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Ceremony marks dedication of Frank and Dorothea Henry Student Lounge

The campus community officially dedicated the Frank and Dorothea Henry Student Lounge on Wednesday, May 1 to acknowledge the philanthropy and generosity of the Henry Family.

The newly renovated 2,100-square-foot building is being named in honor of Frank M. and Dorothea Henry. Mrs. Henry served the University as a trustee from 1980-86. Mr. Henry is the CEO of Martz Trailways, a historic motor coach company that was founded in 1906 by his grandfather, Frank Martz, Sr., in Plymouth, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Henry's son, Scott, is the president of the company.

Mr. Henry has been at the helm of the family-owned company since 1964. In that time, the company has grown to include six major motor coach companies spanning the east coast from New York City to Florida. The company also owns and operates a travel agency in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for air and cruise services, as well as the coach companies of Gold Line/Gray Line sightseeing in Washington, D.C.; National Coach Bus Co. and National Coach Works Trailways in Fredericksburg, Va.; and Gulf Coast Gray Line and First Class Coach Co. Trailways in Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla.

The couple's philanthropy is known throughout northeastern Pennsylvania as they have supported endeavors for the betterment of higher education and quality of life issues. The Council for

Advancement and Support of Education presented Mr. Henry with the Seymour Preston Award in 2000. At Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, the Henrys supported the construction of the Frank M. & Dorothea Henry Cancer Center, as well as ongoing enhancements to the state-of-the-art health care facility. At Wilkes University, the couple supported the construction of the Henry Student Center. Mr. and Mrs. Henry also are ardent supporters of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School and the NEPA Philharmonic.

Formerly known as Black Top Lounge, the 1960s era building was renovated completely for about \$200,000 in order to accommodate the needs of a growing campus population and the need for additional office space. The 2,100-square-foot, one-story lounge received a comprehensive facelift, including a new roof, new windows, new furniture and new heating and air conditioning system. Henry Lounge features a kitchenette for students, as well as café tables and chairs, two separate living-room styled seating areas and one 55-inch flat screen television.



Misericordia University officially dedicated the Frank and Dorothea Henry Student Lounge on May 1 to acknowledge the philanthropy and generosity of the Henry Family. Participating in the dedication ceremony, from left, are Marjorie Henry Marquart '83, Frank Henry, Dorothea Henry, Scott Henry and his son, Scott Henry.

The facility, located near Rosenn Plaza and adjacent to the Banks Student Life Center, is connected to the University's wireless network and features a charging station for laptop computers and two newly renovated bathrooms. It also houses the offices for the multicultural student outreach coordinator and the student affairs and community standards coordinator.

The Henrys have three children, Frank Jr., Scott and Marjorie Henry Marquart, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education, magna cum laude, from Misericordia in 1983. The Henrys also have nine grandchildren.

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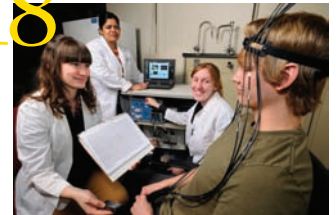
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ON THE COVER

Misericordia University is planning an Inauguration Ceremony for the 13th president on Nov. 15. The event will feature a series of events all week and culminates with the inauguration of Dr. Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D. On the cover, Dr. Botzman poses with his wife, Vanessa, and daughter, Gabriela.



Charisms spring to life

As I write this, I've just completed my first full week at Misericordia University. It has made me think about the challenges first year students face, especially during their first few weeks on campus. Fortunately, I was able to experience and see firsthand the Misericordia way on June 28-29 when our new first year families visited campus for summer orientation.

Personal attention has long been one of the staples of a Misericordia education. That one-on-one attention students receive from faculty members enables them to succeed inside and outside of the classroom. It also teaches them something else—the importance of helping and working with others. That gift was on full display during our orientation programs.

Staff, faculty and students who were involved in the planning of the programs packed days with activities, fun, and learning about Misericordia. It was rewarding to see our new students interacting with our current students, staff and faculty members to learn more about MU and all that it has to offer. We talked about academic programs, future careers, roommates, campus, weekend activities, our great cookies, building relationships, and hundreds of other interesting topics.

In a single day, the new students made friends, arranged their course schedules, and thought about how it will be to live away from their parents for the first time. Many of them spoke of how much they are looking forward to starting the next chapter of their lives, both academically and socially. They are an impressive group, with strong academic credentials, serious career aspirations, athletic talent, and a generous desire to give and to serve others.

With this being my 24th year in higher education, you could easily assume that the issues orientation programs address are routine to me. My wife, Vanessa, and I, though, are experiencing the same range of questions and emotions as other first year families. Our daughter, Gabriela, is preparing for her first year as a collegian in Ohio, where she will be studying elementary education. While Gabi has been around various college campuses her entire life, this time she won't be coming home to us each day.

Nonetheless, we still share both the excitement and the concerns about this new chapter in our lives. We have come to appreciate the faculty, staff and students at Gabi's new college, as they have exhibited the same caring and understanding traits of MU. In the end, it makes our family even prouder to know we are joining the Misericordia community and sharing simultaneously the sense of purpose and welcoming that our 440 first year students also are experiencing.

As I reflect back on my first week at Misericordia, what shines through the most in the orientation process is how our new students recognize that they are going to be part of a very special community that instinctively welcomes and serves others. My favorite part of the orientation program was when four of our returning students, Arthur Dowell, Shannon Joyce, Robert Romagnolo and Zachary Sabaday talked about their personal experiences with the four charisms of the Sisters of Mercy: Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality.

They were able to bring to life examples of how they have changed and grown during their time at Misericordia. I am certain all of our first year students—including me—will soon be able to tell similar stories about how MU's tenets leave a lasting impact on each of us and those around us.



President Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D.

MU couple supports field house endeavor

BY JIM ROBERTS

Imagination is powerful. It helps people to see what is possible and to feel fortunate about their past.

Trisha '07 and Sean Collins '07 donated to the Pursuit of Acclamation effort by sponsoring a locker and paving stone at the John and Mary Metz Field House. A four-year starter and two-year captain on the lacrosse team, Sean imagined what a field house would bring to Misericordia before he was a student here.

"When I was in high school touring campus, coach Jim Ricardo talked about plans to build a facility even then," says Sean. "When I was a student, we used the Anderson Center for early season practices. I remember sharing the locker room with other teams. We sometimes practiced in that locker room – showers and sinks right there. Trisha and I decided to give back hoping that someone else could benefit from the Misericordia experience with some upgrades."

Trisha participated in cheerleading as a first-year student and kept lacrosse

statistics as a senior. "Athletics is an important outlet for people and worth supporting," she says. Trisha has achieved success as a physical therapist at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, Pa. "When I went on job interviews, they would say 'You went to Misericordia?' and a few times would try to create a job opening just because I was a Misericordia graduate. I feel fortunate," she says.

Sean still coaches lacrosse and works as a lead interventional technologist putting his medical imaging degree to work at Lehigh Valley Hospital's Cedar Crest site.

"I remember sitting down with my parents to choose a college and they said, 'Are you going for lacrosse or an education?' Choosing Misericordia was one of the best decisions I ever made," adds Sean. "I couldn't imagine my life without the close relationships I formed with teammates and friends and my education. It is a unique student experience at MU, and we are fortunate to be able to give back."

Sean and Trisha currently reside in Nazareth, Pa.



Photo by Leandra Elaine Photography



Framed by blooming irises, daisies and roses, Barbara Soyka looks at home in the Sister Regina Kelly Shakespeare Garden at Misericordia University.

Standing near the bench she sponsored in honor of her mother, Anna, the retired high school English teacher is an avid student of The Bard and is also a master gardener. Her involvement with MU began when she brought those two diverse talent sets together to aid fellow teacher and longtime friend, Agnes Toloczko Cardoni '69, Ph.D., in a plan to honor Sister Regina, a revered Misericordia faculty member, with a true Shakespeare Garden.

Soyka used her research and gardening knowledge to suggest plants that made

Life-long teacher knows the definition of giving

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

the Elizabethan garden as authentic as possible given northeastern Pennsylvania's climate. The two friends were proud of their efforts at the garden's dedication in 2010. A garden is a wonderful thing ... it is constantly changing and growing, not static like books or pictures, Soyka says. It is important to the campus and the community. You give people the proper setting and they will thrive in it.

Soyka, a member of the Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club, is also credited with having her fellow bloomers manage the care of the garden as an ongoing community service project. She also has established The Barbara Soyka Endowed Fund for the Shakespeare Garden to ensure that the garden would never be neglected because of a lack of funding.

As her involvement with the University took root, so too has her interest in the academic interests of students. In 2011, she established The Soyka Women

Endowed Scholarship to provide scholarship assistance to a local woman in the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program. She then partnered with the Charlotte Newcombe Foundation to establish the Barbara Soyka/Charlotte Newcombe Endowed Scholarship for mature women.

Always a bibliophile, Soyka made sure that the library's English collection was expanded this year. Then, working with Russ Pottle, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, her support of the University grew more profound with the recent establishment of the Soyka Fund for the Humanities.

The fund's first project is a multidisciplinary program with the Departments of English, and History and Government on Oct. 22-23 with feature author James Church, a writer of spy novels who incorporates his experience in the U.S. Foreign Service and his interest in North Korea in his writing. He will offer a lecture for the public and conduct master classes with faculty and students.

Misericordia University student
Jillian Dunn '14 helps provide
toddler care during her spring
break trip assisting the
Franciscans of the Poor in
Cincinnati, Ohio.



'Littlest things MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE'

Students aid those most in need during annual Spring Break Service Trips

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

As government entities deal with the impact of the federal budget sequestration cuts on community and social service agencies across the country, the concern level has been raised for people who need those services the most – the homeless, poor and underprivileged. Focusing

their volunteer efforts on those most in need, 64 Misericordia University students spent their spring break on volunteer projects in some of the most underserved areas of Alabama, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and on a mission to assist the Sisters of Mercy on a self-sustaining farm in Vermont.

Following in a long tradition of servant leaders, the five groups of volunteers provided a wide range of services to people from all walks of life and age brackets. Collectively, they felt they were the ones who gained the most from the experience.

"I am amazed at how much we learned about what it is to be in poverty," admits Sabrina Alles '15, a pre-med and medical science major, who was one of 10 Misericordia students and two chaperones that worked at a free clinic and served food to the homeless at the City Mission of Schenectady, N.Y. "Among the places that we served was a distribution center where City Mission provides more than 400 free lunches to children each day. We also took part in a women's

devotional prayer service and a Bridges Out of Poverty Class, where we heard firsthand stories about what it is like to be hungry and homeless."

Alles also had a chance to work with doctors who were volunteering their services at a free clinic. "I was able to watch and listen and see how important the work is that they were doing. It definitely made me more confident about my career choice (medicine) and showed me that I can do it," she adds.

Alexandra Zara '16 started volunteering in high school with Project Remain, an after-school program for underprivileged children in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. While on the service trip to Schenectady – where the poverty rate is nearly 10 percent higher than the state average – the sophomore

speech-language pathology major helped serve meals, sorted donations at a regional food bank, assisted with a Toys for Tots program, and attended a women's devotional prayer service. "I know that people have different issues that they deal with and it touched my heart to hear the stories of the women at the prayer service and how they were coming together to help each other," says Zara. "The energy in that event was so powerful and so deep. It touched my heart and confirmed my desire to help others in my career."

Students Sarah Ashford '14 and Katie O'Hearn were on a team of 12 students and two chaperones that assisted with after-school sessions for low-income students and worked at Choice CAIN (Churches Active in the North), two

programs operated by the Franciscans for the Poor in Cincinnati, Ohio. Choice CAIN includes a food pantry that is arranged like a store, where the clients are able to choose the items they need. It also offers a "Birthday Closet" where people can select a present for a member of their family. The students also assisted at the Matthew 25 Donation Center in Cincinnati where, among many jobs, they mixed together hundreds of cans of leftover paint. The messy process resulted in the creation of enough new paint to cover the interior of 132 houses.

"What I learned is that the people we were serving are not homeless people, but people experiencing homelessness – there is a big difference," says Ashford, who will earn her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in December 2014. "Homelessness is a stage in their lives that they can move past with the right help. I am proud to be a part of that."

"Some of the most important work we did was to make eye contact with the people coming to the pantry and sit and listen to their stories," adds O'Hearn, an occupational therapy major. "People need to know that their life has value. We found out that sometimes they just need someone to listen to them."

Nick Ametrano '13, a health care management major, was one of 11 students and two chaperones who assisted teachers in an after-school program operated by the Mercy Neighborhoods of North Philadelphia. He also visited with elderly at a day care center who were at the facility because it wasn't safe for them to be home alone in their inner-city neighborhoods.

The highlight of his mission trip was simply seeing children dance. "I was amazed at seeing the children react when we played a *Just Dance* video game ... it made them so happy. It was at that moment when I learned the littlest things make the biggest difference. Taking a few minutes with them really made their day. It was far

more rewarding than I ever expected," says Ametrano.

A family of eight refugees from Africa has a new home thanks to the work of 24 MU students and three chaperones who spent their spring break helping to complete a Habitat for Humanity home in Mobile, Ala. Both Caitlin Vitale '16, a speech-language pathology major, and Adam Grzech '13, an accounting major on his third service trip with MU, say they were most proud of the spirit that developed within their group and what they were able to accomplish together.

"Ten of us were putting up siding on the house, and at first it didn't look like much...but suddenly, when I stepped back and looked up, it actually looked like a place where someone could live," Vitale says. "We were making someone a home and I couldn't have been any prouder. It is something that will stay with me for the rest of my life."

"We were able to give the people a house, and that was nice ... but they gave us so much more," adds Grzech. "I was amazed at how our students worked together as a group as compared to others we saw in action there. We were all changed with the realization that the adage is true, 'I alone can change the world.'"

The can-do attitude was equally prevalent with the seven Misericordia students and two chaperones who traveled to Benson, Vt., to serve at Mercy Farm, a working farm and eco-spiritual center operated by the Sisters of Mercy on the New York-Vermont border. The



Students Sarah Ashford '14, left, and Jillian Dunn '14 mix together donated cans of leftover paint to create enough new paint to cover the interiors of 132 houses as part of their service work for the Franciscans for the Poor in Cincinnati.

produce from the gardens supports the farm community. "From working with nature on Mercy Farm, I learned that we have a large impact on our environment and that it is our responsibility to maintain the place where we and other things live," says Deirdre Stevens '17, an occupational therapy major.

The group undertook laborious tasks around the property, such as helping prepare the farmlands for planting and creating trails. "This trip had a large impact on me because it allowed me to serve others and reflect. It also brought me extremely close with the others on the trip and we are now a family who will always be there for one another," adds Stevens.



At far left, students, from left, Rebecca Santoleri '16, Elena Uribe '17, Koryn Henry '15, Katie Serino '15, Adrian Whitmoyer '15, Marisa Wagner '13 and Amanda Slaughter '16 pose with Pastor Dan Cragan, kneeling, at the City Mission of Schenectady, N.Y.

Misericordia University students Marisa Wagner '13 and Adrian Whitmoyer '15, right, don hard hats for their work during a spring break service trip to the City Mission of Schenectady, N.Y.

A portrait of Chris Borton, a middle-aged man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a brown suit, white shirt, and a yellow patterned tie. He is smiling and standing in front of a blurred background that appears to be an interior space with arches.

Chris Borton

Board of Trustees

According to Dilbert cartoon creator Scott Adams, Engineers like to solve problems. If there are no problems handily available, they will create their own problems.

Christopher L. Borton, P.E., CEO of Borton Lawson and vice chair of Misericordia University's Board of Trustees, likes to solve problems, too. When he's not solving them for his company, he seeks out new challenges.

Interested in knowing how things worked at an early age and inspired by his youngest uncle who was an engineer, Borton attended Penn State University where he studied to be a surveyor but was drawn to engineering in his second year. As he prepared to make the switch to engineering, he had to skip a semester to wait for the relevant courses to be offered. A dose of professional reality would soon follow.

I had a chance to work for seven months as a draftsman at Smith Miller, a Kingston, Pa., based engineering firm. That professional experience and hard work early in my college career motivated me to go on for my bachelor's degree," says Borton.

After graduating on a Saturday from Penn State, he went to work full time for Smith Miller that very Monday. Having studied water resources engineering and transportation engineering, Smith Miller immediately sent him to Johnstown, Pa., to help with flood recovery efforts in 1978. We flew back and forth every week. While out there, I was on my own or with a small team. We were expected to do the job and get it done right," he adds.

After 13 years with Smith Miller and several major projects later, he started his own firm in the 1980s. I decided I wanted to try it on my own. With the computer technology explosion, I saw that we could use technology to better serve our clients," says Borton.

Some of the firm's notable projects in northeast Pennsylvania include: the Lehigh Pohopoco Bridge, the longest span pre stressed concrete bridge in the state; the Motorworld complex in Wilkes Barre, Pa.; and many projects at the Wilkes Barre/Scranton International Airport, Moosic, Pa. Today, Borton Lawson employs 160 people and offers a number of services to clients, including architecture and engineering.

Borton's ties to Misericordia are older than him in a sense. His mother was a 1948 graduate of then College Misericordia. She lived in Shavertown near the college and remained involved throughout her life. She always cherished the fact that she earned a bachelor's degree," says Borton.

Dr. Michael MacDowell, former president of Misericordia University, found out about Borton's connection to Misericordia and asked him to serve as a Council Misericordia advisor in 2002. Borton joined the Board in 2009.

He led the search committee for Misericordia's vice president for finance and administration, and then was quickly appointed to lead the search for a new president, with the committee selecting Dr. Thomas J. Botzman who took office July 1.

As president of my own company, I felt comfortable taking on the responsibility for the search committees. I enjoy working with a group, guiding it, and letting the committee do the work as a team. My thinking was to establish a vision, a goal and then to work together. Our efforts were about the students. What is best for the students of Misericordia University was always on our minds," he explains.

Borton and his wife, Karen, have three adult children, Karl, Sarah and Kate. He enjoys spending time with his family on Paupackan Lake fishing.

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— Chris Borton



CAMPUS VIEWS

BOT thanks Trustee Borton for chairing Committee

Misericordia University and the Board of Trustees recognized the valued service and leadership that Trustee Christopher L. Borton, P.E., provided when he chaired the Presidential Search Committee.

Borton is co-founder and CEO of Borton-Lawson of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and also serves Misericordia University as the vice chair of the Board of Trustees. He chaired the nationwide search for Misericordia University's 13th president.

Misericordia University Board of Trustees Chairman John Metz presented Borton with a clock at the Board of Trustees meeting in February that contains the following inscription: "In appreciation of your service and leadership in chairing the Presidential Search Committee at Misericordia University."



Frances Townsend speaks to broadcast media.

Homeland security expert makes campus presentation

The second annual Dr. Midori Yamanouchi Lecture Series presented Frances Townsend, the former Homeland Security advisor for President George W. Bush and CNN commentator, to a sold-out audience for the presentation, *Government, Law and National Security*, in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall in April.

Townsend conducted a master class for students who are enrolled in the Government, Law and National Security Program. The University held a symposium on national security issues for students as part of the activities.



Students connect markers together.

Students set their sites on 'Guinness' world record

Students hoped to mark their place in the *Guinness Book of World Records* when they connected more than 1,400 Crayola erasable markers end-to-end in an attempt to create a new world record. The project was organized by the Student Government Association as part of *Springfest Weekend*.

The marker project involved dozens of students connecting 1,432 markers for a chain that measured 628 feet in length. Don Spencer, a surveyor with Borton-Lawson, volunteered to accurately measure the distance. His report, along with a video of the process and other documentation, was submitted to the *Guinness Book of World Records* for confirmation.

Nursing student gets to be 'President For A Day'

Nursing student Alexandra Flormann '14, of Prospect, Conn., won the Student Government Association (SGA) raffle, *President For A Day*, and got to participate in meetings and discussions during the day in which she learned how an institution of higher education is operated and managed.

SGA's raffle benefited the United Way of Wyoming Valley. The event is one of many prizes the University offers as incentives to students, faculty and staff to support the worthwhile program that assists many people in need.

Colleges Against Cancer's Relay for Life raises \$17,699

The Misericordia University Colleges Against Cancer Chapter raised \$17,699 for the American Cancer Society at the annual Relay for Life event on campus in April.

Over the last three years, the chapter has raised \$37,609 from the Relay for Life event in the Anderson Sports and Health Center. Students raised \$7,000 in 2011 and \$12,910 last year.



Amanda Lee '13, left, and Leila Comerford '15 have fun presenting the check.

Beyond Harmony performs at RailRiders' baseball games

Beyond Harmony, an a cappella musical group composed of students, performed the National Anthem at PNC Field on May 7 before the game between the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders and visiting Indianapolis Indians.

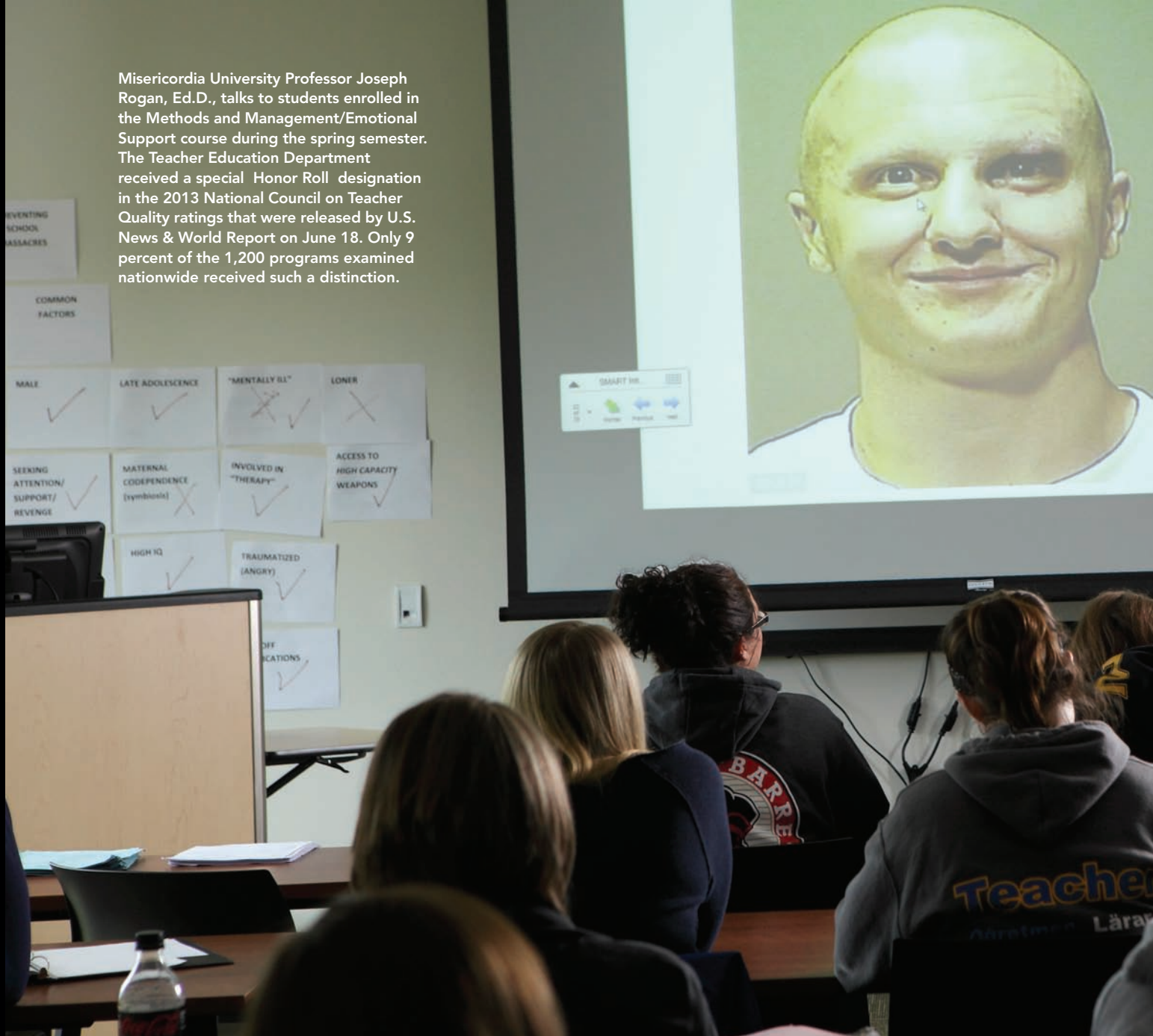
Students Dinamichelle Boyer '15, Grace Riker '13, and Kaitlyn Tothoro '17 also made solo performances at home dates in April and May.

The following students are members of Beyond Harmony: Dinamichelle Boyer '15, Alina Busch '14, Meghan DiGerolamo '17, Jessica Kitch '15, Kateri Kopicki '15, Kathleen Lord '14, Jamie Opela '16, Krista Randall '14, Grace Riker '13, Annie Stewart '15, Katie Strbo '14, Kaitlyn Tothoro '17, and Maria Weidemoyer '16.



Misericordia University's Beyond Harmony.

Misericordia University Professor Joseph Rogan, Ed.D., talks to students enrolled in the Methods and Management/Emotional Support course during the spring semester. The Teacher Education Department received a special Honor Roll designation in the 2013 National Council on Teacher Quality ratings that were released by U.S. News & World Report on June 18. Only 9 percent of the 1,200 programs examined nationwide received such a distinction.



New course teaches education students how to understand:

THE FACES OF Frustration



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BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Their faces are haunting reminders of what might have been for far too many families. Through the years, their stories have been reviewed by criminal profilers, psychologists and numerous law enforcement officials. Misericordia University special education majors are using them as case studies in an effort to not repeat some of the most tragic episodes in recent American history.

Up on a screen in front of the classroom in Michael and Tina MacDowell Hall, the disturbingly blank expressions of Adam Lanza, James

Holmes, Jared Lee Loughner, Dylan Klebod and Eric Harris stare back at the 22 upper classmen in the new three credit Methods and Management/Emotional Support class that was introduced by the Teacher Education Department for the 2013 spring semester. These mass killers from Newtown, Conn.; Tucson, Ariz.; Denver, Colo., and Columbine, Colo., have little in common—it would seem other than their notorious pasts.

One of the main lessons that I have learned from this class is that as teachers, we have the power to make a huge difference in the lives of our students, says Bryan Palmaioli '14, an early

childhood and special education major.

With this, we cannot let the students down. We need to treat them with respect and have an understanding of what they go through.

In the not too distant future, these Misericordia students will be elementary and/or special education teachers. They will be in positions to identify children with emotional or mental health problems at an early age and to possibly prevent a Newtown or Columbine level tragedy from happening again.

Walking into my first day of this class I never thought I could work with students who are emotionally disturbed, acknowledges Marisa Ferencick '14, an early childhood and special education major. I just never thought that I could have skin that would be thick enough to get past the problems that these children have and overcome them enough to help them succeed.

I always knew that I could be patient with children and always be there to help, but I didn't think I was cut out to be an emotional support teacher. Now after weeks of this class, I am proud to say that I could handle this job. I could help these students if I really put my mind to it and nobody could take that away from me. No matter how much of a challenge is positioned in front of me, I know that I could conquer it because of the knowledge and also the strength that this class has given to me, adds Ferencick.

Professor Joseph Rogan, Ed.D., has been a professional educator for 45 years and a faculty member at Misericordia University for 35 of those years. In leading the course, Dr. Rogan acknowledges the challenges that lie ahead for educators and the public in general when it comes to preventing mass killings or identifying would be murderers inside of or outside of the classroom. He's also quick to point out, though, that it would be irresponsible for teachers and society not to try.

Can we determine which elementary and secondary students will grow up to be mass murderers? he asks his pupils. It seems everyone in the country is asking this same question.

Throughout the semester, Dr. Rogan and his students looked at various methods that may be used to identify children that could be prone to violent acts. They examined the common characteristics killers shared, such as gender, medical and/or mental illnesses, undesirable social conditions, and other life events. Together, this information could be coalesced into a checklist that

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may be used as an instrument to predict violent behavior. The predictive validity of measuring the dangerousness of students in this fashion, though, is fraught with false positives, according to Dr. Rogan, and cannot be relied upon to be the sole indicator of a violent act in the future.

If someone is a male, are they dangerous? he asks his class rhetorically, while he also refers to traumatic events in people's lives such as ostracization and bullying, as well as their IQ, diagnoses, and other characterizations that are identified on the checklist. Do any of these predict outcomes? It's pretty scary when you think of it this way.

The short form of a long answer is maybe, according to Dr. Rogan. Maybe a checklist can be developed by education, mental health and law enforcement professionals to predict an outcome for a student, but it can also lead to the wrong conclusion. The predictive validity of such checklists is low, Dr. Rogan says. We simply cannot tell the future. Therefore, we proceed to help all kids who have a cluster of these symptoms so that in their futures they can look back and note that at least some people their teachers did not reject them.

There are no sure fire warning signs that a student will become a mass

characteristics, I know I cannot say it with confidence, she adds.

Sara Krsulic 14, an early childhood and special education major, believes the class has given her the tools to identify a student that may act violently in class because she will know the warning signs of when a student is entering the rage conflict cycles. However, I will not be able to correctly identify a student who could become a mass murderer, she says.

To illustrate the many challenges teachers are confronted with in the classroom daily, Dr. Rogan had his students conduct research into various disorders, such as Asperger's syndrome and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, more commonly referred to as ADHD. The goal of the research was to determine if children with these disorders are more likely to commit violent crimes than others.

The classroom activity reflected the ongoing national debate on this subject. Fourteen students quickly stood to the left of the classroom, reflecting the outcome of their research which indicated that positive diagnoses for either disorder did not mean a child was prone to violence. Four students walked to the right hand side of the classroom because their research unveiled the likelihood that these children would commit violent acts. Two students who stood in the middle of

the classroom to signify their neutrality on the subject eventually joined the minority after further discussion among students and Dr. Rogan.

Frustration is a killer, Dr. Rogan says after asking his students numerous questions on the subject. Anybody can be frustrated enough to kill, but are they (children with ADHD, Aspergers) more likely? Do they become more susceptible to violent outbursts because of bullying over time? There's a lot more going on than just Aspergers and ADHD. Then what is it? It's a tough call.

The one conclusion that has been drawn from the new

academic course is the importance of educators, parents and families in the lives of children, especially special needs children. The nature versus nurture debate continues, Dr. Rogan says, because a caring teacher or a family friend may be able to unknowingly defuse a situation by simply listening or providing a shoulder to lean on. Teachers and others can be a conduit for children that need to express their frustrations

about something as serious as bullying or as simple as needing additional attention.

Can we make a difference with children who are emotionally disturbed? Dr. Rogan asks his students. If we (teachers) can, we can be very valuable to society.

That's why Dr. Rogan repeatedly challenges his students to get involved in raising and spreading awareness about emotionally disturbed children and SED students, who are prone to severe emotional disturbances.

Teachers and other people who work with the students need to pay more attention to their actions and what they are thinking, adds Krsulic. If once in a while we ask students what is going on in their lives, we might be able to catch them before they go into a building and start murdering people. Teachers need to stay in contact with their students and let them know if there is something they want to talk about, that you are always open to talk to them no matter what it is about.

The need to be able to identify children in need has never been more prevalent, according to a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The study states that nearly one in five high school age boys in the United States and 11 percent of school age children overall have received a medical diagnosis of ADHD data Dr. Rogan questions. While he does not question the validity of the study, he wonders if physicians have incorrectly diagnosed some patients and, in turn, unnecessarily prescribed them with stimulants like Ritalin or Adderall to treat the condition. Both stimulants, if used incorrectly, can lead to addiction, anxiety and psychosis, Dr. Rogan says.

We want to be sure our students are able to identify a mental health issue, Dr. Rogan says. This class is designed to prepare future teachers to teach, manage and provide a therapeutic education to students with emotional disabilities. Our three credit course thoroughly addresses the various and serious issues, one of which is to prevent future problems or at least lessen them. The assumption is that if we can help them now, they will not have to explode later.

According to his students, the course has made them feel more prepared to face the challenges that will be presented to them in the classroom. I completely feel more prepared and also comfortable to work with challenged students after taking Dr. Rogan's new class, says Ferenchick. This class really opens up your eyes to things that are not talked about and it teaches you a lot. Personally, I never even knew that such a population of children existed in our schools.



Bryan Palmaioli 14, Sara Krsulic 14, center, and Marisa Ferenchick 14, far left, listen to Dr. Rogan's lecture.

murderer, let alone mildly violent, Dr. Rogan says, just because they are mentally ill or because they share similar characteristics with a notorious killer.

All semester we have been trying to come up with a possible checklist to see if we could get a better understanding of the characteristics that a violent student may hold, Ferenchick says. As much as I would love to say that I could identify a child who will be violent based on these

'I'd rather laugh about it than cry about it'

OT student gives back to health care specialty field that showed how her congenital amputation cannot limit one's accomplishments in life



Kaitlyn Sledzinski
15, '17

BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

It seems like a simple motto, but it is one that has enabled Misericordia University occupational therapy student Kaitlyn Sledzinski '15, '17 and her mother, Chris, to overcome life's obstacles by combining an inspirational comment with her brilliant smile.

"I'd rather laugh about it than cry about it" has been repeated many times by the mother-daughter duo over the past 20 years, both literally and then figuratively through their positive attitudes. After gymnastics practice and competitions, violin rehearsals and recitals, and the



Kaitlyn Sledzinski '15, '17, poses for a picture in the Splint Lab in Passan Hall.

many other developmental stages in childhood, they'd repeat that meaningful phrase to each other. Their saying was not born out of an ill-tuned violin or failing to stick a landing during a gymnastics floor routine, but rather from the condition known as congenital amputation which left Kaitlyn without a right forearm and

hand since birth.

The condition, according to The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada, is rare as 1 in 20,000 children are born with a congenital forearm amputation like Kaitlyn's, and 1 in 27,000 children are born with a congenital arm amputation. Congenital amputation, the loss of the arm and/or hand due to incomplete development at birth, is believed to be caused by bleeding or blood clots as the arm is developing before birth, according to the hospital (www.sickkids.ca).

In Kaitlyn's case, the congenital amputation, she says, has been a blessing in disguise for many reasons. "I really did not notice anything (as a youngster)," she says, pausing before finishing her thought, "I think it was about second grade when I really started noticing. That is when I was having a hard time with it because a boy was picking on me. My mom, she told me to do a cartwheel, and that boy never bothered me again."

Kaitlyn has been doing cartwheels ever since, albeit figuratively. As a young child with an upper-limb deficiency, she led a very normal, active lifestyle. Aside from her therapeutic sessions with an occupational therapist every other week at Shriner's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, Pa., she competed in gymnastics and learned how to play the violin.

"When I was young, I did not know I was in therapy," she says about the occupation-based experience. "I was just playing. Most of the people I grew up with did not treat me differently. My mom didn't."

With her mother's encouragement,

Kaitlyn joined gymnastics in third grade and traveled to and from practice and meets with her neighbor – another eight-year-old girl. One year later, Kaitlyn struck up an interest in the violin after participating in the Francis Willard Elementary School's music program.

Today, the results of her activities are obvious. Numerous shadow boxes hang proudly along the walls in her bedroom, displaying the 30 medals she earned in gymnastics competitions in northeastern Pennsylvania and abroad for her vault and floor routines. They serve as a memento of her youth, but most importantly they remind her how "you can do anything."

"If you think you can do anything, you can. If you want to do it, do not let anyone tell you not to do it," Kaitlyn adds. "It is very important to have a positive attitude and a strong support system in place. I've grown up to joke about myself because there's always something happy."

Her life's experiences also led Kaitlyn to major in a health care specialty field upon graduating from West Scranton High School, Scranton, Pa., in 2011. She feels her special circumstances will benefit her future clients in a myriad of ways. "I feel like I have a better understanding than someone who has not had a disability or a condition," says the daughter of Bob and Chris Sledzinski of Scranton. "It is hard not to feel sympathetic. I am going to feel that way for some people, but I am also not going to let them convince me they cannot do something. I will help them find that confidence they need to have."

*OT students, alumni make smiles
happen at HASD Winter Olympics*

Operation



Misericordia University Occupational Therapy student Tara Robinson '16 helps 8-year-old Bruce Hunsinger of Hazleton, Pa., participate in the snowman bowling event at the Hazleton Area School District's 4th Annual Winter Olympics at Eagle Rock Resort. Robinson was among 40 sophomore occupational therapy majors who volunteered their time for the event for special-needs children.

BY MARIANNE TUCKER
PUHALLA

HAZLE TWP., Pa. – Whether they were chasing soap-bubble snowflakes or squealing their way down the mountainside on a sled, 90 special needs children from the Hazleton Area School District (HASD) were able to leave the classroom and their disabilities behind for one special day in February to do activities that come easy to other children.

They sledded, took tube rides and threw snowballs at a *Sponge Bob Square Pants* target. And when the frigid temperatures on the Eagle Rock ski slopes became too much, they went inside the Base Lodge for warmer games, such as water-bottle bowling, mitten match and arts and crafts.

The 4th Annual HASD Winter Olympics is a collaborative effort between occupational and physical therapy and speech-language pathology faculty members at HASD. They organize the heartwarming project for the special-needs students in the district. Sophomore students and faculty in the five-year Master of Science degree program in occupational therapy at Misericordia University also volunteered at the event to ensure the program ran smoothly.

The 40 MU co-eds helped to set up and run the dozen indoor and outdoor activities. For many, it was their first experience interacting with children with special needs, whose wide range of physical and emotional challenges included autism, Down syndrome,

OT pass rates surpass state, national averages

Members of the Occupational Therapy Program's 2012 graduating class achieved a pass rate higher than the national average for the second year in a row among first-time test takers for the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) examination.

The 97-percent pass rate by the 36-member graduating class exceeds the national average of 85 percent for test-takers that took the exam between January and December 2012, according to NBCOT data.

In 2011, MU's first-time test takers scored a 93-percent pass rate, which also exceeded the national average of 84 percent. Overall, Misericordia's first-time test takers from 2010 to 2012 have achieved a 95-percent pass rate. The national pass rate, according to NBCOT data for the same period, was 84 percent.

Compared to the other 33 M.S. programs in Pa., N.Y., N.J., Conn. and Md., the MU program has the highest pass rate from 2010-12. Richard Stockton College is second at 93 percent. In the northeastern United States (Pa., N.Y., N.J., Conn., Maine, Md., Mass., N.H. and R.I.), Misericordia's pass rate is second among 44 OT programs. Only Boston University's 98-percent pass rate surpassed MU's.

developmental delays and intellectual disabilities.

Four Misericordia alumni were among the HASD staff who took part, including special education teachers Heather

Smile

Gortva Peregrin '06, and Jonathan Juka '09, Mary Ann Kline '99, a para-professional, and Jennifer Dessoie '01, '10, OTD, assistant professor of OT at Misericordia, who also works as an occupational therapist for the school district. Dr. Dessoie is among the originators and coordinators of the project, and offered the MU students the opportunity to become involved.

"I have shadowed in OT before, but I never had the chance to have this kind of interaction with special-needs students," says Jamie Opela '16. "I chose the OT field because I liked the aspect of helping someone – finding out what it is they want to accomplish and helping them reach their goal. That is exactly what today is all about."

"This is my first experience at an event like this and it is amazing to see the smiles on the children's faces," adds fellow MU student Nikki Singiser '16. "It is a learning experience for the Hazleton students and the MU students – we are all learning together."

Dayanara Rodriguez-Munoz '16 of Hazleton, Pa., agrees. "Participating reminded me of the little things in life that we forget to enjoy like the simple act of playing innocently or putting a smile on someone else's face. The best part



OT student Shane Hall '15 helps with the sledding run at the Hazleton Area School District's 4th Annual Winter Olympics for special-needs children at Eagle Rock Resort.

about being here was knowing that for the rest of my life, I would have the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life as an occupational therapist."

With students and their families constantly coming and going between events, the scene was often hectic, yet Dr. Dessoie and the organizing committee were well in control, carefully directing the volunteers that were overseeing events. "We help put a smile on a lot of faces today," says Dr. Dessoie. "It is a great chance for the Hazleton students to experience some fun outside of the classroom. They look forward to it and just love it. It is also a great opportunity for the Misericordia sophomores, early on in their educational process, to get a feel for what it is like to interact with youngsters who have a

variety of skill levels and needs. They get a chance to see what it is like to work with special-needs students before they are placed in a clinical assignment."

This year, the project was expanded to include high-school-aged students at HASD. An added bonus is that it also provides the students' families an opportunity to network with the support staff and TSS workers who regularly accompany the students to class.

"My Amanda is so happy to come here, play in the snow, and just be with her friends who have similar challenges," says Andrene Tutko of Sheppton, Pa., the mother of 9-year-old Amanda Tutko-Genery. "It is really, really nice that they do this for our children every year. I really cannot thank them enough."



Emily Iseminger '16, kneeling right, helped with the sledding run during the 4th Annual Winter Olympics for special-needs children.



Dayanara Rodriguez-Munoz '16, left, and Ashley Barber '16 share a smile with Amanda Tutko-Genery, 9, of Sheppton, Pa.



Dr. Jennifer Dessoie '01, '10, O.T.D., assistant professor, talks to the regional broadcast media during the event at Eagle Rock Resort.

Returning the favor

SLP major helps to establish NSA Support Group after learning how to control his own stuttering

STORIES BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Terrence Murgallis '16 is a person who stutters. He knows how it feels to be teased and mocked or otherwise dismissed incidentally by some fluent speakers. He's experienced the anxiety associated with public speaking and, on numerous occasions, he's wished he was "like everyone else."

"It made me want to hide it (stuttering) and it made me want to be like everyone else because they were calling me out on it," he acknowledges. "It affected me socially because I let it affect me socially."

Today, the 20-year-old knows how to control his own communication disorder. He wants to share his story with other people who stutter and their family members through the stuttering support group that was established on campus and has been recognized as a local chapter of the National Stuttering Association (NSA).

By using the air-flow management technique that was taught to him by a graduate student in the Master of Science degree program in speech-language pathology, Murgallis can manage his own stuttering. Air-flow management is one of numerous strategies speech-language pathologists utilize to help people who

stutter control their stuttering.

Murgallis has been working on an ambitious two-pronged approach to help people who stutter and their loved ones. It began two years ago when he enrolled in the speech-language pathology program at MU after being the class valedictorian at Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. His mission was to learn how to help others with communication disorders find their own voices by becoming a licensed speech-language pathologist.

While working on his own academic studies and receiving speech therapy at the Misericordia University Speech-Language and Hearing Center in John J. Passan Hall, he also collaborated with several classmates to establish the NSA Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter. The support group provides a safe and friendly atmosphere for people who stutter and those affected by stuttering – about 1 percent of the population stutters, according to The Stuttering Foundation. At bi-monthly meetings, people are able to meet others who stutter, share experiences, practice their speaking skills, and work on moving forward with dignity and respect, according to the NSA group's mission statement.



"I want to help other people who stutter cope with the negative attitudes associated with stuttering," Murgallis says. "When I was younger, it affected me. I took what other people had to say to heart. Thinking back now, it would have been a lot easier in the long run if I knew what those people thought was not true. With support, you are able to realize you are not alone and you're not so different from everyone else."

Support for Murgallis came in the form of Midori Rodriguez '14, a graduate student in the speech-language pathology program and a co-leader of the NSA support group. Together, they worked to expand the informal support group already in place to the only nationally recognized one in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Rodriguez of Stroudsburg, Pa., also developed the idea to utilize the air-flow management technique with Murgallis, who still had significant stuttering difficulties after 11 years of on-again and off-again therapy. About 17 months after beginning therapy at the Speech-Language and Hearing Center, Murgallis has decided to discontinue speech therapy after successfully learning how to manage it with his mentor's assistance and his own determination.

"I really look up to her," he says. "I think she is a mentor and a great clinician. I tell her all the time that I am very grateful that she came to Misericordia. She is not only a good

Quick Info:

The National Stuttering Association's Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter sponsored by Misericordia University meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held on the second floor of John J. Passan Hall, 100 Lake St., in room 212. For more information about the support group, please call (570) 674-6724; e-mail, stutteringsupport@misericordia.edu, or log on to the group's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MisericordiaUniversityStutteringSupportGroup. The meetings are free and open to the public.

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Terrence Murgallis '16 and Midori Rodriguez '14, at left, are engaged in a therapeutic session at the Misericordia University Speech-Language and Hearing Center.



Terrence Murgallis '16 practices the air-flow management technique Midori Rodriguez '14 taught him so he could manage his own stuttering.

SLP students establish only NSA-recognized support group in NEPA

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therapist, but she is a good friend. She really pushes me to step out of my comfort zone to try new things. I attribute a lot of my success to trusting her."

Initially, a graduate clinician was utilizing stuttering modification strategies with Murgallis until Rodriguez took over the clinical sessions and rerouted treatment with the assistance of Glen Tellis, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, board recognized fluency specialist and interim dean of the College of Health Sciences. It took a little while for Murgallis to feel comfortable with the new approach because it is not the easiest technique to perfect, according to Dr. Tellis.

"His percentage of fluency has only increased since we began working on this technique," says Rodriguez, who will complete her MU fieldwork clinical placements at the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 in Easton, Pa., and at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa., in the fall and spring, respectively. "If you look back at his initial evaluation in March 2011, his whole demeanor has changed immensely. He has reduced all secondary behaviors of stuttering and has increased his eye contact."

There is no known cure for stuttering, so it is imperative for clinicians to find the right strategy for their clients. For Murgallis, his therapeutic sessions did not yield immediate results. His speech became somewhat monotonous and he had to work to increase his intonation and loudness, while maintaining fluency.

Rodriguez and Murgallis also worked on using his strategies outside the clinical setting in phone calls and going out into the community at various stores and practicing his speech in spontaneous conversations.

"Watching Terry transform over the past couple of months to where he is now has been nothing but a blessing," expresses Rodriguez. "I am grateful for being his clinician. He has taught me so much about myself as a clinician as well as about people who stutter. He really opened my eyes to the cognitive and affective components of stuttering."

In the meantime, Murgallis and Rodriguez believe their support group already has been a success due to its national recognition and growing participation from members of the regional community.

SLP student works to help people find the voice they deserve

Mary Gulotta '14 of Trucksville, Pa., has seen firsthand the enormous toll a communication disorder, and the bullying and teasing associated with it can have on an individual. It is one of the reasons she chose to major in speech-language pathology, so she could help others – like her best friend – find the voice they all deserve.

Throughout the years, Gulotta saw how her friend struggled with his communication disorder – the result of being born with a cleft palate. Post-surgery, her friend still spoke with a hypernasal voice and nasal emission. By the time they reached high school, he was uneasy when he had to speak in public.

"He used to share with me the reactions he constantly received from

people about his voice and mentioned to me that these reactions made him insecure," says Gulotta. "As a result, he limited his talking. Because of the issues he had with speaking in public, he would often ask me to speak for him when we were together – whether it was flagging down a person in a store or ordering in a restaurant."



Mary Gulotta '14

only letters and poems he had written in the last week of his life that depicted how insecure he was," says Gulotta, who hopes to raise awareness about

how bullying affects people by sharing their story. "After this devastating blow of losing my best friend, I channeled my sadness into an even greater resolve to be able to give people a voice and the ability to communicate."

Gulotta's commitment to her field and to people with communication disorders was recognized when she was awarded the 2013 Von Drach Memorial Scholarship by the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association in April. The award is presented annually to an outstanding student from one of Pennsylvania's 14 SLP schools. It is given to a student who exhibits strong leadership abilities, outstanding academic performance, exceptional clinical skills and scholarship within the profession.

Misericordia, Penn researchers collaborate on stuttering study

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

Marilyn Monroe was best known for her breathy voice, but few people know that the iconic actress struggled with stuttering throughout her life. Vice President Joe Biden, basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal, actor James Earl Jones and singer Carly Simon are similarly afflicted, and are listed among the most famous of the more than 3 million people in the U.S. that stutter.

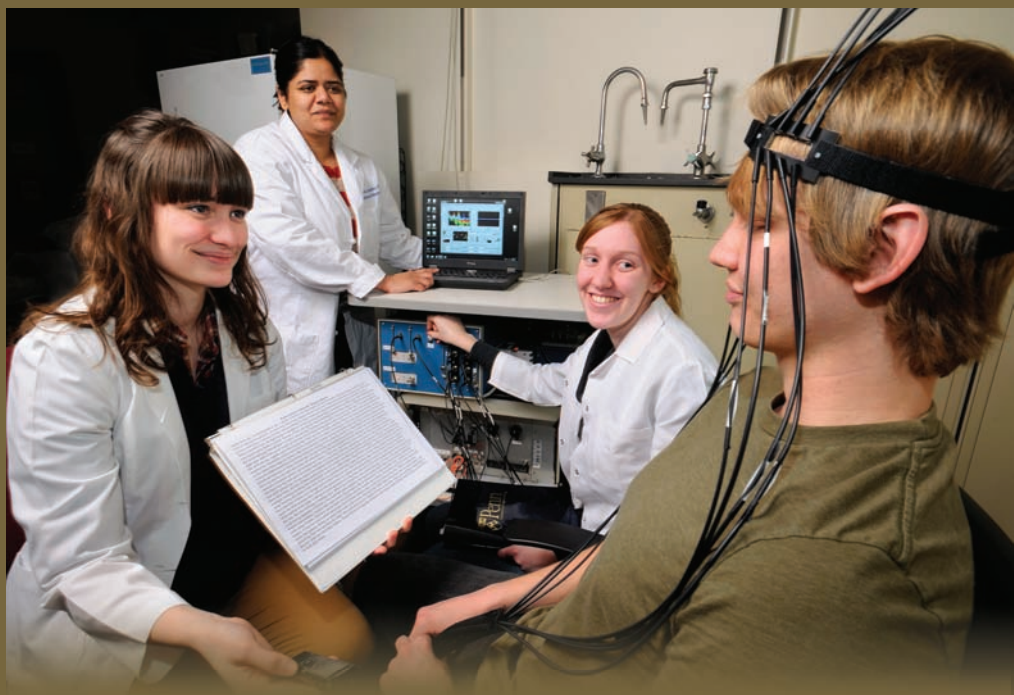
For years, researchers have looked for ways to link anatomic anomalies with the life altering affliction and a new cutting edge study that is underway by speech language pathologists at the Misericordia University Speech Language and Hearing Center and researchers from the University of Pennsylvania is already shedding new light on the subject.

Professor Glen M. Tellis, Ph.D., chair, Department of Speech Language Pathology (SLP) and a board recognized fluency specialist, and a pair of MU student researchers are among the first in the world to study blood concentration and blood flow changes in the brain of normally fluent speakers and people who stutter. By perfecting new applications of Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS) which uses infrared light to measure blood concentration in the brain and Diffuse Correlation Spectroscopy (DCS) which measures blood flow in the external parts of the cortex where speech is registered the research team hopes to better assess blood oxygen saturation, hemoglobin concentration and blood flow when a person is singing, reading aloud and silently, and talking.

The team hopes to use the information to improve assessment and treatment for those who stutter.

Fourth year SLP students Mary Gulotta '14, of Trucksville, Pa., and Claire Cellary '14, of Gloversville, N.Y., have been participating in the research since the pilot study began. They have traveled from Dallas to Philadelphia, Pa., as often as once a week to work with physicists at Penn.

This is one of the frontier topics in



SLP. Penn is a leader in diffused light research and the team was one of the first to conduct a study of the brain with regard to stuttering. They created their own assessment tool, a scanner attached to a cap lined with probes that records changes in blood concentration and blood flow in the brain before, during and after speech, says Dr. Tellis.

The Misericordia Speech Language and Hearing Center recently acquired its own cap for NIRS testing. The ability to give our clients with communicative disorders a NIRS scan, which is less invasive, more affordable and more accessible than PET scans or MRIs, will provide us with a baseline for future testing, Tellis says, explaining its application. It is a cutting edge tool with the potential to assess numerous communicative disorders.

Our work has been stressful, yet so amazing, says Cellary. To think we might be able to help determine how disabilities, such as stuttering, happen in the brain ... this is so cutting edge and really exciting.

Having the chance to collaborate with an Ivy League university where we learn and share information on the newest instrumentation is very

rewarding, adds Gulotta.

Both students were presenters, along with Dr. Tellis, at the American Speech Language Hearing Association Conference in Atlanta, Ga., in November, and again at the Pennsylvania Speech Hearing Association Conference in April.

Dr. Tellis is the lead author on a paper on this innovative research, which is co authored by Rickson C. Mesquita from the Institute of Physics at the University of Campinas, Brazil, and A.G. Yodh, from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Penn.

Up until now, very few in the world have looked at this technology for this application. This method of study is in its infancy, Tellis adds. I am excited to explain how we can apply this technology to better serve and treat SLP clients.

University of Pennsylvania physicist Malavika Chandra, standing rear, watches as Misericordia SLP students Mary Gulotta '14, left, and Claire Cellary '14, center, use NIRS sensors to study changes in the brain during speech of Steven Schenkel, Jr., also a University of Pennsylvania physicist.

Adult learner promotes
Grammy-nominated rock band's
new album as part of NYC internship

Making HIS Mark

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

An internship with the mid-town Manhattan, N.Y., subsidiary of the third largest record company in the world might be intimidating to some, but not to Christopher Visconti '13 – a student in the Misericordia University Expressway Program.

Having operated his own business as a concert promoter since he was 16, Visconti had plenty of experience to draw from when he opened the doors in January to an internship with Fueled by Ramen, an Atlantic Records company on Sixth Avenue. There was no time for a learning curve as the business administration major was immediately immersed in the work of helping to create and execute marketing plans for artists, including Twenty One Pilots and Paramore.

The Grammy-nominated rock band Paramore launched a new record on Atlantic's Fueled by Ramen record label two months later and the response was swift. The self-titled release opened at #1 on the Billboard Charts with sales of 106,000 in the first week.

"There was nothing typical about this internship," the Stroudsburg, Pa. native says. "It was definitely baptism by fire. The marketing plan for the Paramore launch was 120-pages long. I have to admit, I just tried to keep it all in

perspective and help where I could. It was an intense experience."

Visconti worked with social media marketing managers to strategize on how to come up with new and inventive ways to sell more records for the already popular band. "Ironically, when Paramore dropped the first single from the album, there were so many pre-orders that the webstore site crashed," he says. "It was beyond what any of us ever expected."

Visconti started his collegiate career at his local community college. He chose the Misericordia Expressway Program to complete his bachelor's degree in business administration because it offered him the flexibility to take all of his classes online while continuing to run his business – The Fleet Company – from his home. He has also been able to schedule classes year round so he can complete his degree in as little time as possible. Having started at Misericordia in the summer of 2012, he is on track to earn his bachelor's degree in December 2013.

Adding the 16-hour-a-week internship in New York City to the mix has been the ultimate time management challenge – forcing him to dedicate schoolwork to weekends – but it has definitely put him on the fast track to a career in the music industry.



Christopher
Visconti '13

His father owned the now defunct Pennsylvania Monster Factory in East Stroudsburg, Pa., where he began booking metal band shows as a sophomore in high school. He officially launched his business in 2007 and began marketing shows and festivals, and negotiating contracts for touring bands across Pennsylvania.

At age 22, he is already well established in the industry. He has worked with numerous national artists, including Title Fight, The Story So Far and The Acacia Strain. He was involved with the booking and promotion of the *idobi Meltdown Festival* in Washington, D.C., in March that was sponsored by the rock Internet radio station, idobi. It featured Circa Survive and Minus the Bear as headliners. He launched his own personal metal festival, *The Pennsylvania Deathbed Festival*, in June in Allentown, Pa. The inaugural event attracted 600 concert goers and featured headliners Impending Doom and Texas in July.

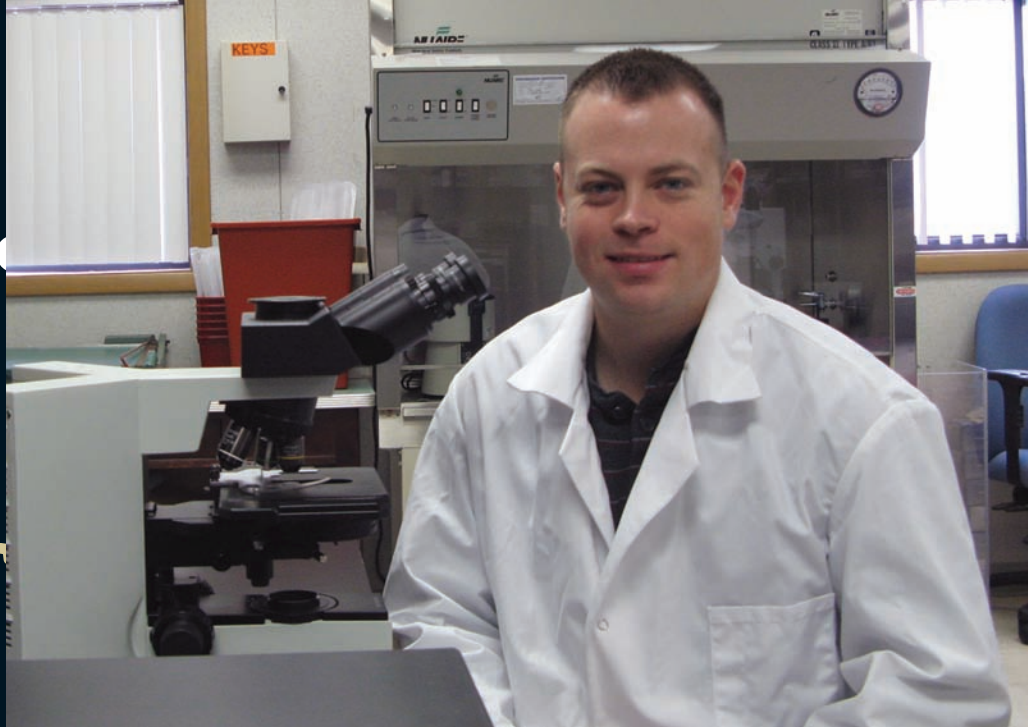
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Joel Stepanchick '05 is a forensic scientist for the Pennsylvania State Police.

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Alumnus finds answers for criminal investigators as a PSP forensic scientist

BY TOM VENESKY

Joel Stepanchick '05 didn't know where he wanted his career path to take him, but he was certain of where he wanted it to begin.

The Schuylkill County native graduated from high school in 2001 and needed one visit to Misericordia University before deciding that's where he would further his education and develop a career as a forensic scientist for the Pennsylvania State Police.

After visiting campus during my senior year of high school, I fell in love with it and had a wonderful experience meeting with the science department, says Stepanchick, who graduated summa cum laude from MU as the class valedictorian. Misericordia ended up being the only college I applied to because I knew that was where I wanted to continue my education.

Location, an excellent academic reputation and core values, such as service and leadership, quickly persuaded Stepanchick that Misericordia was the perfect fit. He majored in biology and graduated in 2005. That's when Stepanchick hit a period of uncertainty.

I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do once I graduated until I did some research on forensic science, adds Stepanchick, who also received the Dr. Tatjana Petrychenko Award in recognition of his outstanding achievements in biology while a student at Misericordia.

Stepanchick took his biology degree and enrolled in Arcadia University where he earned a master's degree in forensic science. Still, Stepanchick's time at Misericordia continued to guide him through graduate school and eventually into his current career with a solid education in all areas of science from biology to biochemistry.

Misericordia also helped me prepare for a future career in forensic science by providing me experience in the interview process, resume writing and other professional preparations, he says.

Today, Stepanchick is a forensic scientist supervisor in the Serology Section of the PSP Crime Lab in Bethlehem, Pa. He resides in Frackville, Pa., with his wife Ann, who graduated summa cum laude from Misericordia in 2005 with a degree in biology. He oversees a lab that covers Schuylkill, Lehigh, Northampton, Berks, Bucks and Montgomery counties.

In the Serology Section, Stepanchick and his team analyze evidence submitted by local law enforcement agencies for the presence of bodily fluids, such as blood and semen. They also identify whether hair found on evidence is human or animal, and they are called to crime scenes to provide expertise in bloodstain pattern analysis.

Does it sound a little bit like a popular crime show on television, such as CSI?


Well, Stepanchick said such comparisons are a double edged sword.

While it does bring increased attention and focus to the field, it also causes some unrealistic expectations, such as speedy turnaround times and the idea that one person does everything in a case, he explains.

The best part of the job to me is the role I play in the criminal justice system. It is rewarding to know that my role in crime investigation could potentially help to bring justice to a criminal or even demonstrate the innocence of a suspect.

With television shows such as *CSI* and *NCIS* dramatically increasing the popularity of the forensic science field, Stepanchick said there has been a huge upswing in the number of institutions of higher education offering programs to train students for the rewarding career. Jobs in the forensic science field are not easy to come by, he says, and a strong background in areas such as biology and chemistry are crucial.

The science department at Misericordia did an excellent job of preparing me for a graduate program in forensic science and a career, Stepanchick says. It provided me with the core background in all areas of science, whether it be biology, chemistry or biochemistry.



Restoring the symbol of Tradition

Student, her family and anonymous foundation support project to replace long-missing cross on historic archway

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BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Michelle Bruno '14 brushes off the suggestion that she's the reason a long-missing symbol of Misericordia tradition has been returned to its proper place atop the historic archway at the main entrance of the upper campus.

Employees of Masonry Preservation Services of Bloomsburg, Pa., finished the installation of a new modified Celtic cross on top of the left turret of the Tudor Gothic-styled archway on May 9, 2013, completing a restoration project that began after a high school senior from Cherry Hill, N.J., noticed it was missing in 2009.

"When I was touring our school, I remembered seeing images of the cross and the arches, and that image was very vivid in my mind," recalls Bruno, the daughter of Greg and Lynne Bruno. "When we got here, I realized the cross wasn't here. I think that image – since it is advertised so much in our school – it is important that it matches what's in the pamphlets."

The Bruno family in fall 2012 committed themselves to supporting the University. Mr. and Mrs. Bruno asked their daughter, at that time a member of the women's swim team, how their gift should be designated for use and she chose the restoration of the cross.

"My parents wanted my opinion and they explained to me they were going to donate to the school and asked me where I thought the money should go," says Bruno, a speech-language pathology major. "The University has the charisms and it has the community it says it has, but concretely the images didn't match up. Now we are made whole again."

Throughout its 89-year history, the arch has been both a landmark and a symbol of Misericordia for generations of students and regional residents since it was erected in the early 1930's – shortly after the first class graduated in 1928. The arch took on added prominence when the institution became a University in 2007 and adopted a new

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logo featuring an emblematic image of the archway.

"As a Catholic parent of a Jewish child, it almost moves me to tears," says Mr. Bruno, who donated stock to Misericordia to finance the worthwhile project. "I am proud to support the school. I was telling her (Michelle) last night that the picture Jim (Bebba, director of development) had sent to us was one of the proudest things we have ever done."

"We try to teach our children to give," he says, adding, "There's a Jewish saying: 'Save one life, save the entire world.' We are not saving the world here, but it is certainly giving back. For her to choose that over anything else is stunning – I was stunned happily."

Whatever became of the original cross that was constructed of wrought iron remains a mystery to this day. It disappeared somewhere between 1960 and 1980. Some have suggested it was removed due to weather-related damage, like a lightning strike, or it simply deteriorated due to the elements and was taken down for safety reasons.

The new cross, though, has been designed to stand the test of time. Masonry Preservation Services, Baut Studios of Swoyersville, Pa., and representatives of Misericordia collaborated on the design, which is similar to the original. Baut Studios completed its fabrication.

The cross is 72-inches tall and is constructed of aluminum. At its widest point, the corbels near the top are 20-inches wide. A powder-coat finish was used to simulate the patina of brass and to stand the test of time.

A donor who wished to remain anonymous also contributed to the restoration of the cross atop the historic archway.

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Masonry Preservation Services, Inc., craftsman Mike Mylet, below left, places the new cross atop the archway at the main gate of the upper campus. Frank Bullock, at right, a fabricator at Baut Studios re-examines the plans and specifications for the cross after making it in the Swoyersville, Pa., facility.



Paving the Way

Pediatric pathologist opens doors for women in medicine

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

As a member of the faculty at the University of Michigan (U-M) Medical Center for 32 years, pediatric pathologist Kathleen Heidelberg, M.D., '61, helped find treatments for pediatric cancer through tumor analysis and worked to improve the survival rate of heart transplant surgeries through heart transplant biopsy. One of Misericordia's first graduates to earn a medical degree, her challenging career path also opened doors for women in medicine at a time when less than 7 percent of doctors were women.

Yet, when asked about what she considers the highlights of her career, the retired pathologist says that she is equally proud of the notion that her time spent teaching in the medical center helped inspire her residents into successful careers in pathology.

Dr. Heidelberg still marvels at the memory of a surprise ceremony in 2001 when her residents presented her with a clock in appreciation for her many years

"I never want to see a student put aside their dreams because they are told they aren't good enough or they can't do it. I give because I want Misericordia students to get the chances they deserve ..."

Kathleen Heidelberg, M.D., '61

of service at U-M. "I feel I entered the field of pathology because I call it like I see it," she says. "I received plenty of encouragement throughout my education and I am happy to know I was able to pass that along to my residents and see them excel in the field I found so rewarding."

A number of those she taught and mentored have gone onto impressive positions in pathology at cutting-edge medical facilities, including the Mayo Clinic, and have credited her for igniting a passion in them for what many would consider an unconventional career field.

Dr. Heidelberg's pioneering and nurturing spirit was evident early on. She decided as a youngster that she wanted to be a doctor, even though at the time she had never met a woman physician. Greatly influenced by the nuns who taught in her Catholic elementary school, she was told by her fifth grade teacher, Sister Norita, SSND, that she could do anything she wanted to if she put her mind to it. Inspired, she took of full schedule of college preparatory classes in high school and graduated near the top of her class.

Looking back, the native of Brooklyn, N.Y., admits she had little concept of the challenges she would encounter over her career path. She enrolled at Misericordia as a chemistry major and credits the faculty and administration for going out of their way to make sure she was prepared for medical school admission.

Kit, as she is known, recalls how Sister Jeanette Puetz, R.S.M., helped her take two labs sequentially so she could complete both the biology and chemistry credits she needed. She twice sought a dean's approval to take more credits in one semester than were allowed and still found time to write for the "Miss Recordia" student newspaper, compete on the debate team and tutor



Dr. Kathleen Heidelberger, M.D., '61 and her husband, Dr. Charles Davenport, M.D., are shown at a reception honoring her retirement from the University of Michigan in 2002

a fellow student in her courses. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, cum laude, in 1961.

Faced with the fact that many medical schools at the time did not accept women, she was forced to pare down her list of potential medical schools before she even began the application process. Her diligent preparation paid off and she was accepted to the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania (MCP), the world's first medical school for women in the U.S.

Making the most of her opportunity, the future doctor excelled in the classroom. She also used her expertise as editor of an award-winning edition of her high school yearbook to co-edit the MCP yearbook. Success followed and she graduated at the top of her medical school class in 1965.

Armed with a medical degree, she again tested the waters. She applied

and was the first woman from MCP accepted for an internship at Dartmouth Medical School – one of the oldest and most prestigious medical schools in the country and one that previously did not accept women.

"I was the only woman in a group of 16 interns and I had to live in the nurses' quarters for weeks after I arrived because they didn't have accommodations for a woman in the interns' residence. That alone says volumes about the challenges we faced," she adds.

Dr. Heidelberger joined the pathology faculty at the U-M Medical School in 1970 and became a full professor in 1980. In addition to teaching, she was involved with the Society for Pediatric Pathology and helped establish board certification for the specialty field. She also earned board certification in anatomic and clinical pathology. The author of more than 50 scientific papers

and presentations, her areas of special interest included Hirschsprung's disease, pediatric tumor diagnosis, heart transplant biopsy, and the pulmonary effects of congenital heart disease.

The only time her career took her away from U-M was to serve as a visiting professor for Harvard University at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston, Mass.

Her outstanding career accomplishments and pioneering spirit earned her Misericordia's highest alumni award in 1991, the Mother Mary Catherine McGann Alumni Achievement Award. She retired with additional accolades in 2002.

A member of the *Heart of Mercy Society* at Misericordia, Dr. Heidelberger is among a group of stalwart supporters who have included Misericordia in their estate planning. "I received a partial scholarship when I attended Misericordia and it is only right that I give back to the school that helped me achieve my goals. I feel it is our responsibility to society to help others if we have the means, especially those who have helped us," she opines.

"I never want to see a student put aside their dreams because they are told they aren't good enough or they can't do it," she adds. "I give because I want Misericordia students to get the chances they deserve, the same chances I received as a student."

Dr. Heidelberger lives with her husband, retired child psychiatrist Charles Davenport, M.D., in Ann Arbor, Mich.

TRUE TO THE TENETS

Department of the Army
presents alumna with the
Superior Civilian Award

BY TOM VENESKY

Dr. Marie Pachence Reeves, Ed.D., '62 experienced the first of many culture shocks in her life when she arrived in Dallas, Pa., in 1958 for her first year as a collegian at Misericordia. Reeves, who came from a modest background and the public school system, was thankful for the opportunity to attend college.

She credits the Religious Sisters of Mercy, the founders and sponsors of Misericordia, for shaping and preparing her for a life that eventually encountered many different cultures and different worlds after she graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Misericordia still was an all-women's school where the sisters played many important rolls inside and outside of the classroom. Along with rigorous academic courses, Reeves attended charm classes, afternoon teas, formal dinners, art appreciation classes and socials. These non-academic activities were designed to prepare women for traditional roles in that era. Times, though, were changing fast and the place for women was becoming less conventional, according to Reeves.

Misericordia prepared her with a well-rounded education to deal with those changing times. The sisters instilled in her the qualities that she would use many times later in life. "Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality," she says, repeating Misericordia's charisms that remain true to this day at the University. "I did not know fully what they meant, but in the coming years I would be tested."



Dr. Marie Reeves poses with Col. Jeffrey Davies, representing Gen. Weightman, after being presented with the Superior Civilian Service Award. It is one of the highest civilian honors the Army awards.

"She identified barriers, formulated solutions, determined the appropriate course of action, and implemented solutions. Her dedication and selfless service are in keeping with the highest traditions of Federal Service reflecting great credit upon her, the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, and the United States Army."

Award signed by George W. Weightman, MG, MC, Commanding General

The sense of Service that was instilled in her was useful in the various jobs she held. Upon retirement as vice president for quality from Science Applications International Corp., a Fortune 500 company, Reeves was at odds with what seemed to her to be a lack of purpose. That is when she began a second career as a civilian senior scientist with the U.S. Army. Among Reeves' accolades is the recently awarded Superior Civilian Service Award, which the Department of the Army bestowed upon her for outstanding service. The award cites Reeves' accomplishments as a scientist, teacher and mentor during her time in the Army's Medical Research and Materiel Command.

The award gave her a sense of gratification, knowing that she played a small role in helping the country's young soldiers. "There are plenty of people who did a whole lot more than I did," she says about the award, one of the highest civilian honors the Army bestows. "It's good to know that as we age, we can still be of value."

Following graduation from Misericordia, Reeves went to the Catholic

University of America on a scholarship, which was arranged by Sister Miriam Theresa, RSM.

At Catholic University, she finished a master's degree in microbiology and would eventually earn a doctorate in science education and statistics from the University of Virginia. In the late 1960's, Reeves moved to San Francisco, Calif., for her first job with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Her assignments in years to come would take her to Ghana, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Reeves found many opportunities to practice that sense of Service to others. Some of her community Service work involves the Special Olympics and the Literacy Council. In her professional life, she was devoted to the discovery and development of cancer therapeutics and AIDS vaccines.

Since Reeves' academic and life journey began with a scholarship to Misericordia, she is hoping in some small way to help provide similar opportunities for future students at Misericordia University through a legacy gift in the Heart of Mercy Society.

MU & YOU

Share your travel adventures with our school mascot this summer and early fall. We're looking for alumni to share photos with Archibald McGrowl while at home or away. Alumni can upload the photos to our social media sites or e-mail them directly to Alumni Relations at alumni@misericordia.edu.

The contest runs through Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 4-6, where we'll award prizes for the most exotic location and most creative photo. Please log on to cougarconnect.misericordia.edu for complete information.

The Alumni Relations Office also is tracking Archie's travels abroad on a Google map. Please go to <http://bit.ly/archiemcgrowl> to see where Archie has been recently. Check back with us often as his global adventures will be updated periodically.



SAVE THE DATE!

Misericordia University is headed to Europe! The Alumni Relations team is finalizing a fall 2014 alumni trip through London and Paris. The tentative timeframe is scheduled for mid-October to early November. More information will be available in upcoming weeks including an itinerary, tour and airline fees. For more information, please contact Amy Lingobardo, assistant director, Alumni and Donor Relations, at (570) 674-6228. To be added to the electronic mailing list as information becomes available, please email alingoba@misericordia.edu.



Lingobardo joins Alumni and Donor Relations team

University Advancement has named Amy Lingobardo as the assistant director of Alumni and Donor Relations.

She has extensive experience in event management and constituent relations. She previously served as manager of marketing and electronic communications at The Commonwealth Medical College, Scranton, Pa. At MU, she is responsible for fostering relationships with alumni, volunteers, and donors through the planning and execution of a year round program of events and activities. She also is working to create and implement a student philanthropy and education program.

Alumni News

For more information about alumni events and news, visit the MU website: misericordia.edu/alumni



Kelly Spencer McAndrew '79

Alumni Association welcomes Botzman family

As we anticipate a new school year at Misericordia, I would like to welcome our new first family, Tom, Vanessa and Gabriela Botzman. As a member of the Presidential Search Committee, I am proud to say that we made an excellent selection for our 13th president. Please welcome the Botzmans into our Misericordia family.

Have you passed through the arches of our beautiful campus lately? I urge you to plan a visit if you haven't visited Misericordia's campus lately. Our upcoming homecoming would be a great time to reconnect with old classmates and faculty. Tailgating is an art, and we raise it to a new level in Cougar Village, situated between Alumnae Hall and the Hafey McCormick Science Building. Personally, I was amazed to be walking around the parking lot on a glorious fall day sipping a grown up beverage!

It is never too early to start planning next year's Alumni Weekend. It is a big one for me—my 35th. To my fellow classmates of '79, you can expect to hear more from me and our class agents in the very near future. Does your class have a special anniversary year to celebrate? Remember, this is your Alumni Association. Please contact our Alumni Office (570) 674-6764 if you wish to discuss planning special events for your class. This is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends while building new memories.

Kelly Spencer McAndrew

Class Notes

Stay in touch with friends and classmates by posting updates about your career, family and other noteworthy accomplishments on cougarconnect.misericordia.edu or [facebook.com/MisericordiaAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/MisericordiaAlumni). Submit Class Notes to Lailani Augustine at laugusti@misericordia.edu.

'51 College classmates and friends from left, **Mary Kelly '51, Catherine "Katie" O'Toole Frank '51, and**

Gerry Ribaldo DeMarco '51 reunited in 2013 at Mary's home in Auburn, N.Y. The alumnae have remained in touch since Commencement by phone and were able to reunite in person. While taking the photo, MU Today staff were told the ladies broke into the Misericordia Alma Mater and didn't miss a word!



Agnes Bradley Kennedy '61 was honored at the State of Maryland Annual Meeting in April for being a member of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Maryland affiliate for 50 years. She has been employed as an administrative dietitian at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Baltimore, Md.; outpatient dietitian at St. Joseph Hospital and Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; and staff dietitian on the interdisciplinary team for patients with developmental disabilities at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Rosewood facility, Owings Mills, Md. She and her husband have three grown children and six grandchildren.

'66 Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds '66 received PAFP's 2013 Family Physician of the Year Award. Those who wrote letters urging the PAFP to consider her for the award included colleagues, medical students and residents, as well as patients from age 12 to 75.



'69 Agnes Toloczko Cardoni '69, Ph.D., was awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor at Marywood University. A member of the Misericordia Alumni Council, Dr. Cardoni is also the co-author, with the late Dr. Regina Kelly, RSM, of the history of College Misericordia, *At the Edge of Centuries: College Misericordia 1914-1999*.

'83 Michael Dunleavy '83 was elected as state senator for District D in Wasilla, Alaska. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

'87 Sheila Koepke Heck '87 and her husband, Richard, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 23, 2013. Sheila is a director of nursing. The couple has three children: Samantha, 20, Alexandra, 18, and Noah, 14. The couple celebrated with a family dinner and a trip to the Finger Lakes, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

'90 Erwine Home Health and Hospice Inc., of Kingston, Pa., sponsored Bill Cosby at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Presenting a seated Bill Cosby with an MU hoodie, from left, are **Megan Erwine, Allen Erwine, Peggy Meck Amory '01 and Mary Hudack Erwine '90**.



'95 Stephanie Cheek Williams '95 and her husband, Robert, welcomed daughter, Alyssa Hope, on April 30, 2013.

'96 Dana Lausterer '96 and Bradley Grant Lorah chose Skytop Lodge for their Sept. 8, 2012 nuptials. Dana is a certified registered nurse anesthetist for Northeast Anesthesia Inc. Following a wedding trip to Morrea, Tahiti, the couple resides in Scranton, Pa.

Brian T. Egan, Esq. '96 was selected by the Irish Echo newspaper as one of the "Irish Top 40 Under 40" of up and coming leaders of Irish America from around the nation. He is a partner in Egan & Golden,

LLP, with offices in Patchogue and East Hampton, N.Y. He is the village attorney for multiple villages on Long Island and practices in the fields of municipal law and commercial litigation. Attorney Egan lives in Patchogue, N.Y., with his wife, Jennine Egan.

'03 Dr. Todd Glynn and **Laura Phillips Howell '03** renewed their wedding vows on the beach of the

Polynesian resort at Walt Disney World on Dec. 10, 2011. They were celebrating four years of marriage. The

couple's three-year-old son was in attendance. Laura is

a stay at home mom and a proud graduate of the 2003 nursing class. She was an endoscopy nurse at General Hospital until the birth of the couple's son.



'04 **Dr. Jonelle Marie Hook '04** and Robert John Lushefski Jr., were married Nov. 9, 2012.

'05 **William Lewis, Jr. '05** and Maureen Margaret Lynn

were married Aug. 11, 2012.



Jody Wilbur Hollister '05 and her husband, Jason, welcomed a daughter, Autumn, on Nov. 11, 2012.

Melissa Bartholomew '05 and Robert Bartholomew were married April 15, 2013.

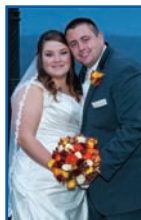
Joel Stepanchick '05 and Ann Evans '05 were married April 19, 2013.

'06 **Dr. Megan Gilbert '06 '08** joined the Excel Physical Therapy and Fitness team in September 2011 as a staff physical therapist at the Bensalem, Pa., location. Megan graduated with a Master's degree in physical therapy and also earned a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Jillian Bush '06 and Michael Sando were married May 17, 2012, on the beach in Punta Cana with family and friends. Jillian is employed as an ultrasound technologist at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. They live in Nanticoke, Pa.

'07 **Kelly Blinn '07** and Nolan Christopher Hahn exchanged vows on May 20, 2011, at the

Stroudsmoor Inn. Kelly is employed by Pocono Medical Center, Stroudsburg, Pa.



Jamie Derr '07 and William DesRosiers '09 were married at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Nov. 10, 2012. The couple met at Misericordia in 2005 and have been together ever since!

Hollie Ann Suda '07 and Michael Anthony DiMare '07 were married Sept. 10, 2011.

Jacqueline Paul '07 and her husband, George Layaou, were married Aug. 13, 2010.

'08 **Molly Anne Martin '08** and Matthew Pietrzak were married Oct. 20, 2012. Molly is a registered

radiologic technologist at MedExpress Urgent Care, Edwardsville, Pa., and Geisinger Community Medical Center, Scranton, Pa. They honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica. They reside in Miners Mills section of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

'09 **Allison Everett '09** and Michael Wagner were married June 16, 2012 at St. Martha's Church,

Fairmount Springs, Pa. Allison is a physical therapist at Geisinger Healthsouth Rehab Hospital, Danville, Pa. The couple honeymooned in Punta Cana. They live in Huntington Mills, Pa.

Colleen McGrady '09 welcomed a granddaughter, Addison Potsko, on June 20, 2012.

David Golaszewski '09 and Jillian Marie Ladner were married Dec. 28, 2012. David is employed at Power Chiropractic: Center for Healthy Living as the billing manager, X-ray technician, and nutrition and exercise coach. The couple honeymooned in Antigua and live in Edwardsville, Pa.

Alyson Mae Neely '09 and Keith Richard Culver, Jr. were married Oct. 14, 2012 at the Inn of the Abingtons in Dalton, Pa. Alyson works in social

services at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, Pa. The couple honeymooned in Walt Disney World and reside in Hunlock Creek, Pa.

'10 **Rachel A. Selert '10** and Jeremy Witner were married Oct. 9, 2010. Rachel is a

therapist at Weatherwood Nursing Home with Guardian Rehabilitation. The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii. They also welcomed Kaden Jerome on Feb. 22, 2013. Kaden weighed 9

pounds, 6 ounces and was 23-inches long. They live in Weatherly, Pa.



Mario Oliveri '10 was promoted to consultant in the Premium Sales Department of the New York Yankees. He is responsible for an account base consisting of numerous Fortune 500 companies and is challenged with a multi-million dollar new business goal every year. He earned his degree in sport management.

'11 **Jessica Pucci '11** and John Damiano were married June 22, 2012 at United Methodist Church. Jessica is a

radiology information system analyst for Geisinger Community Medical Center. They honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and live in Peckville, Pa.

Kayla Justine Kendra '11 and Matthew Dewey were married July 21, 2012. Kayla is a special education teacher in the Caroline County Public School District in Maryland. The couple honeymooned at the Majestic Elegance Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and live in Federalsburg, Md.

Brittany Adair '11 and Dennis Hartlove were married Nov. 27, 2011. Brittany is employed as a therapeutic staff support with CCRES. They live in Ephrata, Pa.

Alicia Grandinetti '12 and Michael Holley were married Oct. 13, 2012 at Queen of Angels Parish, Jessup, Pa. Alicia is employed by Allied Services Skilled Nursing Center. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and live in Jessup.

Julia Truax '12 and Matthew Leighow '11 were married on Dec. 1, 2012.

87TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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Inauguration ceremony to welcome MU's 13th

Weeklong series of activities leads up to Nov. 15 event

BY JIM ROBERTS

The Misericordia University community will recognize the presidency of Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., with a weeklong series of events culminating in a formal Inauguration Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 15. The activities will celebrate the key aspects of the Misericordia experience with a focus on quality academics and service to others in the tradition of the University's founders and sponsors, the Religious Sisters of Mercy.

"I am looking forward to my tenure here and celebrating with the campus, our friends and our community," says Dr. Botzman. "I have quickly come to understand that the best thing about Misericordia University is the people. I have enjoyed learning about the history, successes, challenges, and aspirations of Misericordia University from speaking with our students, faculty, staff and alumni. Inauguration week activities are about all of these groups and others coming together to celebrate our success and look to the future."

Inauguration Day begins with Mass at 10:30 a.m. in Lemmond Theater. The Inauguration ceremony begins at 2 p.m. in Lemmond Theater and will include representation from all Misericordia constituencies. An open reception will follow the ceremony.

Inauguration Day will be punctuated with special events days before and after



The Inauguration Ceremony will be held in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

the event. On Wednesday, Nov. 13, Campus Ministry and other student groups will showcase national and international student volunteer work with special displays in the Banks Student Life Center. Other student groups expect to hold events on that day as well.

A showcase of faculty research and scholarly work will occur during the week. The campus community and the public are invited to attend. Other academic presentations and guest speakers may be added to the schedule as planning is still underway.

The week will include a community service project on Saturday morning, Nov. 16 involving Dr. Botzman, students, faculty, staff and alumni. More details will follow. The Trustee Associates Gala, which recognizes the University's generous donors, is the week's final event. It is scheduled for Saturday night at 7 p.m.

For more information on Inauguration Week and to see the latest updates, please visit the University's web site at www.misericordia.edu/13thpresident.

Thomas J. Botzman 13th president of Misericordia University

Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., officially became the 13th president of Misericordia University on July 1, 2013.



Dr. Botzman had served as vice president for business and finance at St. Mary's College of Maryland since 2004, where he was also a professor of economics. His areas of

responsibility have included finance, human resources, facilities and maintenance, information technology, government relations, athletics, sailing, and public safety. He also served as interim vice president for development and secretary to the Board of Trustees in 2009-10.

Dr. Botzman previously served for 15 years on the faculty at Mount Union College in Ohio. He also worked as the associate academic dean during the 2003-04 academic year and as director of international studies from 1993 to 1997. He was a visiting professor and Fulbright Scholar at the University of the Americas in Mexico City, Mexico, teaching there four times from 1992 through 1996. He was named an American Council on Education Fellow in 2002. Dr. Botzman worked in industry prior to becoming a faculty member and is the inventor of 12 U.S. patents.

"Dr. Botzman's background and expertise matched Misericordia University's agenda for new leadership perfectly. He brings significant enthusiasm for this important leadership position, and a broad array of successful experiences that will enable him to build on the momentum our University has experienced over these last 15 years," said Misericordia University Trustee Christopher Borton, who chaired the presidential search committee.

Dr. Botzman earned a degree in engineering from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He also holds a master's in economics and a Ph.D. in business administration from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. In 2011, he was a participant in Harvard University's Institute for Executive Management.

Dr. Botzman and his wife, Vanessa, have one daughter, Gabriela, who will be a freshman in the fall at the University of Mount Union.

President Botzman greets new students at orientation

Misericordia University President Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., greeted first-year students and their families during the first series of orientation programs on June 28-29.

He talked to students and families about the University's charisms, rigorous academics and the personal attention they will receive to ensure their success.



*"There is nothing on this earth more to
be prized than true friendship."*

- St. Thomas Aquinas

Golden Memories

Sitting side-by-side at the Golden/Golden Plus Luncheon of Alumni Weekend 2013, Florence Hughes Sherwood '50 and Joyce Saunders Stocker '53 laughed together in a way that might make you think they are sisters. They have had plenty of practice. Friends since high school, the two developed a life-long bond while taking music classes together at Misericordia in 1948.

At the next table, Nancy Fraley O'Donnell '46 was quick to acknowledge classmate Olga Sekerchak Savage '46, a best friend on and off the golf course since they became acquainted as Misericordia students 67 years ago.

Standing nearby, elementary education alumna Mary Walsh Obzansky '63 and Tina Butera Menn '63 happily recalled being "day-hops" from the nearby hometowns of West Pittston and Exeter, Pa. They met in class and decided to drive back and forth to campus together. It was only fitting that these two life-long friends drove together to the luncheon that was held to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1963 and those who graduated before them.

There were many more great stories, and plenty of hugs and resounding laughter throughout the weekend that was designed to invigorate the spirit of fellowship that permeates a Misericordia education. More than 150 alumni and 100 guests participated in the events that included a campus tour, games, workshops, and numerous chances to reconnect.

As they stood together watching a photo slideshow provided by library archivist Jessica Reeder at the Golden/Golden Plus Luncheon, Menn marveled at the growth of the campus and Obzansky reminisced about the traditions that made her days on campus so poignant.

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA



Joyce Saunders Stocker '53, left, and Florence Hughes Sherwood '50 have taken family vacations together thanks to the friendship they developed at Misericordia.



'Day-hops' Mary Walsh Obzansky '63, left, and Tina Butera Menn '63 were among 18 graduates of the Class of 1963 in attendance at the Golden/Golden Plus Luncheon during Alumni Weekend 2013.

Class of '63 Memory Book

For those who missed Alumni Weekend 2013, copies of the Class of '63 Memory Book are available. To access a digital copy, go to <http://bit.ly/MUclassof63>. For \$10, you can request a printed copy that includes alumni contact information. To do so, email the Alumni Office at Alumni@misericordia.edu, call (570) 674-6768, or mail a check or money order to: Misericordia University Alumni Relations Office, 301 Lake Street, Dallas, PA 18612.

"I vividly remember the May Crowning as something very special," Obzansky comments.

"I am amazed at how the campus has expanded and how beautiful it is," Menn adds.

When asked for a favorite memory, Rita Ryan Mundy '63 recalled being sprinkled with Holy Water by the Sisters of Mercy every evening before bed. Long Island, N.Y., native Joanne Donovan Kossegi '63 described the daily bus ride to the house she stayed at in Shavertown as "quite an experience." Margaret Ferdinand Passon '63 made mention that her roommate, Frances "Nola" McFadden Riley '63, was a member of the student government and was required to enforce the strict student dress code.

Most in attendance agreed that they disliked having to wear stockings under their knee socks, yet felt the rules of the Sisters of Mercy were an integral part of the success of a Misericordia education. "The Sisters made sure we went to bed on time and were always ready for class," Patricia "Polly" Lavin Michael '59 explains. "They would also come right to you if they heard you had a problem. We knew we had their full support."

HOMECOMING WEEKEND:

Alumni are invited to visit campus during Homecoming Weekend on Oct. 4-6. Activities will include the 25th reunion for the Class of 1988 and special celebrations for reunion years 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013. For information, log onto CougarConnect at www.cougarconnect.misericordia.edu or call (570) 674-6768.

'Watch Your Wallet Roast' raises \$55,000 to benefit scholarship and campus funds

The Misericordia community came together one last time to celebrate the presidency of Michael A. MacDowell and to raise money for the Michael and Tina MacDowell Endowed Scholarship Fund and the First Lady's Campus Beautification Project during the "Watch Your Wallet Roast" that was held June 1 at the Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in Plains Twp., Pa.

The roast raised \$40,000 for the scholarship fund and \$15,000 to complete the campus beautification project thanks to corporate sponsorships and the 270 people in attendance. In May, faculty and staff collected and made an \$11,000 donation to the two funds in recognition of the MacDowell's 15 years of leadership and service.

"Tina and I were overwhelmed by the many friends who joined us at the dinner," said President MacDowell, who officially retired June 30. "Trustees, both past and present, alumni from every decade, the many friends we have developed here as well as our faculty and staff colleagues were there to wish us

well. We shared many laughs and remembrances. It was an evening we will always remember."

The roast, emceed by Trustee Murray Ufberg, Esq., featured light-hearted and humorous recollections and anecdotes from the board of trustees, faculty, staff and family, including Sandy Insalaco, Kirk MacDowell, Dr. John Sumansky, Glenn Bozinski and Dr. Joseph Curran. The event began with an invocation by Sister Carol Rittner, RSM, and a touching toast from John Metz, chair of the Board of



Michael and Tina MacDowell greeted, at top, John and Mary Metz; Dr. John Sumansky and Kurt MacDowell, at left, and Lou Alesi, below, at the event.



Trustees. Trustee Monsignor Jack Bendik delivered the Benediction.

State Sen. Lisa Baker and state Rep. Karen Boback '73 also presented the MacDowells with citations from the state Senate and House of Representatives.



Mulloy Dish Room dedication honors couple's 68 years of service to MU

Misericordia University dedicated the John and Cynthia Mulloy Dish Room in the John and Mary Metz Dining Hall in recognition of the couple's generosity and more than 68 years of combined service to students, faculty and staff.

Flanked by family, friends and members of the campus community, John and Cynthia Mulloy of Dallas Borough, Pa., watched as the University dedicated the Mulloy Dish Room during a formal ceremony on Feb. 18. A special plaque was hung in the dining room in their honor. Afterward, a special luncheon was held

John and Cynthia Mulloy pose for a picture after Misericordia University formally dedicated the John and Cynthia Mulloy Dish Room in John and Mary Metz Dining Hall.

and they cut a special cake that was shared with members of the campus community.

The Mulloys are employees of Metz Culinary Management, which oversees dining services for the University. Mr. Mulloy has been working at Misericordia since 1966, while his wife, Cynthia, has been employed on the Back Mountain campus for 21 years. Our Wyoming Valley is called the Valley with a Heart, President Michael A. MacDowell said during the dedication ceremony. Our University is known for its Mercy values of Hospitality and Service. John and Cindy personify this region and this value. In recognition of this fact, Misericordia's Trustees, students, faculty and staff are proud to install this plaque and dedicate this room in your name.

PLAY BALL!



Robert L. Tambur throws out the first pitch at the April 27 game against Wilkes University. The field officially was dedicated in honor of the Tambur family between games of the doubleheader.

Misericordia dedicates Tambur Field

The Misericordia University community officially dedicated Tambur Field on Saturday, April 27 in between games of a doubleheader with Wilkes

University to acknowledge the philanthropy and generosity of Robert L. Tambur, his family and the Tambur Family Foundation.

Tambur Field is situated on about four acres of land adjacent to the John and Mary Metz Field House in the Anderson Outdoor Athletic Complex near the North Gate of the upper campus. The construction of Tambur Field took about 10 months to complete, from the clearing of a wooded area to the final laying of sod. The playing surface contains a special fescue blend. It was purchased from Tuckahoe Turf Farms of Hammonton, N.J., which also installed the turf. Tuckahoe Turf Farms has provided playing surfaces for numerous professional and collegiate ball parks and football fields, including Citizens Bank Park, Fenway Park and many others.

BY PAUL KRZYWICKI



Tambur Field at Misericordia University.

Tambur Field's playing surface was chosen because of its characteristics for athletic play and its maintenance friendliness. Installed in June 2012, the Cougars baseball team did not play on the surface until the 2013 season in order to give the sod ample time to root.

The infield dirt is a mixture known as Custom Martin Infield Mix, which has been used on collegiate fields throughout the northeast. The 15-foot warning track is made of Red Martin Track

Mix. The distance from home plate to the outfield fences ranges from 330 feet down the left and right field lines to 375 feet in right and left field, and 390 feet to straightaway center field.

The \$520,000 ball park also features an electronic scoreboard in straightaway left field, irrigation and sprinkler systems, individual bullpens, as well as dugouts and bleachers.

Mr. Tambur is the chairman and CEO of Tammac Financial Corp., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., as well as the president of the Athletic Club, Inc., Wilkes-Barre, and Blue Ridge Golf Club, Mountain Top, Pa. An active member of the community, the well-known entrepreneur is a past board member of the F.M. Kirby Center and served the Committee on Economic Growth. Mr. Tambur currently serves on the board of Franklin Security Bank, the Tambur Family Foundation and Hospice of the Sacred Heart.

Mr. Tambur and his wife, Virginia, have two children, Bobby Tamburro and Liza, and three grandchildren.



Pete Doggett '13, a senior accounting major, was 5'0" tall and weighed 150 pounds. He pitched from the mound to help the Cougars win their third consecutive Freedom Conference title. He tossed a complete game four-hitter against Ramapo in the NCAA Tournament to earn a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

Baseball wins third straight Freedom Conference Title

The Cougars made the most of their new home-field advantage by finishing 39-11 and winning their third consecutive Freedom Conference title and NCAA Championships berth.

Misericordia hosted the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament at PNC Field in Moosic, Pa., the home of the New York Yankees' Triple-A affiliate. The Cougars finished third in the eight-team field.

In the first game played at Tambur Field, the Cougars

recorded a 9-3 win over local rival King's.

With benefactor Robert Tambur throwing out the ceremonial first pitch, the Cougars added a doubleheader sweep over another local rival Wilkes when the facility was dedicated on the last day of the regular season.

Senior Evan Robaczewski was named Freedom Conference Pitcher of the Year for the second consecutive season while classmate Kenny Durling rewrote much of the Misericordia baseball record book.

Bush, Helmstetter Named Wendy's Athletes of the Year

Senior soccer standouts Andy Bush '13 and Sam Helmstetter '13 were named the 2012-2013 Misericordia University Wendy's Athletes of the Year.

Bush, the soccer team's Most Valuable Player, was a first-team All-Freedom selection for the fourth straight season and was named the conference Player of the Year after leading the Cougars to a Freedom Conference championship.

In addition, he was an ECAC All-Star and earned second-team All-Region honors. He ended his career as MU's all-time leader in goals (48) and points (117).

After leading the women's soccer team to the school's first Final Four appearance, Helmstetter was named the Freedom Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

She was a first-team All-American, All-ECAC, All-Region and All-Freedom after recording the second-highest single-season goals (18) and points (45)



Wendy's Athletes of the Year, at top, Andy Bush '13 and Sam Helmstetter '13 flank Steve Kopic; and Scholar-Athletes of the Year Matt Karabin '13 and Laura Roney '13 receive their awards from Dave Martin, athletic director.

totals in school history. Helmstetter finished as MU's all-time leader in assists (34) and is second in career points (122) and third in goals (44).

Roney and Karabin named Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Misericordia University placed 67 spring sports student-athletes on the MAC Academic Honor Roll.

The MAC Honor Roll recognizes student-athletes who carry a minimum GPA of 3.20 while earning a varsity letter.

Among the honorees was Matt Karabin '13, who was also feted as the MAC Baseball Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A senior pitcher, Karabin maintains a 3.97 GPA as a math/secondary education major and was also named Misericordia's ECAC/Robbins Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Laura Roney '13, a senior women's soccer player, was named Misericordia's ECAC/Robbins Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Roney carries a 3.90 GPA as a physical therapy major.

Biochemistry major earns computational chemistry internship at UC Irvine

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

Biochemistry major Amelia Poplawski '14 hopes her research will lead to a cure for breast cancer.

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

After only three weeks at her internship, Amelia Poplawski '14 knows the computational chemistry research she is conducting at University of California (UC) Irvine is the start of a career path she hopes will lead to finding a cure for breast cancer.

The goals may sound lofty, but they come as no surprise to anyone who knows Poplawski. The Misericordia University biochemistry major is one of 16 students participating in an elite National Science Foundation internship at UC Irvine, one of the top ranked institutions for chemistry research in the country. The rising senior says the application for the Chem-SURF Undergraduate Fellowship Program required her to outline her research background. The similarities between her MU experience and the available research projects at UC Irvine played an important role in her acceptance into the program.

It also secured her the coveted assignment of working one-on-one with the director of the Chem-SURF program, Fillmore Freeman, Ph.D., a professor of chemistry at UC Irvine, whose research includes computational chemistry and molecular rearrangements. The appointment also earned her a \$4,000 stipend and free room and board.

"Being in this program and spending hours in a lab in front of a computer has helped me realize that the work I am doing may lead to the answers to much bigger questions," she says. "I love what I am doing, absolutely!"

At UC Irvine, she is using the Gaussian computational chemistry program to build virtual molecules and compounds, and perform calculations on energy, frequency and optimizing the structure. "Computational chemistry allows you to investigate properties of a compound that could not be done in a wet laboratory because they are too unstable," she explains. "The more theoretical information we compile on a molecule, the more it helps us determine the mechanism behind the molecule and what makes it work."

That is where her hope of finding a cure for cancer comes in. Poplawski spent time during the past academic year working

with Jun Ling, Ph.D., assistant professor of biochemistry at The Commonwealth Medical College, Scranton, Pa. His research team is attempting to find the molecular mechanisms and fundamental interactions at work in different biological phenomenon, such as breast cancer.

"We are studying the biochemistry of the protein enzyme Pac-2, found in breast tissue, and the relativity of it to the occurrence of breast cancer," she explains. "There has already been a large amount of research done on the similar Pac-1 enzyme, but Pac-2 is proving to be more complicated. We are hoping to do enough research to publish in the near future."

Poplawski credits Coughlin High School biology teacher Joan Blum for igniting her interest in biology during her freshman year. An equal interest in chemistry soon followed thanks to AP chemistry teacher Michael Cooney, also of Coughlin High School.

Putting her two interests together was easy once she met chemistry professor Charles Saladino, Ph.D., and other members of the Misericordia science faculty during an open house program. "The passion they had really stood out to me. Seeing their enthusiasm made me even more excited about biochemistry as a major," she adds. "I was right. The faculty are terrific and I am lucky to have Dr. Anna Fedor as a mentor."

"Amelia became interested in pursuing research in computational chemistry after taking a physical chemistry class that I taught last fall," adds Dr. Fedor, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry. "She recently wrote and was awarded a student research grant to study the amino acids' interactions that lead to plaque build up in the brain leading to Alzheimer's disease. Amelia will return in the fall and begin working on studying these interactions using molecular dynamics, a

type of computational analysis program."

Dr. Fedor says Poplawski's dedication and drive are exceptional and will serve her well as she begins the graduate school application process.

"It may take decades of research, but the idea of finding a biochemical reaction related to diseases such as cancer or Alzheimer's is something I hope to see in my lifetime," Poplawski says. "If it happens, I know that my time in the lab will have been well spent."

FAST FACTS:

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Plains Twp., Pa.
B.S. Biochemistry
Class of May 2014

PAST PRESIDENT: Beta
Beta Beta National
Biological Honor Society –
MU Chapter.

ACTIVITIES: Tutor in
physics, calculus, general
chemistry and organic
chemistry; and a biology
lab assistant.

FUTURE PLANS:
Graduate School, teach and
research.

Princess MAKER

Student spearheads formal dress clothing drive for campers at Camp Happy Times

BY PAUL KRZYWICKI



Social media channels are 24-7 online communication tools that are used to introduce people to each other, market businesses and products to particular demographics, and bring like-minded individuals together for worthy causes.

Gabrielle Giello '13, a Government, Law and National Security graduate at Misericordia University, has been an ardent user of Facebook since she attended Holy Cross High School in Dunmore, Pa. She used the emerging site to stay in touch with her family and friends by posting updates about her status and activities. It was fun, she says, to be able to share her day and to

see what her connections were doing both near and far.

That interconnectivity also opened up a new world of opportunity for Giello and about 200 children at Camp Happy Times, an annual one-week overnight event sponsored by the Valerie Fund for children ages 5-21 who have or have had cancer. For several years, Giello and her mother, Dawn, have been volunteering at the camp. As a Chanel fragrance model, Mrs. Dawn Giello has been helping the inner-city girls with their makeovers for about eight years in preparation for dance night.

The Valerie Fund has operated Camp Happy Times for more than 25 years at Tyler Hill Camp, a 200-acre estate in Wayne County, Pa. It promotes friendship, independence and a spirit of cooperation for cancer patients and survivors, while providing a recreationally therapeutic environment that engages participants while building self-esteem, confidence and friendship, according to The Valerie Fund.

"My mom spoke so highly of her experience, I could just tell how touched she was and it made me want to do it. It was her influence," says Giello. "It's really hard to see some of the girls. It's heartbreaking. Some of them are so little and some don't have any hair."

Many of them also did not have proper attire for the dance in 2012 when Giello brought one of her own prom dresses to donate to the event. "The dresses they had for the dance were very outdated," she says. "I gave my own dress to a special little girl and it was so touching. She was crying. Right after that happened, I told the camp director that I would bring back as many dresses as possible."

In January 2013, Giello launched the Facebook group, "Prom Dresses for Cancer," and "it just exploded," she says. By February, Giello had received more than 150 prom dresses and accessories that were donated by friends, family and complete strangers from as far away as New Jersey and Delaware who were moved by the story of Camp Happy Times and the 22-year-old's worthwhile effort.

The Misericordia campus community also became involved in the clothing drive as the History Club organized a collection in the lobby of the Banks Student Life Center and accepted donations on Giello's behalf. By the time Giello received her undergraduate degree in May, she had secured more than 250 formal dresses and \$1,000 in donations for the Aug. 12-18 camp.

THE ART of volunteerism in JAMAICA

BY PETER FALVEY '14 - COMMUNICATIONS STUDENT INTERN

MU goes to island nation for 8th straight year to help impoverished residents

MANCHESTER, Jamaica – Debbie Keys '15 has been an active volunteer with Campus Ministry during her first three years at Misericordia University, doing things both on campus and off. She can often be seen having lunch or walking around on campus with her "little sister," a local girl she is mentoring through the region's Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Those early experiences, Keys says, prepared her to expand her volunteer efforts and take her work abroad.

"I do a lot of volunteer work on campus," says Keys, an occupational therapy major. "I always had a passion for helping people. They (Campus Ministry) provide a lot of opportunities to do that, especially around the area. That lead me to do Jamaica."

Misericordia University students enrolled in the service-learning course, "Theology and the Church," traveled to Cross Keys, Manchester, Jamaica with Campus Ministry for the eighth straight year. Eleven students and two chaperones volunteered from Jan. 2-8 during winter break. Students weren't going to the tropical island to lay back and take in the sun, but rather to roll up their sleeves and provide hard work and to mentor young children. Campus Ministry spearheads service and service-learning trips because students can learn about themselves as well as the culture they are immersed in, according to Christine Somers, D.Min., M.S.W., director of Campus Ministry.

"Students have come back more energized to do service in the local community," says Dr. Somers, who has been involved in the Jamaican program since its inception. "It has also strengthened the bonds between the



Occupational therapy student Debbie Keys '15 enjoys a playful moment with a Jamaican child outside of St. Joseph's Church in Jamaica.

students who went and experienced Jamaica."

During the trip, Father Patrick Mwangi had students stay with him at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The students returned his hospitality by painting the church and doing routine maintenance. The chores assist the parish community, while also building a sense of community between Misericordia students and people from the island nation. Bryan Palmoli '14, Plains Twp., Pa., said that working on the church reminded him of the volunteerism that he does back home.

Another goal of the trip was to help the



Jeff Pasetti, kneeling, assistant director of Campus Ministry, talks with residents of Missionaries of Charity Home for the Elderly and Dying in Jamaica.

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elderly. Missionaries of Charity is a nursing home for the elderly, which is housed in a former warehouse. The blue-and-white painted concrete building in Balaclava, Jamaica is now home to aged residents, many of whom were left behind by adult children who relocated to more prosperous countries.

As volunteers and residents of Missionaries of Charity enter the building, they are greeted with simple, albeit, heart-warming sentiments, such as "Mary Help the Christians" lettered above the doorways and "Peace to All Who Enter Here."

At the home, volunteers help residents with basic hygiene, including shaving and clipping nails. Keys found the residents enjoyed the companionship. "We basically just talked to them," says Keys, a Jim Thorpe, Pa., resident. "Just that social interaction is all they needed to make their day."

Misericordia's pilgrims of mercy also helped children by visiting and donating their time at St. John Bosko, a home for boys. The child-care institution is owned and operated by the Sisters of Mercy, who also founded Misericordia University. The volunteers play cards and sports with the children. The center is home to 150 boys between the ages of 3-16.

What MU is Saying

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YOUR TWEETS

Family members, friends, classmates
and colleagues took to Twitter to
congratulate graduates and to
acknowledge campus happenings:

@JVictory42 Started from the bottom now
we here #MUGrads. Congrats to class of
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@bricktop01 @MisericordiaU So proud
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Campus receives 2013 Pride of Place Award

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of
Commerce presented Misericordia University
a 2013 Pride of Place Award. The award
honors a business, industry or organization
that has improved the area's physical
environment. Misericordia received the 2013
Community Enhancement Award in
recognition of a multi-million dollar campus
improvement program that involved the
construction and refurbishment of many
residential and athletic facilities.

The award was presented to Misericordia
University on June 25 at the annual Chamber
Awards Luncheon at Genetti's in Downtown
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



MacDowell Hall is among the award-
winning improvements.

HOMEcoming 2013

Join us on Oct. 4-6 for a complete
slate of events as we celebrate the 25th
reunion of the Class of 1988, as well as
the reunion years of 1993, 1998, 2003,
2008 and 2013. Please log on to
Misericordia.edu/homecoming
or call (570) 674-6764 for more
information.

Misericordia's service gets national recognition

Misericordia University was named by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for being one of the nation's leading institutions of higher education committed to bettering communities through service initiatives and service learning academic programs.

During the 2011-12 academic year, 2,593 Misericordia students engaged in 158,154 service hours to the community—a more than 49 percent increase from the previous academic year. MU's academic service learning programs had 849 student participants. Of those who did service, 602 students were engaged in at least 20 hours of community service per semester.

Sonography receives 10 year accreditation

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Certificate Program had its continuing accreditation extended for a maximum of 10 years to 2023 by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education (CAAHEP).

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC DMS) and CAAHEP's most recent peer review recognized the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation standards.

MBA specialization in sport management added

The Department of Business has added sport management as a fourth specialization to the Master of Business Administration program.

The Sport Management program will offer two tracts for students to complete the degree. The traditional Bachelor of Science degree in sport management can be completed in four years. The combined Bachelor of Science/MBA degree is a five year program in which students can earn their undergraduate and graduate degrees.



FACULTY NOTEBOOK

W. Scott Blanchard, Ph.D., professor of English, along with Jeroen De Keyser, Ph.D., a research fellow at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, published an English translation and Latin edition of *On Exile*, by Francesco Filelfo, as part of The I Tatti Renaissance Library Series from Harvard University Press.

Dawn Evans, O.T.D., O.T.R./L., assistant professor of occupational therapy, was the recipient of the Misericordia University Club Advisor of the Year Award.

Allan W. Austin, Ph.D., professor of history and government, and **Patrick Hamilton, Ph.D.**, associate professor of English, presented at the 3rd Annual Popular Culture Association of Canada Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Dr. Austin presented, *Exploring a 'Cave of Horrors': Batman and the Incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II*, and Dr. Hamilton offered, *Steps Back: The Persistence of Stereotypes in the Ethnic Superheroines of the 1970s*.

Lorie Zelna, M.S., RT(R) (MR), associate professor of medical imaging, was presented the Judge Max and Tillie Rosenn Excellence in Teaching Award; **Alicia Nordstrom, Ph.D.**, associate professor of psychology, was awarded the Pauly and Sidney Friedman Excellence in Service Award, and **Allan Austin, Ph.D.**, professor of history received the Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Scholarship Award, at the 87th annual Commencement ceremony on May 18.

Donna Ayers Snelson, R.N., D.Ed., associate professor of nursing and director of the Center for Nursing History at Misericordia University, was awarded The DAISY Faculty Award, and **Tina Tomkins, R.N., M.S.N., C.R.N.P., P.H.R.N.**, assistant professor of nursing, was named a DAISY Foundation Honorary Faculty Member.

Stanley J. Dudrick, M.D., the Robert S. Anderson Endowed chair and medical director of the physician assistant studies program, was the keynote speaker and honoree at the XIII Congress of Federation of Latin American Associations for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition in Panama City, Panama. He received a citation of recognition

from the Ministry of Health of Panama.

Cosima Wiese, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, contributed to the United States Environmental Protection Agency report, *Integrated Science Assessment for Ozone and Related Photo Chemical Oxidants*, that was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 78 #32.

M. Hunter Manasco, Ph.D., C.C.C.-S.L.P., assistant professor of speech-language pathology, had the textbook, *Introduction to Neurogenic Communication Disorders*, published by Jones & Bartlett Learning.

Kathleen Scaler Scott, Ph.D., C.C.C.-S.L.P., assistant professor of speech-language pathology, had the book, *Managing Cluttering: A Comprehensive Guidebook of Activities* with David Ward, Ph.D., of the University of Reading, England, published by Pro-Ed, Inc., of Austin, Texas, in January.

The Accolade Film, Television, New Media & Videography Awards presented a 2013 Award of Merit in Disability Issues to **Melissa Sgroi, Ed.D.**, assistant professor and chair of the Department of Communications, and **Dan Kimbrough, M.S.**, assistant professor of communications, for the 15-minute documentary, *Vote*.

James Siberski, M.S., C.M.C., CRmT., assistant professor and coordinator of the Gerontology Education Center, was presented with the Community Outreach Volunteer Award from the Alzheimer's Association Greater Pennsylvania Chapter at the Volunteer Recognition Event in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Scott L. Massey, Ph.D., P.A.-C., founding chairperson, program director and professor of the physician assistant studies program, had the research article, *The Relationship Between Formative and Summative Examination and PANCE Results: A Multi-Program Study*, published in The Journal of Physician Assistant Education.

Alicia Nordstrom, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, presented her research from *The Voices Project* at the International Conference on the Teaching of Psychology in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Freda T. Popky '28

April 12, 1908 – April 16, 2013

When Freda T. Popky '28 was born on April 12, 1908, less than 6 percent of the American population had achieved a high school diploma, few folks had ever ridden in an automobile, the average wage was 22 cents an hour and Theodore Roosevelt was president.

Over the next 105 years, Mrs. Popky witnessed the election of 18 subsequent presidents, two world wars and the country's first venture into space.

As Misericordia's most celebrated and oldest living alumna, the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., native was a witness to three

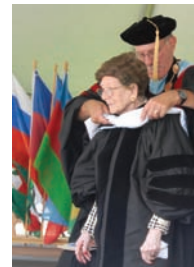
important periods in Misericordia's history. She participated in some of the first academic classes, saw the college evolve into a co-educational institution as a resident in northeastern Pennsylvania, and was present when the institution celebrated its first official day as Misericordia University on Aug. 24, 2007.

Mrs. Popky, 105, passed away on April 16 at St. Luke's Villa in Wilkes-Barre. A member of the first four-year class at Misericordia, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in the classics and was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters degree during the Convocation ceremony in 2007, when the college officially became a university.

"Everyone was so friendly, like a big family. The students and faculty made me feel welcome," Mrs. Popky said in 2007, recalling her academic years at Misericordia. "The last year I was there, they had many more students from out of the area."

A modest woman, she credited "the man upstairs" for her long life and said the best advice she ever received was from her mother who told her to always look her best because personal dignity was most important.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman B. Popky, M.D. She is survived by her children, Drs. George Popky and Susan P. Harris, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



Freda T. Popky '28 receives her honorary degree at 2007's Convocation ceremony.

Monsignor James T. Clarke

October 17, 1913 – March 29, 2013

His students remember him as an excellent theologian who taught with a stern voice and a twinkle in his eye. Monsignor James T. Clarke, beloved teacher of religious studies and philosophy and chaplain at Misericordia from 1944 to 1968, passed away on March 29, 2013 at Wilkes Barre General Hospital. The spry 99 year old most recently celebrated the 74th anniversary of his ordination, which took place on Dec. 8, 1938 in the chapel of the North American College, Rome. He received his Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Pontifical Gregorian University, also in Rome, in 1939.

In an interview in 2009, the Monsignor recalled fond memories of the days he spent on campus and he gave profound thanks and commendation to the Sisters of Mercy who established Misericordia and created what he called a wonderful learning environment.

The campus went from 200 students to nearly 1,200 while I was there and I credit the nuns for fulfilling the mission of providing an affordable college education for the daughters of the miners in the area, he said earnestly. The sisters worked for nothing enabling us to keep the tuition very low.

He celebrated two Masses each day, one for the sisters and the students of the religious order, and a second for the student body. He was an excellent teacher whose balanced approach to church life was an inspiration to us back in the day, says Mary Elizabeth O Connor 60 of Bethlehem, Pa. He had a view of religion that was far ahead of his time.

Jane Carroll Rymer 49 concurs. He was an extraordinary person and a very good teacher of religion. He also taught us how to play bridge, she adds with a smile. It was an enjoyable pastime for us when we were finished with our homework.

Monsignor Clarke decided to pursue parish work in 1968, and became pastor at Holy Savior Church in Wilkes Barre, Pa., and later at St. Ignatius Church in Kingston, Pa., before retiring in 1989. He held many diocesan appointments, including serving as a member of the board of examiners and as assistant editor of the Catholic Light newspaper.

He lived for more than 20 years at Villa St. Joseph, a diocesan home for retired priests in Dunmore, Pa. Monsignor Clarke is survived by a sister, Norah Tierney, Rochester, N.Y., and numerous nieces and nephews.

In Memoriam

- Maryterese Ryan Streett '52
August 25, 2012
- Sister Mary Gerald Magill, RSM '53
September 5, 2012
- Marie Blizzard '93
September 7, 2012
- Marion Welza '65
September 11, 2012
- Helen Goff Grinavich Hilsher '40
September 14, 2012
- Christine Potoeski Swisher '72
September 26, 2012
- Joseph Purcell '85
September 27, 2012
- Maureen Mitchell Kotulich '94
September 29, 2012
- Marjorie O'Hara Tierney '66
September 30, 2012
- Leona Rynkiewicz Yakus '57
September 30, 2012
- Martha Messick Bachman '68
October 4, 2012
- Elaine Swoboda Lyons '79
October 6, 2012
- Joan Reber Madden '52
October 8, 2012
- Ellen Rocks Fulton '61
October 25, 2012
- Dorothy DeLuca Gelso '55
December 4, 2012
- Sister Boniface Schuck, RSM '61
December 6, 2012
- Theresa Henry Blaum '56
December 11, 2012
- Karen Hronich Gular '74
December 12, 2012
- Valia Piccotti Harkins '59
December 14, 2012
- Mary Berkery Gorman '52
December 24, 2012
- Geraldine Pace Bedwell '48
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- Mary Catherine Petroziello '68
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December 28, 2012
- Marianna Powers Seyden '34
December 30, 2012
- Michael Moeller '84
January 2, 2013
- Tammy Clickner '99
June 19, 2008
- Adele Lapinski Lazarowics '51
December 22, 2011
- Betsy Rendle Kozarski '64
March 1, 2012
- Lynda Paul Hamilton '05
April 6, 2012
- Rosanne Bantell Milazzo '67
May 29, 2012
- Joanne Gaydos Xanten '75
October 17, 2012
- Julia Young Chang '52
October 24, 2012
- Maureen Conway Fisk Peterson '70
November 7, 2012
- Regina Romani Riley '47
December 3, 2012
- Mary Jane Pugh Baker '52
December 10, 2012
- Tozia Pressmann George '63
December 15, 2012
- Anna Reuwer Woodside '33
January 9, 2013
- Mary Terrence Flanagan, RSM '55
January 11, 2013
- Beverly Richards Longo '63
January 13, 2013
- Joseph Michael Falchek '95
January 20, 2013
- Concetta Butera Bartoli '66
January 21, 2013
- Bettie Kelly Strawser '51
January 29, 2013
- Dolores Dolgas Hearn '63
January 27, 2013
- Miriam Farrell Pohlmeier '41
January 30, 2013
- Sister Materna Yarrish, CSB '52
February 9, 2013
- Barbara Veroneau Evans '52
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- Mary McGroarty Bacom '41
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- Sister M. Magdalene Fanucci, DM '48
February 16, 2013
- Theodora Zwirek Gorde '37
February 21, 2013
- Maryalice Layne Rogers '58
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- Virginia Meyer Raklewicz '77
March 1, 2013
- Jesse Costanzo '63
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- Mary Clare Loftus McCabe '52
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- Kathleen Drugan Vogt '66
March 16, 2013
- Dr. Janet Amico '71
March 23, 2013
- Dorothy Morris Tempirne '57
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- Bruna Cruciani Evans '75
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- Andrew Kramer '10
March 31, 2013
- Sister Anita Marie Miller, RSM '61
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- Marion Bentley Wilson '92
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- Theresa Makar '99
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- Jennie M. D'Arcangelo '60
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- Sister M. Pauline Posedly, DM '57
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- Freda Thalenfeld Popky '28
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- Sister Nathanael Glovas, OSF '45
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- Margaret Kulkowski Kaye '39
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- Marcia Burke Steer '62
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- Anne Wittman '56
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- Mary Jo Connelly Plummer '66
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- Sister Mary Clarice Pennell, RSM '55
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June 11, 2013

CLASSICAL MASTERS EXHIBITION COMING TO FRIEDMAN ART GALLERY



Luigi Rossini's etchings, prints and engravings depict ancient Rome.



An etching by Giovanni Battista Piranesi.

The Pauly Friedman Art Gallery at Misericordia University is hosting the exhibit, *Classical Masters: The Grandeur of Rome*, featuring more than 100 etchings, prints and engravings of Giovanni Battista Piranesi (1720-1778) and Luigi Rossini (1790-1857) that capture the elegance, architecture and antiquities of ancient Rome. The exhibition will be accompanied with informative narratives for a complete experience.

The *Classical Masters* prints are on loan to the Friedman Art Gallery from a private collector. The show begins Jan. 25, 2014 and runs through March, 2, 2014. An opening reception will be held Saturday, Jan. 25 from 5-8 p.m. in the art gallery.

Two special classical architectural lectures will also be offered by architect Russ Roberts at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on a date to be determined. The event will be free and open to the public. Please refer to www.misericordia.edu/art for the most up-to-date information.

Piranesi was born in Venice. Along with

Canaletto and Tiepolo, he is one of three great 18th century Italian artists known for their etchings of Roman antiquities. After studying to be an architect, he became a draftsman at the age of 20 on the staff of a Venetian ambassador to the Vatican. It is there that he learned the art of etching. He spent most of his life in Rome, pursuing his archeological research and completing more than 1,300 large etchings – or about one plate every two weeks for 39 years.

"Piranesi was a superb technician who could magically reconstruct the mood of antiquity," said Brian Benedetti, director of the Pauly Friedman Art Gallery and curator of the *Classical Masters* exhibition. "His master of draftsmanship and perspective, his knowledge of Roman antiquities, the sense of drama suggested by the picturesque figures which peopled his romantic ruins, and above all, his epic creative imagination, all combine to make his etchings a most effective dramatization of Rome's past grandeur."

Until Piranesi, view makers had drawn buildings straight on. Piranesi used geometric perspective. His brilliant artistic use of light and shadow was achieved by sketching a building several times each day over several days to get as many varied impressions of light as he could.

Rossini was born in Ravenna in 1790 and traveled at age 16 to Bologna to study at the art academy. It was there he became apprenticed to Antonio Basoli, an early 19th century Bolognese artist. He learned to do different kinds of decorative borders in chiaroscuro from Basoli and also attended evening sessions at the art academy where his teachers included Leandro Marconi and Gianantonio Antolini. Bolognese painter, Luigi Cini, one of the most important decorative artists of this period, then trained Rossini in his school. Rossini later earned an apprenticeship and scholarship in Rome at the Accademia Italiana at the Palazzo di Venezia.



More than 100 pieces, including this one by Piranesi, will be on display.

"He soon realized that it was almost impossible to find work as an architect," Benedetti said. "He also understood that to be successful in the field, an architect had to be, as he reflected in his autobiography, 'obsequious, to have strong connections and considerable obligations.' He therefore decided to follow in the tradition of Piranesi and execute drawings and engravings of buildings and archaeological remains of ancient Rome."

During his career, Rossini continued Piranesi's tradition and was one of the most important practitioners of neo-classical etching. He had an extraordinary ability to capture the detail that made Roman architecture inspiring and enduring. His works demonstrate his ability to recreate the triumphal arches, bridges and temples with conviction and vigor.



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Sept. 7 Oct. 31

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An exhibit of works from the Ani Art Academy Waichulis
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Oct. 4-6

Homecoming Weekend

Activities include celebrating the 25th reunion for the Class of 1988 and the reunion years 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013. For details go to CougarConnect or call the Alumni Box Office.

Oct. 4

Annual Health Care Lecture Series

The Future of Health Care in the United States, a symposium featuring Susan Dentzer, health analyst for PBS

NewsHour and senior policy advisor to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 216-219 Insalaco Hall. To register for the free program, contact Theresa Hollock at (570) 674-6332 or at e-mail thollock@misericordia.edu.

Oct. 4

11th Annual Athletics Hall of Fame Induction

Induction ceremony, Anderson Sports and Health Center, 7 p.m.; reception, McGowan Room, Bevevino Library, 8 p.m. For reservations, call the Alumni Box Office. Deadline is Sept. 27.

Oct. 23

Soyka Fund for the Humanities and College of Arts and Sciences

Author James Church, a former Western intelligence officer known for his series of *Inspector O* spy novels set in North Korea, to present free lecture. 218-219 Insalaco Hall. 7 p.m. For information: (570) 674-8184.

Oct. 31 Nov 2

Misericordia Players: Spoon River Anthology

8 p.m. Lemmond Theater. \$5 general admission; \$3 students and senior citizens. MU Box Office.

Nov. 9 Dec. 13

David Klevinsky: Abstract Paintings

Pauly Friedman Art Gallery. Opening Reception Saturday, Nov. 9, 5-8 p.m.

Nov. 15

Inauguration of President

Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D.

Weeklong series of events to include Inauguration Mass at 10:30 a.m. and Inauguration Ceremony at 2 p.m. in Lemmond Theater. For details, go to: www.misericordia.edu/13thpresident

Dec. 7

15th Annual Brunch with Santa

Hosted by the Alumni Association. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Banks Student Life Center. Reservations required. Alumni Box Office.

Dec. 14

Winter Commencement

2 p.m. Anderson Sports and Health Center.

Jan. 25 March 2, 2014

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April 12, 2014

Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny

Alumni Association hosts egg hunt at 11 a.m.; brunch seatings at 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Banks Student Life Center. Reservations required. Alumni Box Office.

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