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Centenarian Eileen (Nason) Rhyner '32 Offers College Long-Standing Support

Eileen (Nason) Rhyner '32 is proud of the Mount. Eileen, who celebrated her 100th birthday in May, has seen the College flourish over the years and remains a loyal supporter.

She fondly recalls singing at her first Christmas Mass in Brady Hall. "It's one of my favorite memories," says Eileen, who majored in music. "Back then, everything happened in Brady because it was one of the only buildings on campus."

When she graduated during the Great Depression, Eileen was fortunate to find a job teaching music at a parochial school in Prescott, Ariz. After three years, she returned to California and taught music at an elementary school in Sherman Oaks until she retired in 1971.

"I like giving to the Mount because I still feel connected," she says. "The College has done well with its resources. The Mount has created new departments and earned quite a reputation as a nursing school." She now lives in Northern California.

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Weingart Foundation — Donated \$300,000 for the renovation of 745 W. Adams Blvd.

Kaiser Permanente of Southern California — Provided \$200,000 in forgivable student loans for both the accelerated and traditional bachelor of science in nursing programs

Bill Hannon Foundation — Donated \$100,000 for the renovation of 745 W. Adams Blvd.

Thomas & Dorothy Leavey Foundation — Gave \$100,000 to the Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America exhibit

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation — Gave \$50,000 for scholarships in the accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program

Class of 1961 Golden Grads — Raised more than \$10,000 for an expendable scholarship

Margaret (Bradish) Kelley '52 Establishes Scholarship For Future Chemists

"Without a scholarship from the Mount, I wouldn't have been able to attend college," says Margaret "Peggy" (Bradish) Kelley '52. "I credit the College for helping me embark on a successful career."

Peggy knows that a solid education like the one she received from Mount St. Mary's opens many doors. After graduating with a degree in chemistry, she worked in several labs and as a patent agent before deciding to attend law school in her forties. After graduating first in her class from Seton Hall University in New Jersey, she spent the rest of her career as a patent attorney.



This past fall, Peggy established the Margaret Bradish Kelley '52 Endowed Scholarship for chemistry majors as a way to thank the Mount for giving her such a good educational foundation. It's a legacy she is proud to leave. "I have been fortunate to be able to support the College for many years," she says. "It is good to give something back."