



## Veteran teachers reflect on long careers

by Megan Karas  
senior reporter

In a few days, the seniors will graduate and move on to the next phase of their lives.

Most students spend a total of four years at Marist, which in the grand scheme of life, is not a long time. During that time, a number of faculty members come and go.

But there is a group of faculty members who have chosen not to “graduate,” but to stay and dedicate their lives and careers to the Marist community.

Among these veterans are Mrs. Holly Cox, Brother Rich Grenier, Mr. Tom Seputis, Mr. Mark Gervais, Mr. Vince Andiorio, Mrs. Bonnie Littleton, Mr. Pat Hennessey and Mr. Owen Glennon.

These eight dedicated educators have spent a combined total of 310 years at Marist, an average of 38.75 years each.

This figure stands in great contrast to research conducted by Professor Martin Haberman of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In his 2004 report “Teacher Burnout in Black and White,” Haberman notes that the average length of a teaching career in the United States is 11 years.

Mrs. Holly Cox began teaching religion and psychology before moving to the guidance department in 1992.

She has especially fond memories of participating on both boys’ and girls’ Kairos retreats, considering those experiences some of the most memorable during her time here.

“I hope that our students leave here as responsible, resourceful and resilient adults wanting to make the world a better place,” Cox said.

Brother Rich Grenier started at Marist 46 years ago and has taught economics, history, religion, business, finance and accounting. This year, he is celebrating his 50th anniversary with the Marist Brothers.

“A good percentage of the staff here today were my students, including Mr. Pirkle,” Br. Rich said. “I have been blessed to meet so many great people here. Marist is not just a workplace, and it is so much more than just a school.”

“I’d like to make it to 50 years here before I retire and go play the Congas in New Orleans,” he said.

Mr. Tom Seputis, who will retire at the end of this school year, began in 1971. In the past 44 years, he has taught keyboarding, personal finance, accounting, business law, marketing, geography, U.S. history, western civilization and a variety of economics classes.

“Marist has given me the privilege assisting in the academic and spiritual growth of young people,” Seputis said. “I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to witness the development of these students and interact with them over the years. It is a great source of pride to hear that I made a difference and have had a part in shaping their lives.”

Mr. Mark Gervais began in the physical education department in 1983. He served as head coach of the wrestling team from 1983-2008. Currently, he teaches PE and is an assistant coach for the bass fishing team.

He counts the 1986-87 school year among his best memories. That year, the wrestling team won state and the football team took second. Gervais remembers lots of pep rallies and a ‘very exciting atmosphere’ at school that year.



photo by Megan Karas

(l to r) President Br. Hank Hammer and veteran faculty members Mrs. Bonnie Littleton, Br. Rich Grenier, Mr. Tom Seputis, Mr. Owen Glennon, Mr. Patrick Hennessey, Mrs. Holly Cox, Mr. Vince Andiorio and Mr. Mark Gervais gather in Champagnat Square, representing over 300 years of combined teaching experience. The Marist community bids a fond farewell to Seputis and Andiorio, who are retiring at the end of this school year.

“Marist is a great place to work and I am very lucky to have a job doing what I like,” Gervais said. “The faculty, students and administrators work together very well.”

Mr. Vince Andiorio, who will retire at the end of this school year, came to Marist in 1969. He recalls that the technology back then included record players, tape recorders and filmstrip projectors. In those days, students did not wear a formal

uniform, but jackets and ties were required. Andiorio has served in numerous capacities, including teaching foreign language and supervising the peer leadership program.

“Marist feels like one, big multi generational, multi-faceted family,” Andiorio said. “That family has challenged me, laughed with me and supported me through several tough times.”

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## Rafacz, Enright top in class

by Clare Gilligan  
senior reporter

Seniors Simon Rafacz and Grace Enright have more than high GPAs and numerous academic honors in common. Both will attend the University of Notre Dame next fall.

Rafacz, the Class of 2015 valedictorian, will begin a major in biochemistry next year. He credits the academic rigor at Marist for helping him develop strong study habits.

He encourages students to be self-disciplined and systematic in their approach to school.

“Don’t be afraid to take risks,” Rafacz said. “What you gain from high school depends on what you’re willing to contribute.”

Enright, this year’s salutatorian, has not yet decided on a major. She advises students to recognize and appreciate the love that surrounds them at Marist.

She also believes that seniors in particular should approach their final days here with the same love shown by the faculty and other students.

“Marist has taught me to approach everything I do with love,” Enright said. “I’m leaving here with a deeper love for God, for my parents and friends, for learning and for my teachers than I had when I entered as a freshman.”



**Simon Rafacz**



**Grace Enright**

## RedHawk journalists advance to IHSA state finals

by Sarah Peel  
senior reporter

Seniors Matt Hickey, Clare Gilligan, Megan Karas and Jake Weisenfluh advanced to the IHSA state journalism competition on May 1, with Hickey taking 4th in state in editorial writing and Gilligan taking 4th in feature writing.

The journalists qualified by placing 3rd or better at sectionals at Moraine Valley Community College on April 25.

Gilligan was a dual sectional champion in news and feature writing, while Karas won in feature photography.

Hickey took 3rd in editorial writing, while Weisenfluh took 2nd in sports writing.

At sectionals, Hickey also took 6th place in review writing and Weisenfluh took 6th in copy editing.

RedHawk journalists were also recognized for excellence by the Illinois Journalism Education Association this spring.

Hickey won first place in the feature writing contest and second place in news writing. Senior Nick Konow won 2nd place in column writing. Senior Noah

Kemp took 3rd place in photography. The Sentinel ranked 3rd overall for best front-page design and 2nd for best overall design.

In April, the American Scholastic Press Association also awarded the *Sentinel* first place with special merit in its annual newspaper contest. The *Sentinel* was the only Catholic high school paper in the nation and the only Illinois paper to earn this honor in the division of high school with enrollments between 1701-2500 students.

In the ASPA contest, Hickey was also awarded first place for editorial writing, the only Catholic high school student in the nation and student from Illinois recognized in this category.

Junior Solomon Davis’ review of the film “The Central Park Five” was published in February by Chaz Ebert, wife of the late film critic Roger Ebert.

Davis wrote the review as part of the Columbia College-Chicago Links journalism program for high school students. The review is available at [www.rogerebert.com](http://www.rogerebert.com).



# ‘Audishions’ set for Lantern Theatre’s “Spelling Bee”

by Courtney Coan  
senior reporter

Auditions for this summer’s Lantern Theatre production of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” will be held in the RedHawk Theatre on Mon., June 1 from 5:45-8:45 p.m. Roles are open for incoming freshmen, current students, Marist alumni, faculty and staff.

The show is a lively musical that follows a script and includes improvised scenes. Six teenagers compete in a spelling bee, sharing funny and touching stories from their lives as they try to spell words correctly and make it to the next round without hearing the “ding” of the bell.

One of the six contestants will emerge as the champion while the other five will go home with juice boxes as consolation prizes.

“Each year, the Lantern Theatre brings challenging, edgy and exciting theater to the Marist family,” artistic director Dominic

Rescigno said. “This show presents a new kind of challenge for our group as it involves so much improvisation. The plot of the show changes from night to night, depending on a number of variables outside the control of the cast. Audiences will want to come back again and again to see how the show changes nightly.”

The show will be directed by Carolyn Earner and Annie Garrigan and produced by Rescigno. Alex Newkirk will serve as musical director and the production will be designed by Katelyn Peters.

Performances will be on Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the RedHawk Theatre, with a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on July 25.

“Marist students and faculty should absolutely audition for this production because participating in a Lantern production is insanely fun,” Rescigno said. “Actors will have the chance to work with and learn from one another in a relaxed atmosphere to mount a hilarious and awesome show.”

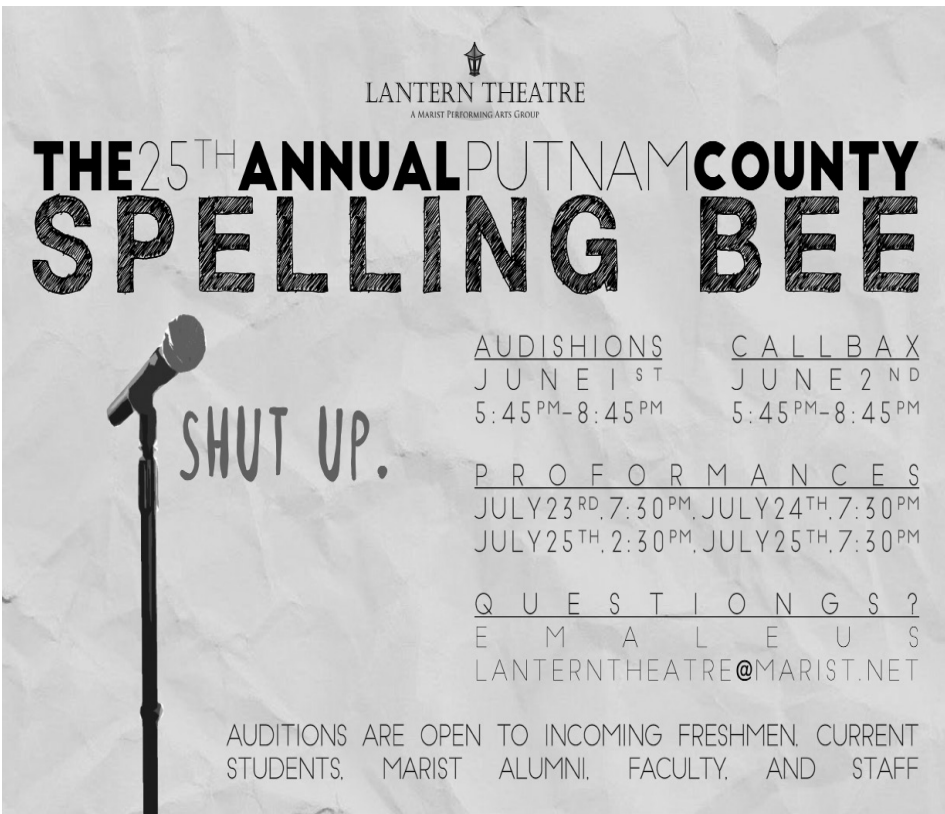


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(l to r) Martina Lee, Grace O’Brien, Keely Dolan, Erin Rickert, Bailey Donnelly, Katie Ross, Kali McEntee-Graziano and Bridget Rickert pose with their trophy after winning the Irish Dance World Championship in Montreal on April 5. The girls have danced together competitively for past 10 years.

# Students win 2015 world Irish dance championship

by Matt Hickey  
senior reporter

Seven Marist students took first place in the Irish Dance World Championship held March 29-April 5 in Montreal. The team was also recognized as All-Ireland Champions.

Seniors Erin Rickert, Bridget Rickert and Keely Dolan, junior Katie Ross, Bailey Donnelly and Martina Lee and freshman Grace O’Brien represented Marist, joined by Kali McEntee-Graziano of Oak Lawn Community High School.

“Competing at such a high level with girls who have become my sisters was one of the best experiences of my life,” Dolan said. “After practicing so intensely, winning with a perfect score was completely unreal. I would not have wanted to end my dance career any other way.”

The girls trained at the Lavin Cassidy School of Irish Dance in suburban Worth.

Leading up to the world competition, the girls were practicing at least two hours a day, three to four days each week. As the competition drew closer, practices were held daily.

“After devoting over ten years of your life to something and giving up so many social events and hours, it is so fulfilling to know that you are the best you can be,” Donnelly said. “I think the best thing about the whole experience is that we were recognized for all our sacrifices and hard work.”

The girls placed third at the world competition in Boston back in 2013. In fall 2014, they also won the Irish Nationals competition in Dublin, facing teams from Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Prior to the girls’ record-setting performance this year, Marist alumnus Michael Putnam, ‘10 took third place in world championship in the category for men ages 19-21.

# ‘Veteran teachers’

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Mrs. Bonnie Littleton started at Marist in 1977 teaching all four levels of English. She has since moved into information technology and web design. Last summer, she worked with communications director Ms. Patti Arvesen on revamping the school website.

Like Andiorio, Littleton reflected on the advancement of technology over the years she has been here.

“We opened our first computer lab in 1983,” Littleton said.

She also noted that there are far fewer Marist Brothers on the faculty than in years past.

“We used to have 20 or 30 brothers teaching here,” Littleton said. “I was good friends with many of them and they always cared so much about the kids.”

Mr. Owen Glennon began teaching at Marist in 1976 and has taught every kind of math class offered since then. Currently, he teaches at the AP/honors levels and is head coach of the math team.

Mr. Glennon also practices law part time.

“Marist has taught me a lot about the overall goodness of people,” Glennon said. “I’ve seen so much talent in the classroom and so much faith and kindness prevalent in the students.”

Guidance counselor Mr. Patrick Hennessy started at Marist fresh out of college in 1975 as a religion teacher.

“My third period class that first year included two gangly freshmen named Larry Tucker and his cousin Dan Gorski,” Hennessey said. “I think that the two of them turned out alright in spite of me.”

Hennessy hopes that students leave Marist knowing that they are responsible for their own happiness and that they will remember Marist as a good place full of people who loved and cared for them.

“Marist has introduced me to thousands of young people who have touched and enriched my life more than they will ever know,” Hennessy said.

“Marist is home.”

*Reporter’s note: Other Marist veterans Br. Hank Hammer, Mr. Tom Samonski, Mr. Don Barwacz, Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Mr. John Hyland, Mr. Don Richardson, Mr. Frank Miritello, Mrs. Brenda Ammeraal, Mr. Pat Quinn, Mr. Randy Coe and Mr. Werner Emmrich and Mr. Joe Inzinga will be featured in future editions of the Sentinel.*

# Congratulations, RedHawk math team! 4th in state-#1 Catholic team in Illinois

Seniors	Juniors	Underclassmen
Annie Hynes Mary McIntyre Bryan O’Malley John La Mantia Ryan Loizzo Mitch Schroeder Cassie Goodman Tim O’Connell Joe Kezon Jenny Miller Simon Rafacz Pat Sweeney Matt Spinazzola Mike Serwetnyk	Laith Abad Emily Graff Krista Ico Michael Laird Bob Mauge Rich Mauge Jason Phelan Jude Sanchez Paige Solcani Max Stinites Rachel Ulaszek	Joey Bennett Matthew Conklin Jack Golden Dana Kelly Robbie Krokus Shannon Landers Jack O’Neill Erin Olsen Becca Valek Monica Viz Martha Kowalski Ravi Majeti Kyle McNamara Valerie Pavilonis Emily Radz Jake Rahn Sam Reidy Elise Viz

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best smile (male)  
**Neal Salzman**

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best smile (female)  
**Sarah D'Astice**



best hair (male)  
**Sean McGuire**



best hair (female)  
**Cassie Goodman**



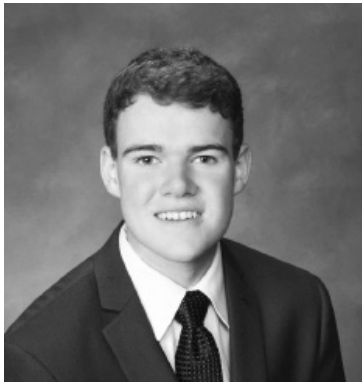
best eyes (male)  
**Nick Gasbarro**



best eyes (female)  
**Maggie Sullivan**



class clown  
**Matt Wielgat**



best personality (male)  
**Matt Hickey**



best personality (female)  
**Mary Brennan**



couple most likely to get married  
**Emily O'Neill and Kenny Condon**



best school spirit  
**Joe Powell**



most likely to become a professional athlete  
**Vladimir Studennikov**



most likely to become famous  
**Muthana Sweis**



most likely to work at Marist  
**Pat Sweeney**



biggest flirt (male)  
**James Rodriguez**



biggest flirt (female)  
**Alyssa Adasiak**



best teacher's pet  
**Rosie Peck**



most likely to get carded at age 30  
**Desmond Mulcahy**



most likely to be living at home in 20 years  
**Aiden Murphy**



most likely never to leave the South Side  
**Amber Casper**



most likely to marry for money  
**Ellie Dolehide**



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The impact Marist left on us all

Moving on to something new can be a very scary thing for a 14-year old. You must leave behind the many memories you have made on your most recent adventures, turn over a new leaf, and transition into something totally new.

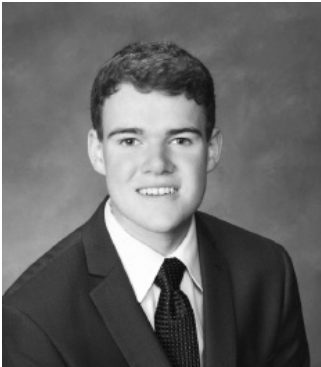
We all walked into Marist with different experiences, different stories and different ideas for what was to come. Marist students, alumni and faculty members would continually remind us that these four years would go by before we knew it.

They were not kidding.

From the beginning, Marist made an impact. We learned new things, tried different activities and met amazing people. Marist truly has something for everyone.

Marist has led me to confidence as I prepare to enter the real world. During my four years here, I learned so many things about myself -things that I could not have learned in any other environment. I learned my strengths, my weaknesses and what I need to do in order to be happy.

The memories that I take from Marist are what I am most grateful for, memories



Matt Hickey

I will carry with me for the rest of my life. The casual jokes offered by Brother Rich in the halls, the thrilling victories that Marist athletes provided, the warm welcomes from the Marist faculty, the positive atmosphere created by the student body-these are just some of the many positive influences that have impacted us during our time here.

Marist has been a second home to all of us for the past four years, a place that made us into the young men and women we are today.

I feel very prepared to embark upon the new experiences that lie ahead, and I cannot wait for what is to come. Marist has left me with a sense of confidence that will allow me to follow my instincts, use all that I have learned and pursue what will make me happiest.

Leaving is very bittersweet. We are sad that we will no longer experience Marist on a daily basis, but we are happy and excited about everything that being here has prepared us for.

To all current freshmen, sophomores and juniors, I strongly recommend that you cherish your time here. These four years will be some of the best times of your lives, and once they are over, they are gone. Marist has so much to offer and you will regret it if you don't make the most of it.

I want to express my gratitude to the administration for making policies that have sculpted us into the amazing young adults that we are today, to the faculty, for always being so helpful and understanding, and to my fellow students for being so welcoming, generous and kind.

Goodbye, high school. Hello, college.

The past four years at Marist have been the best and the most difficult times of my life.

When I was a freshman, I had to catch onto the flow of things and figure out how everything worked. I had to learn my way around the school and decide which people to make my friends.

Now, even as a senior, I still mix up which is the religion hallway and which is foreign language. But some of those friends I made freshman year I now call my best friends four years later.

The school dances and football games are what I will remember most. The RedHawk Rowdies always have the best fan section.

Junior year was tough. Everyone was freaking out about the ACT and starting to talk about college. I had no idea where I wanted to go after Marist, and I did not want to focus on taking a three and half hour long test that would determine a huge aspect of my future. I was happy when junior year came to an end.



Maggie Stimac

Then it was finally senior year. People say each year goes faster than the last, but I did not realize how quickly the year would really go. In just a few days, I will no longer be a student, but a member of the Marist alumni. People also say that senior year is the best year. I agree. The rallies are better and there is so much to look forward to. It is crazy to think that I have attended my last Kairos retreat, high school football game, homecoming and prom.

I will miss being caught in the hallway without a pass by Brother Rich, or his making me go over which section of the handbook I violated by chewing gum. I will miss Mr. Breckenfelder's stories about Iowa and Mt. Greenwood. This is his last year, too, and I know he will be greatly missed.

I will NOT miss the chaotic parking lot after school.

After all the preparation that Marist has given me, I am not nervous about college. I will have to start all over again. I will have to find my way around a new campus, make new friends and figure out once again how things work.

I am not very excited about becoming a freshman again, but I am excited about the future. I am ready to move onto the next chapter of my life. I know I can always come back to visit Marist and that all of us remain part of the RedHawk family.

Senior year is over, and my days of being a high school student have come to an end.

Thanks to Marist, I am ready.

We are brothers and sisters for life

I was not a happy camper in grammar school.

I was shy and anti-social, with only a couple of friends.

When I had to choose a high school, I had no idea which to pick. Then I shadowed at Marist and I absolutely loved it. Everyone was so nice to me and made me feel included. When I got home that day, my mom knew I had made my decision.

When I walked through the doors again to start freshman year, I was scared out of my mind. I got lost in the hallways too many times to count.

It was in gym class that I met the person who would become my best friend. We looked alike. We sounded alike. We had everything in common. People who saw us together thought we were sisters.

Freshman year flew by. Sophomore year was a little tougher. But I felt that everyone around me cared and wanted to help.

Sophomore year was also a time to take driver's ed and get your license, which was a big step in my life. I also hung out with my friends as often as possible.



Sarah Peel

Family issues got in the way during my junior year and these were tough to overcome. I still have a hard time coping sometimes. The people who have really helped me are my best friends and my closest teachers. Without them, I would be a mess and would have probably failed junior year. Journalism class helped me the most. It made me a better writer and helped me to talk to people I normally just say 'hi' to in the hallway.

Junior year was also stressful because of the ACT and college applications.

Senior year went by the fastest. It seems like one day, you are sitting at your desk freshman year and the next it's time to walk down the aisle for graduation.

Although it may have been the fastest, senior year was also by far the best. All throughout this year I've had a countdown to prom and graduation. Senior year is the time to choose your college and start making career plans.

But senior year is also a time of sadness. Senior year marks the end of high school, a time to say goodbye to familiar places and familiar faces as we move on to college. It is all just another big step toward starting our future and I have accepted it.

All of my teachers at Marist have inspired me to do the best that I can do and encouraged me to challenge myself to be more and do better at every step of the way. Thanks to them, I feel ready to move on to the next chapter of my life.

I'm going to miss the football games, the dances and all the other school events. More importantly, I'm going to miss seeing the students and teachers I have developed relationships with each day.



## This too shall pass

High school, like everything else in life, has its ups and downs. Life is not a clear path where everything always goes perfectly, but that does not mean that things won't get better.

During the first semester of my sophomore year, my dad passed away suddenly from a heart attack. My life got really hard, really fast. Coincidentally, at the same time, the sophomore honors English classes were doing a project where you had to anonymously perform random acts of kindness for someone.

I received, anonymously, a blanket, a painting, a lot of cookies, a picture frame and gift cards.

I never got the opportunity to thank everyone from those classes who did something for me because, to this day, I do not know who did what. To all of you, thank you so much for your kindness. It might have been a small deed for you, but it meant the world to me.

Having the support of nearly everyone at this school helped me to overcome the worst thing that ever happened to me.



Megan Karas

The outpouring of support I got during those dark days made me realize that I had made the right choice in choosing Marist.

I'm sure everyone's heard the phrase, "home is where the heart is." In that sense, Marist will always be my home. I'll always be a RedHawk and I'll always be Marist.

If I have learned anything here, it is that everything has a good ending if you let it. Ask for help. Reach out to others. Try new things. Always remember that what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

God has a plan for each and every one of us. Even when things don't turn out the way you want them to, good things will come to you in the end.

When choosing a major for college, I was torn between computer science and marine biology. Computer science would allow me to make a lot more money, but marine biology makes me really happy.

In the end, its important to choose what makes you happy.

Before concluding, I find it necessary to thank every single one of my teachers for helping me to grow academically and spiritually.

Deacon Jim truly helped me to find God. Mr. Breckenfelder worked every day at lunch with me my freshman year to help me with math. Mr. Gonczy and Mr. Miritello helped me improve my writing so dramatically that it became good enough to win two awards.

Every beginning is followed by an end, and it is now time for mine.

Thank you, Marist, for four of the best years of my life.

## My Marist experience



Nick Konow

My first encounter with Marist came when I was in 5th grade. My sister, Katelyn, was a freshman here at Marist and in the band. From 2007-2011, I attended every home football game in support of my sister.

I started to gain a feel for the atmosphere and culture of Marist, and loved it. Even after attending the football games and shadowing at other schools I still did not feel the same way about them as I did Marist. I knew it would be my home for the next four years of my life.

I started as a freshman here knowing virtually no one. However it was not long before I met a ton of great people.

Some of my friends I met on the football field while others I connected with in the classroom. Sports and other activities are a great way to make friends and I encourage everyone to get out there, play a sport you love, and meet some new people.

I have also met a lot of teachers who have helped, influenced, and inspired me. A few have even become role models of mine.

I truly believe it is the teachers who are all so dedicated to helping their students learn and improve both in and out of the classroom are what make Marist so great. Without their devotion and passion for teaching, I would not be the person I am today.

My favorite memory came during my sophomore year. It was then that the basketball team made an improbable Cinderella run in the IHSA state playoffs. The team played the role of David knocking off Goliath with Brian Snow calling in on the mic. The team along with the Rowdies even made it onto ESPN SportsCenter.

I am excited for what the future holds. High school has been a great moment in my life and I am glad I was able to share that moment with such great people here at Marist.

I am sure that each of us will go on to do great things in whatever walk of life we chose because Marist has prepared us for the challenge.

Although I never took part in a retreat, or go to many of the dances, I still feel as though I have had as good of an experience at Marist as any of my classmates.

There's a saying "Enjoy the little things in life because one day you will look back, and realize they were the big things."

The things in life right now that many over look, like eating lunch in the cafeteria everyday with your friends, playing sports or seeing your favorite teacher in the halls are the moments that should be cherished the most because they will soon be just distant memories.

In my short time here I have found that Marist is more than a school. It is a home. However it is now time to leave my home along with my brothers and sisters as we move on to college and the next chapters of our lives.

## The Marist I know

The mark I leave at Marist may be no more than a scuff on a tile in the hallway left from my broken shoe, but that is little compared to the mark Marist has left on me.

The English, math, history and so on that Marist has filled my brain with pales in comparison with what Marist has filled my heart.

When we first come here, we 'learn Marist' at our desks, in the gyms, hallways and cafeteria. But the real Marist emerges through the people you meet here. The building that people drive by is deceiving. Strangers to Marist do not understand that the foundation of the school would crumble without the people inside.

The Marist I met at my desk was hardworking and dedicated. The students and the staff who occupy the classrooms not only filled my mind with knowledge from books, but knowledge about life. I was taught not to play "woe is me" and to take responsibility for my actions...while learning trigonometry.



Clare Gilligan

I was taught the value of words as we analyzed poem after poem in English. I was taught the valuable lessons of history while memorizing Civil War battles.

But the Marist I met away from the desk is the Marist I will remember forever. The friendships and bonds that have been formed within the walls of this school are the ones I will carry with me forever. The people I met here have affected me profoundly, from teachers and coaches to

the passing faces in the hallway to even the girl who laughed when I slipped on the ice next to the shed by the west parking lot.

The Marist I met on the tennis court was comprised of not only talented but kind, compassionate and funny girls. I learned to be an athlete on the court, but those girls taught me how to be a teammate.

The Marist I met on the stage was composed of wild and wonderful people. The Marist Theatre Guild is a group of people who taught me just to be myself.

Marist has shaped me into the person I am today and, according to my mom, a somewhat decent person. Wherever I end up, Marist will always have a special place in my heart.

So thank you, Marist, for giving me so much knowledge. Thank you for giving me a community to be a part of and for my brothers and sisters for life. Thank you for being the wonderful place my dad, sister and brother talked about. Thank you for helping make these past four years ones I will never forget.

## Memories that will last a lifetime

Memories are like mini time capsules, storing all of the good times people have. When we open them, we look back on good times and reminisce.

Four years ago, I walked through the doors of Marist not knowing what high school life would bring to a 5-foot 2-inch freshman. As I look back over the past four years, there are so many memories that I will never forget.

Before freshman year officially began, I already knew some upperclassmen from the junior varsity soccer team practices in August. From that first practice forward, I knew playing high school soccer was going to be one of my favorite memories of my time at Marist.

I will never forget what Coach Trevino told me two days after practices began.

"Cherish every moment of high school that you can, let the memories sink in because before you know it, you will be walking across the stage getting your diploma," he said.

Aside from playing soccer or any other sport in high school, there are other great memories, like homecoming week, school



Noah Kemp

dances, pep rallies, prom and, of course, graduation. However, the memories are not made by the activity or event. The memories are made by the people you are with and what you make of these activities and events together.

One of my favorite memories, outside of making the game-winning save against Lockport last year to win a regional title, was when I went to my senior year homecoming on crutches because I messed up my knee in a game earlier that day. The crutches did not stop me from dancing the

night away. That night, I just wanted to make the dance memorable in any way possible.

Not only are endless memories made in the hallways, classrooms and soccer field, but friendships are forged throughout the four years I have been here. These friendships I have made with classmates will last a lifetime, summed up by our famous motto 'Brothers and sisters for life.' I am truly thankful for all of the friends I have made over the years and I hope that we will be able to stay in touch and keep those friendships long after graduation.

Marist will always have a special place in my heart. I'm not saying my high school career was picture perfect, but it taught me to make the most of every day.

The toughest thing is to say goodbye to a best friend, and saying goodbye to Marist is bittersweet. We have great memories and you do not want the memory-making to stop.

Starting over in college next year will be scary. But I will always remember how Marist prepared me and that it will always be our home.





photo by Don Trout

Senior equestrian circuit champion Hannah Tapling astride her horse, Mazel, and her family pose for a photo after her victory at the Gordyville, USA competition in Gifford, Ill. on March 15. Senior Jake Ford, better known for wrestling at Marist, is also an award-winning equestrian.

Bass fishing team competes at sectionals

by Nick Konow  
senior reporter

The RedHawk bass fishing team competed in the IHSA Big Basin Marina sectional tournament on the DesPlaines River on Friday, May 1, finishing 11th out of 15 teams.

Sophomore Sara Dowling caught the only fish for the team at sectionals, a two pound 13 ounce largemouth bass.

Dowling was joined by 19 other teammates this season, including juniors Brendan Cooke, Elise Hohl, Quinn Jagodzinski, Ellie Mineman, Shannon O’Loughlin, Kate Rochowicz, Elizabeth Seip, Mike Sinickas, Tom Sinickas, Victoria Tomassi, Megan Ward, Zack Wegner, sophomores Emily Bober, Emily McWilliams, and freshmen Thomas Fitzgerald, William Fitzgerald, Henry Keller, Sean Murphy and Bobby Sundermeier.

At sectionals, a team may enter up to two boats with four people per boat, but only two may fish at a time. Teams compete on

the water for up to eight hours, weather permitting. The fish caught by each team are weighed by officials and the team with the greatest weight wins.

This year, Stagg won the Big Basin Marina sectional with a total weight of 13.53 pounds.

On April 25, the team lost to rival Brother Rice at Lake Katherine in Palos Park.

“It was a great time for everybody, although we fell short of winning by only two pounds,” head coach Bill O’Neill said.

Bass fishing has become a popular activity, one that team members have found provides more than just an opportunity to fish.

“I joined to challenge myself and to share skills with others,” Sinickas said.

O’Loughlin said, “I got involved because I thought it was a unique way to do something fun and relaxing with my friends.”

Both teammates encourage students to come out for the team next year, guaranteeing a ‘great time with great people.’

Riding RedHawks compete

by Courtney Johnson  
senior reporter

Many students are engaged in sports and activities outside of Marist. Sophomore Hannah Tapling and senior Jacob Ford are both equestrians. An equestrian is a rider or performer who competes on horseback.

Tapling joined this sport at the age of four after she and her mother went to visit her aunt, who owns horses, in Alabama. Tapling fell in love with the horses on her trip and began taking lessons and working with a trainer.

Ford got involved because his mother used to be a horse trainer, so he has been an equestrian almost all of his life. Ford rides with a trainer but is not on an official team.

Tapling is a part of an association called All American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).

To be an equestrian is very expensive, but the cost depends the level of show in which a person competes.

The cost of a horse alone can range up to over \$200,000, depending on the breed.

Boarding a horse, clothing and veterinary bills also make riding a very expensive sport.

“The competitions are completely individual but are competitive and a good time,” Ford said.

Some of the competitions are judged based on the horse’s moves and some are based on the rider’s positioning while riding. Competition days are also typically very long.

“At shows I have to wake up at 4 a.m. to prepare my horse for the day to come,” Tapling said. “Usually I get to bed about 11 p.m.”

Ford has three horses named Sassy, Cali and John. Tapling has two horses, Mazel and Badger.

Ford has placed in the top five at regionals in the past two years.

He will compete again the weekend of July 4th at regionals in Springfield at the Illinois State Fair grounds.

In addition to her win at Gordyville this year, Tapling was the All-Around Champion for Illinois in 2014.



photo by Bill O’Neill

Sophomore Sara Dowling waits to have her catch weighed at the IHSA sectional bass fishing tournament on Friday, May 1. Dowling was the only RedHawk to land a fish at the tournament.



photo by Keri Boyle

Hannah McLaughlin is chased down the field by a McAuley opponent at Red and White Stadium on April 23, when the RedHawks fell to the Mighty Macs, 6-15. The girls’ team plays in the Oak Park-River Forest Invitational tomorrow at 8 a.m. The boys’ team plays at Lake Forest Academy tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Lacrosse teams fighting for strong finish

by Keri Boyle and  
Gianna Callo  
senior reporters

The RedHawk lacrosse season finally began with wins for both teams after the late snowfall postponed their March 23 games.

The girls’ team defeated Hinsdale Central on March 29, 10-9, while the boys defeated Taft, 13-7.

At the April 1 home opener, the girls lost to St. Francis, 10-14, and went on to fall to Carmel, Fenwick and Palatine. Their next wins came against St. Viator (17-6) and Lincoln-Way (12-8), before losing to Benet (9-11), McAuley (6-15) and Montini (6-16). On Tuesday, the girls defeated Nazareth, 14-7.

The girls’ team is led by seniors Alyssa Anderson and Kaylie Sampson, the only returning players who helped found the team four years ago.

“I’m going to miss the program,” Anderson said. “It’s bittersweet knowing that I helped build an amazing program that I now have to leave.”

Anderson is also the first female RedHawk lacrosse player to commit to play the sport in college. She will attend Tiffan University in the fall.

The boys’ team is led by junior defensive captain Mike St. Lawrence and senior offensive captains Bryan O’Malley, Joe Tandyk and Tommy Kelly.

Following their season opener, the team lost a close game against St. Francis on April 13, 7-9. The boys rebounded with a huge 16-2 victory over Marian Catholic on April 16.

The boys’ toughest loss of the season so far came on April 20 against Benet, 1-16, but again they rebounded with victories against Palatine (10-4) on April 22, Oak Forest (13-2) on April 24, and Carmel (15-4) on April 30.

The RedHawks then fell to rival Br. Rice on May 1, 6-10, and to Notre Dame on Monday, 7-10.

On Tuesday, the boys defeated Providence in overtime, 11-10. Senior Joe Tandyk scored the winning goal.

“As the season continues, our guys are working hard and we are getting better every day,” Kelly said.



girls' soccer

# Playing one for Emily

by Noah Kemp  
senior reporter

The girls' varsity soccer team faced off against Mother McAuley in a neighborhood rivalry match last Thursday night. The game was dedicated to Emily Beazley, the Mount Greenwood girl who is battling Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Marist fans and players wore purple shirts and jerseys while McAuley fans and players wore green as a sign of support for Beazley.

"McAuley versus Marist is a great neighborhood rivalry," head coach Jennifer Germino said, "We thought it was a great opportunity to show our support to the family."

The game was a hard fought match that ended in a 0-0 tie.

"The McAuley game had a lot more meaning behind it this year because they knocked us out of the regional last year, so

there was a lot of excitement before kickoff," senior captain Nora Englehart said. "Dedicating the game to Emily was an amazing and humbling experience for the players."

But players agreed that the game was about Emily, not the rivalry.

"Instead of just a big South Side clash of schools, we came together for a common cause to help someone in need," senior Kristen Roszak said.

Going into this week, the team's record was 5-7-2.

The team competed in the Pepsi Showdown in April, winning two games against Waukegan and Lincoln-Way East and losing two to Oswego and Wheaton Academy.

"In the tournament, we played some really hard teams," Germino said. "We learned that when we show up to play, we can compete with anyone. The team learned the importance of playing hard for 80 minutes and not making mistakes."



photo by Ashley Cuddy

Senior forward Lorna McCall looks to dribble past the McAuley defender during the exhibition game for Emily Beazley on April 30. The varsity RedHawks travel to Marian Catholic tomorrow for a 10 a.m. game and will host Shepard at home on May 11 at 6:30 p.m.



photo by HR Imaging

Senior Joe Scurek prepares to hit one back over the net during practice on April 15. Both the varsity and JV tennis teams compete in the ESCC Conference Championships tomorrow at Joliet Catholic Academy starting at 8 a.m.

varsity tennis

# Hustle. Hit. Never quit.

by Brooke Sitasz  
senior reporter

On Wednesday, the varsity boys' tennis team had a record of 3-4 in dual match play, with results of Wednesday afternoon's meet at Stagg unavailable at press time.

Highlights of the season include wins against Oak Lawn on April 13, Morgan Park Academy on April 16 and Nazareth Academy on April 21.

Individual standouts include senior Ryan Cullen taking third at second singles at the Oak Park-River Forest Tournament on April 4. Seniors Joe Scurek and Ryan Loizzo took 4th at first doubles at the Lake Park Tournament on April 11. Cullen and Loizzo also beat their singles opponents at the Nazareth meet on April 21.

Seniors Cam Heppeler and Scurek took 4th at first doubles at the Brother Rice tournament on May 1.

Senior Simon Rafacz, who is the class of 2015 valedictorian, has been a member of the team for three years.

"I've really enjoyed the team spirit, especially among the seniors, and how everyone pushes each other to excel," Rafacz said.

"We have improved each year and hopefully the program will continue to enjoy success for years to come," he said.

The team continues to work hard at practicing and winning meets so that they can advance in the IHSA state series this year, which begins with sectionals on May 22.

Before sectionals, the team will compete in the ESCC Conference Championship at Joliet Catholic on May 14 and 16.

"The guys are working hard and getting better," head coach John Hyland said. "They're very coachable and have been very competitive in most matches. We hope to get state at the end of May."

# Track teams sprinting toward finish

by Sarah Peel  
senior reporter

The girls' and boys' varsity track teams look to finish strong as they prepare for the conference and the IHSA state series.

The girls started the season off strong with a win at the Lincoln-Way Central Invitational. Outstanding performances included the winning 4x800 relay team of Maddie Kelly, Molly Fahy, Bridget McDermott, and Lauren Germino, Alexis Pitts in the 55 meter, and Maryclare Leonard in the 800 and 1600.

"There have been great performances at each level this year," Germino said. "We have really come together as a team, and we are looking forward to the post season."

The girls also won the Hinsdale South Hornet Quad, Charleston High School, Glenbrook South and Andrew meets.

At the ESCC conference meet on April 8, individual winners included Camerre Braun in the triple jump, CiCi Calvin in the 800 and Alyssa Hamilton in the 400.

At the Hillcrest Hawk Classic, the team won first place, including a first place finish by the 4x800 relay team of Kelly, Fahy, Leonard, and Cassidy McNulty and Hope Orisi in the two mile.

Results from Wednesday's ESCC conference meet were unavailable at press time.

The boys' team finishes its regular season tomorrow in Bolingbrook and will run in the ESCC championship meet on May 14 at Notre Dame High School.

Seniors leading the team include Jawill Aldridge, Michael Conrad, Frank Eraci, Alex Gattone, Kendall Oliver, David Rios, Braxton Taylor, Anthony Toney and Justin Weaver.

Season highlights include a first place finish at the Thornwood Invitational on February 21, a third place finish against Oak Lawn on April 17 and winning the ESCC conference meet against Marian Catholic and Nazareth on April 22.

"We had a lot of injuries early in the season, but we are all healthy and focused now for conference," Conrad said.



photo by Patrick Quinn

Junior Ni'Dra Edwards competes in the 100' high hurdles at the Elk Grove Invitational on May 1, where the RedHawks took 1st place. The boys' team competes tomorrow at Bolingbrook High School at 9 a.m. and the girls' team competes in the IHSA Class 3A Sectional on May 14 at 4:30 p.m. at Downers Grove North.



varsity baseball

Sefcik leads team through strong season

by Olivia Gorney  
senior reporter

After a 10-3 loss to Joliet Catholic on Tuesday, the RedHawk varsity baseball team’s record stood at 16-7. Results from Wednesday’s game were unavailable at press time.

The RedHawks opened the season on March 19 with an 11-2 win against Lincoln-Way Central.

“It was amazing to score 11 runs our first game because in the past couple of years Marist has relied on pitching,” said senior pitcher Marty Meyer.

“In that game we really proved to ourselves that we are an excellent team defensively and offensively,” Meyer said.

The team headed to South Carolina over spring break where they played in the Mingo Bay Baseball Classic. They went 5-0, winning in the Silver Division.

“Winning the tournament boosted our confidence,” said senior second baseman Tyler Haizel. “Spending time together on the road helped us develop great respect for one another and brought us closer as a team.”

Big victories since South Carolina came against Marian Catholic, with a 12-2 win on April 27 and a 7-0 win on April 29.

This is the first season for head coach and former MLB player Mr. Kevin Sefcik.

“I really like the kids and the administration,” Sefcik said. “We have great facilities and the competition has been great and very positive. We need to play good defense and pitch well and we’ll have good chance to beat anyone we face.”

After tomorrow, the RedHawks play their last two regular home games on May 11 and May 18.

“With every game, we try to have fun and do our best to represent our school,” Haizel said.



photo by Mary Doubek

Senior shortstop Pat Meehan jumps for the catch against Mount Carmel on April 19, but the RedHawks lost to the Caravan, 1-0. The team plays a doubleheader at home tomorrow against St. Patrick at 10 a.m.



photo by Akia Davis

Junior middle hitter Patrick Bradford (#13) jumps for the spike against Walter Payton College Prep on April 22. The RedHawks won 25-27, 25-18, 25-15. The JV team competes at Brother Rice tonight at 5 and tomorrow at 9 a.m. Varsity travels to St. Patrick on Tues., May 12 for a 6:15 p.m. game.

Big games ahead for boys’ volleyball

by Akia Davis  
junior reporter

With a 19-10 record as of Wednesday, the varsity boys’ volleyball team looks forward to some big games as they prepare for conference and regionals at the end of the month.

The team travels to St. Patrick on Tuesday, May 12 and then returns home to face archrival Brother Rice on Wednesday, May 13.

Rice will host the ESCC championship on May 22-23, while the RedHawks will enjoy a home court advantage for the IHSA regionals starting on May 25. The RedHawks are currently 3-1 in conference.

Earlier in the season, the team went 3-2 at the RedHawk Invitational on March 27-28, defeating Niles North, Mount Carmel and Waubonsie Vally, and falling to Benet and Elk Grove.

In the conference opener on April 23 against nationally-ranked Joliet Catholic,

the RedHawks fought hard but fell by two points in the second game (26-24).

On April 24, the team defeated St. Joseph, Carmel and Providence at the Brother Rice Invitational, with junior middle blocker Patrick Bradford named to the All-Tournament team.

Other wins against Catholic rivals this season came over St. Rita on April 8 (25-17, 25-15), Carmel on April 28 (25-18, 25-12) and a conference win against Marian Catholic on April 30 (25-22, 25-12).

“Our season is going pretty well so far, said senior co-captain Martin Padlo. “We have had losses and wins, but our team looks stronger after each game and our defense has improved greatly.”

The RedHawks defeated DeSmet Jesuit, Belleville West and Belleville East, but lost to Francis Howell at last weekend’s Lafayette Invitational.

On Tuesday, the RedHawks defeated St. Viator, 15-25, 25-21 and 25-12.

Results from last night’s away game against Benet were unavailable at press time.

girls’ softball

RedHawks rocking the field this season

by Courtney Coan and  
Maggie Stimac  
senior reporters

The girls’ varsity softball team began its season Monday, March 30 at home with a 5-1 win against Lincoln-Way Central.

Over spring break the girls traveled to Miami, Florida. While there, they went 3-2-2.

Going into this week, the team’s overall season record was 13-2-4.

Last year’s assistant coach, Colleen Biebel, became head coach this year and is assisted by coaches Ashley Barry and Nicole Costello.

“Since I have been involved in the program for four years now, it has been a pretty smooth transition,” Biebel said.

The varsity team is led by seniors Brooke Wilson, Zariya Gonzalez, and Hayley Franks.

“My goal is for our team to win conference,” Wilson said. “I hope to be

part of a team that leaves a legacy of hard work and dedication under the direction of Coach Biebel and the rest of the staff.”

Next year Wilson will play at Loyola University, with alumni Erica Nagel and Brooke Wyderski.

“I want us to go all the way this year,” Franks said. “We have the perfect team makeup to do so, and great team chemistry.”

Franks will continue her career next year at Lindenwood University.

This year’s team also includes juniors Jillian Kenny, Vanessa Villasenor, Lizzie Annerino, Emily Luzzo, Paige Egan, Amanda McIlhany, Emily Reilly, Madison Naujokas, sophomore Alexis Rogers, and freshmen Maggie Kehoe and Kara Apato.

The results of last night’s game against Mother McAuley High School were unavailable at press time.

The girls will play tomorrow and celebrate senior day, taking on Marian Catholic at home at 11 a.m.



photo by Jen Luzzo

Senior pitcher Zariya Gonzalez swings against Benet Academy on April 24, assisting the RedHawks to 7-2 victory. The RedHawks face Marian Central at home tomorrow in a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.