



## Emily Beazley continues to inspire classmates, community

Megan Alagna  
senior reporter

*"You gotta stay strong, you gotta stay positive, no matter what happens."*

These 12 words may mean little to the average person, but to those who were lucky enough to know Emily Beazley, they mean everything.

For Emily, staying strong and positive meant striving for what mattered, and her top priority was her education.

Emily planned out her academic future. She wanted to attend Marist and then study pediatric oncology at Saint Xavier University.

An aggressive form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a type of cancer that affects the blood cells, cut that dream short on May 18, 2015.

Despite not being physically present among her classmates this year, Emily's spirit lives on in the hearts of her family, friends and the Marist community.

The administration honored her by giving her parents a Marist diploma with Emily's name on it. She has been named an official member of the Class of 2021, and a 'Home of a Proud RedHawk' sign has been placed in front of the Beazley's home.

"It's amazing that Marist is honoring her," Emily's mother, Nadia Beazley, said. "One of our biggest fears is that people will forget about her. By Marist doing this, it shows that she touched the lives of so many more people than we realized. We can't describe how thankful we are."

In May 2015, Marist hosted a prom for Emily and her classmates from Mount Greenwood Elementary School.

"Marist is an amazing high school and has always been supportive of Emily," Mrs. Beazley said. "She said that the prom was the best night of her life."

Before school started this year, a magnet with Emily's picture and a quote were placed on every freshman locker.

"During orientation, we the freshmen to take the magnet of Emily to put inside their lockers," Br. Hank Hammer said.

"Our hope is that every time they see her picture, they think about her, pray for her, and, most importantly, they learn to embrace every opportunity available to them that Emily might not have had."

Before she died, Emily talked of starting a foundation that would raise money for developing less toxic methods of treating cancer patients.

Today that foundation is called Emily Beazley's Kures for Kids. The foundation's website address is [www.kuresforkids.org](http://www.kuresforkids.org)

"Emily's legacy began while she was still alive," Mrs. Beazley said. "She had big plans, and she wanted to make the world a better place. Many people have told us how she affected, even saved their lives. Knowing that our beautiful, sweet little girl had the power to do that is amazing."

Emily's father, Ed Beazley, explained that many people have approached his family to thank them for Emily's inspiration.

"People suffering from cancer and depression told us that they took their lives for granted and some wanted to end it all," Mr. Beazley said. "They started following Emily and saw a little girl who wanted nothing more than to live but wasn't given a chance to. They say Emily helped them live."

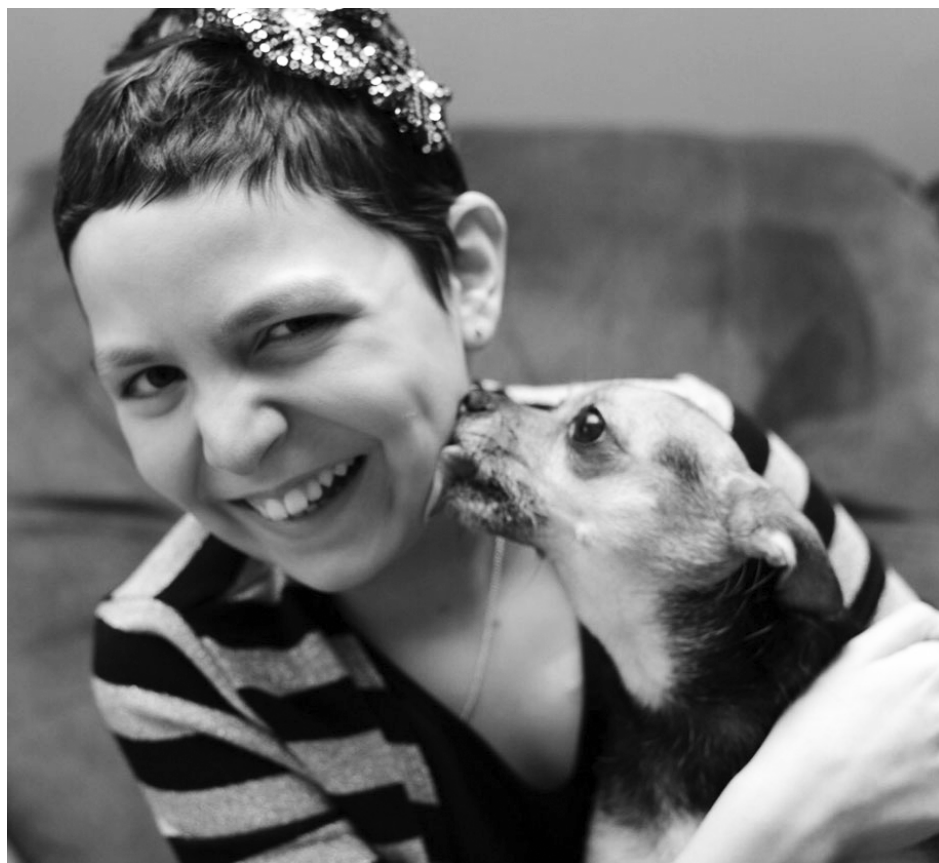


photo by Ed Beazley

Emily Beazley gets a kiss from her best friend Carly in January 2015, just months before losing her battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Beazley has been named a member of the Class of 2021 and is being remembered this homecoming weekend and especially by her freshmen classmates.

Emily has also been recognized by others, both locally and nationally.

The Chicago Police Department named her and her sister honorary police officers.

Pop star singer Taylor Swift telephoned Emily, and purple and green lights, Beazley's favorite colors, flashed at Swift's concert in Chicago that year.

"I hope that those who knew her will find comfort in her spirit," Director of Communications Ms. Patti Arvesen said. "For those who did not know her, I hope that they learn of her bravery, that it will give them courage. As we honor Emily's legacy, we hope to instill strength and support for her family and friends."



photo by John Goncezy

## RedHawk journalists on the road

Raini Eldorado  
senior reporter

The Illinois Journalism Education Association held its annual high school journalism conference at the University of Illinois-Urbana on Sept. 15, with 26 RedHawk journalists attending. Senior Michelle Lenz won the news writing contest and senior Stephanie Kozlowski took third place in feature writing. At the conference, journalism students from around the state attended sessions given by professional journalists and university professors.

In November, students in the journalism 2/3 class will attend the National High School Journalism Convention in Dallas, where some will also compete in the various write-off competitions.

### In Memoriam

## Joe Collins, '76, reporter, actor, friend

Jocelyn Diaz  
senior reporter

Joe Collins, '76 began his journalism career in high school writing for the *Sentinel*, going on to become a well-known and respected voice on Chicago radio during the 1990s.

Mr. Collins died on Aug. 1 following a long battle with muscular dystrophy.

"[Joe] loved Marist," his brother Jim Collins said. "He was involved in many activities there such as the school paper, the poster club and the drama club."

Mr. Collins entered college as an English major but graduated with a degree in communications from Saint Xavier University.

In college, Mr. Collins continued his acting career, becoming involved in local community theater groups.

He starred in several productions, including "Anything Goes," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Moon Over Buffalo" with the Beverly Theatre Guild.

Mr. Collins also produced a number of shows for The Beverly Hills University Club and became well-known throughout the theater community.

"Joe was very talented and was a great character actor," his friend Mrs. Junellen Eastman-Johnson said.



Joe Collins

After graduation, Mr. Collins worked on independent radio stations and at WMAQ before going on to become a traffic reporter for WBBM-AM, where he became a popular voice.

"Joe loved the theater, TV, films, and especially radio," his brother said.

Mr. Collins worked at WBBM-AM for nine years while dealing with the effects of MD. In 2013, the Beverly Theater Guild held a benefit raising over \$23,000 to help him renovate his apartment to accommodate his illness.

A memorial service was held on September 7 at Queen of Martyrs Church in Mount Greenwood.

"His illness didn't stop him from living," Johnson said.

# Summer pilgrimage helps faculty connect with St. Marcellin

**Kathleen Wilkison**  
senior reporter

President Br. Hank Hammer, Principal Larry Tucker, Ms. Patti Arvesen, Mrs. Erin Kelly, Ms. Sarah Rakauskas and Deacon Andy Neu traveled to France on July 7 for a six-day pilgrimage to trace the steps of St. Marcellin Champagnat.

Champagnat began the Marist Brothers 200 years ago in the town of LaValla, France. By 1840, the number of brothers increased to the point that the order needed to relocate to larger quarters at the Hermitage near Lyons.

The Chicago pilgrims, joined by seven other American Marists, were led by Br. Diogène Musine, who showed them the sites in and between LaValla and Lyons where Champagnat and his fellow brothers lived and worked.

The pilgrims visited Champagnat's room in the Hermitage. They also visited Champagnat's hometown La Rosey and Marhles, where he received his first Holy Communion.

"I formed a closer bond with Marcellin," Deacon Andy said. "I have heard the stories that we teach the students, but to actually walk on the paths and hills he walked on, everything suddenly became real."

The experience also helped the pilgrims realize the importance of carrying on Champagnat's mission of making Jesus known and loved here at home.

"This pilgrimage solidified the mission in my life as a religion teacher to make others feel welcomed into the community," Rakauskas said.

Current faculty, staff members and students will have the opportunity to participate in the Hermitage pilgrimage in July 2019.

"Hearing the stories of Champagnat is one thing, but to literally stand where he and the other brothers stood was moving," Tucker said.

"You feel the gravity of what these brothers did to make Jesus known and loved. You realize the importance of continuing this work 200 years later."



photo by Patti Arvesen

Marist faculty from around the U.S. gather around the LaValla table built by St. Marcellin Champagnat and the first Marist Brothers. The faculty completed a weeklong pilgrimage to LaValla and the Hermitage in France this past July.

Worldwide in a  
22 hour period,

**1973**

People will end  
their own lives.

19 year old

**Brendan**

was one of them.

He is not a  
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my Son. For Brendan  
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Awareness for suicide.

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the stigma and to  
put a face on suicide,  
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**Brendan Joseph Costello**

1987 - 2006

photograph courtesy of AFSP

Campus engineer Matt Costello, '00 completed his 11th annual Out of the Darkness Chicagoland Walk on Sept. 23, an event sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

## Alum walks for his brother to raise awareness

**Emma Brown**  
junior reporter

Campus engineer Matt Costello, '00 participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Chicagoland Walk on Sept. 23, in memory of his late brother Brendan Costello, '05.

Costello's life changed forever on Sept. 8, 2006 when he found his brother Brendan had taken his own life in the family's garage.

"I went to the garage to get my sister's notebook for her first day of college," Costello said. "I'll never in my life forget what I saw. I tried CPR to see if I could bring Brendan back, but it was too late."

Costello has two older siblings and four younger siblings, all of whom have adjusted but continue to find life after Brendan's death difficult.

"You learn to cope, but you never really get over it," Costello said.

AFSP is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide.

This was Costello's 11th year walking to honor his brother and to promote AFSP's goal to reduce the national suicide rate by 20% by 2025.

"I want to bring [the issue] up more," Costello said. "I want more people to know about it and make the situation better."

Science teacher and soccer coach Kevin Butler was a classmate of Brendan's and supports Costello's commitment to AFSP's cause.

"I did not know Matt until we met this past summer," Butler said. "We talked a bit. I remember hearing the news about Brendan and it was upsetting. I want to help in any way."

Costello offers advice to anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide and to anyone who might be depressed.

"Don't be afraid to talk to someone," Costello said. "No one will judge you. Don't hold it all in. And remember that just going out of your way to say 'hi' to someone could change someone's life."

Students interested in discussing or learning more about this issue should see their guidance counselor.

## Hurricane relief week planned

**Gianna Miritello**  
senior reporter

Students are encouraged to participate in Hurricane Relief Week from Oct. 2-6. Daily collections will be taken in each homeroom, with proceeds going to help victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. There will also be activities in the cafeteria during all lunches.

Hurricane Harvey hit Texas on Aug. 25, causing extensive damage and flooding, after up to 51.88 inches of rain fell in some areas. As of Sept. 6, Hurricane Harvey took 71 lives and caused damages estimated between \$65 and \$190 billion.

Hurricane Irma hit Florida on Sept. 10 and so far has caused 42 deaths and damages ranging from \$50 billion-\$100 billion, with both tolls still rising.

Campus Ministry and Marist Youth organized Hurricane Relief Week after several students expressed a desire to help the hurricane victims.

"Students' eagerness to help and give back to those in need is what started this idea," campus minister Patrick Meyer said. "It is important for us to come together as a community to help those in need and create a sense of hope for those affected by these catastrophic hurricanes."

The homeroom that raises the most money will be announced at the end of the day on Oct. 6 and will win a free breakfast on Oct. 9.

Activities during lunches include t-shirt and ice cream sales and a raffle for students to win faculty parking places.

All money collected will be donated through the St. Bernard Project, the organization that the juniors and seniors work with during their mission trips. Juniors and seniors will deliver some of the proceeds to the victims of the hurricanes during their mission trips later this school year.

"We hope that all students will participate in our relief efforts by being as generous as they can," Meyer said.

## PARENT EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP #1



Marist Guidance Department presents:

**Thursday**  
**Oct. 5th**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**RedHawk Theater**  
4200 W. 115th Street  
Enter through main office doors  
at the west end.

**"The Resourceful  
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A Blueprint  
for  
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**Guest Speakers:**  
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# FALC promotes student artists, offers publication opportunity

Gina Musso  
junior reporter

The Marist Fine Arts and Literary Club, FALC, will meet regularly this year to publish students' creative writing, art, photography and graphic design in *Emergence*, Marist's fine arts and literacy magazine.

Moderated by English teacher Mrs. Tracy Michicich, FALC was created in 2004 and published the first issue of *Emergence* in 2005.

"The magazine is a collection of student voices and visions that represent the Marist community and showcases the creative and artistic talents of our students in a unique format," Michicich said.

FALC is for students who are interested in sharing their creative and literary talents.

"I encourage students to join FALC and submit their pieces to *Emergence* because it's a great learning experience," senior Makayla Porter said. "I have learned writing styles and techniques that will benefit me in the future."

Students may submit short stories, one-act plays, poems, photography, graphic design work, paintings, drawings, comic strips, cartoons and anime to the club at [emergence.marist@gmail.com](mailto:emergence.marist@gmail.com). Entries must be received before Feb. 14, 2018 in order to be published in the 2017-2018 issue.

"For those who are passionate about their writing or artwork, *Emergence* is a fabulous opportunity to share their work with a community who appreciates their talent," Michicich said. "Everyone at Marist has an important and unique voice and vision, so we accept any type of creative work and will publish at least one piece from each person who submits. It is a wonderful way to have something published without the fear of rejection."

The club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 2:30 p.m. in room 111.

"*Emergence* benefits our community by showcasing the talents of writers, photographers and artists," senior Megan Tracy said. "It's a great way for students to express themselves."



photo by Gianna Miritello

Senior Megan Tracy, English teacher Mrs. Tracy Michicich and senior Makayla Porter look over previous issues of *Emergence*, produced by the Fine Arts and Literacy club. "When *Emergence* is published, we feel so proud of the work," Porter said.

## Library seeks volunteers for StoryCorps

Stephanie Kozlowski  
editor-in-chief

The Evergreen Park Public Library is looking for local high school students and teachers to volunteer for its StoryCorps program.

StoryCorps is a collection of recorded conversations between an interviewer and storyteller that is preserved in the Library of Congress. Its mission is to share human stories and build connections between people to create a more just and compassionate world.

Since the Village of Evergreen Park is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, the library thought StoryCorps would be a 'great way' to help commemorate the occasion.

Evergreen Park librarian Mary Black emphasizes, however, that the program is not just about Evergreen Park or exclusively for its residents.

Students and teachers from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs are encouraged to participate as either storytellers or interviewers.

"Listening to each other's stories helps connect us as human beings, and StoryCorps gives us a common place to relate to each other," Black said.

"This program will benefit future generations because the stories will be archived and a storyteller's descendants can go to the National Archives in Washington D.C. and listen to the interview. It will be there always," Black said.

Each interview takes about 40 minutes and the library will provide the questions.

"We pair you up with someone who doesn't have someone to interview them," Black said. "Usually older people who don't have their children around need an interviewer."

Black believes that high school students can especially benefit from this experience.

"Learning to listen and ask questions is so important," Black said. "For teens especially, it connects them to an older person and gives them a new perspective by listening to someone else's story."

Volunteers are needed for the month of October. For more information, contact Black at [blackm@evergreenparklibrary.org](mailto:blackm@evergreenparklibrary.org) or call (708) 422-8522.

## EVERGREEN PARK LIBRARY TEEN EVENTS SEP/OCT/NOV 2017

**How to Reduce Test Anxiety**  
Oct 25, 6:30 pm

**SKYPE WITH AUTHOR JEN MALONE**  
OCT 12, 6:30 PM  
MARGIN PROJECT

**Create Thursdays**  
Sep 14 T- Shirt Totes  
Sept 28 Duct Tape Bow Ties  
Oct 12 No Sew Tie Rattlesnake  
Oct 26 Zombie Dolls  
Nov 16 DIY Body Scrub  
Nov 30 Create a Holiday Book Display

*Dear Teen, Learn the Art of Writing of Letter*  
Oct 10 4 pm



### ANIME FILM FEST NOV 17-19

HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE (PG)  
NOV 17, 6 PM  
NAUSICAA OF THE VALLEY (PG-13)  
NOV 18, 1 PM  
PRINCESS MONONOKE (PG-13)  
NOV 18, 3 PM  
SPIRITED AWAY (PG)  
NOV 19, 1 PM



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Evergreen Park, IL 60805  
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## Theatre Guild presents American classic "Our Town"

Erin Hohl  
senior reporter

The Theatre Guild presents "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, a three-act play that explores the meaning of love, life and death. Performances will be held in the RedHawk Theatre on Nov. 9, 10 and 11.

"Our Town" is a classic 1938 Pulitzer Prize winning drama about the small village of Grover's Corner, New Hampshire. The play reveals the childhood relationship of George Gibbs and Emily Webb and how their friendship grew and transformed into a marriage.

After Emily dies during childbirth, she is given the choice to revisit a day from her life. She then realizes that she never truly appreciated all that life gave her until it was over.

The performance features senior Morgan Johnson as the stage manager, senior Abram Camarena as George Gibbs and senior Maddie Curtin as Emily Webb.

Supporting cast members include Philip Duda, Julian Marrero, Jon Gountanis, Cate Hynes, Erica Mannella, Joe Barry, Faith Fisler, Liam Kelly, Quinn Donnelly, Regan Rayl, Una Fortier, Kelly Colby, Ashley Kikos, Cece Gibbons, Vincent Noonan, Sarah Peck, Ricardo Aguilar, Jonathan Rivera, Matt Warakowski, Kwintyn Essex, Joe Crisp, Rachel Warakowski and Anna Inzinga.

Mrs. Erin Vail and Mrs. Erin Kelly are co-directors of "Our Town," which was also their first co-production in 2004.

"Through this show, I hope the cast and audience will recognize and appreciate our similarities as human beings," Kelly said.

The cast rehearses four times a week after school.

"My hopes are that this show, which is about Grover's Corner and the community of people living there, helps us to create our own sense of community," Johnson said.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults and will be sold at the door.



photo by Emma Brown

"Our Town" cast members Abram Camarena, Erica Mannella and Maddie Curtin run through their lines before blocking a scene at rehearsal in the RedHawk Theatre after school Sept. 19. Performances will be held on Nov. 9, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m.

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# An example to follow as we move forward

As the 2017-2018 school year continues, signs decorate the front yards of the 430 freshmen starting their four years at Marist.

One of these signs belongs to Emily Beazley, who lost her battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in May 2015.

Although Beazley cannot walk through the hallways with her classmates, her memory lives on through all those in the Marist community who knew her and supported her fight, through her favorite colors purple and green and through the magnets decorating the freshmen's lockers.

The best way to honor Beazley as a special member of the class of 2021 is to take advantage of the opportunities we are given that she never got and to follow her example of staying strong and positive in the face of adversity.

The Marist community meant a lot to Beazley, who knew from a young age she wanted to be a RedHawk. From fund raising to sending prayers, from holding a prom for her to giving her an honorary diploma, Marist stood by Beazley as she continued her brave fight against cancer.



*Emily Beazley*

Official Member & Guardian Angel  
of the Class of 2021

*"For He will command  
his angels concerning  
you to guard you in  
all your ways"*  
-Psalm 91:11



Each of us is invited to be part of this community. We have daily opportunities to pray together, learn together and get rowdy together. We can join clubs, play sports and go on mission trips or retreats.

Beazley's example continues to remind us of the effect our community can have in the world.

All of us will face problems at some point, but keeping Emily in our memory can help us get through difficult times. When dealing with tough classes, family issues and friendship drama, it is easy to focus on all the negative things.

In times of need, students can turn to our guidance department, their teachers and the brothers and sisters Marist gives us. By remembering Beazley, we can be inspired to stay positive and keep fighting, 'no matter what happens,' as she often said.

One last way we can honor Beazley's memory is by supporting her foundation Kures for Kids in its mission to finding a cure for pediatric cancer.

As this year continues, we must not forget our sister in heaven. We will always be part of Emily's Entourage.

And she will always be a part of ours.



# Watch what you post to social media...colleges are

Students, young people and even adults are provided with easy access to social media at the touch of a finger. Social media provides connections among people and groups throughout the world.

In the United States, social media is a place that many people feel free to post whatever they want, whenever they want. We do have freedom of speech in this country. However, not all speech is protected or appropriate.

Guardchild.com is the website of an organization created by parents to help protect children on the internet. The organization reports that 88 percent of teens have seen someone be mean or cruel to someone else on a social networking site. Six percent of American high school students have gotten in trouble at school from posting on a social networking site.

Colleges are turning to social media as they review applications from high school

**41% of teens had a negative experience as result of using a social networking site**

**43% of teens say they would change their online behavior if they knew their parents were watching them**

**39% of teens think their online activity is private from everyone**

**6% of teens have gotten in trouble at school because of postings on a social network site**

[www.guardchild.com](http://www.guardchild.com)

students seeking admission. If the applicant has posted inappropriate material, the consequences can be serious.

Darian Summers reported in *U.S News and World Report* on Feb. 10 that a survey of more than 350 colleges revealed that 35 percent examine applicants' social media accounts to learn more about them.

Admission officers look for writing that contains plagiarism and for photos showing inappropriate content that include alcohol, illegal activities or are provocative.

In the Feb. 10 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, Yariv Alpher, executive director of research at Kaplan Test Prep, noted that many admission officers believe that social media provides a more authentic and total view of applicants beyond their standard applications.

Poor decisions on social media can make it possible for students to be denied by the college of their choice or not get the job of their dreams. People need to consider what they are getting themselves into when they press the 'post' or 'send' button.

Students should stay aware about the effects of inappropriate posts on social media.

Do not post anything you would mind having your grandma see.

# Hello. Bonjour. Hola. Buongiorno.

Kathleen Wilkison  
senior columnist

Many people are succeeding in life and in the work field because they are bilingual. The secret to this success is starting at a young age. American elementary and high schools should increase the focus on helping students become bilingual.

Learning to speak a foreign language at a young age helps students succeed in school as they discover different cultures. Students of foreign language also enjoy the benefit of increased and improved memory.

The Eton Institute, an international language training and professional development provider, offers courses in over 100 languages. Experts at Eton report that multilingual people develop a brain that is able to remember names and facts more quickly.

Learning a foreign language opens the mind to a new, complex system of rules and sentence structures.

The English language is already complex, filled with different verb tenses and uses, but learning a new language makes the brain work harder to make sense of new patterns.

Communication in a different language also develops thinking and problem-solving skills.

According to a study from Pennsylvania State University, people who are multilingual and quick at transitioning from one language to another are better utilizing their brains than monolingual people.

The study also shows that people who are able to think, speak and write in foreign languages are better at multitasking.

Multilingual people are better at noticing their surroundings and recognizing misleading information, which sharpens their minds, according to a study done at the University Pompeu Fanta in Spain.

Learning a foreign language early can also benefit people later in life by keeping the mind sharp, even as it continues to age.

According to Eton Institute, the common age for the onset of dementia in monolingual people is 71. Bilingual people are less likely to develop dementia.

In most countries, learning multiple foreign languages is mandatory. Many Europeans, for example, are able to communicate with people from different countries.

This gives citizens of other countries an advantage over the average American when it comes to social and cultural skills.

Studies have shown that students who grow up in a setting where family members speak various languages have a better chance at getting a job because the increasing demand for multilingual workers.

Mientras el inglés es usualmente usado en todo el mundo, para los Americanos una idioma ya no es suficiente.Cada vez es más importante que nuestros jovenes empiezan a aprender un segundo idioma lo más pronto posible.

See what I mean?

# Man up and take journalism

Martin Buck  
senior columnist

There is only one guy in the RedHawk journalism program this year.

Me.

Now some guys (myself included), would think being the only guy in a class is the best thing in the world, being surrounded by a bunch of girls, and it is.

But it is not good for the school newspaper.

Our paper needs more male perspectives to achieve a better balance. I can only write so much! The only way we are going to achieve more balanced coverage is for more guys to take the class.

I believe boys in our school do not take journalism because they are not confident in their writing skills. But, as our teacher often says, not taking journalism because you think you can't write is like not taking Spanish because you don't speak Spanish.

According to a study done by Jack Dvorak for the Newspaper Association of America in 2008, high school journalists have higher GPAs, higher ACT scores and do better in college than their high school counterparts who have not taken a journalism class.

Journalism helps students develop real life skills. Students learn how to conduct interviews, communicate professionally, manage their time more effectively and remain objective when reporting a story.

Students learn how to work with peers on an actual publication. This means working as a team and putting your pride aside.

The RedHawk journalism program also offers many unique opportunities in the form of field trips.

On Sept. 16, journalism students attended the annual high school journalism conference at the University of Illinois-Urbana.

At U of I, we attended sessions given by professional journalists and university professor and we got to meet fellow high school journalists from all over the state.

In March, we will go to Roosevelt University for another conference.

The most exciting place the girls and I are going to this year is Texas.

In November, we, along with thousands of our peers from around the nation, will attend the National High School Journalism Convention in Dallas.

In November 2018, the fall convention is in Chicago.

When I joined journalism, I was very unsure of my writing skills, but the class has made me a better writer and I have become more confident in my skills.

If you take journalism next year, your skills will improve as well. I promise.

During the school year there are many opportunities to be recognized for your writing. Students' work is entered in competitions. RedHawk journalists also participate in write-off competitions on field trips and at the convention, including news, sports, feature, headline writing and even editorial cartooning.

Earlier this month, senior Michelle Lenz won the news writing competition at U of I.

I think every Marist student should take journalism, but for now, we could really use more guys.

So, man up and register for journalism 1 next year.

The things you will learn and the skills you will acquire will help you in school, in college and the rest of your life.

## photo opinion

by Jill Okelman and Raini Eldorado

## What is your favorite memory from your days as a Marist student?



Mr. Brennan  
Class of 1999

*My favorite memories of Marist as a student include the student-faculty hockey game. The students and faculty almost fought. Luckily Mr. Inzinga intervened. The other was the time spent in Mr. Miritello's class. He was my best teacher and had a phenomenally dry sense of humor.*



Mr. Higgins  
Class of 2005

*I remember how close my friends and I became over our four years here. I still have a group of about 10-15 friends and we hang out together often. Also, rushing the court after the basketball team won regionals in '05 on a buzzer beater was quite fun, too.*



Ms. Jorgensen  
Class of 2013

*My best experience at Marist was hosting an Argentine student and going to Buenos Aires that same year. It was an awesome experience that got me to want to learn more about other Hispanic cultures and study to become a Spanish teacher.*



Ms. Perretta  
Class of 2010

*Aside from playing soccer with my friends, my favorite memory is of a pep rally senior year where Mr. Glennon had recruited students to be 'Glennonites.' We dressed up as him and walked in to the gym pushing Mr. Glennon on a chariot.*



Mr. Tucker  
Class of 1979

*Basketball played a significant role in my life, so the most exciting game I played in was my senior year against St. Joe's, who was ranked #1 in the state. The game was at Marist and the place was mobbed. Big-time coaches came to watch their star player, Isaiah Thomas. We played a great game until the end when they caught us and won. It's still one of my many great memories from Marist.*



Mr. Meyer  
Class of 2010

*My favorite memories from attending Marist as a student were all the times I spent with Campus Ministry. The service projects, mission trips and retreats helped make Marist my second home.*

# Answering God's call: Ryan Brady, '01

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The number of people entering religious life in the United States and throughout the world has declined rapidly over the past several decades.

According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, there were 58,632 priests in the United States in 1965. In 1995, there were 49,054. In 2016, the number was down to 37,192.

The shortage of priests has left many Roman Catholics concerned about the future of the church.

Even with the declining numbers, young men are still answering God's call to enter the priesthood.

Marist alumnus Ryan Brady, '01, is one of them.

"I wasn't an overly religious child growing up," Brady said. "We attended Mass as a family, but I'd thought more about becoming mayor of Chicago or a professional baseball player."

Things began to change once he started high school.

"As I learned more about the Catholic Church, I began to feel drawn to ministry. I was attracted to Mass and the Sacraments and, in time, I knew God wanted me to be a priest."

Brady credits some of his high school teachers with bringing him closer to the decision to be a priest, particularly Brother Brendan Brennan.

"I clearly remember Br. Brendan teaching us about the Shroud of Turin, in freshman religion class," Brady said. "He was also the moderator for the Marist Mission Committee, which I joined. Being a part of the committee was very enjoyable. It helped me form a sense of obligation to the poorest among us. That feeling is still burning within me today."

The late Archbishop of Chicago, Francis Cardinal George, was also a significant influence on Brady.

Brady was a sophomore in 1999 when St. Marcellin Champagnat was canonized. The Cardinal came to celebrate Mass with the Marist community and Brady got to meet him.

"That was an excellent day," Brady said. "In the years that followed, our paths repeatedly crossed. The Cardinal was a loving shepherd who brought me peace and happiness as I journeyed into adulthood."

As a seminarian, Brady will study philosophy and theology at Mundelein for three years and will then be ordained as a 'transitional deacon.' After a final year of study and ministry as a deacon, Brady and his classmates will be formally ordained.

After ordination, Brady hopes to be assigned to a parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

"I have always considered myself a 'Chicago guy,'" Brady said. "Chicago is my home and there are over 2.3 million Catholics in this diocese. I feel that God wants me to be of service to my brothers and sisters in my hometown. In many areas of Chicago, our neighbors are struggling with poverty, violence, and hopelessness. I know that Jesus Christ longs to be in their lives and I believe He wants me to be of service to those who need it the most right here in our own backyard."

Brady encourages young men and women who feel a calling into religious life to really consider it.

"There is great peace in your heart that comes with answering God's call," Brady said. "I initially joined St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University right out of high school. I enjoyed my time at St. Joe's, but I got restless and began to have doubts about what God wanted from me. I left the seminary for a few years, but God kept calling me. He's persistent."

Brady recognizes that while young people may hear a call from God, doubts can often interfere. For him, learning to share his doubts with others really helped.



photo by Andi Matijevic

Ryan Brady, '01, stands in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Mundelein Seminary on Sept. 5. He will be ordained in 2021.

"Most of the challenges I faced entering seminary were self-imposed," Brady said. "I kept my feelings of being called to priesthood to myself. I began to pressure myself into thinking I had to be perfect and a 'holy roller.' I was just a normal guy, I didn't think I had what it takes to be a priest. None of us are perfect."

Like many Catholics, Brady is concerned with the declining number of men entering the seminary.

"The Church is certainly changing," Brady said. "The Archdiocese is addressing these issues with a program called 'Renew My Church.' The hope is that if young people are more directly invited by the Church to contemplate religious life, maybe they will recognize that religious life is what God is truly asking of them."

Brady credits his entering the seminary to attending Marist. He believes he was led to Jesus.

"Attending Marist was vitally important to my Catholic faith formation," Brady said. "Without Marist, I wouldn't have had the tools to know Jesus Christ and understand where He was calling me. Marist really laid the groundwork for my life in service to the Church, and I'm especially grateful to Brother Brendan."

Brady also hopes that current students will seriously think about religious life while they are still in high school.

"Pray and be not afraid," Brady said. "If God wants you to be a priest, brother, nun or deacon, you'll know through prayer."

"Have courage and know that you're not walking alone."

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# RedHawk runners taking cross country season in stride

Emma Brown  
junior reporter

The 2017 RedHawk cross country teams have started the season strong in both team and individual competition.

The varsity girls cross country team placed 7th overall at the Lyons Township Cross Country Invitational on Sept. 2.

At the Reavis Invitational on Sept. 9, the team placed 2nd. At Peoria Notre Dame’s Richard Spring Invitational on Sept. 16, varsity placed 16th out of 87 teams.

Junior Jill Borza finished 12th place out of 79 runners in the three-mile race at Lyons Township.

Freshman Cecilia Light, junior Colleen Murphy and sophomore Amanda Tracy all finished in the top ten of 109 runners in the varsity girls’ race at Reavis. Light also placed 16th out of 420 girls in the three-mile race in Peoria.

“The girls are progressing very well from where they started to where they are now,” head coach Patrick Quinn said.

The girls are hoping to make it to state this year. Team captain senior Bridget O’Malley expressed faith in her teammates.

“The team has been doing really well and if we keep up the hard work, we have a shot at state,” O’Malley said.

The varsity boys’ team placed 13th out of 20 teams at Lyons Township, 5th place out of 25 teams at the Reavis and 48th out of 87 teams overall in Peoria.

Sophomore team captain Thomas Leonard took 1st place out of 108 runners in the men’s varsity race and junior Aidan Dillon took 16th place out of 267 runners in the three-mile at Reavis.

“We are working hard at every practice and seeing the results with better [times] at every race,” junior co-captain Colin Tracy said.

Tracy also believes that there is a good chance that the team will qualify for state this year.

“We have been working hard to make this a serious possibility,” Tracy said.

Both RedHawk teams run in the Niles West Invite tomorrow at 9 a.m.



photo by Emma Brown

Junior RedHawk George Madaras keeps a steady pace ahead of two runners from Stagg during a meet at Reavis High School on Sept. 9.



photo by Gianna Miritello

Senior Jill Tackes tees off on the eighth hole at Fountain Hills Golf Club on Sept. 11 for senior night, where the RedHawks lost to Marian Catholic. The team competes in the Rosary Invitational tomorrow at Phillips Park Golf Course. The boys’ team plays in the IHSA Regional competition on Oct. 3.

## Birdies. Eagles. RedHawks

Gina Musso  
junior reporter

The RedHawk varsity girls’ golf team ended its regular season with a 4-8 record on Sept. 21 with wins against Mother McAuley and Saint Ignatius.

A team of 30 girls was led by 14 seniors, all under the direction of first-year head coach Ryan Doidge.

“Having so many seniors on the team is great for showing our younger girls how to step up,” Doidge said. “[Golf] is an individual sport, so creating a sense of team team among the girls was an important goal.”

Fourth year seniors, including Maeve McGuire and Hannah Stubitsch, grew closer to their teammates after having three different coaches during their golf career.

“It was difficult to adjust to new coaches,” McGuire said. “We are a group that looks out for each other and tries to better one another, and this approach only made the seniors stronger.”

The girls will compete tomorrow in the Rosary Golf Invitational at Phillips Park Golf Course beginning at 8 a.m. before playing at regionals on Oct. 4.

With a record of 6-2 at press time, the boys’ varsity golf team is looking forward to the state series.

“I think we definitely have a chance to win our regional,” head coach Joel Vickers said. “I’d like to play well and try to crack the top three or four teams to warm up for state.”

The team had fun this season, but they also faced some challenges.

“The major challenge has been that our best player, sophomore Matt McKenna, has been out for the entire season with a back injury,” senior Rob Staszewski said. “Matt brings our team confidence because we know he will come in with low scores.”

The boys’ team will compete in the IHSA regionals on Oct. 3 at Deer Creek Golf Course beginning at 8 a.m.

“It’s been a great season so far and the guys on the team are great to be around,” Staszewski said.

## Selvaggio serves up new perspective

Martin Buck  
senior reporter

Former RedHawk tennis player Nicole Selvaggio, ’11 has come home to coach girls’ varsity tennis.

Selvaggio has coached tennis for 10 years, the last four years as the head coach at Moraine Valley Community College.

Currently, the team is 12–3, with the results of the match against St. Viator on Sept. 26, unavailable at press time.

The RedHawks took second place at the Plainfield North Invite on Aug. 26 and first place at the Bolingbrook Raider Varsity Invite on Sept. 2.

On Sept. 12, for the first time in program history, the team defeated Carmel High School.

“Carmel is consistently one of the top schools in our conference,” Selvaggio said. “Our players didn’t know history was on the line [until] I told them after our doubles team clinched the win. I am hoping that this is the first of many more big accomplishments to come.”

Getting a new coach has been an adjustment for the players.

“It was a shock after coach [Brian] Burns left, the team and I didn’t really know what to expect,” senior captain Kaitlyn Meyer said. “Selvaggio really cares about the program and building it up. She and [assistant] coach [Karolyn] Krol have really been supportive so far and I am excited for the rest of the season.”

Senior player Caitlyn Foggie also had to adjust to having a new coach.

“It was sad and shocking when Coach Burns left,” Foggie said. “After three years of a coach knowing how you play, a new coach is a big change, but so far [the season] is going well. Selvaggio wants us to be more confident and aggressive players, and that’s working.”

The next home match is on Oct. 3 against Marian Catholic.

ESCC championships start on Oct. 6 and state sectionals start on Oct. 13.

“I’m very optimistic,” Selvaggio said. “These girls have really good chemistry and are very dedicated and motivated. They’re taking to my coaching very well.”

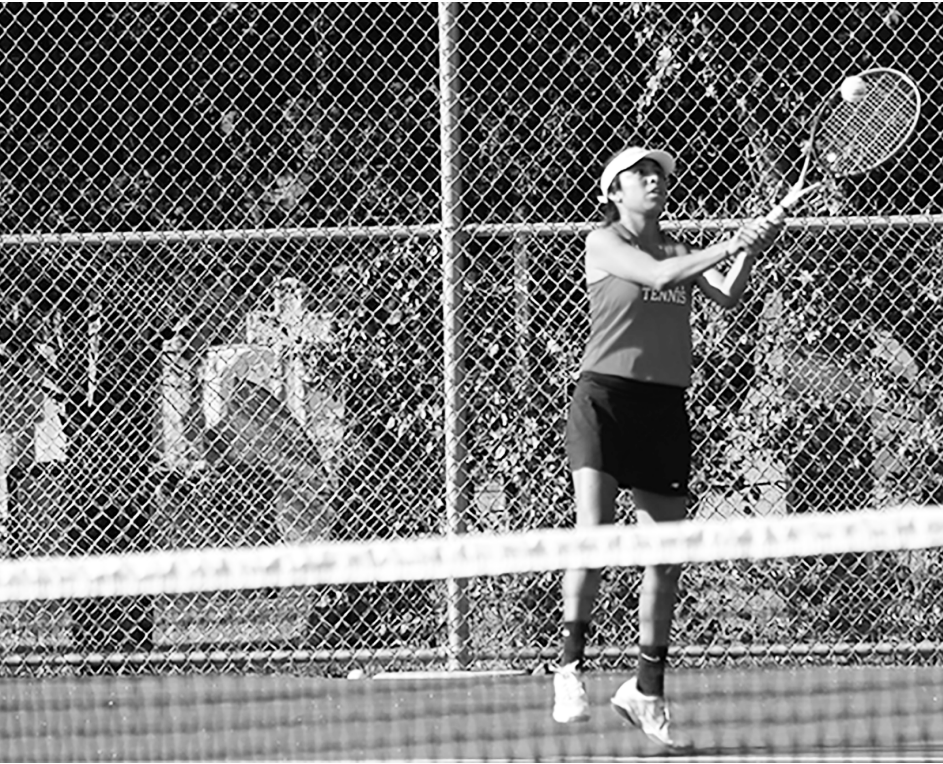


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Junior Karina Joyce jumps into the air to return a serve and help the RedHawks secure a victory over Providence on Sept. 14 at home. The team hosts Marian Catholic on Oct. 3 before heading into ESCC championship on Oct. 6 and sectionals begin on Oct. 13.

**HOMECOMING 2017: RedHawks v. St. Pat tonight at 7:30**

# Varsity football undefeated under Dawczak

Gianna Miritello  
 senior reporter

The RedHawk varsity football team plays St. Patrick High School tonight at 7:30 for the homecoming game. The team is currently 5-0 under new head coach Ron Dawczak, '93.

Dawczak was named head coach on July 17 after Pat Dunne announced that he would be leaving after nine seasons to work at a Fortune 500 Company.

"I was shocked when [Dunne] told me he was leaving," Dawczak said. "The next sentence out of his mouth was 'I would love for you to take over' and I was taken by surprise."

As a high school student, Dawczak played football all four years as a free safety and quarterback. He continued to play at the University of Chicago as a four-year starter.

Since returning to Marist in 2011, Dawczak has taught academic, honors and AP chemistry and environmental science. He started coaching freshman football in 2012.

Dawczak credits the seniors as playing a big role in his transition to head coach.

"I believe when they heard I was taking over, there was a sense of familiarity," Dawczak said. "The seniors handled the transition really well and set the tone for the rest of the team. They are such a close-knit group and there is a special bond among the whole team."

The team has six senior captains, including running back and defensive back Delonte Harrell, tight end TJ Ivy, defensive back Mike Lawlor, linebacker Danny Meehan and offensive and defensive linemen Gavin McCabe and Elijah Teague.

"The transition from Dunne to Dawczak has been great," McCabe said. "Coach Dawczak has done a phenomenal job taking over the program."

Although he is happy with the team's performance so far, Dawczak believes there is always room for improvement.

"We were very happy to come away with a win in week one against Brother Rice," Dawczak said. "I believe we didn't play up to our offensive capabilities, but in week two, our offense and defense played very well. I hope we get to be more consistent with our offense."

Taking over a varsity football team presents certain challenges that Dawczak was not exposed to in his past years of coaching.

"I had never seen all of the behind the scenes workings," he said. "Making sure everything was set for practices, getting game day preparations done and talking to player's future college coaches are some of the duties that I was never exposed to."

The team continues to focus on the goal of winning conference and state this season.

"I want the team to play an aggressive style of football," Dawczak said. "We focus on the short-term goals first, leading us toward achieving the long-term goals."



photo by Emma Brown

Varsity football head coach Ron Dawczak goes over drills with players on Sept. 14 during practice. The undefeated RedHawks play St. Pat's at home tonight at 7:30.

Dawczak is proud of the team and how the seniors have progressed since he coached them as freshmen.

"It's an honor to be named the head coach," Dawczak said. "I get a second opportunity to work with a tremendous group of student athletes and see how much they have grown and matured. For many of the players, this will be their final football season. It's my responsibility to prepare them for a greater chance of success. I want the players to be able to look back at their varsity football experience with great memories."

Sophomore forward Brian Davila (#11) regains possession of the ball in the game against Joliet Catholic on Sept. 13. The RedHawks won 3-0. The varsity team hosts Providence for senior night on Oct. 5 at 6 p.m.



photo by Emma Brown

## Seniors lead varsity soccer team

Kathleen Wilkison  
 senior reporter

Led by senior midfielder Nick Marks and senior defenders Dan Poncer, Brian Cooke and Ricky Cave, the varsity soccer team is 9-4-1 so far this season.

The team is also 4-1 in the Bloom Boys Soccer Conference, having lost to Sandburg on Sept. 12.

A season highlight came on Sept. 10 with a 3-0 victory over Br. Rice in the annual Pulaski Cup match.

This season's varsity roster also includes 10 juniors, six sophomores and one freshman.

This year's team is young," Marks said. "I was a little worried about that at first, but after playing with these guys, I think we're

really going to surprise other teams with our talent."

Head coach Sean Maxwell is confident the team can meet the high expectations he has this season.

"One of my goals is for the guys to form bonds with one another that will help them perform better on and off the field," Maxwell said. "As we improve, I expect us to get by the teams that have gotten in our way before and win conference and sectionals."

The RedHawks will host Providence next Thurs., Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. for senior night.

"I think this year's team is super underrated," Poncer said. "We're young but dangerous because we have great chemistry. We work really hard and are looking forward to a successful season."

## Girls' volleyball serves winning season

Raini Eldorado  
 senior reporter

With a record of 16-1 at press time, including wins at the Wheaton Classic and Plainfield North invite, the RedHawk girls' varsity volleyball team is looking to deliver a strong finish to the season.

"We were ranked in the top three last year," head coach Jordan Vidovic said. "Our goal is to be top of our conference this year."

The team is led by senior captains Savannah Thompson, Grace Green and Molly Murrihy.

"It's awesome because everyone on this team has great capability to lead and shows it every day in practice no matter age or position," Thompson said. "Everyone has a great mindset and grit toward our goals."

At the highly anticipated game against McAuley on Sept. 12, the RedHawks lost in two games, 20-25 and 17-25.

The team is using the loss to McAuley as motivation for the rest of the season.

"Sometimes a loss like this helps us regroup and focus on ways we can improve, junior middle blocker Mattie McCabe said. "This really fueled us to train to be better and stronger physically and mentally."

On Sept. 19 the RedHawks gave Marian Catholic their first conference loss in three games, going 23-25, 28-26 and 25-17.

"Beating an undefeated team was definitely a confidence booster for us," senior outside hitter Maggie Meyer said. "It helped us realize that we're capable of much more than we thought."

The RedHawks play in the ASICS Challenge Tournament at McAuley beginning at 5 tonight.



Senior setter Molly Murrihy gets ready to serve the ball against Mother McAuley on Sept. 12. The RedHawks return to McAuley tonight at 5 to play in the ASICS Challenge Tournament.

photo by Michelle O'Connell