

Newsletter

Spring 2003

Alumni Needs Your Help

Welcome to the second edition of the Marycrest Alumni News. The alumni board looks forward to publishing a newsletter on a regular basis as funding allows. As always, our Web site is constantly being updated at <http://www.marycrestalumni.org>.

But the board needs your help in sharing news about alumni. Send changes in your life, awards, new jobs, addresses - or any news you'd like to share - to Jennifer DeWitt, 2212 11th Ave., Moline, IL 61265 or by e-mail to board@marycrestalumni.org. Please include your graduation year, as our records are not complete.

The board also wants to expand its mailing list and needs current mailing addresses and/or e-mail addresses of other alums who would like to receive this newsletter.

To help us defray costs for the newsletter and support other future activities, please consider a yearly donation of at least \$15.

- Sustaining Member, \$25-\$49
- Marycrest Spirit, \$50-\$99
- Patron, \$100-\$249
- The Crest Gift, \$250 and up

Gifts of any level will be appreciated. To donate to the Alumni Association, make checks payable to the Marycrest Alumni Association and **send to:** Bob Merchie, Treasurer, 2410 40th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201. See [page 2](#) for 2002 gifts.

Letter From The President

Hello Alumni! On behalf of the Marycrest Alumni Board, I welcome you to the Marycrest Alumni Association. This issue of the Alumni newsletter is dedicated to making this year a celebration for 2003 - memories of the past, snapshots of the present, and glimpses into the future as Alumni and friends are reunited. They say that you can never come home again but you can, in a slightly different way:

- Visit us online at www.marycrestalumni.org
- Volunteer! Contact a board member for opportunities to help at upcoming events.



- Attend Pig Roast 2003 Saturday, May 17, at the Circle Tap (Kelley's) and tour the Marycrest grounds.
- Share your thoughts at Marycrest Connect Forum
<http://www.sitecopywriters.com/wwwboard/>
- Sign up for Homecoming 2003 at the Mark of the Quad Cities in Moline October 4 and 5.
- Visit the online store: <http://www.cafeshops.com/marycrest> and order your Marycrest Alumni t-shirt, sweatshirt, or memorabilia.

Our Association is striving to develop a framework of quality programs and engagements to inspire our local and online community to honor, remember, understand, and renew our shared commitment. We hope to develop a strong, foundation to keep the national and global citizenship of our community alive.

Of the events planned for 2003 we hope our members maintain their friendships that were cultivated on campus to continue throughout the years to come. It won't be long before 2003 will be in the past and for the future we are already looking for-ward. We are in our early stages but this is what has been slated for 2004:

- Summer abroad - Travel to Europe
- The funding of two scholarships

In the time our new executive board has been in office, we have established a very intense set of goals and had good success in implementing them. I would like to thank our very active board members on their ongoing support to the board in helping to keep our Marycrest community updated with semi-annual newsletters, the Marycrest Alumni Web site, and other special Alumni gatherings.

Please send us your comments or questions and especially your e-mail address. And remember: Marycrest Alumni Association is only a click away!
<http://www.marycrestalumni.org>

Sincerely, Janet Rossmiller - Miller
President of the Marycrest Alumni Association

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Marycrest to be transformed into senior housing

A Davenport developer has acquired Marycrest International University and plans to convert the 20-acre campus into housing for senior citizens.

Chris Ales of Signature Holding Corp. purchased the campus' 10 buildings and grounds, including the two mansions, for \$2.25 million last fall, according to city property records. The property was assessed last year at \$12.8 million. Proceeds from the sale went to the Japan-based Teikyo Yamanashi Education and Welfare Fund, which bought Marycrest in 1990.



Chris and Lisa Ales

Signature Holding plans to turn the buildings into a mixture of low-income, assisted living, and market-rate apartments for seniors.

The first phase of the projects will turn Rohlman and Lawlor halls into 50 units of apartments (2-bedroom). Plans include installing an elevator and atrium between the two. In the second phase, Upham Hall will be converted into 30 below-market rate apartments.

Petersen Mansion and West Hall will be renovated in a third phase. Petersen will become a community area, or gathering place for all the residents. West will house additional market rate apartments. Petersen Mansion will house the leasing office.

Signature Holding recently received \$555,630 in tax credits from the Iowa Finance Authority for the \$5.7 million redevelopment project.

The gym already is being leased for indoor soccer leagues. Behind the BGB Sports Complex project is Marycrest graduates **Brian Schubert** and **Greg Cotton**, as well as Bob Cotton. Marycrest grad **Jon Mannall** was hired to run the complex. Signature Holding also is talking with senior service agencies about renting out the nursing building for office space.

2002 Gifts

We want to give thanks to our current members:

The Crest Gift: Laura Marchiori-Brandt

Patron: Susan Albrecht-Felt; Linda Eli; Susan Shinnors

Marycrest Spirit: Colleen Boyd; Virginia Breaker; Mary Fusselman; Joan Lewis; Janet Luton; Maureen McGrain

Sustaining Member: Laura Anderson; Renee Vokoun Cooley; Harry Fisher; Mary Anne Carlson Morgan; Mary Anne Ricketts; Marilyn Salmond; Joan Sherwin; Danielle Smith; Nancy Vedral; Bonnie Walling; Janet Rossmiller-Miller; Chris Currie; Bob Merchie; Judy Harding; Suzanne Hartung; Jennifer DeWitt; Genevive Rafferty; Cozie Dias; Erin Murphy; Carla Meeke.

Members: Kathleen Medhus; Camille Husby; Patrica Kidd; S. Camille Clark, CHM; Arloene Beamer; Sarah Sedgwick; S. Annette Gallagher, CHM; S. Leona Manning; Laura Flaherty; Mary Joan Walter; S. Caroline Walters, CHM.

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Class Notes

Find out what everyone has been up to.

[Class notes 2003](#)

[Class notes 2002](#)

Did you forget to send us your information - a marriage, an engagement, a birth, an award or a new job? Send us your news - along with your Marycrest connection and year graduated by email to board@marycrestalumni.com or mail it to Jennifer DeWitt, 2212 11th Ave., Moline, IL 61265

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Join us for Pig Roast on Saturday May 17, 2003

"Where's the Pig?"

Place: Circle Tap, 1345 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA

Date: May 17, 2003

Times: Tour of the Campus - grounds only Possible Sports Outing - more to come... 6 to 11 p.m. - Pig Roast 8 to 10 p.m. - Entertainment

Tickets: \$10

For more information e-mail: board@marycrestalumni.org or check the Web site.

Please RSVP: Judy Harding 563-332-8906 or Erin Murphy 563-343-6987 if you plan to attend.

T-shirts will be available soon for the Pig Roast at this URL:

www.cafeshops.com/marycrest

Volunteers needed!

Alumni Association continues Web presence

Our Web site still continues to grow.

We recently added:

- Marycrest Alumni Online Gift Store www.cafeshops.com/marycrest
- 2003 Newsletter
- Updated Photo Gallery, Class Notes, and Executive Board
- Alumni Association Gifts

Let's keep our community alive by contributing and visiting the site often. If you have any ideas to enhance the site, feel free to email us at

board@marycrestalumni.com or board@marycrestalumni.org.

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Homecoming 2003

The Mark of the Quad Cities, Moline, IL Saturday, October 4, 2003

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You may also contact us for a sign up sheet/reservation or more information at <http://www.marycrestalumni.org>

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