

Class notes

Nathan Huss married Melissa Martinez on Aug 8, 2008 and both are now attending Drake Law School.

Beth Furlong, '64, was appointed to the NIH Council of Public Representatives.

Linda Genther '77, Westminster, Colo., is engaged to Joe Salerno. She graduated from Marycrest with a BA in Biology.

Rodney Buckles and **Jeanen Cadwell** were married August 30, 2008. They attended Marycrest through 2002.

Kristan Vortriede Diefenbach is engaged to be married to Michael Farrell on May 24, 2009. She attended Marycrest from 1999-2001.

Genevieve "Gabby" Rafferty, '42, was crowned the Queen of the Mardi Gras this year by the Rock Island Junior League.

Tom Walljasper was profiled in a Quad-City Times story highlighting his long career as a Quad-City actor. Since his days at Marycrest, he has performed in more than 50 productions at Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island.

Jennifer (Waddell) DeWitt, '87, participated in the first Honor Flight of the Quad-Cities, chronicling the journey of area World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. She has been a reporter for the Quad-City Times for 20 years.

Karen Segal, '80, is vice president of USBA in Overland Park, Kan. She married Bradley Charles Vogan in 2003.

Daniel Taddie, '71 is the senior vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the Faculty Office at University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark.

Dave Cahoon, '91, currently owns Exotic Imports, a unique international gift store.

Evelyn (Accoe) Van Puyvelde and her husband Albert were recently honored for 45 years of service to the Center for Belgian Culture, Moline. They started the Belgian Waffle Breakfasts that paid expenses for many years. They also sponsored many cultural activities such as teaching and demonstrating Belgian Folk Dances, presenting food specialties, ethnic games, art work, etc.

Frankie (Frances Frank) Schelly, '59, is the author of two novels. At The CrossRoads (FireSign Exclusives) was the 2002 DIY Book Festival Fiction Winner and received the 2001 Honorable Mention Winner/Mainstream/Literary Fiction/Writer's Digest 9th International Self-Published Book Award. Change Place (Firesign Exclusives) was a finalist for the International Ernest Hemingway First Novel Award, the James Fellowship Novel in Progress Award, the North Carolina Channel Banks Publisher's Award, 2003 DIY Fiction Honorable Mention Winner, and Winner WordWeaving Award for Excellence. Schelly resides in Asheville, NC. Her Web site is www.firesignexclusives.com.

Patricia McGuire Rock, '54, has been named one of the Teachers of the Year for her Division at New York University (NYU). The citation will be awarded at Commencement in June at Lincoln Center in New York City.

Kathleen Kamerick, daughter of Dr. John Kamerick who taught at Marycrest before becoming President of the University of Northern Iowa, has been named one of 4 Teachers of the Year at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Kathleen attended Marycrest in the early 70's but graduated elsewhere.

Deaths

Anna Gertrude Eichstaedt, of Moline, a former librarian at Marycrest, died Feb. 6, 2009. She was 91.

James Weller, '74, died Jan. 31, 2009. He was 56. He had been an RN at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, and Genesis West Medical Center, Davenport.

Sister Mary Teresa Ruggle, '58, died Jan. 27, 2009, at age 80. Her career included serving as a librarian at Marycrest from 1971 to 1976.

Marybeth Cunningham, '72, of Rock Island, died Jan. 16, 2009, at age 58. She received a BA in elementary education, speech and drama. She taught at Holy Family Catholic School, Davenport. She is the daughter of the late Phyllis Hubbard Cunningham, also a Marycrest grad.

Sister Pauline Tursi, CHM, (Sr. Pauline Marie), '63, died Jan. 11. She was 68. She received her BA in mathematics from Marycrest. She taught in her early career before moving into hospital administration.

Mary Jeanne (Nagle) Blough, '47, of Davenport, died Aug 2008 at age 83. She received her undergrad and graduate degrees in education from Marycrest. She had taught at Sudlow Jr. High and Assumption High School.

Helen (Wetzel) Lorenz, '64, of Clinton, Iowa, died Dec. 26, 2008, at the age of 93. She taught her entire career and was instrumental in developing the Head Start program in Clinton.

Isla (Staman) Johnston, '60, of Maquoketa, Iowa, died Dec. 12, 2008, at the age of 103. She was a teacher for 52 years.

Fay (Kleinmann) Burlingame, '59, of Pueblo, Colo., died Nov. 7, 2008.

Sr. Mary Simone Wilmes, CHM, '40, died Nov. 4, 2008.

Phyllis Sperling Baylis, '44, died Oct. 13, 2008, at the age of 85. She lived in the Phoenix area for over 50 years. She worked for the National Institute of Health.

Sr. Adrienne Marie Savage, CHM, died Aug. 31, 2008.

Parnell Robinson, '87, of Moline, died Aug. 27, 2008, at age 44. He was employed as a Rock Island police officer. He is survived by his wife **Jodi Phillips Robinson**, '87.

Sr. Madeleine Marie Schmidt, CHM, died Aug. 27, 2008.

Don Denhart died March 31, 2008. He was the coordinator of English and an assistant professor and education department chairman at Marycrest.

Births

Amy Gordon Strandberg, '89, and **Jason Strandberg**, '89, had a new daughter, Olivia Marie, on July 15, 2008.

Todd Huss, '00 and Amanda had a new son, Jacob Paul, on Dec 4, 2008.