are pulled into a cycle of negativity, checking and comparing, checking and comparing, and it can be difficult to maintain perspective.

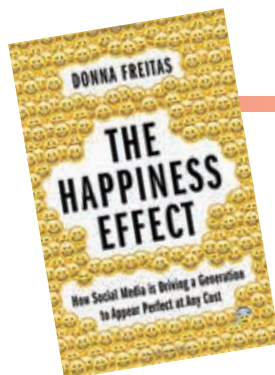
Additionally, the more social media platforms students use, the more likely they are to experience mental health issues. According to Business and Marketing Lecturer Jim Rogers, “Research says that if you’re active on three or more social media networks, you’re significantly more likely to experience higher levels of anxiety and depression.” It may be the added pressure of trying to maintain an identity across several disparate networks, or the added time invested in several sites versus just one. In fact, research shows that young people who spend more than two hours per day on social networking sites are more likely to report poor mental health.

Izzy Fourman, director of the College Health and Counseling Center, has noticed an increase in students utilizing the Center’s services in the past few years. “We actually hired a third counselor to accommodate our students’ needs,” she said. “Our counselors all have consistently full schedules.” While it’s unsettling to see an uptick in student emotional health issues, it also speaks to our students’ courage in recognizing unhealthy patterns and seeking help.

## Take back social media

Catherine Pittman, professor of psychology, has seen the effects of the surge in smartphone and social media usage firsthand. In addition to finding ways to limit screen time, she recommends college students turn off their phones an hour before bed. Pittman, who has studied the brain function underlying fear and anxiety for the past 20 years, said one of the most egregious effects of excessive smartphone usage is its interference with sleep. “The light in your eyes from the phone is stimulating and prevents the brain from releasing the hormones that help you fall asleep,” she says. “You hop into bed, and then you’re on your smartphone for another hour.” And your brain then has trouble determining when to go to sleep. Sleep deprivation leaves college students more vulnerable to depression and anxiety.

Ultimately, students need to take control of their social media experience to avoid falling victim to the comparison trap. While difficult, Rogers recommends students evaluate how they’re using these platforms. “Don’t just use this medium for posting and reading; use it to add pleasure to your life.” Whether that means furthering a cause you care about by joining and becoming active in its social presence, or finding inspirational quotes that speak to you, using social media to empower yourself and others can have a profoundly positive effect. 



Last month, Dr. Donna Freitas visited campus to speak about her book, *The Happiness Effect: How Social Media is Driving a Generation to Appear Perfect at Any Cost*. The lecture was sponsored by the Center for Spirituality. Freitas provided insight into the prevalence of social media in society and its effect on college students. Visit [donnafreitas.com](http://donnafreitas.com) for more information on Dr. Freitas.

# Fighting Cancer at Saint Mary's

By Donna Fischman

Up on the third floor of our Science Hall, three students quietly conduct ovarian cancer research using state-of-the-art equipment. Dressed appropriately in white lab coats, they manipulate and closely examine colorful petri dishes that look like something from a CSI episode. Each one contains stained ovarian cancer cells that might hold answers on how to better fight the disease.

The students, Leann Tulisak '18, Irma Ruelas '18, and Darya Bondarenko '18 are part of a group working with Biology Professor Calli Davison Versagli '09. Versagli got her start in cancer research at the University of Notre Dame. She was just beginning her doctorate when she learned of a breast cancer research project and was motivated by a personal experience to give it a try. "I was immediately hooked and knew this was where I was meant to be," she shared. But as the research continued she began to question her ability to make a real impact. "We already have a solid method of detection and treatment for breast cancer." Versagli explains, "But ovarian... that's a whole other story."

*(continued)*

Biology Professor  
Calli Davison Versagli '09



For Versagli, making a difference matters. It's why she decided to start researching ovarian cancer and why she decided to work at Saint Mary's. "I knew we either have to get better at detecting ovarian cancer or better at treating late stage cancer. And that is a place I might be able to help."

For women, ovarian is the number five cancer killer primarily because only about 20 percent of the cases are diagnosed at an early stage. For those few that are identified when it is localized to the ovaries, survival past five years is an optimistic 94 percent. But for the majority, the disease is detected at a later stage after it has metastasized to other locations. As a result, treatment options are often dramatically reduced and survival is not nearly as high.

### Understanding how it spreads

Cancer cells have a unique ability. Simply put, they live and spread in environments in which other cells would not survive. Cells that make up our intestines live only as intestines, for example, and those that make up our liver don't suddenly spread to our knees. So how does an ovarian cancer cell survive the trip to the abdomen and take up residence there?

This migration, or metastasis, is a defined "hallmark of cancer" but is also one of the big mysteries. And once cancer cells spread to another part of the body from the original host locale, the disease automatically receives the dreaded Stage IV classification.

So Versagli and her research students are exploring conditions that make metastasis possible in hopes to find ways to impede the growth and progress of the disease. Imagine a day where cancer cells could be stopped from spreading to the bloodstream and other organs. This advancement would give pharmaceutical companies and physicians a significant opportunity to treat, cure, and eventually eliminate cancer.



With culture dishes filled with stained ovarian cancer cells, Leann Tulisak '18, explains how the protein Sestrin 2 might play a role in allowing cancer cells to metastasize to other parts of the body.

### Cutting edge research

Using tools such as a fluorescence microscope, Versagli and her students are able to examine the actual molecular mechanism that helps cancer cells complete what is called "the metastatic cascade." Put another way, this \$100,000 piece of lab equipment not only elevates the students' research experience but gives them a clear look into how cancer grows and spreads. It's not something most undergraduate students get to experience. Referencing both the capabilities of the lab and the students' experience, Versagli stated, "It would be great to build on this. My goal is to help develop these women and I'd love to make Saint Mary's a hub for women in undergraduate research."

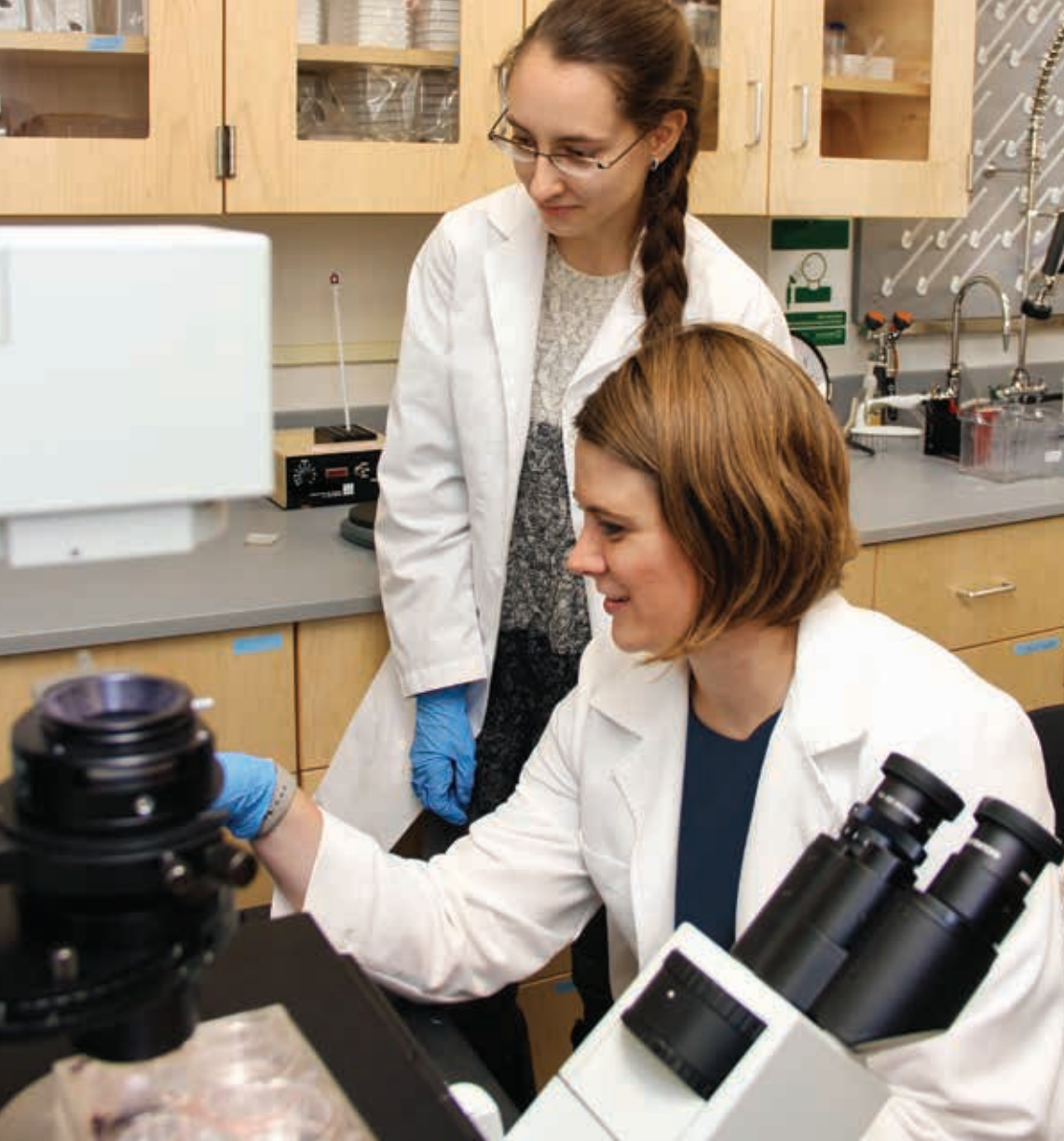
## Ovarian Cancer FACTS

Only **20%** diagnosed at early stage



STAGE 1 **94%** vs. **17%** STAGE 4  
Ovarian Cancer Survival Rates

**63**  
Average age of diagnosis




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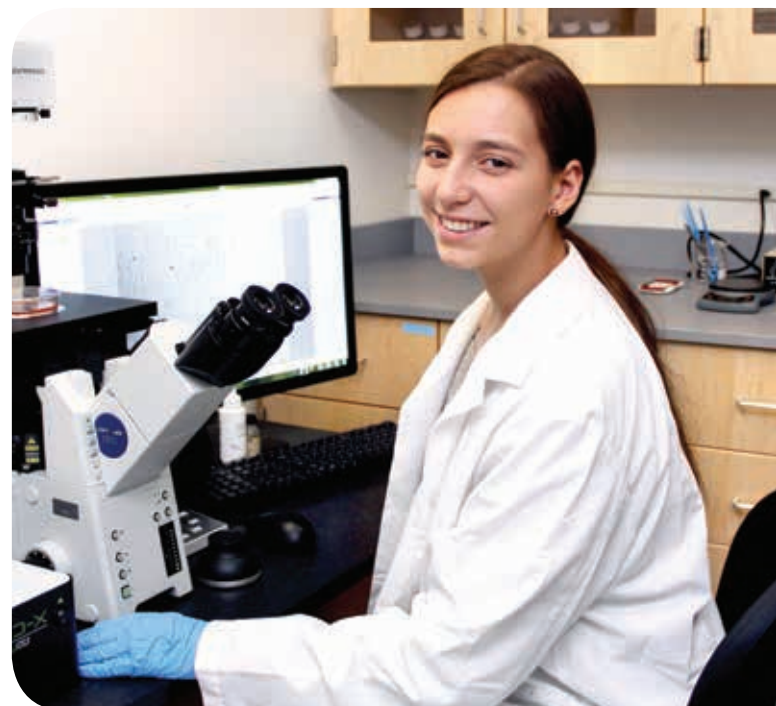


< Professor Calli Davison Versagli '09 helps Darya Bondarenko '18 review some of the data she has collected. Darya is testing the protein Peroxiredoxin 2 and its role in metastatic ovarian cancer.

Which is where Versagli works to make another impact. As a graduate of both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame, she could be conducting her research just about anywhere but she chose to return here. When asked why, Versagli explained, “I benefited from the process of being a Saint Mary’s student and honestly, I wanted to give back.”

As a professor of biology, often working with pre-med students, the guidance and insights she provides is readily evident. Even a bystander can see the how the students gain from her leadership which comes across in a calm and supportive manner. Most of all you can tell she has a true interest in her research and her students. She discussed the obvious intellectual ability and passion of both students and colleagues and summed up her thoughts on her alma mater, saying simply, “Saint Mary’s is such a special place.”

It is indeed a special place and perhaps one day, under Versagli’s tutelage, Saint Mary’s will deliver a beautiful finding to help combat such an ugly disease. 



Irma Ruelas '18 examines the role of Sestrin 2 in the proliferation of metastatic ovarian cancer cells.



# Intentionality:

## A social worker's perspective on holistic healthcare

By Haleigh Ehmsen '16

From furniture to mental health services, Natalie Bui '10 serves as a resource for homeless veterans on the south side of Chicago. At the heart of what she does, however, is relationship building, providing a sense of consistency and stability to the people she serves. That's what she knows to have the most impact. Without a bed, a safe place to sleep, a person is not thinking about how to treat their depression, anxiety, or other health concerns.

Bui oversees part of the Grant and Per Diem program called Transition in Place at Veterans Affairs (VA), which provides veterans with housing and healthcare services. She refers veterans and often works with them to survey their needs.

“Once you dive in and start asking questions, you understand there's more than not having a home,” Bui says. “There are so many dominos that begin to fall when there's no stable housing and it's really about looking at each veteran's case holistically. Then you can start to work on goals, once they are in an apartment and have a sense of stability.”





This cycle, or the domino effect, she's learned points back to her days at Saint Mary's. Bui studied abroad in Mumbai, India, through a program at the TaTa Institute where she took classes in gender and development studies, women's and human rights, Gandhi's philosophy, and also had a field experience. She worked with a program called Child's Line, which is a 211 hotline, that street children can call and ask for help. She chose the program in India because it was focused on social work and included a field experience. She was intentional.

On the streets on Mumbai, Bui passed out cards with the hotline's number to children. It wasn't a one-time effort. She returned each week, walking the streets and offering information, offering help and trying to build relationships with the people she encountered. It was important that children begin to recognize her face, to see her as someone they could trust.

Those who have experienced trauma are reluctant to trust and Bui understands that all you can do is provide information and resources. When the person is ready, they will ask for the help, but sometimes pride and fear get in the way of taking the next step.

And it takes an immense amount of courage to ask for help. Think about it in regards to her work at the VA: men and women who have fought for our country, who have this image of themselves as strong individuals. They want to believe they can do it on their own, lessons instilled in them from boot camp. But the one lesson they seem to forget is never leave a man behind. That's what the program at the VA is trying to do.

The program provides subsidized housing with the goal that the veteran will take over the lease after he or she stabilizes and begins to feel at home. It is once the vets are housed that Bui and her colleagues can begin to address the mental and physical health concerns of their clientele.

"It's very motivating to see that happen. I know it can be hard to ask for help, but once a person asks and we begin intake, we get incredible insight into what their needs are."

All of Bui's experience from her outreach to children in Mumbai to her field practicum at Hope Ministries, a Christian homeless center in South Bend, and in outreach to tent cities of Milwaukee, have taught her to think critically about situations and always prioritize trust.


She credits her education at Saint Mary's for developing critical thinking skills. In the classroom and in her practicum, Bui says the instructors in the social work department have a wealth of knowledge from working as social workers and had actual field experience prior to teaching at the College. The professors bring those experiences and lessons into the classroom, which is important in social work since it's just as much about theory as it is about practice. It is crucial to understand human behavior and the way a person's environment has an impact.

"I became very interested in systems and social problems," Bui reminisced. "The powerful, fruitful conversations in class expanded my mind outside of myself and outside of my own experience to ask why and try to figure out solutions."

Leonard Sanchez, field practicum coordinator in the social work department, teaches his students that there aren't always solutions to the problems their clients face. That fact is why being intentional about relationship building is so important.

"It's not just a problem we're trying to solve. In social work, you walk the journey with a client," Sanchez said. "It's important not to go in thinking that things will resolve, because sometimes they don't. And it's not always going to be the outcome you hope for."

Bui knows that a good social worker is aware you can't help everyone, only the people who ask for your help, but still it's motivating to know that she can help some.

"Saint Mary's helped me develop critical thinking and problem solving skills all of which are needed and necessary for good and holistic healthcare," she said. "When I am working with a veteran and helping him or her address their basic needs of housing, food access, employment or warm clothes, I also recognize that I am helping them with stability and self-determination. When your basic needs are met, you can begin to focus on other possible challenges like medical or mental health needs — that's holistic healthcare." 



# The *First to Aid*

By Sarah Miesle '07


Imagine a scene where a catastrophic injury happens. From several hundred feet away, the scope and severity of the accident is unknown as the injured person lies almost motionless.

While thankfully those scenarios are not a daily occurrence, Ashley Steffey and Katie Knisely, the College's two athletic trainers, have had their fair share of times they have run to the aid of a student-athlete who has sustained an injury. Their roles go far beyond that of an image of a superhero without a cape. They work toward injury reduction, prevention, and recovery; assist in the diagnosis of illnesses; ensure safety at practices and games; and are oftentimes referred to as "second moms" by many of the Belles who seek their support. They are day-to-day healthcare providers for 130 student-athletes and are the glue (or perhaps tape in their instance) that keeps many of our Belles performing at their top level.

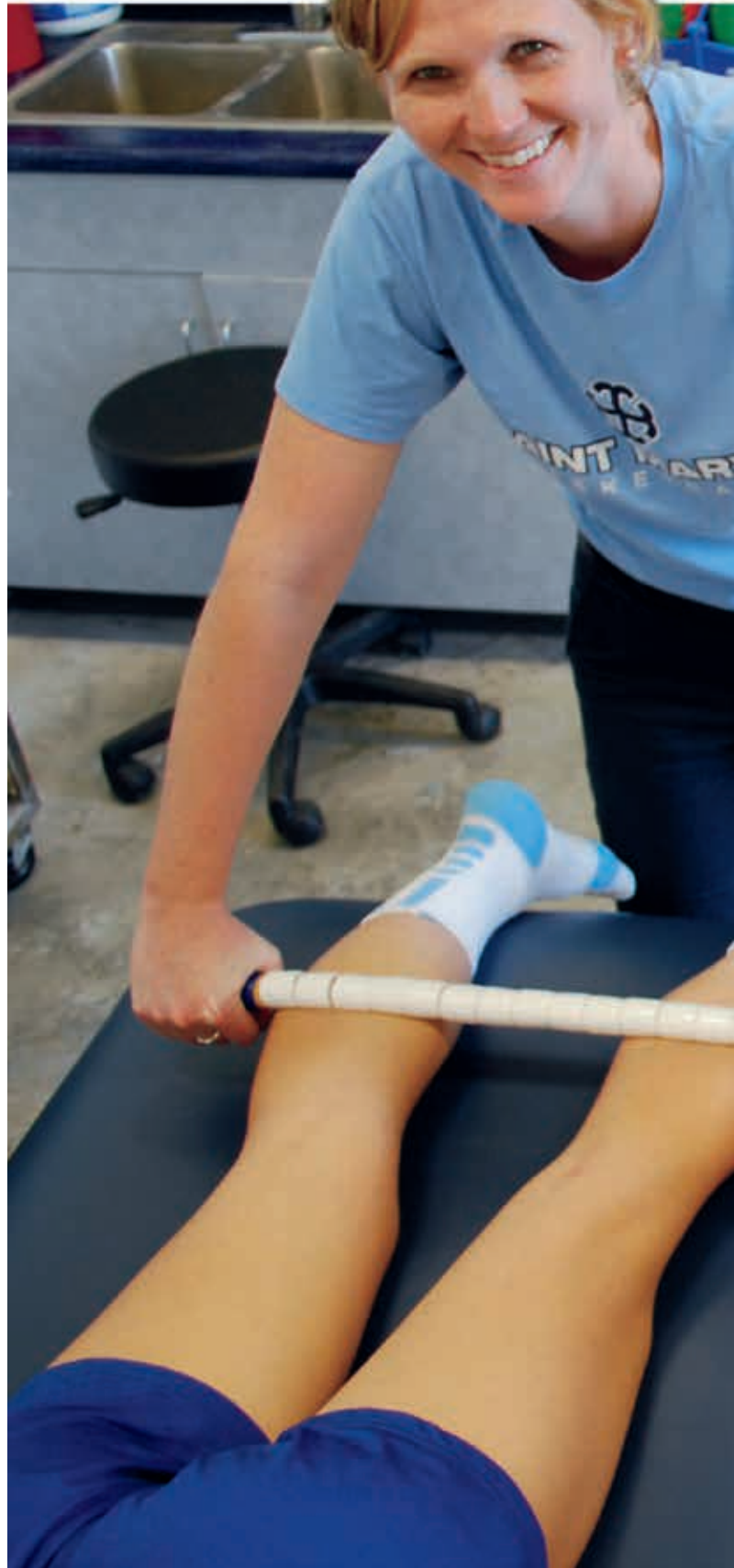
For the pair, the most rewarding moments are when their training and education lead to a young athlete returning to competition. "During a football game at my graduate assistantship, the kicker fractured both her bones in her lower leg, and I was the one everyone was looking to for help," said Knisely. Thanks to her aid as a certified athletic trainer, the athlete had a happy ending to her story when she started her next sport. "She was able to make a full recovery and return to her soccer season in the spring time of that same year."

Both women have found a home at Saint Mary's where the close-knit community helps them excel at their positions as healthcare providers.

"One of the best parts of Saint Mary's is getting to know each athlete on a personal level, regardless of the sport they play," said Steffey. "That bond helps us treat not only the injury, but also the mental hurdles that may come along with it."

At the end of the day, the student-athletes' health is their top priority. "I hope that we can leave a positive impact on their collegiate athletic careers," added Steffey. "We see them at their worst (when they are injured), and also at their best. We know when something is off and how to help make it better." 

Katie Knisely and Ashley Steffey help two student-athletes prepare for practice. >



*At the end of the day, the student-athletes' health is their top priority.*



# Providing *Comfort* to Those in **Need**

By Megan Eifler

A young autistic boy who fidgets uncontrollably. A 55-year-old woman so afraid of the dentist she hasn't gone in years. Both are patients commonly seen by Dr. Heather Robinson '95, owner of a mobile dental anesthesiology business that serves uninsured and underinsured patients in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota.


Because her services are mobile, Robinson is able to serve a broad range of patients throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin. Primarily she sees young special needs patients who otherwise would be unable to undergo a dental examination. Her patients don't have Medicare or Medicaid coverage, or are enrolled in such high-deductible plans that anesthesiology services would prove cost-prohibitive. "I'm able to charge less than one-tenth of what they'd have to pay at a hospital," she says. "They would have to pay no less than \$10–12,000 for these services — so they either wouldn't be able to have the work done, or would be paying it off for years."

She also works with special needs adults and adults with dental anxiety. According to Robinson, half of the US doesn't go to the dentist out of fear, so there was a large population waiting to benefit from her talents. "I get hugs from 50-year-olds!" she says.

Robinson discovered her calling during general practice residency in Illinois, after graduating from Northwestern University Dental School in 2001. Her first rotation was in anesthesia, and she spent time observing a dental anesthesiologist who treated adults and kids with special needs. Robinson hoped to immediately enroll in anesthesia training, but when her mother fell ill was forced to sidetrack her plans in order to care for her younger brother and sister.

She supported her sister Scarlett Robinson '07, a fellow Belle, throughout her time at Saint Mary's, and for 11 years ran her own dental practice. "I always had that entrepreneurial spirit — I knew I wanted to run my own practice," Robinson said. "But about a year later I felt this pull that this wasn't what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. I didn't feel whole."

Since she was supporting her sister through college and paying off dental school loans, Robinson kept delaying her dream. Her son Braeden was born in 2008, and four years later she sold her practice. Braeden served as extra impetus to make the career change: "I was working 60–70 hours per week at my dental practice, and I knew something had to give. I wasn't able to be there for my son like I wanted to."

She applied to anesthesia programs, and matched at the Loma Linda University Dental Anesthesiology Program in California. She spent two years in the postdoctoral dental and medical anesthesiology residency, graduating in June 2015. "I've been doing anesthesia ever since," she said. "It feels like fun every day when you've found your calling." 

Dr. Heather Robinson '95 and son Braeden >

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**Thomas Platt**, professor emeritus of biology, article, *The Genus Spirorchis MacCallum, 1918 (Digenea: Schistosomatoidea) and the Early History of Parasitology in the United States*, *Journal of Parasitology*, 103(4), 2017, pp. 407–420, August 2017.

**Julie Tourtilotte**, professor of art, exhibition, “SDA Small Works: Surface Design Association at 40,” the Hoffman Gallery, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR, August 2017.

**Catherine Pittman, C.M.**, professor of psychological sciences, workshop, “Combining CBT and Medication in Treating Anxiety: Collaboration between CBT Therapists and Psychiatrists. Refereed workshop,” 37<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, San Francisco, CA, April 2017.

**Calli Versagli '09**, assistant professor of biology, 2009, presentation, “Peroxiredoxin 2 mediates the survival of ECM-detached ovarian cancer cells,” American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting, April 2017.

**Ty West**, assistant professor of Spanish, published review, “The Brink of Freedom: Improvising Life in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World” by David Kazanjian, *The Latin Americanist: The International Review of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, 61.2 (2017): 300-302, June 2017.

- paper presentation, “El espectáculo de la amenaza en La parcela de José López Portillo y Rojas,” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS). University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2017.
- paper presentation, “Translation and the Romantic Notion of Possibility,” American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA). Harvard University, March 2016.
- paper presentation, “Does the World Exist Outside Bureaucracy?” XXXV Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Lima, Peru, April–May 2017.
- paper presentation, “Nomadic politics in the Conservative Archive,” American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA). Universiteit Utrecht, Holland. July 2017.

**Bettina Spencer**, associate professor of psychological sciences, and chair of gender & women's studies, published, Spencer, B. & Verdeja, E., “Nevertheless, she persisted: Mobilization after the Women's March,” *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Equality & Diversity*, 2017.

- presented, “Racism and Sexism in the 2008, 2012, and 2016 U.S. Presidential Elections,” Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA, May 2017.

**Aaron Moe**, assistant professor of English, presentation, “Toward a Poetics of Gaia: Biosemiotics and Jody Gladding's Translations from Bark Beetle,” Association for the Study of Literature and Environment conference, Detroit, MI, June 2017.

- presentation, “Biosemiotics and Cummings' Poetry and Poetics” at the American Literature Association conference in May 2017.
- published, both presentations from his book project, *Holding on to Proteus: or, Toward a Poetics of Gaia*, American Literature Association conference, Boston, MA, May 2017.

**Rebecca Lehmann**, assistant professor of English, published, “Ashes,” *Memorious*.

- published, “Epithalamion,” *The Georgia Review*.
- panel, “Should I Stay or Should I Go: Re-visioning the Tenure Track,” The annual conference for the Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP), Tampa, FL, 2018.

**Nancy Menk**, Mary Lou and Judd Leighton chair in music, CD release, “O Lux!” Saint Mary's College Women's Choir, ProOrgano, Vocal soloists include Allison Kroehler, Grace Kumor, and Franny Wall, and instrumental soloists include Abigail Pitts and Grace Haase. David Eicher accompanies on both piano and organ. The CD is available on Amazon.com, ProOrgano.com, and through the SMC Department of Music. The CD was funded through a grant from the Georgina Joshi Foundation. Recorded in the Church of Loretto. April and May, 2017. Official release date is September 15.

**Laura Kloepper**, assistant professor of biology, presentation, “Signal Characteristics and Echolocation Challenges of Brazilian Free-Tailed Bats During High Speed Flight,” North American Society for Bat Research and Acoustical Society of America conference, San Antonio, TX and Honolulu, HI, October, December 2016.

- presentation, “Bat Population Censusing with Passive Acoustics,” Acoustics 2017 conference, Boston, MA, June 2017.
- presentation, “Collaboration, Not Oration: Tips for Engaging Students and Promoting Active Learning in Large Classrooms,” Acoustics 2017 conference, Boston, MA, June 2017
- presentation, “Integrating Science Communication into Undergraduate and Graduate Curricula,” Acoustics 2017 conference, Boston, MA, June 2017.
- invited speaker, “Sounds in Swarms: Echolocation of Brazilian Free-tailed Bats in Large Maternal Colonies,” Acoustic Communication by Animals Conference, Omaha, NE, July 2017.
- published, with Assistant Professor of Physics Ian Bentley, “Stereotypy of Group Flight in Brazilian Free-tailed Bats.” *Animal Behaviour*, October 2017.

- published, “Promoting Active and Collaborative Learning in Large Science Classrooms,” *Proceedings of Meetings of Acoustics*, August 2017.
- published, “We Need to Teach Science Communication to Graduate and Undergraduate Students. Here's How,” *Proceedings of Meetings of Acoustics*, August 2017.

**Sarah Noonan**, assistant professor of English, published, “Middle English Verse in Unlikely Places: Discovering a chanson d'aventure at Saint Mary's College,” *52<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo*, May 2017.

- published, “Prelapsarian Nostalgia: The Desire for Stasis in Virgin Bodies and Virgin Spaces,” *Montana Medieval Roundup*, University of Montana, July 2017.

**Laura Elder**, assistant professor of global studies, published, “Gendered accounts of expertise within Islamic finance and financialization in Malaysia,” *Sharia Dynamics*, Ed. Timothy Daniels. Palgrave MacMillan, *Contemporary Anthropology of Religion Series*. Pp. 171–196, 2017

- conference presentation, “Gender and the politics of value in Islamic finance and financialization, Muslim Women's Geographies – Decolonizing Discourses,” Rewriting Everyday Lives Panel, Feminist Geography Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2017.
- conference presentation, “Stealing time, Banking Like a State: Sovereign Wealth Funds in Malaysia and beyond, Impacts of Rentier, Party Capitalism, and Kleptocracy on Electoral Democracy in Malaysia Panel,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meetings, Toronto, March 2017.
- conference presentation, with co-author Sonalini Sapra, “Global Palm Oil and the Corporatization of Sustainability, The Interlaced Trails of Food Entrepreneurship, Food Sovereignty and Food Revitalization Movements Panel,” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Santa Fe, March – April 2017.
- grant award, with Reena Lamichhane-Khadka, \$34,000, Freeman Foundation Student-Faculty Fellows Program, for student fieldwork in Nepal, 2017–2018.

**Jamie Wagman**, assistant professor of gender & women's studies and history, paper presentation, “Transgender in the Heartland: Seeking Community in Small Town Mid-America,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, June 2017.

- published, “A Romantic Steroid or a Great Performance?: Visual Culture and the Pill,” *Reproductive Issues in Popular Media: International Perspectives*, Edited by Waltraud Maierhofer and Beth Widmaier Capo. Jefferson, McFarland, NC, May 2017.

**Patricia Keresztes**, associate professor of nursing, poster presentation, "Incorporating Flipped Classroom Strategies into a Nursing Research Course," Sigma Theta Tau's 28<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin, Ireland, July 2017.

**Anita Houck**, associate professor of religious studies, awarded the second annual Monika Hellwig Award for Excellence in Teaching by the College Theology Society. "Named for the brilliant scholar and committed teacher Monika Hellwig, this award recognizes outstanding teachers of theology" and is awarded to one professor a year, College Theology Society annual convention, Providence, Rhode Island, June 2017

- plenary address, "Parodic Prayers and Ritus Paschalis [ital]: Prayer and the Ambiguity of Laughter," the biennial meeting of the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality in conjunction with the third International Ecumenical Conference of the Center for the Study of Christian Spirituality, University of Zürich, Kappel, Switzerland, June 2017.
- invited panel participant, contemplative pedagogy in the Buddhist-Christian Dialogue Group, the annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 2017.

**Sue Wiegand**, periodicals librarian, published, "Science writing in Greco-Roman antiquity," *Choice*, the Association of College and Research Libraries. Liba Chaia Taub, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 55, no. 4, 2017. August 2017; December 2017.

- published, "Mistress of Science." *Choice*, the Association of College and Research Libraries. John S. Croucher, Amberley Publishing, Vol. 54, no. 10, 2016, June 2017.

**Laura Williamson Ambrose**, associate professor of humanistic studies, workshop, "Early Modern Technologies of Space and Place," Shakespeare Association of America conference, Atlanta, GA, April 2017.

**Jessalynn Bird**, assistant professor of humanistic studies, published, "Preaching and Crusade Memory," *Remembering the Crusades and Crusading*, ed. Megan Cassidy Welch (Routledge, 2016), pp. 13–33, 2016

- published, "Preaching and Narrating the Campaign of the Fifth Crusade: Bible, Liturgy, and Sermons," *The Uses of the Bible in Crusading Sources*, ed. Elizabeth Lapina and Nicholas Morton (Brill, 2017), pp. 316–40. 2017.
- review, Spencer Young, *Scholarly Community at the Early University of Paris: Theologians, Education and Society, 1215–1248* (Cambridge, 2014), for Sehepunkte Rezensionsexemplar (2017), 2017.

**Dominic Babbini**, visiting assistant professor of chemistry and physics, student independent research,

peer-reviewed publications, *Acta Crystallographica Section E*, Saint Mary's in the Chemistry "ProLab" and in conjunction with the Molecular Structure Facility at Notre Dame, 2017.

**Vanessa K Hilliard Young**, assistant professor of biology, accepted for publication, "Humeral Loads During Swimming and Walking in Turtles: Implications for Morphological Change During Aquatic Reinvasions," *Journal of Experimental Biology*, Accepted: September 2017.

- <http://jeb.biologists.org/content/early/2017/09/07/jeb.156836?paperetoc>
- invited seminar, "Secondary Land to Water Transitions: Turtles as Models for Understanding Morphological Evolution," Department of Natural Resources Management, Texas Tech University, November 2017.
- poster presentation, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, January 2018.

**Suzanne Hinnefeld**, librarian, coordinator of collection development, Cushwa-Leighton Library, presentation, Library instruction in the special collections room: Pre-service teachers and early 20<sup>th</sup> century children's literature, annual LOEX conference, Lexington, KY, May 2017.

**Sue Anderson**, associate professor of nursing, presentation, with Anderson, S., Zlotnick, C., Heaslip, V., "A case-oriented, cross-country comparison of three high income countries' health systems and health care accessibility," the Sigma Theta Tau International's 28<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin, Ireland. July 2017.

- presentation, with Zlotnick, C., Anderson, S., Heaslip, V., "Making a cross-country comparison on health systems – What are the possible study design frameworks?" the Sigma Theta Tau International's 28<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin, Ireland. July 2017.
- publication, Fox, M., Anderson, T., Anderson, S. (2017), "Food taxes: Can you control behavior and health outcomes through taxation?" *American Journal of Medical Research*, 4(1), 93–110. doi: 10.22381/AJMR4120177. Sigma Theta Tau International's 28<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin, Ireland. July 2017.
- publication, Epistaxis update in Chapter 7 Head, Neck, and Face Disorders. In L. Kennedy-Malone, K. Ryan Fletcher, & L. Martin-Plank (Eds.) *Advanced Practice Nursing in the Care of Older Adults*, (2<sup>nd</sup> ed), Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company, Sigma Theta Tau International's 28<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin, Ireland, July 2017.
- publication, Rhinitis update in Chapter 7 Head, Neck, and Face Disorders. In L. Kennedy-Malone, K. Ryan Fletcher, & L. Martin-Plank

(Eds.) *Advanced Practice Nursing in the Care of Older Adults*, (2<sup>nd</sup> ed), Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company, Sigma Theta Tau International's 28<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin, Ireland, July 2017.

- publication, Asthma update in Chapter 8 Chest Disorders. In L. Kennedy-Malone, K. Ryan Fletcher, & L. Martin-Plank (Eds.) *Advanced Practice Nursing in the Care of Older Adults*, (2<sup>nd</sup> ed), Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company, Sigma Theta Tau International's 28<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin, Ireland, July 2017.

**Jennifer Fishovitz**, assistant professor of chemistry and physics, invited seminar, "Fluorescent Strategies for Probing Enzyme Function," Indiana University Northwest, April 2017.

- article, with Fishovitz, J.; Sha, Z.; Chilakala, S.; Cheng, I.; Xu, Y.; Lee, L., "Utilization of Mechanistic Enzymology to Evaluate the Significance of ADP Binding to Human Lon Protease," *Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences* 2017.
- article, with Lee, M.; Heseck, D.; Dik, D. A.; Fishovitz, J.; Lastochkin, E.; Boggess, B.; Fisher, J. F.; Mobashery, S., "From Genome to Proteome to Elucidation of Reactions for All Eleven Known Lytic Transglycosylases from *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa*." *Angew., Chem. Int.*, Ed. 2017, 56 (10), 2735–2739.
- article, with Dik, D. A.; Dominguez-Gil, T.; Lee, M.; Heseck, D.; Byun, B.; Fishovitz, J.; Boggess, B.; Hellman, L. M.; Fisher, J. F.; Hermoso, J. A.; Mobashery, S. Muropeptide, "Binding and the X-Ray Structure of the Effector Domain of the Transcriptional Regulator AmpR of *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa*," *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2017, 139 (4), 1448–1451.

**Peggy Miller, CHMM**, chemical hygiene officer, chemistry and physics, presentation, "How Many Hats Do You Wear? The Life and Times of a CHO at a Small College," (35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference) College and University Hazardous Material Management Conference, Buffalo, NY, August 2017.

IN MEMORIAM



**SISTER CATHERINE O'BRIEN, CSC**

Sister Catherine O'Brien '59, CSC passed away on September 6 at the age of 84.

Sister Catherine served as President of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross from 1989–99

where she undertook the corporate restructuring of Saint Mary's and assisted in forming the Board of Trustees. During her time as President, she also oversaw the renovation of Saint Mary's convents and the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. In recognition of her incredible service to the college, she received an honorary doctorate degree from Saint Mary's in 1994.

She is remembered for her dedication to Saint Mary's, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and the people of São Paulo.



**PAUL J. SCHIERL**

Paul J. Schierl passed away on October 23 at the age of 82.

A native of Wisconsin, Schierl's second home was South Bend as he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1957 and his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in 1961.

He served on the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees from 1988–1996, and established the Paul J. and Carol A. Schierl Endowed Scholarship. He and his wife, Carol, also sponsor the Cornerstone Scholarship. Schierl is survived by his wife, Carol; five children, Michael, Kathryn, Susan, David, and Daniel; two step-children, Meghan and Sean; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His five children are all graduates of Notre Dame or Saint Mary's.

FOR THE RECORD

**ALUMNAE DEATHS**

<b>1934</b>	Shirley Anderson Simpson	August 4, 2017	<b>1956</b>	Susan Sherman Donaher	April 1, 2017
<b>1940</b>	Betty Reed Argus	January 11, 2016	<b>1957</b>	Mary Kathleen Carroll Mary Jane Schoen Mowle	September 25, 2017 July 6, 2017
<b>1942</b>	Elaine Fargo Abell	August 9, 2017	<b>1958</b>	Barbara Sebasky Macy Sister M. Mercia Scherer, CSC	April 26, 2017 September 10, 2017
<b>1943</b>	Mary Dahm Barr	July 25, 2017	<b>1959</b>	Sarah Sceales Mulcahy Sister Catherine O'Brien, CSC	August 20, 2017 September 6, 2017
<b>1944</b>	Cecile Ward Kelly	July 24, 2017	<b>1960</b>	Cecile Hudson Grant	June 17, 2017
<b>1946</b>	Olive Windbiel George Natalie LaMarche Hughes Betty Myers Sendelbach	May 17, 2017 July 13, 2017 March 9, 2017	<b>1961</b>	Barbara Lafferty Rasmussen	January 7, 2015
<b>1948</b>	Jane Jones O'Malley	June 23, 2017	<b>1962</b>	Sister Dolores Mary Koza, SSJ	November 27, 2016
<b>1949</b>	Jeanne Black Clark Kathleen Adler Furman Mary Jane Merrill Ryan Rosemary Hardig Schafer Sister M. Rose Bernard Tartleton, CSC	September 19, 2017 June 22, 2013 September 5, 2017 July 18, 2017 July 7, 2017	<b>1966</b>	Nadine Ann Nader	September 12, 2017
<b>1952</b>	Jeanne Johnson Desmond Nancy Knowles Helen Wade O'Brien	August 14, 2017 August 26, 2017 July 28, 2017	<b>1969</b>	Sister Claire Boissy, RSM Cynthia Joy Strobel	August 4, 2017 May 13, 2017
<b>1953</b>	Marjorie Fiehrer Hellinghausen	August 22, 2017	<b>1971</b>	Cheryl Lynn Schwartz	September 29, 2017
<b>1954</b>	Mary Lee Bladel Walter	April 30, 2015	<b>1978</b>	Sean Reilly Kelleher Catherine Gunn Kleinschmidt	August 10, 2017 July 10, 2017
<b>1955</b>	Thayla Britt Scheidler	May 28, 2017	<b>1979</b>	Margaret A. Juntwait	June 30, 2015
			<b>1983</b>	Denise H. Givens	September 8, 2017
			<b>1986</b>	Erin E. Gibbons	July 29, 2017



## FAMILY DEATHS

Kenneth Ahler, father of Mary Margaret Ahler Spagnolo '89, September 12, 2017.

Marie Alleshaski, mother of Nancy Alleshaski Bradley '74 and Carol Ann Alleshaski Kelly '77, grandmother of Camille Kelly Esmacher '06, September 18, 2017.

James Baumgartner, father of Leslie Baumgartner Neidig '94, June 19, 2017.

Jerry Belden, brother of Tara Belden Bell '95, September 10, 2017.

DeLois Blumer, mother of Gretchen Blumer Gaul '74 and Susan Blumer Bergman '81, July 20, 2017.

Dorothy Burzynski, mother of Janet Burzynski Mitros '09, grandmother of Kellye Lynn Mitros '06, August 23, 2017.

Walter Byrdak, father of Julie Byrdak Jaworski '99, September 28, 2017.

Thomas R. Cassidy, Sr., husband of Lenore Tucker Cassidy '53, grandfather of Alissa Brousseau Cohoat '03, July 18, 2017.

John Daniels, father of Ann Daniels Williams '80, June 16, 2017.

William Deiss, father of Diane Deiss Mysliwicz '72, September 4, 2017.

John DiNardo, father of Anne DiNardo Neary '90 and Katherine DiNardo Schaffler '94, September 29, 2017.

Peter Domenici, father of Nella L. Domenici '82, father-in-law of Carla Prando Domenici '82, September 13, 2017.

Richard Dornbos, father of Mary A. Dornbos '81, September 1, 2017.

Steven W. Effler, husband of Kathleen O'Donnell Effler '69, brother-in-law of Dr.Carolynne A. O'Donnell '65, April 14, 2017.

Thomas Enright, husband of Judith Halter Enright '61, grandfather of Bridget E. Enright '16, September 21, 2017.

Charles Etling, husband of Mary Aherns Etling '61, May 25, 2017.

John Gaither, father-in-law of Christine Luby Gaither '72, August 29, 2017.

William Gallagher, father of Maureen Sheila Gallagher-Burns '85, uncle of Sheila Draine Kramer '84, brother-in-law of Kathleen Smith Schaffer '52, October 8, 2017.

John Gannon, husband of Virginia Burke Gannon '63, father-in-law of Shannon McGowan Gannon '90, August 31, 2017.

James Gibbons, father of Nancy M. Gibbons '81, October 2, 2017.

John Gits, father of Lisa Gits Malone '80, August 23, 2017.

Alfred Gluth, husband of Jeanette Repetny Gluth '54, July 10, 2017.

Alfonso Gotuaco, husband of Elizabeth Liang Gotuaco '54, July 29, 2017.

George Green, father of Laura L. Green '79, August 9, 2017.

Gary Heller, father of Christine L. Lucas '02, September 17, 2017.

Robert Heminger, father of Sandra Heminger Herman '88 and Heidi Heminger Bradley '90, July 5, 2017.

James Honan, father-in-law of Maria Lopez Honan '84, August 12, 2017.

Henry Kazmier, father of Monica Kazmier Kaiser '93, February 12, 2017.

Daniel Kelly, husband of Janet Dvonch Kelly '83, July 13, 2017.

Robert Krause, husband of Teresse Morton Krause '66, July 13, 2017.

Deirdre LeFevour, daughter of Dee Kiley LeFevour '57, September 21, 2017.

Robert Lesko, husband of Kathleen Menzie Lesko '64, June 26, 2017.

Stephen Ligda, father of Jennifer Ligda Busk '97, June 29, 2017.

Melvin Manor, father of Donielle Manor Hawley '92, May 14, 2017.

Jeanne Mapes, mother of Jill Mapes Parker '79, June 24, 2017.

Nolan Patrick Mazza, son of Sandra Carpenter Mazza '82, brother of Molly Casey Mazza '16, October 6, 2017.

Donald Meccia, father of Aimee Marie Meccia '89 and Loran Kathryn Meccia '93, December 21, 2016.

Patricia J. Meehan, mother of Mollie Meehan Baumer '90, Kerry Meehan McOsker '92 and Amy Meehan '93, July 14, 2017.

David Mosier, father of Carolyn Mosier Pohlmeier '73, May 22, 2017.

Jane Moulder, mother of Mary Moulder Jaeger '70, July 30, 2017.

Michael O'Reilly, husband of Jean Jacob O'Reilly '68, June 30, 2017.

James O'Rourke, husband of Sara Eck O'Rourke '63, father of Kathleen Marie O'Rourke '96, Kari Marie O'Rourke '99 and Molly Marie O'Rourke '99, grandfather of Meghan Patrik O'Rourke '13, uncle of Catherine Morris Priest '85 and Sarah Morris Allen '90, September 2, 2017.

Ara Raoul Parseghian, father of Kristan Parseghian Humbert '74, grandfather of Taran Humbert Conyers '97, Jamie Humbert '00 and Kaley Humbert Thornburg '04, great uncle of Amara Seville Parseghian '09, August 2, 2017.

Joshua Richardson, brother of Jessica Ann Richardson '16, July 31, 2017.

Charles Roemer, husband of Denise Becker Roemer '56, brother of Mary Cecilia Roemer '61, brother-in-law of Lourdene Becker Haley '58, uncle of Cullen Joy Becker '97, Erin Kathleen Becker '01 and Molly Ann Becker '03, great uncle of Clair Elizabeth Kusbach '14, cousin of Brigid Kelly Reynolds '05, August 14, 2017.

Colette Romzick, mother of Grace Romzick Benedict '83, October 25, 2016.

Martha Ryan, grandmother of Megan Elizabeth Ryan '12, January 2, 2017.

John Saletta, husband of Suzanne Shay Saletta '60, father of Suzanne Saletta Hogarty '86, June 19, 2017.

Paul Schierl, father of Susan R. Schierl Sullivan '86, October 23, 2017.

Estelle Schlipf, mother of Carolyn Schlipf Uanis '69 and Marilyn Valarie Schlipf '72, September 15, 2016.

Mary Snyder, mother of Julie Snyder Lizak '83, September 3, 2017.

Claire Doran Stancik, mother of Deborah Stancik Krawczyk '78, November 15, 2016.

Robert Stancik, father of Deborah Stancik Krawczyk '78, March 6, 2017.

Kenneth Telesca, father of Maria Telesca '90 and Margaret Telesca Ramey '92, August 11, 2017.

Owen Thomas, son of Catherine Cerulli '87, August 10, 2017.

John Toepp, father of Maureen Toepp Damer '83, brother-in-law of Rosemary Williams Toepp '57, cousin of Beth Kamm Reising '57 and Clare Reising Sobieralski '86, January 21, 2017.

Ida Bonicelli Trigiani, mother of Mary Yolanda Trigiani '79, Lucia Anna Trigiani '80, Adriana Maria Trigiani '81, Antonia Giovanna Trigiani '82, and Francesca Trigiani Noone '88, August 9, 2017.

Richard Villalta, husband of Cecilia Marie Michel '76, brother-in-law of Anne Michel Mackiewicz '78, August 31, 2017.

Vincent Villinski, father of Stephanie Jean Villinski '99, September 24, 2017.



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## Chicago East

The Chicago East Club has had a busy fall! We had a group support SMC alumna **Bethany Tovey Geraghty '02** as she took the stage in the lead role in the play *Still Dance the Stars*, as well as attending a Cubs game to cheer on Chicago's world champs! We also celebrated our Founders' Day in November by gathering for Mass and brunch. Our book club and supper clubs continue to meet monthly, and we are excited to have so many newer grads getting involved! Many members of our club had an exceptional time engaging with President Jan Cervelli as she visited the Chicago area in September!

## Chicago West

The Chicago West Club is pleased to announce the following posts created and filled at our July board meeting. Service Belles Chairperson: **Lauren Caprio Stewart '04**. Watch for upcoming Giving Events, through which you can make donations of money or specific items that we collect based on monthly themes. Baby Belles Chairperson: **Lindsey Mackenzie '02**. This newly revived Mom & Tot Playgroup will focus on providing play group opportunities and ideas for SMC moms in the area. There are still more board opportunities; please contact us at [smcwcalums@gmail.com](mailto:smcwcalums@gmail.com) for information.

The club held a few events during the summer months of 2017. Kudos to Dan and **Patty Piercy Cushing '90** for hosting the Annual Student Send-Off in their home in Naperville on August 9. The incoming first years and their parents enjoyed an evening to mingle and meet a few sophomores before the Class of 2021 headed to campus. Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Service Day on Saturday, August 26 at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton. We are thankful to be able to volunteer a few hours of our time in the food pantry and make a difference in others' lives.

In September, our newsletter was published and emailed to all alumnae in our club boundaries. If you did not see this email, please check our website link from the College's alumnae pages, or update your contact information in Our Avenue so the College and your club can stay in touch! We had a dues-collection push leading up to our speaker event for Founders' Day, which was very successful. We still hope more alumnae will consider paying dues and offering ideas for new activities.

Our Second Annual Founders' Day Speaker/Dinner event was held on Wednesday, October 18 at Parker's Restaurant in Downers Grove and resulted in another lovely evening. We enjoyed this central location, great food, and a wonderful alumna speaker in **Mary Kay Davy Mulvaney '73**, director of Honors Program at Elmhurst College. Thanks to all who attended.

Another engaging book club calendar is coming to a close for the Chicago West Club. Please join us in 2018 — we're not going away and you can help choose the books we read! Contact **Anne Murray McDermott '85** for more information at [smcdermott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smcdermott@sbcglobal.net).

Watch for emails about the annual Christmas party to be held on Wednesday, December 6. If you'd like an event held in your town, please contact us. Merry Christmas and blessings to you and yours!

## Cincinnati

The club hosted its favorite annual tradition, the First Year Send-off, at the home of **Ann Grant Sebastian '94**. More than 30 women gathered to welcome two new Cincinnati-area Belles to the community — Johannah Ward and Paige Finley.



## Columbus

Spring started with a bang for the Columbus Belles as we welcomed President Jan Cervelli to Columbus for our annual Spring Brunch. The event was hosted on April 30 at the New Albany Country Club and was chaired by **Katie Vincer Sears '03** and **Annie Sofranko '11**. We loved hearing from President Cervelli about all the successes of Saint Mary's College over the past couple years and all the new opportunities and programs Saint Mary's will be offering to future Belles.

The Columbus chapter has also been busy reading this summer! The Columbus Belles book club is going strong and our group gets together every month to discuss a new book, see a movie, and share food and drinks.

Lastly, it is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **Erin Gibbons '86**, who has been an instrumental part of the SMC Columbus Alumnae Club and a huge cheerleader for all of the Saint Mary's College women in the Columbus area. We organized a dinner to share memories and celebrate her life on September 26, which was a fitting and beautiful tribute.

Please find us on Facebook at "Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus, Ohio" for future event details.

## Dayton

In June, many club members attended a "Bridges Out of Poverty" training session hosted by The Glen. This was a thought-provoking session that explored aspects of poverty including relationship mental models, language, and "hidden rules" for the economic classes. We enjoyed learning with our Saint Mary's classmates again!

In September, the Dayton Club hosted President Cervelli for a Mass and dinner at The Glen at St. Joseph. We were thrilled to have President Cervelli take us through her outlook and priorities for the College with such enthusiasm and pride. We also toured the extraordinary Glen facility that provides the means for unwed mothers to obtain their education to support their families.

## Des Moines

In early August the Des Moines Club hosted a send-off for Megan Reinsvold '21 and her parents. The event was noteworthy because there have been no students attending the College from the Des Moines area for many years. We were also thrilled to welcome **Anita Knebel Douglas '90** to our club. Anita has recently moved to Des Moines from Iowa City. As the mother of a current senior and a young alumna who works for SMC, she's connected to Saint Mary's in multiple ways.

The club will host a Founders' Day event on Friday, November 3, at 7p.m. at the home of **Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75**. Because children at risk have, sadly, become a front-page issue in Iowa, we invited Brent Pattison, director of the Children's Rights Clinic at the Drake University Law School, to help us better understand the child welfare system, foster care, and the needs of Iowa's children.

The club will do a service project focused on the needs of young women in Africa later in the year.

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## Detroit

The Detroit Club held a mix and mingle send-off party for the Class of 2021 and their families on August 3. **Chrissy Smiggen Forester '93** was kind enough to host us again at her beautiful home on Cass Lake. **Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79** presented each of the nine first-year students with gorgeous, hand-embroidered bath towels as a gift from the club. Thank you to everyone who attended and who helped make this night a success! We hope to see everyone in October for our Founders' Day event.



## Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Club continues to be busy. One regular event throughout the year is our book group, which has been meeting every other month since 2001. Our last meeting was held at the home of **Tara Melichar Millar '90**. Please consider joining us if you are in the Grand Rapids area.

Our First Year Send-off was held on August 7 at the home of **Rebecca Jawahir Sypniewski '96**. The event was a success with the new students in attendance, their parents, as well as some current students and area alumnae to help celebrate the first-year Belles on their road to SMC.

The SMC Young Alumnae group was active with the ND Young Alumni group this summer. They met in downtown Grand Rapids on Friday nights for movies in the park. The movies were sponsored by the city of Grand Rapids and open to the public throughout the summer. Thank you to the ND Club for including our SMC alumnae!

If you are new to the Grand Rapids area, want to know more about our club, and/or be included in our email list, please contact our club president, **Tara Millar '90**, at [tmillar@comcast.net](mailto:tmillar@comcast.net). If you are a young alumna and would like to be part of their group, contact **Sarah Slomski '11** at [sslomski89@gmail.com](mailto:sslomski89@gmail.com).

## Los Angeles

The club hosted two events for new students. The first one was for those admitted to the College and the second was a send-off. The send-off gathering featured recent grads telling of their experiences and how to best maximize time at Saint Mary's. Wonderful to hear the sharing of joy and appreciation for the Saint Mary's experience.



The club is pleased to announce the third in the series of collectible Christmas ornaments honoring the heritage of SMC. The 2017 ornament depicts one of the most picturesque scenes — a view from Lake Marian. Ornaments can be purchased at the bookstore or from the Los Angeles Alumnae Club, [saintmarysLAclub.com](http://saintmarysLAclub.com).

## South Bend

The South Bend Club started the year by celebrating the Class of 2021 at their annual First Year Send-off! The club was thrilled to co-host this event with Holy Cross College for the second year in a row. This year we celebrated at Papa Vino's in Granger and hosted a panel of four current SMC and Holy Cross students to speak about their experiences and answer questions from incoming first years and their parents. Prior to the summer break, our annual picnic was hosted at Potawatomi Park in South Bend. Twenty-two individuals were in attendance to help celebrate another successful club year. This picnic also served as the club's annual meeting. Bylaw amendments along with new club leadership were voted on and approved. Officers elected for a two-year term are as follows: President, **JudeAnne Wilson Hastings '96**; President-Elect, **Lauren Magnifico Melancon '06**; Treasurer, **Jessica Staufbergen Piser '99**; Recording Secretary, **Jo Ann MacKenzie '69**. All other club chairs have been elected to a one-year term.

The club is looking forward to an exciting 2017–2018, full of new activities targeting specific alumnae interests such as a book club, educational opportunities, and service projects. The club has also added a Young Alumnae Chair position to directly reach out to those BOLD alumnae in the region. The club calendar will be updated in early to mid fall with the rollout of a new club website!

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

Yearly dues are \$30 and recent 2017 graduates are free for the first year. Dues are not required to attend events but are encouraged to help defray event costs and build our scholarship fund. Dues-paying members will also see additional incentives at events throughout the year. Dues can be paid online at [smcsclub.com](http://smcsclub.com) or by mailing a check to **Regina Mauck '14** at 1321 Enchanted Forest Street, South Bend, IN 46637.

If you are new to the South Bend area, or live here and want to join the fun, please contact the club at [smcsclub@gmail.com](mailto:smcsclub@gmail.com), visit our website at [smcsclub.com](http://smcsclub.com), and Like us on Facebook, Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club, for upcoming events and club news.

## St. Louis

The St. Louis Club is active once again! There have been several events throughout this 2017 year. From our monthly Happy Hours to the latest First Year Send-off, we have seen a widespread group of Saint Mary's St. Louis Alumnae.



Earlier this summer we had the pleasure of welcoming **Adriana Trigiani '81** to St. Louis with the launch of her newest book, *Kiss Carlo*. In addition, we partnered up with the local Notre Dame Club of St. Louis at their Notre Dame Women Connect event.



Lastly, we had a great crowd at our First Year Send-off in support of our current and incoming students. Several fun events have been planned for the fall and we are extremely excited to touch base with as many St. Louis alumnae as possible!

## Washington, DC

2017 has been an amazing second year for our rejuvenated club. Thank you, DC Belles, for making it so fabulous! And a HUGE thank you to **Katie Gretter Rice '92** for taking the reins as president these last two years and leading us to Club of the Year! We're thrilled to welcome **Julie Steinke '96** as our new president.

Our monthly book club has really taken off! In addition to reading all genres of books, we catch movies (*The Glass Castle* and *Murder on the Orient Express*) and attend author events (Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie).

We look forward to our Founders' Day service project at the Franciscan Monastery urban farm and greenhouse.



Belles at the Ballpark for the Nats v. Reds game in June — thanks to all of our alumnae, students, friends, and family for helping us cheer on the Nats to an extra-inning WIN!

## Youngstown/Warren



The Youngstown/Warren area alumnae club once again met for the annual student send-off. Two incoming first years were able to attend, Veronica Vanoverbeke and Emily Schneider along with a few alumnae, **Jessica Brinker Foster '08**, **Erica Antonucci Kempe '07**, and **Kimberly Simons Cox '93**. It was great getting together with students, alumnae, and a few mothers and daughters to talk about Saint Mary's. We will have an event for alumnae this fall so be sure to check your inbox!

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Thanks to the nine classmates who came to Reunion: **Faith Kilburg McNamara, Mary Berners Kishler, Julie Skelly Fries, Jo Brazaitis Ebert** (and her daughter **Elizabeth Ebert Ballek '85**, who was helping us all), **Emma Lou Majewski, Lynn Dargis Ambrose, Sister Grace Shonk, CSC, Pat Cain Murray**, and myself. We stayed at the Inn where we had a hospitality room and went through old pictures Faith had brought.

We were the oldest folks at Reunion, had the best seats in the house (closest to the front), got to know the new president, Jan Cervelli, who sat with us at the picnic and even took Lynn for a drive in her MG.

Highlights included a special exhibit of paintings by the late **Mary Barnet Large** in the Cushman-Leighton Library, which showed the breadth of Mary's heart. Her son Kevin joined us for dinner Thursday night. A lot of us went to the book discussion Friday morning on *All the Light You Cannot See*. Next year's book is *The Handmaid's Tale*. Some of us went on a hardhat tour of the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex and also walked the campus on a tour of Sister Madeleva's garden. I took Gracie along to the library to record my story about how Saint Mary's influenced my life for the "Landscapes of the Spirit" event. I went on (talking to the computer) for 40 minutes and kept saying, "Right, Gracie?" She just nodded and smiled. Dear Gracie!

Friday night all the "More than Goldens" — classes of 1957 (including Grace's sister **Rosemary Shonk Brandl '57**) and 1962 — dined in elegance in the Haggar College Center (the old library). Fun to meet classmates from former years. Some even remembered my sister **Carol Shaughnessy Miller '57**, who entered with the 1957 class but transferred. We all look the same age to me now.

Saturday we all went to hear "How Did Everyone Get This So Wrong?" about the 2016 presidential election. Only one person admitted to being a Republican. I bet there were others.

At the president's address, she asked us to tell how Saint Mary's had influenced our lives. I told her that having had so many brilliant nuns and women teachers and being at a women's school, we were encouraged to believe we could do anything, and that the later women's movement pushing for equality came as news to us. Weren't we always equal? I gave as an example our **Lynn Dargis Ambrose** who "had 10 children, got a PhD, taught for 30 years in the California university system, retired and joined the Peace Corps, and was stationed for two years in Lithuania, after which she volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, and for her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday got her pilot's license." I left out that she skydived for her 75<sup>th</sup>. She became an instant hero. The president asked if she was up for something adventurous at the picnic, then took her for that ride in her MG.

We were first to get our pictures taken — our little band of octogenarians.

Some interesting facts gleaned from the drivers of our golf carts and other sources: The incoming freshman class has the highest GPAs in many years — around 3.6 (4 is best.) There is approximately a 70% acceptance rate. Tuition is about \$40,000! Enrollment is about 1,600 students nowadays.

At Mass on Pentecost Sunday in the Church of Loretto, I was so moved by the whole scene and the weekend, I really felt like we are one big family: Out of many, one.

With Reunion memories still in our heads, we learned that **Helen Wade O'Brien**, who had hoped to be with us, had died at the end of July. She had not been feeling well enough to attend Reunion as she had hoped and was having trouble breathing. **Elaine Smith Caraher** visited her at the hospital shortly before she died of congestive heart failure. Five of us — **Marie Galoney, Faith Kilburg McNamara, Jo Brazaitis Ebert, Elaine Smith Caraher**, and I — attended her funeral August 2 at St. Joseph's Church in Wilmette. Helen's sons gave a touching memorial about their mom. We will miss Helen's dry humor at our get-togethers. At lunch afterward, we learned that **Maureen Carroll Muller** is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer. We need to pray for her too. Elaine had a pacemaker inserted not long ago. Jo also has a pacemaker. Our conversation had a lot of talk about our medical conditions. Faith is the only one who has escaped all the afflictions of our age so far.



1952 classmates at the funeral of Helen Wade O'Brien. Left to right: Mary Rose Shaughnessy, Elaine Smith Caraher, Jo Brazaitis Ebert, Faith Kilburg McNamara, and Marie Galoney.

**Joanne Bryan MacDonald** wrote that she had traveled in January to San Miguel Allende, Mexico, where her youngest son, Tom, and his family live. They own and manage two restaurants in Chicago's Logan Square. She enjoyed the vibrant city and hopes she can still keep visiting there. She also visited Englewood, FL, where she and Mac had a condo on Manasota Key for 20 years. Some of her family joined her there and drove her around. "I think they were secretly concerned about my staying alone!"

In early summer, she visited Lafayette, IN, where she and Mac lived for 38 years, enjoying the historical town and Purdue University, "where five grandsons have received diplomas." Most of her friends from the past have died, but she still has fond memories of the place.

At the end of July she flew to Nashville for a granddaughter's wedding and spent time with three daughters, three of nine adult grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. It has been a busy summer of travel, and she is glad airports provide "assistance" with wheelchairs. Otherwise, she wouldn't be able to travel. I feel the same.

She thought of us during Reunion and was glad to receive the photos I sent and, like us, can't believe that was our 65<sup>th</sup> and by the next one we will be in our 90s! I guess that means we're all still young at heart!

Reflecting on today's world, **Vivian Tuerk Markham** wrote, "I ask myself what factor in my four years contributed the most to whom I am today. The discipline of hierarchy of station gave me courage and conviction to understand my place in this 2017 upside-down world. It gave me the strength of my conviction although I often feel left out from today's mores, i.e., song words and singing (shouting), modesty (or lack of it), respect for authority, and on and on. I am blessed to have Bill (it will be 65 years in late January) as his personality is filled with laughter, no matter what. Love and laughter need to prevail."

Right after Reunion in June, I went on a cruise to Scotland and Norway with A Prairie Home Companion. This was the third cruise with Garrison Keillor and I have friends from past cruises who were on this one as well. The highlight of this cruise for me was the poetry recitation (from memory) show, (Garrison loves audience participation). I sat in the second row and so got called on to join Garrison on stage and recite my poem, "The Man without a Country." I was so excited I said it was by Lord Byron (whose poetry I used to memorize, too) until Garrison corrected me that it was, in fact, by Sir Walter Scott. I proceeded with my recitation undeterred, and he immediately joined in until it became a race to see who would get all the lines. I felt I won and threw up my hands in victory. Then he asked, "And what poem are you going to recite?" I have another cruise in October, from Montreal to Florida. Maybe that will be my last?

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I called **Mary Jo Bujarski Alexander** and we played phone tag. I didn't get to speak to her; however, **Barbara Bridgman O'Connor** told me that Mary Jo has conducted a study through the Women's Health Initiative relative to how we progress as we age. This study has helped women make changes in their dietary lifestyles. Maybe we all better get a copy. I know I sure need it after being two weeks in the East visiting family and friends. Speaking of that, I spent a week visiting **Frances Clohessy Spillane** in her main home in the Boston area and her lovely home at the Cape. We had a great time as she showed me the sights of both areas. Many thanks to Frances.

Barbara also told me of the death of **Rita Hermann Freeman** in January 2016 in Amarillo, TX. Maybe it was published someplace; however, many of us didn't know this. God bless Rita and her family. May she rest in peace.

**Barbara Bridgman O'Connor's** granddaughter, Monica, has been accepted into a premier program for occupational therapy at University of Illinois-Chicago. Good luck, Monica. Hope you don't need her services, Barbara.

In speaking with **Jean Kershaw Boehm**, she told me she has three daughters and lost a son. God bless them. She has seven grandchildren and 4-1/2

great-grands. The new little one is due in November. She doesn't travel much; however, was happy to attend her nephew's wedding in Oklahoma City. She also said that the late **Joan Kershaw Putnam's** 45-year old son is being married for the first time. Good for him.

**Joan Hausman Campbell** is still in the Lexington, KY area. Her son is running her business and her daughter visits frequently to help, if needed. Joan talks with **Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke** quite frequently. Keep plugging along, Joanie!

**Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger** and her husband, Bob, are feeling better and enjoying their new residence.

**Pat Berta Bowers** and I played phone tag. She left a message saying she was glad to hear from someone from Saint Mary's and looks forward to reading *Courier*.

**Marilyn Jean Ritcey Woodcock** had a very unfortunate happening when they had a blowback into their house as the furnace was being cleaned. The whole house had to be cleaned and hopefully they will be back in order soon. She enjoys reading *Courier* and does miss everyone. She appreciated my call and sent her regards to Frances (I was making some calls from Frances' home). Marilyn said it sooo well when she remarked, "We are all in great shape for the shape we are in. It is important to take each day as it comes."

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The class of 1956 continues to remain silent. Perhaps you feel that your lives are not interesting — wrong. Every one of us has much to contribute to our world. Share your activities with your classmates. For instance, I am involved with pet therapy at our local hospital. One of my Great Danes and I visit rehab patients and bring much joy to those recovering from strokes and accidents. Rosie, my 170-pound Great Dane, runs the show. I merely follow!

I remember from Reunion some of you are involved in local theater productions. Tell us about it and perhaps encourage others. No matter how unimportant you may feel your contribution may be, we would like to share interests.

We have some sad news. Please pray for the family of **Jean Wargin Schloegel**, whose husband John died in a tragic accident. And our classmate **Pat Bushey** died last October in Gettysburg. Pat was retired from a long career of teaching music and English.

Meanwhile, sharpen your wits and pencils and write!

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As I write this column for an August deadline, I can't begin with anything other than our wonderful 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion! Those of you whose

emails I have already heard my summary but it bears repeating. Those present were **Kay Howard Boyle, Rosemary Shonk Brandl, Peggy Kearin Carey, M.G. Turner Enderle, Mary Kay Carroll Hartigan, Ann Schultheis Massey, Janet O'Connell McCue, Jody Donohoe McGoldrick, Maureen Butler O'Malley, Margi McCarthy Rice, Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski, Rosemary Knope Trippe** (along with her dear husband, Sam, our honorary member), **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum**, and **Josie Murphy Vorda**. We heard later that **Shirley O'Brien Creamer** was there for part of Thursday and Friday, but other commitments cut short her stay. **Rosemary Shonk Brandl** had the added pleasure of a great visit with her sister, **Sister Grace Shonk '52, CSC**, who celebrated with us as a "More than Golden" class.

After the picnic, some of us went to check out the late **Diane Donovan Grant's** memorial bench and were joined by Diane's daughter **Diane Grant Nevin '97** for a photo op and reminiscences.



Lovely moment of shared memories at the memorial bench. Standing at left, Peggy Kearin Carey. Seated left to right: Ann Schultheis Massey, M.G. Turner Enderle, Diane Grant Nevin '97, Jody Donohoe McGoldrick, Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski, Josie Murphy Vorda, and Rosemary Shonk Brandl.

Our competitive spirit showed up again and we almost won the award for the highest percentage of contributions to the Reunion Gift Campaign. We lost by 1 percentage point to the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion class but 50.5% of our class contributed, which is truly outstanding! Thanks to all!

The only downside to the incredible time was our missing members, and I can't tell you how we laughed and teared up over stories and pictures. Many of you who couldn't make it sent greetings and if they came by the day we left, I brought them to share. We all know May/June is a busy time of the year, with many joyous occasions. Graduations conflicted for many, including **Mary Baker Culhane** and **Mary Jo Cleary Maddux**. Grandchildren's weddings and showers kept **Fran Cappabianca Carideo** and **Jan Feldpausch Cavanaugh** from joining us. **Ruth Keefe Herman's** family planned a reunion in Seattle to celebrate her son Bill's installation as commodore of his yacht club. **Sallie Costa Ineich** and Paul's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary kept her in Jacksonville, IL but she did get to Notre Dame in May to see their oldest grandson graduate. **Anne White Maysak** was honored to be her grandson's Confirmation sponsor but unfortunately the ceremony was Reunion weekend. **Shirley Fitzekam Neff's** husband Bob's reunion is always the same dates as ours and "somehow it is always easier to plan to go to New Haven than South Bend." **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin** said it was only the second Reunion she had missed

but a granddaughter's Michigan wedding had to take precedence.

Prior to Reunion I discovered that **Gay DiCerto Lenox** had suffered a severe stroke in August 2013. Her husband, Jim, responded to a letter I had sent Gay and informed me that she had suffered some paralysis and loss of speech. Gay is able to read and is using a computer augmentation device to communicate. You may remember that Gay made a presentation at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. She continues her daily prayers as an isolate Secular Discalced Carmelite and enjoys frequent visits not only from family but her prayer circle and the many people and clergy she directed as a Spiritual Director. Her inspiring story was recently featured in the newsletter of the Garden Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she now resides. She can be contacted there at 9111 Linwood Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71106.

Our class suffered several losses recently. **Sister Margaret Andre Waechter, CSC**, died last February. Sister Margaret came to Saint Mary's from the Detroit area but served mostly in Indiana in elementary and secondary education and as a gifted organist, church musician, and director of liturgy. Wherever she served she projected "joy and energy, embracing youth, college students, and adults," as was stated in a recent publication of the Holy Cross Sisters.

**Virginia Vighi Carson** died April 29 in Haddonfield, NJ. Prior to a recent cancer diagnosis, Virginia led a very active life, which included skiing and zumba into her 80s and lifelong volunteering. Virginia was predeceased by her daughter Lucille and her brother James but is survived by her husband, Jim, three children, and two grandchildren in addition to her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and **Mary Guarnieri Carson**. The Carson brothers and their wives had lived near each other for years. You may recall that Virginia was from Ottawa, IL as were **Mary Comisky Riley** and **Anne White Maysak**. Anne attended the services for Virginia and shared that Virginia and Jim were at Mary and Bill's anniversary party days before her surgery and that she had a wonderful time surrounded by family and friends. As Mary said, the three of them had been friends since they were 3, so the loss was very painful. Severe back problems kept Mary home in Scottsdale as well as missing Reunion.

Also in April came the death of Vince Dooley (ND '57), husband of our **Barbara Barker Dooley**. In addition to Barbara, Vince is survived by their four children and spouses and eight grandchildren. Many of us remember Vince from our college days. **Kay Howard Boyle** reminded me that her husband, Mike Boyle, roomed with Vince for all four years at Notre Dame. Vince went on to serve in the Marine Corps and became a well-respected teacher and coach near their Rocky River, OH home. At the time of his death, Barbara was recuperating from back surgery.

Gene Leichner, husband of **Jeannine Timko Leichner**, passed away in late March, due to complications following heart surgery. The Leichners met in the computer lab at the University of Illinois, where Gene received his PhD in 1958. A lifelong career in computers brought them to California, where they raised their family. In addition to Jeannine, Gene is survived by their two children, spouses, and two grandchildren.

I am sorry to inform you that our **Mary Jane Schoen Mowle** passed away on July 6, 2017. Mary Jane is survived by her husband, Frederic J. Mowle (ND '59), their three sons and spouses, and four grandchildren. The Mowles lived in West Lafayette, IN since 1966, when Fred became a professor of electrical and computer engineering at Purdue, following receiving his PhD in electrical engineering at ND. Mary Jane taught fourth grade in South Bend for seven years and received her MA in education from ND in 1961. She later earned an education specialist degree from Purdue. She was active in the AAUW, the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in West Lafayette (their parish), and was a long-time volunteer in the gift shop at St. Elizabeth Hospital, logging more than 16,000 hours of service there. She was responsible for bringing the "Reading is FUNdamental" program to the Lafayette schools and in 1978 received a community service award for her work with the project. In addition, she enjoyed playing bridge with friends and travel, especially cruising with her husband, spending more than 500 days at sea over the years. I am grateful to **Barbara Benford Trafficanda '59**, who passed along the word of Mary Jane's death, which she learned from the ND email network. Services were held in West Lafayette on July 12. Contact information is: Prof. Frederic J. Mowle, PhD, 2215 Rainbow Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906. God bless all.

Pre-Reunion contacting led to a delightful post-Reunion get together for **Ann Lamont Quigley** and **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick**. Ann came to the Boston area to visit family and stayed on with Jody in Hartford for a few days of great fun and catching up before flying back to Tucson.

In the next column, I look forward to sharing news and updates from the Reunion surveys that many of you submitted. I'm convinced that the older we get, the more we have in common. Please stay in touch!

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Dear Class, unless you want me to write fake news like: \_\_\_ just released from federal pen for bribery; \_\_\_ gave birth to miracle baby; \_\_\_ arrested for breaking and entering; or \_\_\_ in custody for public nudity, please send me news. All the best.

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I heard from **Mary Hughes Enright** that **Sue Dwyer** passed away peacefully of pulmonary disease on May 10, 2017 at home in Watsonville, OR. She was 79 years old and leaves behind three daughters and one granddaughter. Although Sue did not graduate with us (she finished at Barat College of the Sacred Heart), Mary had a chance meeting with her in Hawaii some years back and they kept in touch. Sue was a commercial artist, accomplished pilot, and passionate adventure seeker. May her soul rest in peace.

I also received a letter from Jane Ramsden from

the UK informing me she had found my address among her sister's effects in her apartment in Omaha, NE. Her sister was our classmate **Karen Eustice**. "I have sad news of my sister Karen's death on March 28. It was thought that she had a minor fall in February while living in Via Christie (assisted living facility in Omaha), which put her in the hospital for a brief spell. However, she didn't seem to recover her mobility or mental clarity and was moved to Nebraska Skilled Nursing, where again she failed to improve. Alzheimer's complications is the explanation we were given, and it is some comfort to know that she was ready and had had enough of this life." Please remember Karen in your prayers and for the fun and determined person she was.

A few months back **Carol Podesta Foley** called to say she and a friend had traveled from Chicago to Milwaukee to visit **Sarah Scales Mulcahy** in her apartment. They found her well but unsteady and prone to falling. Then I received a call from her brother-in-law to tell me, due to an extremely rapid onset of memory loss, Sarah's family found it necessary to move her to an assisted living/memory center (Harbor Chase, Shorewood, WI), where she received 24-hour care. Sadly, Sarah passed away on August 20, 2017. Sarah was widowed in 2013 and leaves behind four children and 20 grandchildren. I have lost a dear friend and classmate and will forever treasure many fond memories of our annual trips to Notre Dame stadium with our husbands, Tom and Gerry.

Lastly, please remember in your prayers John Heineman (ND '57), brother of **Margo Heineman Daniels**. He passed away April 6, 2017.

**Rosalie Riegle** writes that she is well and "kind of proud of being 80." She is busy doing volunteer work and some book reviews and presentations about *The Catholic Worker* and Dorothy Day. Su Casa Catholic Worker in the Back-of-the-Yards neighborhood of Chicago takes most of her time these days as she helps complete a capital campaign for lead abatement on their beautiful old building. She has trips planned for Legoland-Florida, Rome, and Sicily. She is in touch with **Adele Schepp Young** and sees **Annette Fontana Saylor** every year when she's in Michigan. She also gets together with **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber**, who moved to Evanston, IL, a mile from Rosalie.

I'm on Facebook with **Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw's** daughter-in-law, who tells me that Sharon will welcome her fifth great-grandchild in September. Don't know if any of us can top that!

**Betsy Finneran Kennedy** left the Michigan City cold behind and rented a condo in Bonita Springs, FL for the first three months of the year. It's a lovely area near Naples.

My beach week group, The Balboa Ladies (1984-2016), have retired their beach towels after 32 years of rendezvousing in July at 309 Apolena, Balboa Island, CA! If those walls could talk. Oh my! It was a good run but all good things must come to an end. Our wrinkled bods will move on to new adventures, I'm sure.

My sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, and I turned 80 in August and I celebrated with all my children and their spouses at my oldest daughter's vacation home in the local San Bernardino Mountains. I was roasted and toasted and showered with love. They all arranged a special tribute to me with a dedicated

seat (row O, seat 13) in O'Laughlin Auditorium with a plate that reads "Barbara Benford Trafficanda, Class of 1959, *Carousel '57* and *Brigadoon '58*. I have never been so touched. I invite you, one and all, to come sit in my seat. To be permanently remembered at Saint Mary's is very special to me.

Don't know what Betty will be doing as she just married off her 56-year-old son earlier this month with all her kids in attendance, so maybe it's feet up with an exotic umbrella cocktail and a Florida sunset.

**'61 From the Courier Office**

One meets Saint Mary's women across the globe. I have just returned from a river cruise down the Danube with 180 passengers and I found two other Saint Mary's graduates aboard! Myself (**Wini McGuinness Meikle**), **Carolyn Vonesh Andree '72**, and **Donna DeCrane Panzica '78**.



This spring, in Florida, **Mary Pentes Graham**, **Wini McGuinness Meikle**, and **Barb Breen Hickey** — all from the Class of '61 — enjoyed a lovely reunion dinner together at **Mary Pentes Graham's** house on St. John's Island. It's always so much fun to be back together!



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I read on the SMC Reunion website that 19 classmates were registered to attend Reunion 17: **Barbara Piedmo Barnes**, **Diane Dickerson Bird**, **Sheila Higgins Botti**, **Mary McCarthy Brooks**, **Ginny Lynch Collins**, **Mary I. Scanlan Doran**, **Joan Roddewig Geary**, **Paula Walsh Henry**, **Debbie Peeny Hickey**, **Anna Rose Kearney**, **Ann Harwood Callaghan Kerby**, **Margaret Huemmer Kluszynski**, **Marie Hank McKellar**, **Ginger Shay Murphy**, **Cathi Keilman Quinn**, **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy**, **Carol Morrissey Showel**, **Mary Zeller Waldman**, and **Babs Herbstritt Ward**. Please share your thoughts, memories, and highlights/activities with me and

our class for future *Courier* news! Thirty-three percent of our Class of '62 (76 contributors) gave or pledged to the Reunion Gift Campaign 2017. THANK YOU for your faithful giving in honor or in memory of someone else.

In sympathy our hearts and prayers go out to **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy** on the death of her husband, Thomas Sheehy, December 3, 2016, the death of **Faith Minne Ross** on February 12, 2016, as noted in the Spring 2017 *Courier*, and the death of Stephen Brooks, husband of **Mary McCarthy Brooks**, February 2017.

From our "Reunion '17 Class of '62 Updates" next installment: **Anna Rose Kearney** (Bremen, IN) became a "retired" college professor in 2016. She has a long list of degrees (BA: SMC; MA: ND; MLS: Ind. U.; JD: U of Louisville; and PhD: ND) in her 54-year career teaching American, United States, and modern European history, and the history of American women at Notre Dame and Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville, KY. **Jean Kollman Gendren** (Montgomery Village, MD), widowed in 2001, has found love a second time and married Leonard Pawlak (2017). Her "advice of 2017 self to 1962 self" is "Keep the faith and nurture family in every way possible, including a loving relationship with Jesus Christ."

**Carole Madden Ortman** (Northville, MI) keeps busy as a hospital volunteer and with Stephen Ministries. Her grandson Taylor (son of daughter **Catherine (Katie) Hirsch '90**) marched in the Rose Bowl Parade as part of the NHL float!

**Mary McCarthy Brooks** (Chicago), retired high school/college teacher (2000), is a recent widow of Stephen Brooks, February 2017. She has two daughters: **Jane Brooks Osterman '94** and **Bridget Brooks Massing '00**; Brenden Stephen is a grad of Saint Mary's in Winona, MN (not South Bend)! Mary has eight grandchildren — awaiting #9 (son Brian's). She taught at Notre Dame High School for Girls for 28 years (English department chair). She lists her personal-greatest accomplishments as her family and great marriage for 47 years. Her advice for 2017 self to 1962 self — "GO FOR IT!"

**Annmary Moore Imel** (Gilbert, AZ): graduated BA in education at U. of Arizona '65; post grad MEd, U. of Alaska '66; retired (2001) teacher, medical office, manager-shooting club, Air Force wife, married to Victor Imel for 55 years! Active volunteer: Friends for Life, animal rescue since 2001; animal foster, adoption consultant, former dog caregiver, and whatever is needed. Advice of 2017 self to 1962 self: "Treasure each moment. Do not worry about the future; it will be here soon enough and you can worry then! We pass this way but once!" (HOW TRUE! — ed. note!)

Some food for thought: "You can't be successful in life if you don't give back to those who helped you get where you want to be." (Boys' Town newsletter) "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read." (Mark Twain). "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead, where there is NO path and leave a TRAIL." (Ralph Waldo Emerson).

Until we meet again — send me your news by December 1 for Spring 2018 *Courier*.

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Time to think of our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion! **Kathy Wiedl Mettler** and **Mary Jo Pauli Landry** have again agreed to serve as co-chairs for this event in June.

Kathy sent a message to rouse us all: "If you came back to campus for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Class of 1963, you have so many warm memories. That lovely walk down The Avenue ... catching up with each other's lives over the past 50 years ... sharing our stories in the *Then and Now* booklet ... **Ellen Sheehan Adams's** movies from our graduation along with projection of our senior pictures against the backdrop of music we all remember ... and the memory of us all gathering around the grand piano in Stapleton, wine glasses in hand, while **Myrna Walker Hall** pounded out tunes while we sang along with her. An experience of pure joy!

And you would remember getting to know classmates you may not have known during our years on campus, or seeing someone who came back for the very first time for the 50<sup>th</sup>, and seeing those who have shared so many Reunions with us, remembering those who are no longer with us ... and so many touching, loving, and funny, funny stories from years ago.

And so, if you joined us then for the 50<sup>th</sup>, we want you back again! And if you missed it, we especially want you to join us, and it will be worth all the effort! We will keep the lights on for you!

Now, that's an invitation to follow up on! Hope to see you there!

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**Diane Smith O'Donnell** and her husband, Sean, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> with a cruise to Alaska and then a two-day party with their whole family (12 grands) at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, WI. **Marianne Elliott Morin** and Bob drove to ND for her brother's 50<sup>th</sup> year as a priest and she visited SMC for the first time since graduation!

**Susan Aschauer Ozdaglar** entertained **Nancy Drew Sheehan** up in Michigan after Nancy's back surgery. Susan said, "Some things never change... FRIENDSHIP." This fall she is off to CA and South Africa.

**Patrice Cassidy** and her sister **Katharine C. (Casey) Cassidy '71** are visiting Ireland in August, and Pat is looking forward to being a grandmother again. **Kathy Roeder** is in Haiti "helping."

**Kay Christenson Janiszewski** had a real nightmare happen. She was in Barcelona last fall and ended up with pancreatitis, in the hospital for five weeks; her children came over to help and sort things out. Kay had feeding tubes — has lost 60 pounds! — but is feeling much better, loving her new look! And in August is off to visit her brother and wife at the Holy Cross Village at ND.

Both **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer** and **Margaret (Sis) Reynolds McBride** are on canes but are doing their therapy. **Marty Thompson**

**Coe** attended **Adriana Maria Trigiani's '81** book luncheon in Raleigh, NC.

It has been a big year for Kent and me: our 50<sup>th</sup>, which we celebrated in St. Barth's, 15 of us; and both our 75<sup>th</sup> birthdays, also with great hoopla and fun. **Carole Barskis Weber** took me out to lunch. She and **Denise Cavanaugh** are planning a trip to Santa Fe.

**Mary Beth Sweeney** was married April 22 to Owen Dwyer in Wexford, PA. They met six years ago in a Grief Support group. She is keeping "Sweeney" saying, "It is not just who you are now but also who you were." Congratulations!

**Kathleen Menzie Lesko's** classmates **Pat Malone Nathe**, **Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld**, **Jinx Hack Ring**, and **Molly Follis Tuton** were there for Kathy in her time of grief.

Ladies, keep getting up every morning! Walking! Drinking water and enjoying each day to its fullest! LIFE IS GOOD.

Peace, Joy, Love, Mary Ann

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**Theresa Lyons Brosnan** sends good news concerning her ongoing project. "Thank you to so many of my classmates who have contributed to Francis House, Inc., which is a halfway house on Cape Cod for men getting out of prison. We are looking at a property and possibly collaborating with another organization in Hyannis, MA. We are writing grants and hoping to open when we get them realized. As for me, I've been to California a couple of times and will be going for Easter and for the graduation of my niece's daughter in May. I'm also going to Lourdes in May and Fatima in November for the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Sadly, brother Rod died on January 30 just after his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. I just celebrated my 74<sup>th</sup> and it was so nice to receive so many emails from my SMC classmates, thanks to **Lil Chard Beshel** and her birthday wishes."

"Cameron and I had a great May, June, and July," writes **Beverly Senda Defoe**. "We went to Las Vegas to babysit Eleanor, our 2-year-old granddaughter, while Carolyn taught and Dean started flight school. We made two side trips to California for graduations. And one trip to Lincoln, NE for nephew John's (Carol's son) wedding. Son Patrick and family came to Vegas for a week. We are home until late October when we go to Seattle to babysit Cameron and James. Will celebrate lots of family events through Thanksgiving. Then ... good news! Eleanor will be a big sister! So we head to Vegas. So very grateful for your thoughts and prayers as my heart surgery recovery has progressed slow and steady." Such great news that our Bev is doing so well.

An update from **Jane Cook Barnes**. "I've moved into a one-level condo as of April. New address is 5467 Placid Court, Lisle, IL 60532. The name of the street had a little something to do with the move, though getting here was anything but a placid experience! Coincidentally, my neighbor is an SMC graduate from the class of 1970! I made a trip to Broadway to see *Anastasia the Musical* in May and

got back July 25 from a couple of shows at BB King Blues Club. I've got to get in all these trips while it's still possible to navigate the airports and traffic. I am certainly having fun doing that!"

**Sheila Flynn Boone** sends news: "Our ski season was great this year ... until the last day (April Fool's Day), when I flipped out of my binding and fractured my shoulder! A dumb accident, but the ride down the mountain in the ski patrol sled was kind of fun. (Only need to do that once!) After surgery and lots of physical therapy, my mobility is about 85–90% back, so still have some work to do. Our traveling so far this year has been to California to visit one son's family, Omaha to visit daughter's family, and NYC to visit other son's family. Trip to Spain is on the books for September, where we'll hike (not the whole six weeks, just part) the "Camino de Santiago." Next *Courier*! I'll let you know if we survived!"

**Kathleen McAnaney Campbell** had a mini reunion! **Theresa Smith Harron** and I met at the Philadelphia airport and drove to Eagles Mere for a long weekend with **Cathy Haenn Shannon**. The town is beautiful and, while we ventured out some, we mostly talked while Tom cooked delicious meals and kept the wine flowing. A special time! In early July I met my four sisters in Ocean City, NJ, where we summered growing up and several still do. We all are well aware of how lucky we are to be able to do so. Again we mostly talked and caught up on family news and had some great seafood! Haven't seen **Elise Meyer** lately but hope to catch her on a future Colorado stay."

**Marianne Spalding Schiavone** has been very busy! "We flew home from Arizona April 1. Had lots of Easter time fun with the family. We leave for Paris 4/26, motor to Trier, board riverboat down Danube and Main, then motor over to Prague and fly home 5/9, I think. We are so fortunate to be going on this trip." Then, further news from Marianne: "Hope your summer is going well. We have no real news here. This August is our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and, to celebrate, in October Dave and I are taking our family to the Borgo Finocchietto in Tuscany (owned by John Phillips, ND '66). We look forward to a mini ND reunion with Dave's classmates and wives in Boston in September. As we age we appreciate the importance of lifelong friendships."

Marianne and I emailed a bit, and I told her that I took my family to Montana for a week this summer. A bucket list, so to speak; we all had a fabulous time together, with very few grandkid meltdowns. Marianne shared memories of her family trip to Montana. "Love Montana. When our kids were young (and so were we), we spent a week in a foreman's cottage on a ranch in Montana with our traveling friends (high school buddy of Dave's and his family). So, four adults and five kids in a one-bedroom bunkhouse; no refrigerator so we put perishables in garbage bags and tied them to rocks in the creek; had one towel for the nine of us, and if we wanted to ride horseback, we had to catch the horses and bridle them, no saddles. GREAT Montana memories! I think we adults were breaking out the Jack Daniels by 10 a.m. Ah, youth!"

**Sara Johnson Walz** and husband, Nick, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Vietnam. They did a three-week journey with two other couples. "In Vietnam, we visited Nick's old haunts and sailed in Halong Bay. We rode elephants and watched the

sun rise over Angkor Wat, rode hot air balloons over temples, and visited Mandalay." What an incredible celebration!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends on the loss of **Junie Miller Smith**. Junie fought lymphoma and was a truly valiant gal. We will miss her very much!

Five classmates are taking the Saint Mary's/Ireland trip this October 2017. The journey will also have our new Saint Mary's president, Jan Cervelli, joining us, as it is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Saint Mary's Ireland program. Traveling together will be myself, **Judy Piers Locher**, **Mary Delaney Willer**, **Elise Meyer**, and **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**. It promises to be a wonderful adventure in the old sod. Judy and I are even going to take side trips to see where our relatives began their story. Slainte!

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Recently, I posted a plea for news for this column on our Facebook page. To everyone who replied, a million thank yous and hugs for making my job so easy.

**Estelle Ford Williamson** responded with a note that she co-authored a book, *Memoirs of a Lost Boy*, with Majok Marier. Estelle toured with the book in 2014 to Cleveland, Syracuse, Oswego, New York, and Washington, DC. Following the tour, they formed a non-profit, Wells for Hope, Inc. ([wellsforhope.org](http://wellsforhope.org)), which builds water wells to help improve lives in rural villages near Rumbek, South Sudan. So far three wells are completed.

In September, Estelle and Majok Marier spoke to the Adult Continuing Education Program of the Diocese of Cleveland. Estelle and her husband, Richard, have lived in Atlanta for 50 years. Recently they moved to Beaufort, SC to be near six of their eight grandchildren. The week after they moved in, they had to evacuate for Hurricane Matthew. They escaped major damage to the house with minor damage to their pier and out houses.

**Carla Johnson Lewis** wrote that she sees **Elaine Amann Mayeux** and **Barbara Borchers Bernath**, who live close to each other in Charlotte, NC. Carla and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to Australia and New Zealand last February. Carla's granddaughter Stephanie graduated from high school in Spokane, WA in June and is attending Claremont McKenna College on a swimming scholarship.

**Alana McGrattan** is working with public libraries on Indian reservations in New Mexico. Alana will visit the 19 libraries in the system all over the state. As she visits, she is seeing many of her former students who are now tribal leaders. This sounds like a book in the making.

**Marty Crikelair Wohlford** met with Alana for an afternoon chat in Boca. Marty was taking a sojourn from her paradise home in the Bahamas. **Judith Spinner Johns** and husband visited Marty in February. This summer was filled with entertaining grandchildren at Grammy's house. This means endless beaching, wake boarding, snorkeling, and generally enjoying island life.

**Carol Senda Damaso** described her retired

life as a series of travels. With her husband, Don, she attended her son John's wedding in Lincoln, NE. Then they took trips to Southampton and Cleveland. On a side note, Carol mentioned that she always wears her gold Le Mans cross. One day her friend saw the cross for the first time and said, "I just love your Tory Burch necklace." Carol, who lives in Phoenix, told her friend the whole story of the Holy Cross Sisters.

**Susan Klover Martin** wrote that her one of her granddaughters is attending Southern Virginia University on a soccer scholarship. Another granddaughter is studying at Baylor and the older sister will graduate from Texas A&M in December.

**Gail Marino Meiering's** granddaughter Katie Graham will attend Creighton University on an academic scholarship. Katie's mom is **Peggy Meiering Graham '92**.

**Sharon Priester Lewert** shared that she and **Elizabeth Naes Kringel** took a river cruise on the Duoro River in Portugal for eight days. They spent two wonderful days in Lisbon before departing on the boat. They visited Fatima only to learn the Pope was there the previous week. Sharon brought back a carved cross in remembrance of her husband, Adam Lewert, who died March 2016.

**Kathie Donovan Dur** shared news about a few classmates. **Amy Bertorelli's** twin sons are both engineers working for Amazon in California. The sons recently purchased a home across the street from mom.

**Marybeth Scheid West** continues to teach French to Chicago public school students. **Cherylann Galasso Harrington** relocated to Exeter, NH to be closer to children and grandchildren. Cherylann missed our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the birth of a new grandchild.

**Pam Smith Malone** hosted a group of us for a long weekend in Nashville, TN. We stayed at a lovely hotel in the center of the action. **Pat Guccione Conway** joined us as did **Barbara McCusker Poole**. Pat lives in Nashville now and Barbara drove from Atlanta. Also in attendance were **Kathie Donovan Dur**, **Mary Kay Duffy Gott**, **Mary Dunn Finneran**, **Jane McCoach McKee**, **Amy Bertorelli**, and **Mary (Dede) Cotter Delaney**. The highlight of this trip was hearing Brad Paisley at the Grand Ole Opry.

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I need to start packing my bags and begin searching for old photos and memorabilia for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion next June. I've received several notices from Saint Mary's and a sweet personal note from **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin** to keep me focused on our special date.

**Pat Applegate Bartoshesky** is greatly enjoying retirement and grandchildren and is teaching an ESL class through her local literacy organization. She and Lou try to get to a couple of ND football games each fall and park at Saint Mary's. Pat wrote that she and Lou are moving from their house to a condo and looking forward to a new milieu. She is teaching English to an 8-year-old girl from Afghanistan, but it broke her heart when the girl asked if Pat knew her flag and "about the war."



More apologies ... what **GINNY WATERS** sent for the last *Courier* was not included, but she wrote then that she had retired from the NYC law department after 30 years specializing in First Amendment, land use, and landmark preservation cases, notably protecting the landmark status of Broadway theatres. She volunteers one day a week in the library of the local school attended by the children of her niece Beth (daughter of **Joan Waters Dunfey**). It is very convenient that Beth lives on Ginny's block. In the summer Ginny goes to the beach at the Rockaways several times a week. In the winter, she goes to Ft. Lauderdale for a month. She and her family have traveled to Montreal, Quebec, St. Augustine, Savannah, Charleston, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Sante Fe, and San Antonio. Their son James is a junior in the construction management program at SUNY Delhi. Her retirement has been great except for a fall from a kitchen stool, which fractured vertebrae. Two surgeries later and she is still having back problems and thinking, "We all are getting old." (Personally and as a gerontologist, I recommend considering the alternative to aging to get a more positive perspective of our chronological ages).

**Mary Froning** writes that she and **Mary Jo Anton Winterer** had a great cruise up the Rhone in May 2017 with a few days in Paris, then seven days on the boat in Provence and Burgundy. It was a playbill/wine cruise, so they had a rollicking time listening to Broadway stars and drinking a lot of wonderful wine. This was their second playbill cruise; the first was to Tahiti. They continue to get along like the roomies they were at SMC and can't wait to see everyone at our 50<sup>th</sup>! I met Mary in Washington in early April. It was good to see her.

**Susan Murphy Rahiya** wrote to be added to our Belles68 Group but with no specific news for *Courier*.

**Barbara Gibson South**, a member of the Reunion Committee, writes that they had a conference call during which the Development Office suggested a goal for our class to set up a scholarship endowment. To achieve this goal, we need to use every communication tool to reach as many classmates as possible with encouragement to come back and celebrate together the wonderful years and friends we had at Saint Mary's. If we can do this through personal calls, *Courier*, Belles Facebook, emails and monthly letters, we win on both fronts — a great turnout and a worthwhile gift from our class.



Half of the 1968 Reunion Committee joined together in Naples, FL this spring to start planning. They are all looking forward to having a great Reunion at Saint Mary's next June! Seated: Rosie Van Gelderen Lyons, Claire Callahan Johannesen, Mary Jo Day Knauf, Kathy Huisking Sullivan, and Karen Huisking Coffey. Standing: Fran Farrell Callahan, Mary Donoghue Brueggen, Amy Borchers Ewert, Barbara Gibson South, Karen O'Donnell Thorpe, Maureen Murphy Sheehan, Jane Evans Schaffler, and Francie Russell.

Barbara states that "as we may know, a smaller percentage of women come back for reunions after the 25<sup>th</sup>, which is usually the best attended." All of us who were there remember how nice it was to see so many old friends. Some of our classmates have sent photos and information about getting together as small groups throughout the country. The Florida group has grown tremendously with so many of us gathering in Naples and Bonita Springs on frequent occasions, welcoming anyone to join us. It has been truly wonderful and captures the good old days when we did things together at Saint Mary's. I was in Florida for a conference in March and then went on to Disney World, so was thinking of joining the mini reunion in Bonita Springs until I realized the great distance I would have to drive.

Barbara acknowledges that people are so busy today with travel, families, work, and difficulties — it is going to take quite a bit of time and effort to reach everyone to try to get them to join us for the Reunion. Barbara was expressing heartfelt thoughts about why it is good to reconnect, reminisce, and return to Saint Mary's to celebrate our lives and the good time we shared so long ago, and why it's important to use *Courier* to reach them. Please do consider making a donation to our class gift even if you are unable to attend Reunion. Perhaps you can think in terms of opportunity cost and donate what you would have spent on travel and other expenses for the weekend.

I will be starting my 45<sup>th</sup> year at Stockton in fall 2017, with no plans to "retire" and continuing to serve as the director of the Center for Economic and Financial Literacy. I have not been out for a game in a few years and have no plans at this point for a mini reunion with **Sarah (Sally) Blackley**

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**Clemmer** and Dayne. I do hear from **Donna Barton Ayres '71**, but we have not been able to get together for nearly a decade. Richard and I do still enjoy spending the summer months at the Jersey Shore in Sea Bright (near Sandy Hook), where we get to spend time with our niece **Elizabeth Palasky DiPoalo '06** and her husband, Rocco.

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Hello, Classmates!

I am happy and grateful to share news about several of you! Thank you to everyone who replied to my email requests for news and to those of you who met up with me during my summer road trips in June and July!

This is a milestone birthday year for most of us, and my first bit of news even included a photo! **Maria Rosetta Lai** wrote from San Francisco, where she recently moved. She would love to connect with any other Class of '69 graduates who live in the SF or Bay Area and sent her email address, which is mrlint@gmail.com. Rosetta said, "Like many of my classmates, I have retired and have often reflected on the friendships made in our Saint Mary's years. My closest friendships were made in college. I guess we were all young, naïve, or innocent then. Two of my best friends, with whom I have traveled and met annually, are **Alice Tsui, '70** and **Esther Yeung Rhode '71**. The three of us are turning 70 this year, hard to believe." Rosetta sent a photo taken when Alice hosted a banquet for her birthday. Several other SMC friends were there, and they had a ball!

**Barbara Paul Critchfield** and her husband, Mike, have been married for 45 years, and she just celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. "My husband, Mike, is retired from the US Air Force and also from his private business. I'm retired from part-time retail merchandising and full-time homemaking. We are not officially Florida residents, spending seven months each year in Ocala, FL for the past 10 years and spending five months each year in Centerville, OH. Our two children and four grandchildren all live in Ohio, so it's hard to move to Florida full time. I occasionally hear from **Mary (Ellen) Griffin Urness** and **Pat Beall Wanschura**. I still think of them as my roommates, but haven't seen them in many years. I know that Ellen and her husband, Mark, are real Disney fans and get to the Disney parks every year. Pat is now retired from the psychology department at George Mason University in Virginia, and she and her husband, Bob, enjoy seeing their two daughters who live in the DC area. I can't believe our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion is coming up in just two years!"

From Hilton Head, SC, **Carmen Dur Conley** sent her update. She and her husband, Norm, moved there four years ago after living in Lancaster, OH for 39 years. "We had a family reunion at our oldest son's home in St. Louis earlier this month, which saw our five grandchildren together under one roof. Our younger son came from Valencia, Spain, with his two children. We are enjoying our retirement years traveling, golfing, and walking these beautiful beaches. Hope this finds my college classmates in good health and doing well!"

**Cheryl Corsaro** reported, "**Barb Dowd Arkedis, Laura Beth Berkshire**, and I had fun catching up at dinner together in the late spring. Barb's third grandchild was born in DC in May, and Laura is in the process of moving from the DC area to Maine with her husband, John Hoff. Barb and I also had dinner a couple of times this summer with some mutual friends from our hometown of Cleveland. I have been in touch with **Mary Graf Demetrio** by phone."

In June my husband, Roy, and I made a 16-day road trip from here in North Carolina up to New Hampshire, stopping to visit family and friends in several spots. While in New Hampshire we stayed with **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** and Danny (ND '70) on Lake Winnepesaukee. **Tina Howard Thomsen** commented on Facebook when she saw photos I'd posted that her family had a special connection and love of nearby Squam Lake, which she'd visited for 60+ years! In July Roy and I made another 16-day road trip, this time out to the Midwest. **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** and Dick (ND '69) drove up to Columbus from Cincinnati to meet us for brunch one Sunday. We met them plus Columbus folks **Margaret Roberts Richards, Cathie Kearney Buser** and Steve. It was a great, though too short, afternoon! While out in Wisconsin Roy celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year of graduation from U of Wisconsin's pharmacy school with friends. **Tina Howard Thomsen** wrote that she and **Therese Amrusko** were roommates in Madison for grad school! From Wisconsin, Roy and I headed to Michigan, where we first stayed in Grand Rapids with **Janet Krueger** and her husband, Bruce Goodman. We shared many stories over dinner at Founder's Brewery. Janet promised to send news for our next column when she sent me an email earlier this week. She had just visited with **Kathy O'Donnell Effler** in Kalamazoo and was currently entertaining **Georgia Florin Gasner**, so there's your preview of some upcoming news! Roy and I next visited my roommate **Bev Pagorski Reid** and Don (ND '70) for a few days in Grand Blanc, MI. None of us on these two trips ever ran out of memories to share or new memories to make! How blessed we Belles have been with our incredible bonds!

Thank you again for sending news! Our deadlines are April 1, August 1 and December 1. God bless!



Left to right: Patricia Lyons Gottlieb, Esther Yeung Rhode '71, Maria Rosetta Lai '69, Alice Tsui, and Sally Kunsch.

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As always, it is a pleasure sharing the news from our classmates. Sorry I missed the last column but work and time just got away from me! Will try to not let it happen again!

**Letitia (Tia) Barrett Bisignano** shared, "After 47 years of marriage Sandy (ND '69) and I have our first grandchild. Ophelia Reiss Bisignano was born on April 9. I love to babysit for her. What a doll! The rest of my leisure time is spent gardening. I am a Texas Master Gardener. I plan to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2020. Hope to see many of our classmates there."

From **Jane Blanchard Weirich**: "A highlight for me this year is that **Mary Dorgan Barrett** and her husband, David, visited Bill and me in Florida for a golf weekend. Our home is in Palm Beach Gardens and there are few SMC classmates in the area. In May, we welcomed our third grandchild, Jack. Bill and I just returned from a river boat cruise on the Danube ... lots of fun."

**Diane Daly McGarry** writes, "I've just returned from a three-week adventure to China with Saint Mary's students, alumnae, and friends. Our fearless leader Dr. Siqin (Alice) Yang is such a fabulous role model as a professor, an incredible ambassador for Saint Mary's, and an extraordinary guide for all of us. We visited five cities, several universities and schools, some businesses large and small, and had time to take in the most wonderful sights throughout the land. We traveled on domestic airlines, trains, buses, the fast train, taxis, Ubers, and our own foot power to see: the Great Wall, two of the largest cities in the world — Beijing and Shanghai, Inner Mongolia, where we stayed in a yurt, Chefong, a small village of eight million people, and Xi'an, home of the Terracotta Warriors. We attended lectures on competitiveness and economics, got to speak and eat with locals, enjoyed the most amazing dumpling banquet of all time, and were entertained by amazingly talented groups everywhere we went. Next time you get an email from Saint Mary's asking for additional travelers for a students' trip, SIGN UP! An amazing way to see the world through your own eyes and the eyes of these wonderful students. This trip was to explore and exchange ideas on women's leadership and development in China. We were joined by students **Elizabeth Quaye '17, Juliana De Ona '19, Huier Zhao, Yanxi Liu '17, Xuanjie Ma '20**, and Vicki Plummer from IU. Also on the trip were SMC alums **Paula Dawning '71, Conni Louiaw Dubick '68, Karen Valente Brady '79**, and **Mary Catherine (Cathy) Collet**, and Joan McClendon from Saint Mary's staff. An experience of a lifetime!"

**Gwen Gill Caranchini** reports that her daughter Kelly just completed her PhD in special education — art education at Northern Illinois University. Kelly taught in Vermont this summer and will be teaching online for them this coming year, which allows her and her family to stay in Chicago.

**Elizabeth (Becky) O'Connor Chandler** had the following news about a group of our classmates. "Over the past decade or so, a small group within the Class of '70 began to get together more often. We met up for SMC Reunions, sometimes gathering at **Mary Asman Laramore's** digs in Michigan City and sometimes at my family's vacation home up the road in Harbert, MI. We have also met up in Tybee Island, GA at **Patricia McCusker Allgood's** or **Cathy Downey White's**

house in the Palm Beach area. The group included some collection of the following: Patty, Cathy, myself, Mary, **Rosemary Nugent Hanratty**, **Peggy Gallagher Baldwin**, and, of course, our dear dear late friend **Sally Shodron Walsh**. Also, Patty and I and Peggy joined **Kathleen (Kak) Kelly** and **Julia O'Brien Gatta** at Tybee Island for a humanistic studies weekend of remembrance following the death of Bruno Schlessinger in 2010. Reflections on our experiences in the past flow into long conversations about our lives, our beliefs, our families, our country. We've shared so much for so long. How fortunate we are in these friendships. I am sure we are not alone in feeling this gratitude for what SMC brought us. Rose and I saw **Mary Lou Wilson** at Sally's funeral, as well as **Sally Fogarty Hasbrook** and **Pat Scully Keane**. This summer I barged in on a St. Barnabas (Chicago) Grade School reunion to say hello to Mary Lou."

**Ann Pacelli Gores** wrote earlier, "I have been living in Bellevue, WA for nearly 42 years. Tom (ND '70, '73) and I have three grown children and three grandchildren, fortunately all living near us. Our daughter **Lauren Gores Bonjrada '96** is a Saint Mary's grad. Since graduating from SMC as an art major, I have taught art to children and adults, and have been a professional oil painter. My passion for painting was "awakened" by the SMC visiting artist in residence, Margo Hoff from New York City. I will never forget Margo Hoff. She was the first of many professional artists I have studied with over the past 40 years. I show my oil paintings in my studio/gallery in Seattle and in a gallery in Chelsea, NYC, The Amsterdam Whitney Fine Art Gallery. My website is [anngores.com](http://anngores.com)."

As most of you know, **Louanne Scanlon Mauro** lost her beloved husband, Robert, on May 1, 2017. Louanne provided this update. "We are in the final stages of preparing for Robert's funeral on Saturday, August 12. The past few months have passed quickly with a lot of help from family and friends. My 'nanny' days have come to an end, since my grands have aged out. I still see them a lot and take them to movies, the pool, story time at the library, and we go to the children's theatre productions in the area. We recently saw *Through the Looking Glass*, which is a version of *Alice in Wonderland*. It has been performed by only 13 theatre groups in the country because the music, dialogue, and choreography are so intricate and difficult to execute. We were blown away by the performance and are eagerly awaiting their next production, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. My daughter and I are still coming to California, but not until February. We decided because summer and fall are so overrun with activities for her and the kids that it would be better to leave town to avoid the doldrums of a Midwest winter. I've always disliked February and have declared many times that it is the longest month of the year. I know it really is the shortest, but it just seems to drag on forever with dreary, damp weather. I do hope all our fellow Belles are healthy and doing well. I am reaching out every day to bring joy and laughter into other peoples' lives. I'd like to believe I'm making a difference, but I know I have to do even more. Once we have commemorated Robert's life at his funeral Mass and our open house afterwards, I will begin to take on more projects and look for part-time employment."

**Alice Tsui** moved from Arizona to Hayward, CA several years ago. Alice shared the following, as most of our classmates are approaching this point: the 7-0. "In May I had a big celebration, what I called my 'In appreciation of the love, joy, and friendship that you all have shared with me through the years' party (though everyone knew it was my birthday, and the few that didn't know actually thought I was getting married!). I invited everyone who was very close to me throughout the years. They've all heard about each other from me, but some had never met. I had it in Phoenix, since I spent my last 30 years there. All my five siblings and their families from the Bay Area were there. My four college friends, **Patricia Lyons Gottlieb**, **Esther Yeung Rhode '71**, **Maria Rosetta Lai '69**, and **Sally Kunsch** all came from various part of the country. Esther, who came from Hawaii, brought me a beautiful flower lei. Even my best friend from high school came. We had 62 people. I felt so very blessed to still have that many close friends who wanted to celebrate with me. It was a most joyous evening."

I have had the wonderful experience of my daughter Megan living with me temporarily while she relocates from St. Helena back to the Bay Area. It has been a long time since we have been able to share this much quality time, so we are really enjoying taking in as many experiences as possible — one of the highlights definitely being whale watching. The humpbacks are up close and personal this summer in the Monterey Bay — a real treat! I am looking forward to getting together with **Terri McBirney Begas**, **Rosemarie Rinella Stocky**, and **Patti Walters** when Terri comes to visit her daughters in San Jose in October. Rosemarie and her husband, Tom (ND '70), have really settled into their new life in California and have become very active in community theater, traveling with friends and family, most recently to San Diego and Hawaii, and of course being doting grandparents!

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Can't believe summer is almost over! Here in Florida, we look forward to cooler temperatures and less humidity — in December! It seems like it has been a hot summer everywhere. Remember returning to campus in the heat and wearing wool skirts to football games? Tough if your seats were in the sun.

Now to more news. Our class continues to get thanks and praise from the College. The latest letter I received was from Shari Rodriguez, vice president of College Relations. Our final numbers are \$436,062 in gifts and pledges including \$149,719 for the Annual Fund. We won three of five awards: Highest Gift to the Annual Fund Award, Highest Gift to the College Award, and the Mother Pauline Legacy Award. We lost the participation award by 1% and, for some reason, are not eligible for the Young Alumnae Award. I did question that since I think we're certainly Young at Heart! Congratulations and thanks from **Anne Pryser Leary** and myself. You can be sure we will ready for the challenge to win all four awards in five years.

During my calls, I had some great conversations with classmates. I spoke to **Carolyn Friday** who lives in Danbury, CT and is retiring from her job teaching middle school French. She plans to retire to Sarasota, FL in January.

I called **Diane Shahade McAndrew**, whose voice and laugh sounded exactly the same as back in college! She and husband, Bill, live in Vienna, VA. They have three daughters. Diane is a substitute preschool teacher three days a week.

Catching up at Reunion is always a highlight. **Lynn Marie Novotny**, looking chic as ever, currently lives with her mom in Burr Ridge, IL. She is a substitute teacher in the Downers Grove school district. She travels extensively. In 2016 she visited China and Rome, where she celebrated her 45<sup>th</sup> reunion for her junior year abroad.

Another big traveler is **Margaret (Marge) Rurak**, who lives in Columbus. She is a retired librarian and enjoys having more time to volunteer in her church and local library. She travels to visit nieces and nephews and their growing families in Atlanta, Virginia Beach, and Albany, NY. And how fun is this: She has triplet great-nieces and their older brother in Atlanta! She has started vacationing with her sister on Lake Michigan in New Buffalo, MI. She said it is a quick drive to the SMC/ND campus to visit and relive great times.

**Janet Endress Squires** wrote about her interesting family connections at work. She and husband, Rob, are both pediatricians working at University of Pittsburgh Children's Hospital. Last year, they were joined by son Jim, who is a pediatric hepatologist like his father, and his wife, who is a pediatric radiologist. So there are four Dr. Squires at the same hospital making "calling Dr. Squires" interesting. They also have another son and daughter. Travels for them included a medical program in Taiwan and a trip to Paris and London, where they enjoyed a special tour of Hampton Court that was purchased at a fundraiser.

One very sad list at Reunion was that of our deceased classmates. I would like us to remember these fine women. The earliest was **Susan Weidenbach**, who died in 1982, and the latest was **Jackie Stone Laumakis**, who died last October. The others are **Catherine Anderson Niziol**, **Patty Birmingham**, **Vita De Jean Hafeli**, **Deborah Dishinger Newman**, **Mary Dreiling Howard**, **Dianne Snellgrove Fitzpatrick**, **Shawn Foley Hingstrum**, **Mary Jane Gore**, **Loretta Holdmann Harmon**, **Linda Jarvis**, **Mary Ann Kerins**, **Cecilia E. LaFrossia**, **Diana Lamparella Scalese**, **Carol McGuire Kennedy**, **Sister M. Noretta Connor**, **CSC**, **Cynthia Pienta Chapman**, **Teresa Thomas Halvorson**, **Susan Triebel Fohl**, **Susan Way-Smith**, and **Suzanne Goubeaux**. If you have any remembrances of these women, please send them to me.

That is all for now. Sending love and good wishes to all of you.

**'76 From the Courier Office**

This summer, **Eileen Flanagan DeJong** and **Karen Zagrocki McDonald** headed south out of Chicago on a short road trip to St. Louis to visit **Ellen (Nellie) Lawlor Nicholson**. Despite the heat and humidity, it was a great mini reunion full of shopping, eating, and reminiscing. Unable to

attend, but anxious for text and phone reports, was **Rose Moulis Outly**, who lives near Boston but in recent winters has been spending more time in Florida with her husband, Ken, at their recently renovated condo. Karen, too, has become a snowbird, but heads west to North Scottsdale with husband, Tim. **Kimi Olmstead Ostrowski** regretfully couldn't join in the drive from Chicago as she was anxiously anticipating her daughter Sara's move back to the area. Her son Sam is also in Chicago, working at the Shakespeare Theatre at Navy Pier.



Karen Zagrocki McDonald, Ellen (Nellie) Lawlor Nicholson, and Eileen Flanagan DeJong in front of a tree planted in a Des Peres, MO park in memory of Nellie's husband, Terry (ND '76).

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No news ... I have a tremendous amount of appreciation for the late **Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown** and **Michelle Roberge** for their many years of class reporting. I have nothing to report this

issue because I have not received any updates from our class. Please help by emailing me an update to publish at [susan.salem@gmail.com](mailto:susan.salem@gmail.com). Photos are always welcome, updates on work, family, and SMC friends would be wonderful. It is hard to believe but our 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion is next June so it would be nice to have some updates prior to Reunion.

**'79 From the Courier Office**

In June, **Kathy Tremblay Bell** hosted a Western 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash. **Betsy Bringardner O'Donnell, Julie Canepa, Mary Brassil Goeckner, and Sue Mazanec** flew to Colorado to take in the sights of Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Westcliffe. The Sangre Cristo Mountains were the perfect backdrop to a relaxing time filled with good food, long walks, and brilliant stargazing. It was great to catch up with dear friends.



In June, Kathy Tremblay Bell hosted a Western 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash with Betsy Bringardner O'Donnell, Julie Canepa, Mary Brassil Goeckner, and Sue Mazanec in Colorado.

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**Adriana Maria Trigiani** is touring in 32 cities across the country this summer promoting her latest book, *Kiss Carlo*. If she was anywhere near you, I hope you were able to see her. **Patti Koch Corn, Barb O'Connell Hoyt**, and I saw her in Naperville in July and it was such a thrill. Adri very generously shared her time and thoughts on all kinds of topics. By the time the evening was over, she was friends with everyone in the audience.



Adri Trigiani and a group of girls from St. Vincent's at an event in East Lansing, MI.

More Adri news from **Catherine Shaughnessy Brennan**: Here is an update from East Lansing, MI. On June 28, 2017 the Women of Wonder Book Club hosted **Adriana Maria Trigiani** for a book signing of her new release *Kiss Carlo*. The event was a great success, all proceeds benefiting St. Vincent's Catholic Charities and their work with children removed from difficult homes and refugee



“Through my experience in Phonathon I have been able to bond with alumnae, ask for advice, and talk to them about the importance of giving back to Saint Mary's. Being a scholarship recipient has made me even more aware that donations to the Annual Fund support the quality of my education. This is why I give and will continue to give.”

—Lizzy Rahal '18, nursing major

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resettlement. The highlight of the evening was the attendance of the 16 girls from St. Vincent's book club; the group had been reading one of Adri's books. Adri took the time to speak to each of the girls and write them their own individual notes in their copy of *Kiss Carlo*. Belles in attendance were **Barb Schmuckal Benson, Karen Draths Frost '86, Karen Bush Schneider '73, Catherine Shaughnessy Brennan, and Kathleen Schims.**

Also, from **Catherine Shaughnessy Brennan:** On a personal note, my husband, John, and I live in Okemos, MI. We are empty nesters (at least in theory)! Our eldest son, Eddie, just took the Illinois bar exam and will start working in September at a firm in Chicago. Our daughter Clare just returned from Dublin, where she was working and doing theater over the last year. Our youngest, Kevin, will be a junior at Grand Valley State University. I continue to work as a gerontological clinical nurse specialist at Sparrow Hospital and my husband, John, is an attorney at a firm in Okemos.

**Roseann Enyedy Cyngier** writes, "My newest family member is Harry, a purebred collie that we received through a private rescue. He is the love of my life."

**Kelly Chambers Mazeski** is running for Congress in suburban Chicago against the incumbent, Peter Roskam. Kelly has a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm and whatever your politics, it's exciting to see her on television and in print.

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In one of those great impromptu connections that often happen during the summer, I met up with **Beth De Ment Coggeshall**. Beth made a pit stop in Pittsburgh on a road trip to South Bend with her younger son Michael, a high school senior who was heading to a baseball camp at Notre Dame. On the same trip, Beth was heading to visit her daughter **Catherine Anderson Coggeshall '17**, freshly graduated from SMC, who spent the summer working on campus in the SMC events office before her move to Chicago, where she is a resource teacher at St. Cajetan School. Beth had sent me a text message from the road letting me know she'd be stopping near my home, and I was able to meet her for tall, cool iced tea, some tasty snacks, and a long-overdue catch-up session.

During our visit in Pittsburgh, Beth told me she heard from her former roommate **Jenny McCauley**, who lives in Houston, where she is senior vice president of human resources at Southwestern Energy Company. In 2015, Jenny was named one of the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Oil and Gas by the Oil and Gas Diversity Council.

Beth put her multitasking skills to work while she was in South Bend. As Michael worked out at baseball camp, Beth contacted another of her former SMC roommates, **Colleen Muldoon Hanson**, who lives in Naperville, IL with her husband, Kurt, and is busy with her position as a clinical social worker and therapist. Colleen and Kurt have three children: Brett, who graduated from the University of Illinois; Cara, a member of Ohio

University's class of 2017; and Cade, who is studying at Tulane. Beth and Colleen decided to split the distance between them and got together at an Indiana diner for a fun chat.

Wrapping up their Midwest trek, Beth and Michael headed back home to Richmond, VA, where Beth's husband, Tim, is an investment advisor and their older son, Matthew, is beginning graduate studies in filmmaking.

It was a blast to see Beth and I'd love to hear from any of our classmates anytime!

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It was so wonderful to be back on campus for Reunion!

I don't have much news to share but want to extend an apology to our class. We are in the midst of a move and I did not think to notify the Alumnae Office of our new address. So half of the surveys that you so graciously completed were not forwarded via the post office to my new address nor did the people at my former house receive them. They are lost in postal limbo. Without a source of info, I have no report. I didn't take many notes at Reunion because I was having so much fun and planned on using the surveys as my source. I am very sorry.

You can reach me at [jandeoneill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jandeoneill@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to email an update. Or you can use our new address at 2328 Kudu Drive, Aurora, IL 60503.

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The countdown to Reunion begins! We are less than a year away from celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our graduation. From what I've heard, we've fit a lot of living into the past 30 years.

**Nancy Kloc Genovese** has been living in northern California with Mark (ND '88) for the past 25 years and has three daughters (two at Georgetown University, classes of '18 and '21, and one who is a freshman in high school this year). She notes: "I am getting closer and closer to that empty nest! I've been on an extended sabbatical from high-tech marketing. What was initially a few years off turned into several. I spend lots of time traveling to the East Coast now (mostly DC) and we just enjoyed a family trip to eastern Europe this summer."

Celebrating 25 years of marriage to Tom Hanahan (ND '83), **Kristin Fiore Hanahan** took an amazing trip to Italy. She says, "We met distant relatives who still live in Italy, traveled to several cities and towns, and reconnected with **Francesca Trigiani Noone** for a mother-daughter mini reunion of the 1985-86 SMC Rome Program." Her son Nicholas is captain of the ND men's epee fencing team. They won the NCAA National Championship in Indianapolis. Her daughter Gabriella will be a senior in high school. Both children have baccalaureate masses and graduations on the same day next spring.

Instead of Italy, **Kelly Ryan Hillery** has planned a trip to Hawaii to celebrate her 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary a bit early. The family will be joining the happy couple. She can't wait to be on the beach and smell those beautiful flowers, explaining: "We went there on our honeymoon and said we would come back for our fifth anniversary. We had three boys by then. It took us only 24 years and five boys later to head back!"

**Karen Reynolds Nelson** is also preparing to celebrate an anniversary. She writes: "I am living in Tallahassee, FL and about to celebrate my one-year anniversary with my second husband, Frank McGill Nelson." Her son Chris Coon is a sophomore at New College in Sarasota, FL and her daughter is starting her senior year in high school. She herself has been busy too. She shares: "I got a graduate degree (MSN) from Vanderbilt University in 1995 and have been working as a nurse practitioner and nurse consultant with the State of Florida for 15 years. Time flies with pursuing education, motherhood, and facing life's challenges."

**Kathleen Mary Moran** has some old news. She returned to teaching first grade, serving diverse learners who have full inclusion minutes. Of her job, she says: "I started back in Chicago Public Schools a few years ago. It's been great to be back in the mix."

**Tricia Hug Schorr** has a junior boy at Notre Dame, a freshman at Dayton who is playing volleyball for them, and a sophomore in high school. She stays at home with the kids but says, "I will be in South Bend during the Reunion. I will have my 25<sup>th</sup> ND MBA reunion that same weekend." Double the fun!

**Mary Margaret (Mimi) Sullivan Moore** shared some facts that highlight the pull Saint Mary's College continues to have on us. Five of our classmates have daughters who are a part of the graduating class of 2017. **Anna Judith Bourjaily '17** (daughter of **Jennifer Veselik Boujaily** and John Bourjaily) graduated with degrees in history and education and will be attending Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education Program and starting her teaching career in California. **Maggie Mary Carswell '17** and **Megan Marie Carswell '17** (twin daughters of **Ann Marie McGraw Carswell** and Bill Carswell, ND '86) both graduated with nursing degrees and are starting their careers in New York (Maggie) and South Bend (Megan). **Kaileigh Ann Moore '17** (daughter of **Mimi Sullivan Moore** and Nash Moore, ND '88) graduated with a degree in accounting and will start her career at Ernest & Young in Chicago. **Julianne Marie Olivieri '17** (daughter of **Jeanne Marie Burke Olivieri** and John Olivieri) graduated with a degree in psychology and will be attending Northwestern University, where she will be pursuing a graduate program in psychology. All five are graduating cum laude or magna cum laude. Moore reports: "In addition to studying, they managed to have a lot of fun and thoroughly enjoyed their time at SMC!"

Congratulations to them all! Can't wait until we once again enjoy our time at SMC. See you soon.

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Hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

**Marilyn Benchik Klimek** went from full house to empty nest in the blink of an eye when her triplets started college. Both of her girls, **Karen Cecelia "Cece" Klimek** and **Constance Elizabeth "Lizzie" Klimek**, are attending Saint Mary's and living in McCandless! Cece, a Presidential Scholar, is planning to major in chemistry with a biology concentration and has her eye on medical school, and Lizzie is thinking about a major in global studies. Their brother, Kenneth Patrick, stayed in Indiana, too, but headed south to West Lafayette. Kenny is attending Purdue University on a Naval ROTC scholarship and is a first-year engineering student.

Marilyn continues her 15<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. She loves her job as a sophomore English teacher at Niles High School in Michigan (she previously wrote professionally for the *South Bend Tribune*). And now, in her newly found free time, she plans to write the great American novel. We'll be watching for the announcement!

Congratulations to **Michelle Matthews McBride**, a psychiatric nurse practitioner, on earning her doctorate this summer from Rush University in Chicago! And to Judge **Teresa L. Cataldo-Hartman**. After Saint Mary's, Teresa earned her paralegal certificate at Roosevelt University before attending Thomas Cooley Law School, where she earned her JD. Teresa was a deputy with the Elkhart County Prosecutors Office from 1998 to 2004 and an associate with Graber Law Firm from 1998 to 2008. In 2008, she started her own practice, Cataldo Law Offices. Then in 2014, Teresa was elected as the judge of Elkhart Superior Court 3; she took office on January 1, 2015.

**Martha Flick Jungenberg's** family has extended their time with the US Consulate (living on the island of Ikoyi) in Lagos, Nigeria for two more years, through August 2019, so that Martha can keep working through the hiring freeze. Last May, Todd and Martha took a wonderful "celebrate turning 50" trip that included Istanbul, Turkey and Colmar, and France!



Group adventure and birthday celebrations. Back row: Colleen Cary McMahon, Andrea Crowley Attisani, Michelle Conrard Brinker, Lisa Berens, Mariellen Barry Roeder, and Lynn Uritis Smith. Front row: Linda Arce Cosgrove, Cecile Gehring Lewis, and Margo McMahon Fochler.

More big birthday celebrations took place throughout the year! In June, the Big Apple was the destination for **Andrea Crowley Attisani, Lisa Berens, Michelle Conrard Brinker, Linda Arce Cosgrove, Margo McMahon Fochler, Cecile Gehring Lewis, Colleen Cary McMahon, Frances Burke Phillips, Mariellen Barry Roeder,**

and **Lynn Uritis Smith**. Through all the shopping, glorious sights, fabulous restaurants, and hip rooftop bars, they discovered their friendship has stood the test of time. As Lynn said, "We are just a bit older, a lot wiser but the same fun bunch of SMCers." They missed their friends who could not make it to New York and are looking forward to the next group adventure.

And in July, **Susan Patrice Spinosa, Juliet Marie Casper, and Carolyn Hawthorne Slandzicki** traveled to Asheville, NC to spend four fun days as "old" roommates to celebrate their milestone birthdays! During their much-needed girls weekend, they enjoyed catching up on family and work while reveling in the past, touring the Biltmore Estate, eating fabulous meals, and indulging in delicious cocktails and a bottle (or two) of Notre Dame wine! They also managed to shop and walk 'til they dropped — roughly 42,000 steps, or 16 miles and 45 floors, according to a fitness app. They're already making plans to gather in two years for Reunion, or perhaps find time to get together before then!

The Slandzicki family lives in Franklin, TN, where Carolyn enjoys playing tennis and boating and attempts to keep up with her family's schedules. Her husband, Jamie (ND '89), is busy with his family medicine practice, as well as being medical director for a local nursing home and hospice group. Their oldest son, Michael, is a junior business major at the University of Tennessee and their youngest daughter, Mary Cate, is a high school sophomore. Her high school's team is appropriately named the Irish and she enjoys cheerleading to the Notre Dame fight song during basketball season.

Carolyn is looking forward to spending a lot of time at Saint Mary's now that her daughter **Bridget Nicole Slandzicki** is living in McCandless as a member of Saint Mary's Class of 2021. Amazingly, her fourth-floor room is exactly next door to Carolyn's freshman year triple — the one she shared with **Rosemary Mahar Crogan** and **Corinne Pfender Noyes**. Over the next four years, Carolyn and Jamie expect to spend many football weekends on campus cheering on the Irish.

In September the Slandzickis hosted **Lisa Ting Yee '88** and a few of Lisa's Chicago friends as they traveled to Tennessee to attend the Pilgrimage Music Festival. Last year, Carolyn and Lisa met up at the music festival through the diligence of **Barb Bolla Kopko**, who saw on Facebook that they were attending the same event. Lisa was able to contact Carolyn's sister **Kathleen Hawthorne Dasta '88**, who in turn gave Carolyn's phone number to Lisa ... and an annual tradition was born!

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

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Huge congratulations to **Anita Knebel Douglas**, who married her high school classmate Shawn on April 28 in Iowa City, IA. **Susanne Wilmot Faber** and **Laura Bringardner**

**Armstrong** from our class were there, in addition to Anita's two favorite Belles, daughters **Haleigh Marice Ehmsen '16** and **Keighley Marie Ehmsen '18**.

While Anita was getting married, a group of Saint Mary's girls happened to be assembled in Chicago for dinner and toasted her from afar — Chicago area Belles **Mary Elaine Cassidy, Katherine (Kim) Mahoney Barrio, and Monica Badar Hehl** joined **Patti Weed Bennett** and **Mary Kay Gaido Werner** in the toast. Patti and Mary Kay were in town for a girls' weekend and to see Hamilton. As you can expect, much silliness ensued. Kim reports too that she continues to work at Glenbrook Hospital as a care manager and busy mom to Meaghan (who starred in *Elf the Musical* over the summer).

I also heard from **Katy Ann Kavanaugh**, who had some big news to share. After 24 years living in beautiful Chicago, she moved back home to New Jersey, where she's now enjoying a new role within a global pharmaceutical company as their director of US Market Access Curriculum and Skills. She's enjoying life in the Garden State, spending more time with family and reconnecting with old friends. She's also getting back to her Saint Mary's roots, taking the knowledge and skills she learned in the Saint Mary's education department and applying them to corporate training.

Speaking of big moves, **Lisa Catenacci Midkiff** and her husband, US Navy Captain James Midkiff, had a huge one in September. She and her family moved to Naples, Italy, where James became the chief of staff for the 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet, based in Naples.

**Carol Mindock Wilkins** has authored a textbook, *Understanding Biochemical Pathways: A Patter-Recognition Approach*, available on the Cognella Academic Publishing website. The book is meant to serve as a companion text to standard biochemistry textbooks. Carol earned her PhD in biochemistry at Michigan State University and is currently an assistant professor in the biochemistry and molecular biology department there, as well as mom to third grader Brett.

As I mention in most of these updates, please join our Facebook group — SMC 90. We're up to 186 classmates in the group, and it's a great way to reconnect and share news among all. Hope to see you there!

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Hey there, classmates! Hard to believe our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion was last year already. What a great weekend! Please feel free to email me with any updates on your life. As for me, I'm hosting the midday show on The New SHE 100.3 (WSHE-FM).

Living in Chicago is awesome, and it allows me to see some of my best pals and roommates, including **Maureen O'Neil Butler, Maureen Nicknish Goldin, and Erin Cusack Micklo**. My East Coast Belles have been taking their children on Midwest college tours, so I've also been able to enjoy time with my besties **Anne McCullough Day, Ann Brennan Cooper, and Amelia (Shug) Savelle Bartilotti** as they tour various campuses.

**Ann Brennan Cooper's** daughter Una will be joining the Notre Dame class of 2021. My godson Matt Bartilotti and my nephew Sean Peter O'Brien are both in the class of 2019. Aunt Lisa is very proud and will be on campus as much as possible! Shug, by the way, is the coordinator of the Office of Family and Community Engagement for Chesterfield County Public Schools in Virginia. She also attended the Harvard Graduate School of Education's institute on family and community engagement in education. I'm serious, she REALLY did!

My dear friend and roommate **Anne Parker Baker** continues her success with her cookie business in Napa Valley, CA. "Annie the Baker" creates "cookies for those who love cookie dough more than a cookie." Contact her at [Anniethebaker@yahoo.com](mailto:Anniethebaker@yahoo.com) or visit her website at [anniethebaker.com](http://anniethebaker.com).

Speaking of food, who doesn't love deep dish pizza? **Jeannie Sabin Barry**, while vacationing in Chicago from Georgia this summer, had a mini reunion with her roomies **Maura Clarke Saas**, **Ann Clark Cronin**, **Maria Marczak O'Rourke**, and **Faith Cederberg Sherry**. The ladies enjoyed a lively dinner with lots of laughs at Gino's East near O'Hare.

**Katy Caslin Keffler** shared this fun news about our classmates' children. **Shannon Welcome Martin** and **Kristin Napoletano Schween** have two very talented kids. Both recently performed together at the Southeast Missouri State University production of *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Bravo to Shannon's daughter Julia and Kristen's son Adam.

Our class is also shining in the world of athletics these days! **Kristen J. Lynch** is running the Chicago Marathon on behalf of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. **Amy Shelly** continues to amaze us as she is currently training for her seventh Ironman race. She recently landed the role of CFO at the Options Clearing Corporation and she is loving the work!

Please continue to share your good news with your fellow Belles. Reach out to me on Facebook or at [smcbelles91@gmail.com](mailto:smcbelles91@gmail.com).

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John Volker O'Brien is the fourth child for Jack and **Colleen Sutton O'Brien**. He has three older sisters, Deireann, 12, Maeve, 10, and Aoife, 8.

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**Erin Rafter Stacher** wrote with fabulous news. "In October 2016, my (then) fiancé, Bernhard Stacher, who is from Vienna, Austria, and I moved to Geneva, Switzerland to work with MSC Cruises, Europe's leading cruise provider. Since 2009, Bernie and I worked for Celebrity Cruises and

Royal Caribbean in Miami, FL in various roles both onboard and in the corporate offices. We were recruited to join MSC Cruises, which is expanding in the US market. Bernie is vice president of hotel operations and I am head of marketing for onboard revenue. We love Geneva and while living in Europe has been a big adjustment for me, I am really enjoying the experience. This July, Bernie and I returned to Fort Lauderdale, FL for our wedding. My sister **Colleen Anne Rafter '02** was my matron of honor and we celebrated with friends and family from around the world. We plan to stay in Switzerland for the next few years and look forward to welcoming any visitors who pass our way. Sadly, we will miss the ND/Miami game in Florida this November, but will keep up to date thanks to College Gamepass!" Yay!

**Mirella Concetta Siciliano** also checked in to share that her family has relocated. "I just moved to NYC with my family and work at Barneys New York as a cosmetics buyer." Congrats! **Julie Marie Frischkorn** added, "Over the Fourth of July weekend, **Jami Lynn Newcomb**, **Katie Therese Poynter**, **Kelly Lynn Komenda '02**, **Sarah Jean Morkunas**, **Maureen Capillo**, and I got together with our wives, partners, boyfriends, and kids to spend the long weekend together. We also gather yearly in the winter at a Notre Dame friend's family farm in Ohio. Our crew has grown so much over the years and we are so grateful for our SMC chosen family." So fun!

**Alyson Leatherman** had a terrific summer and feels pretty darn lucky! She spent the first two weeks of her vacation traveling in France and Spain with 11 of her students and just loved it. She wasn't home long before she traveled to California for two weeks, where she visited Lake Tahoe for the first time and camped on the coast. In between, she has enjoyed yoga, long walks, concerts, hiking, and happy hour.

**Catherine Schroeder** shares, "Big news from Berwyn! After teaching at The Children's School for nine years, I will now be teaching kindergarten for the Winnetka Public School District. My family spent two months in Poland this summer, visiting my partner's family and friends. It has been a magical summer!"

**Kendra Rae Klink** shares a career change and is now executive director of The James Foundation, a private family foundation that is dedicated to improving our community and making new educational opportunities available for residents. "Outside of working, I love spending time with my friends and family. I get up to Chicago to visit my sister **Jessica Klink Severino '02**, her husband, and my two nieces and one nephew. Other than that, I am just enjoying everything life has to offer!" **Sunni Hunckler Hart** received her master's in science in teacher leadership this year.

**Ang Margaret Romano** and husband, Sam, made the move from Lincoln Park (Chicago) to their new home in the Portage Park area of the city.

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

On May 24, 2017, **Katie Kelleher** and her husband, Chris Bojar, welcomed their daughter Audrey Elizabeth Bojar. Audrey is adored by her whole family, including her big brother Aaron, who turns 3 in October. Katie continues in her role as senior counsel at Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP, where she practices insurance defense litigation. She and her family live in the Bucktown neighborhood of Chicago.

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**From Amanda, Amy, and Meganne:**

Thank you to everyone for sharing your news with fellow alumnae!

**Jennifer Lombard Kibbon** and her husband, Lucas, welcomed Michael Joseph Kibbon on July 23, 2015. He is a happy guy and always entertained by his big brother Jack and big sister Annie. **Martha Mihalovits Siping** and her husband, Phillip, announce the birth of Alexander Anthony Siping. He was born November 22, 2016 in Thousand Oaks, CA. **Bridget Horne Christian** and husband, Chris, welcomed Johnathan Andrew Christian on March 20, 2017. Big sister Addy and big brother Ben are overjoyed. Bridget continues to work as a consultant for Henry Ford Health System and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan doing youth advocacy and youth leadership development.

**Amber Jernigan Messmann** and husband, Luke, had their first baby, Meira Raine, on March 21, 2017.

**Emily Miller Klump** and her husband, Brandon, welcomed their fourth boy, Andrew Joseph, to the family on June 19, 2017. Emily continues to pick up shifts occasionally as a physical therapist, but mainly focuses on being home with the boys. **Kelly Long Jackson** is now an employee at a software startup, SyncHR. Kelly also traveled to Tulum with friends, including Annie Zdrojewski (ND '01), and a trip to Paris with her mom and daughter.

**'04 From the Courier Office**

**Stephanie Cunningham Ryan** moved to London in October 2015 with her husband, Peter Ryan. They welcomed baby boy Charles (Charlie) August Ryan on August 28, 2016 in London, England. He was 2.08 kg and 46 cm long.

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**Kelly Ann Haggerty** married Jim O'Hara on May 20, 2017 in Chicago, where they reside. They were married at St. Benedict's, where she is a fourth-grade teacher.

**Lindsay Renee Burnside** has moved to Hawaii, where she is working with Department of Land and Natural Resources taking care of rare and critically endangered Hawaiian tree snails.

**Anney Brandt Roach** and her husband, John, welcomed their first child, a daughter and future Belle, Lucy Therese, on March 4, 2017.

**Margaret Lindley Carbone** was married to Michael Carbone on April 29, 2017 at the Church of Loretto on Saint Mary's campus. Other '08 Belles in attendance included **Erin Hartman Bean**, **Margaret Emily Clark**, **Caitlyn Elizabeth Mack**, **Caitlin Adelaide Morgan**, and **Meg Anderson Smith**.

**Kelly Tighe Montee** and her husband, Mark Montee, welcomed their first child Tighe Stephen Montee. He was born on June 6, 2017. All are doing well and reside in Columbus, OH.

**Cassie Callon** married Gary Bernat in May 2016 in Charlotte, NC. Bridesmaids were fellow SMC classmates **LeAnne Noelle Whiteside Goedde**, **AlexaRae Antekeier**, **Erin Elisabeth Brady**, **Mary McKenna Corrigan**, and **Kelly Christine MacDonald**. In January 2017, Cassie started a new job as social media and content marketing manager at CAN in Concord, NC. She is also the new president of the Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of the Carolinas. If anyone moves to the Carolinas, feel free to reach out to Cassie at [cassie.bernat@gmail.com](mailto:cassie.bernat@gmail.com)!

On December 29, 2016 **Megan Gray Piper** welcomed a second child, Jack Warner Piper IV. Jack joins Megan and her husband, Jack W. Piper III, along with big sister Norah Elizabeth.

**Laura Ann Lucci** writes that she defended her doctoral dissertation, "Pirandello's Dramaturgy of Time," at the University of Toronto this past April.

**Bernadette Langel Howson** and husband, Chris (ND '08), welcomed their second child William Bernhard on October 25, 2016. William joins older brother James Heinrich.

In September 2016 **Andrea Maure Verteramo** started a new career with a local adoption agency

in South Bend using her social work degree from Saint Mary's and is loving it!

**Katie Julia Good** finished up her first year as a travel nurse. She will be in Salt Lake City through the end of the year and will graduate with her master's in nursing and an MBA in October!

**Melinda Jean Welch** relocated to Liverpool, UK, in November 2016 and is handling marketing and public relations for a global design and innovation company.

**Christine Haurert Dalton** and husband, Daniel, welcomed a baby boy, Dante Rex Dalton, into their family on February 27, 2017. Dante also has a big brother, Declan Rocco.

**Kim Harris Stanton** and her husband, Tom, had a daughter, Keagan Nicole Stanton, on January 12, 2017.

**Samantha Peterson Harty** and her husband, Richard, moved to San Antonio last spring and purchased their first home. Samantha also started a new career path in hospitality as a guest services supervisor at Wyndham La Cascada Resort.

**Natalie Holtz Martinez** had a baby girl with her husband, Wilfredo. Their daughter Caroline Edith was born on June 27, 2016.

**Katie Soller Maloney** married Christopher Maloney on September 10, 2016.

**Kelly Marie Payne** married Ethan G. Hagan on December 17, 2016. Fellow Belles in attendance

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- Fine Arts Camp: *Music, Art, Dance, Theatre, and Creative Writing*
- Summer Academy: *Coding | Fashion Design*

### July 8–12

- Athletics: *Volleyball | Basketball | Tennis*

### July 15–19

- Athletics: *Volleyball | Lacrosse | Tennis*

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were matron of honor **Kimberly Hodges Otchere**, bridesmaid **Nicole Korte Kelley**, and **Barbie Nicole Shaw '10**.

**Allison Klein James** and husband, Matthew James (ND '02), had a second baby, Lindsay Rae James, on November 12, 2016, who joins brother Bennett Ryan.

**Sarah Galgano Deeney** and Scott Deeney (ND '08) had their third baby, Cecilia Anne Deeney, on December 27, 2016. Cecilia Anne joins big brother Luke Anthony and big sister Gianna Marie.

**Kristina Nicole Ramos** and her husband, Oscar Garibaldi, had their first baby, Nicholas Daniel Garibaldi Ramos, on July 29, 2016.

**Giuliangela Rosato** welcomed second baby, Gabriel Quinn Mulherin, on January 6, 2017 along with Joseph Mulherin (ND '03) and big brother Oliver Rosato Mulherin.

**Anney Brandt Roach** welcomed her first child, Lucy Thérèse, on March 4, 2017, with husband, John Roach.

**Ann Mason Kiley** and Robby Kiley (ND '08) welcomed their first son, Charles (Charlie) Joseph Kiley, on March 24, 2017.

**Meagan Marie McHugh** graduated in May with her master's in English from Gannon University.

**Erin Hartman Bean** finished her acute care nurse practitioner degree in 2012, got married in 2015, first born, Matthew Bean, arrived in 2016, and she's now moving to Columbus, OH for her husband Jonathan's job.

**Abby Megan Richardson** has been living in the Seattle area working as a senior financial analyst for the City of Bellevue for the past 4.5 years: "In May, I took a quick visit to Detroit to see **Megan Gill Stempin**, who is working for Affinity Management as a benefits director. We road tripped down to Saint Mary's on graduation weekend but still got an awesome room at the Hilton Garden Inn on campus. We caught up with **Cara Ann Grabowski**, who is training for her third Chicago Marathon and is the senior manager of programming and communications for the South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce in the always changing downtown South Bend. It was awesome to see South Bend thriving and rebuilding. We also caught up with **Kathleen Margaret Orr**, who is working for the Department of Social Services as a social worker, at O'Rourke's in Eddy Street Commons ... where was that when we were in college?! We hit up the good ol' Linebacker. Of course, Megan and I took a long walk around SMC reminiscing about how much we love our second home. On the way back to Detroit, we took a detour to see **Kristie Schroeder Brickner**, who is a grade school teacher in Ohio and provided us some awesome news. Any trip that involves five SMC chicks is bound to be fun and this one did not disappoint!"

**Sarah Griffin** married Phillip Senour on July 29, 2017 in Chicago. Bridesmaids included **Megan Staley Lunne** and **Ashley Brown Sheahan**. Saint Mary's friends who attended the wedding were **Audrey Marie Ballinger**, **Katie Julia Good**, **Annie Davis Korelc**, **Connie Colleen Walsh**, and **Cate Cetta Scola**. The couple honeymooned in Portugal.

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Happy fall, ladies! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. The season brought me two visits with two of my closest Belles and I couldn't be happier to have seen them. In June, I visited Medford, OR to meet **Katie Putz De Vry's** future Domer, Henry, who was born in January, and in July I was able to catch up with **Emily Croft Maduzia** when she stopped in South Bend for a quick visit. Emily married Matt Maduzia in January and the two live in Urbana-Champaign, IL, where she works for the University of Illinois. The July visit was the first time Emily had been back on campus in three years, but I'm hoping I can entice her to come visit more often!

**Maria Cuda Hill** married Kevin Hill in December. The couple lives in Cleveland, OH and she began a new teaching job for Orange School District this fall.

**Kelly Gasior Pittner** and her husband moved from New Mexico to Navarre, FL with their three children. They bought their first home and are excited to stay put for at least a few years.

**Kristi Lynn Pellegrini** trekked back across the country as she moved from Washington to Niskayuna, NY in October. She's now a senior scientist in radiochemistry at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory and is wondering if there are any other Belles near the state capital area.

A little further away from Kristi, **Lauren Bernadette Mangiaforte** started a new job as an account director at The Writer in NYC.

**Kaitlyn Kuns Edwards** welcomed baby boy #3, Athanasius Lee Edwards, with her husband, Chad, in February.

**Jessica Huang Neary** writes that she's become a Rodan + Fields consultant. It's her first effort to return to work since becoming a stay-at-home mom to her two children. She's excited to own her own business.

**Brianna Collins Little** and husband, Philip, welcomed a second little girl, Julia Rose, in May.

**Kellie Anderson Beyer** married David Conrad Beyer on July 16, 2016 with **Sarah Dapkus Houser** as a bridesmaid. Kellie and David opened a law firm in San Antonio, TX and plan to relocate to Ft. Worth soon.

**Dana Marie Krilich** graduated from Olivet Nazarene University in May with her doctorate in ethical leadership. Her dissertation was on ways to increase student achievement in advanced placement courses through specifically designed support systems.

**Melissa Gerbeth VanOrt** welcomed a second baby with husband, Caleb, on April 8, 2017.

**Maura Clougherty Bonham** and husband, Tim, welcomed their son, Oliver Duane, on November 3, 2016. They celebrated his baptism in Corpus Christi, TX in March with godparents **Nora Veronica Clougherty '15** and Dave Burkett. **Sarah Falvey Burkett** was also there to celebrate with twins Andy and Henry. Tim and Maura live in Yokosuka, Japan, where Tim is deployed with the *USS Ronald Reagan* and she is volunteering with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Finally, **Ashleigh Jane Telman** is deployed with the US Army until February 2018. She's currently in Kuwait.

As always, if you're passing through South Bend I'd love to see you and catch up in person! Just get in touch on our Facebook page or through email!

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Hello, Belles! I was happy to receive so many updates over the past few months. It's great to see that everyone is happy and healthy and doing big things! So find a comfy seat, grab your coffee or a glass of wine, and read about your fellow Belles' marriages, births, mini reunions, and graduations!

On July 18, 2015 **Karlee Jeske Renz** married Kerry Renz (ND '08) in Le Mans Hall's Holy Spirit Chapel. Many close friends and classmates were in attendance to share in the special day and walk The Avenue together once again just as they did just days before their graduation. And later that year, **Sarah Ryniak Ruszkowski** married her high school sweetheart on August 29, 2015.



This photo was taken days before graduation and recreated in July 2015 on Karlee Jeske Renz's wedding day. Pictured: Deirdre Lynn Robinett, Camille Gebert Hoover, Kelley Jeske Deeth, Mary Sponseller Davenport, Megan Marie Beckman, Sarah Ryniak Ruszkowski, Rebecca Meade Burke, Caitlin Marie O'Brien, Megan Carroll Kucala, Caitlin Sullivan Sutherland, Karlee Jeske Renz, and Emily Young Wallace.

On May 7, 2016 **Rebecca Meade Burke** married graduate Thomas Burke (ND '10). And later that year, in November 2016, **Bridget Caitlin Bell** married Steve Mandarino in North Palm Beach, FL. Bridget and her husband have bought their first home in Elmwood Park, IL. Bridget has also decided to pursue graduate studies and is enrolled part time at Northwestern University.

And this year **Laura Janet Kaminsky** married Tom Ocheltree on July 29 at St. Benedict Church in Chicago. Belles in the wedding party included **Sarah Elizabeth Nardozi '09** and **Ellen Marie Pfister**. Other Belles who joined Laura and Tom for their special day included **Caitlin Smith Sica**, **Brianna O'Rourke**, **Molly Gaffney May**, **Kelly Ann Biedron '09**, **Monica Eustacio Velarde '09**, **Sara Elizabeth Gardner '09**, and **Ashley Rose Stopczynski '13**. **Christina Smotherman Crush** married Patrick Crush on July 1, 2017 in Nashville, TN. Belles who helped celebrate this beautiful day included **Megan Meade Tennant**, **Allison Marie Greene**, **Dr. Megan Hooper Coggon**, **Jenny Elise Hoffman**, **Brianna Noel Acosta**, **Claire Patricia Kenney**, and **Alyssa Marie Piñón**.

And now to introduce everyone to the many births over the last couple years: **Megan Carroll Kucala** welcomed a baby girl, Kyla Sophia Kucala, on October 17, 2015. **Kelley Jeske Deeth** welcomed a baby girl, Tenley Marie Deeth, on July 12, 2016. **Emily Young Wallace** welcomed a baby girl, Ellen Elizabeth Wallace, on July 20, 2016. **Mary Sponseller Davenport** welcomed a baby boy, Logan Michael Davenport, on August 2, 2016. **Kelly Vaas Bizjak** welcomed a baby girl, Kailey Vaas Bizjak, on April 5, 2017, and the godmother is **Maddi Claire McCrea**.

And now to our Belles who have completed their master's programs: **Emily Christine Cook** graduated in May 2017 from ND's Mendoza College of Business with her MBA concentrated in business analytics and marketing. **Christina Smotherman Crush** graduated from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville in May 2017 with her master's in elementary education. **Michelle Alyse Giannola** graduated in May 2017 with her master's in applied psychology and counseling from Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL.

Peace out, Belles! Please email, call, or text any updates to the above information. Thank you!

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**Kristina Marie Marinelli** married Andrew McCorry (ND '10) on June 24 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. Belles standing up for Kristina were matron of honor **Katrina Mesina Meckes**, maid of honor **Natalie Anne Valent**, and bridesmaids **Shannon Marie Dames**, **Courtney Lynn Rex**, **Emily Treat Fox**, **Christina Kolling Carlson**, and **Eliscia Filice Turner**. The newlyweds are living in Chicago.

**Eliscia Filice** married Eric Michael Turner in Toronto on July 15, 2017. Belle bridesmaids included **Katrina Mesina Meckes**, **Kristina Marinelli McCorry**, **Shannon Marie Dames**, and **Courtney Ray Helmer**. The couple resides in Dallas, TX.

**Carol Anne Conaghan** married Zachery Matesich on July 15, 2017 in Holy Spirit Chapel at Saint Mary's College. Bridesmaids included **Nicole Elizabeth Bieganski** and **Molly Pavela Van Hoven**. Carol graduated in 2016 from Notre Dame's master of divinity program, and Zachery graduated in 2017 with his PhD in organic chemistry from the University of Illinois. The couple resides in Wooster, OH.

**Brianna Lamp** married Drew Wessel on March 18, 2017. Bridesmaids included sisters **Mary Kathleen Lamp '13** and Elizabeth Grace Lamp as maids of honor, **Casey Elizabeth Larson**, **Kristen Marie Petkevich**, **Jenna Leigh Lewanski**, and Lauren Gramza. **Kerriann Clare Dooley '12**, **Jennifer Becker West '10**, **Mary Beth Gizinski '12**, and **Amanda Marie Brady '13** were also in attendance. The newlyweds honeymooned in Europe for two weeks and now reside in Elgin, IL.

Olivia Renee, daughter of **Lisa Sommers Nier** and husband, Christopher, was born on June 28, 21 inches and 7 lbs. 13 oz.

**Colleen Lake Reuvers** and husband, Zach, welcomed their first child, Ryan Patrick, on July 3, 2017. Baby Ryan weighed 10 lbs. 6 oz. and he is

healthy and happy. Colleen and Zach feel blessed beyond measure!

**Lizzy Nicole Klee** has a new full-time job as the volunteer coordinator at the The Literacy Alliance, a small non-profit in Fort Wayne, IN.

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We celebrated our first reunion at Saint Mary's this summer. It was great to catch up with Belles and hear about the amazing achievements and changes in our lives.

**Brie Lin Hussey** received her doctor of occupational therapy degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in December 2016. She passed her board certification exam for occupational therapy in February 2017. Brie lives in Michigan City, IN.

**Diane Marie Hyzer** completed her master of science in mechanical engineering from Washington University in August 2016 and now is an engineer for the Boeing Company in Berkeley, MO.

**Kate Alycia Kirbie** graduated with her Montessori diploma in elementary education from the Montessori Institute of Milwaukee in May 2017 and began her position as a lower elementary guide at Craig Montessori School in Milwaukee, WI in August 2017.

**Danielle Marie Kramer** completed her master's in physician assistant studies from Central Michigan University in August 2016 and began her first job with the gastroenterology group at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, MI in February 2017.

**Katie Elizabeth Lay** graduated with a master of public affairs and a master of science in environmental science from Indiana University in December 2016. She now lives in Washington, DC and works for a government consulting firm.

**Margaret Patricia Otten** completed her master in clinical psychology in 2016 and is an IT recruiter in immigration in Illinois. She and her husband, Jordan Jurinjak, also adopted a dog in 2016.

**Cassandra Palmer Gohn** graduated with her PhD in cellular and integrative physiology from Indiana University School of Medicine in June 2017. Her work was recently featured in the *Journal of Cellular Physiology* and the *American Journal of Physiology*. She started her role as an assistant professor of biology at Manchester University in August 2017.

**Maggie Ann Slavin** is studying for her second master's degree in international education development at University College London in the UK.

**Joanne Elizabeth Almond** moved from Chicago to Puyallup, WA. **Katie Rose DiPiero**, after spending the last five years at an archdiocesan school in Englewood, IL, now works as a college-persistence counselor at Chicago Jesuit Academy. **Lauren Ann Lees** moved to San Antonio, TX and is a women's health consultant for Cerner Corporation. **Kimberly Roland Brady** left her role at Arizona State University and now is the director of entrepreneur programs for the Better Business

Bureau, where she is launching a co-working and incubation space and creating educational programs for small businesses and startups. **Madeline Inez O'Sullivan** moved to Nashville, TN in July 2016 and teaches with Sumner County Schools. **Catherine Margaret Swanson** was promoted to HRIS specialist in July 2016 at Medline Industries.

**Catherine Moore Anton** married Matthew Anton on August 5, 2016; she is a registered nurse with Northwestern Medicine in Lake Forest, IL.

**Katie Dapper Dressing** married Dr. Michael Dressing on September 24, 2016 in Florida. Katie is a corporate event/conference manager at IQPC Exchange in Tampa, FL.

**Brittany Flanagan Armbruster** married Sean Armbruster on September 30, 2016 in Joliet, IL. **Laura Christine Wilkerson**, **Madeline Inez O'Sullivan**, and **Kimberly Jean Medek** were in attendance.

**Caitlin Ascherl Parthum** separated from the active duty Air Force after five years of service. She married Andrew Parthum on March 25, 2017 in Granville, IA. **Julia Humphrey Everett**, **Clare Marie-Catherine Welsh '11**, and **Malea Kay Schulte '14** were part of the wedding. Caitlin and her husband moved to Evanston, IL, where Andrew is attending graduate school at Northwestern.

**Hilary Ferguson Crist** married Dayne Lawrence Crist (ND '12) in May 2016 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. They were surrounded by many of our ND and SMC classmates, including **Anne Katherine Bolitho**, **Mary Margaret (Maggie) Ronan**, **Madison Christine Thatcher**, **Lauren Patricia Harrell**, and **Sarah McNellie**, who stood up as bridesmaids.

**Victoria Scheid Scherer** married Bryan Scherer (ND '12) on May 13, 2017. The bridal party included **Megan Jane Flaherty**, **Tiffany Ann Knipp**, **Stefanni Joyce Cerven**, **Ashley Victoria Aranha**, and Stephanie Scherer (ND '15).

**Jacquelyn Zupancic Momont** married Matt Momont (ND '11) at SMC on June 10, 2017.

**Ashlynd Romkema Brown** and her husband, Matthew Brown, welcomed the birth of their daughter Emily Clare on October 1, 2015 and their son Aidan Peter on September 26, 2016.

**Natalie Bartzen Sharbrough** and her husband, Joel Sharbrough, welcomed the birth of their son Wesley Sharbrough on July 30, 2016. Natalie and her family live in Fort Collins, CO.

**Hilary Ropp Paas** and her husband, Bryan Paas, welcomed the birth of their son Peter William Paas on October 28, 2016. Hilary is a teacher at Cure' of Ars Catholic School in Leewood, KS.

**Stephanie Kreager Smith** and her husband, Adam C. Smith, welcomed the birth of their daughter Olivia Smith on November 10, 2016. Stephanie is a nurse at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

**Lori LeClere Isaacs** and her husband, Michael Joseph Isaacs, welcomed the birth of their son Andrew David Isaacs on February 3, 2016. Lori is a speech language pathologist with Franciscan Health in Indianapolis.

**Samantha Tulisak Lee** and her husband, Nathaniel John Lee (ND '12), welcomed the birth of their daughter Victoria Rose Lee on February 4, 2017. Samantha and her family live in Colorado Springs, CO.

**Kellie Stepaniak Lapham** welcomed the birth of her son Wade Michael on March 29, 2017.

**Bethany Pilarski Panting** and her husband, Thomas Panting, welcomed the birth of their son Thomas Daniel Panting II on April 8, 2016. Bethany and her family live in Granger, IN.

**Julia Humphrey Everett**, her husband, Thomas Everett (ND '12), and their daughter Nora welcomed the birth of Louis Maximilian Everett on July 18, 2017. Tom also completed his first year of law school at Notre Dame in the top 10% of his class.

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A few things to report from your fellow Belles.

**Elizabeth Rose Elsbach** graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in May 2016 and received the Intellectual Property Law Award. She co-authored a law article, *Small Towns, Big Projects*, published in *Sharing the Costs and Benefits of Energy and Resource Activity: Legal Change and Impact on Communities*, published by Oxford University Press in March 2016. She also co-authored a book, *Living the World War: A Weekly Exploration of the American Experience in World War I-Volume One*, published in March 2016. The second volume will be out this year. Also, Elizabeth accepted a judicial clerkship with Judge George Bowden.

**Michelle Nowinski Grojean** got married November 5, 2016 in Los Angeles to Thomas Grojean III. She and her husband live in Dallas. **Emily Fairchild** is now Emily Kershnik. She married Kevin Kershnik in July.

In baby news, **Megan Lord Roberts** and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Ellie, in May. **Cecelia Marie Gatto-Guerrero** and her husband also welcomed a baby girl, Maria Maple, in May.

We hope to see you all at our first reunion this summer. :D Meghan and Amy smcclassnews2013@gmail.com.

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Hello, 2014 Belles! It's hard to believe that it's been nearly 3.5 years since we took our final journey down The Avenue as students! We are thrilled to share some of the many celebrations and successes our class has experienced.

Several of our classmates just finished law school this May! **Shannon Mae Dolan** graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law and serves as a State of New Jersey public defender in the Mental Health Division. **Alexis Michelle Gipson-Goodnough** graduated from the University of

Toledo College of Law and accepted a position with Mercy Health in Toledo as an SR compliance and human resources business partner. **Hannah Elizabeth Mudd** graduated from University of Missouri School of Law and sat for the Missouri Bar Exam at the end of July. Hannah is moving to St. Louis to start her career and looking forward to becoming active in the local alumnae chapter. Congratulations to all the new Belles in our class!

In addition to law school, we also had a handful of our class finish their master's degrees. **Samantha Marley Favorite** graduated with a master's of arts in applied behavior analysis with a concentration in autism from Ball State University. **Kat Sullivan** finished her master's of science in education in higher education and student affairs and is serving as the assistant director of admission and Chicago regional representative for Saint Mary's.

With the new year came new careers and locations for our 2014 classmates. **Shanlynn Bias** moved to Washington, DC to work as a management analyst for the Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Division. Shanlynn works in the Executive Secretariat and Legislation program office, where she processes correspondence between the other program offices, pulls together a variety of reports, and distributes them to their appropriate destination. **Ana Maria Weikert** changed careers and is working as a registered nurse in a cardiovascular surgical intensive care unit in Atlanta.

We also have some wedding Belles to ring! **Madison Koehler Wise** married Garrett Wise on April 1, 2017. She also celebrated her two-year work anniversary with McKinsey & Company. **Brooke Nicole Haynes** married Tyler Bergman on August 26, 2017. **Alexandra Zahm Ramsay** married Paul Ramsay on February 25, 2017. They live in Huntington, IN. Allie started a new job in January 2017 as a house manager at Place of Grace, a residential program for women exiting incarceration and focusing on recovery from drug addiction. Congratulations to all our newlyweds!

We are so proud to see so many of our 2014 Belles doing so well and actively working to make a difference in their communities. As always, please continue to share your successes with us so we can share it with the Saint Mary's community. Go Belles, and go class of 2014!

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

**Tabitha Latisha Hackbush** started in the master's in social work program at IUPUI and is celebrating two years at the Department of Child Services in December. Congratulations, Tabitha!

**Payton Alexi Moore** graduated from the

University of Cincinnati in spring 2017 with her master's in women's, gender, and sexuality studies. She will be starting the PhD program in gender and women's studies at the University of Kentucky in August. How awesome, Payton. Thanks for sharing!

**Chloe Kristina Venskus** is finishing up her last semester at Governors State University for an MA in clinical psychology. Congrats, Chloe! That is so exciting!

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

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Lots of news from the Class of 2016! First off, congratulations to all the Belles who've celebrated weddings!

**Brittany Rosales Sutter** married Brett Sutter on May 26, 2017 in Palos Park, IL. **Brianna Natasha Merz** and **Christina Joanne Russo** stood as bridesmaids. Shortly thereafter, the couple moved to Pyeongtaek, South Korea, where Brett is stationed in the US Army.

**Isabella Gagnon Meaux** was commissioned from Notre Dame as a Signal Officer and began active duty on September 21, 2016. On July 17, 2017, she married Samuel Meaux at the Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, MD, where she grew up. **Brett Christina Quick**, **Megan Elizabeth McVeigh '15**, and **Emilie Victoria Vanneste '17** stood as bridesmaids. The couple now lives in Fayetteville, NC along with their puppy Maverick. Isabella is currently stationed at Fort Bragg.

**Maggie Hudson Sampson** married Patric Sampson on May 27, 2017 in Kalamazoo, MI. Their wedding brought together many alumnae including **Morgan Marie Brandwein**, **Maddie Rose Kohler**, **Betsey Hudson Henschel '13**, and **Loren Elizabeth Sampson '12**, who all stood in the wedding. The couple now lives in Pensacola, FL.

**Allie Danhof Kolean** married Jason Kolean on July 15, 2017 in Grand Rapids, MI, where the couple now lives. **Katie Margaret Hennelly** and **Lauren Elizabeth Cushing** were bridesmaids, and **Hannah Elizabeth Ziegeler '15** served as wedding photographer. Many other Belles attended.

Other Belles have been busy starting new careers, moving to new cities (and countries!), and beginning graduate studies. **Anne Marie Cahill** moved to New York City in June to begin work as a surgical nurse at Mount Sinai Hospital. Also in June, **Maddie Ann Nancy Corsaro** moved to Pittsburgh to begin her new job as a business analyst with Grant Street Group. She and **Megan Dolan** graduated in May from Notre Dame's master of science in management program.

**Ashley Carmel Fuller** also graduated from Notre Dame this May, having completed her final year in the SMC/ND dual-degree engineering program, and received a BS in chemical engineering. In July, she began as a management associate in quality assurance with US Steel in Portage, IN.

**Miranda Elizabeth Oltmanns** accepted a new position with the Olmsted Falls City School district

in Ohio, teaching second grade. She also was promoted to director of Learn to Skate for the city of North Olmsted and is enjoying her role as president of the Cleveland/Akron Alumnae Club.

**Ashley Marie Watkins** began working as a victim advocate at a brand new not-for-profit in Franklin, IN called ASSIST, which provides help for survivors of sexual, physical, and domestic violence. She started as their third employee in November 2016 and has changed her graduate concentration to the leadership track as she pursues her MSW.

**Mallory Christine Fowler** has begun pursuing her postgraduate degree at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, where she has enrolled in a new interdisciplinary program called "Research in Collections and Curating Practices." Throughout the 12-month program, Mallory will be specifically researching the use of film in exhibition environments.

**Katie Elizabeth Woods** and **Megan Margaret Woods** enrolled at Northeastern University to pursue their master's degrees in history (concentration in public history). They now live in greater Boston with **Melissa Marie Fitzpatrick**, who works as marketing coordinator for Holy Cross Family Ministries.

**Kelly Marie Lyden** began law school in August at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, WI. She's anxious to meet fellow Belles living in the Milwaukee area!

**Shannon Carroll Faulkner** is in her second year of graduate school at the University of Tennessee, pursuing her doctorate in audiology. She reunited with several 2016 Belles over Memorial Day in Michigan: **Kristin Anna Linkowski**, **Taylor Lee TenBrock**, **Claire Lynn Boyle**, **Michelle Lee Andary**, **Maggie Therese Crowe**, and **Brett Christina Quick**.

And finally, **Eleanor Jones** has begun her tenure as an English teaching assistant at the Mongolian University of Life Science through the Fulbright program. After living in South Africa for a year, she came to the US only briefly before starting this new adventure in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar. Congratulations and best wishes, Eleanor!

Thanks for sharing all your wonderful news and accomplishments, ladies! Don't forget to keep your classmates posted about weddings, babies, new jobs, new homes, new schools, and other exciting life events. Send your updates to [smc16news@gmail.com](mailto:smc16news@gmail.com). Go Belles!

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## Christian Culture lecture hosts Margaret Atwood

Tickets sold out quickly again this year for the annual Christian Culture lecture, which featured bestselling author Margaret Atwood.

Atwood wrote *The Handmaid's Tale*, which was originally published in 1985, but has recently regained the spotlight since it has been adapted as an Emmy award-winning Hulu series. Atwood shared her inspiration for the novel and the timeliness of the story. Atwood is the author of more than 40 books of fiction, poetry and critical essays.

Presented by the Department of Humanistic Studies, the Christian Culture Lecture honors the late Professor Emeritus Bruno Schlesinger and is made possible by the generosity of Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61 and Donald B. Rice.

For more photos and coverage of Atwood's lecture, visit [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier)



## Installation of a new Bruno P. Schlesinger Endowed Chair in Humanistic Studies

A professor at Saint Mary's since 1989, Philip Hicks was installed as the Bruno P. Schlesinger Endowed Chair in Humanistic Studies.

Hicks received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Notre Dame, a second bachelor's degree from the University of Cambridge, and his PhD from Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of *Neoclassical History and English Culture: From Clarendon to Hurre* and various articles on women, Republicanism, and Enlightenment.

The Bruno P. Schlesinger Endowed Chair was endowed, in part, by a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant. Alumnae, many of whom majored in Christian Culture while at Saint Mary's College, matched this grant with their contributions. Professor Schlesinger's teaching career at Saint Mary's College spanned three generations of students and the tenure of nine College presidents. His accomplishment and foresight in founding what is today the Department of Humanistic Studies (formerly the Christian Culture Program) can be measured through the ongoing contributions of its faculty and students.



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**AIMEE BECKMANN-COLLIER '75** received Drake University's Madelyn M. Levitt Teacher of the Year Award in May 2017. This award was established to recognize faculty who exhibit an informed mind in inspirational dialogue with students, rigor in intellectual endeavors, and a contagious enthusiasm for their subject matter.

**ADRIANA TRIGIANI '81** released a new book titled *Kiss Carlo* in June 2017.

**EVELYN WESSEL ANGELLE '88** joined BJ Services as executive vice president and chief financial officer. BJ Services is a leading North American provider of pressure pumping services.

**PATRICIA DUNLEVY WATSON '88** was elected to the Board of Directors at Rockwell Automation, the world's largest company dedicated to industrial automation and information.

**MARYSE PFLUM NAMAN '95** and her husband, Mark, opened a Philly Pretzel Factory in South Bend on Edison Road in June.

**JENNIFER MYERS WISEMAN '96** was named chief financial officer for Bluelock, provider of Disaster Recovery-as-a-Service for complex environments and sensitive data. She is the first to take on the role of CFO at the company since 2011.

**VANESSA INDRIOLO VREELAND '99** was promoted to senior vice president and head of acquisitions and strategic investments at Fifth Third Bank in January 2016.

**BETHANY TOVEY GERAGHTY CONNOLLY '02** was cast in the New Light Theater Project and Chicago Dramatists' world premiere production of *Still Dance the Stars*. This production tells the story of James and Anne, a viral internet-proposal sensation couple who have hit a rut in their sixth year of marriage. The performance previewed on August 25 and ran through September 16 in Chicago.

**NOREEN GILLESPIE '02** was named deputy managing editor for US news with The Associated Press. With this appointment, she will oversee the largest group of journalists at AP, who report on the US from all 50 states and Washington, including visual journalists in the states who are now part of AP's unified, all-formats approach to newsgathering.

**JULIE LAEMMLE '11** joined Wyatt, Tarrant & Gombs law firm's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Service Team. She concentrates her practice in the areas of commercial disputes, healthcare litigation, and employment matters.

**EMILY MCNALLY '15** joined the Indiana Office of Tourism Development as a senior project manager.

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

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

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# *I carry Saint Mary's with me*

By Meg Louis '10, RN, MBA, EDAC



It shouldn't come as a surprise that a patient's environment plays a key role in health and healing. After all, the pioneer of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, advocated for good light and air circulation wherever patients were being treated.

Nightingale's concepts have held the test of time and I'm pleased to play a part in designing environments that are the most conducive to healing.

I am a healthcare operations planner for a national architectural design firm that specializes in healthcare facilities. I have a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Saint Mary's College, four years' experience in hospitals, and an MBA.

At BSA Life Structures in St. Louis, I use my nursing skills when considering how patients and staff will flow through a new or renovated facility. I work to ensure the space is functional and efficient, attributes that are proven to affect patient outcomes.

As I reflect on the role environment plays in healing, I think too of the Saint Mary's environment that nurtured me for four years.

The nursing program encouraged us to think beyond traditional roles. We were exposed to nurses in non-traditional positions such as lawyers and nurse practitioners. We were encouraged to pursue further education to enhance our leadership capabilities. I remember thinking, "Wow, I have a lot of options at my fingertips."

I appreciated my nursing education but I also took courses in the humanities that allowed me to have a well-rounded experience. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention how the Catholic education and environment helped me understand the holistic nature of every person. The difference is intention.

*Anyone can master a skill but people sense when the understanding and intention behind what you are doing is deeper than that.*

Saint Mary's gave me the time and space I needed to develop as a person. When I went on to a larger co-ed school to get my MBA, I felt well prepared and very secure with who I was as I entered that broader environment.

In some ways, I guess you could say that the environment of Saint Mary's never left me. I carry it still, as I consider how to create settings that give others security, safety, healing and hope. **C**

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*Sadness 04* by Lydia Zeiner '20. Zeiner's work was used as the imagery for the fall theatre production *Once a Belle...? Striving for Inclusivity*. The play was written by the cast with this year's Margaret Hill Visiting Artists Barbara Pitts McAdams and Meyung Kim from the Tectonic Theatre Project. To read more about the production, visit [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier)