

Come home to the Crest

Homecoming 2004 will truly be a homecoming for alums, faculty and friends as we're making plans to re-unite on the former Marycrest campus.

Now renovated into the Marycrest Senior Campus, a residential facility for senior citizens, the owners have agreed to host us for an open house so we can see all the improvements they have made to-date at the campus on the hill.

This year, the alumni association honors all graduates of classes ending in a 4 or a 9. But the event is open to all alumni, faculty or friends of the college.

As usual, Homecoming will be held the first weekend in October, so make plans to attend any of the festivities we have planned for Saturday, Oct. 2, and Sunday, Oct. 3. But instead of a Homecoming banquet, as is our tradition, we will gather for the Marycrest open house.

A reception will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in the former Petersen Mansion. Refreshments will be served from 2-5 p.m.

An awards presentation will be held at 3 p.m. at which time we will confer The Spirit of Marycrest Award upon Gary Monnard, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, and present a check to support the Humility of Mary Housing Inc., a transitional and permanent housing program launched by the sisters. In 2003, the Marycrest Alumni Association

Dear Marycrest Friends,

As Homecoming 2004 nears, the Marycrest Alumni Association has many successes to look back on since we lost the college three years ago.

First and foremost, we have all of you to be thankful for as we look back. Whether you attended one of our events, read our Web site or newsletters, or sent us a check to keep going, we thank you for your support.

Alone, without any college support, we are about to host what now will be our third Homecoming since Marycrest's closing. Last year, we gathered at The Mark of the Quad-Cities for the first time ever for a beautiful evening of fellowship and entertainment. This year we are changing the format to have an open house at the Marycrest Senior Campus. We have held two Pig Roasts at Fennelly's Circle Tap.

None of these activities have been an easy task for an all-volunteer alumni board, but knowing we kept the Marycrest spirit alive – and its family connected – was well worth the effort.

But we now need some additional help. With only a few exceptions, we are the identical alumni board that we were back when the college still was open. We need some

donated \$500 to HMHI.

Campus tours will be offered throughout the afternoon. There is no cost for the event, but donations to keep alumni activities going are always welcome.

Then on Sunday, friends are invited to 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 417 N. Main St., in downtown Davenport. A brunch – Dutch treat – will be held at 10 a.m. at the Radisson Quad City Plaza, (111 E. 2nd St., Davenport, IA) about three blocks away. Mention you are with Marycrest when you arrive.

If you are planning to join us for any of the Homecoming events, we are taking RSVPs through our Web site at www.marycrestalumni.com or by calling Judy Harding at 563-332-8906 in an effort to have an idea of how many to expect. It is not mandatory.

(Alumni Board Nomination Form on the insert)

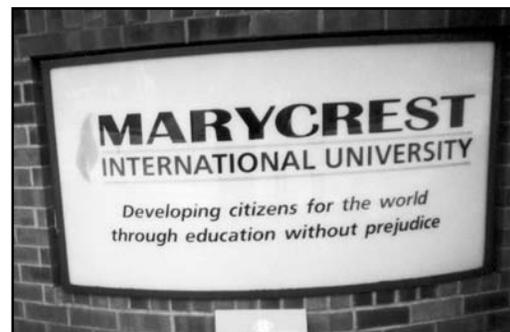
new blood, new energy and new ideas. While many of you have been tremendously supportive, there is a vast majority out there who we have never heard from and even wonder if our efforts are reaching.

In 2002, we expanded our membership, opening it up not only to alums but also to the faculty, staff and other friends whose contributions were priceless. We also have opened up board membership to faculty and staff, which has produced some devoted new members – but we do need more.

We need to expand our board not only to share the work, but also to help spread the word that the Marycrest Alumni Association is still alive and has no plans of going anywhere. Please consider joining us as a board member. If that is not possible, volunteer for a particular task or activity. We truly need your help if we are to continue being the link for the Marycrest family. For information or to join us, use the form on the insert, contact one of the board members listed on the next page, or email board@marycrestalumni.com.

Thank you.

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Class Notes – Look for updated Class Notes at www.marycrestalumni.com

Births: Pam (Tvrdy) Cleary, c'89, and husband, Joe Cleary, of Chicago, had a girl, Amelia Elizabeth, May 13, 2004.

Engagements: Heather Effland, daughter of Robert Effland and Margo Effland, is engaged to Lance Gollinghorst. Robert Effland is a former communications faculty at Marycrest.

Weddings: Jamie Houchin, c'01, and William McGowan were married July 11, 2003.

Job Changes: Jeff Cornelius c'95 joined Butler Insurance Service Inc., Davenport, as a benefit specialist.

- Alum Kim Findlay stepped down after eight years as president of the United Way of the Quad-Cities.
 - Rochelle Murray, c'59, retired from the Davenport Public Library as its director of children's services after 45 years at the library.
 - Ed Knupp, former Marycrest coach, is teaching physical education and is in charge of athletics at Rivermont Collegiate, formerly know as St. Katharine's/St. Mark's, in Bettendorf.
- Deaths:** Sr. Ann Mary Connors, 95, an alum, died Dec. 28, 2002, in Alliance, Neb.
- Edna (Rusch) Anderson, 97, of Davenport, died Jan. 16, 2004. She attended Marycrest.
 - Venus Kingsley, 53, of Davenport, died Jan. 21, 2004. She attended Marycrest.
 - Vivian McDonnell, 100, of Davenport, died Feb. 9, 2004, in Davenport. She attended Marycrest.
 - Kathleen Walsh Lundy, 91, of Montecito, Calif., died Feb. 9, 2004. She received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Marycrest in 1968.
 - Kathleen "Katy" (VanVooren) Smet, 71, of Moline, died Feb. 14, 2004. She attended Marycrest.
 - Sr. Annunciata Lamotta, CHM, 79, died Feb. 14, 2004, at Bishop Drumm Care Center in Johnston, Iowa.

- Hanae Wiese, 73, of Davenport, an alum and faculty member, died Feb. 18, 2004.
- Sr. Mary Christine Conaway, CHM, 86, died March 4, 2004, at Bishop Drumm Care Center. She received her bachelor's of arts degree in education from Marycrest.
- Alum Helen Smazal-Towle, 93, of Denver, Colo., died March 23, 2004.
- Elizabeth "Liz" Shore, 87, honorary alum, of Davenport, died April 14, 2004. She retired in 1992 after 21 years as Marycrest's registrar.
- Mary Jo Novak, 49, of Rock Island, c'88, died April 25, 2004. She had an Education degree.
- Dorothy Steffen, 92, of Davenport, died June 11, 2004. She earned a B.A. from Marycrest.
- Beverly Hartwig, 60, of Bettendorf, died June 21, 2004, in Davenport. She earned her Master of Arts degree from Marycrest.
- Sr. Josephine Abel, CHM, 88, died July 23, 2004, at Bishop Drumm Care Center.
- Shirley Myers, of Davenport, Assistant to the Dean of Acedemics, worked at Marycrest, died July 28, 2004.
- Sr. Maria Louisa Marchello, CHM, 79, died Aug. 6, 2004, at Bishop Drumm Care Center. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Marycrest.
- Elizabeth Kretseshmar, c'70, died Aug. 30, 2003.
- Elizabeth O'Neill Neilson, c'56, died May 24, 2003.
- Carolyn Serri Zimney, c'60, died.
- Dorothy Coach Steffen, 92, c'65 & '74, died June 11, 2004.
- Grace Scieszinski, sister of Sr. Deloris Teehan, CHM, c'40, died May 27, 2004.
- Bob Schmitt, brother of Sr. Donna Schmitt, CHM, c'59, died.

Etc: Dino Hayz, an MIU theater and music alum, directed and produced the rock musical "Godspell" in the Quad-Cities earlier this year.

- Mary Costello, a Marycrest alum, was profiled in an article in the November 2003, issue of On The River. Mary has authored and illustrated two volumes of "Climbing the Mississippi River Bridge by Bridge."
- Three students attending Marycrest when it closed have graduated from other colleges.
 - Monica Edwards graduated from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, IN, May 8 2004.
 - Olena Selezneva graduated last May 2003 - she was an international student who has since moved back to Kiev, Ukraine.
 - Sarah Shinkel graduated in May 2004 from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, IN.
- James Lessner and his wife moved to New Mexico in July 2004. Jim taught business classes at Marycrest.

Thanks to our supporters

The Marycrest Alumni Association would like to thank all the alumni, faculty, staff, and friends who have offered us financial gifts through memberships, other donations, and by supporting our events.

Gifts include

- **Sustaining Member,**
\$25-\$49
 - **Marycrest Spirit,**
\$50-\$99
 - **Patron,**
\$100-\$249
 - **The Crest Gift** \$250
and up
- of donors since our last newsletter:

Membership in the association is open to all alums, former students, faculty, staff, and other friends of the college. We ask each member to consider paying a minimum donation of \$15 annually to cover dues. Proceeds are used to fund the association's operation and a monetary gift to Humility of Mary Housing, Inc.

To donate, please send your check to Bob Merchie, Treasurer, 2410 40th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201.

Again, thanks to all of those of you who already are supporting us. Here's a list

Patron: Lynne Schiffke; Susan Shinnars.

Marycrest Spirit: Stewart Winstein; Sr. Annette Gallagher;* Brenda (Paulus) Francis.

Sustaining Member: Harry Fisher; Mary Mikel; Mary Lou (Olk) Stotz; Virginia (Driscoll) Breaker; Linda (Frear) Eli.

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*We apologize for the following error in the Spring 2004 Newsletter:
The omission of S. Annette Gallagher's Marycrest Spirit donation.

Keeping it Together – letter from the President

Alumni, Friends, Faculty and Staff,

Another year will soon come to an end. As the current Alumni President, I have found that the entire Alumni community must work together to sustain and support the opportunities the Alumni Board has to offer. Help us to preserve the direct linkage to the historical roots of Marycrest. I hope that the alumni association continues to form a close-knit community, and that the board tries to stay connected with each of its members—the school and sisters—and each other—for a lifetime.

It's been a pleasure serving as the Alumni President from 2002 to 2004. I'm looking forward to turning over my duties over to Jennifer Waddell Dewitt who has accepted the term for 2005 to 2007. This is Jennifer's second time as president and I am proud she stepped up to this lead position of our organization for the next two years.

We are still looking for people to join our board and help be leaders to keep our community in touch with each other. Would anyone want to consider being part of our team? We have had wonderful times together and enjoy working together to keep our Alumni informed.

Please come and celebrate the first weekend of October for our annual homecoming event this year back at our alma mater. It will be a pleasant experience seeing the changes that have taken place.



Join our mailing list and receive notices of programs and events of interest. Share the milestones in your personal and professional life. Tell us your thoughts and ideas for alumni activities and insure that YOUR alumni Web page represents YOU.

We envision a fully engaged alumni continuing with and expanding upon the very activities and interests that initially drew you to Marycrest as a student. To accomplish these goals, we need to hear from YOU.

Many Marycrest alumni have distinguished themselves both personally and professionally. Many have married and are starting new families. Please help share your accomplishments.

Tell us who you are and where you are so that we can keep in touch. Send us your name, your e-mail address, the year you graduated and what you are doing now.

You can help us to leave a legacy. This year we are proud to announce that we will be making another scholarship available to the Humility of Mary Housing. Your generosity is an essential ingredient to our progress, both now and in the years to come. Thank you for helping us to help them.

Take a look at our alumni events, alumni profiles, online resources, and the many other ways to stay in touch.

Best Regards,

Janet Rossmiller - Miller, President
2002-2004 Marycrest Alumni Association

Why Celebrate St. Nicholas Day?

To learn about the true St. Nicholas: the man of faith who lived his life in devotion to Christ. Saint Nicholas loved children and cared for the needy. In Germany, they call him Nikolaus and in the Netherlands they call him Sinterklaas.

- To tell the story of a Christian saint, whose model life inspires compassion and charity
- To reveal the true identity of Santa Claus and Father Christmas
- To focus on giving more than on receiving
- To emphasize small treats and family fun
- To provide a bit of special festivity early in the waiting weeks of Advent
- To offer a spiritual dimension to gift giving
- To help keep Jesus the center of Christmas

Saint Nicholas was renowned for his great kindness and his generous aid to those in distress. Traditional celebrations of Saint Nicholas Day in Northern Europe included gifts left in children's



shoes (the origin of our American Christmas stockings). In some households the father of the family may dress up as Saint Nicholas on the eve of his feast. He comes in, sometimes with his sidekick, Krampus or Black Peter, and helps each child examine his conscience.

The Marycrest Alumni's annual St. Nicholas Day celebration will be held at the Sisters of Humility Center, 820 W. Central Park, Davenport, on December 4, 2004 from 2-4 p.m. All alums, staff, and friends of Marycrest are welcome to meet for an afternoon of conversation with each other and the Sisters while enjoying coffee, punch, and cookies.



Marycrest Alumni Association

Executive Board

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Homecoming 2004

October 2 & 3

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Silent Auction Items

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Make a Bid on Silent Auction Items

We had an excellent committee working hard over the last few months to make this silent auction for the Marycrest a success. We sincerely appreciate the donations of items that came from very generous talented regional alumni artist of the Quad City area.

There have been two new items donated to raise money for Humility of Mary Housing Inc. A Hackberry wood mirror in excellent condition donated by Marycrest alum, Sister Carla Takes, cut from the Hackberry tree on the Cedar River bottoms in 2001 at Rochester, IA. The second item is a brand new, never used, Gateway DC-T20 2 megapixel Compact Digital Camera with CMOS sensor – donated by Marycrest alum, Sister Maribeth Takes.

Please make a bid on any of the items by completing the gray form below and the “Your Information” section on the reverse side, and sending it to: **Carla Meeke, 2047 Wyoming Hill, Muscatine, IA 52761** or e-mail the the information to **board@marycrestalumni.com**.

Item	Bids to Date
• Bruce Walters signed print	\$100
• J. Rossmiller-Miller print #1	\$20
• J. Rossmiller-Miller print #2	\$20
• Ralph Iaccarino print	\$50
• Mary Costello book #1	\$25
• Mary Costello book #2	\$25
• Hackberry mirror	\$100
• Gateway digital camera	\$75

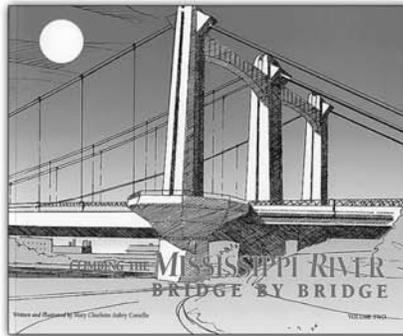
All proceeds will benefit the Marycrest Alumni Association, Web site, and the Humility of Mary Housing, Inc.
The winners will be announced at Homecoming 2004, October 2, at 3:00 p.m.



Above: black and white print by Bruce Walters.

Below: color print by Ralph Iaccarino.

Both prints donated by its artist.



Above and below: two books donated, written, and illustrated by alum Mary Costello.



Above: two photographic prints by alum Janet Miller. Donated by Janet Miller.

See color photos of auction items at <http://marycrestalumni.com/auction.html>

Make a Bid Form: complete this form and the “Your Information” section on reverse side and send to Carla Meeke listed above or Jennifer Waddell DeWitt listed on reverse side.

Item _____

Bid _____

Show Your Marycrest Spirit: Carry a Flag

The Marycrest Alumni Association carries the Flags of Marycrest in Quad-City area parades. The next parade will be the Festival of Trees Parade in November. Please call Jan Luton, 563-355-3756, and volunteer to help keep the spirit of Marycrest alive. Thanks to Tom and Jan Luton for your continued dedication to the Marycrest Community.



Marycrest Memorabilia Available Online

The custom designed stone (pictured on the left) can be purchased for **only \$39.99** plus shipping and handling for orders that need to be shipped. To order yours, stop by Cut 'N Stone, a division of Xylem, Ltd., 155 23rd Street, Bettendorf, IA, or call 563-359-1356 – ask for Nathan.



Available at Cut 'N Stone

A variety of additional merchandise (sweatshirts, T-shirts, bags, mugs, baby items, cards, and more) is available from the Marycrest Alumni Online Gift Store at www.cafeshops.com/marycrest. You also can find a link to the Gift Store from the Marycrest Web site, www.marycrestalumni.org.



Available on Web site

A portion of the cost of all items purchased through Cut 'N Stone and the Marycrest Alumni Online Gift Store is donated to the alumni association.

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2004-2005 Alumni Board Nomination Form

Alumni Board Nominations

The following alums have been nominated to serve as officers of the Marycrest Alumni Board. Cast your vote for the nominees. You are encouraged to use the space provided to submit names of other Marycrest alumni who would be willing to serve on the alumni board.

- Jennifer Waddell DeWitt, c'87, President
- Bart Haag, c'02, Vice President
- Genevieve "Gabby" Rafferty c'42, Board Member
- Write-in candidates

Name _____

Contact information _____

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Contact information _____

Homecoming Activities

Saturday, October 2 – Peterson Mansion, Marycrest Campus
 2-5 p.m. Reception - refreshments
 3 p.m. Program – awards, class recognition, etc.

Sunday, October 3
 8:30 a.m. St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 417 N. Main St., Davenport, IA
 10 a.m. Brunch "dutch treat"
 Radisson Quad City Plaza
 111 E. 2nd St., Davenport, IA

Your Information

Use the form below if you are interested in joining the board or need to update your contact information.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Class of _____ Major _____

Please complete and send to Jennifer Waddell DeWitt, 2212 11th Ave., Moline, IL 61265