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# Six incoming students receive full-tuition scholarships

Misericordia awarded the second annual Sister Mary Glennon '62 Scholarships in February after a five-member committee comprised of faculty and administration reviewed essays and narrowed the field to 12 students.

Named in honor of the University's longest serving academic dean, the merit-based, full-tuition scholarship program awards six scholarships annually to qualified incoming first-year students.

Members of the 2019-20 Glennon Scholarship Class and their majors are: Brooke Chronister, Gardners, Pa., Biglerville High School, philosophy;



Top row: Chronister, Franzreb, Heidelberger.  
Bottom row: Henry, Kimmel, Rother.

Casey Franzreb, Staten Island, N.Y., Notre Dame Academy High School, speech-language pathology; Cecelia

Heidelberger, Lincroft, N.J., Communications High School, speech-language pathology; Caitlyn Henry, Burlington, N.J., Burlington Twp. High School, biology; Peyton Kimmel, Prince Frederick, Md., Calvert High School, biology, and Patrick Rother, Mountain Top, Pa., Crestwood High School, business.

The program awards no more than three scholarships in any one college and not less than one in each college. For more information about the scholarship program, please call Donna F. Cerza, director of admissions, at 570-674-6460 or dcerza@misericordia.edu. Additional information is available at misericordia.edu/GlenNonScholarships. h

## Web, PC and PR teams earn three CUPPIE Awards

The Web Content, IT PC Services and Public Relations departments in the Offices of Information Technology, and Planning and External Relations received three 2019 CUPPIE Awards for Creative Excellence in Marketing and Communications in Education from the College and University Public Relations and Associated Professionals (CUPRAP).

The Office of Public Relations and Publications received a gold award in the category of Feature Photo for the Student-Athlete Spotlight page that is a feature in every edition of the campus magazine. The award-winning page appeared in the winter 2018 edition.

The Web Content and IT PC Services departments received two silver CUPPIE Awards. In the category of Wild Card, the team of Steve Filipiak '05, '15 and David Johndrow '89, '14 were recognized for Achieving Website ADA Compliance. They also received an award in the category of Electronic Media for the Interactive Media virtual tour of campus on the website.

Thirty-four organizations received an award from among the 415 entries submitted by colleges, universities and providers of private, specialized and secondary education in the field of communications. h



The Office of Public Relations and Publications received a gold award for this Student-Athlete Spotlight page that appeared in the winter 2018 edition.



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## ON THE COVER

Now for Tomorrow Campaign Committee members, from left, President Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., Trustee Roger G. Howell, Trustee Christopher L. Borton, board chairperson; Trustee Marjorie Henry Marquart '85, Trustee Mary Hudack Erwine '90, '92 and Trustee Emeritus Sandy Insalaco, Sr., participate in the Henry Science Center groundbreaking on April 17.





## Renewing Misericordia as we prepare for our second century

In September 1921, a gathering of Religious Sisters of Mercy and supportive community friends broke ground for the main building on campus. Mercy Hall – as it is known today – has been the largest academic building on campus since then.

On April 17, a gathering of faculty, staff, students, trustees, Religious Sisters of Mercy and equally supportive community friends witnessed the groundbreaking for the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center. Fortunately, the original shovel from 1921 was available in archives and ready for service again. When the Henry Science Center is operational in August 2021 (the first and largest phase of the project will open for use in August 2020), it will become our largest academic facility, transforming our physical and health sciences programs for our second century.

Since College Misericordia opened in 1924, our founders, the Religious Sisters of Mercy, did most everything on campus. Sisters served as faculty with many, such as Sisters Marianna Gildea, Regina Kelly and Mary Glennon, also serving as the academic dean. Others, such as Sisters Eloise and Rosaire, served as registrar, and Sister Catherine Hill was the college treasurer. Sister Anne Paye was a professor of communications, and Sister Crescentia was a professor of chemistry.

So many valiant women (*mulier fortis*) joined them in their good work at the college. The academic and administrative programs were in very good hands. The residential program was likewise primarily the work of the Sisters. I have been fortunate to meet some of the Sisters, such as Sisters Ruth Kelly and Madeline Gill, who taught our students by day and lived with them in our second building, McAuley Hall, or in one of the newer residence halls. Others, such as Sisters Martha Hanlon and Jean Messaros, later served as the chief student life officers. Sisters led the choir, paid the bills, solicited donations, directed the plays, counseled and advised students.

Today, we have about 140 full-time faculty colleagues, most of whom have their terminal degrees, are widely published in academic journals, and who continue to follow our mission and core values of the Mercy charisms. They work in alliance with adjunct faculty and a wide range of staff colleagues in service to others. Many of the staff have titles and functions that did not exist in the imagination of the founding Sisters, such as director of information technology, clinical placement coordinator or social media coordinator. We have certainly evolved and grown; however, the foundations the Sisters and their contemporaries created almost 100 years ago remain solid, steady, and ready for another century of excellence in academics and student development.

Please visit campus and see how we are growing in support of our mission and students. We will be certain to share a comfortable cup of tea, all in the Mercy tradition of hospitality. All are welcome.

President Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D.  
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## Scholarship Brunch recognizes family's legacy of philanthropy

**A**ndrea Payne says her late husband, David M. Payne, Sr., would be thrilled and honored to know a scholarship in his name is making it easier for Misericordia students to earn a college degree. Mrs. Payne and her five children were among those recognized for a family legacy of philanthropy and leadership at the Misericordia Scholarship Brunch.

The University honored the family for their support of two scholarships: the Professor Emeritus David M. Payne, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, established by the family in 2004, and the Walter P. and Catherine A. Janasie Scholarship, established in 1982 to honor Andrea Payne's parents.

Professor Payne, known for his jovial and goodhearted nature, served the university for 37 years as a faculty member in the Department of English, chair of the first Faculty Senate, chair of the Department of English and chair of



Participating in the brunch, first row from left, are Brianna Rowe '19, Janasie Scholarship; Kimberly Kowalski '19, Payne Scholarship and Megan Fatula '20, Janasie Scholarship; second row, President Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., David M. Payne, Jr., Andrea Payne, Karen Reilly '19, Payne scholarship, and Ellen McLaughlin, Ed.D., O.T.R./L.

the Humanities Division, as well as later roles as director of admissions, and dean of admissions and financial aid.

Andrea and David's five children – Allison Payne '83; David M. Payne, Jr., '85; Ellen McLaughlin Ed.D., O.T.R./L.,

F.A.O.T.A., '86, '89; Susan Payne '87, and Catherine Payne '88 – graduated from Misericordia, and two of their eight grandchildren, Brianna McLaughlin '12 and Sarah Payne '18, also received degrees from the Catholic institution.

More than 300 Misericordia students received endowed or named scholarships during the 2018-19 academic year. Seniors Brianna Rowe '19, an occupational therapy major from Halifax, Pa., and Megan Fatula '20, a medical imaging major from Mahanoy City, Pa., were recognized for being the 2018-19 Janasie scholarship recipients. Seniors Kimberly Kowalski '19, an English and secondary education major from Scranton, Pa., and Karen Reilly '19, an English major from Edwardsville, Pa., also were recognized as the 2018-19 Payne scholarship recipients.

For more information about scholarship support and giving opportunities at Misericordia University, please visit [misericordia.edu/giving](http://misericordia.edu/giving). **h**

## Hearst Foundation supports 'Now for Tomorrow' Campaign

**W**hile we firmly believe in the value of our work, it is the support we receive beyond our Arch from the philanthropic community that validates University initiatives such as our Now for Tomorrow campaign. This is why the recent \$100,000 grant awarded by The Hearst Foundation, Inc. toward the science building is so meaningful.

The Foundation has supported Misericordia from its time as a small college through its transformation into a University with ambitious academic aspirations. Misericordia can think boldly because of exceptional donors such as the Hearst Foundation whose giving continues to impact our campus.

Today, because of past campaigns, we are a stronger, more comprehensive University. These fundraising initiatives provided our faculty and students with expanded opportunity to teach and learn in environments that support superior higher education and provided new and upgraded facilities in which to recreate and compete in extra-curricular athletic programs.

The fundraising expectations for Now for Tomorrow and its focus on modernizing and expanding our current science infrastructure, however, are unlike anything we've experienced in our 95-year-old history. There was once a time when our facility stood tall as a model science building

that exemplified Misericordia's commitment to instruction and learning. Though the commitment hasn't faded since its opening in 1957, the building is no longer capable of meeting the demands of scientific inquiry and pedagogy in the 21st century.

Science buildings are often a cornerstone of a campus and demonstrate an institution's commitment to cultivating and advancing knowledge. It is a special place where students can learn a subject (classrooms), test a subject (laboratories), and advance a subject (research labs) all under one roof. Our science faculty and students work closely in an apprenticeship model devoted to fostering the skills and knowledge needed for today's scientifically advanced careers.

One might imagine what will transpire when our Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center assumes its place as our pinnacle academic building in the summer of 2021.

Our University's mission calls for the delivery of an education that prepares students for productive careers and continued personal and professional growth. The core of each program is instruction and practice in methods of critical thinking and hands-on learning, pursuits defined in our Now for Tomorrow campaign and advanced with benefactors such as the Hearst Foundation. **h**

## Program addresses patient safety, health care quality

The College of Health Sciences and Education introduced the region's first graduate program in August that works to improve health care quality and patient safety.

Healthcare Analytics is a 36-credit Master of Science degree program available fully online. It prepares professionals who use data to communicate and enact meaningful improvements in health care.

"Skillful professionals are needed to lead change and improvement in health care beyond the current model," said George A. Godlewski, Ph.D., director. "Our health care system, including health care policy, requires significant changes to address current gaps in quality."

An 18-credit post baccalaureate certificate also is available in the Healthcare Analytics program.

The graduate program places a unique emphasis on interprofessional practice and patient-family perspectives. In doing so, it stresses the importance of health care professionals collaborating as equal team members with one common goal, while ensuring the voices of patients and families are heard.

The curriculum features required courses as well as electives to support student goals and interests. The framework is based on quality improvement competencies: data sets, measurement, analysis, improvement science, change management, leadership and more. Course content will also stress themes of population health, ethics, social justice, leadership, patient experience, interprofessionalism and creativity.

Courses will be delivered primarily in a seven-week block schedule via an asynchronous on-line format to support the flexibility required by adult learners. 



**Dr. Godlewski**

## University honors academic accomplishments of co-valedictorians

The University recognized the academic accomplishments of the co-valedictorians for the winter 2018 graduating class during the eighth annual winter commencement ceremony.

Hannah Larkin '18, '21 of Sinking Spring, Pa., and Kailey Vogl '18, '21 of Wexford, Pa., graduated summa cum laude with Bachelor of Science degrees in health care management.

Misericordia paced the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) with 140 student-athletes on the Fall Academic Honor Roll, including Larkin and Vogl.

Larkin, who served as the student speaker at commencement, was a four-year starter for the soccer team that captured the MAC title three out of the last four years. She made the All-MAC Second Team as a freshman and All-MAC First Team after her junior and senior seasons.

After her senior year, Larkin was selected for the United Soccer Coaches

(USC) Scholar All-American second team and All-Region first team. The daughter of Terrance and Susan Larkin was also chosen USC All-Mid-Atlantic first team and MAC Freedom Offensive Player of the Year. The soccer team made a trip to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament and was ranked sixth in the nation in the final USC poll.

A four-time MU Scholar Athlete recipient for maintaining a 3.4 GPA or higher, Larkin also was named four times to the MAC All-Academic Honor Roll and was inducted into the Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society. She also participated in the Physical Therapy Club and was a member of the Students Athlete Advisory Committee, while volunteering in the community with her teammates at youth soccer camps in the Back Mountain.

A four-year starter as a forward/midfielder, the daughter of Thomas and Doreen Vogl was second on the team in scoring with eight points



The University celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Pauly Friedman Art Gallery with a special reception. Participating in the event, above from left, are Vanessa Botzman, President Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., Patrick Temple, Rob Friedman, Colette Fu and Lalaine Little, art gallery director.

Lalaine Little, above left, director of the art gallery, demonstrates the elastic paper sculptures of the *Emerging Dimensions: Works by Li Hongbo and Cai Dongdong* exhibition.

Visual artist Colette Fu, far left, shows her work to gallery visitors Gerry DuBoise and Lillian Caffrey.



Misericordia recognized the accomplishments of Kailey Vogl '18, '21 of Wexford, Pa., left, and Hannah Larkin '18, '21 of Sinking Spring, Pa., the co-valedictorians for the winter 2018 graduating class, during the eighth annual winter commencement ceremony. They graduated summa cum laude with Bachelor of Science degrees in health care management. Larkin and Vogl began their studies in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program in the spring semester.

and was elected team MVP by her teammates during her senior season. The field hockey team won two MAC Freedom championships and earned two berths in the NCAA Tournament during her career. At the conclusion of her junior season, she was named to the MAC Sportsmanship team.

Vogl's classroom work also was recognized as she received the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Scholar of Distinction

Award for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher during her four years as a student-athlete. A member of the team's leadership committee, she also was a four-time MU Scholar Athlete recipient.

In the community, she is the Physical Therapy Club's liaison to the Student-Run Pro-Bono Physical Therapy Clinic. Vogl and her teammates also participated in numerous service activities. **H**

## Gallery marks decade of distinction with special reception and exhibition

The Pauly Friedman Art Gallery celebrated its 10th anniversary with paper art, a pop-up book workshop and a special reception in March.

The gallery has hosted more than 50,000 visitors to the 73 exhibitions it has had since its inaugural installation, *Guiding Light: An Exhibition of Glass Sculpture*, with renowned artist Christopher Ries in 2009.

The Soyka Fund for the Humanities and the Sandra Dyczewski Maffei Endowment Fund sponsored the anniversary reception, which also featured a paper-engineering workshop with paper artist Colette Fu.

Misericordia dedicated the 2,700-square-foot gallery on May 3, 2009 in honor of the late Pauly Friedman, who, along with her family, are among the University's most dedicated benefactors. Carrying on a

successful tradition of showcasing art on the campus, the University's long-standing MacDonald Art Gallery, named after Marquis George MacDonald, was relocated within the Friedman Gallery.

Among the many notable exhibits over the past 10 years is the *Mary Wilson Supremes' Collection: The Gowns That Created a Musical Style & Legacy*, an exhibition in 2011 that featured 50 original gowns worn by the Motown icons. An impressive array of 323 Norman Rockwell Saturday Evening Post covers attracted hundreds of visitors in 2013. The works of Pablo Picasso (2014), Ansel Adams (2016) and Auguste Rodin (2017) also proved to be widely popular, as was a visit by Tibetan monks who created a sand mandala inside the gallery in 2015. **H**

## Nursing launches program; expands into Pittsburgh

The nationwide nursing shortage is forecast to hit critical levels over the next decade, Pittsburgh, Pa., included. To help meet this demand, Misericordia expanded its nursing program to offer an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) degree program beginning in August.

With a new nursing learning center in Pittsburgh, the Department of Nursing will build upon its nearly century-long tradition of graduating nurses.

"We are confident students will graduate from our ABSN program with the necessary leadership and clinical skills to excel in today's ever-changing health care industry, and on a timeline that allows them to be of service to their communities as soon as possible," said Professor Brenda L. Hage, Ph.D.

The ABSN program allows qualified students to leverage their prior non-nursing education to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in as little as 16 months. Through a mix of online coursework, onsite lab and simulation lab experiences at a nursing learning center in Robinson Twp., and clinical rotations at Allegheny Health Network facilities, students will gain real-world experience working as part of a multidisciplinary health care team.

"As an integrated medical system and provider, we at the Allegheny Health Network understand the benefit a baccalaureate educated nurse can have in our hospitals to impact outcomes for patient care and look forward to welcoming Misericordia University nursing students into our facilities to complete their clinical education," said Dr. Paula Coe, VP, nursing education and professional practice, Allegheny Health Network.

The program offers three start dates: January, May, and August. **H**



**Dr. Hage**

# 'Embrace it and you will have a better future'

## Chemistry alumna supports 'Now for Tomorrow' Campaign and Heart of Mercy Society

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

Misericordia alumna Ann Marie Sundra '58 knows what it takes to succeed in the sciences. "Science is a field that is growing exponentially, and to attract the right students, we need to be able to offer them what they need to succeed in their careers," says Sundra, a member of the Heart of Mercy Society who also has included Misericordia in her planned giving.

Sundra was one of Misericordia's first female chemistry majors and among the first to take classes in what was then the new science center in 1957. Since she benefitted from state-of-the-art biology and chemistry laboratories, she wants to ensure today's students have the same opportunities. In 2019, she took the necessary steps to make that a reality when she committed \$100,000 to the Now for Tomorrow Campaign. One of the two chemistry research laboratories in the innovative Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center will bear her family name thanks to her generosity.

A resident of Manhattan's Upper East Side, Sundra admits her career took a few unexpected turns. It was tough, she admits, for a woman to get a job in the industry at the time even though she earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

After months of trying, she landed her first job in animal research for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey, performing autopsies on animals in the pathology department. She continued in research when Pfizer moved her job to Connecticut, where she lived for three years. A trip to New York City led to a position at Manhattan's Sloane Kettering Institute, where she worked in the urological research laboratory in a program for doctors who wanted to specialize



Misericordia alumna Ann Marie Sundra '58 poses for a picture with a brick from the original arch. The restoration of the historic archway was completed in 2017. A member of the Heart of Mercy Society, Sundra is providing significant financial support for the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center.

in urology – treating diseases of the urinary tract system.

"It was an international program, with doctors coming to us from all over the world, so it was never boring," Sundra explains. Taking a one-year option on the job in 1963, she went on to manage the laboratory for the next 14 years before transferring to the Manhattan Sloane Kettering Cancer Center, where she assumed a position as an administrative assistant in the urology department until 1985.

In what can only be considered an unlikely turn, Sundra's next career move came about as she was pursuing a master's degree at the New School, a liberal arts university in New York City with a graduate school for urban professionals. There she attained a Master of Professional Studies degree, and in the final six months secured a job with the accounting firm of Rick Kantor, CPA.

"It was as far removed from science as you might imagine," she says. "I found myself dealing with models, photographers and make-up people, and was tasked with computerizing the accounting system."

Sundra held the position for 12 years, before retiring in 1993 at the age of 57.

"To be a fully functioning human being, you need to be exposed to a full range of academic disciplines. You never quite know where your career is going to lead. As a liberal arts university, Misericordia offers the best of the sciences but gives students a full liberal arts experience."

Looking back on her time on campus, Sundra has vivid memories of the impact the Sisters of Mercy – especially house mothers Sister Mary Eloise McGinty, RSM and Sister Annunciata Merrick, RSM, who she says ruled with an iron glove – had on her life.



Misericordia alumna Ann Marie Sundra '58, left, poses for a picture during an alumni event with friend Marybeth Zeman '72, who received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.

"They were strong women whose mission was to make us into people who were excellent survivors in life," she says.

An active 1958 class agent and member of the Alumni Board from 2004-12, Sundra tries to return to campus as often as she can, and has participated in eight alumni weekends and numerous ceremonies, receptions and Trustee Associate Galas over the years, as well as alumni-sponsored trips to the Mediterranean, Broadway and Yankee Stadium. She has supported every capital campaign and many scholarship projects, as well as the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library and Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program.

"I hope the students of today realize that what they get out of their college experience is a function of what they put in," she says with a heartfelt smile. "Enjoy it, embrace it and you will have a better future." 

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— Ann Marie Sundra '58

## Establishing a legacy one gift at a time

Misericordia University has been helping first-generation college students and caring, motivated students realize their dreams of earning a college degree since 1924. In order to continue with the Mercy tradition of supporting those most in need, the University established the Heart of Mercy Society to connect people with the ability to help others realize their dreams through higher education.

The ways to help future generations of students almost is limitless, as the program offers a free estate planning guide that outlines how to establish bequests, charitable lead trusts, beneficiary designation gifts, charitable gift annuities, and much more. The generous program enables people to make a difference in people's lives, and have them and their contributions remembered in perpetuity, while also benefitting themselves, their family members and Misericordia University with their planned gifts.

"The Heart of Mercy Society is a way to recognize those who have remembered us in their estate plans," said Michele Zabriski, leadership and planned giving officer at Misericordia University. "We will help with philanthropic planning for those who are interested in making gifts."

Donors also can directly assign their gifts so they can make the most impact based on their own interests of helping students and/or the institution. Did you benefit from scholarship funding while in college? There are several ways to establish endowed scholarships to benefit generations of students for years to come. Do you want to make a gift that is affordable and long lasting at the same time? Perhaps a beneficiary designation gift will enable you to fulfill your own philanthropic goals.

Gifts to the Heart of Mercy Society will be excluded from your taxable estate. Membership also includes insider benefits, such as a monthly e-newsletter, special cultural events, access to administration, a lapel pin, and more.

There are several ways to get started today. Please log on to [www.MULegacy.org](http://www.MULegacy.org) or call Mrs. Zabriski at 570-674-6433 or email her at [mzabriski@misericordia.edu](mailto:mzabriski@misericordia.edu) for more information.

Misericordia University is a Catholic liberal arts institution established in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. It fosters intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and respect for people in an environment where all are welcome. 



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# 'FULL STEAM' AHEAD

**Jeremy Bass '21**

**capitalizes on study**

**abroad placement**

**at London museum**

BY MARIANNE  
TUCKER PUHALLA



GLNS major Jeremy Bass '21 worked with London Museum of Water & Steam education coordinator, Gemma Eglinton, on activities to attract visitors to see the world's largest collection of stationary steam pumping engines housed at the interactive museum in London.

Calling the chance to study abroad "one of the best decisions he ever made," Misericordia University sophomore Jeremy Bass '21 spent a good part of his spring semester surrounded by an excellent collection of steam engines near the heart of London, England. As a student with plans to attend law school, Bass unexpectedly found himself spending his semester abroad helping arrange tours for groups of British schoolchildren, designing trail maps and brochures, and working with the education coordinator for the London Museum of Water & Steam on budgeting issues.

He says the unlikely scenario was surprisingly insightful, and provided a quintessential study abroad experience – giving him the opportunity to broaden his global perspective and work with a wide spectrum of people of different ages and backgrounds.

"The museum is classified as a not-for-profit charity/business, so almost 95 percent of the workforce is made up of volunteers," explains Bass, who has a dual major in history and Government, Law and National Security (GLNS). "With that in mind, I had the opportunity to work with people of ages 16 to 88, so my ability to communicate and my ability to connect with people from across Europe were the valuable workplace skills that I was able to take away from this opportunity. I know it will help me in the future."

The museum placement was presented to him by the Work Place learning coordinator as part of his



Misericordia University GLNS major Jeremy Bass '21 spent more than 65 hours during his study abroad experience at the London Museum of Water & Steam in the Brentford section of London.

semester of study at St. Mary's University, Twickenham, located about 11 miles southwest of London. In addition to taking a theology course and two history classes at St. Mary's, Bass spent more than 65 hours at the nearby museum during the 11-week program under the direction of the museum's education coordinator, Gemma Eglinton.

The London Museum of Water & Steam is located in the historic buildings of the former Kew Bridge Waterworks on the northern bank of the Thames River. It offers visitors the story of London's water supply, with details on the site, the people and the pumping engines that "helped to make London the great city it is today," according to its website. In addition to housing the world's largest collection of stationary steam pumping engines, the museum is also home to a narrow-gauge steam locomotive and a child-friendly, interactive Waterworks Gallery that traces the development of London's clean water supply. As Bass quickly found out, the collection – complete with an outdoor Splash Zone



of gears, pipes and pumps – offers a fun and educational experience for visitors from around the world.

"At first, I was unsure if this (work at the museum) was what I really wanted, but after attending a few sessions, I realized that this was a unique opportunity that would help me in the

future with my career and my global view," Bass acknowledges. "I think the most interesting thing that came to light while in London is how I was able to see the differences between the United Kingdom and home – but at the same time, seeing these differences gave me the ability to

open up more and become a more outgoing person, a skill for which I am very grateful."

Bass highly encourages collegians to take the study abroad plunge. "Study abroad is probably one of the most difficult decisions to make while at college, because it is so different than what we are used to, yet it was easily one of the best decisions I have made so far," Bass says. "I highly recommend it while at Misericordia, especially with the resources available to students thanks to Study Abroad Coordinator Michael Simons. He puts in a tireless effort before and during your travels to make sure everything goes well."

A native of Warrington, Pa., and a graduate of Central Bucks South High School, Bass added a heartfelt shout-out to his parents, Gerry and Stephanie Bass, to thank them for their support while being overseas. "I know for a fact, I would not ever have had this opportunity if it were not for them and their constant backing. I want them to know, I plan to make the most of it."

Bass knows the benefit of hard work. As a sophomore on the Misericordia football team in 2018, the agile 215-pound lineman started in six games during the Cougars historic 8-3 season and recovered a fumble for a crucial touchdown in a one-point win over Widener University. 

## BROADENING THEIR HORIZONS

Ten Misericordia University students will be able to add "studied at the University of Limerick, Ireland" to their resume this summer. Another nine are reaping the benefits of a summer session at the Umbra Institute in Perugia, Italy. A group of six recently returned from a new program sponsored by the Department of Philosophy to a remote island off the coast of County Galway, Ireland, where they learned about community development processes underway in the rural region.

Study abroad and service abroad is alive and well, as students fanned out around the globe to expand their horizons, experience international classrooms, and carry out the mission of Mercy in the footsteps of Misericordia's founders, the Sisters of Mercy.

In addition to those participating in classroom study, a group of occupational therapy students again honed their clinical skills by serving the underprivileged in Jamaica. Also,

nine students helped feed children and provide HIV/AIDS information during a service trip to Belize.

MU's research prowess was also on display as dozens of students shared their findings at prestigious international

conferences. They included English and speech-language pathology students who presented in Paris and Rome; physical therapy students, who shared research in Milan, Italy, and Geneva, Switzerland, and business students, who accompanied Dean Charles Richardson, Ph.D., to Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa. 



Students pose in Trafalgar Square in London.

# A MODEL PROGRAM

## Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf commends Bourger Women with Children Program during campus visit

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

The message was simple: "We must support single parents in post-secondary education." The messenger, though, carried more influence than most when it comes to setting policy in the Keystone state.

That sentiment became headlines across the state when Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf toured the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia University on Feb. 8 as he announced his new "Parents Pathways" initiative. After an hour-long meeting with student-mothers and their children, and a tour of the Moffat House on



### BOURGER PROGRAM ALUMNAE ...

#### Negron '16 earns masters from Johns Hopkins University

Earning her master's degree in museum studies from Johns Hopkins University on May 22, Nicole Negron '16 brings the total to at least six alumnae of the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program who have earned a master's degree. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 2016.

Negron completed her master's online while working full time as the volunteer coordinator at Eckley Miners' Village, an anthracite coal mining patch town located near Hazleton, Pa. In her role, she is responsible for all educational programming, events and services including but not limited to general and private tours, school groups, recruiting and training volunteers, managing social media and the website for the village that is owned and operated as a museum by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

As a Misericordia student, Negron participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program and helped to compile an online public history exhibit for the Greater Pittston Historical Society. She also participated in a fine arts study abroad program to Ireland in 2016.

Negron is a native of Jersey City, N.J., and lives with her son, Justice, 9, in Ashley, Pa.



Negron

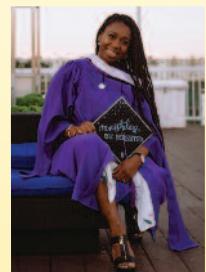
#### Williamson Ramirez '14 earns master's degree from NYU

Maria Williamson Ramirez '14 is one of three alumnae of the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program to earn a master's degree this spring. She attained an M.A. in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development at New York University (NYU Steinhardt) on May 22. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in history in 2014.

Williamson took her master's degree classes at night while working full time. She currently serves as a senior academic advisor at NYU Steinhardt, where she and colleagues recently started a Social Justice Taskforce. The unit seeks to evaluate current diversity recruitment and student support practices to ensure the institution continues to be diverse and inclusive.

The NYU community honored her for her work ethic by presenting her with the 2019 Give-A-Violet Award.

Her daughter, Amaya, 11, who lived with her on campus, has been accepted to a blue ribbon charter school for sixth grade. She and her husband, Emmanuel Ramirez, Sr., have a son, E.J. (Emmanuel, Jr.). Williamson is also a new board member for the Misericordia Alumni Association, and chair of the Alumni Development and Engagement Committee.



Williamson Ramirez

Lake Street in Dallas Borough, the governor announced he plans to use the Bourger program as a model to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty across the state.

"We all know that Pennsylvania's economic future depends on a well-educated and highly-trained workforce," Gov. Wolf said during a highly publicized press conference in the Moffat House kitchen. "The Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia empowers single moms by providing the opportunity to complete a college degree, creating brighter futures for themselves and their children. This program is a model for how to remove the roadblocks to higher education and make a college degree a reality."

Gov. Wolf subsequently received \$2.5 million from the legislature in the 2019-20 budget to institute "Parent Pathways," a statewide initiative to provide services to help low-income parents receive the education and training they need for better jobs. In

addition to numerous Bourger program alumni who participated in the event, state Rep. Karen Boback '73 was among the dignitaries who offered remarks, and Nathanael Brague '16, a special assistant to the governor, was a member of the governor's detail. **H**



**Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf tours the Moffat House and meets with Women and Children staff, students and advisory council.**

## April Lennon '17 awarded MSW at Marywood University

Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children alumna April Lennon '17 was awarded her Master in Social Work from Marywood University in May.

Upon graduation, she was appointed social care coordinator for Volunteers in Medicine in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a nonprofit, community-based organization developed to help meet the primary health care needs of the working uninsured and the underinsured populations in Luzerne County. In her role, Lennon runs the Health Equity Program, which provides clients with resources related to social determinants of health, implements group and individual therapy sessions, and assists with fundraising and special events.

Lennon anticipates earning her social work license (LSW) for Pennsylvania this summer. She earned her bachelor's degree in social work at Misericordia University in 2017. Her long-range career goal is to be a counselor at a university and to help single mothers through college, paying forward the help she received through the Bourger program.

She and her son, Gary Sutter, 8, live in West Pittston, Pa. **H**



**Lennon**

## Bourger Program and Aetna collaborate to tackle poverty issues with conference

"I get inspiration just by being here."

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Secretary Teresa Miller shared those words of praise for the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program (WWC) as one of the keynote speakers at the *Pathways Out of Poverty Conference* on campus in May.

Secretary Miller, along with state Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera and Deputy Secretary and Commissioner of Post-Secondary and Higher Education Noe Ortega, participated in the inaugural event to generate collaboration among social service providers and state agencies, and open dialogue on how education can be a key to breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty in the commonwealth.

Co-sponsored by the WWC program and Aetna Better Health, the one-day conference attracted more than 150 people, including Aetna CEO Jason Rottman. The Bourger program, with its 30 graduates, was recognized as a successful model that the state would like to replicate.

WWC Director Katherine Pohlidal and coordinator Sandy Johnson shared insights on the program's path to success. Program alumni Felicia Glover '17, Asia Thompson '17, Jade Levi '17, April Lennon '17 and Laverne Donavan '18, as well as current students Rochelle-Jade Scott '20 and Diane Bennett '20, shared their emotional stories of how Misericordia's novel program has helped them build a bridge to a better future for their families. **H**

## An honor to serve my alma mater

It was a tremendous honor to serve as the president of the Alumni Association for a second time.

Our Board of Directors adopted a committee-driven approach to serving everyone. It has allowed more people to serve and we invite you to let the Alumni Office know if you want to participate.

Looking ahead, our association is as strong as ever. Homecoming Weekend has become a must-do event. If you have not been back for this ever-expanding event, be sure to mark your calendar and join us.

The campus is more vibrant and alive than it has ever been, and our alumni are a big reason why. Not only have you donated generously to the new projects, but your presence is felt in so many ways.

That presence will undoubtedly continue to grow under the next generation of leadership. Our new President Adam Grezch '13, '17 is a former swim team captain who is committed to further increasing the presence of our alumni on campus.

Together with our new President-elect Christelle Patrice '13, the former president of the Multicultural Club who will take over as president in 2021, they will bring new ideas and a youthful exuberance to our association.

As we move forward, I encourage everyone to remain active.

Always Misericordia Proud!

Mark Oberstaedt '89  
Alumni Board President

## CLASS NOTES

Stay in touch with friends and classmates by posting updates about your career, family and other noteworthy accomplishments on [cougarconnect.misericordia.edu](http://cougarconnect.misericordia.edu) or [facebook.com/MisericordiaAlumni](https://facebook.com/MisericordiaAlumni). Please submit Class Notes to [alumni@misericordia.edu](mailto:alumni@misericordia.edu).

### 1959

**Bernadine Dougalas Luksic '59** received the Alumni Medallion Award on May 31, 2019 at Alumni Weekend. The award honors anniversary class members who have demonstrated a commitment to outstanding community service, strengthening family life or distinguished professional contributions.



### 1964

**The Class of 1964** received the Class of '43 Award, the Class of '68 Award, and the Sister Eloise McGinty Award on May 31, 2019 at Alumni Weekend with 41% gift participation, an average gift of \$898.43, and an annual gift collective total of \$54,000. The Class of '43 Award honors the class with the highest percentage of donors; the Class of '68 Award recognizes the largest class gift in a reunion year, and the Sister Eloise McGinty Award recognizes the class with the highest average class gift.



### 1966

**Lorraine Harmanos '66** was presented with the 2018 Chromatography Forum Award. The award recognizes a member of the Chromatography Forum of the Delaware Valley who has distinguished herself/himself in service to the forum and contributions to the laboratory technique of chromatography. Retired now, Lorraine's professional career included positions at Bristol Meyers, ARCO Chemical, Shimadzu, Pocono Downs Laboratory and Sanofi Aventis.

### 1967

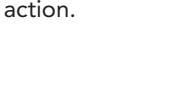
**Patricia Silbermann Haradem '67** and her husband, Paul, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, Pa., on June 30, 2019. The college sweethearts were married in January 1969. Patricia is a retired librarian, formerly at the State Correctional Institution-Dallas. The couple has two sons, Daniel, Dallas, Texas, and Patrick, Boston, Mass., area.



Agnes Cardoni '69 accepts honor from Lauren Gorney '12.

### 1969

**The Class of 1969**, 50th reunion class, received the Bettie Jaeger '68 Award with 44 returning alumnae on May 31, 2019 at Alumni Weekend. The award recognizes the class with the highest attendance and honors the spirit of alumna Bettie Jaeger '68, who was well known for her ability to rally her classmates to action.



### 1971

**Rosalie Joseph '71** was the inaugural recipient of the Rosalie Joseph Humanitarian Award at the Artios Awards. The New York Chapter of the Casting Society of America named this new award after Rosalie. The award will be given periodically to a New York casting director or casting associate who embodies Rosalie's philanthropic spirit.

### 1977

**Patricia Leonard '77** received the prestigious William C. Friday Lifetime Achievement Award on April 12, 2019. The award, presented by the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments, is given to individuals who have exhibited exemplary service to students of a UNC



Relive the spring commencement ceremonies by looking through the special photo albums at [bit.ly/mugraduatemay19](http://bit.ly/mugraduatemay19) and [bit.ly/muundergradmay2019](http://bit.ly/muundergradmay2019).



**Alumni and friends served as marshals at the Spring Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony.** Participating in the program, from left, are Amy Caruso '05, '12, Thomas Sweetz '01, Tabitha Bolinsky, Matt Malcolm '02, '04, Collenn Coyle Newhart '75, '09, Adam Grzech '13, '17, Trish Burgess '12, '15, Matthew Hinton and Jennifer Luksa.

System institution. Patricia serves as the University of North Carolina Wilmington Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

## 1979

**Kelly Spencer McAndrew '79, '06** received the Alumni Medallion Award on May 31, 2019 at Alumni Weekend.



Anniversary class members who have demonstrated a commitment to outstanding community service, strengthening family life or distinguished professional contributions receive the award.

## 1995

**Korie Traver '95, CPA**, is the new chief financial officer for the American Cleaning Institute. Korie has more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit financial sector having most recently served as director of finance at The Education Trust, Inc., in Washington, D.C.

**Christopher Heckman '95, R.N., B.S.N.**, was named vice president for oncology development by Synteract, an innovative contract research

organization that partners with biotech and pharma companies to bring new medicines to market. Christopher also will build the company's Center of Development in Oncology. He has more than 23 years of clinical research experience and is an accomplished leader with management, clinical and business development experience. Christopher holds a Bachelor of Science in nursing and organic chemistry.

## 1999

**Attorney Michael A. Falcone '99**, the chief counsel to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the Washington, D.C., Field Office, was toastmaster for the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick annual banquet in March. He supervises a staff

## Misericordia Proud!

The Misericordia Proud Alumni Referral Grant is a program that provides accepted students a \$500 annual grant for up to four years. Prospective students have to indicate on their application that they were referred by an alumnus. For more information, please log on to [misericordia.edu/MUProud](http://misericordia.edu/MUProud).

of more than 45 employees, overseeing all advice and counsel to ICE in Washington, D.C., and Virginia.

## 2002

**Kelly Mahler '02, M.S., O.T.R./L.**, a Pennsylvania-based occupational therapy scholar and author released her new guidebook and instructional resource, *The Interoception Curriculum: A Step-by-Step Framework for Developing Mindful Self-Regulation*. She earned her master's degree in occupational therapy and post-professional pediatric certificate.

## 2003

**Jessica Kaminski Funk '03** and her husband, Matthew, welcomed their son on Jan. 28, 2019.

## 2005

**Laura Mitchell Baloga '05, '10** and her husband, David, welcomed their daughter on May 10, 2019.

## 2007

**Mary Turner Tranguch '07** and her husband, Mark, welcomed their son on Nov. 3, 2018.

**Krystle Matthews Krispin '07, '13** and **Jim Krispin '07** welcomed their son on March 13, 2019.

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**George Brown '07** won the Democratic and Republican nominations in the race for Wilkes-Barre Mayor during the primary election in May.

**2008**

**Kristen Andrews '08, '12, '15** was featured on an episode of *Wheel of Fortune* where she walked away with just under \$22,000 in cash and prizes.

**Kelsey Muldoon Salsavage '08** and her husband, Ryne, welcomed their son on Nov. 23, 2018.

**Tara Eisenbach Jackson '08** and her husband, Lucas, welcomed their son on Feb. 14, 2019.

**Kathleen Lowe '08, '15** and Jeffery Gitkos were united in marriage on Nov. 11, 2018. The couple resides in Duryea, Pa.

**2009**

**Elizabeth Clements Katyl '09** was named director of alumni programs at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School. Elizabeth is an active volunteer with Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre, the North Branch Land Trust annual dinner committee and, together with her husband, Josh Katyl, with Northeast Sight Services. She also serves as the secretary of the Wyoming Seminary Alumni Council.

**Stephanie Yunko Smith '09** and **Andrew Smith '09** welcomed their first child, Ethan Andrew, on Jan. 25, 2019.

**2010**

**Lauren Arcury M.S., O.T.R./L., C.H.T. '10** obtained the specialty certification in hand therapy through the Hand Therapy Certification Commission. Lauren met the rigorous standards required of Certified Hand Therapists, including three years of practice experience with 4,000 hours or more in direct practice in hand therapy and successful completion

of a comprehensive test of advanced clinical skills and theory in upper quarter rehabilitation. In addition, she completed the graduate level courses, and the Hand and Upper Limb Rehabilitation Certificate



Program at Drexel University in 2014. Lauren has been working as an occupational therapist for eight years, previously working at Temple University Hospital before joining Lehigh Valley Health Network Outpatient in January 2018.

**Kathryn Wallace '10** and Matthew Murphy were united in marriage on Oct. 6, 2018 at Holy Eucharist in Cherry Hill, N.J. Kathryn

works as a pediatric physical therapist for Easterseals, seeing children in the home and school setting. In March 2018, she was honored at a Flyers game for her amazing work with Easterseals.

**Dr. Jonathan Gooch '10** and his wife, Kayleigh, welcomed their daughter, Madeleine.

**Kristen Noler Colarusso '10** and her husband, Edward, welcomed their daughter, Olivia.

**Bethany Daron Francis '10, '15** and her husband, Jesse, welcomed their daughter, Lucy, on Aug. 24, 2018.

**John Ocenas '10** and Kimberly Cain were united in marriage on May 5, 2018. John owns and operates a local business. The couple resides in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**2011**

**Stacey Osenbruck Rajski '11** and **Stanley Rajski '08** welcomed their daughter, Ella Rose, on



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## A friend for all seasons

It is with great sadness that Misericordia shares news of the passing of Barbara A. Soyka, friend and generous benefactor, on March 23. A certified master gardener and an expert on Shakespeare, Barbara's love for Misericordia began when she visited campus in



2003 with Agnes Toloczko Cardoni '69, Ph.D., to design the Sister Regina Kelly Shakespeare Garden. Barbara used her research and gardening knowledge to suggest plants that made the Elizabethan garden as authentic as possible given the local climate. The life-long friends were celebrated at the garden's dedication in 2010.

A Kingston, Pa., native and member of the Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club, Barbara endowed The Barbara Soyka Endowed Fund for the Shakespeare Garden for ongoing care of the garden, and is credited with arranging to have her fellow Bloomers manage the plot's upkeep as a service project.

In a 2013 interview, she said, "A garden is a wonderful thing ... it is constantly changing and growing. You give people the proper setting and they will thrive in it. I am very proud of the Shakespeare Garden and how it has seamlessly folded into life at Misericordia."

## Remembering Barbara Soyka: *An Afternoon in the Garden*

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In 2011, Barbara established The Soyka Women Endowed Scholarship to provide assistance to women 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. She also helped expand the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library's English collection.

In support of her passion for the humanities, she established the Soyka Fund for the Humanities, an endowed fund that will generously support a wide range programs. "I am a life-long teacher and my experiences at Misericordia have all been very rewarding. I like being able to give to programs that expand my academic interests – it helps me feel like I have accomplished something," she said.

Contributions may be made in memory of Barbara to Misericordia University Development Office, 301 Lake St., Dallas, Pa., 18612. [H](#)

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**Dr. Adrienne Cebrick Zulkoski '11** and her husband, Brian, welcomed their son on Dec. 31, 2018.

**Jason Heller '11, '18** and his wife, Heidi, welcomed their second daughter.

**Crissy Condus Rohlf '11** and her husband, Matthew, welcomed their son, Peyton James, on Nov. 2, 2017 and twins in April 2019.

**2012**

**Frank Nutt, III '12** and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their son, Frank Edward Nutt IV, on Jan. 19, 2019.

**Chelsea Mixon Vossler '12** and **Greg Vossler '11** welcomed their son, C.J., on Nov. 1, 2018.

**Daniel Merrick '12** and his wife, Sherilyn, welcomed their daughter on Dec. 15, 2018.

**Dr. Erin Evans '12** and Nicholas Attanasio were married on Sept. 15, 2018. Erin is a practicing optometrist in Lansdale, Pa. The couple resides in Harleysville, Pa.

**Amanda Pernot Bunnell '12** and her husband, Douglas, welcomed their son, Carson, on Jan. 12, 2019.

**Dr. Alicia Sparling Kauffman '12, '15** and **Dr. Michael Kauffman '12, '15** welcomed their daughter, Emma, on Jan. 24, 2019.

**Frank Robert Ziegler, III '12** and his wife, Katie Ann, welcomed their son on March 7, 2019.

**2013**

**Attorney Jason Reeves '13** and his wife, Sookyoung, welcomed their daughter on Nov. 7, 2018.

**Marina Orrson Martino '13** and **Dr. John Martino '07, '10** welcomed their son, Jonas, on Feb. 10, 2019. The couple was married in 2017 and reside in Dallas, Pa.



**Jillian De Forte '13** and **Peter Doggett '13, '18** were married on July 13, 2018. Jillian is a speech-language pathologist for the New York City

Department of Education, and Peter works for Man Group in New York, N.Y. The couple resides in Staten Island, N.Y.

**2014**

**Chelsea Morris Cathcart '14** and her husband, Bruce, welcomed their daughter, Makenna.

**2016**

**Daniel Redell '16, R.T.(R)(T), C.M.D.,** is a dosimetrist at the University of Maryland's Proton Treatment Center. Proton therapy is a highly advanced and precise form of radiation therapy that can increase a radiation dose to a tumor while decreasing the dose to healthy tissue surrounding it.

**2017**

**Katie Kelly '17** and Jordan Meyer were married on June 16, 2018. Katie, lymphedema certified, works for Wayne Memorial Hospital as a lymphedema therapist.

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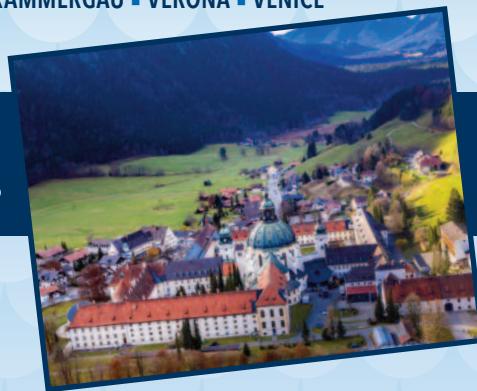
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# FOSTERING A BETTER SYSTEM

Two-term Indiana state senator gives back to his community through volunteer and legislative efforts

BY GEOFF RUSHTON

Indiana State Sen. Jon Ford '95 (R-Terre Haute) was born into and adopted from the foster care system, and he knows the important role foster parents can play in a child's life.

In fact, making positive changes to the foster care system is one of the reasons Ford, a 1995 Misericordia graduate

in business administration and marketing, decided to run for state senate in 2014 and for reelection in 2018.

"I've been doing a lot of work trying to improve our foster care system because in Indiana we're in a crisis," Ford says. "We've got more kids in the foster care system than almost any other state in the Midwest. As someone who was born into the

foster care system and adopted out, I really have a deep passion to try to solve that issue and continue to work on it."

One of the tangible results of his efforts has been the Foster Parents Bill of Rights. After meetings with many foster parents, he found they often did not know what rights they had in the care of a child, including basic issues such as access to health care information or being involved with education decisions.

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He authored a bill that had a list of rights, but realized there was a breakdown in communication between the Department of Child Services and foster parents. So instead, the bill, signed into law in the spring of 2018, required child services to hold meetings to develop the bill of rights. They worked with families over the next several months and late last fall published the Foster Parents Bill of Rights for communication, safety and privacy, support, collaboration and respect.

Another bill signed into state law this year allows foster parents to provide documents to go into a child's legal record, whereas previously courts received most of their information about a foster child from child services and foster parents could not submit a court report.

Other foster care-related bills are in the works, Ford said.

In 2018, he received the Indiana Foster and Adoptive Parents Advocate of the Year Award from the Indiana Foster and Adoptive Parents Resource and Advocacy Group, Inc. (IFAAP).

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**Jon Ford '95**



Indiana State Sen. Jon Ford '95 (R-Terre Haute), seated far left, participates in a ceremonial bill signing with state leaders in 2018 for Senate Bill 233 that he authored to enact a foster parent bill of rights.

# Fostering a better system

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"It was a unanimous decision that Sen. Ford receive our 2018 IFAAP Advocate of the Year Award because of his tireless work on the Foster Parent Bill of Rights," Kristi Cundiff, IFAAP administrator and CEO, said in a statement.



**Senator Ford '95 discusses and explains the Senate daily calendar with his page.**

is well-deserving of this award, and we look forward to continuing to work with him."

Ford came to the Indiana State Senate from the business world. He was co-owner, president and CEO of All State Manufacturing, a manufacturer of food service equipment and vending products sold throughout North America for clients ranging from large companies like Aramark and Canteen to small businesses.

He went on to become vice president of business development for Employee First Network, a food service management company for large corporations, handling everything from vending to Starbucks cafes to corporate dining.

In 2014, he decided to run as a Republican for state Senate, seeing an opportunity to serve Indiana's 38th District and his community of Terre Haute. "The community I live in here in Terre Haute has been suffering economically and I really ran on bringing jobs and economic development to Terre Haute," Ford says.

Winning election would be no small task. He was going against a three-term Democratic incumbent, Tim Skinner, in a district that had not elected a Republican in at least 45 years.

"Like a lot of people who run for politics their first time, you really do not know what you are getting into," he says. "But with a lot of things I learned at Misericordia in my business studies, I was able to create a plan and then execute that plan."

Since taking office, Ford has been an active lawmaker, as he has been very involved with a bill that would legalize sports betting in the state, as well as a recently passed law that will allow for carbon capture and storage at a fertilizer plant in West Terre Haute.

The carbon capture bill has garnered global attention. "It's state of the art," he says proudly. "We have a plant here that wants to make fertilizer and off of that manufacturing process they want to capture the carbon and store it 10,000

feet underground. It's kind of a pilot project to test in the future with manufacturing if it is viable to capture the carbon and store it underground."

While he has been plenty busy in the state Senate and in business, Ford devotes a great deal of time to volunteer endeavors in Terre Haute, where he lives with his wife, Kirsten Myers Ford '94, a Misericordia graduate in occupational therapy, and their twin sons, Samuel and Matthew. He has led business and industry associations, served as a board member for Wabash Valley Community Foundation and worked as director for Vigo County Youth Soccer Association and March of Dimes of the Wabash Valley.

He also has held volunteer leadership roles in the arts, serving as chair of the Indiana Arts Commission and president of the Board of Overseers for Swope Art Museum in Terre Haute. His position at the museum grew from the donated art collection and wealth of businessperson Sheldon Swope. It includes prized works, such as paintings by Edward Hopper that have been exhibited around the world.

"For a town of 62,000 people, we really have a jewel of an art gallery," Ford says. "I started getting engaged in that because economic development and quality of life have been a big focus of mine since I've lived here in Indiana."

Ford added that he attributes much of his commitment to volunteerism to his Misericordia experience, where he also played soccer for one season under Coach Chuck Edkins, but also became involved in the campus community in a number of ways, including as a resident assistant.

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— Indiana State Sen. Jon Ford '95

"I think you can trace a lot of it back to my time at Misericordia instilling in us that we have to be servant leaders," he says. "It's OK to talk about things but you also have to act on it. I really learned that at Misericordia first from Coach Edkins, and then people like Tim Foley who ran the peer-tutoring program."

Ford said Misericordia also imparted important values that continue to guide his decision-making today.

"Misericordia really placed upon us that you need to work with other people and collaborate," he says, recalling the charisms of Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality. "I think most of my colleagues on either side of the aisle would tell you I am open to collaboration on good ideas and party does not matter to me. I live in a community that is predominantly Democrat. Party does not matter to me. I will work with anyone who will try to move the ball forward." 



Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony, from left, are Jane Henry, Samantha Marquart Brainard, John Patrick Henry, Trustee Marjorie Henry Marquart '85, Scott Henry and Maryjane Henry.

# HENRY SCIENCE CENTER

Ceremony marks the beginning of construction on largest academic building

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An artist's rendering of the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center.

# groundbreaking

MARKS BEGINNING OF HENRY SCIENCE CENTER

With shovels in hand, members of the Misericordia University community came together Wednesday, April 17 to ceremoniously break ground against the backdrop of the existing science hall as they launch construction of the \$45 million Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center – the largest academic building on the more than 124-acre campus.

The comprehensive Henry Science Center features a deliberate mix of classroom space, technology, and teaching and research laboratories. Its concept began in 2016 when the Misericordia University Board of Trustees

**Trustee Mary Hudack Erwine '90, '92, co-chair of the capital campaign, delivers remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Henry Science Center.**



**The \$45 million,  
85,900-square-foot  
facility will be the  
largest academic  
building on campus**

BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

committed to the multi-year project to expand learning and research opportunities for students and faculty. Built in 1957 and renovated in 1988, the existing building was designed to accommodate 800 students on a campus now serving close to 3,000 students.

It moved another step closer to reality when Frank M. Henry provided the lead gift to the Now for Tomorrow campaign, which supports construction of the Henry Science Center and provides significant investment in the Annual Fund and endowment for additional scholarship opportunities for worthy students.



"I want to thank the late Mr. Frank Henry for his leadership gift that provided the momentum to our campaign to help us make our vision for a modern science center a reality," said Trustee Chris Borton, chairperson of the Board of Trustees. "I want to recognize all of my colleagues on the Board of Trustees whose financial support and leadership to encourage the dream of a new science center have been a notable part of what has brought us to today."

"I applaud the kindness of all of our donors who have been so essential in enabling this project. The Henry Science Center will be the culmination of a significant strategic planning initiative over a long period of time – with the potential for dramatic positive impact on the teaching and research resources of our faculty and students," Mr. Borton added.

The groundbreaking ceremony marked the beginning of construction on the new three-story 57,400-square-foot wing, which will take about 18 months to complete. Renovation of the existing 28,500-square-foot science hall will commence in June 2020, with completion of the entire Henry Science Center ready for the beginning of the fall 2021 semester.

"By their very nature, groundbreakings are forward looking – we plan to build something here, right here, that will greatly enhance the educational capabilities of our campus," President Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., said during the ceremony. "Even the name of the campaign – Now for Tomorrow – illustrates the visionary aspect of what this University is intending to do in the Henry Science Center."

"The design and elements to this building, developed by so many of our faculty, staff and advisors over many long hours, represent an idea wholly consistent with our vision for what Misericordia can be in the future – big ideas combined with perhaps Misericordia's greatest attribute: relationships," President Botzman added. "In the decades to come, students will be developing the professional competence and contemporary literacies along a path of research and discovery in the Henry

Science Center. They will be mentored by faculty in this space and learn to collaborate, develop interpersonal skills, and be inspired to innovate, create and embrace lifelong learning."

"Finally, I know they will be exposed to the type of environment that builds

character and leads to lives of abiding consequence."

Marjorie Henry Marquart '85, daughter of the late Frank M. and Dorothea Henry, serves Misericordia

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## MONITOR PROGRESS

**Log on to [www.misericordia.edu/henryscience](http://www.misericordia.edu/henryscience) to watch a 24/7 live stream of the construction site.**



An aerial photo, above, shows site preparation work. Members of the Board of Trustees pose for a photo during the ceremonial groundbreaking in April.

# Groundbreaking marks historic era for sciences

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University today as a valued trustee. The ceremony was an opportunity to reminisce about the importance of the project and what it means to the benevolent family.

"This is a special day for Misericordia University," Ms. Marquart said during the ceremony. "More importantly, though, the Henry Science Center is an important symbol of the future and the countless opportunities that lie ahead for our students and faculty. This science center is going to be a reality because of so many dedicated people who truly embrace the values and mission of this fine institution."

The design of the Henry Science Center puts science clearly on display while meeting the demands of the 21st-century model of learner-based and discovery-based teaching, which requires a mix of modern laboratories, technologies and learning spaces. A two-story glass curtain-wall on the north façade of the new wing will permit views from the center of campus into the new teaching labs.

**'... the Henry Science Center is an important symbol of the future and the countless opportunities that lie ahead for our students and faculty.'**

*- Trustee Marjorie Henry Marquart '85*

Generous amounts of glass in the Henry Science Center Commons will provide abundant daylight and views from the second floor entryway through to the science courtyard.

"We've gotten to this point because of judicious project planning inspired by our faculty and students, those ambitious young men and women currently with us and those yet to arrive," said Trustee Mary Erwine '90, '92, an alumna and co-chair of the Now for Tomorrow campaign. "We have arrived here because of an



administration that understood the absolute necessity of this building project, and an advancement team that has worked diligently and with a sense of urgency.

"Combine judiciousness with commitment and diligence and the result is a campaign that has surpassed anything done before and a building that will become a beacon for transformative teaching, learning and research," Mrs. Erwine added, while standing next to campaign co-chairperson, Sandy Insalaco, Sr.

"I am excited for the new building and what it will mean. The Henry Science Center will not only benefit the science majors who will call it home, but also the greater University community as well," said Mr. Insalaco, a trustee emeritus. "We are forever grateful to have exceptional benefactors like Frank Henry who understand that giving above and beyond permits and encourages greatness to occur.

"His unparalleled giving creates pathways to hope upon which our talented students can work toward making this world a better and more humane place," he added.

The use of brick, similar in color to existing campus buildings, will provide an overall building composition that



**Heidi Manning, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, top, talks to news media about the Henry Science Center. Trustee Marjorie Henry Marquart '85 offers remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony.**

blends existing with new, and complements the campus fabric. The science courtyard on the south side will include an outdoor classroom, greenhouse and an outdoor rain garden for managing storm water runoff and related research.

Rich in technology, the Henry Science Center's design will provide a number of dedicated laboratories and workspaces for specific areas of inquiry, including a small mammal vivarium, aquatic/invertebrate vivarium, electronics/computer build lab and 10 new teaching labs in biology, chemistry and physics. An organic chemistry lab will be adjacent

to the learning center dedicated to the 300MHz nuclear magnetic resonance instrument, better known as an NMR. A new cold room will enable advanced molecular experiments, while a cadaver suite, complete with an integrated control room, Anatomage room, and laboratory and preparatory space, will expand learning opportunities for students in the health and medical sciences.

"Our science faculty provide an excellent education for our students. This new building will better reflect the quality of teaching that occurs in our science programs and allow it to expand and grow to meet the growing needs of area businesses and the nation as a whole for more STEM graduates," Misericordia University College of Arts and Sciences Dean Heidi Manning, Ph.D., said. "This is not just about more space – it is how this space has been designed that is the real strength of the Henry Science Center. This building has been designed to foster collaborations: faculty-student, student-student and faculty-faculty.

"Misericordia University is a collaborative and supportive community, and the design of the science center will build upon that and enhance it as we educate the next generation," Dr. Manning added at the luncheon in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

The successful design follows months of research by faculty, administration and others into the proper needs of a modern science facility. "The faculty, with the encouragement of the administration, embarked on a journey to learn what works and what does not work in building such a complex," Anthony Serino, Ph.D., associate professor of biology and project shepherd, said at the groundbreaking ceremony. "We went on fact-finding trips to recently built science projects around the state. We sought the opinions of our alumni, students, faculty and staff, so that we could list a set of priorities. These



Misericordia University twin students Lara May, left, and Karley May of Milford, Pa., display the special cookies that were made for the campus community to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center.

became the guide to which this project was implemented by the architects."

The Henry Science Center Commons, though, will be the heart of the academic facility, providing a generous two-story space that forms the connection between the two wings of the modern structure. It will be a unique place on campus, providing social space for the entire campus community in addition to collaborative space for the Henry Science Center.

The science center's design also incorporates sustainable best practices in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, more commonly known as LEED. It is eligible for the silver level LEED certification, as it features daylighting into laboratories to save on artificial lighting, LED lighting, and efficient boilers and mechanical systems.

In addition, the University will realign Misericordia Way to pull the

Henry Science Center into the heart of campus by redirecting the roadway behind the science center and creating green space in front of the existing wing and Mercy Hall. The new wing of the Henry Science Center will form the façade that completes the quadrangle formed by Alumnae Hall, Henry Student Lounge, McGowan Hall, Banks Student Life Center and Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall.

"The building site allows for the science center to become an integral part of campus," added Dr. Serino. "The design will give us a state-of-the-art science facility that will allow us to grow both our science and health sciences

programs over the coming decades."

At Misericordia University, 54-percent of all students are majoring in the health or medical sciences fields during the 2018-19 academic year.

"Thank you to all of the faculty and staff who have contributed to the planning that brings us to this amazing day," the president concluded. "Thank you to caring, motivated students who seize the opportunities Misericordia University affords to make their lives better, extend the reputation of our fine university, and live the charisms of the Sisters of Mercy which serve as our institution's core values – Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality."

For more information about the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center at Misericordia University, please call 570-674-6333 or visit [www.nft.misericordia.edu](http://www.nft.misericordia.edu). 

## FAST FACTS

**Highlights of the 85,900-square-foot Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center include:**

- **Laboratories:** 16 teaching labs and 9 research labs
- **Classrooms:** 9
- **Group study rooms:** 2, plus 9 break-out areas including large commons on 1st floor
- **Faculty offices:** 23, plus 1 administration office and faculty workroom
- **Conference rooms:** 3

# PROJECT SHEPHERD

**Biology professor's love of all things science helps guide design of the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center**

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA



Handling a black water snake comes with its own hazards. Doing it for elementary school children during a show-and-tell program adds another layer of intrigue for Misericordia University Biology Professor Anthony Serino, Ph.D. Prying the reptile's angled top fangs out of his arm amid the shrieks and cries of his audience illustrates how his area of expertise can be "cool."

Making biology interesting for people of all ages is the life's mission of the affable scientist who has had a passion of all things in nature for as long as he can remember. It is no surprise that as project shepherd, he is like a kid in a candy store when talking about the new technology-driven Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center under construction outside the window of his current office on campus.

"I joined the faculty in 2002 and they had been talking about upgrading the science center well before I got here," he says, looking around his under-sized office. "At that point, the building was already 45 years old. As enrollment continued to grow over the next eight years, there were attempts to reconfigure the space we had – converting small rooms into research space. Finally, an architect said that we simply needed more space, period."

"It was time to make it happen," Dr. Serino says, matter-of-factly.

Dr. Serino took to the road with fellow College of Arts and Sciences colleagues in 2010 and 2011 to see what new science facilities other colleges had – learning from what worked, and learning even more from what did not work. "We saw first-hand what happened when the designers failed to get any input from the faculty who would be using the building. We saw first-hand what a bad design could look like," he adds.

These trips, along with interaction with Project Kaleidoscope, a program developed by the Association of American Colleges and Universities to

Misericordia University Biology Professor Anthony Serino, Ph.D., quizzes student Mikayla Klimas '20, a biology and pre-Doctor of Physical Therapy major from Harding, Pa., on the anatomy of a cat during a comparative anatomy lab practicum in the spring semester.

help schools build science centers, allowed the team to formulate a pool of best practice ideas. Dr. Serino, along with former colleague Scott Massey, Ph.D., P.A.-C., drafted their wish list into a white paper mapping out their hopes for a construction plan.

When the Misericordia University Board of Trustees took the historic step to launch a \$30 million campaign to fund the science center in 2016, Dr. Serino was asked to be project shepherd – the critical role of serving as liaison between science faculty, staff and SLAM Collaborative, the architectural firm hired to design the state-of-the-art facility. “I’ve done a lot of home remodeling with my wife over the years,” he explains. “I’m part engineer and part carpenter, so being project shepherd comes naturally to me. I am happy to be so involved.”

For effect, Dr. Serino explains the recent need to push animal specimens out of the way to make way for floor plans and building schematics in his office. He grins proudly now when he explains how the Henry Science Center’s design provides flexible teaching spaces that encourage interactive learning, offers dedicated research space for faculty and students, and allows the campus and outside community to witness science in action.

“SLAM specializes in these kinds of buildings and helped us whittle down our list to the things that were most important. It was really a collaborative effort on the part of our faculty and staff – complete with a good bit of give and take. I am most pleased on how we came together so amicably – collaboration really is a Misericordia thing,” he offers.

The planned ecology laboratory adds another level of excitement for Dr. Serino, as he considers the specialized space among the most needed components of the new academic building. “It will include a small animal vivarium, complete with a staging area, a holding and procedure room for small mammals, as well as an aquarium room. The students are going to love it,” he says.

As a teacher of gross anatomy, Dr. Serino eagerly anticipates the new high-tech cadaver lab, which he says



will be a great improvement over the current facility. It ranks high on his list of “cool” components. In addition, the Henry Science Center will house the University’s second Anatomage Virtual Dissection Table, doubling the opportunity for students to learn anatomy on the visualization system that resembles a giant iPad and allows students to dissect a life-size human body via virtual reality technology.

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*- Anthony Serino, Ph.D.  
professor of biology*

Also making Dr. Serino’s highlight reel is a specially designed, ultramodern laboratory to house a 300 MHz nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, donated to the campus by Dow Chemical. He is equally happy with plans for the new physics wing that will offer an electronics build laboratory to study computer assembly, a cold room for molecular experiments, and a static-free and shielded room for the University’s Atomic Force Microscope.

**Misericordia University faculty and staff in the sciences played an integral role in the design of the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center. They came together during the groundbreaking ceremony to pose for a group picture.**

“It has been quite an effort on the part of so many people, but all-in-all, our work with the architects has exceeded our expectations,” he says. “I think we can say, ‘We got it right.’”

It appears that a career in biology was in the cards early on for the West Pittston, Pa., native, who grew up fishing and enjoyed the outdoors as a Boy Scout. He went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in biology and a master’s degree in biochemistry at the University of Scranton before receiving his doctorate in physiology at Penn State in 1991. Teaching positions followed at Penn State’s University Park and Schuylkill campuses, as well as at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., before he accepted an appointment at Misericordia.

“I love my job and as a team I know we are very good at what we do, despite working in a facility the campus has outgrown,” Dr. Serino concludes. “This new construction will allow us to do so much more, and expand learning opportunities for the students in ways many of us have only dreamed about.

“That’s pretty cool.” 

# Green Gateway

## New community park provides welcoming entryway to Lake Street

**P**icturesque trees, grass, shrubbery and a signature Misericordia University circle are among the amenities at the new Lake Street community park, recently completed where Lake Street and state Route 415 meet in Dallas Borough.

Providing a warm welcome to those passing through Dallas or visiting the Misericordia campus, the beautification project is adjacent to the PennDOT roundabout and replaces a number of deteriorated commercial buildings previously located on the pie-shaped site. The University purchased the buildings to make way for the park in 2017.

New sidewalks connect the park to the crosswalks and splitter islands of the

roundabout, improving safety for pedestrians crossing the highway at the busy five-way intersection. The project includes 35 parking spaces for the campus, located from the area behind the former Old House Café to John J. Passan Hall at 100 Lake St., helping alleviate parking congestion on the upper campus while construction of the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center is underway.

In addition, local runners and walkers are enjoying the new, picture-worthy sidewalk along Lake Street that now frames the campus



An aerial photo shows the partially completed community park and additional parking that will be available immediately after the Old House Café.

from the intersection of East Center Hill Road, going pass the Arch and the townhouses, and connecting to the North Gate entrance to campus. 

# Purchase expands campus footprint

**M**isericordia University acted on a unique opportunity to expand the campus and to offer additional opportunities for students, student-athletes, faculty and the Back Mountain community when it purchased the former Payne Printery building on state Route 415 in Dallas Twp., in April.

The more than 45,000-square-foot facility features 10 acres of land and 50 parking spaces less than a quarter mile

from campus. Misericordia received zoning board approval for a special exemption in March that allows the property to be used for educational purposes. The facility is pedestrian accessible via an access road on Lake Street.

The University acted on the purchase after Payne Printery made plans to use printing facilities in Lansdale, Pa., along with three other printing companies. After the close of the sale, Payne Printery

relocated its equipment to the facility outside of Philadelphia, leaving an open canvass for administrators to decide on the best use of the modern building.

Final plans for the intended use of the structure have not been determined, according to Mark Van Etten, vice president of finance and administration for Misericordia University. He said the University will form an internal committee to determine the best use of the new space. No timeline has been determined to finalize plans for the new facility.

In addition, the University purchased an additional 10 acres of land from Irem Temple Country Club. The wooded area is behind the Mangelsdorf Field at the Anderson Outdoor Athletics Complex. The University will create a walking trail and a nine-hole disc golf course, while the remainder of the parcel will maintain a landscaped buffer between campus and the surrounding neighborhoods. 

Misericordia purchased the Payne Printery building on state Route 415 in April.



# BELIZE BENEFACTORS

Students, faculty and staff volunteer with humanitarian organization to improve living conditions for at-risk residents

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

San Ignacio is a typical small town in the mountains of Belize. It was home-away-from-home for nine Misericordia University students for a week in May as they worked with the humanitarian organization, the Cornerstone Foundation, to improve living conditions for hundreds of at-risk residents.

Poverty impacts as much as a third of the population of the Central American country, tucked between the southern tip of Mexico and Guatemala. Through the foundation, the Misericordia students did what they could to help: cooking and delivering meals to children in a community lunch program and helping with an education program to raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS rate in the country – among the highest on the subcontinent.

Accompanied on the trip by Lindsey Riddell, community outreach coordinator for Campus Ministry, and Assistant Nursing Professor Lisa Shustack, Ed.D., R.N., the group also visited a raw food farm to learn about care for the Earth, a critical concern for Misericordia's founders, the Sisters of Mercy.

The students represented a variety of majors that spanned from business and sport management to nursing, medical and health humanities, occupational therapy, and biology.

Reflecting on an afternoon spent at the Cornerstone Foundation, occupational therapy major Kiera Berrin '20 said, "Being able to see the bright smiling faces of all of the



**Occupational therapy major Kiera Berrin '20 enjoys helping Aiden, 5, with an art project, while on a Campus Ministry service trip to Belize in May.**

children when we were there was inspiring," she recalled. "They were all so happy the whole time and so excited to make their art projects and play soccer with all of the volunteers. It also was great to be able to see first hand all of the great work that the Cornerstone Foundation does for the people of the community."

Fellow student-volunteer Dani Clifford '20 also was introspective. "No matter where you choose to volunteer your time and energy, there always seems to be a moment of pause, when you stop and think to yourself how thankful you are for all you have," the statistics and sport management major said. "When presented with situations where people live with less, from kids in a feeding program to battered women, it becomes apparent just how lucky we really are."

"My time in Belize has made me forever grateful for my freedoms and comfort of life," the vice president of the Class of 2020 added. **H**



A team of Misericordia University Campus Ministry volunteers gather with youngsters for a day of art and soccer at the Cornerstone Foundation in San Ignacio, Belize in May.

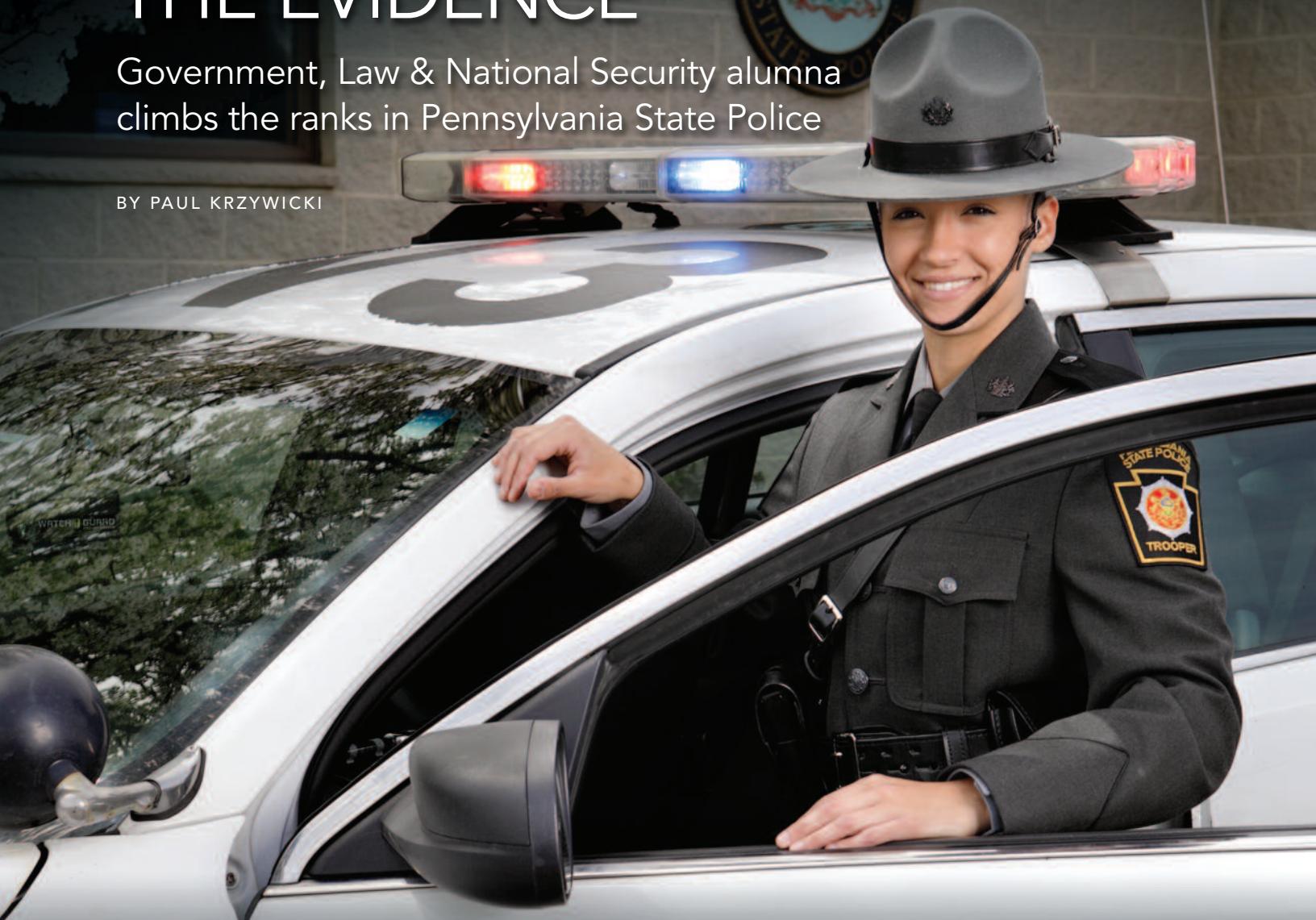
**The following students, faculty and staff participated in the service trip to Belize in the spring with Cornerstone Foundation:**

- Keana Albert '20, Hallstead, Pa., medical/health humanities
- Samantha Basch '22, Royersford, Pa., nursing
- Kiera Berrin '20, Babylon, N.Y., health science/OT
- Danielle Clifford '20, Westtown, N.Y., sport management
- Brigid Dolan '21, West Chester, Pa., health science/OT
- Melanie Dowling '20, Hewitt, N.J., nursing
- Adam Ercolani '19, Bear Creek, Pa., business administration
- Rachel Rosato '20, Newfoundland, Pa., biology
- Trent Woolcock '19, Muncy, Pa., sport management/pre-Doctor of Physical Therapy/business administration
- Lindsey Riddell, community outreach coordinator, Campus Ministry
- Lisa Shustack, Ed.D., M.S.Ed., R.N., assistant professor, nursing

# FOLLOWING THE EVIDENCE

Government, Law & National Security alumna climbs the ranks in Pennsylvania State Police

BY PAUL KRZYWICKI



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Gabrielle Giello '13

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BLAKESLEE, Pa. — More than four decades have passed since a teenager made the harrowing discovery below an Interstate-80 bridge near White Haven, Pa., in Carbon County: three suitcases filled with the dismembered remains of an unidentified woman and her unborn child. Through the years, investigators have been stymied by her identity – and even more so about her killer.

That 1976 cold case now belongs to Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Gabrielle Giello '13, a graduate of the Misericordia University Government,

Law and National Security (GLNS) Program, and fellow members of the Criminal Investigation Unit at the Fern Ridge Barracks. The Beth Doe case is one of many assigned to the 28-year-old criminal investigator from Dunmore, Pa., who also probes burglaries, drug offenses, robberies, deaths, assaults and more.

The modern techniques investigators are using today to identify the victim and potential suspects in this unsolved case may remind people of the popular CBS crime drama, *CSI*, which was credited

**Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Gabrielle Giello '13 is a graduate of the Government, Law and National Security Program. She is an investigator in the Criminal Investigation Unit at the Fern Ridge Barracks.**

with reviving interest in forensic science and other cutting-edge tools used by law enforcement agencies to solve complex crimes. Combine a teenager's "obsession" with the television show and her familial bonds to service and volunteerism, and it is easy to see why Trooper Giello chose this career path.

"There was no other choice for me," she acknowledges, while talking about her career at the barracks set in a rural community outside the Pocono Mountains. "It was just always the state police. I do not even know what it was to be honest with you. I think I saw some of my values in the state police core values and everything just lined up for me."

Those values are rooted in a family with a history of service to country and people who are less fortunate. The biggest influences on Trooper Giello's life and career, though, are Raymond Sandy, her larger-than-life grandfather who retired from the United States Army's Green Berets and CIA, and Uncle Raymond Sandy, Jr., who also retired from the military.

"From an early age, I liked to help people," says Trooper Giello, who has volunteered at Camp Happy Times in Wayne County for many years and spearheaded a prom dress drive for girls at the camp. "That was always a big thing for me. It was instilled at an early age. My grandfather was a big influence in my decision to get into the GLNS program. I loved his passion and my uncle's, so that side (maternal) of my family really did help with my decision to take the oath."

A classroom exercise in the academic program's U.S. National Security System course also narrowed her career path down to one, according to Trooper Giello, who originally listed CIA and FBI as her top two career choices until researching them further.

"I owe a lot to Professor (Christopher) Stevens. He assigned us that project to sit down and think — really think — about what your options are," the daughter of William and Dawn Giello recalls. "That was my turning point even though I put PSP last. I think looking into it deeper because of that project and having to write about it and learn about each department, when I started learning about PSP, I was like, 'Wow! This is me; this is all me, all day,' and I ended up applying shortly after that project."

faculty members routinely provide classroom exercises, guest speakers, internships and career planning that examine employment options.

"The whole idea (of the exercise) is to relate to the students the wealth of career opportunities in the field," says Dr. Stevens, Ph.D., associate professor and director of the Government, Law and National Security Program. "Many students enter Misericordia unsure of what career to pursue. Whether it is the career portfolio exercise that Trooper Giello experienced, an internship with



**Pennsylvania State Trooper  
Gabrielle Giello '13 poses for  
a picture in a cruiser at the  
Fern Ridge Barracks.**

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— Gabrielle Giello '13

The GLNS program provides students with an integrated knowledge of political science, legal studies and public administration to prepare them to enter government service and the private sector performing public administration and policy jobs related to security, the law and public policy. Due to the breadth of career opportunities in the field of study,

the U.S. Marshals, or meeting with representatives of the United Nations or the Pennsylvania State Senate or House of Representatives, we actively relate the degree to specific careers."

By any measure of accomplishment, Trooper Giello's climb in the ranks has been swift. State police policy

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# Following the evidence leads alumna to career with State Police

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mandates troopers must have three years of experience before being eligible for specialized positions. She received her first assignment as an investigator at the Stroudsburg Barracks on her three-year anniversary after a lengthy interview process with a three-person panel comprised of a lieutenant, sergeant and crime trooper.

"Since the minute I started patrol, I knew I wanted to be in crime because it was something I loved to do," says Trooper Giello, who completed additional training in interview and interrogation techniques, equivocal death analysis, and more crime scene procedures. "I would always take the burglaries or anything that possibly could be solved. I ended up solving a burglary or two here and it lit the fire. I just kept bettering myself and going to classes for training."

"Every training I would go to I would aim it more toward the criminal investigation side of things. Eventually, I just started getting better at interviewing and ended up applying for the position when it opened up," she adds.

A May 2015 graduate of the State Police Academy in Hershey, Pa.,

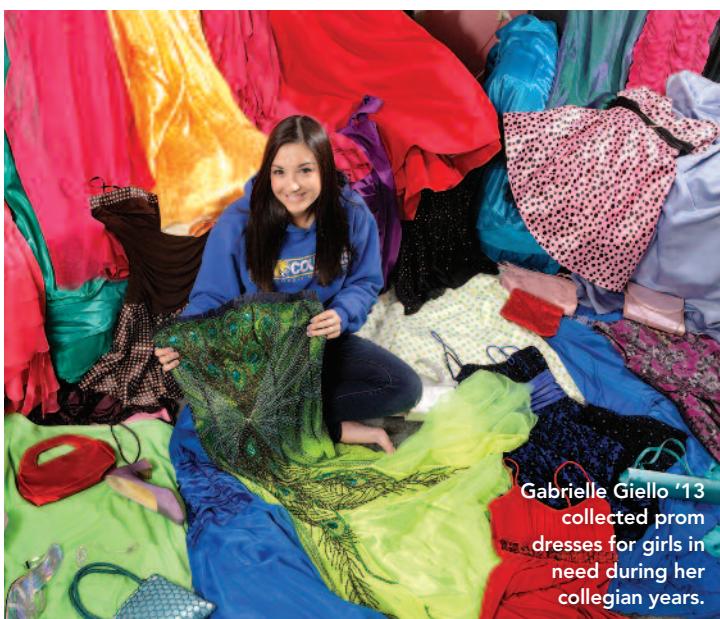


Trooper Giello '13 holds her State Police badge.

Trooper Giello has patrol experience in the areas covered by the Stroudsburg and Fern Ridge barracks. She transferred back to Fern Ridge in November 2018 after completing her first year as an investigator.

In June, Trooper Giello continued to build her resume by attending a Federal Bureau of Investigation symposium sponsored by the office in

Scranton, Pa. "I've just always been a hard worker and dedicated to whatever I do. This is always something I wanted to do and when I started doing it I said I am going to do the best that I can at my job and I am going to get where I want to be," she says. "I still wake up sometimes and I'm in awe of everything that I have already achieved and I cannot wait to achieve more." **H**



Gabrielle Giello '13 collected prom dresses for girls in need during her collegian years.

## Then&Now

Years before Gabrielle Giello '13 took the oath to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an investigator with the State Police, she was fine-tuning her altruistic nature by helping turn girls into little princesses for their special dance.

A volunteer at Camp Happy Times in Wayne County, Pa., during her collegian years, she spearheaded a History Club and social media campaign in 2013 to collect gently used prom dresses, accessories and money so cancer patients and survivors could have a makeover for the special event sponsored by the Valerie Fund.

By the time Giello prepared to receive her undergraduate degree in May 2013, she had secured more than 250 formal dresses and \$1,000 in donations for the camp.

The original story was published in Misericordia Today's summer edition in 2013. Please go online to publications.misericordia.edu to find the edition to read the article.

# STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Service project by faculty and students in statistics program aids local YMCA

BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

When most people think about statistics, the odds are good that Las Vegas or Churchill Downs comes to mind. Will the 5:1 horse win? What is the probability the player will hit Blackjack?

In fact, much of what goes on in life is based on statistical data. Calculating the odds if it will rain or whether a

friend will show up on time is an everyday occurrence. Yet, those imagining a statistics' classroom may conjure up

images of white boards filled with graphs, equations, processes and subsets, and columns of numbers.

True for some, but not for the six Misericordia University students in the spring semester of Statistics 428 – Non-Parametric Statistics class, taught by Assistant Professor Michael Floren, Ph.D.

Dr. Floren joined the Department of Mathematics in 2018 in support of the newly launched Bachelor of Science degree program in statistics. Within his first few months, he received a request from the Office of Service-Learning to help the Wilkes-Barre YMCA provide statistical analysis and answer questions concerning the demographics of the organization's membership. After an intense semester of work – inside and outside the classroom – the research project culminated with his students presenting their findings to members of the YMCA's administration in late April.

"Not only were we able to pair our students with an important service project in the community in the spirit of Misericordia's Mercy mission. We

## Statistics

gave them an opportunity to work with live data, practice presenting what they know to a non-mathematical audience and see how their detailed results are applicable in the real world, not just a classroom," Dr. Floren explains.

Robert Duliba of the YMCA asked the team to analyze the demographics of the Y's membership in a variety of categories to determine if there were any particular geographic pockets of membership. Doing so would help him insure that grant monies and



Project participants, first row from left, are Rich Surridge, Greater Scranton YMCA; students Sarah Netchert '20, Sarah Bender '20, Danielle Clifford '20 and Lindsay Kane '20, and Robert Duliba, Wilkes-Barre YMCA; second row, Chris Larson '19, Wesley Hill '19 and Michael Floren, Ph.D.

scholarships for programs, such as child care, were serving clients equally.

Misericordia juniors Sarah Netchery '20, Sarah Bender '20, Danielle Clifford, '20 and Lindsay Kane '20, and the Statistics Program's soon-to-be first graduates Chris Larson '19 and Wesley Hill '19 all agreed the process took far more time than they anticipated, mostly because the more involved they got, the more they wanted to make

sure the job was done right.

The team went well beyond what Dr. Floren had anticipated, and created what he described as "cool, interactive graphics, including heat maps" that allowed the YMCA administrators to see colorful layers of statistical analysis compiled into a webpage using a Google maps overlay. The layered maps provided the opportunity to zoom in and out of heat clusters while seeing city names on the screen.

"The students were able to compile the information so that the Y administrators can compare a variety of data streams at the same time," says Dr. Floren.

By definition, non-parametric statistics means not making as many assumptions in analyzing data as in traditional statistics. Their results fit the description.

"Their work was fantastic," says Duliba. "We didn't know what to expect. They helped us identify a couple of areas that we need to seriously look at regarding the distribution of scholarships. It also helped us confirm a few things in the process."

Hill admitted his first service-learning class provided a welcome break from traditional math problems.

"This project gave me real-world experience, and at the same time a sense of purpose and how it feels to help the community. I am really happy to be a part of the team," he says.

Clifford agreed. "Yes, it was a lot of work, but it gave us amazing hands-on, real-life experience in the field. It fit our mission, not only as a class, but as a Mercy University," she adds. **H**

# 'SERVICE & JUSTICE'

## Social work alumna improves lives of students, workers and people around the world

BY GEOFF RUSHTON

Robin Sakina Mama '82, Ph.D., M.S.S., L.S.W., has devoted her career to improving the lives of others — from students to workers to people around the world.

A 1982 Misericordia graduate, Dr. Mama is dean of the School of

Social Work at Monmouth University, a post she has held since the program became its own school in 2008.

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And while she did not initially foresee a life in academia, she found it a place where she could help students grow while also pursuing new and varied opportunities to make an impact.

"A lot of my life has been about service and justice," she says. "That's part of what I absorbed at Misericordia, even if I did not realize at the time."

When Dr. Mama came to Misericordia as an undergrad, she knew she wanted to choose a path in which she could help people. A talented flutist, she considered music therapy, and even gave recitals her junior and senior years.

But she found social work and discovered that is where she belonged. Working as a research assistant with the Institute of Gerontology, she spent two summers as the resident coordinator for Elderhostel programs, now known as the Road Scholars program for lifelong learners.

"Misericordia really helped me find where I was going to fit," she says. "I had excellent faculty. It set me up on this path where I wanted to be involved with people and wanted to do things at a big level, at a macro level."

After graduating from Misericordia, Dr. Mama went on to Bryn Mawr College to pursue master's degrees in social service, and law and social policy, and then a Ph.D. in social work and social research. During that time, she began working with the Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health (PHILAPOS).

Born out of the need for educating workers after the passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, PHILAPOS is a coalition of unions, legal and health professionals that provides training and information on job safety and health issues. Dr. Mama worked on a range of efforts to help workers, including coordinating the AIDS in the Workplace Project, one of the few programs at the time providing education and technical assistance on AIDS to workers in non-health care workplaces.

"PHILAPOS became my second year MSW field internship, because at that time I was interested in occupational and environmental health," she says. "It was a new area for social work to focus on."

As she moved into her doctoral program, Dr. Mama was hired part

time at PHILAPOS and after receiving her Ph.D. became associate director.

In 1991, she and her husband, Saifuddin T. Mama, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.O.G., F.A.C.S., F.P.M.R.S., had their son, Aziz, and she thought teaching might offer her more scheduling flexibility. She did not plan to go into academia, but as part of her doctoral work at Bryn Mawr, she taught several graduate level courses – even developing one elective – and found she enjoyed it.

"I started looking for teaching positions, found one at Monmouth and I never left," she says.

Since then, she has co-written a book, *Breaking Out of the Box*, on adventure-based approaches to field internship classes, and is working on another about cultural awareness and sensitivity for field internships. She has authored numerous articles and has explored a wide breadth of research, from international issues, to concerns for returning veterans, to violence against social workers, to suicide among police officers.

"I am a person who loves program development," she says. "I respond to community need and environmental



Robin Sakina Mama '82, Ph.D., M.S.S., L.S.W., speaks at the United Nations during Social Work Day in 2018.

Dean Mama '82 poses for a photo with her students during the School of Social Work at Monmouth University's annual student retreat.



need before I say, 'Oh I need to write another article on x, y or z.'"

When she arrived at Monmouth, Dr. Mama was one of only two faculty members for a social work program that had 65 students, in a department alongside criminal justice, sociology, anthropology, and Africana studies. As the programs grew, they split off and in 2008 the School of Social Work started with Dr. Mama as its founding dean. Today it has 22 faculty and staff and 350 students.

During her time at Monmouth, Dr. Mama has taught nearly every social work class offered (except in the clinical concentration) and found what she loved about being a professor was seeing her students grow.

"What I liked about Monmouth was it was a teaching institution. It was not an R-1 (research institution)," she says. "You could concentrate on teaching. You still had to engage in scholarship, and I have done that consistently throughout my career. But it was a teaching institution and I loved being able to see the transformation in students."

She has also worked with Misericordia to ensure students from her alma mater who are interested in pursuing graduate level education in social work have that opportunity to continue to grow. Dr. Mama collaborated with Susan McDonald, Ph.D., M.S.W., L.C.W., chairperson of Misericordia's social work program, on a memorandum of understanding for students accepted into Monmouth's graduate program to

have their application fee waived and be guaranteed a paid, six-credit graduate assistantship.

Monmouth has developed similar arrangements with New Jersey schools that do not have social work master's programs.

As Monmouth's School of Social Work grew and developed its master's program, it started an international concentration, global community practice, a combination of community organization and capacity development that can be used in the U.S. and abroad. At the same time, Dr. Mama's interest and participation in international work grew as well.

In 2001, she was named a representative of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) to the United Nations, a volunteer role in which she and others work to ensure the concerns of social work are understood and included in U.N. initiatives, policies and resolutions.

"It's probably been one of the most amazing experiences of my life," Dr. Mama says.

She helps to advocate for social work causes, writing statements for commissions such as those on social development and the status of women, and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples.

Her work for people around the world has also extended to the International Organization for Women and Development (IOWD), which she connected with through her husband,

an obstetrician and gynecologist, and where she serves on the executive board.

IOWD was founded by Barbara Margolies, who wanted to bring together teams of doctors, nurses and other medical personnel to treat women who had obstetric fistula, a hole in the bladder resulting from childbirth or improper C-sections. It's a condition that causes health and hygiene problems, often leaving women shunned by their families and communities and unable to hold a job or even take a bus.

The program began 13 years ago in Niger and has since moved on to Rwanda, with teams going three times a year to perform surgeries. Dr. Saifuddin Mama goes every February, often joined by his wife, and like other professionals pays his own way and takes vacation time when on the mission. On the executive board, Dr. Robin Mama helps make major decisions about purchases of equipment, planning and additions to the medical advisory board.

IOWD has been just one way that the Mamas have given back. They have also established scholarships at Monmouth and Cooper Medical School, where Dr. Saifuddin Mama works, and supported the arts in Philadelphia. Most recently, they established the Mama Family Scholarship for the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia University. **H**



# TAKING FLIGHT

Nursing alumnus realizes dream of becoming PennSTAR flight nurse

BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

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## Joseph O'Leary '07

### NURSING

Joseph O'Leary '07 likes to say he has a great memory. It enables him to reflect fondly upon the many important phases of his life that played a role in him becoming "the professional, son, brother, husband and dad" that he is today.

Those reminiscent moments also reinforce the career path he chose as a student-athlete at Misericordia University after graduating from Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, Pa. It was but a snapshot in time, but this one particular medical patient's miraculous recovery is an example of why O'Leary continues to grow his career and expertise in health care.

The son of Joseph and Betty O'Leary of Clifton Heights, Pa., is a PennSTAR flight nurse at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania after earning his Bachelor of Science in nursing degree. PennSTAR teams like his respond to two different types of missions: scene flights for traumatic incidents, such as vehicular accidents with serious injury, and interfacility transfers that involve some of the most medically complex patients in the industry.

In each case, time is of the essence.

In this example, O'Leary's team responded to a hospital in New Jersey for an interfacility transfer. The patient, unable to speak, had a blood clot on the brain and was having a stroke. He was quickly loaded into the helicopter and transported while the stroke team at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania prepared for his arrival.

"A few hours later I received an email from the team with a video attached," O'Leary recalls, proudly. "As the video began, I saw the patient sitting on a hospital stretcher drinking a cup of water. As the camera got closer, the patient smiled and said, 'Hey guys, thank you so much!'"

Those few hours are but a snippet into O'Leary's busy professional life, but they speak to the decisiveness and skill flight nurses need to address dire situations. The Misericordia

**“** Anytime someone asks me about college, I am proud to say I am a graduate of Misericordia. The values, academic track and family environment have made me the professional, son, brother, husband and dad that I am today. **”**

— Joseph O'Leary '07

graduate, though, is no ordinary flight nurse. He is an eight-year veteran who provides annual skills reviews for personnel to ensure competency and proficiency, and is a preceptor for new nurses and medics hired for the PennSTAR team.

In addition to his clinical responsibilities, he also is the chairperson of the PennSTAR Safety Committee, and a member of the Shared Governance and Quality Assurance

**Joseph O'Leary '07** poses for pictures in the uniforms he wears as a PennSTAR flight nurse at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, far left, and the EMS chief and executive director for the Crozer-Keystone Health System. He also volunteers with the Manoa Fire Company in Delaware County, Pa.

committees that promote a culture of safety among helicopter EMS responders, examine the future of air medical, and maintain clinical standards. Within the PennSTAR coverage area, O'Leary teaches local fire and EMS responders how to establish a safe landing zone.

"Being a part of these various teams is extremely important to me. We need to continually strive to be safe and proficient, and show engagement in the program," acknowledges O'Leary, the recipient of Misericordia's inaugural John Glawe Award for Caring and Compassion in Nursing. "I am honored to groom the future of PennSTAR flight not only because they represent our team, but because I remember how critical that chapter of my flight nurse career was to me."

"I feel like anyone entering this environment needs to be given every tool possible to allow them to succeed. I was given that opportunity, so I would like to provide that to the future as well," adds O'Leary, who also serves his community as a volunteer firefighter and EMT at the Manoa Fire Company in Delaware County.

That overall sense of service to society coalesces with his own family's history and alma mater's mission. It began with his grandfather, a police officer in Philadelphia, Pa., and continued with his father, an investigator with the Department of Defense. His mother added the health care element to the family equation as a patient care technician in a hospital.

"The example set at home focused on family, service of others, and helping the community," he recalls. "To be honest, I am never thinking of myself during these critical times (at work); rather I am focused on the task at hand and doing the best job that I can. I use my experience and training to best care for patients on their worst days with the hopes they will make a full recovery."

"Knowing that I could be there to give them the best chance at that recovery is what gives me the satisfaction of knowing that they are in good hands and are getting the best care possible," O'Leary adds.

With that mindset, it is easy to see O'Leary dreaming of being a flight nurse before enrolling at Misericordia – his first and only college visit as a baseball recruit. "I am extremely grateful for what Misericordia has done for me, and I will always have a special place in my heart for the University and memories that I made there," says O'Leary, who also earned three varsity letters as a middle infielder on the baseball team. "From start to finish, Misericordia felt like home."

"Anytime someone asks me about college, I am proud to say I am a graduate of Misericordia. The values, academic track and family environment have made me the professional, son, brother, husband and dad that I am today. I am eternally grateful for my years at Misericordia and I thank everyone who impacted my life throughout that time – for making me who I am today."

O'Leary and his wife, Suzanne have twin girls, Charlotte and Paige. 

## Where are they now?

In 2007, Joseph O'Leary '07 was among a group of prominent male graduates from the Department of Nursing. He received the John Glawe Award for Caring and Compassion in Nursing; Mike Petrikonis '07 was awarded the Sister Mary Kateri Dowart Award; Michael Lord '07 was honored with the Army Nurse Spirit of Nursing Award, and Greg Gonos '07 was presented with the Clinical Excellence Award.

Then, like today, O'Leary also volunteered with the local fire department as he served the Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS Department for three years as a firefighter and EMS lieutenant.

Since he graduated, O'Leary has worked as a registered nurse at Riddle Memorial Hospital (2007-08) in the ICU; Lankenau Medical Center (2008-11) in the emergency department and cardiothoracic ICU; Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (2011-present) as a flight nurse, and at Crozer-Keystone Health System as a staff paramedic (2010-17) and as the executive director of emergency medical services (2017-present).

## Continuing education

In Pennsylvania, he is certified as a registered nurse (RN) and pre-hospital RN, and as an RN, certified mobile intensive care unit nurse and flight nurse in New Jersey. In addition, he is a licensed critical care certified RN, certified registered fight nurse, and clinical expert in Abiomed Impella. He has received training in advanced cardiac life support, while also serving as a pediatric advanced life support instructor for the American Heart Association.

Joseph O'Leary '07 poses in front of the Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS Department in 2007.



# MAC expands to 18 teams by adding Stevens Institute and York College

The Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) has announced its plan to realign the MAC Commonwealth and MAC Freedom beginning in the 2020-21 academic year with the addition of both Stevens Institute of Technology and York College of Pennsylvania. The MAC will move to a nine-and-nine conference structure.

"We are so proud to welcome Stevens and York to the MAC," said Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., MAC executive committee chair and Misericordia University president. "We are also very excited to see that the conference will be able to preserve many of its historic rivalries with our new alignment."

With the addition of both Stevens and York, the MAC increases its membership to 18 institutions beginning in the 2020-21 academic year. The new realignment will place nine institutions in both the MAC Commonwealth and the MAC Freedom. Three institutions will be making a new home in the

realignment, including Arcadia University, Eastern University and Lycoming College.

"The nine-and-nine structure allows another team to qualify for conference postseason play in our (NCAA) automatic qualifier sports," said Ken Andrews, MAC executive director. "Also with this new alignment, we prioritized missed class time by decreasing overall travel time for our

membership as a whole."

The new alignment will affect 13 of the 27 sports that are split into two conferences, including baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, men's golf, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball.

The following is the new conference structure:

## MAC COMMONWEALTH

Albright College  
Alvernia University  
Eastern University  
Hood College  
Lebanon Valley College  
Messiah College  
Stevenson University  
Widener University  
York College

## MAC FREEDOM

Arcadia University  
Delaware Valley University  
DeSales University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University – Florham Campus  
King's College  
Lycoming College  
Misericordia University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Wilkes University

## Cheerleaders win events at MAC Cheer Championships

The cheerleading team won two of three events at the inaugural MAC Cheer Championships at the Anderson Sports and Health Center. The Cougars won the Game Day Routine and the Student Group competitions.

Widener University captured the Traditional Routine event.

"Our program is excited to see the MAC administration work to put on a championship where cheerleading programs can demonstrate their talent and compete against other teams in the conference," said head coach Tara Sinclair. "I am extremely proud of our

women's stunt groups that finished first and second in the division. They have worked hard and put in extra hours to perfect their routines. It was also rewarding to see the team win the title in the Game Day event."

## Baseball wins 9th straight MAC Freedom title

Misericordia University baseball team won its ninth straight MAC Freedom championship and earned its ninth consecutive NCAA Tournament berth.

The Cougars swept Christopher Newport in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament and hosted Washington & Jefferson in the Super Regional before ending their season with a 35-13 record.

MAC Freedom Player of the Year

## Golf tournament

Misericordia University will host its annual Athletics Department Golf Tournament in Memory of Arnie Garinger, Monday, Sept. 16 at Huntsville Golf Club.

The entry fee of \$160 (\$140 for Misericordia alums) includes breakfast, golf, dinner and prizes. Please call (570) 674-6374 for more information.



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## STUDENT ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



### Bri Ladner '19

Bri Ladner '19 of Mullica Hill, N.J., recently concluded her outstanding career with the women's lacrosse team. A nursing major, she is the daughter of Jamie and Denise Ladner and is a graduate of Clearview Regional High School.

A four-year starter at defender, she ended her career with an appearance in the IWLCA Senior All-Star game after being named to the IWLCA All-Boardwalk Region first team. In addition, she was the MAC Freedom and ECAC Defensive Player of the Year and was named first-team All-MAC Freedom and All-ECAC.

After three straight runner-up finishes, Ladner led the Cougars to a 15-6 record and their first MAC Freedom title and NCAA Tournament appearance during her senior season. The Cougars defeated Endicott in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

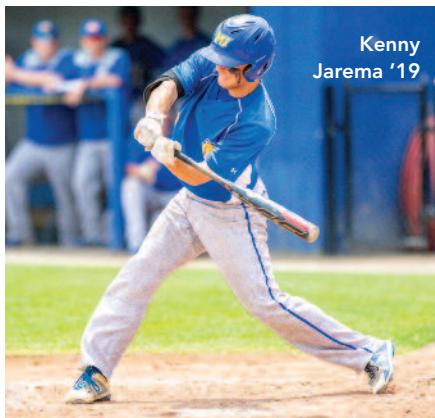
A four-year member of the MAC Academic Honor Roll, she was named the MAC Women's Lacrosse Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year. 

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Kenny Jarema '19 and Pitcher of the Year Ian McCole '21 led eight Cougars on the All-MAC Freedom team.

Tyler Holzapfel '20, Steve Weisensee '19 and Kyle Melahn '19 joined Jarema and McCole on the first team, while Billy Kerwien '20 made second team, and Tom Jacob '21 and Brady Madden '22 earned honorable mention.

Jarema was also named ECAC Player of the Year and was a second-team ABCA/Rawlings All-American and a third-team D3baseball.com All-American.



McCole was the ECAC Pitcher of the Year and a third-team ABCA/Rawlings All-American.

Melahn was named first-team All-Region by D3baseball.com and Weisensee was first-team ECAC.

## Women's lacrosse takes MAC Freedom Championship

The Misericordia University women's lacrosse team enjoyed its best season ever with its first MAC Freedom championship.

Under first year head coach Mat Faas, the Cougars set a school record for wins at 15-6, including a 12-10 win over Endicott in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Defensive Player of the Year Bri Ladner '19 led seven Cougars on the All-MAC Freedom team. Kaila Quinlivan '20 and Kristen Ritter '18, '19 were named first-team All-MAC Freedom while Amy Roth '20, Nicole Winter '20, '21 and Maggie McGovern '22 earned second team honors.

## Athletes receive academic honors

Eight Misericordia University student-athletes were named to the Academic All-MAC teams during the winter sports season, while nine Cougars were selected during the spring season. The following were named to the team:

- Tony Harding '20, men's basketball
- Jason Kenny '19, men's basketball
- Rachel Carmody '18, '21, women's basketball
- Japriya Carroll '19, women's basketball
- Grace Nikolski '20, women's swimming
- Alex Fitch '18, '21, men's indoor track & field
- Clare Schoen '19, '20, women's indoor track & field
- Reilly Wagner '19, women's indoor track & field
- Kyle Melahn '19, baseball
- Miranda Bohn '22, softball
- Alexis Wyandt '20, women's golf
- Patrick Luzzi '21, men's lacrosse
- Brandon Winslow '17, '21, men's lacrosse
- Bri Ladner '19, women's lacrosse
- Kaila Quinlivan '20, women's lacrosse
- Reilly Wagner '19, women's track & field
- Ryan Miller '21, men's volleyball

McGovern was also named Rookie of the Year while classmate Justine Johnson received honorable mention.

Quinlivan, a junior, set school single-season records for assists (37) and points (104) and became Misericordia's all-time leader with 97 assists and 256 points.

## Fitch, Larkin receive academic honors

Alex Fitch '18, '21 and Hannah Larkin '18, '21 were named Misericordia/ECAC Robbins Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Larkin, a physical therapy major, was the co-valedictorian at Winter Commencement. She was named to



the Google Cloud Academic All-District team and was a second-team United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-American. She made the MAC Academic Honor Roll and was named to the MAC All-Academic team. In addition, Larkin was the MAC Freedom Offensive Player of the Year and was named All-ECAC and USC first-team All-Region. She led the Misericordia women's soccer team to a MAC Freedom title and a berth in the Elite 8 of the NCAA Tournament.

Fitch, a senior physical therapy major, is a member of the cross country and track & field teams. He earned first-team All-MAC status with an eighth-place finish at the MAC cross country championships. He was the MAC indoor champion at 300m and was part of a MAC indoor championship and meet record in the distance medley relay.

## Kenny named Freedom Co-Player of the Year

Men's basketball player Jason Kenny '19 was named MAC Freedom co-Player of the Year and ended his career as the second leading scorer in school history with 2,074 points. 

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### MU ALUMNI AT RAILRIDERS

Thursday, August 8th • Game Time: 7:05 pm

### ALUMNI COCKTAIL PARTY

Friday, September 6th • 6–8 pm • SteelStacks, Bethlehem, PA

### REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENT - LONG ISLAND

Tuesday, September 10th • Domino Yacht Club

### COUGAR TAILGATING

Begins Saturday, September 14th – November 9th  
Kick-off Times Vary

### ALUMNI TEA

Thursday, September 19th • 4–6 pm

### LEGACY BRUNCH

Sunday, September 22nd • 11:30 am–1:00 pm

### HOCO 2019

**Save the Date:** Friday, October 4th – Saturday, October 5th

For more information or to register, please visit

[misericordia.edu/alumnievents](http://misericordia.edu/alumnievents) or call (570) 674-6764.

## ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### 50 NIGHTS TO COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, November 7th • 6:30 pm on campus

### ALUMNI PIE

Tuesday, December 3rd • 8:00 pm on campus

Register to volunteer: call (570) 674-6764 or

email [alumni@misericordia.edu](mailto:alumni@misericordia.edu)



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## STAF STUDENT PROFILE • MEET MORGAN KARAS '21



**HOMETOWN:** Orangeville, PA

**CLASS YEAR:** 2021 (but I may be graduating in December 2020)

**MAJOR:** Government, Law, and National Security (minor in Forensic Accounting)

**STAF POSITION:** President

**CURRENT CLASSES:** The U.S. National Security System; Introduction to the American Legal System; Social and Political Philosophy; American Capitalism and the Global Economy

**ACTIVITIES:** Secretary for Student Government Association; Committee Member for Relay for Life; GLNS Club; Crew Member for Love Your Melon; Orientation Leader; Campus Ministry Spring Break Trip 2019

**FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS:** The Phone-a-thon room on the Alumni Relations floor (because there are always snacks haha)

**HOBBIES:** Traveling with my family, kayaking, watching Broadway musicals, cooking, and working out at the gym

### INTERNSHIP/FIELD WORK:

Summer 2019 - Intern for the Bureau of Workforce Development Administration at the Department of Labor and Industry

**SURPRISING FACT:** I will be going sky-diving on my 21st birthday this year. Wish me luck.

## WHAT IS STAF?

Students Today, Alumni Forever (STAF) is a student-run philanthropy organization at Misericordia University. As philanthropic ambassadors, it is their mission to educate, engage, and excite classmates and the campus community about all things philanthropy at Misericordia University.



**STUDENTS TODAY  
ALUMNI FOREVER**

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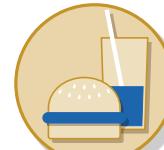
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| <b>SEPT. 6</b>  | <b>Alumni Cocktail Party</b><br>SteelStacks, Bethlehem, Pa.<br><a href="http://www.misericordia.edu/steelstacks">www.misericordia.edu/steelstacks</a>  | <b>OCT. 4</b>     | <b>Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony</b><br>Anderson Sports and Health Center, 7 p.m.                              |
| <b>SEPT. 16</b> | <b>Seventh annual Athletics Department Golf Tournament</b><br>Huntsville Golf Club: Reservations: (570) 674-6374   | <b>OCT. 4</b>     | <b>2019 Homecoming</b><br>Schedule: <a href="http://athletics.misericordia.edu">athletics.misericordia.edu</a>             |
| <b>SEPT. 28</b> | <b>Fall Open House</b><br><a href="http://admissions.misericordia.edu/openhouse">admissions.misericordia.edu/openhouse</a>   | <b>OCT. 5</b>     | <b>Homecoming football game</b><br>vs. King's College, kickoff, 1 p.m.   |
| <b>OCT. 18</b>  | <b>10th annual Health Care Symposium</b><br>Patient-Centered Model: Health & Wellness Achieved<br>Register: <a href="http://www.misericordia.edu/healthevent">www.misericordia.edu/healthevent</a> | <b>OCT. 10-13</b> | <b>Fall recess</b>   |
|                 |  | <b>NOV. 9</b>     | <b>Fall Open House</b><br><a href="http://admissions.misericordia.edu/openhouse">admissions.misericordia.edu/openhouse</a> |
|                 |  | <b>2020</b>       |  |
|                 |  | <b>MARCH 24</b>   | <b>Art in Medicine with Ted Meyer</b><br>Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall   |

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### Sept. 6

#### *Remembering Barbara Soyka: An Afternoon in the Garden*

5-7 p.m. An event to honor Misericordia friend and philanthropist Barbara Soyka, a supporter of the Sister Regina Kelly Shakespeare Garden, and benefactor of the Soyka Fund for the Humanities, who passed away in March. To RSVP, please email [UAEvents@misericordia.edu](mailto:UAEvents@misericordia.edu) or call (570) 674-6701.

### Sept. 25

#### *Ethical Issues in Economic Inequality*

The Sister Siena Finley, RSM Second Annual Lecture on Ethics sponsored by NE PA Ethics Institute at Misericordia University, presented by Chuck Collins. 7 p.m. Lemmond Theater, Walsh Hall. Contact: Institute Director James Calderone, Ed.D., at [jcalderone@misericordia.edu](mailto:jcalderone@misericordia.edu).

### Aug. 23-Oct. 20

#### *Arts in Healthcare Exhibition*

Pauly Friedman Art Gallery group exhibition explores how the arts contribute to a positive environment for patients and providers. Artists

include Joseph Cohen, M.F.A.; Curtis Salomick, Marta Sanchez, Alexi Brock, Shen Fan and Stefan Zoller. Information: [www.misericordia.edu/art](http://www.misericordia.edu/art).

### Oct. 10

#### *Voices Project: Mental Health*

Recording of theatrical psychology research presentation to premier on WVIA-TV at 8 p.m. Information: Alicia Nordstrom, Ph.D., at [anordstrom@misericordia.edu](mailto:anordstrom@misericordia.edu).

### Oct. 16

#### *Symposium on Ethical Issues in Long-Term Care*

Co-sponsored by the NE PA Ethics Institute and the Center for Human Dignity in Bioethics, Health and the Holocaust at Misericordia University in recognition of World Bioethics Day. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Rivers Room, Mercy Center, Dallas, Pa. Contact Institute Director James Calderone, Ed.D., at [jcalderone@misericordia.edu](mailto:jcalderone@misericordia.edu).

### Oct. 17

#### *Arts in Healthcare Exhibition Reception*

Friedman Art Gallery hosts reception in conjunction with health care symposium on Oct. 18. Free. Hours: 5:30-7 p.m.

### Oct. 17

#### *The Modernistics*

The renowned quintet features the singing and tap-dancing team of

Ted and Pamela Powers, and jazz musicians Peter H. Bloom on flute, Mark Leighton on guitar, and Dave Zox on double-bass, providing an exhilarating tour of the Great American Songbook. 7:30 p.m., Lemmond Theatre in Walsh Hall. Tickets: \$10, premium seating; \$8, general admission, and free for Misericordia students, faculty and staff. Information: [www.misericordia.edu/theartsandmore](http://www.misericordia.edu/theartsandmore) or call (570) 674-6719.

### Oct. 18

#### *10th Annual Health Care Symposium*

*The Patient-Centered Model: Health and Wellness Achieved*, featuring addresses by Paul Grundy, M.D., Joseph Ravenell, M.D., and Texas-based artist Joseph Cohen, M.F.A. Program: Free. RSVP: [misericordia.edu/health](http://misericordia.edu/health) event. Information: Dr. Joseph Grilli, [jgrilli@misericordia.edu](mailto:jgrilli@misericordia.edu).



### Nov. 21-24

#### *The Drowsy Chaperone presented by The Misericordia Players.*

Nov. 21-23, 8 p.m.; Nov. 24, 2 p.m. Lemmond Theater. Tickets: \$8, general admission; \$5 students, alumni and senior citizens. Information: [www.misericordia.edu/theartsandmore](http://www.misericordia.edu/theartsandmore) or call (570) 674-6719.

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#### *London and Beyond*

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#### *The Oberammergau Passion Play and Beyond*

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