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Peregrinivā Veritatis
"Pilgrims on the Way of Truth"

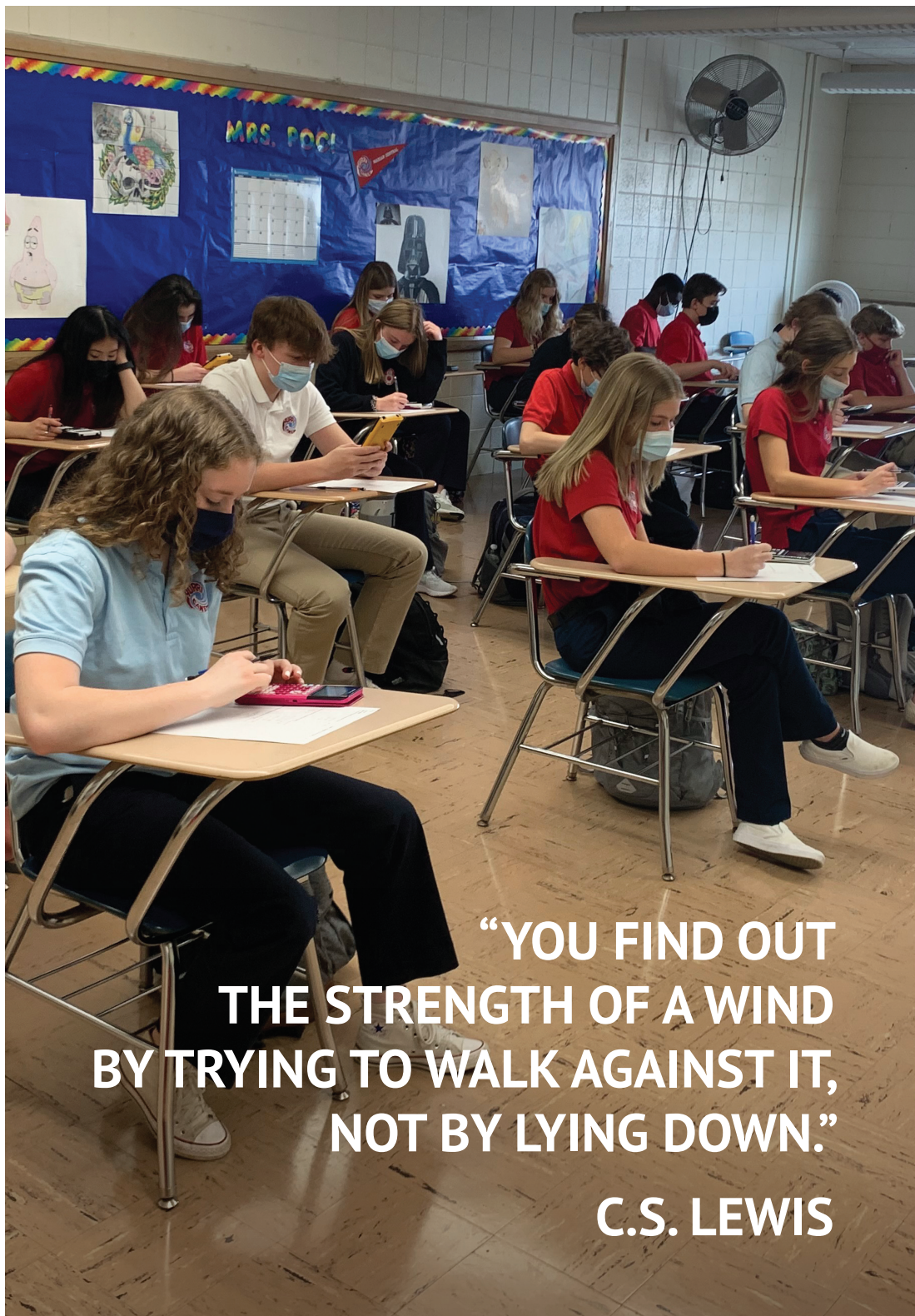
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HURRICANE ALERT



"YOU FIND OUT
THE STRENGTH OF A WIND
BY TRYING TO WALK AGAINST IT,
NOT BY LYING DOWN."

C.S. LEWIS

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY RETIREMENT, MS. CARVER!

ERIN CARVER has been teaching physical education at Marian Central since 1991 and is retiring after 30 years. Ms. Carver's teaching style, sense of humor, and willingness to give great advice when needed, have been loved by students, alumni, and colleagues. All have been greatly impacted by her and have carried memories with them throughout their careers and lives. Some of the memories include her dressing up as Longfellow the Whale while teaching water safety class, the Rescuer Wall of Fame, and teaching First Aid to sophomores. A few alumni and colleagues have shared the impact Ms. Carver had on their lives.



"I always looked forward to Ms. Carver's class during the day. I remember she cared about every student in the class. Ms. Carver made learning Health and P.E. fun by doing fun projects or sharing her great sense of humor. All the best to her on her next endeavors."

- **DARREN STASS '12**

"I was NOT athletic and have huge hair, so I didn't like to sweat. Ms. Carver gave me a couple extra minutes to get myself together, and I'm sure, found my lack of coordination comical. She had us doing yoga before it was "cool", and Jane Fonda VHS tapes way after it wasn't. I'm so happy to see her in the halls when I come back to substitute teach. Cheers to a fabulous retirement, Ms. Carver!"

- **JEN (LEUCHT) EDDY '93**

"Ms. Carver is one of my most favorite teachers! She was amazing and dedicated to ALL of us! I'm grateful and honored to have been her student. I was having a hard time at home and she always made me feel special. I'll never forget how the volleyball team went down state and I didn't have any money to get the team t-shirt. I didn't say a word, but she instinctively knew. She gave me a t-shirt and I will always be grateful. Blessings on her new adventure in life. Thank you so much, Ms. Carver!"

- **LESLEY (DELIHANT) BRADY '95**

"Erin has attended soccer games in Schaumburg to watch Marian players. She cheers hard from the sidelines and lets them know that she supports them. It is much appreciated by the students and parents alike."

- **LISA GHITA, MARIAN CENTRAL FRENCH TEACHER**

"She was one of the best volleyball coaches I ever had!"

- **RACHAEL (SCHROEDER) HIDAY '03**

"She came to St. Mary of Woodstock dressed as "Longfellow the Whale" to talk to the kids. Some of the younger kids were frightened of this big, talking whale, and Ms. Carver was trying to comfort them dressed up like a big whale."

- **CALEIGH WIDMAYER '18**

"My favorite memories with Coach Carver are when we would stop and get food on the way home from golf matches. One time, we stopped at Fratello's in Volo and she parked the MC bus right next to a light pole. When we tried to get out of the bus, the door wouldn't open because of how close she parked! We had many great laughs as a team. My sophomore year, the girls golf team went to State and I'll never forget the time we all spent together. Whether it was in the classroom or on the course, Ms. Carver always cared for her students and her team. Thank you, Coach Carver, for giving me 4 great years of golf and even more life lessons for down the road!"

- **KELLY ANDERSON '19**

"She gave me a nickname that still sticks with me. She called me Bunson. Congrats Ms. Carver!"

- **MICHAEL BOERNER '95**

"After 30 years of teaching, Erin Carver is retiring. I would like to share with you what she has meant to me as a coach, teacher, and mentor. As a coach, Erin has been a part of state golf and volleyball teams and has taken many individual athletes down state for golf and cross country. I'll never forget one of the first times I met Erin and asked her what she was doing for practice that day. She said, "Going out for ice cream." She never forgot that we are working with kids, and sports should be fun, as well as competitive. She built confidence in players, emphasized team over individuals, and made sure the kids learned the necessary skills to become successful. As a teacher, Erin has taught me a lot about teaching, working with students, being patient, and how to get seniors, with 1 month of school left, to do something productive. She created our Rescuer Wall of Fame and our CPR 100% Club. With courage and forward thinking, she has developed and shaped the P.E. program into an effective department changing students' lives for the better, including my own. Her passion for teaching is evident every day and will be hard to replace, if it can be at all. As a mentor, Erin has been the big sister I never had. She's been the person I talk to when something great happens, someone to complain to, or someone to bounce ideas off of. She has given me great advice, even tough advice that I may not have wanted to hear but needed to hear. She does it in a way that is always kind and has always put my needs before her own. When I finish speaking to Erin, even if it's just for a few minutes, I feel better, more relaxed, and more confident in my abilities. Unfortunately, every great story must come to an end. Whether you are a student, teacher, coach, or friend, she has made a difference in all our lives and we are forever grateful for Erin."

- **BENJI WINKELMAN '92**

"Erin was always a riot. She brought so much joy to that gym. The look of pure happiness on her face when we made it to state in 2005 is everlasting in my mind. A huge thank you to her for always letting us use her room for team talks and film. That room was integral in many important conversations and game plans."

- **COACH LAURA WATLING**

"Ms. Carver always had a nickname for me. She called me Swinney. There was one time I scared her because my elbows are hyper-extended. I made it look as if my arm was broken. She was also amazed at my flexibility for the sit and reach test and made me feel so accomplished for it. She was a great teacher and role model! Good luck to her and congratulations!"

- **BRITTANY (WITEK) ECKER '98**

"One of Erin's strengths as a coach was her ability to develop positive relationships with her players. She truly cared about her players. She remembered the game was supposed to be fun, and she always had the best interest of her players in mind. Erin was a wonderful role model and mentor to her players. As part of the coaching staff, Erin made us all laugh. She could be counted on to find the humor in any situation. Marian was blessed to have Erin on its staff for so many years. She impacted the lives of many, many students both in the classroom and on the court. She will be missed."

- **COACH DEB RAKERS**



INTERVIEW WITH MS. ERIN CARVER

What is your favorite memory from teaching at Marian Central? Although there are too many favorite memories to write about during her 30 years at Marian Central, Ms. Erin Carver recalls just some of her favorites.

•When the Harry Potter books were popular, Mrs. Larsen and I invented a Quidditch game for the freshmen and sophomores. The students brought their own capes and hats, and we supplied the small brooms. The kids had a great time.

•Taking both the boys and girls golf teams to the State tournaments. What happened at Illinois State University and Decatur stays at Illinois State University and Decatur!

•Lunches in the faculty room with other faculty members. You would be surprised how crazy and silly teachers can be when they are away from the students. A little bit of advice...never eat black frosting before you return to class!

•During the first few days of learning CPR, I would play different music so the students would perform compressions with the right tempo. A couple favorite songs are, "Another One Bites the Dust" and "Stayin' Alive." Instead of counting the compressions, they would be singing. One Halloween, a student was dressed as a rooster while performing CPR.

•Becoming a member of the 100% Club for CPR. Heimlich and unconscious choking are very hard maneuvers to learn. You must perform each skill perfectly and score a 95% or above on the written test. I've always loved when students, who've struggled academically, performed the skills perfectly and earned their place on the wall.

•The students had to make a First Aid/Wounds video that included all types of wounds. Some favorite videos of mine have been when a student and his crew went to a local playground to show how unsafe the playground could be. Another favorite video of mine was when a student dressed up as Santa Claus and drove construction equipment to show how easy it is to have an accident.

What sports have you coached while at Marian?

The first year I was at Marian, back in 1991, I coached both volleyball and cheerleading in the fall and track in the spring. I coached both the freshmen and sophomore volleyball teams from 1991-2005. During those years, we had several great varsity teams. Our trips to state tournaments provided great memories and experiences for both the players and coaches. I was the first coach of the girls soccer program in 1994. The first girls game of the season was the first game of soccer I ever saw! I had a lot to learn. I coached girls JV and Varsity soccer from 2002-2004. I went on to coach both the boys and girls golf teams from 2006-2020. There is a big difference between coaching a team sport and coaching an individual sport. One of my favorite seasons was this last one. Due to COVID, several girls from the volleyball team played golf. Because of their team sport experience, they showed their golf teammates what it means to be a member of a true team. They were a great group of girls and provided some great memories during a difficult time.

Who is Longfellow, the whale?

Longfellow was a program sponsored by the Red Cross. The focus of the program was teaching water safety to first and second graders. Several sophomores took the training and then went to several of the local grade schools to teach the information they learned during the training. The program mascot was Longfellow, the whale. The Red Cross purchased a Longfellow costume for us to use. Picture a very large blue whale wearing orange bathing trunks, a lifeguard hat, and a whistle. The Red Cross wanted Longfellow to "perform" at the presentations. The person who wore the costume had to be an adult, which was me! I visited the schools with a sophomore student who helped me



Time goes by so very fast,
It's so hard to believe.
It's time for your retirement.
Time for feeling free.
You've worked so very hard
To make this dream come true,
And no one else deserves it
Any more than you.
You have had some rough times,
You've made it through them all.
You made the best of what life brings,
And, today, you're standing tall.
We wish you days of happiness,
Not filled with any strife.
We hope that your retirement years
Are the best years of your life!

get in and out of the costume and direct me to the correct location. I was told, "don't worry about the heat, there is a fan in the head to keep you cool." There was a fan in the costume, but in all my years as Longfellow, the whale, it never worked! The presentations were always done on the hottest days of the school year. I had to keep cold water bottles in the legs of the costume.

What are your plans for retirement?

Before COVID, I had plans to travel and do all the things on my ever-growing bucket list. Not knowing what is going to happen, I'm taking a wait-and-see attitude. In the meantime, I have plenty of projects at home that can finally be started.

What will you miss the most about Marian?

I will miss my department members the most. Over the past 30 years, Marian has had the greatest people and teachers who have been members of the P.E. Department. We always got along and truly enjoyed working together. I will miss my students and the look on their faces when they finally "get it" or perform a skill they never thought they could do; that is what teaching is all about. I will miss Marian. The day-to-day activities, walking the halls, talking with other faculty members and students, waving to kids in other classes as I walk by, Marian Masses, getting ready each day, the gyms, the wonderful women who work in the main office, the maintenance crew,

and my office located in the girls' locker room.

What are your greatest achievements here at Marian?

Excluding my first year in 1991, I have taught all sophomore students at Marian. I estimate that I have taught about 4,500 students at Marian. Except for this year, due to COVID, ALL those students had the opportunity to be certified by the Red Cross. I started the Rescuer Wall of Fame in 2000. Students come into First Aid class thinking that it's all about performing CPR on someone, delivering babies, broken bones, blood, and gore. Many of the students say that they will never feel comfortable giving first aid. I wanted to show them that first aid can be as simple as making a phone call or sitting with someone, keeping them calm until help arrives. The rule was if you do something that MIGHT have saved a life, then you belong on the Rescuer Wall of Fame. Currently, there are over 100 crosses on the wall explaining what the students did to help during an emergency. From sitting with an elderly woman who scraped her knee when she fell down the stairs to a student giving CPR to an infant in a grocery store. One student was on the cross-country team and gave up her chance to win State to help a runner from another school who was unable to run any further. Two years ago, we started a Pet Rescuer Wall of Fame. The first student to make that wall saved her choking guinea pig by doing an improvised version of the Heimlich maneuver.



Alumni Awards & Hall of Fame

On Thursday, January 28, 2021, the Development Office had the honor, at a virtual ceremony, to recognize three Alumni Award winners: Kent Cooney '69, Scott Smith '94, and Patrick McDonald '02. Additionally, Marian inducted five individuals into the Hall of Fame: Kailey (Husby) Walter '04, Tori Stock '09, Jon Budmayer '09, Erin (McConnell) Widmayer '92, and Coach Laura Watling. Even though we couldn't be together in person, we were honored to have the opportunity to recognize our Alumni Award winners and Hall of Fame inductees.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENT

KENT COONEY '69 is currently an independent director at the Chicago Rivet and Machine Company, director and officer at Woodstock Country Club, and director and owner of Kingston Lanes in Woodstock. In addition to volunteering and being a board member and director of many organizations, he worked as a partner at a national accounting firm for 21 years and retired as the director of Chicagoland Financial Service Group in 1997. From 2002 through 2007, he was the founding executive director for The Community Foundation for McHenry County, which now has a \$35 million endowment and annually grants \$2 million to county non-profits. Mr. Cooney states, "My greatest accomplishment is my four children: Brandy, Jordan, Cole, and Alexe, all Marian graduates who have gone on to become thoughtful, wonderful people and parents. For that, I am blessed and humbled."

ALUMNI EXCELLENCE AWARD

SCOTT SMITH '94 is currently the co-owner of Alpha Infrastructure Partners. In 2016, he was voted Best Under 40 by the Northwest Herald, and in 2017, one of his companies, Miller Formless, received the Business Champion award from the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Smith volunteered at Home of the Sparrow from 2011 through 2017 and acted as president from 2015 through 2017. He has also been active with Marian Central and Marquette's Alumni Associations.

PATRICK McDONALD '02 was recognized for multiple combat deployments to Iraq as a United States Marine and we thank him for his service to our country. While in the Marines, he received the Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Iraqi Campaign Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, and a Sea Service Deployment Medal. Mr. McDonald is the Director of Sales at WISC-TV in Madison, Wisconsin.

KAILEY (HUSBY) WALTER '04 played soccer during an exciting time in Marian Central history. During her sophomore year, Kailey was a starter on the first IHSA Regional Championship team. Her teams helped start a string of three consecutive IHSA Regional Championships. Her class graduated as one of the most decorated and successful classes in girls soccer history. The 14 team wins in both her junior and senior year tied the school record for the most in one season. Kailey went on to play at Viterbo University receiving many academic and athletic awards. She was recruited by the U.S. Soccer Federation as a Senior Human Resources Generalist. The U.S. Soccer Federation is the governing body of soccer in the United States and develops the national team for World Cup play.

JONATHAN BUDMAYER '09 was a four-year starting quarterback for the Marian Central football team. He led his team to the Class 5A State title game as a sophomore and the State Semifinals as a junior. Jon holds Marian Central records with most completions and most passing yards in his high school career. He is 4th overall in passing touchdowns and 5th overall in passing yards during one season. Jon was ranked #1 quarterback in Illinois, #10 player in the state, and 17th best pro-style player quarterback in the nation by Rivals. He was ranked in ESPN's top 150 and MaxPreps top 100. He was also ranked as the #52 player in the Midwest. He was All-Area honorable mention as a freshman, team MVP, First-Team All-Area and All-Conference as a sophomore, and First-Team All-Conference and two-time Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Week selection as a junior. His last healthy full season of football came in his junior year with the Hurricanes when he took them to the Class 5A playoff semifinals. In that season he missed four games with a hamstring injury, but he returned to throw for more than 1,000 yards in four playoff games. Jon's senior season at Marian Central lasted one quarter when he suffered a broken collarbone in the opener. Jon's injuries did not stop him from receiving a Division 1 scholarship to the University of Wisconsin, where he went on to be the quarterbacks coach.

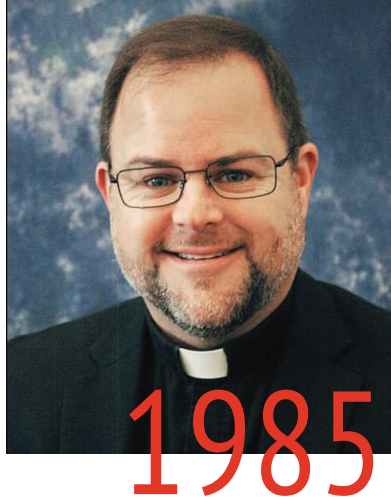
VICTORIA STOCK '09 was one of the most accomplished female golfers in Marian Central history. She was a varsity letter winner and McHenry County Champion all four years. Tori was a three-time winner of the Northwest Herald's Girls Golfer of the Year award. During her time at Marian Central, she won two IHSA Regionals and competed at the State final all three years. Her best finish at State Finals was 13th place during her junior year. Tori went on to play at the University of Minnesota where she earned two varsity letters.

FRIEND OF MARIAN, ERIN (McCONNELL) WIDMAYER '92 has volunteered countless hours to help promote Marian Central Athletics, including being a member of the Hall of Fame Committee. As the head of the Art Department for 23 years, Erin makes posters for every senior student-athlete. She has volunteered her time to work at numerous sporting events. Whenever needed, she is always there to answer the call. Marian Central Athletics has played a role in Erin's life since high school, where she played softball and volleyball. Upon her return, she coached volleyball for six years, was assistant coach and head coach for girls golf, and coached softball for 18 years. She was voted the Northwest Herald's Softball Coach of the Year in 2005.

COACH LAURA WATLING is the winningest coach in Marian Central volleyball history. She spent 17 years as a volleyball coach, nine years as an assistant varsity coach under Deb Rakers, and eight years as head varsity coach. As head coach, her team won eight Regional Championships (most of any Marian coach and won every year she was the head coach), six Sectional Championships (most of any Marian coach), and four Super-Sectional Championships. Her team finished 3rd at State in 2010, 2nd at State in 2011 and 2016, and were State Champions in 2015. Coach Watling was a four-time Northwest Herald Volleyball Coach of the Year and ESCC Conference Coach of the Year in 2016. During her 8-year tenure as head coach, 15 players went on to play volleyball in college, nine at the Division 1 level.



Rev. Michael Fuller



REV. MICHAEL FULLER, of Washington, D.C., was appointed Associate General Secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on November 19, 2020. Father Fuller, a priest of the Diocese of Rockford, has served as executive director of the USCCB's Secretariat of Doctrine and Canonical Affairs since August 2016. He will continue to lead the secretariat while also serving as administrator of pastoral offices and member of the executive staff. Prior to his service at the USCCB, Father Fuller was an instructor, assistant professor, and chair of the Department of Christian Life (2002-2011), and then became an associate professor and chair of the Department of Spiritual Theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary (2011-2016). He was editor of the Chicago Studies Theological Journal (2012-2016). He served as spiritual director and instructor for the Diaconate Formation Program of the Diocese of Rockford. He taught at the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University (2004-2008) and was an instructor in Health Care Ethics at Saint Anthony School of Nursing in Rockford, Illinois (1998-2000). He also served as associate pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Loves Park, Illinois (1997-2000). Father Fuller holds a Doctorate in Sacred Theology. He also holds a Master of Divinity, a Licentiate of Sacred Theology, and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockford in 1997. Prior to entering seminary formation, Father Fuller spent two years in Swaziland, Africa, as a Peace Corps volunteer. Father Fuller has written extensively in numerous scholarly publications and is the author of two books: *Daily Prayer 2008* and *The Virgin Martyrs: A Hagiographical and Mystagogical Interpretation*.

Lcdr Bethany Busch

LCDR BETHANY BUSCH, of Belleville, IL, is a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. She received her commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program in December 2001. While attending the University of Illinois, Bethany participated in the Navy Marine Mammal Internship Program and earned a Bachelor of Science in animal sciences. Her initial assignment was Communications Officer on the USS HAYLER (DD 997), conducting counter drug operations off the western coast of South America. Upon the decommissioning of USS HAYLER, she then reported as the Engineering Training Officer on the USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59), supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom from the Arabian Sea. Having completed her initial sea tours, Bethany was assigned as a lead instructor for the International Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island, educating U.S. and International Officers in maritime strategy, tactics, and operations. During her time as an instructor, she also fulfilled an Individual Augmentation assignment with a Joint Special Operations Task Force in Balad, Iraq, where she served as the Force Manager for over ten thousand service members in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa. Upon return from her assignment to Iraq, Bethany headed the development and implementation of the Surface Warfare Officer Introduction Course, piloted in December 2008. As a Department Head, she served as the Commissioning Chief Engineer on the USS SPRUANCE (DDG 111) and was acting Executive Officer during all extended leave periods. She was then hand selected to serve as the Readiness Officer N7 ("N" designates special forces and the "7" refers to the highest level of proficiency) on the DESRON (Destroyer Squadron) 23 and embarked on the USS NIMITZ as the Sea Combat Commander. Bethany then served as the Chief of Staff during a gap in the Deputy Commodore billet while conducting operations in Fifth Fleet with the NIMITZ Strike Group. As the Operations Officer (N3), she was directly responsible for planning and executing numerous multi-national exercises and operations for multiple surface combatants. Bethany assumed command of the USS WHIRLWIND (PC 11) in July 2014, deployed in Bahrain. While in command, USS WHIRLWIND earned a Meritorious Unit Commendation. In 2016, she reported to Navy Expeditionary Combat Forces Central/Task Force 56 as the Readiness Officer (N7), where she was responsible for the management of sustained readiness for 9 subordinate task groups, totaling over 1,000 personnel, and the CTF (Commander, Task Force) 56 staff of 44. Bethany served as the Operations Analysis and Assessments Branch Chief and is currently the Joint Exercises Branch Chief at U.S. Transportation Command. Bethany has led the United

States Transportation Command worldwide COVID-19 response efforts as the Chief of Staff for the COVID-19 Task Force. The U.S. Transportation Command executed the first ever global repatriation of U.S. citizens from other countries as the borders closed and delivered life-saving equipment and protective gear to medical facilities across the country and Europe. They were able to transport critically ill patients utilizing specially designed transportation units. Bethany holds an MBA from Colorado Technical University. Her personal decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal (2), Navy Commendation Medal (7), Navy Achievement Medal (3) and various unit and campaign ribbons. After twenty years of service to our country as an Officer in the U.S. Navy, Bethany will be retiring in January 2022.

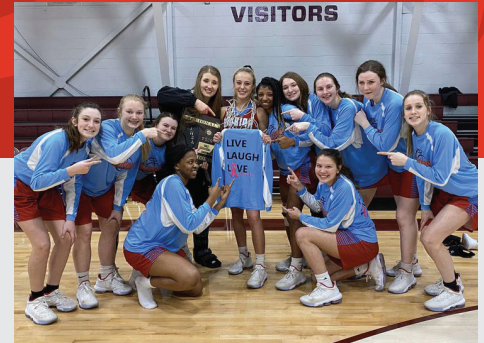
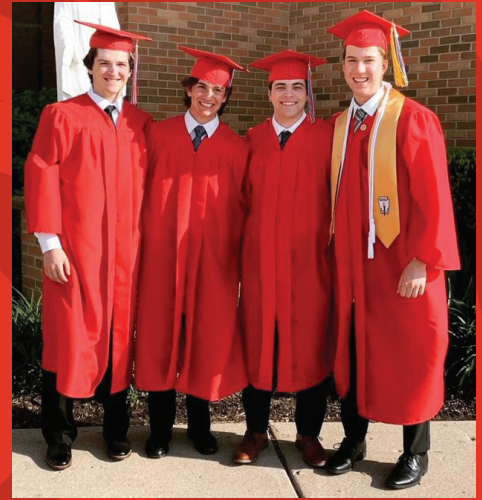


Lt. Cmdr. Bethany Busch getting into a bomb suit during International Mine Countermeasures Exercise (IMCMEX) 16. IMCMEX 16 is a multilateral exercise using all aspects of defensive maritime warfare including mine countermeasures, maritime security operations and maritime infrastructure protection to demonstrate the global resolve to maintain commerce throughout the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

Bethany and her brother, **Chris Busch '93**, in Pensacola, FL, following Chris' graduation from the U.S. Navy Strike/Fighter School (the school where Naval Pilots and Flight Officers earn their wings of gold). He was awarded the "Top Gun" award for being the top graduate of his class.

HURRICANE DAY

Marian Central alumni and friends strengthen our remarkable high school by giving back. On November 17, 2020, the Marian Central community came together to raise more than \$18,000 in donations, directing their gifts to the area of the school they care about most. During the COVID-19 pandemic, donors have answered our call for help. Thanks to your generosity, Hurricanes persevered during a year marked by change and disruption. 69 donors provided much-needed aid to students, fine arts renovations, athletic facility improvements, and air-conditioning. Because of your generosity, we can continue to provide outstanding educational experiences to the next generation of Hurricanes! If you are still interested in making a gift to Hurricane Day, visit Hurricaneday.givesmart.com. Thank you for supporting our students!



Because of you....

"I have gained many new friends and the confidence to talk to new people." Cody Brockner '24

"I have made countless friends and have grown stronger in my faith." Thomas Bubala '24

"I have grown both academically and spiritually because of the many different opportunities that are offered here at Marian." Patrick Kumm '22

"I have gained leadership skills that will last a lifetime through Key Club. I felt welcomed in the Marian community both by peers and teachers.

I know that my teachers are always willing to help me be as successful as I can be." Paris Marshall '22

"I learned how to be more independent and self-reliable." Leah Miller '24

"I get to go to school in-person and meet new people and make new friends." Amanda Burr '24



Paint and Sip

On April 11, 2021, the Development Office was so happy to host our first in-person fundraising event since the pandemic, where we raised over \$3,000. The attendees enjoyed painting, drinks, snacks, and mingling with friends. Thank you to all who attended the Paint and Sip and to all who participated in the auction! A special shout out to Dr. Pinnau and his wife, Joy, for being the artist and brains behind the event!



ALUMNI: CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 1962

DAVID FRISCH of Carbondale, IL, is retired from the construction industry. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Carolyn.

CLASS OF 1963

BARBARA (SHANNON) DAVIDSON of Chicago, IL, is a retired public nurse. She enjoys spending time with her four children and five grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1965

WILLIAM REDLIN of Reston, VA, is enjoying retired life with his wife, Nina, and their grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1966

CATHERINE WESTPHAL of Glencoe, IL, is a retired vice president of Santa Fe Railway.

RICHARD HARMS of McHenry, IL, and **JAMES RIEDL** of Crystal Lake, IL, sold Countryside Flower Shop, Nursery, and Garden Center, and its private growing facilities, Garden Valley Greenhouses. Richard and James purchased Countryside in 1973 and expanded the business from its original 13-acre footprint to 28 colorful acres that included a completed nursery, floral department, garden center, and landscape department. As customer needs grew, they continued to expand the business' growing capabilities by purchasing Garden Valley Greenhouses. This facility included new technologies to improve growing methods and ensure proper climates were maintained for production of quality plant inventory. Richard is enjoying retirement fishing and golfing with family and friends in Hayward, Wisconsin; Cape Coral, Florida; and on Bull Shoals Lake in Arkansas. James is enjoying retirement spending time with his wife and grandchildren. He also enjoys bowling with his friends and their annual Canadian fishing trip.



CLASS OF 1971

RICHARD ROSING of Houston, TX, is a professor at Houston Community College.

BARBARA SULLIVAN of DeKalb, IL, is enjoying retired life.

CLASS OF 1976

MARY (OLSZAK) MATTHEI of Lake in the Hills, IL, is an administrative assistant in the Financial Aid Office at McHenry County College, where she has worked for 21 years. In October 2020, Mary graduated from Columbia College with a Bachelor of Arts in general studies, and a minor in communications and women's studies.

CLASS OF 1995

PATRICK SPANBAUER of Warner Robins, GA, has been serving in the Navy/Navy Reserves since 2005. His current unit supports the Freedom-class littoral combat ships, based in Mayport, Florida. Patrick is also involved with performing funeral honors to Navy veterans who have passed away.

CLASS OF 2000

AMANDA (PIERCE) ELLIS of Dunlap, IL, is the principal at Dunlap Grade School. Mandy was named the 2020 Illinois Elementary Principal of the Year from the Illinois Principals Association and was recognized in the 2020 Class of National Distinguished Principals. She was also named the 2020 Bradley University Outstanding Young Alumni.

CLASS OF 2003

JOHN BRUNNER of Avignon, France, is the regional exporter and marketing manager at Terrisson Wines. Based in southern France, John manages export sales and business development to distributors, importers, and retailers based in the Midwest, Rocky Mountains, Alberta, and British Columbia.

LIZ (FRIESEN) ROSCOE of Port Orchard, WA, is the ombudsman for the JAG Corps of the U.S. Navy. She was named the 2019 Military Spouse of the Year for Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton, and advocates for U.S. Navy families around the world. She received the President's Volunteer Service Award-Gold for her volunteer service to the military. She lives with her husband, Avery, and their four children: Matthew, 9; Julia, 7; Benjamin, 5; and Mark Joseph, 2. Liz volunteers most of her time at her children's parish school.

CLASS OF 2008

EMILY (ORTLIEB) RICCIARDI of San Diego, CA, received her Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2019. She completed a legal fellowship with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees U.S. Protection Unit and is currently stationed in the San Diego office as a legal associate. Emily manages individual caseloads, leads efforts to connect refugees with legal and psycho-social services, and works with authorities in the U.S. and Mexico to ensure preservation and reinstatement of the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. She is a member of the Minnesota Bar Association.

CLASS OF 2010

VICTORIA (MAHER) JONES of Memphis, TN, is a licensed social worker in Student Health and Counseling Services at the University of Memphis.

CLASS OF 2012

ALLISON (KOTLEBA) GOTTARDO of Streamwood, IL, is a solution design lead at Redwood Logistics.

CLASS OF 2018

LUCCA KENYON of Woodstock, IL, works with Right to Life McHenry County hosting a family- friendly, local Biking for Babies event. Biking for Babies is a national nonprofit that works with pregnancy resource centers around the nation. Their mission is to transform the culture by sharing life-saving stories from pregnancy resource centers, raising financial and spiritual support for these centers, and forming pro-life missionaries. Every year, young adults participate in a six-day national ride with starting points in Colorado, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Mississippi. All routes meet in St. Louis, forming a cross which stretches throughout the nation, making for a total of roughly 2,600 miles. Last year, Lucca and her teammates participated in the national ride, where they biked over 600 miles in 5 days.

WEDDINGS

CLASS OF 2009

TERESA LEAHEY of Hinsdale, IL, married Daniel Carmody on November 21, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois.



ALYSSA MITCHARD of Nashville, TN, married Robert Bryant on September 12, 2020, in Lebanon, Tennessee.



AMANDA SKOWRONSKI of Chicago, IL, married Miguel Escobar on June 13, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois.



CLASS OF 2010

VERONICA McMASTER of Janesville, IA, married Alan Monaghan on September 19, 2020, in Dubuque, Iowa.



CLASS OF 2012

ALLISON KOTLEBA of Streamwood, IL, married Jeremy Gottardo on October 17, 2020, in Algonquin, Illinois.



KAILYN TEETER of West Bend, WI, married Zachary Anderson on September 28, 2019.

BIRTHS

CLASS OF 2000

MANDY (PIERCE) ELLIS of Dunlap, IL, and husband, Brett, welcomed Evelyn Joan on June 20, 2020. She joins big sisters, Lydia and Lauren.



LAURA LEVY of Chicago, IL, and husband, Andrew Wendt, welcomed Axel Andrew Wendt on August 19, 2020.



CLASS OF 2006

MELISSA (GATZA) UDELHOFEN of Ellenwood, GA, and husband, Melvin, welcomed Mara Ann Marie on January 30, 2021. Mara weighed 6 lb 6 oz and was 19 in. long.



CLASS OF 2007

ALEX LaBRACKE of Johnstown, CO, and wife, Lisa, welcomed Emmaline Mae on October 8, 2020. Emmaline weighed 6 lb 12.5 oz and was 20.5 in. long.



CLASS OF 2008

SAMANTHA (SHERWOOD) ANDERSON of Dubuque, IA, and husband, Casey, welcomed Parker Eva on March 16, 2021. Parker weighed 8 lb 6 oz and was 21.5 in. long.



CLASS OF 2009

JAMES CREATH of Lake in the Hills, IL, and wife, Meghan, welcomed Cooper James on January 14, 2021. Cooper weighed 8 lb 3 oz and was 20 in. long.

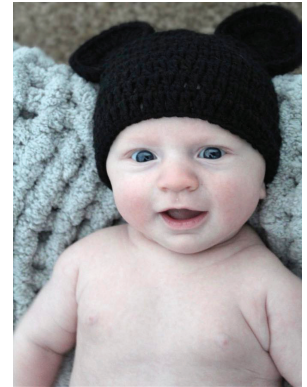


IAN AND CASSANDRA (SROKA) IRIZARRY of Garden Prairie, IL, welcomed Marcus Grey on December 1, 2020. Marcus was 8 lb 4.5 oz and was 21.25 in. long.



STEPHANIE (ROBSON)

SUCHOWSKI of Harvard, IL, and husband, Phillip, welcomed Liam Phillip on November 17, 2020. Liam weighed 9 lb 3 oz and was 23 in. long.

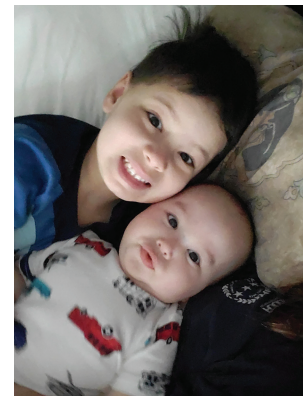


CLASS OF 2008

MARLEY (SHERWOOD) GIERL of Crystal Lake, IL, and husband, Chris, welcomed Everett Lee on February 26, 2021. Everett weighed 7 lb 15 oz and was 20 in. long.



JESSICA (KOLNER) MUNGUIA of Bolingbrook, IL, and husband, Matthew, welcomed Weston Gerald on April 10, 2020. Weston weighed 7 lb 10 oz and was 18 in. long. He joins big brother, Max.



BIRTHS CONTINUED

CLASS OF 2011

MORGAN (SAATHOFF) HARDEN of Palatine, IL, and husband, Daniel, welcomed Trenton Michael on January 11, 2021. Trenton weighed 7 lb 11 oz and was 20 in. long. He joins big brother, Wesley, and big sister, Jillian.



ELIZABETH (BURALLI) MOY of Crystal Lake, IL, and husband, **ALEX '03**, welcomed Izumi on March 30, 2020. Izumi weighed 7 lb 12 oz and was 20.5 in. long.



CLASS OF 2012

ALYSE (KOLNER) LAURISHKE of Gilberts, IL, and husband, Michael, welcomed Mia Elizabeth on October 18, 2020. Mia weighed 7 lb 15 oz and was 21 in. long. She joins big sister, Zoey.



Alumni

JUDITH KETTMANN '63, April 4, 2020

ILONA RUSSELL '67, July 25, 2020

FRANK HORA '65, November 23, 2020

TODD McCOY '95, March 8, 2021

Family

CHERYL RABINE, October 31, 2020, mother of **Austin Rabine '05**, **Janelle Rabine '07**, **Jordain (Rabine) Malavolti '08**, and **Nikita Rabine '20**

SUSAN PODOLSKI, March 12, 2021, mother of **Ryan Podolski '98**

ROBERT HOFFMAN, April 5, 2021, faculty member, 1974-1978

KATHRYN BOLGER, January 19, 2021, mother of **Thomas Bolger '68**, **Cynthia (Bolger) Schmidt '70**, **Mary Ellen (Bolger) Stanek '74**, **David Bolger '75**, **Ann Kathryn (Bolger) Cates '78**, and **Susan (Bolger) Hamar '82**

MARY (RINGNESS) SHERWOOD, February 16, 2020, mother of **James Ringness '78**, **Jennifer (Ringness) Schnepf '82**, **Amy (Ringness) Perkins '83**, **Terrance Sherwood '79**, and **Timothy Sherwood '81**; grandmother of **Jana (Blake) Dickson '04**, **Tara (Blake) Kirwan '13**, **Michael Blake '18**, **Christopher Schnepf '11**, **Benjamin Schnepf '14**, **David Gorski '04**, **Carolyn Gorski '08**, **Rachel Gorski '12**, **Kathleen (Sherwood) Cooper '06**, **Jack Sherwood '07**, **Margaret Sherwood '08**, **Ann Sherwood '09**, **Samantha (Sherwood) Anderson '08**, **Marley (Sherwood) Gierl '10**, **Michael Sherwood '13**

PATRICK NOONAN, July 30, 2020, father of **Kevin Noonan '81**, **Steve Noonan '82**, and **Sean Noonan '87**; grandfather of **Patrick Noonan '07**, **Danny Noonan '10**

JIM LALOR, January 29, 2020, father of **Laura Lalor '85**, **Joseph Lalor '86**, **Michael Lalor '90**, **Christopher Lalor '93**, and **Timothy Lalor '93**

MARGARET CAREY, March 16, 2021, mother of **Michael Carey '71**, **Joseph Carey '72**, **Patricia (Carey) Mysak '73**, **Kathleen (Carey) Dolezal '76**, and **Thomas Carey '78**; grandmother of **Andrew Carey '02**, **Patrick Carey '05**, **Bridget (Carey) Booher '07**, **Jay Dolezal '05**, **Walker Carey '08**, **Jordan Carey '06**, and **Whitney Carey '05**

JAMES HOGEL, April 12, 2021, father of **Julia Hogel '21**, **Madison Hogel '20**, and **Tyler Hogel '18**

NICHOLAS O'HEARN, April 19, 2021, husband of **Brenna (DeFrisco) O'Hearn '01**

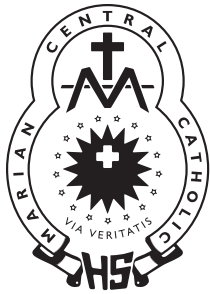
STEVE BRIGHT, April 20, 2021, father of **Jodie (Bright) Meisner '86**, **Todd Bright '84**; grandfather of **Luke Meisner '14**, **Noah Meisner '16**, and **Tess Meisner '21**

† Alumni who are italicized are deceased

LAURA CALDWELL '85 was a talented trial attorney, revered legal professor, author of 15 books, and an ardent advocate for the lives of former prisoners through the Life After Innocence project she founded. She was also a person who embraced life and lived each day to the fullest. She used her talents to make the world a better place. Laura was a role model, and one we honor at Marian Central, through the Laura Caldwell Memorial Scholarship, which is for a college bound Marian Central Senior. Classmate and friend, **Laura Littner '85** shares, "On March 1, 2020, we lost our dear friend, Laura Caldwell. Within one week, the class of 1985 mobilized and set up a scholarship at Marian Central in her name. Thanks to their generosity, we raised over \$4,850 for this scholarship. I am delighted to say will be able to fund it for at least 8 years!" We were honored to award the first recipient, **Daniel Stumpf '20**. Daniel is an amazing young man who has shown maturity and character well beyond his years. His positive attitude and selfless service to others made him the committee's unanimous choice. Congratulations, Daniel!

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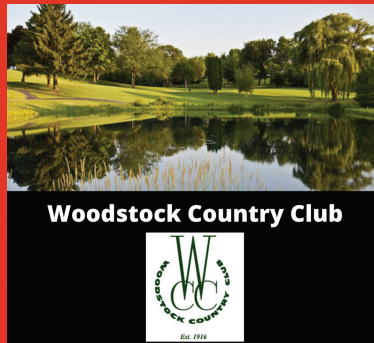
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