

# MARQUETTE



New Student Success HQ Time of Impact, Time to Rise

During the first week of the fall semester, students and others from the campus community joined in a candlelit vigil honoring the life of Marquette President Michael R. Lovell, who passed away in June from sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. For many who were away from campus during the summer, it was the first opportunity to collectively mourn a beloved leader who connected deeply with the Marquette community.





**Saint and Seatmate**

St. Ignatius of Loyola has long been with the Marquette community through his words and influence — from the guiding phrase *cura personalis* to the foundational Marquette Core Curriculum. Now, Ignatius is a physical campus presence too, thanks to a new sculpture donated by David Krill, Bus Ad '64. As shown on opposite page, top, you'll find the founding Jesuit in a suitably reflective pose next to the new steps outside the renovated Chapel of the Holy Family, accompanied by a phrase of his that's helped launch generations on their life missions.

*“When you think about the future of wellness on campus, we want to be state of the art.”*

— THE LATE PRESIDENT MICHAEL R. LOVELL, ON THE VISION FOR THE WELLNESS + HELFAER RECREATION FACILITY, PAGE 39

**Gesu Renewed**

Gesu Parish was 32 years old when Marquette was founded in 1881 — and Marquette was 12 when construction began on Gesu's historic church building — so these two institutions have long been intertwined. Many alumni were baptized at Gesu, worshiped there regularly while in college or returned to get married in its elegant sanctuary — sometimes all three. That creates a large universe of people who care about Marquette's Catholic partner as it begins a much-needed major interior preservation project (its first since the 1960s), supported by a capital campaign. Learn more at [gesuparish.org/encounterjesus](http://gesuparish.org/encounterjesus).



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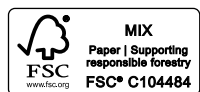
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**Nursing's New Digs**

Expanded, reimagined and reborn, David A. Straz, Jr., Hall is turning heads as the new home of the College of Nursing. With its comfortable study spaces, expanded nursing simulation facilities and student amenities including a kitchen and outdoor terrace, the renewed facility is helping this highly regarded college — ranked 54th nationally by *U.S. News & World Report* for its undergraduate program — to reach its mission-driven goals. With nursing enrollment already up 45 percent since 2014, the expanded facility will make it possible for the college to grow again — to educate 5,000 new Marquette Nurses over the next decade through a strategic plan that calls for increased enrollment and greater diversity to address nursing shortages locally and nationally.

**Wearable Heritage**

When men's basketball team members like Royce Parham (left) take the Fiserv floor November 30 for warmups, they'll wear T-shirts designed by Danielle Barrett, Arts '24 (right). As part of Nike's N7 initiative honoring Native traditions and raising funds for Indigenous youth sports, Barrett, of the Eastern Band Cherokees, complemented the MU logo with elements from her tribal heritage — her tribe's flag, beadwork from fancy-dance regalia and more. The turquoise-hued shootaround is just one of the ways Marquette will recognize Native American Heritage Month. Find the shirts for purchase at the Spirit Shop.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK MANNING

# TIME TO RISE

THE MARQUETTE PROMISE TO BE THE DIFFERENCE

## You are the difference.

Thanks to you, Marquette surpassed its bold goal of \$750 million in our historic philanthropic campaign, *Time to Rise: The Marquette Promise to Be The Difference*. Your belief in the university helped us reach new heights, raising more than \$801 million in philanthropic resources for our students, faculty, campus and community.

With gratitude, we carry forward this momentum into our bright future and our pursuit to be among the most innovative and accomplished Catholic, Jesuit universities in the world.



Scan to see the impact through *Time to Rise*.



One of my favorite musicals is *Hamilton*, which features the song *Yorktown (The World Turned Upside Down)*. After the death of our beloved university President Michael R. Lovell, it felt like the world had indeed turned upside down.

I miss him dearly, as do those who had the good fortune to work with, learn from or be influenced by him. He transformed the university in countless ways that will benefit our community for years to come.

Amid our grief, we have experienced moments of joy, including welcoming the Class of 2028 to campus. Our students' spirit as they began their Marquette experience was contagious.

We joyfully witnessed the biggest physical transformation in Marquette's history this fall, celebrating our first Mass in the renovated Chapel of the Holy Family and the opening of a new home for Marquette Nursing in Straz Hall.

One of the most visible transformations is the new Lemonis Center for Student Success on Wisconsin Avenue, which supports students of all backgrounds and majors from their first day to first destination. Our campuswide Student Success Initiative is already showing promising results. Thanks to the hard work of our staff and faculty, we recorded the highest first- to second-year student retention rate in Marquette's history.

The renovated Wellness + Helfaer Recreation building will open in early 2025, capping a period of campus transformation made possible thanks to Dr. Lovell's vision and support from many benefactors.

Another source of joy (and pride) was the annual prestigious *Princeton Review* rankings. The publication ranked Marquette No. 1 Most Engaged in Community Service, affirming our commitment to caring for the world around us. We are called to transform the lives of our students, and I am grateful for the ways in which our graduates continue to Be The Difference in our community and beyond.

At the end of *Yorktown*, a battle-weary Alexander Hamilton sings of beginning the new American experiment with hope for the future and the work that lies ahead. I am hopeful for our future because I know our Marquette community remains committed to carrying forward Dr. Lovell's legacy and honoring the profound impact he had on each of us.

**Dr. Kimo Ah Yun**  
*Acting President, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*



## Day One in the Books

Having her picture taken on the first day of school is nothing new for freshman Khadija EL-Refaie, but this time Marquette's social media team picked up where her mother left off. In addition to a few nerves, the photo captured plenty of eagerness, she says. "I have always felt very excited for the first day of school because I love meeting new people and starting new classes. That's very similar to how I felt on my first day at Marquette."



PHOTOS BY PATRICK MANNING

Headshots, check! A handy Lemonis Center resource is the photo booth where students such as sophomore Adrian Ramirez shoot portraits for LinkedIn and other professional uses.

## CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION

# One-stop Success Shop

Get to know the welcoming centerpiece of a game-changing university initiative.

BY TIM CIGELSKA, COMM '04, GRAD '18, '20

**Resources are everywhere** for students who walk into the new Lemonis Center for Student Success in the heart of campus.

They include academic support, career services, diversity and belonging resources, a commuter lounge and collaborative rooms for meetings with study groups, tutors or professors — all within a massive space that previously housed the bookstacks of the former Memorial Library.

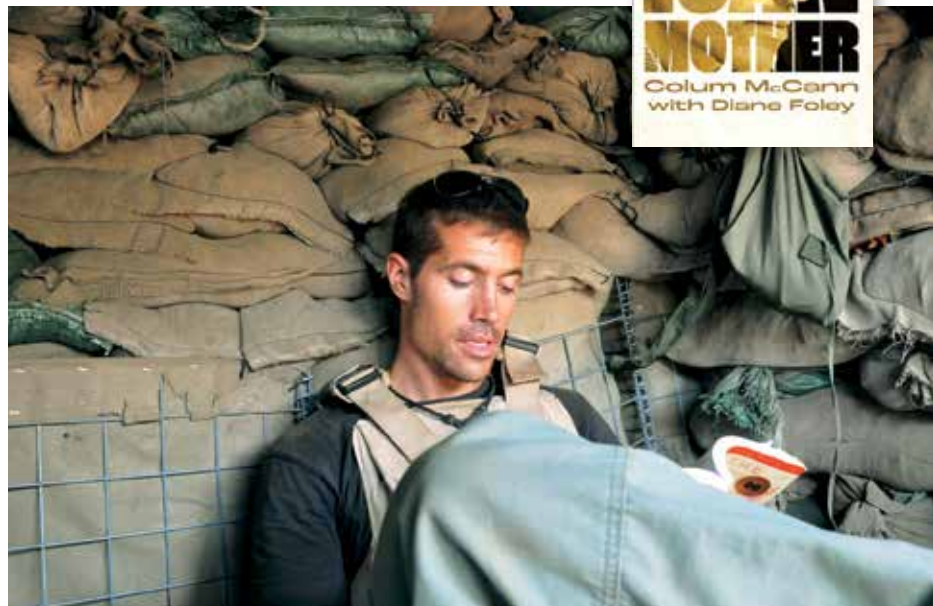
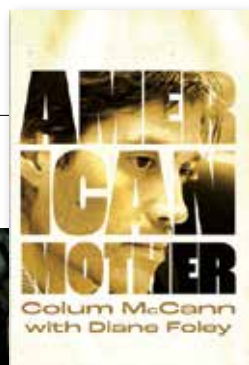
So, where should someone begin? The "Ask Me Desk" makes it easy. "Our goal is for students to not be afraid of

asking questions," says Marilyn Jones, Arts '03, Grad '05, the inaugural director of the center that opened this fall.

This desk and its friendly sign beckon students and help them get exactly what they need. That's in perfect sync with the university's broader Student Success Initiative, which aims to support students from their first day at Marquette through their first destination after graduation. As students improve at navigating challenges, Marquette expects to retain more of them and to help them flourish.

"Our vision is to create a hub where students from diverse backgrounds can come together, connect with mentors, network with peers, and leverage available resources to sharpen their skills and achieve success in their chosen paths," say Camping World Chairman and CEO and television star Marcus Lemonis, Arts '95, and his wife, Bobbi, who donated \$15 million to create the center. "Giving back to Marquette University through the Lemonis Center is a true honor for us."

The center's supportive infrastructure, along with curricular and peer mentorship offerings campuswide, is particularly valuable for students who are the first in their families to attend college. That means a lot to Jones, who arrived in the United States from Costa Rica at age 12 and graduated as a first-generation student. "It's about holistic student success support but also compassion in how we serve our students," she says. ☺



Durkin and Flack had made the connection in the photograph, but she wondered: Had McCann?

“There’s an invisible string connecting the people (in *Let the Great World Spin*) that the book helps us see. It suggests that if you pay attention out in the world, you might see those connections there too,” Flack says. “I think that’s why, when Tom sent me that picture of Jim years ago, my thought was: This is an opening of sorts. I felt that if I were a character in *Let the Great World Spin*, then Colum would either know this picture or want to know about this picture.”

When she reached out, McCann responded immediately. He’d had that photo hanging in his office for years. He’d even tried reaching out to Diane Foley to say he’d be happy to connect if she ever “wanted someone to write about Jim or even write about her own experience,” but she’d never received his message. McCann thanked Flack for the inquiry and said he’d love to log in and join the book club.

With McCann attending the next book club meeting, Durkin also extended an invitation to Diane Foley, with whom he remains close. “That’s how I met Colum,” she recalled at an *American Mother* event hosted by Flack at Marquette this past spring. “I had never met him before, so it was thanks to that gathering that we got together and (it was) truly meant to be.”

McCann felt Flack and Marquette played an appropriate role in *American Mother* coming together. “Marquette is so much a part of this book, not just as a place that welcomed Jim and helped Jim to grow,” he said at the spring Marquette event, “but also as a place where the philosophy of engagement and commitment and storytelling and moral courage and all these things that Jim was about was fostered.”

Flack was equally moved, saying, “I have learned from this experience and from learning about Jim. It sounds to me that he was very much like that — just open. Open to others, open to being surprised by others, and surprised by things that can happen.” ©

LASTING CONNECTIONS

## A Picture Runs Through It

An old photo and a Marquette connection brought together the author and subject of *American Mother*, the moving memoir of James Foley’s mother, Diane. **BY KEVIN CONWAY**

*American Mother* is the story of Diane Foley, whose son James Foley, Arts ’96, a freelance journalist working in Syria, was held captive and murdered by ISIS militants in 2014. In this book, her voice is channeled into searing reality by award-winning author Colum McCann, who “brings us on a journey of strength, resilience and radical empathy.”

The connection between Diane Foley and McCann was years in the making, and it started with a photo. But it took a book club at Marquette to truly bring them together.

The club’s host and creator was Dr. Leah Flack, professor of English and a creative force behind Marquette’s literary and storytelling community. During the pandemic, she suspected that a virtual book club could help members of the community feel connected as they exchanged ideas and reactions. In late

2020, she announced that McCann’s new bestseller, *Apeirogon*, would be her club’s next selection.

When the email went out, her colleague Dr. Tom Durkin, Arts ’96, Grad ’07, was quick to respond — not only with his RSVP but also with a photo of James Foley, his close friend from their time together as Marquette students through the end of Foley’s life. In the photo, Foley is in a bunker while reporting in Afghanistan. He is reading a book, propped on his crossed legs, with only the top right corner of the cover visible. If you’re unfamiliar with the book, there’s not much to go on. There looks to be a sticker and a single visible word in the title: “THE.”

That was enough, however, for Flack to recognize the book immediately as McCann’s novel *Let the Great World Spin*. The book won a National Book Award, which explains the sticker.

### To Bee or Not to Bee?

It’s no accident that Marquette basketball has an ESPN documentary dedicated to its sartorial leadership (2014’s *Untucked*). In the 1960s and 1970s, Marquette set the trend with bold, stylish uniforms. None generated more buzz, perhaps, than the “Bumblebees,” worn here in warmup form by stars Dean Meminger, Arts ’71, and Gary Brell, Arts ’71. The high-contrast, horizontal pinstripes on both jerseys and shorts created a frenzy on and off the court, and the team rode them to an NIT Championship in 1970, when that tourney still had prestige. But, alas, complaints from opponents about the stripes’ dizzying effects — or was it the struggles of referees squinting to read player numbers, or the backroom influence of jealous rival uniform makers? — led to a move that still stings, the NCAA banning the uniforms in 1972.



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**Rooftop Apartments, AC Included**

When summer heats up, honeybees get to work protecting baby bees in their colony from dangerously high temperatures. Engaging in a behavior known as fanning, they gather at colony's edge and flap their wings to circulate cooler air. It's a well-coordinated social activity — much like the research on fanning that Dr. Chelsea Cook, assistant professor of biological sciences (right), conducts with student assistants using honeybees from eight colonies that reside on the second-floor roof of Wehr Life Sciences building. Despite enduring a few stings, junior Alyssa Rada (left) feels fortunate to be collaboratively running scientific experiments, analyzing data and building skills for graduate school and future work in research. She says, "There is always so much to learn about bees, which makes them exciting animals to study." — *Stephen Filmanowicz*



"We didn't want to look at these sites as a tourist would. Rather, we wanted to engage these places to understand how they can shape who we are, as they shaped Ignatius. — Dr. Michael Dante



**MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**A Walk With St. Ignatius**

An inventive technological partnership brings pilgrims closer than they ever imagined to the life of the Jesuits' founder.

BY PAUL ANTHONY ARCO, CJPA '89

**Kasie Van Sistine** recently embarked on a spiritual pilgrimage that she'll never forget.

Along the way, the project manager in Marquette's Office of University Relations found inspiration at important locations from the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola — including Spanish sites such as Loyola Castle, Ignatius' family home; Arevalo Castle, where he trained to be a soldier; and the town of Manresa, where he encountered God in a profound vision and wrote the *Spiritual Exercises*.

But Van Sistine and fellow pilgrims didn't travel to Spain for their journey. It took place in Engineering Hall's Visualization Lab, where a sophisticated projection system creates an immersive 3D experience.

Inspiration played a role in making the virtual pilgrimage possible. The idea arose in a listening session hosted by Marquette's Faber Center for Ignatian Spirituality, where staff were seeking new ideas to further the center's mission, encouraged by late President Michael R. Lovell's drive for innovation.

The possibilities captured the imagination of Dr. Michael Dante, Faber Center director, who developed a productive partnership with Chris Larkee, the lab's visual technology specialist, who more typically finds himself collaborating on academic projects such as walk-through models of protein strands or interactive infrastructure simulations. Two additional project partners, Rev. Mark Scalese, S.J., and Brother John Moriconi, S.J., were dispatched to Spain to capture footage using a 3D camera and drone. Dante wrote the script and selected the music, while Larkee edited the footage and developed the playback software.

Dante, who lost nearly all his sight as a young man and can see only blurs of shape and color, envisioned the impact the project could have on others. "I may not see all the visual splendor that awaits viewers of the pilgrimage," he says. "Yet with my inner eye, I see the potential that such a reflective time offers them and supports the center's mission." ☉

**INTERNSHIPS**

**History Happened Here**

When the Republican National Convention — and many of the world's most prominent journalists and news organizations — came to Fiserv Forum this summer, Marquette students recognized the situation for what it was: the mother of all internship opportunities. Sophomore Dakota Barnes-Rush and senior TJ Dysart served as interns for NBC News, while senior Grace Koziol, junior Brandon Engel, new graduate Ana Cardenas Manrique (below), Arts '24, and incoming law student Molly Spaeth all served as news runners for ABC. "I'm thrilled," Barnes-Rush says. "I've gained invaluable industry knowledge and professional experience."

Given the proximity of campus to the convention, residence halls were also in heavy demand — in fact, were completely filled — to house law enforcement personnel and members of the media, with all proceeds supporting student scholarships.



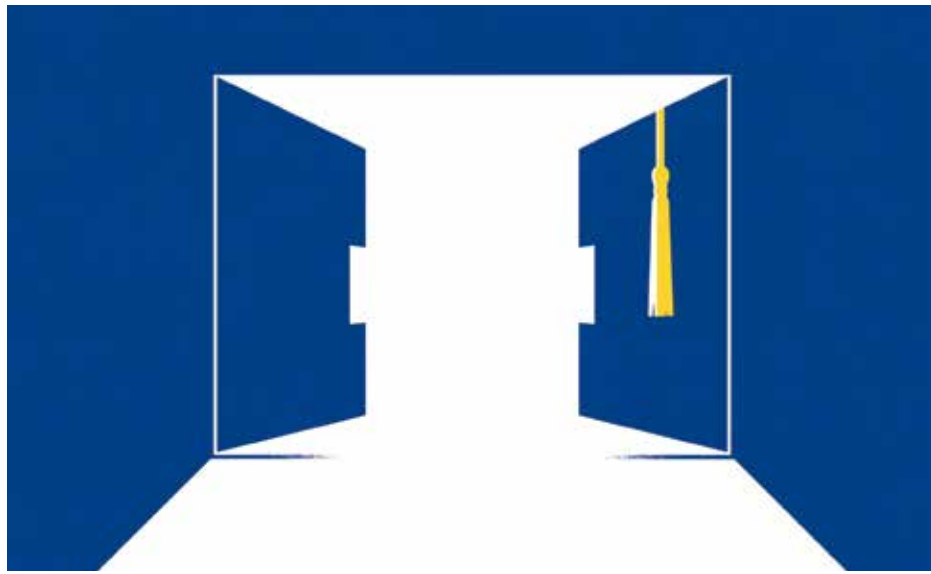
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**BUSINESS**

**New Dean, Familiar Name**

Andrew DeGuire's ties to Marquette run deep. His father, Frank DeGuire, Law '60, was Law School dean from 1984 to 1994. Andrew even worked at Johnson Controls with former CEO James H. Keyes, who endowed the business school's deanship.

Connections — to the university's people and its mission — convinced DeGuire, Arts '93, to return to Marquette as Keyes Dean of the College of Business Administration. He previously served as vice president of corporate strategy at Northwestern Mutual and held a seat on the college's leadership council. "It is amazing to return to my alma mater," DeGuire says. "Marquette has an outstanding reputation in Milwaukee and beyond as an institution that produces purposeful leaders. Our college is in a great position for growth and meaningful impact. I'm looking forward to working with faculty, staff and alumni to deliver on that vision."



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Living With One Foot Raised**

As Marquette nears its 150th birthday, the campus community is stepping up to ensure its longevity. *BY CHRISTOPHER STOLARSKI*

**Marquette is at** an inflection point in its history; gazes across campus are fixed firmly on 2031, the university's sesquicentennial. Marquette leaders are pushing forward on implementing an ambitious and inspirational plan, *Guided by Mission, Inspired to Change: Marquette University's Strategic Plan for 2031*, while engaged in a search for the university's 25th president. And it's all happening amid a rapidly shifting higher education landscape in which economic and societal pressures are mounting.

Unlike some institutions that have been forced to close or are teetering, Marquette's position — financial and otherwise — is strong. But to execute on the bold plans in the strategic plan and ensure another 150 years of pursuing its mission, Marquette leaders this past spring exercised foresight and launched Marquette 2031: Securing Our Future, described as "an inclusive process for considering our program offerings, physical footprint and organizational structure, and processes for how we do our work."

In a letter to the campus community, the late President Michael R. Lovell wrote, "Today, we have an opportunity to discern as a community: How should Marquette University operate to power its Jesuit mission and liberal arts foundation to thrive for years to come?"

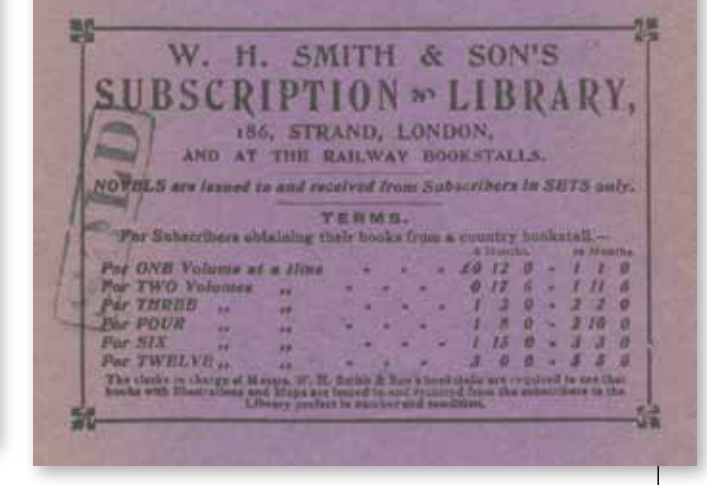
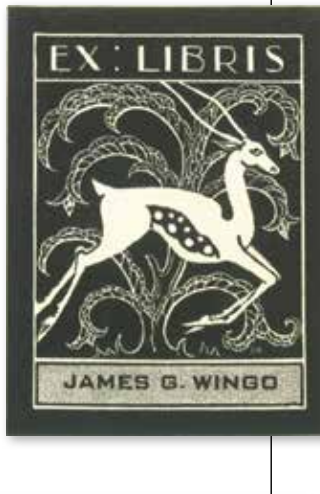
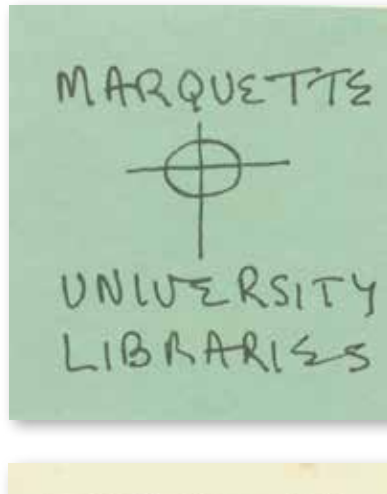
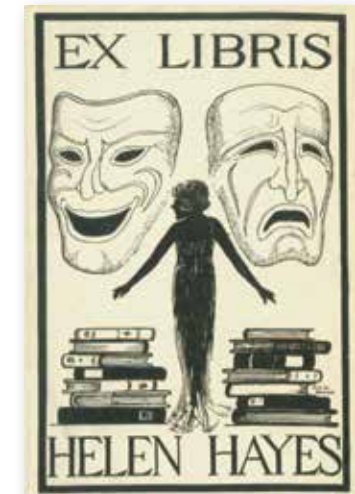
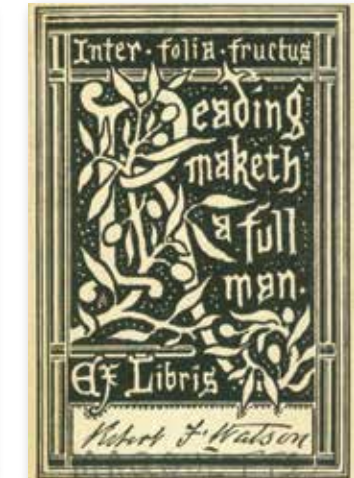
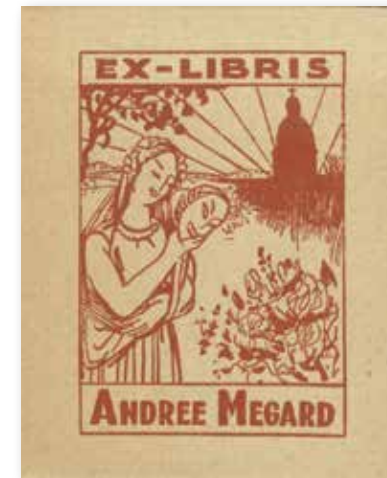
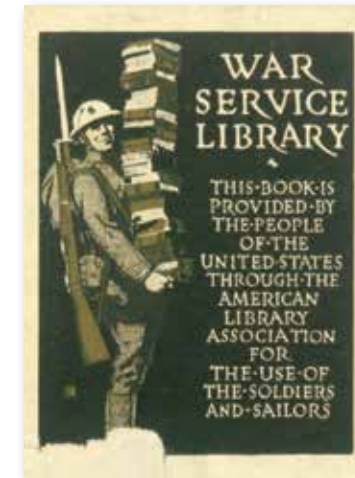
Seeking answers to that question takes an entire community. A 25-member steering committee of faculty and staff, led by Dr. Jill Guttormson, dean of the College of Nursing, and Ralph Weber, vice president and general counsel, spent six months this year engaging with every college, school, department and unit on campus. The goal: identify opportunities — creative and pragmatic alike — to secure Marquette's future by reducing complexity, increasing efficiency and finding budget savings to invest back into funding priorities outlined in the strategic plan, including staff and faculty compensation, and student success.

By taking these strides now, Marquette is living out St. Ignatius' call to always "live with one foot raised," poised to thrive well beyond 2031. ◉



**Ex Libris**

A cross splits the sun. A sambar deer glides through the jungle. Bookplates of a bygone era identified book owners and served as spiritual, artistic or self expression. Hundreds of these adhesive treasures reside in Marquette's Raynor Library. Can you spot the famous name, Helen Hayes, the first woman to win an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony — or the work of renowned fantasy illustrator Arthur Rackham, depicting a boy below looming dryads? **See the digitized collection at [mu.edu/bookplates](http://mu.edu/bookplates).**



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## Growing Together

A project to develop an origami-inspired heart valve could prevent repeat surgeries for children.

BY MATT CURRAN

For the tens of thousands of U.S. infants born each year with congenital heart disease, a heart valve implant is often their lifesaving solution. But these mechanical devices cannot adapt to growing bodies. As children age, they return for repeat invasive surgeries for new implants.

Dr. Brandon Tefft, associate professor in the Marquette University and Medical College of Wisconsin Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering, sees an opportunity to eliminate these extra surgeries with a one-time implant design that can grow naturally with a child. Tefft's project to design this new valve implant is supported by a \$573,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's CAREER program for early-career scientists. In

the lab, Tefft is developing a biomaterial that can fold into a durable and functional valve scaffold. This scaffold will then be integrated with umbilical cord blood cells to develop a living tissue valve ready to grow over time. "These cells could come from the implant recipient, and our approach would mimic the way valve cells naturally develop in the embryo," Tefft says.

Outside the lab, the NSF project aims to engage community members, starting with an accessible local seminar series. And with a nod to the folding mechanism of his design, Tefft will bring origami engineering design challenges to middle schools to spark curiosity in STEM subjects and encourage the next generation of problem-solving scientists.

### DENTISTRY

#### More Care in the Chair

When patients miss a dental appointment, they're often blamed — and charged a fee — for being "no-shows." But Dr. Christopher Okunseri, Grad '11, professor and director of the Predoctoral Program in Dental Public Health, is working to change this dynamic. "I want us to look at it as a two-way street," he says. "Not just talking about the person, but also about the environment where they live."

In April, Okunseri, with researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was awarded \$3.5 million from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIH) for a five-year project that will study patient-provider tendencies in nearly 40 clinics across five states. The goal will be "addressing some of the issues with access to dental care for disadvantaged communities" and preventing no-shows, he says. This spring, Okunseri also became one of seven newly named fellows of the American Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research. — *Dan Reiner, Comm '16*



### WATER RESEARCH

#### Zapping PFAS

Forever chemicals such as PFAS are notoriously hard to treat and remove from our environment. But Dr. Chris Marshall, assistant professor of biological sciences, has a promising two-step solution involving electrochemical removal followed by bioelectrochemical degradation and destruction. Translation: Zap the PFAS, then use chemical-munching bacteria to

clean up the mess.

Working with co-investigators Dr. Brooke Mayer and Dr. Patrick McNamara, Eng '06, both professors in the Opus College of Engineering, Marshall has already seen success: His team's reactor design can remove most of the PFAS present in water samples. A new phase of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-funded project aims to improve upon these results and better reveal the mechanisms of PFAS destruction.



### COMMUNICATION

#### Where Class Time Means Expert Face Time

Students learn a lot in the Diederich College of Communication's classrooms, newsrooms, studios and collaborative spaces. But until recently, they could only dream about learning sports broadcasting from someone like Milwaukee Brewers announcer Brian Anderson.

Thanks to the college's Diederich Learning Labs, students can now take Anderson's one-credit, four-session course. Similar offerings include a short improv course taught by actor Pat Finn, Sp '87, known for his roles on *Seinfeld* and *The Middle*; and one on the business of entertainment taught by Jenna Santoanni, Comm '06, president of television at MRC Entertainment.

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### ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### Student Sweep

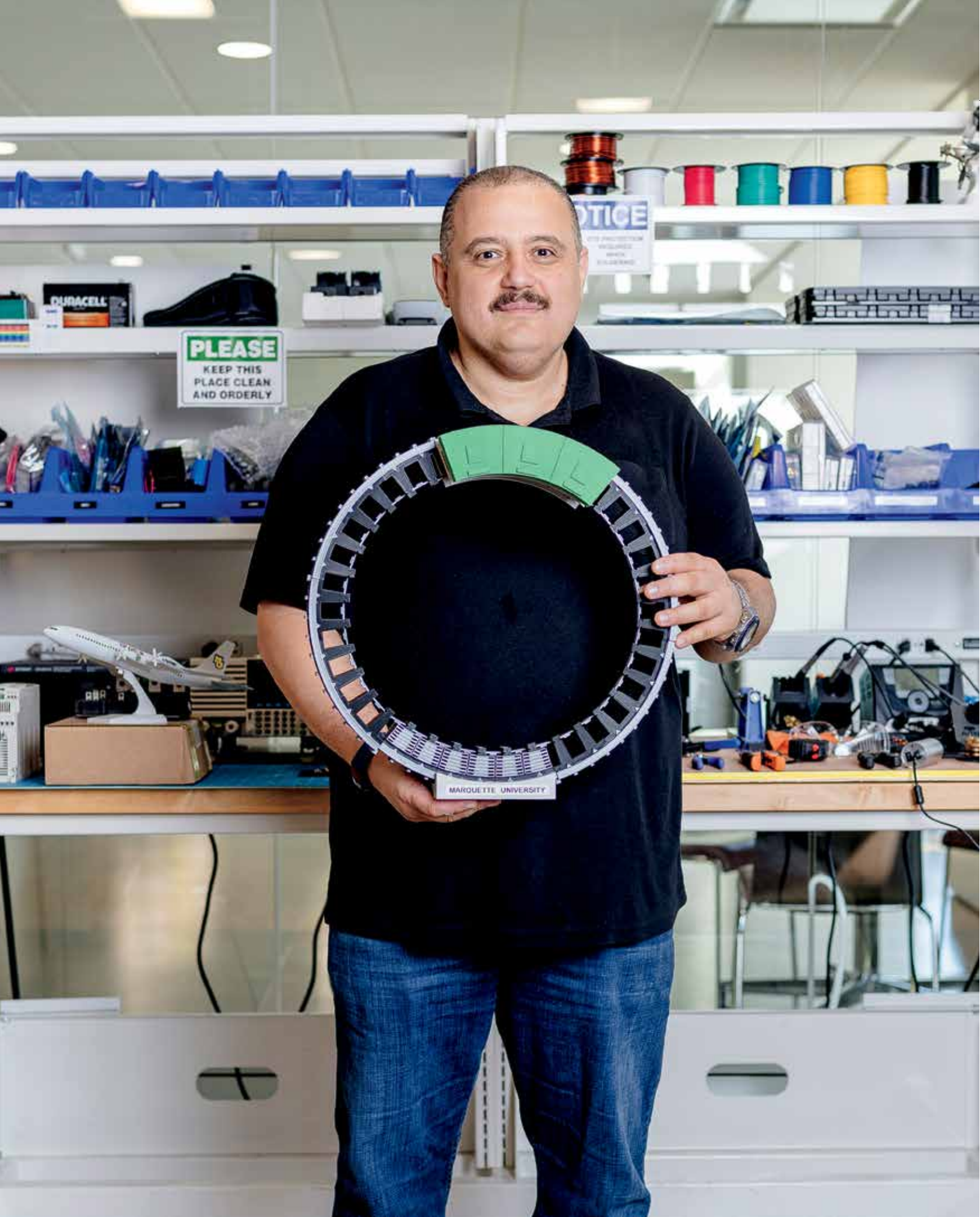
Alma-Aliyah Tolson has delivered plenty of presentations, but the Wisconsin Psychological Association's convention was her first time presenting research to professionals, not just students and faculty. "They asked me a lot of questions that I hadn't thought about, some tough questions," says Tolson, now a fourth-year psychology major. "I hope to continue my research on a larger scale, and when I do, I've gained ideas from this experience."

The event was an annual competition recognizing research by psychology students studying in Wisconsin. Tolson, a McNair Scholar, led a sweep by Marquette students in the undergraduate categories, while Marquette's Betsy Miller also placed first for graduate students. Tolson's research explored the impact of intergenerational trauma on the Black community from the perspective of Black psychotherapists. Her findings revealed gaps between the literature and the therapists' experiences.

"It was a banner year for us," says Dr. Ed de St. Aubin, associate professor of psychology and Tolson's research adviser. He says the awards give exposure to students' work, improve their prospects when applying for admission to graduate and postdoc programs, and serve as "validation that other people see this as important research. It's a win-win-win." — *Diane Bacha*

The expert-led workshops offer targeted, outside-the-box learning opportunities that complement comprehensive semester-long courses. And the teachers are as excited about the opportunity as students. "I had a blast," says Anderson, who also works for TNT Sports and NBA 2K. He got to know Diederich Dean Sarah Feldner when his daughter Maddy Anderson, Comm '22, attended Marquette. "The course made me better. It was life-giving to me."

As they have with instructors such as Santoanni and Finn, students appreciated his message. "This class was surprisingly one of the best classes I have ever taken," says sophomore Molly Haughey. — *Mary Schmitt Boyer, Jour '77*



ENGINEERING

## Bringing the EV and Hybrid Age to Aircraft Engines

Dr. Ayman EL-Refaie leads a breakthrough project to achieve liftoff with radically lighter-weight aircraft drivetrain systems. *BY NICOLE SWEENEY ETTER*

A white model plane emblazoned with the logos of Marquette and other partners sits in the Werner Sustainable Energy Lab in the Opus College of Engineering — a vision of the future. Nearby, Dr. Ayman EL-Refaie, Werner Endowed Chair of Secure and Sustainable Energy Systems and professor of electrical and computer engineering, and his faculty and student partners work fervently to help that vision of electric-powered and hybrid aircraft take flight.

“What we’re trying to do with planes today is what has been happening with cars,” EL-Refaie explains. “So, for larger planes, we’re trying to come up with hybrid models where you have the jet engine and then a bunch of electric motor-driven propellers. For smaller planes, we are trying to go pure electric.”

It’s one of many ways that research teams across the nation are working to help the United States reach an ambitious goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. Last year, the Marquette-led team advanced to the second phase of a highly competitive project overseen by the U.S. Department of Energy, qualifying for a total of \$5.6 million in agency support. Marquette and Texas A&M were the only universities to advance after the proof-of-concept phase — the other five teams selected were from industry giants such as GE and Honeywell.

The Marquette team — co-piloted by Dr. Nathan Weise, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering — is now working on key components with hopes of having a prototype ready to test this fall or winter at the Connecticut headquarters of RTX Technology Research Center, a leader in aerospace and defense.

“It’s very unusual for a university, especially one the size of Marquette, to be leading a project like this,” EL-Refaie says. “These are the types of projects that usually a big company would be leading and a university like us might be in a support role. Just the fact that we made it this far is a huge, huge deal.”

That also means big opportunities for Marquette students. “Even though it’s difficult at times, I think it’s good that our students get full exposure to everything — not only the technical aspects, but also seeing the logistics and the reviews and how a project of this magnitude works,” he says. “It’s good training for real life.”

One challenge has been how to reduce the mass of the electric motor while producing sufficient power — and managing the heat output at the same time. “Everything has to be two to three times lighter than the best in class today,” EL-Refaie explains. “To reduce the size of electric motors, we’ve been looking at advanced cooling, new manufacturing processes, and more integration between the motor and the power electronics.”

PHOTO BY PATRICK MANNING

*A 250 kilowatt motor that can be held in one’s hands was previously almost inconceivable, but that is what’s required to achieve the lofty goal of electric- and hybrid-powered aviation, says EL-Refaie, shown here with a 3D printed model of the motor’s stator featuring tightly integrated coils, heat pipes and power modules.*

As the team resolves one challenge, a fresh one emerges. Still, they’re making progress. Many startup companies are also working to electrify smaller planes, whether for carrying packages or taxiing a few passengers. If Marquette’s prototype is successful, the next step would likely be to license the technology to another company or adapt the Marquette system for a company’s specific needs.

EL-Refaie predicts that electric-powered small planes might be ready to hit the skies in five to 10 years. Because of their larger size and additional regulation, hybrid commercial planes will likely require a longer development runway, though they have the potential to reduce fossil fuel consumption by 20 percent or more compared with conventional aircraft.

Marquette’s electric mobility expert is improving vehicles on the ground, too. With support from another \$5 million U.S. Department of Energy grant, EL-Refaie is developing electric drivetrain systems that incorporate iron nitride magnets free of rare earth minerals, which have become increasingly expensive. His industry partner, Niron Magnetics, has raised millions of additional dollars from government grants and investors, and *Time* magazine declared its Clean Earth Magnet among the best inventions of 2023.

EL-Refaie says that both efforts are “dream projects,” though it’s grueling to pursue both at once. However, the payoff for the environment could be worth it. “These two topics — the hybridization and electrification of aerospace and eliminating or reducing rare earth materials — are two of the most critical topics globally,” he says. “It speaks volumes that Marquette is working in these areas and that we have partners of this caliber.” ☺



**Dr. Kristie Rogers**  
Associate Professor  
of Management



**Dr. Robert Wheeler**  
Professor of  
Biomedical Sciences

## The Secrets of Great Teachers

Two of Marquette's most distinguished teachers reveal what formed them, what drives them and what's rewarding about the teacher-student relationship.

BY STEPHEN FILMANOWICZ

*This certainly wouldn't be the case at every research university, but when professors receive the university's top teaching honors at the annual Père Marquette Dinner, their remarks often keep the faculty audience spellbound. This year, four deserving professors played that role. Receiving the John P. Raynor, S.J., Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence were: Dr. Kristie Rogers, associate professor of management; Dr. Robert Wheeler, professor of biomedical sciences; and David Wilcox, teaching instructor of strategic communication. Receiving the Mary Gettel Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence was Dr. Allison Abbott, associate professor of biological sciences.*

*The following excerpts of remarks by two recognized teacher-scholars provide a revealing look at what makes teaching at Marquette such a profound calling. Learn more about all 2024 recipients at [today.marquette.edu/facultyawards](http://today.marquette.edu/facultyawards).*

### Dr. Kristie Rogers:

My academic journey is what I would call an unlikely one. I am a first-generation college student from Green Bay, Wisconsin, who pursued an undergraduate degree far from home. I stumbled upon an organizational behavior class and couldn't believe that it was a real career to research and teach about the people side of business. This was so cool to me. I saw this as a career for someone, but certainly not for me. I was sure that I was too young, too average and too female to do this job.

I wanted to learn more, and as I did, I was lucky enough to have remarkable mentors. ... They dismantled preconceptions of what it meant to be a professor, and who could be afforded these educational opportunities. They built my understanding of this profession from the ground up. And most importantly, they saw the professor in me when I couldn't see it. Through all the challenges that followed, their reassuring words were always louder than my inner critic. These mentors' belief in me inspires my approach to teaching, as I strive to be that same transformational force for my students.

While I love the content, I must confess that it's not my favorite part. It's the moments when a student's eyes light up with the realization that they're capable of more than they had imagined. In my negotiation classes now, I get to be the one to dismantle students' preconceptions about negotiating and to build their understanding from the ground up. Sure, we discuss theories and strategies, but more importantly, they learn about themselves. They learn about their strengths, their biases, their blind spots, and they come to class ready to practice negotiating in ways that creatively maximize value and build relationships.

These lessons amplify as students take those skills and apply them in real world contexts that influence their personal and professional lives. This growth manifests profoundly when students complete an assignment to negotiate on others' behalf.

They write a letter to a community leader, a decision maker, state representative, even the White House, about a social justice issue that's important to them. They use principles of persuasion and influence to go out and Be The Difference for a group that can use their help.

It's especially exciting when those students return as alumni to share their successes or ask for help. Like the young woman who came back for advice and successfully negotiated her first executive role. Or the graduate who asked me for help and support as he took a chance on himself and applied to a Harvard graduate program. Ultimately, he was admitted to the program and received a full scholarship to go.

This reimagining of what our students believe is possible for themselves — from doubt to confidence, from passively listening student to problem-solving professional — is what inspires and energizes me in my teaching. Indeed, the most rewarding student comments I receive on evaluations are statements like: "This instructor brings out the best in you."

The magic of Marquette isn't just in the knowledge we discover and share. It's in giving students the tools to see a better version of themselves and to step into that reality. It's my sincere hope that we always strive to see the best in each other as faculty, and commit to seeing our students not just as they are, but as they can someday be.

### Dr. Robert Wheeler:

I think I've always felt at home at Marquette because I'm the product of one of the other 27 Jesuit universities. I attended the University of Scranton, and absolutely loved my education there. I loved my instructors and their dedication to academics, their enthusiasm for instruction and especially their dedication to the development of their students, of me. I studied the classics there. I studied philosophy, theology and science, and

I attended debates. And through these experiences, I felt my professors embodied *cura personalis*. ...

I learned to love science and had great science mentors as well, but the university did not have the infrastructure to give me practical knowledge in how to practice science. I had to go to big state institutions to do that. And I did. I went to two of them. And at those institutions I had great scientific mentors. I learned a lot about how to practice science and how to teach other people to practice science. And what I didn't learn at those institutions is much about classroom teaching.

I learned exactly two things there. One, in terms of teaching, I learned you should do as little of it as possible. And two, if you're any good at it, then you are definitely working too hard on it. Some of you got that same advice; I'm 100 percent sure of that. And I believe it's not bad advice at big state institutions.

But it's not true here. And I really appreciate that about Marquette University. I am so grateful for the leadership of my department, for the leadership of my college and for the leadership of the university — that they foster and support high-impact scientific research, and they foster and support excellent interdisciplinary course work. That isn't exclusively measured in the establishment of pre-professional skills.

I love, absolutely love, the time that I spend with graduate students and undergraduates in imparting them in a really personal way how to do science. I also really love working with my colleagues and co-instructors on developing new courses that encourage the breadth of development of thinking and encourage students understanding themselves and understanding other people better. I just feel so pleased and I feel such gratitude and privilege to be working in an environment that absolutely encourages all of that. ☺

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ARTS AND SCIENCES

## Fertility Under Pressure

Dr. Lisa Petrella's research on tiny nematodes reveals the risks a warming planet poses to reproduction.

BY JENNIFER WALTER, COMM '19

Heat waves carry risks that go far beyond dehydration. Even the reproductive system is affected by extreme temperatures, which could spell danger for future generations. "It is well documented that climate change is affecting human fertility already," says Dr. Lisa Petrella, associate professor of biological sciences. Birth rates drop nine months after a heat wave, and stillbirths have also been linked to prolonged temperature increases.

One organism is helping to reveal the causes behind this worrisome link: the humble nematode. Petrella's lab has probed the connection between temperature and sterility in these microscopic creatures for over a decade. With support from a \$460,000 award from the National Institutes of Health, Petrella is investigating reproductive cellular changes that could hold the key to climate resilience.

### Oil and Vinegar

We all know what happens when a sperm and egg cell meet. But before those sperm and egg cells exist, they start out as germ cells — specialized packages of material that guide embryonic development and pass genetic information to the next generation.

In nematodes, germ cells are nearly identical in structure to those found in humans. That's why they're ideal model organisms for studying the effects of heat on fertility.

Petrella's most recent project narrows in on two structures in germ cells — P granules and the synaptonemal complex — that play a critical role in making sure embryos get the right number of chromosomes and grow properly. But these essential structures are liquid-like and delicate. Petrella compares both to drops of oil in vinegar. Just as the two substances mix but never fully integrate in a salad dressing, the microscopic structures that contribute to fertility maintain separation in the germ cell's gooey cytoplasm, especially when experiencing typical temperatures.

### Melting Away

In past research, Petrella's team discovered that some species of nematodes can successfully reproduce at high environmental temperatures, while others lose their ability to create healthy offspring. It's not yet clear why this happens, but Petrella and fellow researchers are getting closer to answering the question: What makes an animal's fertility more hardy in the heat?

By observing how germ cells change in nematodes as the temperature creeps up, she aims to pinpoint an underlying cause of fertility loss in many species. Petrella's team hypothesizes that the P granules and synaptonemal complex may actually "melt," or be absorbed back into the cytoplasm when exposed to high heat. Without them, species become functionally sterile.

Answers about resilience could lie in the architecture of the germ cells. In addition to understanding what happens to the P granules and synaptonemal complex under pressure, Petrella is exploring the differences between the biological building blocks — proteins — inside each structure. Those gritty details will reveal why some nematodes can take the heat, while others can't.

### The Climate Connection

Petrella's work has far-reaching implications for survival in the era of climate change. Her work aims to pinpoint how heat stress damages even the smallest reproductive structures in the body, causing a domino effect that could lead, in extreme scenarios, to entire species going extinct.

Record-breaking temperatures are only becoming more common in modern times. The frequency, length and intensity of heat waves have increased over the past 70 years — and with that, the threat to fertility also rises. But by digging into the finer details, Petrella hopes that the knowledge gained can help safeguard vulnerable life-forms on a warming planet.

While her lab exclusively works with model organisms, her findings could be extrapolated to many species in the animal kingdom. Humans are just one of many groups that have similar germ cell architecture to nematodes. And with heat waves having a tangible impact on fertility in many animals, including honeybees, cows and fish, knowledge of germ cell structures could help crack the code of broader patterns in biological resilience.

### Why It All Matters

The sooner researchers can understand how heat impacts animal reproductive systems, the sooner they can identify and protect vulnerable species across the animal kingdom. Uncovering the biological mechanisms that make some more susceptible than others to heat could help scientists predict which species may become endangered — and how certain ecosystems will fare if populations shrink or vanish.

Petrella also hopes that other research teams will use the results of her work to design interventions that help vulnerable species. That could mean designing drugs to increase the chances of conception in some species, but it could also mean turning an eye to the needs of the smallest animals that uphold ecosystems worldwide. Even microscopic organisms, like nematodes, are at risk, and they would have a massive impact on the world if their numbers shrank. In the wild, these microscopic organisms break down decaying matter and turn it into nutrients that plants absorb to grow. "We need to be worried about these small organisms because these are the organisms that recycle everything," Petrella says.

Nematodes are completely transparent. When looking at cellular changes, researchers dye organs, cells and proteins to observe how they react when exposed to certain conditions.



# FOR AND WITH OTHERS

*The words of those he touched reveal the indelible impact of Dr. Michael R. Lovell and his life lived selflessly in service of God, Marquette and countless people from all walks of life.*

The late President Michael R. Lovell touched the hearts of many in his all too brief time with us. He engaged, involved, collaborated with, cared for and inspired people until those around him became the embodiment of the words he spoke shortly after his inauguration in 2014: “Success is the breadth and depth of the impact you make on the lives of others.”

Such impact, indeed such breadth and depth, is clear in the words shared by those who knew him well and those who knew him in spirit. Words such as compassion, kindness, energy and infectious enthusiasm. Love and leadership. Championships and losses. Amid the immense sense of loss that we all navigate, these words remind us that what remains of this great life and its influence is boundless.



## “YOU MADE EVERYONE YOU TOUCHED BETTER.”

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I don't know how you did it, but you made everyone you touched better, without exception. You somehow balanced compassion and kindness with the relentless pursuit of excellence — and you did so with such grace and presence. The only thing that exceeded your energy was your will. You taught us all that we are capable of more.

— **SHAKA SMART**, *Marquette head men's basketball coach (from X)*

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Mike Lovell was someone who saw the good in everyone. And I mean everyone. He believed in you before you believed in yourself. He was kind, fair, generous and thoughtful. He wrote the most beautiful notes, handwritten and genuine. He loved a surprise. And winning. He listened. He followed through. He checked in on you. He lit up with joy talking about his kids. He was so proud of each of them. Oh and how he adored his wife, Amy. A love and partnership that one could only dream of. I will be forever grateful for the short time I had with Mike ... and for the chance to witness a phenomenal human being change the world.

— **KATE BRAASCH**, *Grad '09, chief of presidential affairs at Marquette (from Instagram)*

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Dr. Lovell had that unique characteristic that pulled/pushed everyone forward. His energy was infectious; his drive to make Marquette/Milwaukee/the world a better place was limitless, and he energized those around him to also do more. The world lost a great leader a couple of weeks ago. As he taught us: “When you give of yourself to help others, you get back more than you gave.”

— **BOB HAU**, *Bus Ad '87, Fiserv executive vice president and chief finance officer (from LinkedIn)*

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Your legacy will live on throughout everyone you touched, especially me.  
— **DWYANE WADE**, *Hon Deg '22, former Marquette basketball player, NBA Hall of Famer (from LinkedIn)*

✿  
He was physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually so strong. Milwaukee will miss Mike Lovell's leadership on so many crucial issues. Think of all the boards he's been on. If you were to get the list of where his mind has touched, it's very long. In my mind ... he's irreplaceable. It's a huge, huge loss. But if he were here, he would say, “Guys, don't talk like that. Let's just carry on. Let's go for a jog. Let's find a kid to talk to.” That was Michael Lovell.

— **FRANK CUMBERBATCH**, *vice president of engagement at Bader Philanthropies and a founding board member of Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee (from WTMJ-TV)*

## “MIKE LOVED MARQUETTE ... AND KNEW GOD WOULD HELP HIM GET IT RIGHT.”

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Mike loved Marquette University. He loved being able to share his faith with others. He loved the students. And every decision he made, he made with their experience in mind.

He valued every single relationship he had. He loved going to student events, working out in the AI with the athletes, trainers and coaches. He loved walking across campus and having conversations and loved spending time with MUPD's dog, Blue. He loved sports and cheering on teams, and not only the championships, but also the hard losses. They were all special and meaningful to him.

Mike cared deeply for the people he served. He never made a decision without praying or running to clear his head. He prayed for the people his decisions would affect and always found the good in every person he encountered. ...

Being human, he made plenty of mistakes. And there were some things he wished he could do over, but he always moved forward, knowing he was using his gifts and talents for the right reasons and leaning on God. He knew even when he got it wrong, God would help him get it right.

— **AMY LOVELL**, *Dr. Lovell's wife of 30 years (from her eulogy)*

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There is no question that Mike was a disciple of God. He loved everyone and he loved Marquette. And one of the things I will say is he loved our students and there are a lot of things that he would do with them. Giving donuts out during finals week. When COVID shut us down and students were quarantined, going room by room to be able to give them treats and tell them that they were going to be okay. Going to Joan of Arc Mass at 10 p.m. even though he had to be up for a 7 a.m. meeting, knowing that he probably wasn't going to get home until 11:30 or later. Continuing to teach so that he was part of the classroom and being with the students.

Now if you were ever with him on campus, you had to get used to becoming his photographer, because all of the students wanted pictures with him. They cared that much about Mike.

— **DR. KIMO AH YUN**, *acting president, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs (from his eulogy)*

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He was a gentle giant. Dr. Lovell loved Marquette, and we loved him right back. He cared deeply about our students educationally. More importantly, he cared about their growth as people and future leaders.  
— **DOC RIVERS**, *Arts '84, former Marquette basketball player, Milwaukee Bucks head coach (media statement)*

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Of the innumerable contributions Dr. Lovell made to Marquette, what stands out most for me was his inspiration and drive to install the Grotto of the Blessed Virgin behind St. Joan of Arc Chapel. In the midst of a lively, sometimes hectic campus, this “sacred space” dedicated to Mary offers solace, peace and contemplation for all. In Dr. Lovell's words:

“Throughout my life, Mary has been a steadying guide and a reminder that Jesus is God, but also human like every one of us. When we take time for reflection, Mary teaches us so much about simplicity, grace and strength. My hope is that this grotto will serve as a special and sacred place of devotion, inspiration and prayer for Marquette students, faculty, alumni and staff for decades to come.”

— **MONICA (SCHLICKMAN) OLIVER**, *Sp '81, former president, Marquette University Alumni Association (shared with Marquette)*

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Whether it was in the classroom, the boardroom or on the sidelines of a crucial game, his joyous love for Marquette and its students came first and foremost. As Marquette's first lay president, Mike's dedication to the ideals of a Catholic, Jesuit education meant that every student was given the opportunity to partake in the richness of a 500-year tradition of excellence.

— **VERY REV. KARL J. KISER, S.J.**, *provincial of the USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus (shared with Marquette)*

## “I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WHO SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY SAID YES TO EVERYTHING.”

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Dr. Lovell was such a pivotal part of the Marquette community and of my Marquette experience. I loved how active he was on campus, frequently spotted at Tuesday night Masses and off-campus races. He knew so many students by name, which was so special, especially for a figure with such a grand title and position.

— **DR. CASSIDY BANNON**, *H Sci '17, PT '19, physical therapist (shared with Marquette)*

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I am deeply saddened by the loss of President Lovell. As soon as he arrived in 2014, I sent an email introducing myself and inviting him to tour the instrument. Within hours he replied, “Yes!” He was so interested in the mechanism of the carillon and bounded up the stairs to the playing chamber to enjoy the music from the instrument. I am grateful for his energy, interest and enthusiasm for the carillon and my work. May his soul rest in peace enjoying the choirs of angels and maybe even some bells!

— **DR. MARK KONEWKO**, *digital media and performing arts professor of practice, university carillonneur (shared with Marquette)*

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Throughout my two years as an international master's student at Marquette, I knew President Lovell as someone who genuinely cared about students' experiences and well-being. His commitment to fostering a support-

ive and inclusive campus environment was evident in everything he did. Whether attending student events and games, being present on residence hall move-in day, interacting with parents, or having lunch sessions with students — one of which I attended — his empathy and kindness shone through. ... He wasn't just a president; he was a mentor, a supporter and a friend to so many.

— **MERCY EGBUIKWEM**, *Grad '24, student affairs professional (shared with Marquette)*



Dr. Lovell started at Marquette the same year as the Class of 2018. I'll never forget the way he made us less nervous about college, because in his own words, "We will figure out this first year of Marquette together." His humility, kindness and joy for students will never be forgotten.

— **MUSTAFA ANWAR**, *H Sci '18, assistant director for first-year initiatives at Loyola University Chicago (from Instagram)*



I've never met anyone who so enthusiastically said yes to everything.

Michael Lovell had just been named the new president at Marquette University, and about the only thing I knew about him was he was a fast runner and a hardcore triathlete. Being a fellow running nerd, I reached out to him and invited him to a small running group. To my surprise, he got back to me right away about this seemingly trivial matter, when he had so many important things to do. I still have the message: "Count me in for the Monday and Thursday runs! I appreciate you reaching out and look forward to working together. Best, Mike."

What followed changed my life, personally and professionally. And it showed me what a true leader looks like, without pretense or artificial barriers.

— **TIM CIGELSKY**, *Comm '04, Grad '18, '20, vice president of marketing at Marquette University High School (from Facebook)*



At O-Fest in 2018, I chased him down because I was writing a story for the Marquette Wire about his unique

shoes that had the Marquette stripe on them. I was nervous because I was going to be interviewing Marquette's president. But he quickly put me at ease with his kindness and approachability. We chatted for a few minutes about his shoes, then we took a selfie, and from that moment on he never forgot my name.

We became Facebook friends shortly after and then I would send him certain articles I wrote and share what I was doing during my final two years, and he was always extremely supportive. He would read all my articles and always loved to hear what I was up to, and this continued way after my graduation in 2021. We communicated every few months, and I would update him on my life and he would tell me about Marquette. I loved still having a connection with my alma mater even if I wasn't on campus anymore.

— **ZOË COMERFORD**, *Comm '21, assistant athletic director at DePaul University (shared with Marquette)*



Mike was a total rock star. So many memories of Mike going back to grade school (Little League), junior high (8th and 9th grade football), and high school scholastics (our valedictorian), athletics and more. He was a good friend. The guy was brilliant, and no offense to anyone else, but I don't think we could have had a better valedictorian for the Class of '85. RIP Mike. Your work here is done. Well done my friend.

— **STEVE BAIERA**, *classmate at Meadville (Pa.) High School (from Facebook)*

## "I'LL NEVER FORGET THE LOVE HE SHOWED ME AND MY FAMILY THAT DAY."



President Lovell and I were both diagnosed with cancer within weeks of one another. When I heard about his diagnosis, I sent him a message telling him that I am fighting next to him and wishing him the best. I received a beautiful message back where President Lovell said I am in his prayers and that we will "win this fight together and make Marquette proud." I know he did just that.

I am so grateful to him for his kind words as we went through our cancer journeys side by side. Rest in Peace Dr. Lovell. You will be so very missed by us all. You and your family will be in my prayers and, as you said at the end of your message to me, "I look forward to our paths crossing again."

— **KELLY KOREK**, *Ed '15, Greendale High School math teacher (shared with Marquette)*



I never had the chance to meet President Lovell, but his kind, genuine spirit could be felt through social media. My student is 1,000 miles away from home, but I somehow found comfort because the university was being led by someone caring, down to earth and of integrity.

— **COLETTE EDWARDS**, *Marquette parent from Houston (shared with Marquette)*



Dr. Michael Lovell's vulnerability with his own childhood trauma, and his ultimate resilience and success, are worthy of respect. Sharing personal mental health challenges to create awareness, programs and momentum in Milwaukee, in an effort toward healing, deserves immense regard. I am very grateful for his cognizance in this important area.

— **KAREN KRANE**, *Marquette parent from New Berlin, Wisconsin (shared with Marquette)*



One of the top reasons my family accepted Marquette University for my son Damarius to attend was having the honor to visit with Dr. Lovell in his office and hear him express why he wanted my son to attend his college, other than his skills on the basketball court.

There was a gentle smile on Dr. Lovell's face as he spoke kind words of encouragement to me and my family — about how the Marquette family would take care of Damarius on his life's journey. I visited multiple universities, and I didn't see or hear from any other president at those universities. Wow, what a game-changer. With his gentle smile and hand-to-shoulder prayer, I'll never forget the love he showed me and my family on that day.

— **ANTHONY OWENS**, *father of student-athlete Damarius Owens (shared with Marquette)*

## "MIKE WAS A VISIONARY WITH AN ENDLESSLY COMPASSIONATE HEART."



Mike Lovell is irreplaceable — as a husband, a father, a friend to me personally, and as the leader of our beloved university. He was an incredible man who inspired all who knew him, and his legacy will impact Marquette University for generations to come.

— **TODD ADAMS**, *chair of Marquette's Board of Trustees, chairman and CEO of Zurn Elkay Water Solutions (shared with Marquette)*



Mike Lovell's leadership was inspirational and transformational. He lived life to the fullest and inspired others to do the same. Faith-filled, family-first, innovative while striving to Be The Difference, he led Marquette to new heights. Highly engaged in Milwaukee, he valued and embraced Marquette's role as a leader in Milwaukee's future.

Mike truly was a servant leader. He led by example, always looked to find the good and to focus forward to build a brighter future for all. His legacy shines bright for all of us.

— **MARY ELLEN STANEK**, *Arts '78, managing director, co-chief investment officer of Baird Advisors, Marquette trustee emerita (shared with Marquette)*



Mike always saw the big picture. He was a true friend and colleague. His stellar success, first at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and then at Marquette was not surprising. What an amazing legacy he has left.

— **LARRY SHUMAN**, *engineering faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh (shared with Marquette)*



I had the honor of speaking when Mike was installed as the UWM chancellor and as Marquette's president. It was so obvious to me how committed Mike was to making these universities special places of scholarship, fellowship and tolerance. The outpouring of sentiments from everyone with Mike's passing shows his enormous

impact as a scholar, leader and wonderful human being on UWM and on his beloved Marquette University.

Mike Lovell leaves an amazing legacy in so many ways ... as an academician, university leader, philanthropist, husband, father and colleague/friend. While his life was cut short by cancer, his impact will be with all who knew him for years to come. Thank you, Mike, for a life wonderfully lived.

— **DR. HARVEY BOROVIETZ**, *bioengineering professor at the University of Pittsburgh (shared with Marquette)*



Mike was at all turns guided by his faith and an unwavering moral compass, and we will always remember him for his courage, energy and determination to make any situation better than the way he found it. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Amy, his family and the entire Marquette community during this exceedingly painful time.

— **VAL ACKERMAN**, *commissioner of the Big East Conference (from bigeast.com)*



Yes, Michael was a great engineer. Yes, Michael was a great administrator. Yes, Michael had a great ability to have a vision of what a program should be, and then he would not just do it himself, but he knew the people to choose to make that program become a success. The Jesuits picked the right person. ... We need gifted laymen as leaders in the church who have that vision and that ability to approach people in a humble way in order to join on the path of building communities that are vibrant, inclusive, tops in education, and most of all, willing to be part of the whole community, not little islands of intellectualism in the midst of cities that are struggling.

— **REV. BRYAN SUMMERS**, *lifelong pastor and adviser to Mike and Amy Lovell (from his eulogy)*



Mike's unwavering dedication to education, coupled with his selflessness and contagious enthusiasm, inspired all who had the privilege of working alongside him. His commitment to fostering partnerships between our institutions has left an indelible mark on our collective efforts in education and the community. While we mourn the loss

of a dear friend and leader, we take solace in knowing that Mike's spirit of service and dedication will continue to guide us in our shared mission.

— **DR. VICKI MARTIN**, *retired president, Milwaukee Area Technical College (from herawisconsin.org)*



Every once in a while, you meet a person that you know will not only change your life but shape the future of a community. Michael Lovell was one of those incredibly special and rare people.

It's hard to put into words how much he meant to so many in the Marquette and greater Milwaukee communities, and his impact will be felt for generations to come. Mike was a visionary with an endlessly compassionate heart and a tireless drive to make life better for those around him. When he was selected as the first lay president of Marquette, the university was at a crossroads. Mike's leadership didn't just turn the page on a difficult period in Marquette's history; it dawned a new era.

During my senior year of college, I had the distinct privilege of serving as the first student government president during Mike's tenure as president of Marquette. I witnessed something special — a mission-driven leader called to serve in an organization that shared the same mission.

In every fiber of his being, Mike embodied what it meant to be a servant leader. He cast a vision for Marquette that was inclusive, ambitious and challenged all of us to answer the call of St. Ignatius to "go forth and set the world on fire." Marquette will forever be changed by his kind, thoughtful leadership and I will forever be grateful for the mentor who taught me what it means to lead with heart, courage and conviction.

— **KYLE WHELTON**, *Arts '15, producer and relationship manager at Ep6ix (from LinkedIn)*

## "I CHALLENGE ALL OF US TO CHANNEL MIKE IN OUR LIVES."



And now there's a crater-sized void in our world. But because of you and your inspiration, we are going to

work together, bit by bit, to fill that void. We are going to continue your work. We are going to honor your legacy by how we choose to act, interact and respond.

You were truly one-of-a-kind, which is why our most powerful emotion must be gratitude. Thank you for uplifting us, for loving us, for showing us the way, and now, for watching over us. We will forever be connected. We are Marquette.

— **SHAKA SMART** (*from X*)



The catechism teaches us that saints are people in heaven who lived virtuous lives, offered their lives for others. They share in the tradition of prayers by the example of their lives. They contemplate God, they praise him, and they constantly care for those that they leave on earth. I believe heaven gained another saint on June 9 in Rome; I know that Mike will work to intercede for those he leaves behind.

I challenge all of us to channel Mike in our lives. Don't put off what you can do today. Don't judge because you don't know what's going on with someone else. Find the good, share your love, your smile, and don't back down from a challenge.

— **AMY LOVELL** (*from her eulogy*)



If you knew him, I only ask a few things:

- Smile a little more. It was his secret weapon.
- Listen a little longer. He was the best at this elusive skill to me and many.
- Sweat every day. He inspired so many of us to prioritize our physical activity.
- If you have Faith — be faithful.
- When you have an idea you believe in, pursue it.
- Serve others. To help others is to be like Mike. You never know how the little things can make all the difference.
- Get quiet and try to discern where you can make the biggest impact. Go there and do that.
- Remember to smile a little more (written twice for extra emphasis).

— **TIM MCMAHON**, *vice president for university advancement at Marquette (from LinkedIn)*



"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." *James 1:12*

Thank you, President Lovell, for being the driving force for us as Marquette students to push toward self accountability, perseverance and grace.

May your soul rest knowing you provided the vehicle to myself and countless others to grow within ourselves and become the change we want to see in the world.

— **JOHN CONNORS**, *Comm '23, business development specialist at Clear-Flow (from LinkedIn)*



Cardinal Newman, who is an extraordinary English theologian and a convert, had a motto, *cor ad cor loquitur* — heart speaks to heart. Michael's heart spoke to you. Michael's heart spoke to me. Let his heart continue to speak to you.

— **REV. BRYAN SUMMERS** (*from his eulogy*)

*More tributes to President Lovell can be found at [marquette.edu/remembering-president-lovell](http://marquette.edu/remembering-president-lovell).*



*"When you give of yourself to help others, whether it be through your time, your talents or your resources, a miracle happens. And that miracle is you get back more than you gave."*

— **DR. MICHAEL LOVELL** (*from his 2015 Scholarship Lunch remarks*)





BY DR. JENNIFER MANEY, GRAD '90, '08

# Peace Before Farewell

With the help of a Marquette spiritual adviser, a daughter's fear becomes a pathway of love and preparation.

**“Jennifer,** what you are experiencing is pre-grieving the loss of your mother.”

I wasn't expecting these words from my spiritual adviser at Marquette's Faber Center for Ignatian Spirituality, but they encapsulated everything I had been feeling as my mother neared 90 years old.

My spiritual adviser told me I was so afraid of losing my mom that I was participating in a form of grief I hadn't anticipated. Digging deeper, I looked up definitions of pre-grieving — easily triggered tears and anxiety, a preoccupation that can even include rehearsing a loved one's death — and saw myself in them.

About 10 years earlier, grief had been a major reason I had first pursued seeing a spiritual adviser. I had lost my brother to cancer while, at the same time, exploring the deeper elements of faith in my life. So, I signed up for Faber's six-week Retreat for Busy People. Designed to work around my schedule as the director of Marquette's Center for Teaching and Learning, that retreat started me on my journey of rediscovering my faith broadly speaking and began a healing process.

After the six-week retreat on campus, I accepted an invitation to a fall silent retreat on the grounds of a retreat center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The intentional quiet, the connection with nature, the invitation to prayer: I was hooked. Through these experiences, I began to embrace more realistically the idea that death is inevitable and that it can't stop me from engaging in all that life offers. Sitting in silence, listening to what God may have to say to me, engaging with nature and creation, all of this helped me better grieve and accept the loss of my brother, and in some ways the loss of my father many years before.

These retreats also helped me prepare for my mom's coming frailty. They helped me give myself grace in my fear of her decline, but I couldn't yet anticipate that I'd grieve her in advance. When that revelation came years later, I must admit I was fascinated by the new term that named how I was feeling. I learned pre-grieving can make a person more emotionally

prepared for loss, which can reduce the shock of emotions when the loss happens. These discoveries were and are good for my mental health.

This awareness spurred me into action. It provided me with a chance to reflect on my relationship with my mom, share memories with her while she was alive, and take more pictures of her. I also wanted to learn more about her life. I asked her to tell me again what the early days were like. I wanted to hear more stories about her and my father and the things they shared that gave her great joy. I asked her about how she dealt with his death at the age of 60, which rendered her a widow longer than a wife. Pre-grieving also helped me begin to mitigate any regret I might experience after she was gone, resolve any lingering conflicts, and tell her every time I saw her that I loved her and how grateful I was to have drawn her from the mom pool.

Through the charism of the Jesuits, I was able to clearly see my mom and her role in my life. As I spent time with her talking about, well, everything, I began to feel less anxious and more humbled and honored by the conversation. If that isn't the manifestation of God's presence, I am not sure what is.

It was five years ago this past July when my mom died very unexpectedly. Gathering with my family around her bedside to let her go was the most painful experience I have ever had. Perhaps counterintuitively, however, I have been filled with a sense of peace since my spiritual awakening about anticipatory grief because it enabled me to spend the last few years with her engaged in reflection and gratitude. These two dispositions, when infused with action to invigorate life, are grounded in Jesuit traditions and beliefs that affirm these characteristics of life at its most meaningful. As I reflect further on the spiritual evolution that helps me articulate my experiences with my mom specifically and important truths about life more generally, I think back over my time here at Marquette. I am so grateful for the opportunities to explore faith in all its facets in my workplace.

As I continue to lean into anticipatory grief, I have also given it a refreshed definition of my own: Anticipatory grief occurs when a person gains an understanding of how fortunate they are to love someone in ways that make them appreciate the person all the more while the person is here with them.

Now, that I can live with. ☺

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# Writing

The *Time to Rise* campaign inspired the Marquette community

# the Next

to give like never before — an \$801 million outpouring

# Chapter

that expands what's possible for the university and its students.

# Together

BY STEPHEN FILMANOWICZ, ANNA FUNK AND TIM CIGELSKE, COMM '04, GRAD '18, '20

# M



Marquette was experiencing a time of special opportunities, unique in its history. But was it ready to capitalize on them?

That was the question lingering in discussions of the university's future in the mid-2010s. In those days, Marquette had a new strategic plan that aimed for it to become one of the most innovative and accomplished Jesuit universities in the world. It had a new campus master plan providing a road map for the physical evolution of campus integrating academics, research and the student experience. And perhaps most importantly, at the time it had a new president, Dr. Michael R. Lovell, with the vision and leadership abilities to engage partners in filling in the details of these plans in inspired ways.

Marquette would require support — a lot of it — to realize all this potential. This is where the questions came in. The comprehensive philanthropic campaign the university was embarking on aimed to raise \$750 million, more than twice as much as its previous record-setting campaign, which had wrapped up a full decade earlier. "This was a bold target, especially for a university that hadn't been in a campaign for 10 years," says Tim McMahon, vice president for university advancement, who joined Marquette in 2018 when this campaign, *Time to Rise: The Marquette Promise to Be The Difference*, was two years underway and still needed to find a higher gear. "This was going to be a great experiment and a great opportunity."

Eight years after the campaign began, those nagging questions have been banished. When *Time to Rise* wrapped up this summer, it had surpassed its ambitious goal by \$50 million.

The \$801 million raised represents a response of unprecedented generosity from the Marquette community, including broad and deep elements of its donor base. *Time to Rise* soared by engaging and inspiring an impressive 71,000 donors, 38,000 of whom had never given to Marquette before. It succeeded through a surge in giving by alumni under 40 — and a 72 percent increase in donors giving \$1 million or more for the first time, to help the campaign reach 150 donors at that level. To achieve this success, the campaign became what it needed to be, says McMahon — "a campaign for everyone."

Before his death from cancer just a few weeks before the completion of *Time to Rise* in June, President Lovell was heartened by the Marquette community's enthusiastic embrace of the campaign he did so much to champion, recognizing it as "a philanthropic awakening." Lovell saw that awakening proving to be transformative, supporting Marquette in pursuit of its Catholic, Jesuit educational mission, as seen in the examples found in the following four pages and elsewhere in this issue.

Furthering its central commitment to expand and enrich student opportunities, *Time to Rise* is generating a historic sum for student scholarships, \$313 million. It is making possible a campus transformation that includes new homes for the colleges of Business Administration and Nursing and renovation of St. Joan of Arc Chapel and other sacred spaces. It is advancing academic and research excellence. And through signature investments in the Student Success Initiative (including the Lemonis Center for Student Success, see p. 9) and an innovative facility integrating wellness and recreation, the university is realizing a vision at the core of Lovell's legacy as president: making Marquette a national leader in caring for students' physical, mental and spiritual health, and their academic and career success.

McMahon compares this picture to previous eras when Marquette led boldly — in being the first Catholic university to educate women with men in 1909, for example, or creating the pioneering Educational Opportunity Program in the 1960s. "The campaign and everyone involved with it," he says, "are helping to write the next chapter in the story of Marquette."

# A Philanthropic Awakening Benefits Students First

71,000+

**total campaign donors,**  
53% of them donating to  
Marquette for the first time

20%

**of alumni are now donors**  
(up from 12 percent at the beginning  
of the campaign), a new rate placing  
Marquette among the top tier of  
universities nationally

180

**campaign volunteers**  
led and strengthened college  
advisory boards, regional committees,  
affinity groups for young alumni and  
other constituencies, the President's  
Advisory Council and more

\$313+ million

**contributed to student scholarships,**  
nearly 40 percent of campaign total,  
supporting a mission-driven commitment  
to ensure Marquette is affordable to all

436

**new scholarship funds created**

## A new home 1,000 miles from home: student Justice Osondu

Living in Houston, Justice Osondu initially didn't consider enrolling in a college a thousand miles away. Then his college readiness teacher, Dr. Loya, at Cristo Rey Jesuit College Prep put Marquette on his radar.

"She mentioned how it was a Jesuit school like Cristo Rey, had beautiful scenery because it was located downtown, and had strong academic programs that challenge you beyond your major to be equipped as a world changer in society," he recalls. Finding out that Dwyane Wade, Hon Deg '22, and fellow Houston-area native Jimmy Butler, Comm '11, had degrees from Marquette didn't hurt, either.

As his interest grew, the news that he'd be receiving one of the last two (out of an original 48) full-tuition scholarships for Marquette's Urban Scholars program awarded that year "rocked my world," he says.

Today, Osondu is a senior double-majoring in public relations and theology with a minor in peace studies. The Urban Scholars program supports first-generation college students who show great academic promise. His involvement in the program has inspired Osondu to give back as a resident assistant and volunteer. "Marquette has helped me," he says, "realize one of the quotes I live by now: 'We've been blessed to be a blessing.'"



# Supporting — and Endowing — Academic and Research Excellence

\$185 million  
raised to support teacher-scholars

118

**new faculty-focused funds**  
supporting research, faculty  
excellence, graduate  
assistantships and more

11

**endowed faculty or directorship  
positions** established or grown

13

**Marquette faculty members**  
listed among the top 2 percent  
of world's most-cited scientists

\$303 million

**raised for Marquette's endowment,**  
which grew to a value of \$990 million  
at the end of FY 2024. Endowed  
funds are invested and generate  
returns each year to support  
endowed professor and directorship  
positions, endowed scholarships  
and endowed centers of excellence.



## Endowed for impact: Dr. Brian Schmit

Dr. Brian Schmit, Eng '88, Hammes Family Chair in the Marquette University and Medical College of Wisconsin Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering, is a specialist in biomechanics and neurorehabilitation, focusing on translating lab work into clinical applications to help individuals recover from injuries or manage degenerative conditions affecting mobility. An example is his \$3.3 million National Institutes of Health-funded project to investigate how cardio training on novel equipment that creates unpredictable balance challenges improves walking in people with multiple sclerosis. He's known for close partnerships with the MS community and others his research touches.

Made possible by a major gift from Jon and Ann Hammes, the Hammes Chair supports Schmit's faculty excellence and extends his research reach. When fully vested, the chair's endowment will provide \$100,000 annually for needs such as student research positions in his lab, equipment renewals and much-valued flexibility to explore promising ideas outside the scope of existing grants.

Already, Schmit is developing a new device, inspired by therapists in the College of Health Sciences' Neuro Recovery Clinic who take patients out to walk on the grass to practice balance and stability. Seeing the need for a year-round tool, he hired a team of undergraduates to design and build an indoor device that wobbles to simulate the uneven ground. "I'm really focused on trying to make a clinical impact right now to impact people's lives directly," Schmit says. "That's why these new resources are so valuable — it takes resources with flexibility to be able to get these types of projects started."

# Centers Where Marquette's Leadership Shines

18

## centers of excellence

created or expanded — Marquette's engines of academic and research leadership, educational innovation, immersive learning experiences and student development expertise

### New centers and institutes include:

- The Vieth Institute for Real Estate Leadership
- The Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute
- The Fotsch Innovation and Engineering Leadership Development (FIELD) Center
- The Andrew Center for Restorative Justice
- The Lubar Center for Public Policy
- The Institute for Women's Leadership

### Expanded centers include:

- The Les Aspin Center for Government
- Center for Peacemaking and more.

Learn more about the Lemonis Center for Student Success (p. 9).



### Dr. Lisa Edwards: cultivating women's leadership

Dr. Lisa Edwards, professor of counselor education and counseling psychology, has long impressed as a collaborative leader — a teacher, mentor, community partner and researcher focused passionately on the mental health of Latinas who are pregnant or postpartum. Then, in January, she added a well-fitting role: director of Marquette's Institute for Women's Leadership, where she connects with partners in and around Marquette to advance gender-related research and promote leadership development among women.

The faculty-run institute is a research incubator at its core. Three faculty fellows conduct projects each semester, last term bringing expertise from philosophy, counselor education and computer science. "It was so amazing working together as a research community," recalls Edwards. "We found intersections in the research about giving voices to women whose voices aren't typically heard."

As a champion of community, Edwards appreciates the institute's ample external engagement, including with local corporations. "We see the exciting gender work that's being done at these organizations and companies — and where we need to continue to do work with leadership and gender," she says.

This is the IWL fulfilling its promise. The spark for its creation came when donor Claire Rolfs, Arts '73, noticed how few women were submitting funding proposals for innovative projects through Marquette's Explorer Challenge. Rolfs partnered with Vice President for Research and Innovation Jeanne Hossenlopp to help launch the IWL in 2019 with a \$5 million endowment from the Thomas J. Rolfs Family Foundation.

"I love this new role and am grateful for this opportunity," Edwards says. "I've already met so many wonderful people who share the mission of IWL. It's a bright light."

# A Campus Transformed to Serve Marquette's Students and Mission

1 million

square feet

transformed through 10 years of the campus master plan, much of it supported by *Time to Rise*

\$60 million

in gifts to O'Brien Hall,

Marquette's largest fully donor-funded building and home of the College of Business Administration and leadership programs

3

sacred spaces elevated

the restoration of St. Joan of Arc Chapel and its gardens, the creation of the new Marian Grotto and the renovation of the Chapel of the Holy Family in Alumni Memorial Union

4

signature facilities

opening this academic year: the Lemonis Center for Student Success; David A. Straz, Jr., Hall, new home of the expanded College of Nursing; the renovated Chapel of the Holy Family; and Wellness + Helfaer Recreation facility

### For the whole person: a trailblazing recreation and wellness facility

When it opens in January, the Wellness + Helfaer Recreation facility is destined to become a star of Marquette's student-led campus tours. That will be understandable for a project that has reimagined and expanded the existing Helfaer Recreation Center, giving it a stunning, naturally lit atrium and inviting spaces accommodating a full range of sports and workouts. But just as important will be the message prospective — and current — students receive about the building as a welcoming place to tend to their mental health and wellness needs.

The idea of integrating renewed recreation facilities under one roof with complementary services that had been scattered not so invitingly across campus — the Marquette University Medical Clinic, the Counseling Center, alcohol and drug recovery programs, and sexual violence prevention resources — was a key part of Marquette's campus master plan. It was also central to the vision of Lovell, an accomplished marathoner and triathlete who often ran with members of the Marquette community and who was open about his own exposure to childhood traumas and his subsequent mental wellness journey. "It will eliminate any stigma for anyone walking in the facility no matter what services they need," he said in announcing the project in 2022. "When you think about the future of wellness on campus, we want to be state of the art."

Thanks to \$25 million in donor support, that 180,000-square-foot vision will soon be making a daily difference in students' lives. And thanks in particular to nearly \$8 million raised through a Board of Trustees-led effort to honor Mike and Amy Lovell for their leadership in addressing mental health in Milwaukee, the third and fourth floors of the facility's new tower will be known as the **LOVELLSTRONG** Center for Student Well-Being, a stirring reminder of the Lovells' compassionate legacy. ☺



BY RACHEL GINTNER ORLANDO

# A Reunion — Across Time

When Alex Gambacorta left the Apsáalooke Reservation in Montana, she thought she was closing a chapter on the special place she'd served for a year. But back at Marquette, pieces of Apsáalooke history were waiting to be discovered — and a new journey with the tribe was about to begin.

## Red Star. Big Day. Plainfeather.

Alex Gambacorta recognized these surnames written more than a hundred years ago in sloped cursive.

She didn't expect to see them here, some 1,100 miles away from the Apsáalooke (Crow) Reservation, on a piece of paper in the archives of Marquette's Raynor Library.

These names belonged to the students Gambacorta had taught at St. Charles Mission School in Pryor, Montana, three summers earlier. Poring over dozens of archival documents and photos, she realized they showed her students' ancestors — and, in some cases, their living grandparents.

Gambacorta, Arts '18, Grad '23, admits this discovery was a rather serendipitous case of being in the right place at the right time.

Going to the library that week in 2021 with fellow students from her English course, she had watched with amazement as Amy Cooper Cary (head of archival collections and institutional repository) held up a document from Pryor to show the class: a letter written in 1924 from Apsáalooke parents petitioning the powers that be to establish a Catholic day school.

Cooper Cary pulled this letter out of hundreds of possible selections without knowing Gambacorta's

connection to the community.

Cooper Cary selected this particular letter because it was unusual. Most of the archive's massive collection relating to Catholic missionary work was correspondence with clergy. To have a letter written, signed and thumb-printed by the Apsáalooke was rare.

When Cooper Cary concluded her remarks, Gambacorta approached the letter and locked eyes with her professor. "I remember Alex's surprise. This, of course, set off quite the chain of events," says Dr. Samantha Majhor, assistant professor of English.

Gambacorta returned a few days later, asking Cooper Cary, "Can you show me the box where this letter came from? Is there more?"

Indeed, there was more.

Fifty boxes more.

As she began flipping through them, Gambacorta was transported back to the days after her graduation from Marquette when she had joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest and served at St. Charles as a reading intervention specialist. "I did anything that was needed," she remembers. "Academic support, tutoring, reading and writing, sometimes gym class."

Now, these records showed her the school's origins: nuns teaching a handful of Apsáalooke children in a



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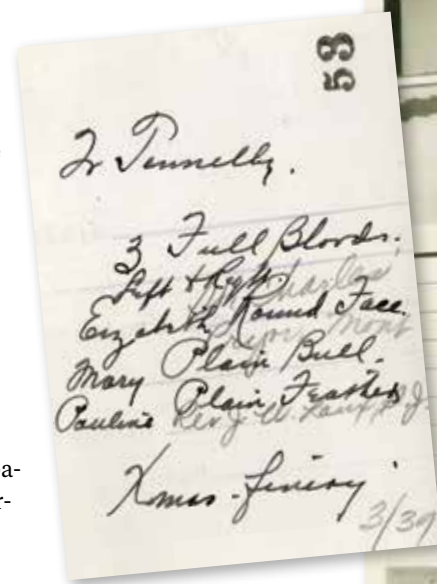
small chapel in 1892; the emergence of a day school that grew into the version of St. Charles she had come to know intimately — a mission school combining its Catholic and Indigenous roots, teaching both spiritualities and enrolling over a hundred students for preschool through eighth grade.

Page by page, photo by photo, something started shifting in Gambacorta. Majhor's course, Native American Literature and the Indigenous Archive, was one of the first classes in Gambacorta's master's program in English. Given the time she'd spent in Pryor, she had been looking forward to the course content, but her decision to enroll had been happenstance. Days into her first semester, she hadn't expected to be diving into a subject that so strongly compelled her.

She had found her master's professional project — and she had located a trove of historical family photos that the Apsáalooke community had never seen. She knew she had to try to reunite them.

**As one of Marquette's** largest archival collections, the archives relating to U.S. Catholic Indian missions clocks in at nearly 500 cubic feet, or almost two football-field lengths worth of material. This includes letters between clergy and administration; clergy and tribal chiefs; Catholic missionary publications; and photographs — including posed images of baptisms, first Communion, confirmations, nuns with their classes, and day-to-day tribal and missionary life.

With hundreds of tribal nations in the U.S., such a vast amount of Catholic missionary material makes sense. But the fact that Marquette holds the nation's largest archives on Catholic missionary work with Indigenous communities comes as a surprise to most. Originally residing in Washington, D.C., the records in the archives were amassed by the



The caption above accompanies the photo to the right — and pictured in the far right is Pauline Plainfeather, beloved ancestor of Fannie Cliff. On the left is Elizabeth Round Face and in the middle Mary Plain Bull, all students at St. Charles School.



Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, a religious entity seeking to evangelize Native Americans. The bureau has been involved with a significant network of schools and churches since the 1870s. The records came to Marquette in 1977 through the advocacy and persistence of Rev. Francis Paul Prucha, S.J., whose prolific research specialized in U.S. policy on Native Americans.

Today, this rich history is gaining interest — and the archives, more visits — from Marquette students and faculty. This includes members of the Indigeneity Lab that Majhor, of Yankton Dakota and Assiniboine descent, helped found in 2021. The lab offers opportunities for undergraduates to collaborate with Native and non-Native faculty members on Indigenous research topics. And one of those projects, mentored by Majhor, involves using the archives to increase awareness of boarding and mission schools, some of which have had reported cases of student abuse, poor health conditions and student deaths.

As Gambacorta began gathering Apsáalooke archival material outside of class, Majhor recommended Gambacorta conduct her work in partnership with the lab. Gambacorta's passion project landed her an inaugural graduate assistantship, and they got to work.

**Gambacorta knew** what she had to do next, but she was nervous.

She had to cold-call a beloved Apsáalooke community member, Fannie Cliff, to ask whether the photos were something the community would even want to see.

The question met a happy answer.

*“To bring family history back into the family itself is healing for the Native community, whose histories remain obscured in the national narrative.”*

*—Dr. Samantha Majhor*

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“My answer was yes — I was excited to see them. Photos are good,” Cliff says. “My friends had informed me about Alex. They said she was a lot of fun. A little crazy,” Cliff says with a twinkle in her eye.

After they talked on the phone, Gambacorta agreed to fly out to Pryor to meet Cliff in December 2022 and show her the photos in person. It's an occasion Gambacorta and Cliff aren't likely to forget. When Gambacorta started clicking through photos on her laptop, Cliff immediately recognized her great-grandfather Plainfeather along with renowned leader Chief Plenty Coups in a group photo. And then, spotting a strong family resemblance, she realized the face in another photo belonged to a beloved family member, Pauline. Pauline was her mother's aunt, and this was the first time Cliff had ever seen a photo of Pauline: “This is my *Kala'a* Pauline. I became very emotional and happy that I finally was able to find a picture of her, as my mother always talked about her. She would be so delighted to finally have a photo of Pauline.”

“This all was a happenstance of the Lord having put Alex in the right place at the right time,” Cliff relays.

Wanting others in the Pryor community to see their own family photos, the pair decided to hold a community event in May 2023, and to start spreading the word. Time was of the essence, as Apsáalooke elders continued to age and struggle with illness: “It was important to me that we connect photos with their families, as a lot of our elders passed away during the pandemic,” Cliff says.

Cooper Cary and a student carefully scanned the needed photos.

Gambacorta, university colleagues and friends — Dr. Jacqueline Schram, director of public affairs and special assistant for Native American affairs, Majhor, Dr. Jodi Melamed, professor of English, and Indigeneity Lab members — made hundreds of photocopies of these scans.

And in the hopes of a large turnout, they decided to elevate the event.



Above, from left: Alex Gambacorta, Fannie Cliff and Dr. Samantha Majhor, speaking at Marquette in February 2024. Below, Cliff helps to identify names at the community event in Pryor.

“Fannie wanted this to be a celebration,” says Gambacorta. It quickly evolved into an Apsáalooke powwow — with home-cooked steaks, fry bread, drumming, a contest to best perform the tribe's traditional push dance, and invitations sent far and wide to tribal leaders — some of whom traveled across the state to be there.

“We started with prayer, honored our military, brought in clan flags and sang our flag song,” Cliff explains. “The push dance contest helped encourage families to come and look at the photos.”

The event drew more than 130 people, and many individuals were identified in the photos presented, with some elders even identifying themselves. “People laughed, and they cried, and they wished that they had more photos,” Cliff says. Among many emotional moments, some elders with Alzheimer's had moments of lucidity and were able to identify family in photos, as well.

Majhor elaborated, “To bring family history back into the family itself is particularly healing for the Native community, whose histories remain obscured in the national narrative.”

A binder of photocopies of all known archival photos now resides at Chief Plenty Coups State Park Museum and Archive in Pryor, with Cliff continuing to meet with Apsáalooke families to hold space for this important identification and reunification work. “Archives, especially extensive ones, tend to be invisible, if not intimidating,” Majhor says. “Our goal is to



# MU Class Notes

News from fellow alumni



raise awareness that these records and this history exists and help bridge between the classroom and the archival space.”

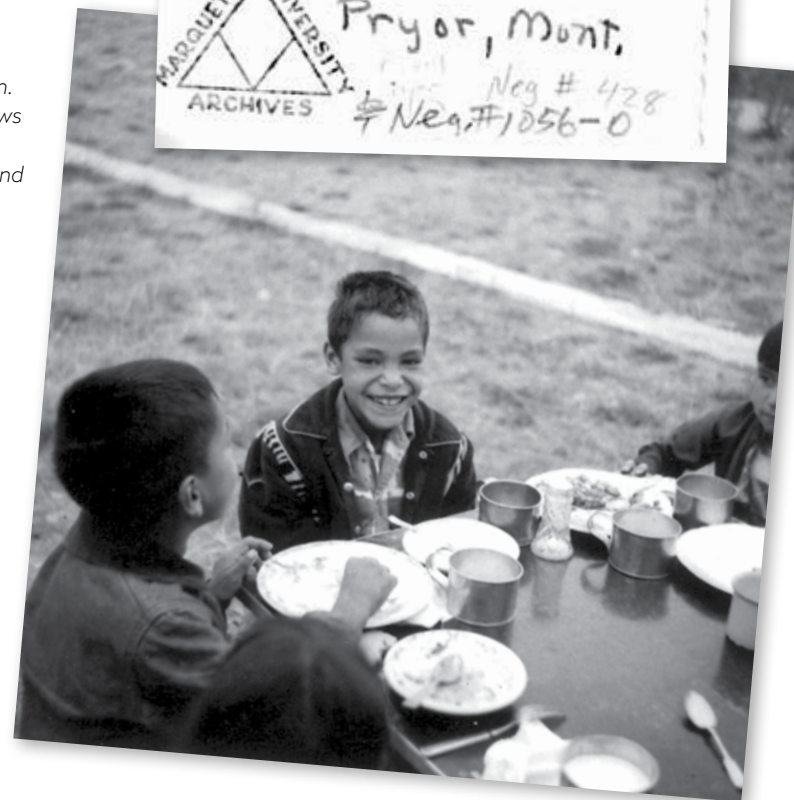
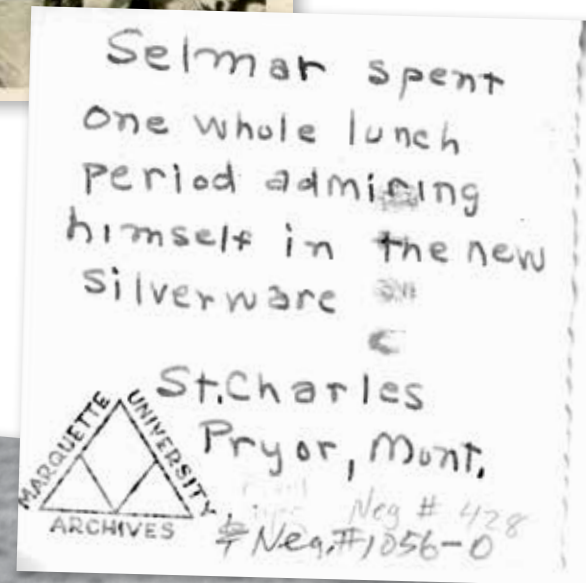
Gambacorta has also reflected on what this experience has meant for her. Reminded of her grandparents’ kitchen table and the photos she’d been shown to learn her own Italian heritage, she remarks, “How can you put that feeling into words? This cannot just be seen as history for preservation,” adding, “When you think about the context of these family photos being housed in an institution, there are still many more conversations to be had.”

For all her efforts and her joyful spirit, Gambacorta has been welcomed back into the Apsáalooke community in more ways than one. During a blanket ceremony last year, she officially became Fannie Cliff’s adopted sister. “We saw Alex’s good heart and how she allowed herself to be open to our people, including her generosity and her heartfelt actions for our kids,” Cliff says. “She was adopted into the Greasy Mouth Clan and is child of the Greasy Mouth/Sore Lip.”

“There was a receiving line where everyone greeted me as part of the tribe and the family. It was very emotional,” Gambacorta responds.

Majhor and others involved look at the model of reunification Gambacorta started as a pathway for the future. With numerous tribes and records to go, this project is indeed only the beginning. ☺

Cliff’s great grandfather Plainfeather is in the front row, second from left, above, with Chief Plenty Coups third from left in front. Below and to the right, Selmar Red Star, center, alive today, fondly remembers this photo being taken. Gambacorta knows Red Star’s grandchildren who attend St. Charles.



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## REUNIONS!

Alumni Reunion Weekend is May 30 – June 1, 2025. We will celebrate undergraduate class years ending in a 0 or 5 and our First Reunion (Class of 2024)! Get connected at [marquette.edu/reunion](https://marquette.edu/reunion).

## 62

**Ruth A. (Schwartzmiller) Lucius**, Nurs ’62, kept a daily journal about COVID-19 after reading that there was little information about life during the 1918 epidemic. Lucius’ journal was donated to the Way Public Library in Perrysburg, Ohio, for future reference.

## 67

**Leonard J. Egan**, Jour ’67, published his first book, *The Night Not at The Blue Heron Inn*, a mystery/thriller.

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## 70

**Mary E. Antoine**, Arts ’70, wrote *Enslaved, Indentured*,

*Free: Five Black Women in the Upper Mississippi, 1800–1850*, published by Wisconsin Historical Society Press in 2022. In 2023, Antoine earned a silver medal from the Midwest Independent Publishers Association; a Benjamin Franklin Award in Regional History from the Independent Book Publishers Association; and the Book of Merit Award from the Board of Curators of the Wisconsin Historical Society. She also received the Book of Merit Award in 2017 for *The War of 1812 in Wisconsin: The Battle for Prairie du Chien*.

**John Rakolta, Jr.**, Eng ’70, former U.S. ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, is the chairman of Walbridge Group and was named to the 2024 Class of Outstanding Business Leaders at Northwood University in Midland, Michigan.



**Malia Thao**, D.D.S., H Sci ’14, Dent ’17, and **Anthony C. Vang**, Eng ’15, welcomed daughter Rosalie on Jan. 15, 2024. The family resides in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Visit [classnotes.marquette.edu/submit](https://classnotes.marquette.edu/submit) to share your own Milestones moment with the Marquette community at [@youaremarquette](https://www.instagram.com/youaremarquette) on Instagram.

**Sarah (Currie) Willey**, Dent Hy ’70, and David A. Willey, celebrated their five-year anniversary and live in Texas.

## 71

**Hugh F.X. McMahon**, Arts ’71, authored *A Leap of Faith: An Athlete’s Journey to God* published by Wipf in November 2023.

## 74

**Bill S. Kubat**, Arts ’74, published *My Pilgrim’s Almanac: Devotions from the Underground*, which contains daily devotions from his 38-year ministry with the Good Samaritan Society.

## 77

**Dr. John K. Schueller**, Eng ’77, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering and affiliate professor of agricultural and biological

engineering at the University of Florida, is the 2024 recipient of the Cyrus Hall McCormick–Jerome Increase Case Gold Medal by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers for his “pioneering research in yield mapping and other precision agriculture and agricultural machinery technologies.”

**William F. Stineman**, M.D., Arts ’77, retired in June after 39 years of family practice in Franklin, Wisconsin. Father of four, grandfather of five and 43 years married to Denise, Stineman is ready to golf, travel, and enjoy time with family and friends.

## 78

**Dr. Susan B. (Onopa) Fowler**, Nurs ’78, was appointed editor of *The Journal of Ambulatory Care Nursing* in mid-2023. She also recently participated in a panel of editors at the Southern Nursing Research Society conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## 79

**Lawrence Burnett**, Arts ’79, shareholder for Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., was named the firm’s 2023 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year.

**Roy J. Guse, M.D.**, Eng ’79, retired from the Dedicated Orthopedic Center in Lufkin, Texas. In addition to his years of practice serving Deep East Texas, he served as chairman of the Woodland Heights Medical Center’s board of directors, chief of surgery at



**Amazing Racer**

**Bizzy Smith** (at right above) is running an amazing race, most of it not shown on television. Firefighter and mother of three, Smith, Bus Ad '09, and her best friend and fellow firefighter mom, Sunny Pulver, finished seventh of 13 teams this year on CBS' *The Amazing Race*. But her true victory has been beating breast cancer, discovered in her pre-race physical. Her extended diagnostic journey took more determination than her TV race. On medical leave from the New Berlin Fire Department in metro Milwaukee but still a technical college fire response instructor, Smith chaired Milwaukee's 2024 Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk and is helping craft legislation to benefit others with the disease. After reconstructive surgery, she hopes to return to firefighting — and an all-star edition of *Amazing Race*. — *Mary Schmitt Boyer, Jour '77*

the medical center and president of the Angelina County Medical Society. Prior to that he served 13 years in the U.S. Air Force studying, practicing and teaching orthopedic surgery. His final position prior to separation as a lieutenant colonel was deputy chairman of the department of orthopedic surgery at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.



Seven Marquette friends celebrated 40 years of friendship by sailing through the British Virgin Islands in April, proudly displaying Marquette colors. From left: Steve Butterfield; **Kathy (Foerster) Butterfield**, Eng '86; **Tim Paiva**, Jour '85; **Theresa Rose**, Eng '86; **Marge (Mutchler) Ridenour**, Eng '84; **Julie (Kroger) Weber**, Eng '85; **Russ Lund**, Arts '85; **Inge (Dschida) Lund**, Eng '85; and Bob Weber.

**Jim Higgins**, Jour '79, published *Sweet, Wild and Vicious: Listening to Lou Reed and the Velvet Underground* (Trouser Press Books). See full note on page 51.

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**80**

**Jeffery J. Gerritt**, Grad '80, won first place in column writing in this year's National Headliner Awards contest. The columns appeared in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, where he served as editorial page editor. It was the fourth National Headliner Award for Gerritt, who won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing in 2020.

**Capt. Joel Stoller**, Arts '80, captain for Wheels Up Private Jets out of New York, a partner with Delta Air Lines, is a writer for the *National Association of Flight Instructors' Mentor* magazine and *AOPA Flight Training* magazine.

**82**

**Richard J. Kozlowski**, Jour '82, was named "Survivor of the Year" by Relay for Life of Jefferson County, West Virginia. Kozlowski has beaten colon and prostate cancer in the last three years.

**David C. Sarnacki**, Sp '82, Law '85, was awarded the 2023 Barnes Award by Legal Aid of Western Michigan for decades of pro bono service, monetary support, and work to protect rights, challenge injustice and fight poverty through free legal advocacy for people and families.

**Maria (Mills) Schmitt**, Sp '82, executive director of human resources operations at the Cleveland Clinic, received the Service Member Patriot award.

**Marty Wolf**, Bus Ad '82, joined the faculty of the School of Business at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

**83**

**Ellen (Weiss) Donnarumma**, Sp '83, was appointed president and CEO of Dismas Charities Inc. in Louisville, Kentucky.

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**85**

**Tim Paiva**, Jour '85, submitted the photo to the left in honor of a special anniversary.

**86**

**Brian Moran**, Jour '86, was awarded an ambassador's medal at the 2023 Belfast



By guiding and empowering creative teammates, Kaitlyn Martin helps bring artistic visions to life — from movies like *Wendell & Wild* to Taylor Swift's Eras Tour.

nating all the departments — scenery design, costumes, directors, actors. It takes a broad communication skill set to bring everything together for opening night."

After years of crisscrossing the United States post graduation for stage management roles, Martin found a home in an unanticipated area of the theatre world. The puppets, costumes and scenic elements she has her name attached to include those in Henry Selick's award-winning stop-motion film *Wendell & Wild*, Taylor Swift's Eras Tour and Universal Studios' soon-to-open WIZARDING WORLD. She contributed to the last two at Michael Curry Design, where she's again leading large teams and in line to soon manage the firm's entire 65-person workforce.

While Martin's college self never anticipated this line of work, it fits her driving passions: chasing creativity, accounting for all voices in the creative process, and bringing visions to life on stage. "We need arts more than ever and stories that help us see our experiences and the experiences of others," Martin says. "Foundational experience from Marquette really set me up for success — and then I just had to be open to the opportunities." ☺

**CREATIVE LEADERSHIP**

**Pulling the Strings**

Kaitlyn Martin has parlayed her stage management experience at Marquette into a career leading the creative people who make puppets and costumes for today's blockbuster shows.

BY DREW DAWSON, COMM '16

"No, I've never done that," Kaitlyn Martin, Comm '15, found herself answering during her 2019 job interview at Laika, maker of magical puppet characters for films such as *Coraline*. "Can you make tiny costumes? Can you make tiny props?"

No, she had never worked with puppets before, yet she got the job. And soon the adaptive skills she'd developed as a theatre major set her up to lead a team of 85 only four years out of school. "I focused on stage management at Marquette, and that tool kit has been the foundation for all of my jobs," Martin says. "I managed an entire production my senior year, coordi-





Jacky Grimshaw also received a 2022 Marquette Alumni National Award as the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences Professional Achievement honoree.

successful campaigns first for state Senate and U.S. Congress — and then for the historic run that made him Chicago's first Black mayor in 1983 and made her one of his closest advisers and cabinet officials. "It was all-consuming work," she recalls, "and it was an opportunity to improve the lives of a lot of people I'd never know."

In the ensuing decades, Grimshaw has brought policy expertise and organizing muscle to her role as vice president of policy at the nonprofit Center for Neighborhood Technology, leaving her fingerprints on a range of advances to make the region's transportation and planning systems work better for Chicago's diverse communities.

The Chicago Foundation for Women honored that legacy of leadership in presenting Grimshaw with the Founders Award in its 2024 Impact Awards in March. Foundation leaders also praised her record of mentoring women, leading Grimshaw to reflect, "One of the things I always try to impart in people is that — whatever you intend to do — to be successful, you have to think about it as being greater than yourself." ☺

After graduating from Marquette with a biology degree, Jacky (Lane) Grimshaw, Arts '65, joined her husband, Bill, in their hometown, Chicago. She worked as a hematology researcher and school teacher and had two children, but she was never far from her passions for community organizing and public service.

There was a campaign to join to give voice to underrepresented residents in a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood; the Illinois governor who reached out while she was on maternity leave, needing a trusted ally to boost performance in a state program for minority contractors. "When there was a need and I could help, I agreed to meet that need," she says.

There were also campaigns to guide for rising South Side Chicago politician Harold Washington. Grimshaw's organizing savvy boosted Washington in

AWARD-WINNING LEGACY

## Serving Chicago

After her Marquette years, Jacky Grimshaw answered the call — in numerous influential ways — to make the Windy City work better for all who call it home.

BY STEPHEN FILMANOWICZ

PHOTO BY SEED LYNN, COURTESY OF CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNOLOGY

International Homecoming Gala in Northern Ireland. During the same week, he hosted the final segment of a four-week workshop series for 20 Belfast entrepreneurs.

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## 90

**Dr. James W. Bellew**, PT '90, professor at the University of Indianapolis, received the Award of Excellence for Academic Teaching from the Academy of Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management of the American Physical Therapy Association.

## 91

**Jay McKenna**, Bus Ad '91, North Shore Bank president and CEO, was appointed by Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers as a professional member of the Banking Review Board, with his term concluding in 2028. McKenna serves on the American Bankers Association's Government Relations Council and is on the board of directors of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School of Milwaukee. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Wisconsin Institute of CPAs.

## 93

**Mitchell Bradt**, Eng '93, was promoted to vice president of engineering at Dashiell Corp., a Quanta Services company.

**Jeanette C. Hurt**, CJPA '93, published her 16th book, *The Whiskey Sour* (University of Kentucky Press).

## 94

**Wendy (Martinez) Farmer**, Arts '94, Grad '98, was named vice president of 988 strategy, grants and clinical standards at Vibrant Emotional Health.

**Jill M (Sorenson) Green**, Comm '94, and **Tom Green**, Bus Ad '94, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 23, 2024.

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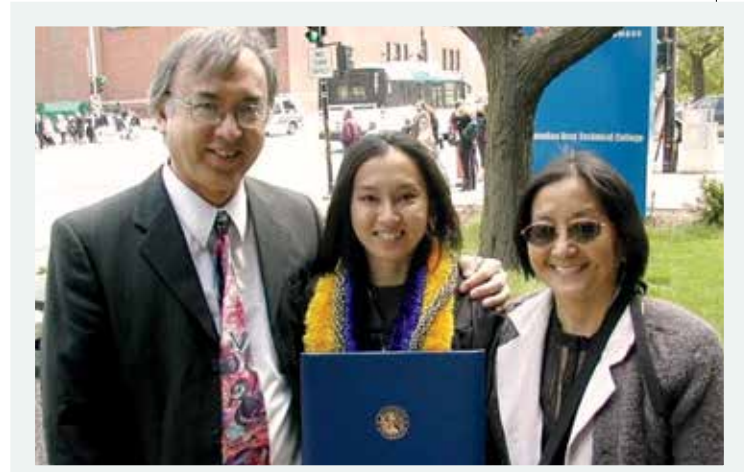
## 95

**Kevin Lee**, Arts '95, CEO of Mid-America Transplant, received the Baldrige Foundation award for leadership.

**Christian C. O'Connor**, Eng '95, was named president and CEO of GE HealthCare's surgery business. Following his U.S. Navy experience, O'Connor spent more than two decades in medical imaging engineering, operations, commercial and business leadership roles.

**Alicia R. Moore**, Comm '95, was named the first director of diversity, equity and inclusion at Energy Trust of Oregon. Moore previously served as senior DEI program manager at Columbia Sportswear and as director of workplace diversity at Unitus Community Credit Union in Portland.

**Amy (Rommelfaenger) Reinert**, Arts '95, was appointed chief marketing officer at Nickerson, a global marketing and communication agency based in Boston.



## 97

**Margarita (Tayone) Bruce**, Bus Ad '97, released her seventh book, *The Promising Pal*. Bruce is a leader in the Filipino American community raising awareness of Filipino culture through education, media and community engagement. She was selected to talk about her book, *The Fiancée*, at the biennial Filipino American National Historical Society National Conference in Houston. She also appeared in the February 2024 issue of *The FilAm* newsmagazine and was recognized by ElevAsian as an "AAPI woman making history" during International Women's Day. She is an accounting representative at The Equitable Bank.

**Nicole L. (Beaver) Gantz**, Bus Ad '97, was recognized in spring 2024 for her community involvement, leadership and volunteerism with two awards: the Impact Award from *365ink Magazine* and the Hall of Honor Outstanding Service Award from Holy Family Catholic Schools.

## Keeping the Faith

**Celia Downes**, Comm '07, never pictured herself as editor of the *Hawaii Catholic Herald*. Her father, Patrick Downes (above, left, at Celia's Marquette graduation), held the position her entire life. But after he stepped down this year, a national search was conducted and Celia was named his successor. "It's a massive burden to follow on 41.5 years of his editorship, but the fact that he and others trust me to carry on his job hasn't ceased to amaze me," she says. For Celia, it's quite a change after almost 20 years at daily newspapers. "I truly feel like I'm able to live and explore my faith more fully in this role. Working in daily news ... can be hard on the mind and soul. Being editor of the *Hawaii Catholic Herald* has been incredibly enriching." — Mary Schmitt Boyer, *Jour '77*



**Honor Role**

Seven men shot in 15 seconds. That was **Jack Moran's** introduction to World War II. A 19-year-old Army enlistee, Moran saw combat during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium in 1944. He served in Europe through 1945 and helped liberate the Buchenwald concentration camp. "I should have been killed 50 or more times, but God brought me through," says Moran, Bus Ad '51, now 99. "It's a miracle that I'm here."

In May, Moran traveled from his home in Westlake Village, outside Los Angeles, to be an honored guest at the National Memorial Day Concert in Washington, D.C. There, actor Bryan Cranston narrated Moran's story to a national audience on PBS, helping Moran continue his life's mission to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. — Shannon Shelton Miller

**Retired Lt. Col. William L. Vanasse III**, Nurs '97, retired in September 2023 after serving 25-plus years in the U.S. Army. He is now employed as a nurse practitioner for UC Health Primary Care-Fon-tanero in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Before his retirement, he received his Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in 2017.

**99**

**Shaun Belongie**, Arts '99, was named the chief executive officer of New Belgium Brewing Co. in late 2023.

**Matthew DeMartini**, Arts '99, was appointed associate judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit in Lake County, Illinois.

**Brian Giambalvo**, Arts '99, became a fully licensed associate broker with the Ultra High Net Worth group at Citi Private Bank in midtown Manhattan after passing the SIE, Series 7 and Series 66 exams.

**Jessica A. Koth**, Comm '99, was appointed to serve as an at-large representative on the executive committee for the association/nonprofit section of the Public Relations Society of America.

**Christina (Kreuz) Spaulding**, Arts '99, opened a digital marketing agency, Manzanita Marketing, specializing in international and multilingual SEO.

**01**

**James P. Keane**, Ph.D., Grad '01, is executive director of Boston Bulldogs Running Club, an innovative peer-to-peer collective for recovering drug and alcohol users and their allies. Founded in 2015, the organization offers direct support, outreach and advocacy on behalf of those adversely affected by drug and alcohol addiction.

**Allen Williams**, Arts '01, accepted a position as director of tutoring and learning supports at Marshall University.

**02**

**Kristin (Raspanti) Lytle**, Bus Ad '02, Grad '13, was appointed CEO of The Leader's Edge.

**Rebecca A. Myers**, M.D, H Sci '02, has been elected president of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine.

**04**

**Anabelle (Espinosa) Smith**, Comm '04, was promoted to senior director of Global Alliances and Demand Generation at Navisite, part of Accenture, a digital transformation and managed services provider.

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**05**

**Patrick Schneeman**, Bus Ad '05, was named a partner of Boulay Financial Advisors LLC in Minneapolis. A certified financial planner and FINRA Series 66 registered professional, he specializes in com-

prehensive financial planning for retirement, investment management, tax planning and risk management.

**07**

**Rob Ebert**, Comm '07, was named senior vice president of social media content and strategy at BVK advertising agency.

**Katie (Costello) Provenzano**, Comm '07, joined American Solutions for Business as a brand marketing partner.

**Celia K. Downes**, Comm '07, was named editor / director of the *Hawaii Catholic Herald*. Learn more on page 49.

★ **Katherine (Shanahan) Wagner**, Arts '07, and **Matthew Wagner**, Bus Ad '07: daughter Maeve Marie born March 5, 2024, in Libertyville, Illinois. Maeve joins big sisters Sloane and Colette and brothers Brendan and Declan. The family lives in Long Grove, Illinois.

**08**

★ **Dr. Christine Friesen**, Arts '08, PT '10, and **Ryan Parker**, Arts '08: sons Wyatt Rudolf and Beckett Langston born Aug. 11, 2023. They join their fur sisters Skylar and Sierra. See photo on page 51.

**Rasheeda (Martin) Reece Bey**, Comm '08, was promoted to vice president of client services at Americor.

**Jim Higgins**, Jour '79, arts and books editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, plunged headfirst into a passion project of his own with the writing of *Sweet, Wild and Vicious*, a listening guide exploring the music of celebrated rock icon Lou Reed of the Velvet Underground. It was published in April of this year to positive reviews, Higgins says, "I wrote the book I wanted to read, which focused heavily on Reed's music."



**09**

★ **Jaclyn A. (Patterson) Walsh**, H Sci '09, and **Thomas O. Walsh**, Bus Ad '09: daughter Cecilia Evelyn born July 26, 2023. The family lives in Oak Park, Illinois.

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**10**

★ **Mary Kate (Stinn) Makowski**, Edu '10, and **Michael Makowski**, Bus Ad '09: daughter Cameron Caroline born Jan. 16, 2024.

**Dr. Abbey J. (Viebahn) Maraka**, Nurs '10, graduated with her Doctor of Nursing in Psychiatry degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

★ **Jennifer H. (Hammernik) Niespodziani**, Arts '10, and Daniel J. Niespodziani: daughter Clara Grace born Nov. 17, 2023. She joins big brother Henry.

**Peter Ritt**, Comm '10, published the play *Stage Fight* (Gitelman & Good Publishers) and opened another play he wrote, *High Maintenance*, at

The Road Theatre in North Hollywood.

★ **Elaine (Petricca) Schreck**, Edu '10, and Patrick Schreck: son Louis Paul born Nov. 19, 2023.

**Amy (Haffner) Zimmerman**, Bus Ad '10, was appointed to the City of Brookfield's (Wisconsin) playground committee at Wirth Park.

**11**

**Michael D. de Guzman**, D.O., H Sci '11, was named to the 2024 Class of Best Cataract Surgeons in America. He is an ophthalmologist and the CEO of Simpson Eye Physicians & Surgeons in Illinois.

★ **Jamie (Mochel) Peterson**, Nurs '11, Grad '14, and Nick Peterson: son Graham Walker born November 2023.

**12**

**Reba M. (Marana) Copeland**, Comm '12, was promoted to associate vice president for college advancement at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota.

★ **Lindsay (Duclon) Linn**, Bus Ad '12, Grad '13, and **Ted Linn**, Bus Ad '12: daughter Adelaide Marie born in June 2023. She went to her first Marquette basketball game against Creighton on Dec. 30, 2023.

**Chris Otule**, Prof St '12, played nine years of professional basketball in Germany, France, China, Japan and Israel. He is now a solutions architect/systems engineer at Dell Technologies.

♥ **Margaret E. (Ring) Peters**, Arts '12, and George W. Peters IV, wed Oct. 21, 2023, in Queens, New York.

★ **Katelyn M. (Baker) Roberts**, Comm '12, and **Nicholas Roberts**, Comm '10: daughter Phoebe Rose born March 3, 2024.

**13**

♥ **Devin Curda**, Arts '13, and Rebecca Kopp wed Sept. 16, 2023, in Spokane, Washington. **Katharine (Braunschweiger) Foley**, Comm '13, **Stephen Mosher**, Eng '13, **Mark Hampton**, Bus Ad '13, and **Larissa Quadracci**, H Sci '13, PA '16, were in the wedding party.

**Rebecca Galvan**, Arts '13, launched Fresa Creative, a creative brand services and boutique candle company inspired by Mexican American culture and design. Galvan offers creative design direction and writing services.

★ **John Wollney**, Arts '13, and Katelyn (Olszak) Wollney: daughter Magnolia Ruth born March 3, 2024.



**Dr. Christine Friesen**, Arts '08, Grad '10, and **Ryan Parker**, Arts '08, welcomed twins Beckett and Wyatt in August 2023. The family resides in Palatine, Illinois, along with the twins' canine siblings Skylar and Sierra.



## Courageous Friendship

The self-dubbed “FOJs” or “Friends of Jim,” including close Marquette friends, united under most dire circumstances 10 years ago — to rally support for **James Foley**, Arts '96, during and after his multiple abductions and eventual murder while working as a con-

flict journalist in Syria. “Everybody that Jim touched at Marquette brought something to the table,” says **Pete Pedraza**, Arts '97. “You name it, we did it.”

The FOJs reunited this year to commemorate Foley’s life, celebrate his posthumous Alumni Service Award and a Marquette archives collection bearing his name, and plan a memorial concert at the Pabst Theater featuring the BoDeans. They also champion the work of the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation, which advocates for Americans held captive abroad, journalist safety and inspiring moral courage.

“Jim’s legacy is around me in so many ways,” says childhood friend Heather MacDonald. “The brotherhood that he brought me into, this community of brothers from Marquette, they are people I count among some of the most important in my life, and that’s a gift Jim gave me.”

### WHAT’S SHAKIN’

Explore the many ways to engage and volunteer with Marquette at the Alumni Association’s website: [mu.edu/engage](http://mu.edu/engage).

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✦ **Alexander Bartel**, Arts '14, and **Alexandra Ponce de Leon**, Nurs '15: daughter Arianna Iseult born March 21, 2022.

✦ **Katie Doherty-Timmreck**, Comm '14, and **Brian Timmreck**, Comm '14: son Charlie born Dec. 28, 2023.

**Elle Gehringer**, Comm '14, along with her DreamWorks team, won a children’s and family Emmy for her work with *Gabby’s Dollhouse* and UNICEF. Gehringer managed the project to produce content for YouTube that was used to promote an initiative to inform kids around the world about their rights, as well as lessons in social and

emotional learning, while also donating food packets and supplies to children in need around the world.

♥ **Matthew Phillips IV**, Arts '14, and Emily Klein, wed Aug. 30, 2023, in San Francisco. Matthew met Emily while serving as an F/A-18 pilot in California at U.S. Naval Air Station Lemoore. The couple reside in Hanford, California, with their two dachshunds Daisy and Cooper.

✦ **Malia Thao**, D.D.S., H Sci '14, Dent '17, and **Anthony C. Vang**, Eng '15: daughter Rosalie born Jan. 15, 2024. See photo on page 45.

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## 15

**Benjamin M. Gozun**, Arts '15, joined Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert as an associate in the firm’s Business and Commercial Law, Estate Planning, Immigration and Naturalization, and Real Estate practice groups.

✦ **Sarah (Barber) Phillips**, H Sci '15, Grad '17, and Collin Phillips: daughter Isla Camille, born June 12, 2024. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz.

✦ **Katie A. (Mills) Ybarra**, Law '15, and **Ryan Ybarra**, Law '14: son John James born Aug. 31, 2023.

## 16

♥ **Breanna Klugiewicz**, Arts '16, and Robert Kuklinski, wed Oct 4, 2024.

✦ **Mikayla (Preissner) Niswonger**, H Sci '16, PA '19, and **Thomas Niswonger**, Comm '13: son Pádraig Eugene born Aug. 29, 2023.

## 17

♥ **Kathryn R. (Flanagin) McDonald**, Comm '17, and **Ryan J. McDonald**, Bus Ad '16, wed in September 2023, during a hurricane in Newport, Rhode Island.

♥ **Jamie P. (Gamber) Watts**, Comm '17, and **Connor Watts**, Comm '17, wed Oct. 7, 2023,

at St. Joe’s in Wilmette, Illinois. More than 40 Marquette alumni celebrated with them. The couple met in New Orleans on a MARDI GRAS service trip their senior year.

## 18

♥ **Dr. Kendall M. Kastner**, Arts '18, Grad '20, '24, and **Steven Schinkal, Jr.**, H Sci '16, PA '17, wed Nov. 4, 2023. Many Marquette alumni spanning more than 50 years celebrated with them. The couple met at McCormick Hall in 2014.

## 19

♥ **Ellen (Bakke) Fruzyna**, Arts '19, and **Liam Fruzyna**, Arts '19, wed in October 2023. They met while living in David

A. Straz, Jr., Tower during freshman year.

♥ **Gretchen (Lundstrom) Jennaro**, Bus Ad '19, and **Vincent Jennaro**, Bus Ad '20, wed Oct. 21, 2023, in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, surrounded by family and friends and many Marquette alumni.

**Quazaye A. Konkol**, Arts '19, published her first chapbook, *Bubblegum Heart & Other Elastic Things*, in July 2023.

♥ **Annah (Horst) O’Keefe**, Comm '19, and **Dan O’Keefe**, Comm '19, wed Sept. 9, 2023, at Church of the Gesu, six years after they met at a friend’s party on Marquette’s campus.



**Dr. Aileen Tierney**, Arts '19, earned master’s and doctoral degrees in mental health counseling. She began her career as a tenure-track professor at Purdue University –Fort Wayne in Indiana.

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## 20

♥ **Katie (Shea) Behrend**, Nurs '20, and **Max Behrend**, H Sci '21, Dent '24, wed June 8, 2024. The couple met in Raynor Memorial Libraries in fall of 2019 while studying late on a Friday night. They now have a dog named Raynor.

**1st Lt. John M. Manning**, Arts '20, graduated from the U.S. Army’s Pathfinder School in February 2024. He is a field artillery platoon leader in the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

### Away We Go

You’ve seen Marquette pennants and flags fly high — unfurled on the peaks of Machu Pichu and clutched in blustering winds of the Arctic. Now, one has been proudly suspended in zero gravity. **Kevin Dolick**, Eng '19, posed with this pennant during parabolic flight last January next door to NASA’s Johnson Space Center in Houston. Dolick, colleagues and former astronauts were testing suit performance in simulated space for Collins Aerospace, creator of suits for the Apollo moon missions and current models on the International Space Station. A senior human health and performance engineer, Dolick joined Collins after working for NASA. When told to bring a family memento or sentimental item, Dolick says flying his Marquette pride was “the obvious choice.” — Rachel Gintner Orlando



**Gretchen (Lundstrom) Jennaro**, Bus Ad '19, and **Vincent Jennaro**, Bus Ad '20, were married at St. Mary’s Visitation Catholic Church in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, in October 2023, joined by many Marquette alumni. They stopped by campus for photos, including at St. Joan of Arc Chapel.



SPREADING SMILES

## Top Dogs

An Army veteran and a speech pathologist find a new way of life celebrating canine companionship online.

BY GLENN MCDONALD

After graduation from Marquette, college sweethearts Kevin, Arts '12, and Katie (Hatke) Bubolz, H Sci '12, stayed busy. Kevin served overseas as an Army helicopter pilot, earned an MBA and later took a job at Microsoft. Katie worked as a speech pathologist, helping patients with brain injuries.

Then everything went to the dogs. In a good way. In 2018, the couple started volunteering around hospitals and schools with Ellie, their 2-year-old golden retriever, who had just completed training as a therapy dog. When the pandemic prevented in-person visits, the Bubolzes pivoted to online, making videos for platforms including Instagram, YouTube and TikTok.

It turns out all three had a knack for it — Kevin and Katie with their natural charisma and Ellie with her nuclear-grade cuteness. Within a couple of years, the Bubolzes had quit their day jobs to make their living the 21st century way, earning money from online ad revenue and sponsorships.

"We don't love the term 'influencers,' because that's never been our goal," Kevin says of their DIY media initiative, Golden Retriever Life (goldenretrieverlife.com). "We think of it as content creation and philanthropy." Indeed, Kevin and Katie now spend their days filming Ellie — and her new puppy pal, Emma — at home and on service-minded road trips around America. Their videos attract millions of viewers, quite literally.

Last December, the couple brought the pups along on a return visit to Marquette during finals week, delivering fuzzy stress relief to students at the library. It was a huge success. "Our job, really, is to spread smiles," Katie says. "It's literally our company mission statement." ☺

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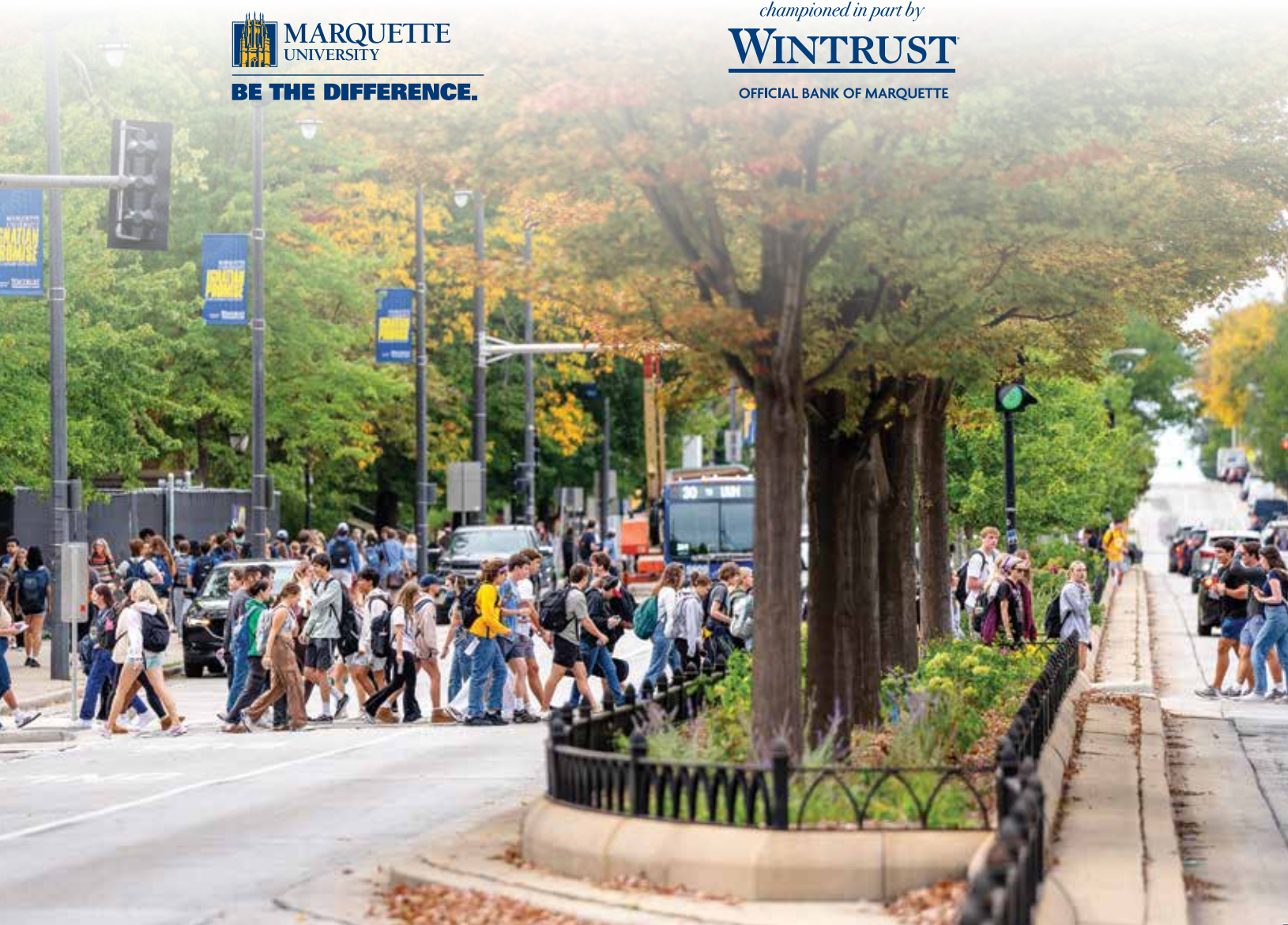
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## Maiya Sabree, Arts '23

Sabree wants to end the stigma around mental health in communities of color. She’s past co-president of Black Mindz, a 4-year-old organization promoting wellness for students of color at Marquette. Black Mindz leaders long envisioned expanding to other colleges, and their plan won a first-place award in the social impact category — and \$7,500 — in the Brewed Ideas Challenge, Marquette’s annual pitch competition. “Black Mindz may be the first time many have a space to discuss these topics,” says Sabree, now a student affairs master’s student in the College of Education. “Students of color deserve a safe space to foster a sense of community with others who share similar experiences.”

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