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Mount St. Mary's College offers a dynamic learning experience in the liberal arts and sciences to a diverse student body. As a Catholic college primarily for women, we are dedicated to providing a superior education enhanced by an emphasis on building leadership skills and fostering a spirit to serve others. Our measure of success is graduates who are committed to using their knowledge and skills to better themselves, their environments, and the world.

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Invest in the Mount

As we planned our Campaign, *Invest in the Mount*, the College chose well in its decision to describe Mount St. Mary's as diverse, distinct, and dynamic. We serve a student population that mirrors the rich ethnic diversity of greater Los Angeles. Proud of its distinction as the only Catholic college primarily for women in the western United States, the Mount responds to the evolving needs of students and those of the greater Los Angeles community. We offer students a superior education in a dynamic learning environment. Students continue to distinguish themselves in local and national competitions across the disciplines.

The Mount has always held the unwavering belief that every capable and motivated woman, regardless of economic or social background, should have the opportunity to pursue a college education. We have opened doors for generations of women, and now a few good men, who serve their communities as nurses, teachers, judges and attorneys, social workers, business leaders, physicians, public servants and professionals in ministry.

To maintain its premier influence, and to continue to flourish as a leading institution of higher education, Mount St. Mary's College must acquire additional financial resources so that we can continue to carry out our worthy mission dedicated to the education of young, aspiring women. Toward this end, the College announced a \$45 million comprehensive Campaign, *Invest in the Mount* on February 25, 2006.

At a vibrant Venetian carnivals-themed event featuring Master of Ceremonies Huell Howser, we celebrated a successful silent phase of the Campaign and rallied support for the fundraising challenges that lie ahead. That night, we paid tribute to the generosity of our alumnae and friends, and set the stage for the next three years of the Campaign. Please see our special pull-out section in the middle of this magazine for more Campaign news.

Among the remarkable donors we recognized at the gala event, we thanked The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation for an \$8 million contribution—the largest grant in the College's history. The gift will be used to revitalize the Chalon Campus as a vibrant learning community, including the renovation of the residence halls, the dining area, the bookstore, and



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the addition of an Internet café. We also paid tribute to the Bill Hannon Foundation and thanked the Hannon family for their longtime support and generous gift of \$5 million, which will underwrite the construction of a new Doheny Campus residence hall. In this magazine, you will read about more dedicated friends of the College who are making great things possible.

Our celebration reminded us that our goal to foster beauty in our environment is not only about maintaining and enhancing buildings, but also recognizing the beauty of commitment to educational excellence that our supporters demonstrate.

MSMC shines as a leader in preparing ethical professionals strongly committed to serving others. Our students learn to believe in themselves through service to others. They are encouraged to understand themselves as leaders with responsibility to the common good and to view their professional lives as a means to serve others.

This magazine showcases two alumnae who exemplify the best of MSMC, Victoria Russell Kennedy '68 and Maria Gutierrez Ott '70, '78M. These remarkable women were honored during October's Homecoming on the Chalon Campus with Outstanding Alumna Awards for 2005 (please see page 16).

As we launch our Campaign, *Invest in the Mount - Diverse, Distinct, Dynamic*, we seek your support to enhance our distinguished educational programs, while continuing to provide broad access to higher education.

An investment in the Mount is an investment in our students and the communities they will serve.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jacqueline Powers Doud
President

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A Journey Home

By Andrea Mazon '04



Andrea Mazon, second from left, celebrates her entrance as a candidate for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. With her are (L to R) Sisters: Anne McMullen, Judy Molosky '70, and Ines Telles.

September 2, 2005, was a day marked with the joyful expectation of a new, though long awaited beginning; a time of celebrating God's call in my life and eagerly, though somewhat nervously, responding. Encircled in the love of God and of the family, friends, and Sisters gathered, I began the next phase of my life's journey of discovering and ever desiring to more fully become the woman I was created to be. On that day, I entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJs) as a candidate, and am living in religious community for approximately 2 years while I continue to discern God's call and prepare for my entrance into the novitiate.

The Sisters of St. Joseph came into my life when I was a freshman and religious studies major at the Mount. Sister Mary McKay '67 was the department chair at that time as well as being my academic advisor. Sister Darlene Kawulok was one of the first—and certainly one of the most dynamic—professors I had the blessing of taking a course from. They, along with the other Sisters I met at the College and at Carondelet Center, immediately caught the attention of my heart. I was drawn to the joy they exuded and the undeniable love they had for God and all that is of God.

Before candidacy, I experienced five grace-filled years of a growing relationship with the CSJ Congregation. I attended days of prayer and

reflection, spent time at Carondelet Center with our senior Sisters, and joined in the celebrating of Jubilees. With Sisters I held vigil during executions, marched to abolish the death penalty and to end human trafficking, and prayerfully demonstrated to close the School of the Americas. Through these and so many other experiences, I came to know that I was my truest self when I was with the Community.

Life as a candidate has been infused with joys, challenges, and much transition. I marvel daily at where my journey has brought me and offer prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of candidacy and especially for life with my local community. I am privileged to live with three amazingly spirit-filled sisters: Anne McMullen, Judy Molosky '70, and Ines Telles. Their profound love of God and unwavering hearts for justice continually inspire me. Our daily life together—morning prayer, conversation over the dinner table—fortifies me in ways I could not have imagined.

I do not know what candidacy or life in the Congregation will bring, but I know that I am home.

Mazon graduated in 2004 with a B.A. in Religious Studies and English. She is currently serving as secretary in the Nursing Department on the Chalons Campus.

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Sister Annette Bower, CSJ '59 Honored at Retirement Dinner

Sister Annette Bower, CSJ '59, chair of the Biological Sciences Department at MSMC for four decades, was surrounded by colleagues, friends, and former students at her retirement dinner in November.

Sister Annette, a professor at the College for 42 years, taught and mentored young women who have gone on to a variety of careers in the sciences, many of them becoming physicians and biomedical researchers.

Since she announced her retirement last year, a \$30,000 Sister Annette Bower Endowed Scholarship for students in biological sciences has been established.

Maria Ocampo '98, Ph.D., a biomedical researcher in London, flew from England to honor her mentor. "She empowered me and she created a tradition of excellence," Ocampo said during a speech at the dinner. "We, her students, carry her seal with us. We are her ambassadors to the world. We were taught by Sister Annette, we were loved by her, and we will never forget her."

During the dinner, Sister Annette thanked her mentors, Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, CSJ '53, and Hallie Bundy '47. Both are deceased. Sister Cecilia Louise Moore was a former chair of the Physical Sciences Department who became the College's youngest president in 1967. Hallie Bundy was a former College professor who taught chemistry from 1960 to 1990 (see page 9).

Father Matthew Delaney, the College's former academic dean, said Sister Annette encouraged the less confident but capable. He also acknowledged Sister Annette's extraordinary gift for attaining grants and equipment.

Sister Annette's grant writing inspired programs that matched Mount students with the top minds in science around the country at research conferences, and it created programs that encouraged women to pursue advanced degrees. Under her leadership, the department grew from



Sister Annette Bower, CSJ '59 (far left) accepts a plaque from Kelly McGoldrick, the new chair of the Biology Department.

approximately 30 students to nearly 110 now. About 75 percent of today's Mount biology graduates go on to medical or graduate school.

"My greatest delight has come from watching these young women graduate from the Mount and go out into the world as professionals," she said. "My goal has been to infuse the perspective of women into the fields of medicine and science."

In the late 1970s, Sister Annette received a 7-year grant from the National Science Foundation to support, update, and enable women to pursue their graduate degrees. These women had dropped out of science to start their families or work but were now ready to return and go forward into graduate degree studies and further their careers.

She successfully led the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program funded with millions of dollars since 1990 by grants from the National Institutes of Health General Medical Sciences division. Students' work in the program is regularly recognized at the national level, and they are exposed to prominent professors at research institutions around the country.

Sister Annette earned her Ph.D. in 1972 from the University of Arizona, Tucson, in neuroendocrinology, her master's degree in cell biology from the Catholic Creighton University in Nebraska, and her bachelor's degree in biology from the Mount.

She has devoted her own research to investigating the causes of high blood pressure and heart attacks—the No. 1 killers in the world today. Students working with Sister Annette seek to learn what chemicals in the body control the heart's release of a life-saving peptide hormone, which helps lower blood pressure.

In 2002, Sister Annette celebrated her 50-year anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet. She serves as a trustee and board member of the Carondelet Health Network, and is a past trustee and board member of Carondelet High School in Concord, CA.



Faculty Dinner (from left) Sister Mary Evelyn Flynn, assistant professor, English; Father Matthew Delaney, retired academic dean; and Wanda Teays, Chair, Philosophy, enjoy visiting in the Doheny Mansion before the faculty dinner hosted by Mount President Jacqueline Powers Doud. Retired faculty and those faculty with more than 10 years of service with the College were honored in October 2005.

Mount Thanks UniHealth Foundation at Nursing Labs Dedication

The Mount hosted a dedication last fall to celebrate the expansion and extensive renovations of its nursing skills labs and classrooms with a \$558,000 gift from UniHealth Foundation of Los Angeles.

The event, held on the Fritz Burns Building patio, included tours of new nursing labs on the Doheny Campus. Remodeled labs at the College's Chalon and Doheny Campuses were completed in August with new anatomically realistic patient care simulators, the latest in nursing education technology. Each mannequin, known as a "Sim-Man," allows students to navigate a patient's difficult airway system, practice emergency care procedures, and administer intravenous therapy through a specially designed arm. Sim-Man's changing heart rates and blood pressure readings help indicate student accuracy.



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Mount President Jackie Doud, UniHealth Foundation President Mary Odell '69, and David R. Carpenter, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of UniHealth Foundation, with a new "Sim-Man" mannequin in a renovated Doheny Campus nursing lab.

The enhancements come as the College is beginning a three-year expansion of its four nursing programs to increase the number of students from 500 to 700. The effort will make it possible for the College to send more highly-qualified nurses into the Los Angeles health care workforce.

The existing lab at the Chalon Campus has been combined with a classroom next door to provide space for skills learning, reading, new computers, and top-notch training equipment. The Doheny Campus now has a second skills lab and more classroom space. A sliding door separates the new lab from a remodeled classroom space that includes student tables. These new configurations are set up so that students can work together more.

"It is energizing to see a total change in our skills labs, which are really the center of our programs," Mount President Jackie Doud said. "In our new layout, more students will have an opportunity to collaborate with fellow classmates while learning in an interesting and challenging environment."

Applause

Susan Salem, MSMC's director for Counseling and Psychological Services, co-presented *Having It All: Balancing Work and Family* at the Organization of Counseling Center Directors in Higher Education fall conference in Shell Beach, CA.

Laura Gomez, coordinator of Chalon Campus Ministry and Music Ministry director, presented "Ministry, Formation, and Techniques of a Choir," at the Day for Pastoral Musicians held by the Diocese of San Bernardino in January.

Faraah Mullings, director of Chalon Student Activities and Commuter Services, has been nominated as chair of the Spirituality in Higher Education Knowledge Community for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

J. Scott Bryson, associate professor of English, had his book *The West Side of Any Mountain: Place, Space, and Eco-poetry* published in December by the University of Iowa Press.

Montserrat Reguant, professor and chair of the Language and Culture Department, presented the paper "Cervantes and Borges: Repeticion como creacion" at Cal State Dominguez Hills in December. The symposium was titled, "Celebrating 400 Years of Don Quixote: 1605-2005."

Marcos McPeck Villatoro, who holds the Fletcher Jones Chair in Writing/Creative Writing at the College, was recently invited by the *Los Angeles Times* Book Review to participate in a blog about Los Angeles and literature. To see the blog, go to <http://newsblogs.latimes.com/books/>

Katherine Brueck, professor of English, has published sonnets in two prestigious poetry journals. "Shadow of Being" appeared in Volume 84, No. 2 of *The Lyric* (Spring 2004) and "Like the Lily" appeared in the February 2006 issue of *Blue Unicorn*.

Matthew Brosamer, assistant professor of English, wrote two reference articles for an upcoming volume on the historical contexts of Graeco-Roman literature, and continued his research into medieval confessional and penitential manuals.

Wanda Teays, professor and chair of the Philosophy Department, had her textbook *Second Thoughts, 3rd edition*, published during the summer of 2005.

Charlene Gagliardi, instructor in the Nursing Department, recently co-authored three pharmacology textbooks.



Mount Students Showcase Artwork at State Capitol

Art students at the Mount displayed their work in the Eureka Room of the State Capitol Building in November in recognition of Independent Higher Education Month.

The work is part of a showcase of art by students attending California's Independent Colleges and Universities.

MSMC students presenting their work were Marielos Zeka, who created the piece "Shadows Blue & Red," and Bryce Daniels, who created an etching titled "Marshall Mathers" (pictured).

Online Language Revolution Booming at MSMC

Mount St. Mary's College is at the forefront of a new era of online language instruction where students log in 24 hours a day to learn Spanish, French, and Japanese.

Students are picking up new languages and studying the cultures of Spain, France, and Hispanic civilizations in courses designed for convenient student access. The online courses have proven increasingly popular since they began in 2004, significantly boosting overall enrollment in language classes at the College.

Although students in a variety of disciplines at MSMC do online coursework, using technology to expand students' language proficiency is especially relevant in this age of globalization. The U.S. Senate named 2005 the "Year of Language Study."

Working adults taking a French Culture and Civilization class in MSMC's Weekend College enroll for the flexibility it allows them to squeeze coursework into busy lives.

"There is no alternative. We just have to do this," said Montserrat Reguant, chair of the Language and Culture Department, who teaches several online classes. "We are living in a time of technology, and this is what works for our students. It offers fabulous flexibility."

About 55 students enrolled in three online language and culture classes during the fall semester, plus an additional 22 in the Weekend College, Reguant said. The classes are enrolling close to 20 students each—a significant increase from the same classes enrolling students before they were offered online.

Especially popular is the Spanish for health professionals course, which was taught online in spring 2005.

Instructor Nancy Ballesteros taught elementary Spanish in fall 2005 almost exclusively online. She said good communication is essential in online teaching. "I just don't post things and let it go," she said. "I have to really be in contact with the students through emails, postings, and discussion boarding."

Students in language courses log-in to their computers to hear the accent and grammar used in a professor's lecture. Some professors, including Reguant, present a video of themselves speaking for students to access any time. Others use voice-only without video. Students take oral exams and talk to each other using headsets equipped with microphones at their computers.

MSMC's capabilities have only begun to be explored with instructional software from Horizon Wimba, and Blackboard, the College's main tool for online classes. The College's technology team is working with faculty members to show them a full range of options. One such option still in development at the College is a "live classroom," where students log-in to a class at a set time, but from any location.

MSMC also is seeking \$500,000 in grant funds to enhance its online course offerings in the languages. Among other plans, the College hopes to add more online language classes, provide more training for faculty, purchase new software, and upgrade Internet wiring.



Regents Council Hosts Museum Event

The Mount's Regents Council hosted 425 guests in September at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art exhibit Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs and grossed \$30,000 for student scholarships. A reception was held before the event at the home of Michael Enright, chair of the Board of Trustees and Carol Clem Enright '63, for 110 guests. In photo, Stephanie Cubba, vice president for Institutional Advancement presents Carol Enright with a King Tut book.

The Mount in the Media

Palisadian-Post—reported on how Palisades residents A. Barry Patmore, Kimberly Iselin, and Gail and John Sullivan are serving on boards for the Mount as the College launches its “Invest in the Mount” Campaign (February).

Univision Online (Univision.com)—The Spanish-language Web site quoted Susan Meyer, director of the Mount’s traditional Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing Program, in a story about staph infections (February).

The Tidings—Featured the Mount’s accelerated nursing program and the College’s partnership with Kaiser in a cover story (February).

The Tidings—Cardinal Roger Mahony announced a new steering committee of local clergy and lay leaders involved in immigration reform and the protection of immigrant rights. Sister Darlene Kawulok, chair of MSMC’s Religious Studies Department, a member of the committee, was quoted in the article (January).

The Tidings—reported that the World Day for Consecrated Life, a gathering of religious sisters, was celebrated for the first time in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in February at MSMC’s Doheny Campus. Sister Miriam Therese Larkin, CSJ ’53 and a College trustee, offered the reflection (January).

The Tidings—featured MSMC Regent William Wardlaw as one of five honorees at the 2006 Cardinal’s Award Dinner (January).

The Tidings—mentioned that MSMC will participate on a steering committee spearheaded by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to educate and organize Catholic voters and to advocate on behalf of immigrants and refugees (January).

Los Angeles Downtown News—featured MSMC’s Christmas Choral Concert in its events listings section (December).

The Press (Los Angeles)—mentioned that MSMC is one of 17 colleges and universities in Los Angeles County partnering with the California Latino Medical Association to provide scholarships and mentors to Latino nursing students (December).

The Tidings—ran a feature story with a photo about the retirement of Sister Annette Bower, CSJ ’59 (December).

KPFK 90.7 FM Pacifica Radio Network—Students in the Sociology 127: Media Programming class, who produced the MSMC Human Rights Film Festival, produced an hour-long radio program exploring the problem of the current child soldier crisis in Uganda (December).

CNN’s “The Situation Room”—featured students in one of the College’s nursing skills labs in a piece about the changing nature of nursing (December).

The Tidings—Profiled Consuelo Aguilar, CSJ, who participated in campus ministry at the College in the late 1950s and started an English as a Second Language program to help immigrants fulfill the amnesty requirement for citizenship (December).

Los Angeles Times—Reporter Steve Hymon, in a column titled, “Dead Ringer, Wine Flinger, and Campaign Gunslinger” highlighted College freshman Crystal Arceo, who ran for a seat on the L.A. City Council in November (December—See page 13).

Adelphia Cable’s “A Conversation With...”—Adelphia Cable’s “A Conversation With...” hosted by Dan Blackburn featured a half-hour interview with President Jackie Doud about the 80 years of tradition at MSMC and the College’s future (November).

The Mercury News (San Jose)—reported that College President Jackie Doud was named to the Board of Directors for the California Institute for Nursing and Health Care, Berkeley (November).

San Marino Tribune—featured Dr. Maria Gutierrez Ott ’70, ’78M as a recipient of the College’s Outstanding Alumna 2005 Award for Professional Achievement. Ott is superintendent of the Rowland Unified School District and is a resident of San Marino (November—See page 17).

The Tidings—quoted Helen Boutrous, assistant professor of political science, as an expert source in a story about the defeat of Prop. 73 in California (November).

Los Angeles Downtown News—published information about the Nov. 4 Da Camera Society Chamber Music in Historic Sites concert. The night’s performance was by the Johannes String Quartet (November).

The Tidings—featured the College’s Documentary Film and Social Justice program and its Human Rights Film Festival (November).

Los Angeles Times—previewed the October public tour of the Doheny Mansion in its Home section (October).



JEANNE RUIZ

Presidents' Day in January

More than 20 past alumnae and ASB presidents attended the 3rd Annual Past Presidents' Leadership Summit luncheon on January 21 in the Pompeian Room in the Doheny Mansion. President Jackie Doud presented a State of the College update and shared plans for the Campaign kickoff.

Alumnae Vice President Maria Avila '91 (far left) greets alumnae past presidents: (l to r) Gina Poli Hsiung '80, Claudia Ruiz '87, Allison Lynch '86, Joan Cashion '79, Grace Kadner Wickersham '69, and Lorraine Barker Fricke '45. Not pictured are Kathleen Maloney '71 and Elaine Camuti '69.



D.C. Area Alums Meet with President

President Jacqueline Doud met with Mount alums at a luncheon in Washington D.C. in February and told them about the Invest in the Mount Campaign. Pictured, top row l-r: Carolina Linares '00, Margaret Weber Susank '66, Mary Ellen Gray Delagrang '51, Laurel Metzner Dalrymple '89, Cathie Pockock Metzner '63, Toni Turner Kottman '64, and MSMC President Jackie Doud. Bottom row l-r: Nury Yu '00, Harriet Fields '69, Lucy Cohen '56, Mary Ann Medon Lucia '74, and Wai-Soo Wong Koo '69.

In The Classroom

Advocacy Takes Center Stage in Film Program



FRANCINE MARLENEE

Author and journalist Jimmie Briggs signs a copy of his book "Innocents Lost" for student Francis Jacobo. Briggs visited the College's Advocacy and Human Rights class in October as part of the Documentary Film and Social Justice program.

Students in the Documentary Film and Social Justice Program spent the fall semester producing MSMC's fourth annual Human Rights Film Festival aimed at helping children in conflict around the world.

Human rights advocacy played a central role in students' work. They started a college wide effort to stop the genocide in the Darfur area of Sudan, sending postcards to congressional leaders seeking greater accountability in the region, and petitioning President George W. Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to develop more aggressive policies to halt violence in the region.

After a screening of "Invisible Children," a film made by USC filmmakers about the thousands of children in Uganda who are kidnapped by rebel soldiers, and taught to carry weapons and kill, MSMC students raised more than \$1,200 for relief efforts in northern Uganda.

Students in the Sociology 127: Media Programming class, who produced the film festival, also produced an hour-long radio program for KPFK 90.7 FM Pacifica Radio Network in December exploring the problem of the current child soldier crisis in Uganda.

The film festival is one opportunity for students in the College's Documentary Film and Social Justice program to learn about advocacy and human rights abuses around the world. Lecturer Pam Bruns, who teaches the class Advocacy and Human Rights, said the festival's theme is "children in conflict." Following film screenings, students are given opportunities to sign petitions and contact U.S. elected officials to help stop human rights abuses.

"What distinguishes the Mount St. Mary's College film festival from others is that we always have an immediate opportunity for students to do advocacy," said Bruns. "We don't want them to lose the passion they feel right after they watch a film."

In September, the festival screened "Dying to Tell the Story" about journalists covering stories in war-torn countries. Filmmaker Amy Eldon visited the Chalon Campus to discuss how she made the film in hopes of better understanding the death of her brother, Dan, in Somalia. In the film, Eldon revisits the site of her brother's death and interviews broadcast journalist Christiane Amanpour, British broadcaster Martin Bell, and war photographer Don McCullin, among others.

In December, the festival screened "Innocent Voices," based on a true story about child soldiers in El Salvador. The story depicts the childhood of screenwriter Oscar Torres, who attended the screening for a question-and-answer session with the audience.

Remembering Hallie Bundy '47

The Mount Community was saddened by the October 2005 death of Hallie Flowers Bundy '47, a devoted alumna who became a professor of chemistry at the College and taught from 1960 to 1990.

An eighth-generation Californian, she was born in Santa Monica in 1925, the eldest of three daughters to Phyllis and Douglas Bundy. She graduated from Mount St. Mary's College with a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1947, and earned a secondary teaching credential in 1949.

During her undergraduate days, she was one of 21 reporters on the staff of the first student newspaper, the *View*, which made its debut in April 1945. Known for her spunkiness, an article in the second issue of the publication reported that twenty-five members of the Taus (Tau Alpha Zeta) sorority went to Newport Beach for a spring weekend. While others were out swimming, Bundy and a few of her friends explored the attic of the Taus abode. According to the article, Hallie Bundy sat down to rest and a loud crash and scream announced that she had fallen through the ceiling. "The explorers spent the rest of the weekend repairing the ceiling."

She went on to earn a master's degree in 1955 and a doctorate in 1958 in biochemistry



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from the University of Southern California. In 1958, she became a research associate at USC in biochemistry, a position she held until she returned to the Mount as an assistant professor in the Chemistry Department in 1960. By 1966, she had become a full professor, a position she held until her retirement in 1990.

"Hallie was a mentor to many people, and I was fortunate to be among those she

influenced," said Eleanor Siebert, interim provost and former chair of the Chemistry Department. "She had a natural curiosity about things and she loved to 'putter' in the lab exploring unanswered questions that failed to gain the attention of cutting-edge researchers."

Cynthia Dias Selassie '74, professor of chemistry at Pomona College, recalls that in her sophomore year, she often passed by Bundy's labs and watched seniors working with great seriousness and enthusiasm. "Dr. Bundy would invite me in, chat with me, and prod me about my future plans," she said. "She was a task master, but a wonderful teacher who left an indelible mark on many Mount students who had the good fortune to work under her aegis."

Bundy is remembered as a very dedicated scientist whose field of interest was enzymes and proteins, a successful grant writer whose proposals brought funds to the College for scientific studies, and an author of many articles. She was also a stamp collector and an avid sports fan.

Contributions in Hallie Bundy's memory may be sent to Institutional Advancement, Mount St. Mary's College, c/o Stephanie Cubba, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA, 90007.



JOANNA BANKS

Maria Lyons, Doheny Student Activities Director, with trick-or-treaters.

College Sponsors Community Trick-or-Treat Event

The Mount hosted its annual trick-or-treat event for more than 5,000 residents living near the Doheny Campus on Halloween, including disabled children who attend Lanterman High School next door to the College and tots from MSMC's Child Development Center.

The 16th annual Haunted Campus Safe and Fun Halloween featured more than 6,000 pounds of donated candy, costume contests for children and adults, dance contests, and spooky decorations in front of the 100-year-old Doheny Mansion and the other early 1900s-era mansions along Chester Place. The transformation to Mount St. "Scary's" College on the Doheny Campus is directed by students with support from Maria Lyons, Student Activities director, Doheny.

"This is a fun, safe place for children and their families to go where all they do is show up and we provide everything they need to have a nice evening," Lyons said.



MSMC Supports Women's Education Advertisement in New York Times

Mount St. Mary's College was listed among 52 supporters of a second advertisement that ran in October in the *New York Times* highlighting the success of women's education.

The ad, put together by the Women's College Coalition, which counts MSMC as a member, advocates for stronger educational opportunities worldwide for women. It highlighted recent comments from First Lady Laura Bush and Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Legendary Figure in Anne Frank's Life Writes to Weekend College Student

Weekend College student Courtney Lichterman always had a deep personal interest in the story of Anne Frank and Miep Gies, the woman who helped hide Anne and her family from the Nazis during World War II. When she got the assignment of a final paper for her class "The Roots of Anti-Semitism: From the Shoah to Antiquity," she knew immediately that she wanted to write about the woman who had sheltered the Frank family.

What she didn't know when she began her project was that she would receive a personal letter from the 96-year-old Gies, who lives just outside of Amsterdam with her family. Before World War II, Gies worked as an office assistant for Anne Frank's father, Otto Frank.

In her letter to Lichterman, Gies explained that the peace of mind which came from helping the Frank family outweighed any doubts or fears she had of

getting caught by the Nazis. "The presence and the gratitude of my friends was a permanent source of inspiration and brought me feelings of fulfillment," Gies wrote.

"Miep Gies had an almost iconic status among my childhood friends and me," Lichterman said. "Almost all of us were either Jewish or, as was true in my case, half-Jewish, and stories about the Holocaust were told and re-told constantly in our homes and in school, occasionally by first-hand sources."

Lichterman received Gies' letter a few weeks too late to include in her report. But receiving it was a thrill nonetheless. "At the end was her signature, and it became very clear that this was no different than holding a letter from Martin Luther King or Ghandi. This was like holding history," Lichterman said.



Chalons Campus



Doheny Campus

Mass of the Holy Spirit

MSMC celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit on both campuses in October, with students, faculty, and staff wearing red as a festive tribute to the symbolic color of the Holy Spirit. The Masses offered hope-filled prayers for success during the 2005-06 year in the Catholic tradition of spirituality. Each year, the College celebrates the Mass near MSMC's Founders Day. This year, the Mount community prayed with special gratitude for 80 years of the College, which was chartered in 1925. Each Mass was followed by lunch and music.

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Donor Dinner

The College hosted its second annual Circle of Friends Donor Recognition Dinner in November acknowledging the generosity and commitment to MSMC by community members, alumnae, and faculty. Special honorees included Sister Kathleen Kelly of the Bill Hannon Foundation and Kathleen McCarthy of The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation. Pictured is President Jackie Doud, center, with Trustee Phyllis Hennigan and her husband, J.M. Hennigan.



JOY JACOBS

College Celebrates 80 Years of Higher Education

The Mount proudly celebrated its 80th anniversary during October 2005 with Homecoming reunion events, and a tribute to the College's Education Department.

For an entire month, festive purple and gold street banners were posted near the Chalon and Doheny campuses sharing the news with Angelenos that the Mount was 80 years old. The banners were displayed along Sunset Boulevard between Bundy Drive and I-405, and on Adams Boulevard between Figueroa Street and St. James Place in the downtown Los Angeles area.

Other celebrations included special concerts, art exhibits, and the creation of a flash video featuring highlights of the Mount's eight decades. To view the video, turn your computer speakers on and go to: <http://www.msmc.la.edu/pages/3091.asp>

An Enchanted Evening

There was standing room only for the Alumnae Concert last fall, which filled the Pompeian Room on the Doheny Campus with classical and modern pieces spanning more than 300 years of musical history. Sponsored by the Music Department, the concert featured graduates: Nancy Arnold '75, Sister Celia Du Rea '99, Nancy Fierro, Silvia Rivera Hammond '95, and Kathy Dragon Henn '76. The audience also heard the harmonious voices of the Mount Chorus, conducted by Ed Archer.

"We are very proud of our graduates who continue to develop themselves and place their talents to the service of others," said Sister Teresita Espinosa, chair of the Music Department.

Teaching Music in the Classroom Program

For the last 15 years, the Music Department has hosted a music education workshop as a way to reach out to elementary schools and high schools of Los Angeles and help them bring music into their classrooms. In November, over 30 teachers attended the "Music Making with Today's Young: New Materials, New Approaches, New Connections" interactive workshop. Participants experienced music and dance from many continents and learned how to bring singing, playing, movement, improvising, creating, technology, and sound systems into the classroom. Presenters included Mount lecturer and founder-director



Sister Teresita Espinosa

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of American Musicals, Inc., Beverly Craveiro. Sister Teresita Espinosa, Chair of the Music Department explained, "We firmly believe that music and the arts should be an integral part of general education for all students." She said the arts help the individual to express the otherwise inexpressible. "We know throughout history that the arts have defined and deepened the human experience. No one who lacks basic knowledge of music and the arts can claim to be truly educated. I am deeply committed to helping the teachers, and they have been very successful and have expressed much gratitude for these workshops," said Sister Teresita.



Bravo Professor Alviani!

Henry Alviani '76, assistant professor of music and director of choirs at Clarion University in Clarion, PA, dressed in a costume resplendent of Renaissance Italy when he performed in the Pittsburgh Opera's presentation of *Rigoletto* last fall. "To be on stage and sing with opera stars of the quality that the Pittsburgh Opera engages is an absolutely incomparable experience," said Alviani. This was his fourth performance with this company.

Originally from Burbank, California, Alviani studied with Paul Salamunovich '61 and taught in junior and senior high schools for 12 years. He has directed choral ensembles, taught voice in colleges in Texas and Wisconsin, and has seen several of his own choral compositions published.

The Mount's Newest Doctors

The first graduates of the Mount's Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree Program received their degrees last October on the College's Doheny Campus near downtown Los Angeles.

"The goal of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is to graduate competent, compassionate, reflective generalist physical therapists prepared to practice in the current and future healthcare environment," said Debbie Lowe, chair of the Physical Therapy Department. "The Program develops practitioners who possess a thorough understanding of the human being: structurally, functionally, psychosocially, and spiritually."

In 1987, the College established its Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy Program, which in 1991 converted to a Master's of Physical

Therapy program. In 2001, the College developed the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program in response to a need for more extensive preparation in physical therapy. The first students enrolled in the doctoral program in 2002, and the College currently counts 60 students in the program.



Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates (from left) Jenna Rosenberg, Christina Cambra, and Kathleen Delgado



JENNIE RUIZ

WECAN Reception

Sandra Larsen, Sara Mena '04, and Yadira Garcia '02 enjoyed hors d'oeuvres at a reception hosted by the Weekend College Alumni Network (WECAN) before the Christmas Choral Concert in December. The program, presented by the Mount Singers, the Mount Chorus, and St. Monica High School Chamber Singers, featured traditional Christmas carols, spirituals, and Gregorian and Medieval music as well as modern holiday songs.

"The reception before the concert offers a wonderful opportunity to meet with former classmates and see what they have been doing for the past year," said Yadira Garcia, a WECAN founding member.



FRANCOISE MARLENEE

CSJs Help Mount Students Balance Spirituality With Hectic Lives

Thirty-five Mount students participated in a four-day Busy Person's Retreat in October hosted by The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet on the Chalon and Doheny Campuses. About 40 sisters teamed up with students to help the students realize their relationships with God as they balance hectic work, family, and school schedules.

The Mount Welcomes Poets and Authors

One of America's great living poets, Marvin Bell, visited the Chalon Campus in October in the José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery. Following a reading from his work, Bell took questions from the audience. He is the Poet Laureate of the state of Iowa, and taught at the esteemed Iowa Writers' Workshop for three decades. He has produced more than 15 books of poetry, and has won numerous awards.

In September, Rueben Martinez, founder and chief executive officer of Libreria Martinez Books & Art Gallery and Libros Para Ninos children's

bookstores in Santa Ana and Lynwood, encouraged students to learn as much as they could and to embrace books.

"Learning is in. Reading is in. That's what life is about: being prepared," Martinez said during a talk at the Chalon Campus Little Theater. "If you are prepared, the doors open automatically for you."

He also told students to persevere in their goals. "It's about not giving up, under all conditions," he said.

Bridges

Mount Freshman Jumps In to Big City Politics

Mount freshman Crystal Arceo, 19, used everything she learned working on political campaigns since the eighth-grade in her own run for the Los Angeles City Council in November. She finished eighth out of 10 candidates competing to fill the 14th Council District seat vacated last year by L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Crystal, a business major on the Doheny Campus, ranked as her priorities in office: establishing a city program to lower the dropout rates at area high schools, improving senior centers, cutting down on traffic congestion, and creating more opportunities for low-income residents to become homeowners. Crystal was by far the youngest candidate vying for the spot.

About 80,000 registered voters live in the 14th district, which includes parts of Mount Washington, Monterey Hills, Boyle Heights, and Eagle Rock.

Crystal started her career in politics when she was 14, helping her father on local political campaigns. She was class vice president at her elementary school, president and vice president of her class at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic High School in Lincoln Heights, and is genuinely interested in making the neighborhoods in the 14th district better.

"If you don't see me win this election, you'll see me in the next council election," she said. "I'm serious about helping my community."



MSMC freshman Crystal Arceo '09 ran for a seat on the L.A. City Council.

When at school, she enjoys wearing jeans and being a regular student just like her classmates. "I really have to take advantage of all my time," she said. "I love being at the Mount because I can just relax and be myself."

But at night and on weekends when she attended campaign forums, she was strictly a

candidate. She worried if her campaign staff would be able to help her raise enough money to get out mailers before the election. She met with public image consultants and picked out new suits to wear on the campaign trail. On one Sunday in October, she attended Mass at six Catholic churches in the district, getting her name out to voters.

She even asked a couple of her father's friends to help her with security, just in case.

Crystal went on camera numerous times for interviews with television news reporters to talk about the one issue getting her the most attention—her age. She said it's sometimes hard to convince people they should vote for her. One woman who was backing a different candidate heckled Crystal at a candidates' forum. The woman ripped up a flier one of Crystal's volunteers had just handed out, and threw it back at Crystal.

Crystal said despite the negative aspects of politics, it's important to stay focused on making positive changes. "I tell the voters that as much as they're worried about their communities, I'm worried, too."

JOANNA BANKS



(Above left) Cecelia "Ceci" Schmahl Stratford '64 pushes her Piper Cherokee 180 at Whiteman Airport in the San Fernando Valley. (Right) Stratford with Genesis Rivas, a high school student she is mentoring to become a pilot.

'64 Nursing Alum Transfers Sk

by Joanna Banks

Cecelia "Ceci" Schmahl Stratford '64 is most content soaring 3,000 feet above Los Angeles, piloting her Piper Cherokee 180 from Whiteman Airport in the San Fernando Valley to destinations as varied as Arizona and Alaska.

She has been flying since 1976 when she obtained her pilot's license, and has become a preeminent female pilot who now volunteers her time mentoring teenage girls who express an interest in piloting. In 2005, the International Organization of Women Pilots, also known as the Ninety-Nines, named her Woman Pilot of the Year for its Southwest section, which covers five western states.

Stratford has come a long way from the bachelor's degree in nursing she earned at the Mount, when she entered the Peace Corps and lived in Guatemala for three years in the 1960s.

Her life experiences illustrate the beauty and complexity of a Mount education. She said her liberal arts foundation guided her toward her true passion of flight. What began as a hobby has turned into a lifestyle.

"I love flying for the excitement of doing something so challenging," she said. "The Mount really prepared me with all the skills I would need to do this. I learned about beauty, adventure, and friendship at the Mount, and I also learned practical skills and about appreciating a challenge.

"To be a good pilot, you need to know how to study, and you have to be consistent and be really serious about the activity you are doing," said Stratford, who lives in Simi Valley. She married once but her husband passed away in 1994. She currently lives in Simi Valley and is engaged to a man who shares her fascination and love of airplanes.

Like so many successful Mount graduates, Stratford's life has taken unexpected turns. When she returned from Guatemala in the '60s, she enrolled at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and earned her master's degree in rehabilitation facilities administration, intending to work with disabled children and adults. She then made her way back to Los Angeles and worked briefly with the Exceptional Children's Foundation.

Her career path quickly shifted, and she was hired to work at Union Oil Co. in downtown Los Angeles as a telecommunications analyst. She stayed there for six years where she met a friend who

encouraged her to fly by letting her use his airplane for training. By 1975, she was passionate about airplanes. She married a man who piloted Boeing B-17 bombers during World War II, and the couple loved flying around the country in their Cherokee, visiting airplane museums, and attending aviation events.

After Union Oil, Stratford worked for Union Bank of California as a systems analyst and later as a bank operations analyst. She retired from Union Bank about three years ago.

Since then, she has increased the amount of time she donates to spread her love of flying with children. At Whiteman Airport, she mentors students who are referred to her through a group called Aviation Explorers, which offers teenagers who express an interest in aviation opportunities to fly with local pilots and work toward their private pilot's license.

Stratford is currently mentoring Genesis Rivas, a 16-year-old student from North Hollywood whose parents are immigrants from Central America. For Genesis, Stratford is a rare female role model who represents the possibilities of a career as a pilot. According to Stratford, women make up 6 percent of the pilot population.

"Around the world, it's usually men who take the jobs flying airplanes," said Genesis, whose goal is to fly commercial planes and piloted her first solo flight in December. "I'm really glad I have Ceci because she motivates me to pursue my goals, and I know that I can follow my dreams."

Stratford, who started working with Aviation Explorers in 2003, says mentoring girls like Genesis is a natural fit at this point in her life. "I've always wanted to do more in-flight instructing. Helping people is a really big part of my life."

Before she worked with Aviation Explorers, Stratford mentored women pilots in her chapter of the Ninety-Nines. She also has taken more than 300 children up in her airplane since 1997 through the Young Eagles program, which exposes children from ages 8 to 17 to aviation. Stratford volunteers her time giving talks about aviation at children's museums, elementary schools, and to Girl Scout troops.

At MSMC, Stratford is a member of the Heritage Society, which includes alumnae and other friends who have made a bequest to the College.

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ills to Aviation





Celebrating the Mount's 80 Years

BY JOY JACOBS

More than 250 alums and guests returned to the Chalon Campus on October 22 to participate in Homecoming activities, which included: creative workshops; a Founders Day Mass celebrated by Rev. George O'Brien, MSMC Chaplain; and class reunions.

After a gala anniversary dinner in the Campus Center, and the surprise viewing of an 80th anniversary video, Outstanding Alumnae awards were presented to honorees Victoria Russell Kennedy '68 for Community Service, and to Maria Gutierrez Ott '70, '78 M for Professional Achievement.

The evening concluded with a tribute to the Mount's prestigious Education Department with recognition for graduates who serve as teachers throughout the world.

"Homecoming 2005 celebrated the College's 80 years of values-based education, and its stellar graduates," said Jeanne Ruiz, director of Alumnae Relations. "It was a wonderful day and we are already planning for next year. Save the date: October 14, 2006!"

Victoria Russell Kennedy '68

Outstanding Alumna Award for Community Service

We all stumble, plod (or whatever other synonym we can find...) through life with indicators, clues, and tangible, visual guidelines that lead us. Let's imagine for a minute our being blindfolded and everything going dark.

My close friend and former Mount roommate, Victoria Russell Kennedy (Vickie), discovered she was afflicted with retinitis pigmentosa (RP) while in her late 20s and raising her son in Hawaii. RP is a genetic eye disease which causes the gradual breakdown of the cones and rods in the retina, causing vision and color distortion, and "tunnel vision." A personal anecdote I remember was in 1993 at the airport. Vickie and I were standing in line. Being nearsighted myself, I admitted not seeing clearly the boarding gate information. She tapped me lightly with her cane, saying, "You should have tunnel vision like me!"

The gathering process for the nomination of Vickie as Outstanding Alumna-Community Service (2005) was "enlightening," to say the least. Having contacted several former and current colleagues and board members of both the Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) and Guide Dogs For the Blind (GDB), I was overwhelmed with the extent to which Vickie has contributed to the visually-impaired community at large. Her many accomplishments include the conception and execution of "Save Sight Sunday" symposiums at UC Berkeley's Low Vision Clinic; creation/production of a cookbook to raise funds (Famous San Francisco Bay Area Chefs Cook with Vision); chairing the annual "Blind Wine Tasting & Auction – Support Our Canine Heroes" in Napa Valley, which has raised over \$1 million and counting; and numerous other



Mount President
Jacqueline Powers
Doud (center)
congratulates
outstanding alumnae
Victoria Russell
Kennedy '68 (left)
and Maria Gutierrez
Ott '70, '78M (right).

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community projects where Vickie speaks, always in the company of her precious “Freida,” whom she has had as a guide dog for almost six years. It is truly amazing to witness the complicity and unspoken faith and trust these people and their dogs have in one another. “Freida” is definitely the leader, and she and Vickie accomplish so much together. Vickie can navigate the BART underground system in San Francisco, and last summer they visited New Orleans and the French Quarter with its cobblestone streets...all a testament to the skills they both learned in San Rafael, CA at the GDB campus. Prior to losing her sight completely, she was blessed with the opportunity of seeing Freida’s beautiful caramel-colored eyes. Jim, her loving husband, has been her biggest cheerleader and is wonderful in planning all their frequent travels.

Prior to her position as first vice chair and member of the Executive and Long-Range Planning Committee for GDB, Vickie gave countless hours to the FFB. The former West Coast executive director gave a glowing nomination, quoting: “She is a woman of remarkable energy, enthusiasm and talent who has used these qualities to promote hope and enhance the lives of those with sight-stealing retinal degenerative diseases. Although she is blind, no one who has met her would ever consider her “handicapped.” She is perennially upbeat, and gives strength and

courage not only to those who face adversity, but to the rest of us who take for granted the way we are able to perceive and navigate the world around us.”

Traveling with Vickie, one realizes that she “sees” no barriers, and her other senses are more attuned to her environment. The word “challenge” has been redefined by Vickie Kennedy and the thousands of other visually-impaired persons whose canine companions guide them through their lives. Let those of us who are not impaired be inspired by her “beacon of light.”

—By Marie Van Blaricom
Maitrepierre '68



Maria Gutierrez Ott '70, '78M Outstanding Alumna Award for Professional Achievement

My four years at the Mount are filled with fond, wonderful memories of my friends, my education and the beautiful setting at the Mount.

Recently, I became chair of the Latina Alumnae Network (LAN), an affiliate group of the Alumnae Association. When

we held our first New Graduate Latina Luncheon in 2004, Maria Gutierrez Ott '70, '78M was our speaker. At that time, she was serving as deputy superintendent of instruction for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). I was struck by her approachability and her calm demeanor. In her speech, she was very candid about her life, her career, and the struggles she confronted. That was when I realized that so much more lay in store for me, as a Latina, as a professional, and as a Mount alumna. Although she was speaking to the College’s recent graduates, I knew that many of us, young and old alumnae, were benefiting from the stories about her experiences.

She was born in Germany to a Mexican-American World War II soldier and a German mother, and was soon brought to East Los Angeles where she was raised. Her father’s family played a pivotal role in Maria’s life, teaching her Spanish and helping her become familiar with her Latino culture. Her mother taught her to speak German and made many efforts to blend with her father’s ethnic background, while retaining the cultural nuances of being German. “Mom would bring her chiles, but she’d also bring her apple strudel to our annual family picnics,” Maria said.

We reflected on where our notions of “service” originated from, and she told me about the challenge of learning to

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speak English after she had learned German and Spanish as a child. She described the personal struggles of her family's experiences to make their way in the world and to try to fit in culturally, and how the trials helped her develop her call to service. She remembered dealing with negative comments about her identity as being "different," but because of this adversity, she felt a need to help other children. The strong orientation toward service at the Mount and doing something that would make a difference in the community were aspects that influenced her.

After graduating in 1970, she began her career as a special education teacher and then, as a bilingual teacher. She returned to the Mount to earn her master's degree in education in 1978. As her opportunities began to grow, she challenged herself to open doors that she never would have considered, and soon went on to earn her doctorate degree in educational policy, planning and administration from the University of Southern California in 1994.

She served in numerous positions for LAUSD, from teacher, to principal, to program coordinator to district administrator. She was also the superintendent for the Little Lake district in Santa Fe Springs. Her commitment to helping others again was clear as she strived to improve student achievement, especially with the minority student population.

Maria described the past five years as a senior deputy superintendent for LAUSD as "the most interesting years of my career."

She is currently serving as superintendent for the Rowland Unified School District. Balancing her life as a wife, mother, superintendent, and mentor, especially when she was completing her doctoral work, seemed to be an impossible feat. But she also stressed the importance of finding common ground between family and career.

It seems that Maria Ott will never stop. Other than continuing to be a grandmother to her two grandchildren, she hopes to write and teach at the university level one day.

I nominated Maria Ott for the Outstanding Alumna Award for Professional Achievement because to me, she epitomizes what success is: family, a fulfilling job, and a call to service. Although she is decorated with numerous accolades and awards, what appears important to her is the call to help others. "The balance is not always even," she admits, "but keeping it is what makes it great."

Her plate is always full, but Ott definitely remembers to keep some salsa on the side, and I am sure the apple strudel is also being balanced alongside with everything else!

—By Maria Avila '91



ALUMNAE NEWS

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CLASS NOTES

'51

Rose Marie Bachand Thomas and her husband have been waiting for their new home to be built in Apple Valley at the Del Webb Solara 55+ community. They also enjoy watching their first grandchild grow.

Susan Robertson Gerard's great-grandson arrived in June of 2005 and she is awaiting another great-grandchild!

'52

Vivian Burgess was the guest of the Knights of Malta at Lourdes in March 2005 and it was a wonderful spiritual experience.

'54

Milania Austin Henley traveled to Leipzig, Germany, with the Choir of Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral to sing in the first International Bach Choral Festival. The Cathedral Choir was the only American choir to participate.

'55

Patricia Sanders Fontes had a wonderful time at the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1955 last May. She and her husband enjoy traveling full time in their motorhome. At last count they have seventeen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

'56

Regina Mason Fitzgerald is "keeping her brain in gear" by working part-time as a tax return preparer for H & R Block.

Rosemary Lucente has been recovering from several health challenges and recently enjoyed a fabulous Mediterranean cruise.

Noreen Higgins Masterson traveled to Alaska to celebrate with her sister, **Kathleen Higgins Barela '54**, on the occasion of the baptism of Kathleen's twenty-first grandchild.

'57

Jennie Bejnar visited Baja California where a daughter had an agricultural project, traveled to Tennessee to see another daughter and her adopted

(from Russia) daughter, and visited Mill Valley for her son's wedding.

Kathleen Flynn Vernon's husband is retiring this year. To celebrate their 50th anniversary in February, they are taking their three daughters and their families and her sister and brother-in-law to Fiji for eight days in April. She remains very involved with St. James Parish as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass and to the sick, and as a lector at a weekday Mass.

'58

Jean McDermott Di Rado and her husband are retired and enjoying life back in California after 23 years in Oklahoma.

Loretta Vonderahe Dorsett enjoys traveling and her eight grandchildren.

Annette LaBerge MacDonald remains very involved with family, worthy causes, and community events which give meaning and fulfillment in her retirement years. She and her husband continue to enjoy their beautiful town of Kincardine, Ontario, Canada but join the "snowbird" life during winter in Destin, Florida.

'59

Marilyn Ball Carvin toured the St. Lawrence Seaway, tutors for the World Literacy Crusade, and went to Baton Rouge as a Scientology Volunteer Minister for Disaster Response.

Kathleen Halloran Koziolk is an area president of the Winona, MN Diocese of the National Council of Catholic Women and was a delegate to the NCCW in Atlanta in September 2005.

'60

Susan Cochrane Alverson retired in 2000 after 40 years of teaching, and moved to Chico, California. She has had six surgeries since last May and is on the road to recovery.

Donna May Avery is a member of the United Way Women's Leadership Council.

Judith Bauerlein is currently serving as the president of the American Montessori Society.

Rosemary Byrnes Hegenbart is very active in St. James Parish, La Crescenta. She recently received a new aortic valve, a single by-pass,

and a pacemaker. After serious complications resulting from these procedures, she is on the mend.

'61

Mary Weber Succuro and her husband are spending time traveling in their new motor home and taking cruises. She loves retirement although she occasionally subs for LAUSD in school nursing. She also has a new granddaughter.

'64

Madeline Drnek Hamilton enjoys being a docent for the Doheny Mansion tours and the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. She is anxiously awaiting her fourth grandchild.

Janet Olimski Trautmann has retired from nursing and is now a student in culinary science.

'65

Now that she has retired from teaching, **Susan Kowalewsky Gruna**, has moved to Montana to help her daughter home school her three children.

'66

Erica Mauz Dowd retired from Palms Elementary School after 38 years of teaching.

Mary Clare Gorman Walker celebrated her 39th wedding anniversary in February, has five granddaughters (her "grand girls"), and continues to teach language and literature at Chaminade Middle School.

'68

Carol Huber is a member of an amateur women's choir that performs Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony, and will tour Italy in 2006.

Mary MacDonald Koenig recently retired from teaching English and is now a theater critic. In the summer of 2003, she received a fellowship to study at London's Globe Theater.

'69

Linda Gibney Adelman continues to teach kindergarten for Oceanside Unified Schools.

Pamela Carlow Buckman is vice president global clinical/regulatory affairs for Thermage, Inc. Medical Device Company. Between trips around the world she spends every extra moment with her eight grandchildren!

Maureen Peverada Chris is

teaching second grade in Foothill Ranch and is involved in curriculum planning and technology development. She just celebrated her 36th wedding anniversary with her husband and has a granddaughter with another on the way.

After twenty-three years, **Kathleen Cresto** recently retired as a librarian for the city of Thousand Oaks, CA.

Eleanor (Nori) Sefarik Zeliff earned a master's degree in divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary, was ordained to Metropolitan Church and the Ecumenical Catholic Church, and is presently pastor of Heartland Christian Fellowship in San Bernardino.

'70

Linda Leggett Oldenkamp and her husband enjoyed a trip to Alaska last spring and look forward to a trip to the Panama Canal in May 2006. She is volunteering at the Lincoln High School in a fourth-year Spanish class helping students with reading comprehension and pronunciation. She is also very involved with the Placer County American Association of University Women.

'77

Terri Lewis Del Carlo works as the clinical OB instructor for Sonoma State University's nursing program. She also works part-time in labor and delivery, and teaches childbirth classes, at a local hospital. All four of her children are married and she has one grandchild.

Nancy Brubaker Rez is retired from Wellness Works Wellness Center in Glendale, cofounded in 1984 with Mary Lu Coughlin. She was delighted to meet some current Mount nursing students at Alexandria House while doing some volunteer wellness work there.

'79

Maureen Thompson Archambault has been named vice president, healthcare practice leader, for Marsh's Los Angeles office. Marsh is the world's leading risk and insurance services firm. Maureen was formerly the Director of Risk Services with Catholic Healthcare West in Pasadena.

Carol Dorgan Brown attended her 25th college reunion in October at the Mount with some wonderful friends. She and her family recently moved to Apple Valley, California, where she is in her 25th year of teaching. She took off a year to be with her three young daughters, and now teaches sixth graders at a

middle school and enjoys the team teaching.

Linda Hall Smith and her husband celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to South Africa. After years of healthcare consulting, Linda has joined Critical Care Systems as a general manager.

'80

Seven alums from the 1980 MSMC Doheny AA nursing class recently met for a slumber party in the Los Angeles area. Attending were **Jill Bergdahl Baker, Cindy Byra Cook, Vikki Bozzini Fiorenze, Lorna Buhler Laney, Donna Zahyna Miodovski, Brenda Wright Seckar, Ann Williamson Walgenbach, and Lynne Londre Waters**. They had a wonderful time reviewing their lives and memories of their school years. All are married and have children. Some are staying home full time, while others work part time in the nursing field. Vikki works in pediatric nursing, Jill works as a surgical nurse, Cindy is a nurse practitioner and works as a school nurse, Brenda has been a home health nurse, Donna has a master's in oncology nursing, Ann works in private practice as a nurse practitioner in orthopedics, and Lynne works in cardiovascular care in the cath lab.

Patricia Headley Sullivan recently started her own business as a distributor of low-vision products. She finds working with the senior community very rewarding. Her husband continues as a computer consultant and develops web sites, and they continue to enjoy living in southern Oregon.

'81

Ellen Eccleston Sletten is a stay-at-home mom who is raising her two teenagers, and enjoys showing her hunter/jumper show horses. She volunteers at neighborhood charities, schools, and church. Her family travels extensively, most recently to Greece, Switzerland, Mexico and especially Ireland, where they rode fox hunt horses throughout the Irish forest.

'82

Kathleen Buckley has written about her dear friend **Lillian Rodarte-Dvorak '82**, who passed away in June of 2005. Lillian was an oncology nurse for 23 years, and left behind her husband John, and her seven-year old son Andrew.

Nomi Roth Elbert, a graduate of the master's program in special education, lives in Jerusalem, Israel. She directs a non-profit organization

called ATZUM, which means "Justice Works." The organization helps righteous gentiles who live in Israel, victims of terror, and advocates against the human trafficking problem in Israel. Her husband is a land surveyor and civil engineer, and they have two sons. They are always happy to host or help anyone who is traveling to Israel.

'83

Theresa Vandepas Daggi is area administrator of Home Health and Hospice for Kaiser, and was named a member of the 2004 cohort of the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Leadership Fellowship program.

'85

Kathy Irvine Weiner says her profession as a physical therapist has been a godsend. She and her husband have three grandchildren.

'86

Ann Stehly Bilash is a parish nurse based at St. Norbert Catholic Church, visiting the under-served seniors at home to take blood pressure, check medications, and ensure that they are generally living well. She is part of a pilot program started by the Order of Malta, and she was featured in an article in the *Orange City News*.

Karen Reyes Buenaventura is a project manager for Kaiser's Health Connect EMR.

'91

Elizabeth Martinez Villanueva and her husband have been married for fifteen years, and have two children. She owns an Early Start Program for the State of California and is always seeking employees from the Mount.

'92

Sonia Gomez-Berry will be celebrating her seventh wedding anniversary and has a three-year-old daughter and a newborn son. She has been teaching for LAUSD for 13 years.

Jenny Chen Lee has been working as a pharmacist at Kaiser since 1997. She and her husband have two sons, and she finds that balancing a career and motherhood has been both challenging and rewarding.

'93

Lettrice Cathey-Lawrence and her husband renewed their vows in July of 2005, and she is currently a music

director and vocal recording artist. She recently received news that she is in total remission from a muscular disease (dermatomyositis) from which she has suffered for 14 years. The doctor has taken her off all chemo/medications and she and her hubby are planning to start a family.

'95

Jennifer McCormick Bartlett's husband is now attending Weekend College at the Mount, working towards a master's degree in humanities.

Marie Anne Legaspi is a doctoral student in nursing at Azusa Pacific University.

Terri McGrath is director of music at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Pasadena, and is campus minister, director of music and liturgy, and member of the Theology Department at Immaculate Heart High School in Los Angeles. She is also a trainer of cantors for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

'96

Patricia Estrada McHarris, a graduate of the Weekend College, was married in 2001 and is currently a Legal Clerk for the Department of Social Services in San Luis Obispo County. She earned a law degree in 2001 and is still planning to pass the California Bar Exam. They live in the Central Coast of California.

Andrea Imlay Platler is married and has two children. She lives in San Clemente, California, where she is a small business owner and volunteers at Toby's House.

'97

Marissa Grafil Ramirez is currently teaching at the Doheny Campus in the accelerated BSN program.

'98

Amie Wilson lives in Palmdale with her husband and four children. She works for the Palmdale School District as a curriculum resource teacher and is pursuing a master's degree in educational administration. She was included in the 2004-2005 edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

'99

Louis Fessum has been a university professor for more than five years, and taught at the Mount last summer.

'00

Joanne Kruer-Cadle is working at West Hills Hospital as a staff nurse, the relief charge nurse, and nurse preceptor to new grads and Moorpark College students. She is also building a house.

'01

Maria Herrera Adams writes that she and her husband are the proud parents of two boys and a girl.

Julianne Lapham, a Pasadena lawyer, exemplified the Mount's emphasis on giving back to the community during two post-Katrina stints in Mississippi, where she worked pro-bono to help victims of the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

Theresa Orona finally finished her thesis for her master's degree in counseling and owes a special thank you to Dr. Fred Simonelli, who was one of her chairs.

'02

Heather Del Villar is studying at UCLA's School of Nursing to become an acute care nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist.

'03

Rachel Gutierrez is a substitute teacher while deciding whether to go to graduate school or join the Riverside Probation Department.

'04

Jaclyn Zapanta finished graduate school at Teachers College, Columbia University, in December and will begin teaching high school this spring in Guam.

VITAL STATISTICS

Two by Two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alums and their spouses:

- '95 Tara Sapwith to Karl Iglesias
- '98 Edmund Duran to Katherine Paguio
- '00 M. Veronica Martinez to Rene Gamboa
- '01 Erin Culley to Matt Lamers
- '01 Joan Fletcher to Carlos Valdez
- '02 Christine Bell to Rob Burke
- '03 Marileise Segismundo to Bryan Horsewood

By-Lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the following alums and their spouses on the birth of their children:

- '87 Triplets, Jack, Alex, and Sam to Julie Orsi Gillespie, 2nd & 3rd sons and 1st daughter
- '92 Zoe Charlotte to Kristin Wennerstrom Guilnard, 2nd child, 1st daughter
- '92 Abigail Elizabeth to Jeanette Traub Holt, 3rd child, 3rd daughter
- '92 Luke Michael to Jennifer Bright Preston
- '94 Josiah William to Jennifer McCormick Bartlett, 1st child
- '94 Emily Robynne to Dana Bergman-Confair, 3rd child. 2nd daughter
- '95 Andrew Jay to Diane Van Houten Taylor, 1st child
- '01 Isabella to Loraine Alonzo Porral, 1st child
- '02 Lea Dinay Hewlett to Lydia Castillo
- '03 Matthew to Rachel Gutierrez

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

- '43 Ann Furrer Pecht
- '45 Marguerite Carlton Kingsley
- '47 Hallie Bundy
- '47 Margaret Hlastala
- '48 Madeleine Sellers Castle
- '48 Winifred Yurich Kovach
- '49 husband of Madeline Pettrow Byrd
- '52 sister of Sr. Mary Frances Rebel, CSJ
- '53 son of Ann Scott Pendo
- '54 mother of Milania Austin Henley
- '54 mother of Anna Macchio Kocvara
- '55 Carla Carlucci Smotherman
- '58 husband of Mary Ann Gariffo Stadler
- '59 mother of Mary L. Hogan Dunsford
- '62 Kathleen Quinn
- '64 mother of Kathleen McCarry Robe
- '64 Marianne Portl Turner
- '66 daughter of Sandra Pawlowski Comouche
- '66 mother of Erica Mauz Dowd
- '67 husband of Mary Ann Strouts Ammons
- '67 brother of Pamela Humphrey Hoefling
- '68 mother of Sr. Sharon Breden, CSJ and Mary Breden '73
- '69 mother of Clare Collins Marquardt
- '73 mother-in-law of Diane Rowland Hays
- '79 mother of Alicia Andujo

- '81 Dorothy Schutz
 - '86 father of Patricia Trimble Justice
 - '91 mother of Jennifer Marano Marshall and Ann Marano '90
 - '98 mother of Sheena Baillie Ricchio
 - '01 Gail Fabbro, certificate program
 - '02 mother-in-law of Liz Zima Cottrell
 - '03 grandmother of Elizabeth Robles
- They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers, and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

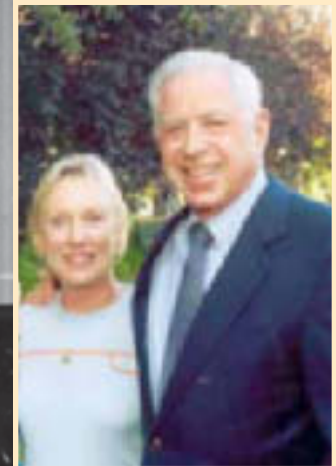
Advanced Degrees

The Alumnae Association congratulates the following alums on their successful pursuit of intellectual achievement:

- '74 Eira Klich-Heardt, MSN, clinical nurse specialist, California State University, Long Beach, 2003
- '81 Deirdre Greaney Apablaza, MSN, Mount St. Mary's College, 5/04
- '92 Florence Chong, DO (doctor of osteopathic medicine) Western University of Health Sciences, 2004
- '92 Kristin Wennerstrom Guilnard, DO (doctor of osteopathic medicine), Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, 6/05
- '94 Deidre George-Mullins, MS in psychology in marriage and family therapy, California State University, Long Beach, 5/04
- '98 Tori Canillas-Dufau, Ed.D., Pepperdine University, 7/05
- '00 Jacqueline Reyes, MA in early childhood education, California State University, Long Beach, 5/05
- '03 Denise Sauder, MS in education, University of Southern California, 5/05
- '04 Jennifer Sanchez, MA in management, University of Redlands, 5/05

NOTE: We are proud of all of our alums and are happy to showcase your academic achievements. Please let us know when you receive an advanced degree and include the date and the name of the institution granting the degree. In order to keep this feature current, please do not go back any further than four years or send information that has already appeared in Alumnae Class Notes.

A LOOK BACK



Mathilde (Tillie) Clem '37 spoke to students and alumnae about "What it Means to Be a Mount Graduate" at Founders Day in 1962. Afterward, she proudly displayed her Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award, the highest recognition honor from the Vatican presented to clergy and lay persons, which she received earlier in the year for her distinguished service and volunteer work for the Catholic Church. She is pictured with (l-r) Sister Mary Brigid Fitzpatrick '47, Sister Alice Marie Cheap, Sister Rebecca Doan, and Sister Eloise Therese Mescall.

Continuing the long-time spirit of service to the College is Clem's daughter, Carol Clem Enright '63 and her husband, Michael A. Enright, chair of the Board of Trustees.

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April

Sunday, April 23

5:15 p.m. Reception and Tour

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Mount Associates Event

Mount Associates will tour the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, and the Air Force One Pavilion non-Mount Associates \$75

For more information, please call Heather Schraeder at (213) 477-2761



5:30 p.m.

Golden Graduate Celebration

Lecture Hall, Chalon Campus

The class of 1956 will participate in the Baccalaureate Farewell Mass at 4 p.m. and then be welcomed as Golden Graduates at a dinner hosted by President Jacqueline Powers Doud.

Commencement Activities

Saturday, April 29

2:00 p.m.

Mary's Day

Chalon Campus

May

Saturday, May 6

2:00 p.m.

Associate in Arts Farewell Mass

Donohue Center, Doheny Campus

3:30 p.m.

Laurel Day

Lecture Hall, Doheny Campus

Saturday, May 13

11:00 a.m.

Graduate Reception and Recognition Celebration

South Lawn, Doheny Campus

4:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate Farewell Mass

Mary Chapel, Chalon Campus

5:30 to 8 p.m.

Weekend College Awards and Reception

Campus Center, Chalon Campus

Monday, May 15

Commencement Ceremony

Associate in Arts, Baccalaureate, and Graduate Programs

3:00 p.m.

Gibson Amphitheatre

100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA

Sunday, May 21

Latina Alumnae Network (LAN)

New Grad Brunch

10:00 a.m.

Pompeian Room, Doheny Mansion

Hosted by the Latina Alumnae Network

For information, please call Elizabeth Robles '03 in Alumnae Relations at (213) 477-2767

June

Saturday, June 3

7:00 p.m.

4th Annual Alumnae Wine Tasting

Pompeian Room, Doheny Mansion, Doheny Campus

For information, please call Elizabeth Robles '03 in Alumnae Relations at (213) 477-2767