



## Church awaits new leader after Pope resigns

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Following the death of Pope John Paul II in 2005, the College of Cardinals locked themselves in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican to begin the process of selecting a new pope. On April 24, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elevated to the throne of St. Peter, taking the name Pope Benedict XVI.

Last month, the Pontiff announced that he would resign on Feb. 28, stating that ill health and advanced age would prevent him from further carrying out his duties.

This is the first time a pope has resigned since 1415, when Pope Gregory XII stepped down in order to resolve a conflict that saw three different men claiming to be the leader of the Catholic Church.

Pope Benedict XVI resigns from a papacy focused on a return to traditional Church values. He brought back classical attires that had not been worn by popes in decades and attempted to reunite the Church through an artistic movement.

Perhaps the most familiar change brought about by Benedict XVI is the translation of the Mass into a more literal translation from the Latin origins.

Benedict XVI also continued the ecumenism, or attempt to make peace

with other religions, started by Pope John XXIII during the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

"Ecumenical works continued by Benedict XVI, if continued by the next pope, would lead to a more peaceful world for us all," said Marist Brother Rich Greiner.

Following the resignation of Benedict XVI, the College of Cardinals immediately began preparations for the next conclave. Only Cardinals under the age of 80 are permitted to participate, which means that Chicago Archbishop Cardinal Francis George, who is 76, will attend.

The Cardinals will be required to remain locked in the Sistine Chapel until a new Pope is elected by a two-thirds majority. Technically, any baptized Catholic can be elected, but there has not been a non-Cardinal elected in the history of the papacy.

No one is allowed in or out of the Sistine Chapel during the conclave, and the only means of communication with the outside world is through smoke signals through a chimney.

Black smoke signals a failure to reach a two-thirds majority following a vote. White smoke signals that the Cardinals are prepared to emerge to introduce the new pope.

According to many Church observers, a major criterion for selecting the next pope will be how well he connects with



**Following the retirement of Pope Benedict XVI on Feb. 28, the College of Cardinals are preparing for the next conclave, in which they will elect a successor. The Pontiff cited advanced age and declining health as factors in his decision to step down.**

young Catholics. While Benedict XVI joined Twitter in order to reach out to the younger generation, many feel the new Pope will need to do much more.

"If young people feel a connection with the pope, they will be more inclined to follow his lead," said religion teacher Mr. Vincent Caramelle.

The Chicago Sun-Times quoted Cardinal George as saying that it is even possible that an American will be named for the first time.

If the conclave goes smoothly, the Cardinals should make the traditional Latin announcement 'Habemus Papam' (we have a pope) before Holy Week.

## College night is tonight

Katie Morgan  
*Sentinel*

College night takes place at Marist this evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and is open to all students.

This year, over 150 colleges from across the nation will be represented at college night, including the schools most chosen by Marist graduates. These include five public universities: Illinois State University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Iowa, Purdue University and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The top private universities attended by Marist alumni are Marquette University, St. Xavier University, De Paul University, Loyola University and St. Ambrose University, all five of which will also be represented.

"College night is always well attended, and students learn about majors, scholarship opportunities, visiting days, and much more," said senior guidance counselor Mrs. Kim Myers.

This night will give students the chance to meet admission representatives from the colleges and ask them questions. These same representatives will be reading the students' applications.

Meeting the representatives in advance can give students a useful contact in the school they want to attend and help make the college application process less intimidating.



photo courtesy of Chris Leshner

## Pro-Life Club marches in D.C.

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Members of the Pro-Life Club, accompanied by teachers Mrs. Coy, Mr. Leshner and Mr. Piwowarski, left for Washington D.C. on Jan. 23 to participate in the national March for Life. In spite of the freezing cold temperature, over a half million people participated in this year's march at the National Mall. First established 40 years ago, the annual event allows pro-life supporters to rally against abortion.

"It was an amazing experience to meet hundreds of teens from the Archdiocese of Chicago who shared the same beliefs and appreciation for life," said senior Danielle Borisy. "It was a blast and a very memorable experience. I am very glad I went."

While in Washington, the Pro-Life Club members also visited Arlington National Cemetery, The Holocaust Museum, the Botanical Gardens, the Basilica at Catholic University, and the White House, and toured neighboring Georgetown.

The club meets every Tuesday after school in room 102, and always welcomes new members. This spring they will hold a baby bottle fundraiser at school to collect money for young mothers at local women's shelters.

## Spring musical set to open

Kate Stapleton  
*Sentinel*

The RedHawk Theatre Guild is in the final days of rehearsal for the spring musical "The Wiz," a modern and urbanized retelling of the "The Wizard of Oz."

Performances are scheduled for Mar. 14-16 in the Red and White gym. Tickets, sold only at the door, are \$5 for students and children, \$8 for adults.

Mrs. Erin Vail and Mrs. Erin Kelly are co-directors for the show and double cast the major roles. Starring as Dorothy are junior Lauren O'Neil and senior Jessica Levine. The scarecrow will be played by senior John McCabe and freshman Ben Barry.

**"The Wiz"**  
March 14, 15 and 16 @7:30 p.m.  
March 16 matinee @ 1:30 p.m.  
Red and White gymnasium  
\$5 students/\$8 adults

Senior Elijah Anderson will play the Tin Man, senior Mark Wirtz will play the Lion and senior Lily Paterno will play the Wicked Witch of the West, Evileene.

"Being in the show has been fantastic," Barry said. "It's great to be able to work with a bunch of really talented students and have a good time putting on a show."

"Audiences will like the show because The Wiz is unique. It's upbeat, fun, and tells a great story," he said.



# Peer leaders assist teachers

Clare Jorgensen  
*Sentinel*

This year, an even greater focus has been placed on the five Marist Marks and the importance of service in the Marist community. Marist offers many service opportunities outside of school, like those done by the senior service students. Opportunities inside the school include the Peer Leadership program.

About 15 years ago, the late Br. Vito Aresto started the Peer Leadership program. Inspired by the teachings of St. Marcellin Champagnat, who emphasized that all children should be taught equally, the program was created for seniors to help out in the freshman, sophomore, and junior Marcellin classes.

A small group of seniors sit in the class and assist the teacher by leading small groups, providing one-on-one assistance to students, or grading papers.

When registering for peer leadership, juniors place the classes in which they would like to participate in order of preference from one to six. The options include math, science, English, social studies, study, and Spanish and students may not be placed in their first preference.

Junior Morgan Weidman applied to be a peer leader for next year. She believes that because she was in some Marcellin classes, she will understand and work very well with the students. She picked English as her top class choice.

“Since I have moved up [to the academic level] because of the help of the peer leaders, I want to give back to students in the Marcellin program because I can relate to them,” she said.

Peer leaders earn 60% of their grade based on their dedication and performance in the class. The other 40% is based on papers assigned at the seminars they have throughout the year.

Mr. Vincent Andiorio currently runs the peer leadership program and leads the seminars.

“Our first priority is to get students to understand the responsibilities and to recognize that if [the seniors] are helping the students, they must know the learning process,” Andiorio said.

Senior Jim O’Malley is a peer leader for study. This requires him to watch students as they work and provide help in a variety of subjects.

“[Peer Leadership] taught me patience, and I get the reward of knowing that



photo by Clare Jorgensen

## Mr. Andiorio leads a seminar for peer leaders in the ARC workroom.

I am helping students overcome obstacles that they face academically,” O’Malley said.

Andiorio believes that taking peer leadership is beneficial for the Christian formation of the students, and will help as they enter the workplace.

Freshman Marcellin student Shannon Ferguson appreciates the work of the peer leaders in her classes as they helped her to adjust to Marist.

“They’ve helped me stick to my studies and understand concepts better,” Ferguson said.



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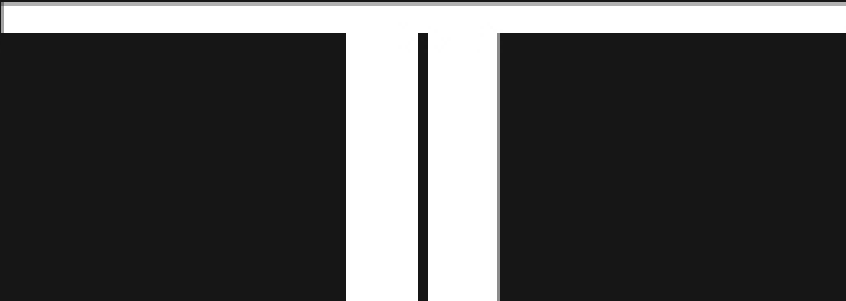
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# Hollywood dreams come true for alum Chris Denham, ‘98

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Marist alum Christopher Denham, ‘98, has a enjoyed successful acting career, including roles in the films “Charlie Wilson’s War” and “Shutter Island.” Denham also won a Screen Actors’ Guild Award this year for his role in the Academy Award winning film “Argo,” directed by Ben Affleck.

In addition to film, Denham has worked in television, with supporting roles on “Law and Order: SVU,” “Person of Interest,” and “Deception.”

Denham shared his experiences in a recent online interview with the *Sentinel*.

How did Marist help you prepare for a career in acting?

*Marist gave me a great academic skill-set that prepared me for college and professional life, as well as a great sense of discipline. Wearing a uniform every day, being punctual, being respectful-all those things that seem stupid at the time,*

*but as you enter the workforce, you discover that no one wants to hire an illiterate, tardy slacker who can’t tuck in his shirt.*

What made you want to pursue acting?

*My dad did a lot of community theater with the Beverly Theater Guild and the now defunct Showcase Theater in Blue Island. I tagged along and started playing small roles. I remember taking it very seriously, even as a little kid. At one point, I wanted to lose 10 pounds to play Tiny Tim. I was very Method.*

What was life like at Marist in the ‘90s?

*I went before they let girls in, so I probably had an easier time paying attention. Marist was great because they encouraged students to pursue their passion, even if you weren’t playing sports. Mrs. Cox and the drama/speech department really pushed me to take acting seriously. They let me take chances.*



**Marist alum Chris Denham, pictured here with director Martin Scorsese, played a supporting role in “Argo,” this year’s Oscar choice for Best Picture.**

photo courtesy of Chris Denham

What is the best and worst part about acting professionally?

*The best part is working with new people all the time. It never gets old. The worst part is the 5 a.m. call times. Everyone thinks actors wake up at noon, but we always start at the crack of dawn.*

What was it like working with Ben Affleck on “Argo?”

*He’s a great collaborator and a really smart guy. [To prepare the actors for our roles in the film] he made us stay in the house on the set for two weeks without cellphones or Internet, and we had to wear period clothing. It was crazy being cut off from the world for that long. Fortunately my wife was cool with it.*

Who would you most like to work with?

*John C. Reilly is probably my favorite actor. Despite our Marist/Brother Rice rivalry (Reilly went to Rice), I would love to work with the guy.*



# A day in the life of Representative Kelly Burke

Jenna Doherty  
*Sentinel*

Serving as an Illinois State Representative, Kelly Burke has been in office since 2011 serving the 36th district.

Growing up, Burke was surrounded by campaigns for friends and family. Her job consisted of putting up posters and handing out buttons, work that never had her sold into the entering the political world for a profession.

Burke's political journey started in 2003 when she was elected to the Evergreen Park Library Board. An avid patron of the library with her children, her concern had always run high for programming and for the upkeep of the building. After hearing about a vacancy on the board, Burke took matters into her own hands and knew she could get the job done and help turn the place around.

Burke's motivation to run for public office has always stemmed from a concern for the safety of the people in her community.

Burke describes the Evergreen Park Library as a "cultural center" now, better equipped with technology, a place where organizations can meet and the community can gather.

"I thought I did a good job, and if anything bigger came up, I would like to give it a try," Burke said.

When the previous state representative announced he was retiring Burke decided she would run.

"I really enjoy public policy and thinking through problems and trying to find solutions, so I think it was a good fit for my personality," Burke said.

On Feb. 5, junior Morgan Weidman and I travelled to Springfield for the day to shadow Representative Burke.

Prior to going to Springfield, I met with Burke to learn more about her and what her job is like.

*What is the hardest or most challenging part of your job?*

You disappoint people all the time. In this budget climate, money is tight and needs are increasing, but that doesn't mean the need for money slows down either. Figuring out how to manage more things with less money comes with great difficulty as does telling people no.

*What is the most rewarding part of your job?*

When you can help people and pass legislation that helps people or when you are able to help people work through a problem and get them to a solution, it is a really rewarding experience. I also learn something new everyday, whether it's through a conversation with somebody or something I read that day. There is an opportunity to really expand your horizons with this job.

*What are things that you are most proud of that you have done while in office?*

I am a member of the budget committee and I believe I came into office at a good time, when people really started to dissect our budget and look at every little thing that our money was going towards. Even though we still have a long way to go in becoming fiscally responsible I think the work that I and everybody else on this budget committee has done in the last two years has really helped the state.



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## Morgan Weidman, Representative Burke and Jenna Doherty on the floor of the Illinois House of Representatives.

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Phone companies are occasionally allowed to charge "phantom charges" to bills where certain scammers are allowed to take your information and say that you authorized them to put on a third party charge. Although the charges are small, nobody ever notices, but it happens to millions and millions of people every year.

We worked with the Attorney General's office and filed a bill to stop these phone companies from putting on third-party charges. We expected a huge fight from phone companies but were able to negotiate a bill. Less than a week later the two biggest phones companies in the United States voluntarily suspended the practice everywhere nationwide.

*What are some things that you regret doing or wish you could do over?*

Early on, when I first entered office, I think I would have approached certain bills differently. If I had known what I know now back then, maybe I would have been more successful.

*What would you say to young teenagers who are hoping to enter the political world and run for office?*

When you go to school, you don't have to study or major in political science, but learn to be a good communicator and learn to write and read. Get involved locally, whether it's through school or in your neighborhood and volunteer your time. Try out student governments and political clubs where you will be able to meet people with the same interests, and those relationships will later come full circle. Try to get an internship in government. You don't get paid a lot but you learn a ton.

*Do you have any plans to run for higher office in the future?*

No! I think my kids would kill me!

The first discussion focused on same-sex legislation. Two female partners came in to testify, arguing their right to marry and citing the unfairness of opportunities denied to them that straight couples enjoy. For example, they cannot benefit from each other's health insurance provided by their employers. In order to be able to access these benefits a couple needs to be legally married, and a civil union, legal in Illinois, does not provide for this.

A Lutheran pastor also spoke in favor of legalizing same-sex marriage in Illinois. She said that she would like to be able to marry her friends who are gay and that, even though she is a pastor, she still believes that these people should be married.

Later, a woman spoke about gambling video games and how they should be banned from bars and restaurants that are close to schools and churches. She argued that gaming can lead to personal financial ruin and is a bad influence for children.

Both bills were approved by the committee and moved on to the Illinois Senate.



## Representative Burke explains House procedures.

A week after this interview, Weidman and I went to Springfield, going first to Burke's office. Her secretary then took us to the Capitol building where we received a credentials to serve on the floor of the House of Representatives as honorary pages in the 98th General Assembly.

Pages serve when the House or Senate is in session and cater to the needs of the elected officials when asked. If a representative pushes a button, a page runs over and gets whatever they ask for, whether if it was a drink, a snack, or a note that needed to be passed to another member.

After serving on the floor for about 20 minutes, Weidman and I took a tour of the Capitol building.

In the Senate chamber, Burke introduced us to Senator Bill Cunningham, and he was able to show us how the process of going over bills in the Senate worked.

Cunningham and Burke then joined us as we sat in on a Senate committee meeting to hear testimony on proposed legislation, including video gambling and same-sex marriage.

On Feb. 14, the Illinois Senate passed the same-sex marriage bill, 34-21.

The bill is currently under consideration by the Illinois House of Representatives.

If this law is passed in the House and signed by the Governor, who has signaled his support, Illinois will be the 10th state, in addition to the District of Columbia, to legalize same-sex marriage.

At the end of the day, I was able to learn a lot about our political world and was able to get an inside view of how things work and operate in the Illinois House and Senate.

My respect has grown for the politicians who make up our state's laws and regulations.

Burke's journey provides inspiration for all, especially young women who are thinking of entering politics. Clearly, if all politicians followed Burke's example, Illinois would be a better state.

Before she was elected, Burke's life was just like everyone else's, which shows that with a little hard work and dedication, we can achieve anything we put our minds to.



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What the pope gave up for Lent

Born in Germany 85 years ago, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became Pope Benedict XVI on Apr. 24, 2005, following the death of Pope John Paul II. On Feb. 11, the Pontiff cited declining physical and mental strength among the reasons for his decision to retire. These are sound and justified reasons, leaving many Catholics hoping for a more progressive successor.

Pope Benedict XVI has attempted to involve himself in a number of progressive movements during his relatively short time on the throne of St. Peter. Dubbed “the Green Pope,” he has encouraged efforts to attack the environmental problems faced by the world and has promoted the idea of “going green.”

As an advocate for a global economy that keeps in mind the common good, he has argued for universal health care. Benedict has also expressed his support for immigrants in the United States and their welfare.

Despite his involvement in such liberal and cutting-edge movements, Benedict is widely considered one of the most conservative popes.

He has spoken out against same-sex marriage, proclaiming that efforts to pass marriage quality legislation poses “serious harm to peace and justice.”

He has also reaffirmed the Church’s position on denying women the opportunity to become priests.

Pope Benedict XVI has also found himself in the middle of scandal during his time at the Vatican.

In 2010, the Church was dealing with numerous allegations of child abuse by priests, and reports surfaced that the pope did not properly discipline guilty priests he supervised while he was Cardinal.

An even greater controversy surfaced in 2012 when several private letters between Vatican officials were leaked to the public.

The letters revealed a clutter of corruption among members of the Church hierarchy, exhibiting a broken community filled with cliques, power-struggles and greediness.

While Pope Benedict XVI was not himself accused or found guilty of wrongdoing, the leaked letters showed his inability to influence the culture of the Holy See (the Church government).

One can see potential for the next pope to succeed where Benedict seemingly failed-regaining the trust of Catholics and being able to relate to the youth of the world once again.

Young people are very important to the future of the Church. With membership declining each year, Pope Benedict XVI

has stressed the importance of youth participation, but that has not been enough.

Among former Catholics, 56% cite the Church’s stance on homosexuality and 48% blame the prohibition on birth control as their reasons for leaving.

It is evident that a more open-minded Church could succeed at attracting young adults. A leader more in touch with today’s society could prove extremely helpful. Young people are begging to be listened to. A pope who listens is likely to enjoy a successful legacy.

The next pope will also have to reestablish order at the Vatican. If members of the Holy See are unable to live lives of virtue and righteousness, the people of the world will rightfully challenge the Vatican’s moral authority.

A pope willing to do what it takes to create an establishment of admirable and trustworthy members should have little problem reaffirming Catholics’ faith in and loyalty to the Church.

God willing, the Church will have a new leader by Holy Week.

If he is strong-willed, open-minded and virtuous, Catholics may very well, at long last see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Students first, athletes second

Marist offers 28 sports programs for students to join. Students who choose to participate in sports face the challenge of balancing the amount of time that they dedicated to their teams and to their academics.

For example, Keelah Washington, a junior honors student and a member of the girls’ lacrosse team reports that she gets about eight hours of homework each night. Her lacrosse practices are about two hours a day and take a toll on her homework, but she does not use that as an excuse.

Many student athletes agree that playing a sport affects their academics, but whether the effect is positive or negative depends on the student.

Liam Gibbs, a junior who plays in the Marist High School Band and competes with the math team said, “ Being on the math team gives me good practice and allows me to learn tricks to help me

in class. Also, numerous studies have shown that students who play musical instruments are smarter and learn more easily, because music is the only activity that develops every type of learning.”

According to Jing Wang, the Director of Institutional Research at California State University, participation in extracurricular programs helps students persist in school and encourages them to strive for graduation.

*“It’s okay to need help, so don’t be afraid to go looking for it.”*

If players are struggling with academics, they need to get help right away.

What losing really means

Many athletes dream of one day winning the championship game, by making that last shot, pass, jump, or leap to seal the team’s spot on top of that podium holding the first place trophy high above their heads.

Unfortunately, it is not easy to realize that dream.

Think of junior Ashton Millender, who scored the game winning basket from midcourt with only fractions of a second left in the game, giving Marian Catholic the sectional win over the RedHawks.

Some top class athletes, such as Charles Barkley, Dan Marino, Warren Moon, and Barry Sanders, never won a championship, even though years later they find themselves in the Hall of Fame.

The 2013 RedHawk cheerleaders fall into this category. The squad had their eyes on the state championship, but fell short of their dream by .07 of a point.

There are life lessons to be learned from losing that are worth much more than winning a state championship.

Nobody likes to lose, but there always has to be a loser.

Both athletes and non-athletes alike can learn a great deal from losing.

People really learn what kind of people they are when they lose. Some learn or relearn the concepts of hard work and determination after a loss because they do not ever want to experience the feeling of losing again.

Losing is tough. But a loss can be positive. It can wake up a team and teach them that they cannot go through the motions. They need to go 110% all the time to reach their goals on and off the field.

Losing does not have to be humiliating if the loser uses the loss to his or her advantage, to refocus and to improve.

Those who see the positive in losing and resolve to do whatever they can to keep from losing again are the real winners.

*“You will face many defeats in your life, but don’t let yourself be defeated.”*  
**--Maya Angelou**

Everyone wants to win, but someone always has to lose. Losing ultimately teaches individuals to become the best men and women possible, both on and off the court.

# Nice tan! (Is it worth risking skin cancer?)

Sara Pyznarski  
*Sentinel*

Every year, more than 1 million people in the United States are diagnosed with skin cancer. Despite that fact, hundreds of thousands of people continue to visit nearby tanning salons.

In July 2009, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a working group of the World Health Organization, added ultraviolet (UV) radiation, the type given off by tanning beds and lamps, to the list of the most dangerous forms of cancer-causing radiation.

IARC research shows that tanning is especially hazardous to young people. Those who use sun beds before age 30 increase their lifetime risk of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, up to 75%.

“There are just too many people who suffer from cancer caused by the terrible effects of tanning beds,” said Chicago Alderman Debra Silverstein.

Chicago was the first U.S. city to ban minors from indoor tanning salons. California, New Jersey and Vermont are among states that have banned indoor tanning for minors.

“Melanoma incidents have been increasing for the last 30 years, the most rapid increases occurring among young, white women, the most common users of indoor tanning beds,” said IARC president Dr. Daniel M. Siegel.

“Prohibiting minors’ [from] indoor tanning stops this behavior before it becomes a habit that continues into adulthood,” Siegel said.



**New Jersey “Tan Mom” Patricia Krentcil, shown before and after numerous visits to a tanning salon, was not indicted by a grand jury in February after allegedly bringing her 5 year old daughter to a tanning booth. Krentcil denied the allegations, and she plans to continue tanning.**

**Research shows that tanning is especially dangerous to those under the age of 30, increasing the risk of developing melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.**

## Going up in the world

by Cyrus Hahn



# Tattoos and piercings: misunderstood forms of self-expression

Tori Bryja  
*Sentinel*

Do you ever look at someone’s piercings or tattoos and wonder why society judges them before knowing the story behind them?

Tattoos and piercings are forms of body art that are also misunderstood forms of self-expression.

People express themselves differently. Some choose to do it through piercings and tattoos. These can also be stress relievers. When I get a new piercing, it takes my mind off other things.

Plus, body art catches people’s attention, and who doesn’t like being the center of attention?

Everyone should take the time to ask about the stories behind people’s body art.

The meaning behind my tattoo has to do with my parents’ divorce, which I took very hard. Eventually, I learned to accept it and live free. My tattoo is a reminder not to sweat the small stuff, to live life one day at a time and enjoy every second.

Body art is beautiful. I have seven piercings and one tattoo. They are a part of me and give me a chance to tell my story. Consider others and their body art-maybe they want to share their story, too.



photo by Jessie Rescigno

**Nearly 50 percent of Americans between the ages of 21 and 32 have at least one tattoo or a piercing other than in an ear, according to a 2006 study by the University of Chicago and Northwestern University.**



Faculty members at work: then and now

Katie Salmon  
*Sentinel*

Most high school students find themselves at a time in their lives when they have to decide whether or not to seek employment or continue their education. Having a job when they are young can teach students valuable lessons and provide some much desired spending money.

It can also cut into study time and make it challenging to balance doing well in school, participating in extracurriculars and working.

Many Marist faculty members faced the same challenge when they were younger.

Mrs. Sue Gardner, school nurse, works diligently each day to help students and faculty members when they are not feeling well. When she was 15, Gardner took her first job at McDonalds. When she wasn't busy taking orders or making French fries, Gardner would scrub floors or wash dishes. She never had free time on the job.

"My boss would always tell us if you had time to lean, you had time to clean," Gardner said.

Like most jobs, working at McDonalds had its ups and downs. Gardner was fortunate to work with a good group of kids. However, she would have to work late on some school nights, so she had to juggle homework with her after school job responsibilities. But Gardner always remembered what was important.

"I want kids to always remember that school should always come first," Gardner said. "I never advised my kids to go into the food industry."

Science teacher Mrs. Kelly Sullivan teaches students at Marist the fundamentals of biology and physics. She started earning money at the age of 11 by babysitting. On the day she turned 16, she was hired at SportMart (now Sports Authority) where she would help shoppers, restock racks and work the entrance of the store.

At the same time, Sullivan participated on her school's cross country track team.

"A great thing about working at Sport Mart was that they were flexible with my schedule. I could work and still participate in cross country."

Sullivan admitted that working at SportMart did have a down side. The store in which she worked had two entrances. One was incredibly "boring."

When asked if she had any advice for students in search of a job, Sullivan said that students should "dress nicely when they collect applications and for their interview, be on time and behave in a professional manner."

Mr. John Gonczy, journalism and English teacher, got his first job after graduating high school at the "now extinct" Saxon Paint and Wallpaper store in Oak Lawn. As a stock boy, Gonczy moved hundreds of gallons of paint from the stockroom to the shelves.

Although his job paid minimum wage, he was grateful for the money.

"The best part of my job was getting paid," Gonczy said. "The worse part was my first assignment-getting rid of the weeds in the parking lot. This was in the days before Roundup, so I had to do it all by hand."

For students seeking a job, Gonczy advises approaching any position with zeal, keeping in mind that this job will be the first of many they will have.

"Someone once told me that we should strive to leave a place better than we found it," Gonczy said. "Don't ever feel that a job is beneath you. There is dignity in all work, whether you are the CEO or the guy who pulls the weeds in the parking lot. The best way to advance to the next rung on the ladder is to be outstanding on the lowest rung and be patient."

All three faculty members recalled the positive and negative aspects of working during their teen years. Time management proves a key factor because homework still has to get done and tests need to be passed.

Few would deny that extra spending money is helpful, especially with expenses like cell phones and the rising cost of gasoline, car insurance, and everything else it seems.

A first job can teach teenagers accountability and the value of a dollar. There is no right or wrong answer when it comes to working a job while still in school. It is a personal choice and one that our three faculty members were able to manage well.

Bringing a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm to an entry level position will put the teenage worker on the right path to finding happiness and success in the work world.

Congratulations  
Mr. Tucker  
on being named to the  
NCAA Division II  
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Tribute team!  
We are proud of you!

Two of these hockey players  
are not like the others

Megan Karas  
*Sentinel*

Being one of the two girls on the Marist hockey team is not always easy, but sophomore Daniela Dellorto loves the game more than anything.

Dellorto has been playing hockey since she was three. In addition to playing on the Marist JV team, she is a member of an all-girls team called the Fury that plays out of Arctic Ice Arena in Orland Park.

She admits that it can be difficult playing with the boys because they do not go easy on her just because she is a girl.

"If anything, they go harder, but they do get really protective of me when the other team is playing rough," Dellorto said.


Her all-girls travel team goes all over the country and to Canada, and they recently beat the #1 ranked team in the country, Shattuck-St. Mary.

She dedicates most of her free time to hockey, spending four to five days a week at the rink. She looks forward to playing on the Marist varsity team next year.

Freshman Kaleigh Slisz also looks forward to moving up to varsity.

Slisz, like Dellorto, has played hockey since she was 3, inspired by her older brother, Dan, currently a senior forward the Marist hockey team. In addition to playing on the Marist JV team, Slisz also plays for the Chicago Fury.

"I'd really like to play college hockey at the University of Minnesota," Slisz said. "I'd also like to coach a little after high school."



Viral video shakes gym

Tristan Mayer  
*Sentinel*

Students gathered in the Red and White Gym after school on Fri., Feb. 22 to do the Harlem Shake, the dance popularized on Internet videos across the nation, to raise money for the Relay for Life cancer organization. The Harlem Shake begins with one person dancing alone for 15 seconds, followed by a large group dancing as the music intensifies. A video of the Marist version was uploaded to YouTube and features students in costumes ranging from Winnie the Pooh to the popular video game Minecraft. The Harlem Shake originated in Harlem, New York in 1981, although the dance became popular this year after the rap artist G. Dep featured it in his music video for "Let's Get It."



photo courtesy of Daniela Dellorto

Hockey players Kaleigh Slisz (l) and Daniela Dellorto



RedHawk Cheerleaders 2013 state runners-up

Difference between 1st, 2nd place in state is .7 point

Emma Carruth  
*Sentinel*

After placing third at sectionals on Jan. 26, the RedHawk varsity cheerleaders advanced to Bloomington to compete in the IHSA Competitive Cheer State Finals.

The competition took place at U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington, IL on Feb. 1st and 2nd. State champions were crowned in four divisions – small, medium, large and coed. Marist competed in the large class.

After placing third last year behind Sandburg and Lockport Township, the squad returned with a first place trophy in mind.

“After making the podium last year, we knew this year we had to work even harder because they weren’t going to just hand it to us,” said senior Ashley Duffin. It was up to us whether or not we were going to hit the routine or not, and what better time to do it than at state.”

Preliminary rounds for all four divisions began Feb. 1. Marist came in first place with a score of 91.52, knocking Sandburg from the first place spot by .24 of a point.

“It was our ultimate goal to be the best at state and being ranked first in prelims was unreal,” said senior Brenna O’Connor. “Sandburg has been a competitor throughout the season and it was a rewarding accomplishment to defeat last year’s champions.”

After their preliminary round win, the RedHawks went into Saturday’s finals round with nine other teams, many of which they competed against in last year’s finals.

At the end of the day, Marist ended up placing second with a score of 93.02, only .7 of a point behind state champions Providence Catholic High School.

Varsity loses four seniors next year: Ashley Duffin, Brenna O’Connor, Rachel Morris and Annie Zielinski, but next year’s returning members hope to bring home a first place trophy.

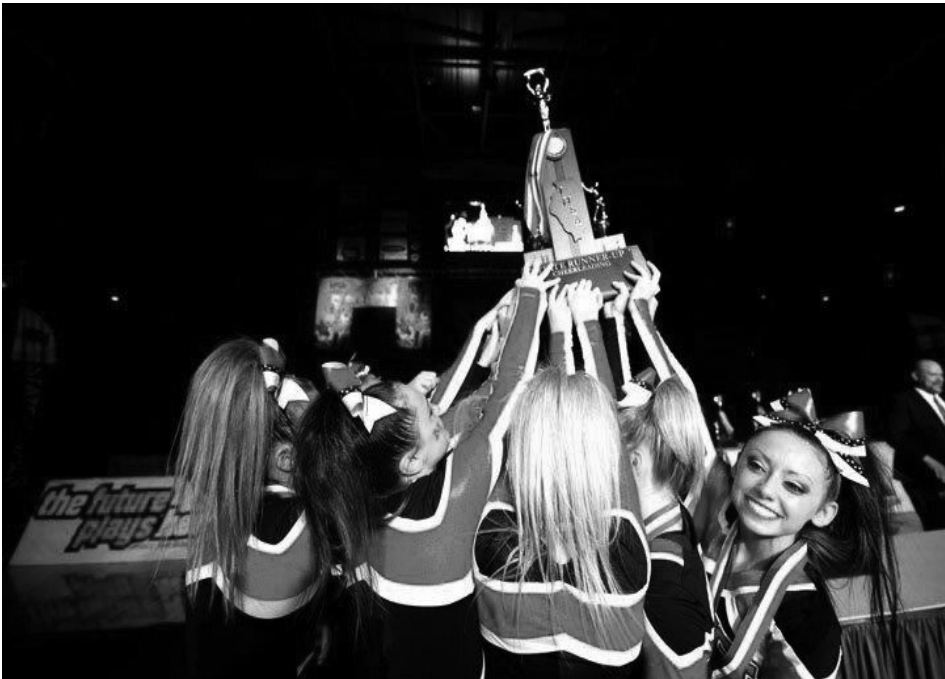


photo by Kristen Gaynor

The RedHawk cheerleaders hoist their state runner-up trophy at the IHSA state finals on Feb. 2

Boxers ‘bout ready for ring

Kevin O’Shea  
*Sentinel*

With practices beginning on Wed., Feb. 28, the 2013 Marist boxing season is underway.

Head coach Mr. Steve Davidson holds practices in the wrestling room on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and the club (non-IHSA sponsored) sport is open to any male student.

The RedHawks boxers will hold their first bouts at Bourbon Street on Fri., March 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and include food and drinks.

“We have a lot of good boxers returning from last year,” Coach Davidson said, “and I hope to see the same dedication from them this year.

One of the returning boxers, senior Tyler Johnson, looks forward to growing as an athlete and helping his team this season.

“I want to better myself and inspire the fighters around me through my own hard work,” Johnson said.

Considering the intensity of this contact sport, some might wonder why anyone would enjoy, let alone sign on for, boxing.

“I box because it is one of the hardest sports physically and mentally,” Johnson said. “We put in long hours of training, running and conditioning.”

Johnson hopes to put his training and experience in the ring to help prepare himself for a career in the Marine Corps.

Marist boxers will also participate in the annual Fight Night later this spring at De La Salle.

“Because next year is the tenth anniversary of Marist boxing, we will host fight night here in 2014,” said sophomore boxer Keegan McInerney.

A black and white photograph of the Marist Varsity Academic Team. There are ten students and one male teacher standing in front of a chalkboard. The students are dressed in a mix of casual and semi-formal attire. The teacher is on the far right, wearing a light-colored shirt and a tie. The chalkboard behind them has some writing on it, including the word "Cookies" and a drawing of a Native American.

Academic team preps for state series

Kevin Maloney  
*Sentinel*

The RedHawk Varsity Academic Team finished the South Catholic League conference with an overall record of 7-2. They are currently preparing for the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Series. Marist hosted the IHSA Regional on March 4, where the team attempted to win its 11th Regional Championship (results were unavailable at press time). Marist will also be a host for the IHSA Sectionals on Sat., March 9 at 10 a.m.

Marist Poms makes historic trip to state

Katie Morgan  
*Sentinel*

For the first time in team history, the Marist Poms advanced from sectionals on Jan. 19 at Andrew High School, placing 3rd.

Although the team did not place at state, held Jan. 25-26 at the U.S.A. Coliseum in Bloomington, IL, head coach Ms. Krista Placas is pleased with the girls’ progress.

“The team has exceeded my expectations,” Placas said. “We’ve picked up a lot of younger students this year and the team is working harder than ever.”

The team will compete in the Illinois Drill Team Association state finals on Sat., March 16 at the University of Illinois-Urbana.



photo by Krista Placas

The 2013 Marist Poms team advanced to state for the first time this year after placing 3rd at sectionals on Jan. 19.

Regional champ math team headed for state

Shannon Allen  
*Sentinel*

The Marist math team won regionals on Feb. 23 at Chicago State University and will advance to the state finals on May 4 at the University of Illinois-Urbana.

The team also finished the season in first place in the Catholic league.

The 41 students on the team going to state are coached by Mr. Jeff Nicholson and Mr. Owen Glennon.

“This is one of the strongest teams we’ve had over the past few years,” Nicholson said.

Senior team captain Chris Shroba said, “We are feeling confident and excited about state and looking forward to victory.”



Girls on track for winning season

Kayley Rayl  
*Sentinel*

On March 2, the girls’ track team competed at Lincoln-Way North High School with an outstanding performances by Courtney Foggie, who set a new school record in hurdle jumping, and Julie Yaeger and Maddie Kelly in the 800 meter run.

Strong performances included Aliana McCarthy in the high jump, Alexis Pitts winning the 200 meter run, Julia Linares in long jump, Ann Marie Leonard and Caitlin Harkins, who each won their 2 mile race, and Maeve McDermott and Lauren Quigley in the triple jump.

The team opened its season on Feb. 12 at Lincoln-Way East, with impressive showings by Molly Fahy in the 400 meter run, Pitts in the 55 meter dash, Foggie in hurdles and McDermott in the high jump.

Head coach Mr. Richard Karnia is assisted by Mr. Patrick Quinn this year.

“Track has given me a family and I have made so many friends and have a lot of good memories,” said senior runner Katelyn Van Buskirk. “As a team, it’s our goal to make it to state this year.”

The team will travel to Charleston to compete in the 30th annual Charleston High School indoor meet on March 9, followed by meets at Glenbrook South on March 18 and Mount Assisi Academy on March 23.



Varsity hockey season ends

Taylor Novak  
*Sentinel*

The RedHawk varsity hockey team finished its season with an overall record of 17-26-3, with a 4-2 loss to Fenwick on Feb. 14 in the Kennedy Cup playoffs and a tough 10-2 loss to Stevenson in the state playoffs on Feb. 23.

This season included big wins against Notre Dame (5-1) and neighborhood rival Brother Rice (8-1).

The RedHawks also defeated Rice 2-0 in the Winter Classic on Feb. 19 for the fourth year in a row.

“It felt good to keep our tradition of winning over Brother Rice alive,” said senior varsity co-captain Danny Loizzo. “We hope that it continues for many years to come.”

In spite of the late season losses, the team takes pride in their determination throughout the season and the sense of unity among the players.

“We all came together and played some of the best hockey we played all season,” Loizzo said.

10 wrestlers qualify, Howell wins state

Caitlin Falsey  
*Sentinel*

The varsity wrestling team advanced 10 wrestlers to the IHSA individual state championships on Feb. 14, including Nick Gasbarro, Peter Andreotti, Ethan Benoit, Tommy Howell, Mark Duda, David Kasper, Alex Benoit, Mario Leveille, Matt Sears and Jacada Hull, tying the record for the most state wrestling qualifiers in Marist history.

In the end, Howell (220) emerged as a state champion.

“The IHSA tournament is one of the toughest in the country,” said head coach Mr. Brendan Heffernan. “Tommy is a great kid and a fantastic student, everything I remind our wrestlers to strive for. Be a great person, do things the right way, work hard and eventually good things will happen.”

Howell credits Coach Heffernan with helping him win.

“If not for Coach Heff pushing me to stick with wrestling and to be the best I could be, this never would have happened,” Howell said.

Earlier, Howell also won regionals and sectionals in his weight category.

Other sectional wins included Gasbarro, Andreotti and Ethan Benoit.

Duda, Leveille and Hull were regional champions in their respective weight categories.

boys’ basketball  
Wolverines, Parker put end to season

Jimmy Smith  
*Sentinel*

The RedHawks varsity basketball team advanced to the regional championship hosted by Mount Carmel on March 1, falling to #1 ranked player in the nation, Jabari Parker, and the Simeon Wolverines, 66-31.

Earlier in the season, on Feb. 23, the RedHawks lost a regular season game to Simeon, 69-43.

The regional loss put the RedHawks’ season record at 16-12.

On Feb. 26, the team enjoyed a thrilling overtime win in the regional semifinal game against Hyde Park.

With 4.2 seconds left in overtime, RedHawks senior point guard LJ McIntosh drove to the basket to make the game winning shot against 6’6” defender Tory Mason, giving the RedHawks a 62-60 win.

On Feb. 1, the RedHawks won their conference game against Nazareth Academy, 68-62, giving the team momentum for their Senior Night 55-52 victory over Tinley Park on Feb. 5.

Losses to Marian Catholic, Seton Academy and Benet Academy followed, but did not faze the RedHawks as they kept focusing and practicing.

The team’s last regular season win came against Joliet Catholic Academy on Feb. 20, 62-37.

“We never got down about our losses,” said senior guard Lexus Williams. “We came back to practice ready to work hard and compete.”

March madness bracketology from the McManager

Ryan McManus  
*Sentinel*

It is March, and that usually means a stereotypical column in the sports section about the popularity of filling out March Madness brackets. This year, however, the *Sentinel* decided to help out all the bracketologists out there with some tips to making a bracket sure to win any bracket pool.

Any bracketologists worth their weight in college basketball knowledge knows to pick a 12 seed over a 5 seed. That is nothing special but, what many may not know is whatever part of the bracket the 12 seed wins, the 13 seed has also won in the past 6 NCAA basketball tournaments.

But, now it is time to decide which lower seeds to pick. Obviously picking the big name schools that barely made the tournament is the way to go. Wrong!

The key to finding the “Cinderella” of the tournament is picking a mid-major school that won their conference tournament.

Playing to the old phrase “Good teams beat good players,” the mid-major conference champions usually have mostly seniors that have grown together and have trust in their teammates.

The whole story about “Cinderella” is cute, but eventually their clocks strike midnight. So it is time to deliberate on who should be the one, the champion of the bracket. This choice can make or break the entire bracket; many brackets

have been busted by the likes of Lehigh or Northern Iowa.

The easiest way to pick a champion is eliminate the pretenders. It is especially difficult this year with all of the changes in the top 5 from week to week.

The first conference to eliminate is the Big East. A strong showing in March would go a long way in getting teams to join the Big East. But, they consistently disappoint in the tournament, unless they have a team that goes on an immaculate run in the Big East Tournament.

The next conferences to take out are the SEC and Big 12. They usually gather the most talented players in the country and have plenty of teams in the tournament. But, they rely too heavily on offense and athleticism and not nearly enough on defense, causing early exits in March.

The two major conferences left are the Big Ten and ACC. These are home to the most competitive basketball games in the country, with any team in the conference able to beat each other from week to week. This gives a tournament type feel to the regular season, giving them preparation for March.

At the end of the day, look for Akron as a sleeper, and expect deep runs by Miami (Fl.) and Indiana. But ultimately, March Madness is supposed to be a time for everyone to have fun and enjoy the great games. It is just a lot more enjoyable with a better bracket.

girls’ basketball  
Half court shot stops girls at sectionals

Zach Cody  
*Sentinel*

After demolishing Saint Viator 76-39 in their last regular season game, the RedHawk girls’ varsity basketball team started its playoff run strong with a 75-42 victory over Thornwood on Feb. 14.

Advancing to the regional championship the next day, the RedHawks enjoyed a second victory against Lincoln-Way North, 71-55

Next came the first round of sectionals and a rematch against neighborhood rival Mother McAuley. Looking to avenge their 79-67 loss in the regular season, the RedHawks proved victorious, handing the Mighty Macs a 65-51 sectional loss. Leah Bolton had 19 points with 16 rebounds while JeTaun Rouse had 17 points.

The RedHawks next advanced to face Marian Catholic for the sectional championship. With both teams battling, the score of the game flipped continously, but in the end, Marist lost a hard fought, 54-52 battle on a half-court miracle shot by Marian Catholic’s Junior Ashton Millender in the final seconds of the game.

Marian Catholic went on to win state. “[Playing ball at Marist] was an experience I will never forget,” Rouse said. “The accomplishments I achieved have helped me to mature and grow into a player with integrity, spirit, and heart.”