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In Memory of Celia Margaret Gonzales Torres '58

February 28, 1936 – August 19, 2004



RICK MENDOZA

If you had to pick one person to exemplify the ideals of Mount St. Mary's College, Celia Gonzales Torres would be a perfect selection. Throughout her life she was deeply committed to her family and friends, education and service to the community.

Celia was active in many organizations that promote social justice. Particularly important to her was helping break down barriers for Latinas, a goal she pursued as the founding chair of the National Network of Hispanic Women.

In recognition of her outstanding service to the community and the College, Celia was selected to receive the Mount's Outstanding Alumna award in 1986. Upon receiving her award, she declared that she would like to serve as a role model for other Latina students. Without question, she had already achieved that goal.

Even while fighting the cancer that took her life, Celia continued to work for her dream of establishing a support group for the Mount's Latina alumnae. Founded in 2004, the Latina Alumnae Network named her honorary chair. The group provides networking opportunities, enrichment opportunities, and raises funds for the new Latina Endowed Scholarship Fund, which Celia inspired and helped to create.

This scholarship supports Latina students who demonstrate both academic merit and financial need—and for whom an MSMC degree would not be possible without scholarship assistance. The Latina Endowed Scholarship Fund is a most fitting tribute to a woman whose life was a model for Hispanic women.

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ON THE COVER: Cambria Smith (center) has designed programs such as Project Teen Reach to help students in Los Angeles. Students involved with the project include (l to r) Craig Nishimoto, Corina Alvarez, Jose Munoz, and Maritza Rojas.

Fostering a Spirit to Serve Others

Our thoughts and prayers are with those around the world who lost loved ones during the tsunami of December 26, 2004. It renews our realization of how vulnerable and precious human life is and reminds us to treasure it in every form everyday.

This year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies. Graduates are enriching lives with their knowledge, skills and pastoral gifts throughout the Los Angeles region and some beyond our local community (see story, page 14). Meanwhile, all Mount undergraduate students enroll in at least five courses in religious studies and philosophy. We see this aspect of our curriculum as the core that informs all of their education and later, we hope, their lives and work. Daily, we realize what a pivotal role ethics plays in all areas of service and business. Our goal is to create independent thinkers, informed citizens, and courageous leaders who can apply their values in the exercise of their freedom and responsibilities.

I have appointed a Council on Catholic Identity, comprised of faculty, staff, and trustees, who together will reflect on some of the salient and thought-provoking literature on the topic of Catholic Higher Education today. The study group will engage in dialog during the first phase of their work, and then focus on ways to broaden the conversation in our wider academic community. Mount St. Mary's, given its size, demographics, location, and founding vision by the Sisters of St. Joseph has enormous potential to contribute dynamically as a living witness of the best of Catholic Higher Education.

The College, in keeping with our strategic plan, enrolled 2,257 students this past fall, a record number. That, along, with our endowment approaching \$55 million keeps us moving in the right direction.

The Mount is the proud recipient of a second major federal grant for Hispanic Serving Institutions in the amount of \$3.5 million. This grant was awarded to us in partnership with Pasadena City College where we are working on an active transfer plan. We will welcome transfers students in both day and weekend programs. The College is involved in another exciting partnership with Kaiser Permanente which will be providing us with \$440,000 in nursing scholarships to help alleviate the critical shortage of nurses in Los Angeles.



ROCK MENDOZA

As one of five colleges and universities in the region, the Mount participated in the "Rock the Vote" Initiative (see story, page 4). Students registered literally hundreds of other students enabling them to vote in the national election last November. They also set up and managed a polling place on the Chalon Campus. We are very proud of their participation as active citizens.

After months of study and due diligence, the College has launched a master planning process for the two campuses that will lead us into the future (see story, page 7). The results of the plan will be aligned with the recently developed educational plan to support continued growth toward our 2,500 student goal. Focus will be on enlarging our capacity for educating nurses, relocating some programs between the two campuses and thus better serving our students. The plan will also focus on expanding student housing and parking.

In December, we completed a four-month capital campaign feasibility study consisting of interviews with selected foundations and individuals who have supported the College in the past, and who could advise us wisely for our future fundraising efforts. The outcome was extremely promising—showing great faith in the College and assuring us that we are poised to launch a successful campaign.

You can see from this message that there is much good work going on at the Mount. I cannot speak highly enough of my colleagues at all levels. They are competent, hardworking, and a joy to work with; we are having a good time! And it takes all of us to ensure high quality at our distinguished College.

I am deeply grateful to all of you who are assuring the Mount's future. And we are proud too of all of you who have represented the College in countless ways and mostly by your example. Thank you so very much.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Jacqueline Powers Doud". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jacqueline Powers Doud
President

Into Africa

By Anne Wilcoxon, Chair, Education Department

“K aribuni, Ma” was the greeting I received as I arrived in Gabaronne, Botswana, in October after a 31-hour trip to this city in the center of southern Africa. I was invited by the Committee on American Overseas Schools of the U. S. State Department to be a presenter at the Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA) conferences in Gabaronne, Botswana and Nairobi, Kenya. These private schools serve children of the international community in Africa and host-country nationals. Since these annual conferences are the only professional development opportunity available to many of these teachers, the organizers invite specialists to conduct intensive, one-day institutes. I had been asked to address the needs of special education students.

Capitalizing on what I know best, I prepared a workshop entitled

“Supporting Struggling Readers: Research-Based Assessment and Instruction.” I hoped that this would appeal to all teachers, not just those with students with identified special education needs. I converted my power-point slide presentation into transparencies as I had been forewarned that technology resources were limited and mailed off an extensive package of handouts several months in advance. I arrived in Botswana, nervous and uncertain about the expectations of the teachers, the needs of the students, the conference facilities, and my first trip to Africa.

I needn't have worried. As we drove to the hotel, the landscape of the Kalahari Desert looked very familiar. I could have been driving through the California desert on the way to Las Vegas. This feeling was reinforced when we reached the conference hotel, a modern casino resort on the outskirts of Gabaronne with every technical convenience.

Talking with international educators about their students and the social, economic and political life in Africa gives me another perspective on my life as a teacher in Los Angeles.

The next morning the monkeys around the pool introduced me to Africa as I began to meet the conference participants. My first institute flew by with a group of 14 delightful teachers. I discovered that they were as international as their students. They described bilingual and multiethnic students much like those I have worked with in Los Angeles. The common denominator was our shared struggle teaching some children to read, especially when the child's

reading problems are complicated by learning English as a second language. As we shared our experiences, I relaxed. We all had much to offer each other and the institute would only get better as I repeated it one more time in Gabaronne and twice in Nairobi.

After only four days in Botswana, I flew with the other presenters to Nairobi, Kenya for the second conference. Between the conferences we were treated to a short safari in the Masai Mara. I couldn't help feeling I had stepped into the “Out of Africa” movie set until the giraffes in the distance came close enough to count the spots. From the safety of our land rover, we saw all of the “big five.” That is, buffalos, lions, leopards, elephants, and rhinoceroses. I even got to pet one, a cheetah, at a refuge for injured animals.

Talking with international educators about their students and the social, economic and political life in Africa gives me another perspective on my life as a teacher in Los Angeles. “Enkosi,” thank you to Mount St. Mary's College for your support of this wonderful professional and travel experience during my sabbatical.



Anne Wilcoxon pets a cheetah while on a mini safari during a break from her conference.

Nursing Students Learn in the Field



Mount St. Mary's Associate Degree in Nursing student Esther Chung and Nursing Assistant Professor Madeleine Bruning help wash the feet of a homeless individual at a free community health screening in Santa Monica sponsored by the Cedars-Sinai Community Outreach Assistance for Children's Health (C.O.A.C.H.) for kids.

Bruning and the students go weekly to various sites as part of their pediatric rotation where each student works with a health care professional to provide direct services. They also attend and participate in health fairs geared toward community education. "This is a unique and rich opportunity for students to provide care 'in the field,' as well as give back to the community," said Bruning.

Students Take Politics Seriously in '04 Presidential Election

Mount students worked with the College's Women's Leadership Program to register their classmates to vote in last year's presidential election, and students in a political science class took on the roles of President George W. Bush and Sen. John F. Kerry in a mock debate.

Election activities and aggressive registering of new voters paid off when Los Angeles County designated the Chalon Campus as a polling site for the November election. Also, to make the election more relevant to students, the History and Political Science Department's American Party Politics class put on a mock presidential debate that drew students, faculty, and administrators to the Lecture Hall on the Chalon Campus.

During the mock debate, Bush was played by senior Leslie Flores, a history major, and Kerry by senior Juliet Choi, a political science major. Both students spent weeks studying tapes of the men. Flores perfected the Bush squint. Choi stood ramrod straight in true Kerry form.

"We wanted to portray them as accurately as possible," Choi said after the debate. "We had a lot of fun."

CNN's Judy Woodruff, played by senior Nicole Riesgo, a history and political science double major and pre-law minor, moderated the debate. Riesgo kept the candidates' answers on time by pounding her gavel. Questions were presented by students portraying journalists from CNN, Fox News Channel and ABC News.



Mount seniors (l to r) Juliet Choi, Nicole Riesgo, and Leslie Flores play roles in mock debate.

GLENN MARZANO

Mount President Named Distinguished Alumna at Claremont Graduate University

Claremont Graduate University honored Mount President Jacqueline Powers Doud with its Distinguished Alumni Award for 2004.

Doud received her Ph.D. in higher education from Claremont Graduate University in 1976. "My overwhelming sentiment tonight is one of gratitude," she said after receiving the award during an October ceremony. "I am grateful for the experience I had at Claremont Graduate University."

"We are privileged to call Dr. Doud a CGU alumna," said Joy Kliewer, director of alumni affairs at the graduate university. "Her remarkable talents and contributions in educational leadership are a testament to her success and bring great distinction to the university."



Director of Alumni Affairs Joy Kliewer and Interim President Bill Everhart, Claremont Graduate University, congratulate Jackie Doud.

DON DAVIDSON

Soulful Performance Poetry Comes to the Mount

Caribbean American writer and poet Vejea Jennings brought his passion for free-expression and activism to Mount St. Mary's College in November, performing his work for about 40 students, faculty and staff.

The author of the poetry collection "Soulations" pumped up the crowd at the Doheny Learning Resource Center by reading poems that are written to challenge and entertain audiences. The Los Angeles native has appeared on stage with Jesse Jackson, Edward James Olmos and hip-hop acts Zion I, Aceyalone and L.A. Symphony.



Vejea Jennings (right) with Mark Forte, director of the Learning Resource Center

Professor Named Consultant to National HIV Prevention Project

Mount Assistant Professor of Psychology Venetta Campbell was selected as a consultant for the American Psychological Association's HIV Prevention Community Building Assistance Project, which is designed to help communities stop the spread of HIV and other STDs.

The effort is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Campbell, an expert in health psychology and stress management, will assist community groups and health departments in the Western U.S. in designing, developing, implementing, and evaluating HIV prevention interventions

"As a psychologist, I've had an opportunity to look at human behavior in different ways. There are human beings behind these diseases," Campbell said.

Applause

Frankie Lennon, lecturer, English Department, was accepted in December to a highly competitive writing residency program for women. The Hedgebrook writing retreat program received 492 applications for 32 two-week residencies in Washington state this July. The retreat, which covers all of Lennon's food and lodging expenses, offers the writer and educator a chance to talk to women from a variety of cultures and the opportunity to refine her own memoir tentatively titled, "Breaking the Rules."

Deniz Cizmeciyan, assistant professor, Physical Sciences and Mathematics Department, spoke at the March 2005 National American Chemical Society Meeting in San Diego on, "Nuclear Magnetic Resonance as a powerful analytical tool for photochemical reactions in zeolites." She also worked with several students on five presentations during 2004 at the Experimental NMR Conference in Pacific Grove, Calif., and at the Southern California American Chemical Society Undergraduate Research Conference at Loyola Marymount University.

Tori Canillas-Dufau '98, assistant professor, Associate Degree in Nursing Program, serves as an Advisory Committee Member for the American Red Cross Competency Evaluation Program. She also wrote the article "Teaching About Numbers" in "Teaching Tips: Innovations in Undergraduate Science Instruction."

Thomas Patchell, lecturer, English Department, gained membership into a project led by Maxine Hong Kingston called The Veteran Writer's Group. The group includes war vets, their relatives and war protestors.

Eleanor Siebert, acting dean, Graduate Division, and chair of the Physical Sciences and Mathematics Department, was elected as a senior commissioner of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. She also was named a chief reader of the Educational Testing Service Advanced Chemistry Program.

Eric Stemp, associate professor, Physical Sciences and Mathematics Department, wrote "Charge Equilibration between Two Distinct sites in double helical DNA," for the proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences with three other authors. He also wrote, "Effects of the Photooxidant on DNA-Mediated Charge Transport," in the Journal of the American Chemical Society with three other authors.

Sue Sy, assistant professor, Psychology Department, was awarded an Early Career Scholarship from the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in 2004. She also is a reviewer for "Child Development," "International Journal of Behavioral Development," and American Psychological Association journals.

Ming Fang Wang, assistant professor, Associate Degree in Nursing Program, was nominated to the 2004 edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Michele Starkey '89, assistant professor, Physical Sciences and Mathematics Department, was nominated to Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Mount President Jackie Doud 'On the Ball'



GLENN MARZANO

Mount St. Mary's President Jackie Doud spins a Spalding basketball for the Women's National Basketball Association's "Who's on the Ball" campaign.

College President Jackie Doud is among an elite group of women leaders including first lady Laura Bush, newswomen Diane Sawyer and Judy Woodruff, U.S. Olympic medalists and women CEOs to represent the WNBA's national "Who's on the Ball" campaign.

The campaign recognizes women leaders in athletics and special achievement areas such as education, business, and politics. To see Doud's spotlight on the WNBA's Web page, click on the WNBA's Web page, click on www.wnba.com.

Readership Survey

The Mount magazine staff is conducting an informal survey of our readership to make sure we are providing you with the information you want and need. Please write to the following with your comments and suggestions: Editor, The Mount magazine, Mount St. Mary's College, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007 or send an Email to fmrlenec@msmc.la.edu. Thank you.

WECAN—Weekend College Alumni Network

The Alumnae Association has formed a new affiliate group: the Weekend College Alumni Network (WECAN). This group is designed to connect Weekend College alums to MSMC through networking, service, support, and enrichment opportunities. The group also will address areas of recruitment, mentoring, and scholarship support.

For its first event, WECAN hosted a wine and cheese reception before the annual Christmas concert presented by the Music Department in December. More than 40 Weekend College alums and friends attended. Special guests were MSMC President, Jackie Doud, and Dean of the Weekend College, Merrill Rodin.

WECAN board members who planned this event are Sheena Ricchio '98, Dave Burkitt '97, and Yadira Garcia '02. For more information about WECAN, please contact Alumnae Relations at (213) 477-2767.



GLENN MARZANO

(L to R) Susan Gionet '99, president of the Alumnae Board with WECAN board members Sheena Ricchio '98 and Yadira Garcia '02 meet on the Chalon Campus.

Mount Student Lauded for DNA Research

Mount junior Maria Sharine Batangan's DNA research presentation was praised as outstanding by judges at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in Texas last Fall.

Batangan was one of 12 Mount students in the Minority Access to Research Careers Program (MARC) attending the conference at the Hyatt Regency, Dallas. Her research presentation, "Determining the effects of local DNA environment on cross-linking," won high marks in the biochemical category.

Students in the minority access program attend conferences with help from a \$2.8-million grant awarded to the College's Department of Biological Sciences by the National Institutes of Health General Medical Sciences division. The students' work is regularly spotlighted at the national level.

Each year since the College first received the grant in 1990, 12 science students have earned \$12,500 toward tuition, plus a \$10,500 stipend to work in a lab at the Mount and another \$1,200 to travel to research conferences. Students are exposed to prominent professors at research institutions around the country.

Batangan did her research last summer at Caltech with Eric Stemp, a Mount associate professor of Physical Sciences and Mathematics.

All 12 Mount students in the program attended the conference. "These students are representative of the quality of students attending Mount St. Mary's," said Sister Annette Bower '58, chair of the Biological Sciences Department. "We can all be very proud."



Mount junior Maria Sharine Batangan presents DNA research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in Texas during the Fall semester.

The Mount in the Media

New York Times (Sunday Edition) – featured Barbara S. Jones '68, who graduated from the Mount with her bachelor's degree in political science, in a story about how Jones and her friend, Denise L. Cote, are both United States District Court judges in Manhattan who will play important roles in the trials of WorldCom's former chief executive, Bernard J. Ebbers, and the investment banks and auditors that advised the company as it spiraled into bankruptcy (January).

KCET Life & Times – featured the College's accelerated bachelor's of science in nursing program in a segment that examined how the program helps alleviate the nursing shortage and provides quality nurses to staff area hospitals (February).

Los Angeles Times – quoted President Jacqueline Powers Doud in a story about Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget to cut maximum Cal Grants by 10.5% for low- and moderate-income students entering private colleges. If approved, the cuts would represent the second reduction in two years for new private college students. All told, "the risk we face is that the students most in need will be slighted," said Doud (January).

The Tidings – covered the College's designation as part of the national Rock the Vote project. The Mount was one of five colleges and universities in Southern California named Rock the Vote sites — a distinction that put the College in the forefront of political participation among young Americans. Others participating in the region were USC, Cal State Northridge, University of LaVerne, and Chapman College (September).

Los Angeles Weekly – profiled Mount alumna Francesca De La Rosa '96 in September for her work to found the Healthy School Food Coalition, which fights for healthier food choices in Los Angeles Unified schools (September).

Marin County Journal (Calif.) – ran a metro cover feature story in September about alumna Susan Holland '74, a veteran seventh-grade science teacher from Northern California. "What she does for our middle school kids is make science real," said Dixie School District Superintendent Thomas Lohwasser of Holland (September).

Los Angeles Business Journal – mentioned Katherine Whitman '63, associate professor of international business and economics at the Mount, in a cover story sidebar about travelers' choices to make the trip from Los Angeles to China. Whitman is an expert on many aspects of doing business in China and has traveled to China 41 times (October).

CBS News Sunday Morning – Aired a feature story about how the Mount helps young women from immigrant families attain college degrees. The piece profiled Vanessa Ruiz, recipient of a prestigious teaching fellowship from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, whose family owns a market in Lynwood. The piece also featured the College's annual father daughter dance in the Doheny Mansion (August).

The Tidings – featured the College's fall 2004 convocation examining Catholic Social Thought at the Doheny Campus. The story quoted speakers John A. Coleman, a priest and professor at Loyola Marymount University, and Tom Chabolla of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in Washington D.C. (September).

Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Arizona Republic, and the Charlotte Observer – ran news obituaries on the passing of Celia Gonzales Torres '58, whose legacy continues through such inspired creations as the National Network for Hispanic Women and the Latina Alumnae Network at MSMC (August).

The Torrance Daily Breeze, Ventura County Star, the Palos Verdes Peninsula News, and the Highlander (City of Industry) ran news items about students in the Mount's incoming freshman class who received \$10,000 President's Awards to attend the College (September).

Planning For the PLAN "Plans are nothing; planning is everything." —Dwight David Eisenhower

The Mount has launched a total master plan for both campuses that includes an academic and a space component, which specifies actions to implement the goals of the College's Strategic Plan.

The Educational Plan, spearheaded by Provost Mary Boyce and the faculty, provides guidelines for academic initiatives from 2004 to 2007. Focusing on ways to increase numbers of fulltime faculty; develop students' academic skills; assess student learning; improve quantitative literacy; increase academic challenges; and increase enrollment, the plan will "raise the bar" in all areas of instruction and learning.

"During the planning process we recognized that much of what we need for the Educational Plan would come from other parts of the College," said Boyce. "In addition to enhanced services for students, we need enhanced programs and facilities."

Partnering with the academic planners, members of the Master Space

Planning Committee have been studying how and where the growth of the academic plan will take place.

"Our master plan emphasizes space utilization as opposed to building massing and land utilization," said Irene Thomas-Johnson, director of Facilities Management. "We are assessing the demands for classrooms, laboratories, dining, residential, parking and support services, balancing them against long and short-term program offerings, technological needs, and enrollment growth models to develop a comprehensive plan."

"Planning for the College's future brings us into the fullest expression of our mission envisioned 80 years ago by the Sisters of St. Joseph that every capable and motivated woman (or man) regardless of economic or social background, should have an opportunity to pursue a college education of the highest quality," said President Jackie Doud.

Mount Receives Planning Grant For the Sciences

Mount St. Mary's College received a \$50,000 planning grant during the fall semester as part of a national project to research new ways to blend biology, physical sciences, and mathematics in the classroom.

The funds from the National Institutes of Health will be used to train 11 faculty members at the Mount to expand their knowledge of all science fields. The goal is to better prepare students to work in contemporary medicine and public policy.

"The way we teach biology now is too isolated," said Sister Annette Bower, CSJ '59, chair of the Biological Sciences Department. "Through this grant, a biology teacher will be a lot richer in understanding all the sciences, as will a math teacher."

Saluting Jubilarians

The Mount community commends the following Sisters for their significant contributions to the College as they celebrate jubilee years as Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

75 YEARS

Sister Therese Cecile Pratt

60 YEARS

Sister Mary Evelyn Flynn

Sister Grace Ann Loperena

Sister Elizabeth Anne Malone

50 YEARS

Sister Teresita Espinosa

Sister Joyce Marie Gaspardo

Sister Karen Wilhelmy

Sister Claire Marie Williams

Sister Mary Williams

In The Classroom

Psychology Professor and Her Students Examine College-Going Daughters of Immigrant Families

A Mount psychology professor is using a prestigious national research grant to involve her students in a long-term project that aims to gain a better understanding of risk factors for Latina daughters of immigrant families who are attending college.

Assistant Professor Sue Sy was one of five recipients nationwide of a \$6,500 early career Promoting Psychological Research and Training in Health Disparities Issues Grants through the American Psychological Association in 2004.

The grants are designed to encourage faculty members to develop pilot data on research projects over the next 18 months. By 2006, Sy expects to submit a proposal to the American Psychological Association to extend the project through 2009. She hopes to receive as much as \$250,000 to continue research from a variety of federal agencies.

In the first phase of the project, Sy is leading nine psychology undergraduates who are research assistants in a study that sends them into the community to interview dozens of Latina college students in the Los Angeles area. Sy hopes to eventually share the research findings with policymakers and guidance counselors to promote resiliency in daughters of immigrant families as they transition from home to college.

The professor also hopes the effort inspires her students to continue their educations in graduate school, and to pursue careers in social science research. "Undergraduates often feel that research is too challenging, technical and impersonal," Sy said. "They have a difficult time understanding the relevance of research to issues they care about."

Research assistant Paige Dylan '05, a psychology major, said that interviewing Latina students has

helped her better understand the pressures some of her friends face to balance their classwork and career ambitions with families' desires that they help out financially and stay close to home. Attending college is the ultimate success story for many students.

"There are so many obstacles and so many pressures," Dylan said. "I've gained a huge amount of respect for these girls who help their parents and their siblings as well as make financial contributions in their families. You sort of take for granted that people come here and they have this easy integration into life in a different country."

The other research assistants are: Jessica Romero, Patty Chaves-Joy, Cecille de la Vina, Carmen Ventura, Karen Orellana, Valerie Dy, Dayanthi Kurukulasuriya, and Eva Liu.



Psychology undergraduates collecting research on Latina college-goers are: (back row) Jessica Romero, Patty Chaves-Joy, and Psychology Assistant Professor Sue Sy; (middle row) Dayanthi Kurukulasuriya and Eva Liu; (front row) Carmen Ventura, Karen Orellana, and Valerie Dy.

EMILY PAULSON

New Chair of Nursing Department

Mary Wickman, a nurse with 30 years of experience and an alumna of the college, has accepted the position of chair of the Department of Nursing. Her appointment was effective Jan. 3, 2005.

Wickman, who earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Mount St. Mary's in 1974 and her master's and Ph.D. from UCLA, brings a strong background in maternal-child nursing to the job. She has been a staff nurse and nursing coordinator at hospitals around the country, and is currently a Navy nurse and captain in the Naval Reserves.

"I have always appreciated the excellent education I received at the Mount. This education provided a strong foundation on which to build my profession and provided the skills I needed to be successful," Wickman said.

Wickman arrived at the college during a time of large-scale expansion in the college's associate, baccalaureate, and accelerated nursing degree programs. "The Department of Nursing at Mount St. Mary's has responded creatively to meet community healthcare needs during the current nursing shortage," she said. "It is wonderful to be a part of that growth."



FRANCINE MARLENE

Leadership, Ethical Living Core Values Learned at Mount

More than two-thirds of recent Mount St. Mary's graduates said the College greatly enhanced their ability to lead others, evaluate moral or ethical problems and succeed in their careers, according to a recent survey.

The College's Office of Institutional Research and Assessment tallied results based on surveys filled out by 114 alums who earned undergraduate degrees from the Mount after 1993. The results show that leadership, ethics, and a sound liberal arts foundation remain hallmarks of a Mount education. Respondents included Weekend College graduates, and ranged in age from their late teens to their early 60s.

More than half of the alums surveyed said that raising a family was essential, and nearly half rated integrating spirituality into their lives as essential. Most alums surveyed said it is very important or essential to them to help promote racial and cultural understanding.

Actor Mike Farrell Discusses Death Penalty at College

Actor and anti-death penalty activist Mike Farrell told students during a November visit to the College's Documentary Film and Social Justice class that executions are inhumane and racist, and must be abolished.

He discussed his opposition to the death penalty with about 40 students in the Chalon Campus Art Building after a screening of the short film "Witness to the Execution." The film follows a death row inmate in Arizona, his mother and his victim's family in the days leading to his execution by lethal injection. The film was shown as part of the College's Human Rights Film Festival sponsored by the Sociology Department and Film and Social Justice Program.

"I find the death penalty to be personally abhorrent," Farrell said. "Violence has a way of continuing unless someone stops it, so in my view we ought to stop it. Killing people is terribly corrosive to the moral fabric of the country."



JOANNA BANKS

A Closer Look

A Closer Look examines the features of Mount AlumLine, www.msmcalumns.la.edu, one at a time.



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So you've started exploring Mount Alumline. You've probably noticed that it provides many useful features, like the Alumnae Directory, Class Notes, and Career Center. We hope your experience with Mount Alumline is a pleasant one. One of the popular features of the online community is the member photo album section. This is a place where you can upload pictures for other fellow alums to see.

If you have photos or graphics to share, start an album today in "Member Albums." It's easy to use.

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3. Now you are ready to upload your photos, and it is as easy as 1-2-3.

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The New CSJ Council



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(L to R) Sister Maureen Evelyn Brown, councilor; Sister Loraine Polacci, councilor; Sister Mary Sevilla '63, assistant provincial superior; Sister Mary McKay '67, provincial superior; Sister Patricia Ann Nelson, assistant provincial superior; and Sister Kieran Vaughan '64, councilor.

The new Council for the Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) began its three-year term on August 1, 2004. According to Sister Mary McKay, the new provincial superior for the council, their goal is to "work with the members of our province to implement the directions formulated by the Congregational Chapter." Sister Pat Nelson, assistant provincial superior, explained that this is a two-fold goal because it involves enhancing their internal spiritual direction as well as their outward direction to "use the collective power of all the sisters to bring about justice and peace and to serve others."

When the council met with Mount St. Mary's College recently, Sister Pat said, "We had great dialogue with the leadership of the College and we can see ourselves moving forward to enliven both mission and ministry." She said that MSMC and the CSJ sisters share the same mission, the mission of the Catholic Church.

The CSJs have already spent much of their time reaching out to the Sisters of the province by traveling to all areas and listening to the needs of the Sisters as they engage in their ministries. They have also attended national and regional conferences of religious women, absorbing information regarding religious life and legal matters regarding their sponsored institutions including Mount St. Mary's College, founded by CSJ Mother Margaret Brady in 1925. Each year, this province presents a generous donation to MSMC as part of their mission for justice and serving others.

Bridges

College Awarded New Title V Grant

The College received a new five-year, \$3.5 million grant in the fall 2004 semester to help more Hispanic students finish four-year degrees. The grant is one of 31 awarded nationwide in 2004 by the U.S. Department of Education to colleges and universities where at least 25 percent of students are Hispanic.

The money will be used to improve student retention and degree completion from 2004 to 2009 in partnership with Pasadena City College. The colleges will help Hispanic students transfer from two-year programs at the Pasadena community college to four-year degree programs at Mount St. Mary's in such areas as business, health, teacher education, fine arts, sociology, and gerontology. Students will have access to shared academic tracking systems as well as to tutors, mentors, and internships.

Professors will be trained to better engage Hispanic students and track their progress.

National studies released in 2004 by the Pew Hispanic Center show that Hispanics, as the country's largest minority group, are half as likely to graduate with a four-year degree than white students with similar academic credentials. Hispanic students, the studies show, are more likely to delay enrollment in college, have greater financial responsibility for their families, and live with their families while in college.

Mount President Jacqueline Powers Doud said the grant allows the colleges to close this gap by providing seamless student guidance and support for transfer, financial aid, tutoring and internships. About 44 percent of Mount St. Mary's baccalaureate students are Hispanic, and 36 percent of Pasadena City College's students are Hispanic.

"Mount St. Mary's College shares with Pasadena City College the desire for student success in both the classroom and the world," Doud said. "We are fortunate to have been awarded this highly competitive grant."

Larry Smith, vice president for Information Support and Title V program director at Mount St. Mary's, said the grant aims to strengthen academic programs for all students and to meet the vital need of helping more Hispanic students earn bachelor's degrees. "We will work to create a four-year pathway to degrees for students," he said.

Mount St. Mary's grant is among 17 awarded to California colleges in 2004. Other area colleges receiving Title V grants in 2004 include Chaffey College, Long Beach City College, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Compton Community College, West Los Angeles College, and Cal State Fullerton.



Homecoming: A Golden Day for a Diamond Celebration

by Joy Jacobs



Barbara Buckman '63, Legacy of the Roses Award Recipient

Sharon Leahy '60, Legacy of the Roses Award Recipient

Sister Miriam Therese Larkin '53 (L) and Sister Imelda D'Agostino '58 (R) accept a tribute in memory of Sister Cecilia Louise Moore '53 from President Jackie Doud.

Balmy breezes and clear blue skies created a celebratory backdrop for Homecoming and the 75th anniversary of the Alumnae Association last October. More than 240 alums and guests returned to the Chalon Campus for creative workshops; a Time Tunnel of memorabilia; Founders Day Mass concelebrated by Rev. George O'Brien, MSMC Chaplain, and Rev. Matthew Delaney, former academic dean; class and club reunions; and a gala Homecoming dinner complete with champagne toasts, and rose décor throughout. A commemorative champagne flute presented to each dinner guest added an additional touch to the festive day.

Highlights included tributes to Sister Rose de Lima and Sister Rose Bernard, who were guiding lights in the development of the Alumnae Association; a presentation of the Outstanding Alumna awards to honorees Mary Caratan Sloper '62 for Service to the College, and Monica Spillane Luechtefeld '71 for Professional

Achievement; and a presentation of the one-time-only Legacy of the Roses Awards to Sharon Leahy '60 and Barbara Buckman '63 for their dedication and outstanding service to the College, qualities that would have epitomized them as "ultimate alums" in the eyes of the "Rose" sisters mentioned above.

Poignant words paid tribute to Sister Cecilia Louise Moore '53, former president of the College from 1967 to 1976, and Cheryl Mabey '69, former director of the Women's Leadership Program from 1977 to 1999

"This was the biggest and most successful Homecoming yet," said Jeanne Ruiz '63 director of Alumnae Relations. "It is a love for their alma mater that brings alums back to reconnect and celebrate. It was a fun day and we are already planning for next year. Save the date: October 22, 2005!"

Monica Spillane Luechtefeld '71

OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

I have known Monica Spillane Luechtefeld since 1964 when we met at Louisville High School in Woodland Hills, CA. Our families share similar characteristics, immersed in Catholic education, Christian service and family values. In preparation for this article I pulled out the old high school annual and was astounded to see the fresh young girls with the 1967 bee hive hair do's or perky flips, white lipstick and thick eyeliner who are pictured there! How could it really be that long ago that the first seeds of a friendship took root?

We moved on to Mount St. Mary's College where Monica embraced math and the sciences. I remember she spent a lot of time helping one of the sisters with mosquito research in the laboratories and was always high on the Dean's List. Little did I know then that my friendship with Monica Spillane would endure for a lifetime!

We have remained close friends through love and marriage, birth of children, losses and triumphs, career success and personal tragedy. In spite of her outstanding success in the business world, as the former executive vice president of global e-commerce for Office Depot, and as the newly-appointed, first-ever executive vice president of Strategy and Development for the company, she still holds dear the shared values rooted in a creative and significant collegiate experience. A strong sense of self worth that ties her to the Mount today, was born and nurtured at the College during the tumultuous late sixties. The strong family values that she grew up with joined forces with the relationships she forged with a few really close friends. These significant friendships solidified an experience, which provided an important foundation for the future.

She is currently a member of the MSMC Board of Trustees, assisting in



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governing the college to which she is so devoted, and she is deeply connected in the spirit of shared experience, life long service and ministry. Monica is a true believer in the Mount, and her sense of self worth and identity comes from her grounding here. The enduring friendships she has nurtured, not only with me, but also with Sister Kathy Stein '71 and Mount Trustees Sister Jill Napier '71 and The Honorable Jane Luecke Johnson '64, are testimony to the solid

values and caring devoted concern that she shows to all.

Monica serves as a member of the Forrester Board of Clients, and is a member of the Private Sector Senior Advisory Committee for the Department of Homeland Security. She was profiled in *Business Week's* "e-Biz 25" pages and was featured in *Fast Company's* "Who's Fast 2003" issue as a veteran in e-commerce.

She is a loyal friend, an outstanding business executive, a loving daughter to her wonderful, proud parents and a devoted mother to her talented and handsome son Christopher, now a successful investment broker. She is one of the most generous women I have ever known. She can be brutally honest and loving at the same time. She gives sage advice and maneuvers skillfully from conflict to solutions. She spends a lot of time traveling for her company but once a year or so she plans a trip far away where we can get away from our busy lives and melt the years away.

I truly believe that Monica Spillane Luechtefeld is one of the most outstanding of all Mount St. Mary's alumnae. I was proud to nominate her for the 2004 Outstanding Alumnae Award for Professional Achievement. She is an accomplished and recognized outstanding business executive on a national and international level. She is my cherished friend.

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BY KATHLEEN MALONEY '71, MEMBER, MSMC REGENTS COUNCIL

Mary Caratan Sloper '62

OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

“Once Upon a Time in Africa” is a book about the life of an African catechist in which his colleagues described him as “ki-sabuni.” (Swahili for “like a bar of soap”). In my contemplation of what it might mean to be so described, I suddenly remembered my promise to write something about my old roomie at the Mount on the occasion of her being awarded the Mount’s prestigious “Outstanding Alumna for Service to the College” award. Mary Caratan Sloper '62 is like a bar of soap. You know, in the house, the bar of soap sits next to the basin, available to all—children, adults, elderly family members, siblings, guests. It never complains, just continues being available.

About 43 years ago we both headed out as part of the graduating class of '62 at the Mount. Mary went back to San Diego and straight to the hospital floors to start her nursing career. After a year of that she was off to Europe for a five-month rest with me, her college roommate, and two of our other lifelong friends from the Brady Hall days, Jean Moynier '62 and Terry Iribarren Talbot '62. On her return, she became the first new bar of soap, a public health nurse. From there on, it was a combination of needs which presented themselves and of goals and challenges which she assigned to herself: public health nursing instructor at Mount St. Mary's College; M.N. in Community Mental Health nursing at UCLA; director of nursing education at St. Vincent's hospital in New York; and graduation from the Family Institute in Manhattan as a family therapist. While on the East Coast, she and her husband, Don, adopted the first of their two special needs children, both of whom so thrived in their loving care, that their special needs appear to have vanished.

Upon their return to Los Angeles, Mary



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was soon recruited by Sister Rebecca Doan to rejoin the nursing faculty at the Mount. During her career as an associate professor teaching psychiatric nursing and leadership/management, she moved into the position of acting chair of the nursing department until the return of the permanent chairperson, after which Mary remained assistant chair of that department for many years.

In the 1990s, she wrote a grant for, developed, implemented, and served as the first director of the Accelerated Degree in Nursing Program.

That being done, she went on to become assistant to the provost. Oh, did I mention that all the while, she quietly earned a master's degree in business (MBA) at California State University at Dominguez Hills? That of course meant that she must, and did, become the chair of the business administration department at MSMC. She led the search to find a permanent replacement for herself so that

she could retire, and so she did! What a bar of soap!

But wait, there's more! With her husband, Don, she is a charter and life member of the Mount Associates and a member of the Mount's Regents Council. Post retirement, Mary continues serving as chairperson of California's board of registered nursing diversion evaluation committee in Los Angeles. This is a state service agency that monitors and counsels nurses with addiction problems. She is also chair of the board of directors of The Academy of Our Lady of Peace in San Diego, her grammar school and high school alma mater.

Also since her retirement, and again with her husband Don, Mary has, in the last two years, developed and implemented a docent program for historic Chester Place and the Doheny Mansion, located on the College's downtown Los Angeles campus. She continues to be a lector at St. Lawrence Martyr Church in Redondo Beach. Mary is an active member of the Mary Magdalene Project, Inc., a non profit whose mission is the rehabilitation of street prostitutes, and most recently, (does soap have this much time??) a member of Las Candelistas, a philanthropic group in the South Bay which raises money for women's and children's services.

Mary has led an exemplary life of achievements and accomplishments, and all the while, one could always count on a companion to a doctor's appointment as her mother and her many friends can attest, or a supportive e-mail to an anxious friend, or an invitation to one of her world class parties. Her grandchildren can always count on making cookies with her, getting a new nightgown for Christmas, and hunting for Easter eggs, and her husband can always count on sitting down to a low-cholesterol meal each evening.

This is a bar of soap in whose life I have been very fortunate to share.



BY MARY LOU WEIDLICH '62

Graduate Program in Religious Studies

25 Years Old and Going Strong

By Francine Marlenée

Project Teen Reach students Raul Escareno and Tracy Lopez talk about decision-making skills with Cambria Smith '00 (middle), assistant executive director of the Volunteer Center of Los Angeles.



ROCK MENDOZA

This year, the Graduate Program in Religious Studies celebrates its 25th year of transforming students, and the program is stronger than ever. The graduate program was started perhaps by providence, following the closing of Immaculate Heart College (IHC) in 1980. Marie Egan had been the chair of the IHC Religious Studies Department and Alexis Navarro had been the dean of the graduate school. Both were members of the Immaculate Heart Community, sponsors of IHC.

Following the IHC closure, Father Matthew Delaney, who was academic dean at the Mount; Sister Magdalen Coughlin, then president; and Sister Joan Henehan, who was chair of Religious Studies, approached Navarro and Egan about bringing IHC's reputable graduate program to MSMC. In September 1980, after some negotiation, Egan, Navarro, and three students continued the graduate program at the College. Both instructors received faculty appointments, teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Egan was appointed chair and Navarro was

appointed as director of the College's first Graduate Program in Religious Studies.

Connections were soon made with various diocesan offices. A series of outreach efforts was also started to bring theological workshops, programs, lectures, and credit/non-credit opportunities to the Catholic audience of Southern California. Personal attention and advisement were priorities. "Our intention was to promote a believing faith community in a learning situation," said Navarro. "Although the majority of students were Catholic, students from other denominations and traditions were welcomed."

Courses were given throughout the year by theologians from all over the country. "The students at Mount St. Mary's continued to receive the best education from the best scholars we could find in all fields of theology and ministry," said Navarro. "We also opened up opportunities for those in ministry to receive training through coursework at the Mount."

Egan retired in 2001 and Navarro

retired in 2003. Sister Mary McKay '67 then became chair and also served as director of the graduate program until August 2004, when she began her term as Provincial of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. During her tenure in the department, Sister Mary worked tirelessly to improve the Hispanic Pastoral Ministry Program.

In August 2004, Sister Darlene Kawulok became chair and Father Guillermo Garcia, who had assisted Sister Mary with the Hispanic Pastoral Ministry Program, was named director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies.

The Department continues the lecture series that was started in 1981, and will work to strengthen the academic and research side of the program. "We must ask, what are the needs of the church? Then we must fulfill those needs," said Sister Darlene. Father Garcia added, "We also need to realize that lay people have certain rights and gifts, and we need to provide them with the tools to develop their various ministries."

Sister Darlene said that she finds that with the implementation of online studies, they will be able to respond to the people who don't have "brick and mortar" schools in their rural parishes but have a desire to fulfill their baptismal call to ministry in the church.

"Our graduates are bringing Catholic critical thinking style into the workplace and they are being faced with issues of justice, how people treat the poor and the oppressed, and how their decisions ultimately affect the poor," said Sister Darlene. "We are finding students wanting to do pastoral ministry. Some things are earth shaking for our students and cause a lot of personal transformation. We want to provide an environment for them to develop spiritually as well as academically."

Graduates Make Positive Differences

Today, more than 123 graduates have completed the Graduate Program in Religious Studies and many are making positive changes in our society. Cambria Smith '00 is one such graduate. She came to the U.S. from England more than 10 years ago. She started as a volunteer at the

Volunteer Center of Los Angeles and serves today as Assistant Executive Director where she has developed programming in leadership training for at-risk youth and job training for adults with disabilities. She says that her education in the Mount's Religious Studies Program was the "most profound life-shaping event." She said that it brought her a greater awareness of social justice and advocacy as well as service learning. Smith also serves the Los Angeles Archdiocese as vice chair for the Justice & Peace Commission.



Lynn Zupan '99

Lynn Zupan '99 is one of few women who administrates a parish. For the last couple of years she has served as pastoral coordinator for San Gorgonio Catholic Church in Beaumont, CA. She says that her most memorable experience has been to introduce the community to the presence of lay parish administration. She has seen her church grow by 400 families. Zupan's contract was recently extended for a 6-year term at San Gorgonio.

Bill Shaules '94 is a pastoral associate at the Church of the Incarnation in Glendale



Bill Shaules '94

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Some of the Religious Studies graduates include:

- JO ROTUNNO '85**, past president of Harcourt Brace Religion texts, who is now catechetical specialist with Resources for Christian Living in Allen, Texas.
- ALLAN TRANKLEY '85**, who converted to Catholicism and pursued the Graduate Program as the next step in his personal growth. An attorney, Trankley had worked for the FBI and NBC Television for many years.
- JANICE DAURIO '88**, who went on to pursue her doctorate and is currently a professor of philosophy at Moorpark College.
- ADELA FRANCO '89**, is the executive editor for Benziger Press, New York.
- MAURICE HAMINGTON '89**, who is currently an assistant professor at the University of Southern Indiana, and the author of two books.
- LUCKY ALTMAN '91**, is the acting director of the National Conference for Community and Justice.
- THOMAS J. EAST '92** is the director for the Center for Ministry Development in Seattle.
- DOMINIC BERARDINO '93** is the president of Southern California Renewal Communities.
- VICTORIA HOWELL FUSTER '93**, who now resides in Spain, is pursuing her doctorate at the University of Madrid. She is published in Spain, and is a former vice president for Citicorp.
- EILEEN O'BRIEN '94** works for the Los Angeles Archdiocese as the director of facilities & operations.
- MIGUEL NOVAK '95**, oversees campus ministry at University of the Pacific and Delta College in Stockton, CA.
- JOHN KNIGHT '96** is a senior vice president and manager at Union Bank of California. He is one of MSMC's new Regents.
- DENNIS MUNOZ '96** is a principal at Daniel Murphy High School.
- ARMANDO RUIZ '96** is an architect for liturgical settings.
- MARIA-ELENA CARDENA '98** is the director of faith formation at Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont.
- KAY A. MURDY '01** founded the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Bible Institute and is a speaker, columnist, and author. Her latest book is "What Every Catholic Needs To Know About the Bible."
- MARY MCCULLOUGH '02** is a teacher at Bishop Amat High School.
- SUE GEORGINO '02** is community development director for the City of Burbank.
- HUMBERTO RAMOS '04** works for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is instrumental in Hispanic ministry.

and is very active in that community. He has taught at MSMC in the graduate program and is currently an adjunct professor at Loyola Marymount University. Shaules expects to complete his Ph.D. from Fuller Seminary this year. "The degree from the Mount gave me a theological foundation to go forward, and inspiration to work in the congregation, not just in academia," he said.

In addition to the graduate program, more than 100 students have completed certificate programs. They must earn between 15-21 graduate units in order to complete certification in Hispanic Pastoral Ministry, Leadership in Religious Education, Liturgical Studies and Ministry, Pastoral Counseling/Care and Ministry, Detention Ministry, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Advanced Religious Studies. All of these certificate recipients are also contributing in various pastoral and ministry roles.

For more information, please call Father Garcia at 213-477-2641 or send him an Email at ggarcia@msmc.la.edu.

☞ Newest Members of ☞

REGENTS COUNCIL

Have Strong Ties to the Mount

BY JOANNA BANKS



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Ten of the newest members of the Regents Council gathered in February at the Doheny Mansion. Pictured left to right, they are: Kimberly Iselin, Hank Bowman, Vivien Lo Pizzo '65, Kathleen Maloney '71, Grace Wickersham '69, Elaine Kindle '75, Eileen Bigelow '65, Deborah Greene '66, Mary K. Hughes, and John Fitzgerald. Not pictured: John A. Knight '96; Bette Gualano Coleman '52 and Thomas J. Coleman; Patrick Greene; Javad Hashtroudian; and Alexander and Mariette T. Sawchuk.

Mariette T. Sawchuk was finishing her Ph.D. in English literature in 1974 when she learned about a teaching job at the Mount from Stanford University classmate Sister Mary Williams, CSJ.

Sawchuk taught English at the Mount for four years in the 1970s before starting her own consulting business, and the College has been a vital part of her life ever since. Now she is deepening her commitment to the Mount by becoming one of the newest members of the College's Regents Council.

"I passionately believe in the mission of the college to educate young women who might otherwise have difficulty making it through college," she said. "I have always been very much impressed with the College's outreach to underserved students, and I am very committed to the diversity that the College seeks to embrace." Sawchuk is the author of four publications in the *Celebrating Cultural Diversity Series* published by the College during the 1990s. She also wrote and produced two award-winning videos on diversity in business and education.

The council, which counts more than 40 members, takes on the high-profile jobs of promoting the Mount and its educational

mission, planning black-tie galas, and supporting the College's initiatives among state and federal lawmakers.

The new regents represent a mix of alums, bankers, educators, and business owners working together to raise the visibility and enhance fund-raising at the College. The members also make annual contributions to the College to support operating expenses and endowment programs and engage community leaders who may be potential supporters of the Mount.

New Regent Jack Knight '96 said he is thrilled to be on the council and contribute to the Mount's future. Knight is a successful banker who in 1991 decided to go back to school and earn his master's degree in religious studies from the Mount. He spent five years taking night and weekend classes to finish his master's degree, but Knight, now a senior vice president at Union Bank of California in San Francisco, said he would not change a thing about the experience.

"My classes inspired me to get involved in the community with organizations that deal with populations that are less-served," he said. Knight serves on the boards of several foundations in San Francisco that help needy residents.

THE NEW REGENTS

Eileen Murphy Bigelow '65 of Whittier graduated from the Mount with her bachelor's degree in Classical Languages. Bigelow and her husband, Brien, have six children and own the hospital supply company National Hospital Packaging. She is a past Mount Alumnae Association president and is a recipient of the Whittier High School District Distinguished Service Award.

Hank C. Bowman of Northridge is a retired electrician who set up the Carla Wright Bowman Memorial Endowed Scholarship in honor of his wife, a former Mount student. He graduated from San Fernando High School and finished four years in an electrical apprentice school. Hank is a member of the Mount Associates Advisory Board. He and Carla Wright Bowman (deceased) have five children.

Bebette Gualano Coleman '52 and **Thomas J. Coleman** of Arcadia recently established the Thomas J. Coleman, M. D., and Bebette Gualano Coleman '52 Nursing Scholarship. Bebette is an attorney who graduated from the Mount with a bachelor's degree in economics. She earned her law degree from Loyola Law School in 1956. She is a past president of the Southern California Women's Lawyers Association and of the San Gabriel Valley Bar Association. She serves on the Santa Teresita Medical Center Foundation Board. Thomas Coleman is an orthopaedic surgeon.

John C. Fitzgerald of Lake Arrowhead owns his own municipal financing firm in Los Angeles, John C. Fitzgerald & Associates. He earned his bachelor's degree from Cal State Sacramento and his MBA from Cornell University. He is a Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumnus of the Year, and on the Who's Who in America list. He is a former Mount trustee and past chair of the Board of the American Heart Association, Los Angeles, director of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Educational Foundation, and member of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles.

Deborah Morris Greene '66 and **Patrick Greene** of Palos Verdes Estates have one daughter and four grandchildren. Deborah graduated with her associate of arts degree from the Mount and attended Long Beach State University. She is a member of the Board of Trustees at Little Company of Mary Hospital and a former president of the Palos Verdes Tennis Club. Deborah enjoys tennis, travel, and reading. Patrick is president of Greene's Ready Mixed Concrete Company. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration at Loyola University in 1967. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Mary K. Hughes of Shadow Hills is a partner in Hughes Family Partners, which previously owned Hughes Family Markets and now runs HOWS Markets. She is the daughter of Katherine Hughes and Roger Hughes, a former College trustee and a current regent. She earned her bachelor's degree in art from Cal State Northridge. She is an equestrian therapy volunteer at Tierra Del Sol Foundation and is a certified equestrian coach for the Special Olympics.

Kimberly Iselin of Pacific Palisades is a vice president at Union Bank of California. She is married to O'Donnell Iselin II, who works in finance. The couple has an 11-year-old daughter. She earned her bachelor's degree from San Diego State University, and volunteers with the Westside Guild of Children's Hospital, Los Angeles. She worked with the Mount for a decade on the Women's Internship Network, a mentoring program done in partnership with the Junior League. She also is a board member of the Junior League of Los Angeles, a fifth-grade room parent at St. Matthew's Parish School and a Sunday school teacher for St. Matthew's Parish.

Elaine Kindle '75 and **Javad Hashtroudian** of Hacienda Heights both have backgrounds in counseling. Elaine is the founder and director of Life Focus Center in Hacienda Heights, which uses counseling to help clients gain confidence and meet their personal and professional goals. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from the Mount, her master's degree in social work from USC, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology, now named Alliant International University. She is an adjunct faculty member at Alliant International University. Javad has a doctorate in clinical hypnosis. Elaine is a past member of the Alumnae Association Board, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Mount Associates.

John A. Knight '96 of San Francisco is a senior vice president and manager at Union Bank of California, who established the John Knight Graduate Religious Studies Scholarship. He is married to Sarah Knight, a banker. The couple has a 22-year-old daughter. He earned his bachelor's degree from Queens College in New York, his MBA with an emphasis in finance and quantitative analysis from Fordham University, and his master's degree in religious studies from the Mount in 1996. He is a certified cash manager through the Association of Financial Professionals and a member of the national economics society Omicron Delta Epsilon. He is board chair of both the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and the Westside Community Mental Health Center, and is

treasurer of the Laguna Honda Foundation in San Francisco.

Kathleen A. Maloney '71 of Santa Clarita is executive director of the College of the Canyons Foundation in Santa Clarita. Maloney, who has four children, graduated from the Mount with her bachelor's degree in social science. She is a past Alumnae Board president. She is a certified fundraising executive, and membership chair for Soroptimist International of the Santa Clarita Valley and a member of the board of directors for the Network of California Community College Foundation.

Vivien F. Lo Pizzo '65 of Los Angeles is a teacher with Los Angeles Unified for the Brentwood Science Magnet school. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from the Mount, and her master's in education from the College. She is a mentor teacher in the school district and a National Board Certified Teacher. She is a past Alumnae Association Board president. She studies music, reading, film and brain research related to the education of gifted students.

Mariette T. Sawchuk and **Alexander Sawchuck** of Los Angeles have two children. Mariette owns The Write Way Consulting company in Los Angeles, which does strategic communication for nonprofit organizations. She earned her bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and earned her master's degree and Ph.D. at Stanford. She is a former Mount English professor and grant-writing consultant to the College. She is a member of the board of directors of the J.W. and H.M. Goodman Foundation. Alexander is an electrical engineering professor at USC.

Grace Kadner Wickersham '69 of Corona Del Mar is a senior consultant with Carpenter & Company in Irvine, which helps clients start banks. She is married to Chase Wickersham III. The couple has two children. She earned her bachelor's degree in economics from the Mount and her master's degree in economics from USC. She is a fellow with the National Association of Business Economics, past president of the Mount's Alumnae Association Board, and director and past chapter president of the National Association of Business Economics. She is a past volunteer fundraiser with Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church and St. Martin of Tours Church.

Class Notes

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Lorainne Pedula's company, Pedula Lumber, built a new office and she works there everyday. She bets that she is the Mount's oldest graduate.

'51

Geraldine Biggs McGrath celebrated her 50th year as director of music at St. John Baptist de La Salle in Granada Hills. She also welcomed her 18th grandchild.

'55

Sister Paulanne Munch, CSJ was a guest of the Western Association of the Order of Malta on its 28th Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France last April.

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Mary Lou Smith Haller welcomed her 8th grandchild, the first grandson.

'58

Sr. Joseph Adele Edwards, CSJ, was appointed Baccalaureate Dean at the Chalon Campus.

Maria Alicia Martinez enjoyed her October stay in a lovely farmhouse in Provence, France followed by a few days in Paris.

Frances Bock O'Leary retired in July of 2004 after 44 years as a clinical social worker, and has been promoted to caretaker of two grandchildren one morning per week.

'59

Gloria Travaglini Chess is using her new "retirement hours" for grandchildren, travel abroad, volunteer work, and doing all those things she never had time to do in 35 years of teaching.

Deanna Maraccini McCauley spent two weeks touring England, France and Italy, and plans to visit Spain this year.

Antoinette Fogliani Pizzorno has been retired from teaching for two years and enjoys having more time with her two grandchildren and working in the religious education program at her parish.

'60

Judi Bauerlein is serving as the president-elect of the board of the American Montessori Society.

Beverly McClure Daugherty's 65th birthday was a gala celebration in Santa Barbara in August of 2003. Roommates **Mary Lynn Pickett Mallen, Lynda Lathrop Callos, Kathy Feeley Cahill, and JoAnn Hartman Sherrin** joined in the fun as they ate, shopped, and enjoyed each other's company.

Patricia Dern is still teaching special education and vacationed in Fiji and Australia. She says that SCUBA diving the barrier reef was awesome.

Barbara Bernard McBride retired from teaching and as principal in 1999. She enjoys time at home and as a grandparent of seven grandkids.

'61

Judy Cascales retired in 2002 and has been busy ever since with traveling, working on family projects, volunteering for two communications groups, and visiting her grandsons. In spite of two bouts with breast cancer, she feels fairly well and is most grateful for all the support from family and friends.

Barbara Mullen is very busy as director of the Feed the Needy Program at St. James Church in Redondo Beach. Her work was showcased in the December 3, 2004 issue of *The Tidings*.

Linda Cox Stellern and her husband are now retired from the Pasadena Unified School District. They are doing a lot of traveling including all of Italy, several trips to their place in Maui, and Cozumel. They attended the canonization of three new saints in Rome.

Mary Collins Pizzorno traveled to Romania and Bulgaria, and is enjoying retirement after 30 years of

teaching elementary school.

'62

Ellen Thumann Shepard received her MS from the University of Alabama in health informatics and started a new career as a systems analyst for Tenet Corporation.

Liz McCready Stark is volunteering with the Camp Verde Adult Reading Program and is developing her artistic side with ceramics and quilting.

'63

Bernice Fijak Lynch-Bajada and her husband traveled for a month through Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and Peru in May of 2004. They now have eleven grandchildren.

Barbara Palumbo has joined the faculty of a small, private two-year college after retiring from her position with New York State Division of Youth. She loves being back in the academic setting of Maria College.

'64

Jacqueline Suess Dienemann is currently professor and chair of Adult Health Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Ingrid Jacobson Redmon has retired from a wonderful career as a hospice nurse.

'65

Lawreen Crain Gallagher and her husband **Roby Gallagher M.S. '84**, are retired from probation, counseling and school nursing, although she does work as a substitute. They are deeply involved in the care of their five grandchildren.

Virginia Chris Stevens is still teaching English-as-a-second-language at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. She has just published the third edition of her pocket dictionary of the spoken Arabic of Cairo.

Sharon Brandy Sullivan, after teaching regular and special education for 20 years with LAUSD, has been teaching and advising student teachers in the Special

Education Intern Program at California State Northridge for the past 6 years. In August she welcomed her third grandchild into the world.

Brenda Tucker has joined the Doheny Docent program and will begin giving tours when she completes her training.

Ricky Ruplinger Warkentin and her cousin **Sr. Kathleen Martin, CSJ '53**, journeyed together with 17 other Sisters of St. Joseph—mostly Carondelet—to Paris, Lyon, Lepuy-en-Velay, and Anney last June for the French Heritage tour. Ricky was celebrating 100 years of CSJ education. Her mother, Cecilia Martin, started school in San Diego with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

'66

Emily Deutsch Keller continues to work at St. Francis Medical Center and traveled last year to Australia where her husband sang with the Chapman University Choir in Sydney.

Toni Propotnik is director of Care Management at Oregon Health and Science University.

'68

Patti Szilagyi Adams is enjoying a "sort of retired life" with her husband, 5 daughters and 6 grandchildren, and traveling to their Palm Desert home. She is busier than when she was working as a nurse for about 24 years!

Macrina Garcia, along with her partners, sold their visiting nurse business in February of 2004. She took some time off and is now working in transplant case management.

Barbara Gutierrez is the administrative coordinator in the Early Childhood Education Division in LAUSD. She supports the implementation of instructional and professional development of programs serving 32,000 students between infant and four years of age.

Pamela Williams Lieb celebrated her 25th year selling real estate in Palos Verdes and the South Bay. In her free time she loves to

babysit for her two grandchildren and to volunteer at St. John Fisher Parish.

'69

Carmen Godinez Sullivan is director of religious education at Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parishes in Everett, WA.

'70

Barbara Rice Waterkotte has worked for more than two years at the Hospice of the Valley in Arizona, doing bedside nursing. Two of her four children are married and her first grandchild is on the way.

'72

Corinne Holguin Ramas is a literacy expert and has completed the Administrative Studies Credential at MSMC.

'73

Donna Veilleux Koeppel has completed 30 years at the University of Colorado Hospital.

'74

Susan Boke Holland was named the Marin County Teacher of the Year, and is a semifinalist for California Teacher of the Year. She says she owes it all to Sister Rose Gertrude.

Kathleen Malarkey Young has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, MT.

'75

Alice Gardello toured England, Wales and Scotland for two weeks last summer.

'77

Rosa Zarragoitia Fernandez has another grandson, her eighth grandchild.

Marsha Sato is the director of the new master of science in nursing (MSN) program at the Mount.

'78

Merry Grasska Friedman has been honored as the California School Nurse of the Year in February of this year. She has also been recognized as the Orange County School Nurse of the Year and Southern Section School Nurse of the Year.

'80

Katie Keller DiDonato recently moved to Murrieta, California, where she is the Education Coordinator for Southwest Healthcare. She is also currently a student at MSMC again, in the Master in Nursing Education program.

'82

Ben Pierce has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Wound Ostomy Continence Nurses Society.

'84

Michele Boileau Schmalzried is raising two daughters, ages 15 and 6, and has been happily married for 17 years. She volunteers with the Peninsula National Charity League, and with Las Madrecitas, which benefits Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles.

'87

Man Liu is a supervising psychologist at University of Connecticut Health Care and also has a private practice in clinical and forensic psychology in southwest Connecticut.

'88

Suzan Danger specializes in play therapy, a non-directive psychotherapeutic approach for children using specially selected toys. She works as a teacher and counselor at the International School of Hamburg in Germany and is



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Golden Grads Celebrate At Christmas Luncheon

(L to R) Pat Becker O'Brien '48, Margaret McConnell Rendler '40 and her guest Josephine Orndoff, Susan Robertson Gerard '51, and Genevieve Weeger Smurda '51 enjoy a festive lunch in the Pompeian Room of the Doheny Mansion.

currently doing research in the field of play therapy. She had the opportunity in 2001 to be one of the first therapists to work with children of the victims of September 11 at the Red Cross Shelter in New York City.

Maria Jimenez received her B.A. from California State Los Angeles and a M.S.W. from California State Long Beach. She is the first in her family to attend college, and is very proud to be a wife and mother.

Sheryl A. Ragen is an associate attorney at Fonda & Fraser, LLP, in Century City and was recently named a "Rising Star 2004" by *California Lawyers* and *Los Angeles* magazines.

'89

Leleka Doonquah is continuing to work in the fight against AIDS. Her recent travel includes China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Bangkok, Thailand.

'90

Lilly Polansky Weissinger and her husband live in San Jose with their two daughters, ages seven and one. She now has her own private physical therapy practice.

'91

Christianne Bishop is a staff physician at the Waddell Center for Multiple Sclerosis and the Drake Center Multiple Sclerosis Program in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is also a staff rehabilitation physician at Drake University, as well as an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Elizabeth Martinez Villanueva is the owner/director of Ninos Del Cielo, an early intervention program created three years ago.

'93

Victoria Pegollo Buholtz is the Bioterrorism Liaison and Training Coordinator for the County of San Diego.

Lettrice Cathey-Lawrence is a church musician at House of Prayer Global Ministries, and is also a professional vocal coach and a professional gospel vocalist.

'94

Deidre George-Mullins is a therapist at the Children's Center working with physically and sexually abused children.

John Thomas is currently an LAPD lieutenant and a recent graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

'96

Sonia Gutierrez-Mendoza was recently promoted to Director of Admissions and Records at the Claremont Graduate University.

'99

Joan Anderson, a Weekend College alum, is a case manager at Prototypes Women's Center, a residential drug and alcohol facility for women.

'00

Joanne Kruer-Cadle is working at West Hills Hospital as staff RN in Med/Surg.

'01

Avygail Sanchez and **Margarita Rivas '03** are both getting a taste of Los Angeles city government as council aides to Councilmember Antonio R. Villaraigosa.

'04

Cristen Ferguson was recently hired as a behavioral specialist at Casa Pacifica in Camarillo, CA.

Claudene Koros passed the NCLEX in August and is now working as an emergency room nurse at Kaiser Permanente in Woodland Hills.

Christina Solis is working as a registered nurse at Cedar Sinai Hospital on the oncology/hematology/bone marrow transplant unit.

Vital Statistics

Two by Two

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

- '64 Ingrid Jacobson to Robert Redmon
- '96 Kristina Dam to Rob Chadwick
- '96 Cynthia Moreno to Israel J. Estrada

Outstanding Alumna Nominations Due

Do you know of any fellow alums who really are outstanding—in their field, in service to the community, or in service to the College? Someone who sets the bar high consistently? If so, go to our webpage at www.msmcalums.la.edu and nominate them for the Outstanding Alumna Award to be given at Homecoming 2005, on October 22, 2005. Do it now—nominations close June 1, 2005.

- '98 Jennifer Dawn Ward to Daniel Harrison Nolt
- '99 Luz Marie Barron to Juan Carlos Ramirez
- '00 Joanne Kruer to Kristopher Cadle
- '03 Melanie Drumond to Phillip Shipley

By-Lines

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

- '83 Matteo David Kim adopted by Marisa Carlini
- '87 Natalie to Susan Freedman Glassman
- '88 Monica to Sondra Stilwell Braunwalder, 5th child,
- '88 Kaylin Annette to Karen McKnight Compton, 2nd child, 1st daughter
- '90 Evan to Von Sheare Barnes, 1st child
- '92 Twins, Sarabeth Anne and Emily Estelle, to Leah Moreno Reynolds, 1st and 2nd children
- '95 Lilia Sofia to Alma Ortiz-Chairez, 1st child
- '97 Jacob Zachary to Rosa Flores Diaz, 1st child
- '97 Macie Jordan to Carla Camacho Narvaez, 3rd child, 1st daughter
- '98 Madison Marie to Deanne Stewart Hamlin, 1st child
- '99 Mary Millicent to Shannon Stein Wickstrom

Requiescant

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

- '36 Margaret Mueller Kammer
- '38 Jane Bidlake Vallely
- '41 Maxine Hough Berdan

- '41 LaVerne Keogh King
- '45 husband of Vincentia Ginevra Lesko
- '49 Patricia Riesner Armstrong
- '49 husband of Marguerite Biggs Cromie
- '49 Doris Schuck Reichel
- '50 husband of Gloria Putman Stoica
- '54 brother of Rosemary Czuleger Rea
- '56 brother of Barbara Book Baxter
- '56 husband of Sally Heenan Bernard
- '56 husband of Mary Dolan-Lonergan
- '56 husband of Julia Peman Panfili
- '58 Celia Gonzales Torres
- '59 mother of Antoinette Fogliani Pizzorno
- '60 mother of Priscilla Engle Carroll
- '61 husband of Peggy Beauclair Hurdle
- '62 mother of Kathleen Delaney Bertram
- '63 brother of Lola McAlpin-Grant
- '63 Marie C. Schmidt
- '64 father of Madeline Drnek Hamilton
- '64 husband of Martha Sprigg Martin
- '64 husband of Jeanette Kroger Steiner
- '65 Helene Deitch Silverman
- '66 mother of Mary Jo Arana Ferrell
- '67 husband of Suzan Taylor Cooper
- '69 mother of Elaine Camuti and Irene Camuti Bernard '68, sister of Elizabeth Peukert '48 and Sr. Rose Adrian Peukert, CSJ '54
- '69 mother of Kathleen Cresto
- '69 husband of Sharon Breen Jarrett
- '74 Oreste Perdomo
- '77 Joan McAuliffe
- '78 Susan Quilici
- '90 father of Angela Murillo Gutierrez
- '97 father of Laura Yassanye VanRossum
- '99 father of Tonja Buckner Carter

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 Janet Fisher Petersen, M.A. education, University of Phoenix Online, 2004.
- '88 Suzan Danger, Ph.D., educational counseling, University of North Texas, 2003
- '93 Victoria Pegollo Buholtz, MSN, Point Loma Nazarene University, 2004
- '93 Jean Milew, Ph.D., music composition and ethnomusicology, University of Chicago, 2004
- '94 Deidre George-Mullins, M.S., psychology for marriage and family therapy, California State University, Long Beach, 2004
- '95 Alma Ortiz-Chairez, CPA, California Board of Accounting, 2001
- '95 Diane Von Houten Taylor, M.S., education and reading specialist credential, California State University, Fullerton, 2004
- '98 Wendy Galan, M.S., child development, University of La Verne, 2004
- '98 Alice Patricio, Pharm.D., University of Illinois, Chicago College of Pharmacy, 2004
- '00 Erika Gallo, M.S., public administration, California State University, Los Angeles, 2004
- '01 Avygail Sanchez, M.A., urban planning, UCLA, School of Public Policy and Social Research, 2004

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



Summer session at the Mount was inaugurated in 1926 with a few classes for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Over the years, the enrollment increased, and members of other religious communities, as well as traditional undergraduate students, attended to take classes for their degrees or credentials.

The summer session in 1956, with 696 students registered, featured a Christian culture series of special events around the foreign missions. Pictured above is one sister from each of the 25 religious communities that attended that year.

Sisters have had many different habits. Can you identify the Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet? (She is the third from the left in the top row.)

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April

Saturday, April 16
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Spirituality for Busy People

Donohue Center
Doheny Campus

Father James Clarke, director of Spiritual Formation at St. John's Seminary and Associate Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests will provide an opportunity to reframe and understand the daily practice of Christian faith through different personalities and life experiences. Admission is \$40 for pre-registered participants; \$45 at the door. This program is sponsored by the Program in the Spiritual Life. Call (213) 747-6508 for reservations or information.

Saturday, May 14
10 a.m.

Golden Graduate Celebration—Class of 1955

Lecture Hall, Chalon Campus

The class of 1955 will be welcomed into the Golden Grad Society at a brunch hosted by MSMC President Jacqueline Powers Doud, and will participate in the Baccalaureate Mass.

1:30 p.m.

Baccalaureate Mass

Mary Chapel, Chalon Campus

4:30 p.m.

Baccalaureate Graduation

Chalon Campus Circle

Sunday, May 15

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Weekend College Awards and Reception

Chalon Campus Center

May



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Commencement Activities

Thursday, May 5
5:30 p.m.

Associate in Arts Mass

Mercy Chapel
Doheny Campus

Friday, May 13
1 p.m.

Associate in Arts Graduation

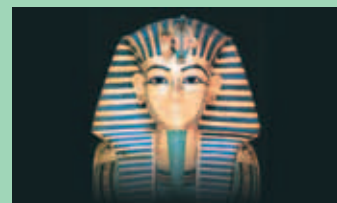
Mansion Front Lawn
Doheny Campus

5 p.m.

Graduate Graduation and Hooding

Mansion Front Lawn
Doheny Campus

September



Saturday, September 10
4 p.m.

Cocktail Reception in Hancock Park
(Shuttle service will be provided)

6 p.m.

Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs

Los Angeles County Museum of Art/West

Join the Regents Council at this much anticipated exhibition, which includes 130 works from the Egyptian National Museum, Cairo, and a selection of 50 spectacular objects excavated from the tomb of Tutankhamun. Reception and exhibit is \$150; exhibit only is \$40. Proceeds will benefit student scholarships.

For information or to reserve tickets, please call (213) 477-2761.