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Dear Friends and Alums,

My heart is overflowing with gratitude tinged with sadness. We have lost two gentle giants from our Saint Mary family. Charles Berkel, Trustee Emeritus and friend of Saint Mary, died Nov. 4, 2013. Charlie, as I referred to my friend, was a brilliant engineer and businessman with one of the strongest work ethics I have ever seen. His sense of integrity and business ethics were just as strong. From the fruits of his labors he shared generously with so many, including Saint Mary. Our newest building on campus, Berkel Residence Hall, is named for his late wife, Annoinette "Toni" Berkel. Charlie was a mentor and friend to many, including me.

Abbott Owen Purcell spent three graced years with us until his health forced him to return to the Abbey. Fr. Owen, as he prefered to be called, was a gentle soul who served in campus ministry and as the chaplain to the men's basketball team. He was a source of wisdom for many, ready with a listening heart that was always slow to judge and eager to encourage. We will miss both of these exceptional gentlemen.

In this issue of the *Aspire*, we look forward to and celebrate the potential of 2014 by focusing on 14 of our wonderful Saint Mary alumni. Our "14 for '14" feature is a little different than the countless such lists you may see in other publications. But that should be no surprise. After all, the distinct Saint Mary character—with its focus on Community, Justice, Respect, and Excellence—sets us apart.

Our feature is not a list. It's not a measurement of who made the most money last year, or who best polished their resume. It is, simply, an accounting of 14 wonderful Saint Mary alumni stories—a look at alums who have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in the coming year. From new jobs to new babies to new hometowns, let us never fail to celebrate in the achievements and joys of our fellow alumni.

The holy season of advent is upon us again, challenging us to find time to be still and prepare our hearts as well as our gifts for the celebration of Christmas. May the blessings of Christmas be yours. And prayers for a joyful and hopeful New Year.

Peace and blessings to you,

Miane Stelle, Sce

Sister Diane Steele, SCL, Ph.D., C'83

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We value: community, respect, justice, and excellence.





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REMEMBERING A FRIE CHARLES BERKI

USM Trustee & Benefactor, 1925-2013

harles J. Berkel, founder and chairman of one of the largest piling contractors in the U.S.—and one of USM's greatest friends and supporters—passed away Nov. 4. He was 88.

Mr. Berkel—lovingly known as "Charlie" to his friends—left a deep and lasting mark on Saint Mary, both through his generosity and his efforts as a member of the university's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Berkel was a supporter of many major university initiatives, including the construction of the newest building on campus. That building, Berkel Residence Hall, was named in honor of Mr. Berkel's beloved wife, Antoinette "Toni" Berkel, who preceded him in death.



"I am honored to have known Charlie and grateful to have been able to call him friend," said USM President Sister Diane Steele. "Charlie believed deeply in the liberating power of education. He often told me how grateful he was to have had the opportunity for an education. In turn, he did much to be sure others would have the same opportunity."

Mr. Berkel was born May 10, 1925, in Muskegon, Mich., the fourth of seven children born to Tena and Herman Berkel.

Mr. Berkel loved to work and wasn't sure what to do when he wasn't working. He was industrious from a very young age, and was proud to have held a job since he was 12. While in junior high, he worked as a paperboy for his hometown Muskegon Chronicle.

Following his high school graduation, Mr. Berkel enlisted in the Navy's V-12 program. He graduated from the University of Illinois in

1946 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and was commissioned as an ensign—an officer—in the U.S. Navy.

Following his military service, Mr. Berkel began his career in deep foundation construction, working for Intrusion-Prepakt in Chicago. During his employment there, he was the project engineer for the first commercial project supported on Auger Pressure Grouted (APG) piles in the United States.

And while working in Chicago, he met the love of his life, Antoinette "Toni" Strauss. They were wed in June of 1948.

Mr. Berkel was transferred to Kansas City in 1951. And, eight years later, he resigned from Prepakt. With Toni's assistance—and working out of the basement of their home—Mr. Berkel started his own company specializing in Pressure Grouting and the installation of Auger Pressure Grouted (APG) piles. From that beginning, Mr. Berkel grew Berkel & Co. into one of the largest piling contractors in the U.S., with six regional offices in addition to its national headquarters in Bonner Springs, Kan.

Mr. Berkel was a leader in the Kansas City community sharing his wisdom, his time, and his means, particularly with Catholic organizations and with those in need. He served on the boards of multiple companies and community organizations.

In 2007, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of industrial science from the University of Saint Mary.

"I learned much about piling and shoring from him, but more importantly, he taught me about life, its struggles, its challenges and its gifts," Sr. Steele said.



VIEW FROM THE SPIRE

Direct Your IRA Minimum Required Distribution to Saint Mary

By Jane Ellen Liebert, C'97, USM Development Officer



For those of you who have IRAs and are at least age 70½, a special opportunity under federal tax legislation allows you to now direct your IRA minimum required distribution (MRD) to Saint Mary.

Why would you do this? It's a chance to help Saint Mary while saving a few tax dollars.

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as

ordinary income. However, by redirecting your MRD to Saint Mary, the money from your IRA is not taxed because the check will be made payable to USM while simultaneously fulfilling the MRD rules of your account. Your annual gift to the university can be fulfilled with this money, or take the opportunity to make a much-needed extra donation.

Let's say you are required to withdraw \$1,200 from your IRA by Dec. 31. Contact the company where your IRA account is located (before taking your MRD) and explain that you want to direct your MRD to the University of Saint Mary. Be aware, though: Many banks, agencies, etc. are not aware of the IRA Charitable Rollover Law because so few IRA holders participate.

Your bank, agency, etc., will send paperwork. The most

important part of the paperwork is to make sure that the check from your IRA account is made payable to:

University of Saint Mary c/o Alumni and Development Office 4100 S. 4th Street

Leavenworth, KS 66048

Please note: If you make the check payable to yourself, it is taxable income.

Also, there is an option on the forms to have income taxes withheld. Since you are redirecting your MRD as a donation to Saint Mary, you do not need to have income taxes withheld—so 100 percent of your MRD can go directly to Saint Mary.

I think this is great, especially if you are not depending upon this money. Be sure to contact me if you decide to have your MRD directed to Saint Mary. Oftentimes, checks from IRA accounts do not include the owner of the account. We want to make sure your donation is listed in your alumni records.

Remember: directing your MRD to Saint Mary is not taxable income, nor is it tax-deductible.

While on the topic of IRAs, consider listing Saint Mary as the beneficiary of your IRA. The IRA will transfer to Saint Mary upon death.

Feel free to contact me, Jane Ellen Liebert, C'97 and USM development officer, with your questions or concerns at jane.liebert@stmary.edu or 913-758-6126.

What is the Legacy Society?

By Jane Ellen Liebert, C'97, USM Development Officer

For decades, Saint Mary has encouraged alumni and friends of the academy, college, and university to leave a portion of their estate or make a transfer on death to Saint Mary.

The Legacy Society exists to recognize those persons who accept this challenge. After all, it is special because it requires thoughtfulness and, perhaps, prayer. It's a challenge that I accepted long ago and hope to encourage among fellow alumni.

The process is not hard. Simply stated, ask your attorney about adding a sentence like this in your Last Will and Testament: I give (devise) and bequest unto the University of Saint Mary of Leavenworth, KS, a non-profit corporation, the sum of \$. (You can list an amount, percentage, or something specific like property.)

I enjoyed my Saint Mary experience and feel indebted to my teachers, friends, the Sisters of Charity, etc. Including Saint Mary

in my final plans only seems natural. I hope that what I consider to be a treasured time in life is continued and shared for future generations to come.

Consider making Saint Mary part of your final plans. If not in your Last Will and Testament, consider naming Saint Mary beneficiary of your IRA, investment account, or insurance policy. So, if you have not created a will, you can still be a member of the Legacy Society by gifting other types of assets that would transfer upon death.

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Saint Mary Earns Honors for Excellence, Service



In what's become an annual occurrence, USM again locked up two prestigious awards recognizing the university both for its ongoing tradition of academic excellence and its track record of strong service to veterans.

In late summer, Saint Mary received word that it was officially a *Princeton Review* "Best Midwestern College" for the ninth consecutive year, as well as a *G.I.Jobs* "Military Friendly School" for the fourth time.

The *Princeton Review* regional honors go to only about 25 percent of the nation's institutions of higher learning—and only five in the KC metro area earned the distinction this year. The award is based on independent student surveys and the respective institution's record for strong academics.

In bestowing the honor, the Princeton Review asks

students to rate their own schools in several key areas—from the accessibility of the faculty to the vibrancy of a given school's student life program.

The "Military Friendly School" designation goes to the top 20 percent of U.S. colleges, universities, and trade schools that do the most to serve the unique needs of military service members, veterans, and family members as they work to attain their education.

Military Friendly Schools do the most to embrace military students and ensure their ultimate success on campus. USM, for its part, is a VA Yellow Ribbon Program participant—which fully covers eligible veterans' tuition expenses—and has an on-campus veterans services coordinator with over 24 years of military experience.

USM Unites to Support the Philippines

Dozens of Saint Mary students—supported by faculty, staff, and members from the larger Leavenworth area community—gathered in McGilley Field House on Nov. 23 to package food for emergency shipment to families in need in the typhoon-ravaged Philippines.

The effort, part of the university's annual anti-hunger activities, was held in concert with international hunger relief agency Stop Hunger Now.

Sister Julie Marsh, director of USM's campus ministry program, had planned the event months in advance. After the typhoon struck, Stop Hunger Now informed Sr. Marsh that the packaged meals would go to the Philippines.

"That added a real sense of urgency to the event," said Sr. Marsh, who raised thousands of dollars to bring the packaging activity to campus. "What's more, it gave our students who participated an even greater sense of purpose. The media coverage of the typhoon and the suffering of the people in the Philippines helped put real faces on the issue of global hunger."

At the Saint Mary event, volunteers—including students, faculty, staff, and members of the greater community—worked as an assembly line combining rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a flavoring mix into small meal packages. The packages can be easily stored, transport quickly, and boast a shelf-life of up to two years.

"This is a great event for USM," said Sr. Marsh. "The

goal is two-fold: one, we get to broaden our students' and community's awareness of hunger. And two, we're actually feeding the hungry."



Students also worked to raise funds for the packaging event—including this team of art students (Kelcey Lewis, Caitlin Lewis, Karoline Banasik, Christina Hankinson) who won a pumpkin decorating contest during Halloween week.

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Saint Mary Stories for the New Year



USM has so many—nine decades' worth, in fact—that we could never hope to profile every deserving alum in this humble magazine.

The article you're about to embark on is our attempt, though, to shine a spotlight on a handful of Saint Marians who are doing extraordinary things—in their careers, their communities, and their personal lives.

These are alums like you who are succeeding and excelling through their God-given potential and the skills and learning picked up at Saint Mary.

It's not an exhaustive list. It's not meant to be. It's not a ranking or a who's who. These are simply Saint Mary stories passed on to us that we are now passing on to you. They're stories that deserved to be told, about people who deserve to be known by their classmates and fellow alumni.

We hope you enjoy these profiles, and, that as you read them, your mind is filled with all of the amazing potential a new year brings with it.

And, as always, we look forward to hearing your Saint Mary Story.

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Geoff Peterson, U'09 (pictured on page 6) Blue Springs, Mo.

What does 2014 hold for Geoff?

The next step on some recently begun journeys—"We recently moved back to the area from Portland, Ore., I just began working at Raintree Family Dental in Lee's Summit, Mo., and we just had our daughter, Evelyn Lou Peterson… I'm currently working on beginning a free dental day within my practice in Lee's Summit as well as bringing mobile dental vans for the underserved to KC."

Not a big stretch for the volunteer of the year during his days in dental school.

Saint Mary Memories?

Where to begin? Meeting his wife, Becky, "would be the top, but I am also thankful for the fact that I got to share my college experience with my sister, Lindee, who also graduated in '09, and that I got to carry on our family tradition of attending, as my mother went to Saint Mary... Dr. Brian Hughes was a constant motivator. Dr. Mackintosh guided me through my final years at USM and into Dental School. Sr. Roberta O'Leary was one of my best friends and mentors."

"LIFE IS SHORT SO REFRAIN FROM WASTING TIME; SET A GOAL AND TAKE THE INCREMENTAL STEPS NECESSARY TO BRING AROUT ACHIEVEMENT."

-WAYNE HODGES, U'08, M'09



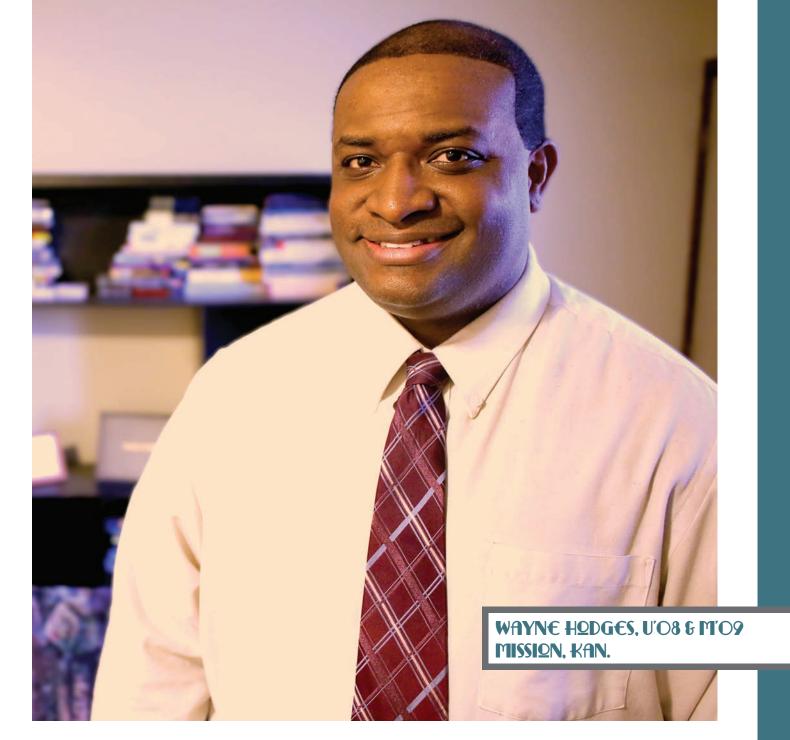
Sean Coughlin, C'02 New York City

What does 2014 hold for Sean?

Big-time Broadway productions. "Since leaving Saint Mary, I've moved all over... Rhode Island, Detroit, (for grad school) and Santa Barbara. After five years of managing professional theatres in California, I moved to New York City in 2011." Sean's big break came when he "became the Associate Manager of the Marquis Theatre on Broadway owned and operated by the Nederlanders (my employer). I worked on Evita with Ricky Martin for five months and then last November was promoted to managing my own theatre—the Neil Simon Theatre… To say the least, it's been a big adventure!"

What does Sean remember most about Saint Mary?

"Van Ibsen made a huge impact in my life. I'm so grateful to have had him as my professor. He taught me an invaluable work ethic, and appreciation for all aspects of people working in my craft."



What does 2014 hold for Wayne?

More growth for his home-grown e-marketing business. Wayne keeps busy "securing advertisers for my website, MassAppealNews.com. I'm also seeking sponsors for my weekly radio show on KC radio station KGGN 890 AM... I hope to expand our demographic into larger markets."

What does Wayne remember most about Saint Mary?

"I'm thankful for the challenging curriculum. Professors Carlton Philpot and Geoffrey Heathcock were most instrumental in my development as both an undergrad and grad student."

Words of Wisdom

"Life is short so refrain from wasting time; set a goal and take the incremental steps necessary to bring about achievement."



What does 2014 hold for Courtney?

"Our daughter Madeline will turn 3 in March, and we are expecting our second in mid-January."

Courtney, who graduated from KU Medical School in 2011, also expects to embark on the next leg of her medical career. "I will complete my family medicine residency in June 2014, and will complete an additional year of training as a Geriatrics Fellow at KU's Landon Center on Aging starting in July... I am most proud that I have been able to be start and expand on our family; all while pursuing my professional goals. My family is my inspiration, motivation and the energy that keeps me going."

And Courtney needs all the energy she can get. She's worked with professional organizations to change a state law surrounding the Kansas Medical Student Loan Program, and is a leader in the American Academy of Family Physicians. She's also served as a chief resident of family medicine, and was one of only 12 nationwide to receive the 2013 AAFP Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education.

What does Courtney remember most about Saint Mary?

"Very early on in my medical school training, I was struggling with the large class size, the volume of material, and the standardized testing format. A mentor of mine there told me that we each go through life with a different set of tools that we acquire from our personal experiences. He spent time trying to emphasize the tools I came to medical school with, and as we talked I realized many of the tools came from my time as a student at the University of Saint Mary."

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Jay Arthur, U'08 Lincoln, Neb.

What does 2014 hold for Jay?

Delving into his still-young career as a physician assistant—and some travel: "My girlfriend of 2 years is graduating from medical school and we will be traveling across the country for residency interviews. I'm looking forward to going along for the ride."

Jay is now in year three of his gig as a PA at a dermatology clinic. "I've had the opportunity to travel to different parts of the country for work, and meet new people... I found a career I really enjoy. I get up every morning and look forward to going to work."

Saint Mary Memories?

Being a part of the baseball team was something I will always remember. I am thankful for all the friends I have made. Dr. David Greene, Dr. Nancy King, and Dr. Caroline Mackintosh all went the extra mile to help me succeed."

WORDS OF WISDOW

TO CURRENT SAINT MARY STUDENTS:
"YOU ALL HAVE A CARING GROUP OF
FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS THAT
REALLY WANT YOU TO DO WELL.
LITH 17F IT!"

-JAY ARTHUR, U'08

C H

Frankie Walburn, U'12 Overland Park, Kan.

What does 2014 hold for Frankie?

Working toward a master's and more chances to give back. "After graduation, I took a position as Program Consultant at the Lansing Correctional Facility. Through this position I provided multiple cognitive behavioral programs to assist inmates releasing from prison. I created and developed new programs for inmates to partake in during their incarceration to better prepare them for release.

"I'm proud of my ability to give back—I am giving back through my job by utilizing my amazing education to provide effective reentry programs for inmates. I have also been allowed an opportunity to come back and speak to graduating students."

Saint Mary Memories?

"I am grateful that Saint Mary never gave up on me! I suffered a few bad head injuries, which impaired my abilities at time, but through the overwhelming care and compassion of the teaching staff I managed to continue on my path to success. It would have been easy for Saint Mary to send me the letter of rejection, but instead they provided extra assistance and understanding.

"The combination of Dr. Nancy King and Dr. David Greene in the Psychology department is the best a school could ask for. I would truly like to thank both of them for not giving up and making me who I am today."



What does 2014 hold for Susan?

A packed schedule. "Recently, I retired from law enforcement in Johnson County after 22 years. I am now the vice president of operations for an international analytics company, BAIR Analytics. I have co-authored books and written several articles for peer-reviewed publications. I teach at one college and three universities. I'm an Adjunct Policy Analyst for RAND Corporation. I'm the President of the International Association of Crime Analysts. And I'm finishing my Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration / Criminal Justice and am currently writing my dissertation."

Saint Mary Memories?

"The friendships I made. I found my best friend, Jane, there and we've stayed in touch for over 20 years now. Other classmates like Beth Dillon and Jim Casey and I are still in touch."

Words of Wisdom

"Leverage everything and everyone you know to achieve greatly. Take advantage of opportunities - when a door is opened for you, walk inside and seize the opportunity before you. And always make the most of every single day with your family."

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What does 2014 hold for Noel?

Continuing her career as a top consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton and some yet-to-be-determined international travel.

"My two main passions are philanthropic work and travel. I've been fortunate enough to travel a lot in the last few years, and I am excited to cross another trip off the list in 2014. We have not yet decided where that will be, but spending time learning about another place and culture is always something to look forward to."

Noel's also entering her sixth year as a consultant—a career that already saw her named one of 15 fellows to the Manfred Wörner Seminar.

That all may not top last July though. "Justin Grabouski and I were married during a surprise wedding at his brother's farm in Leavenworth. We honeymooned to Ireland in September."

What does Noel remember most about Saint Mary?

"When I came to Saint Mary I wasn't sure exactly what I wanted to do in life, but I chose to follow my passion and study Political Science and get involved in the community, building strong networks that have proven invaluable. So, my best advice would be to follow your passion, because you can either work to live or live to work. And whichever you chose is entirely up to you."

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for the New Year

Katera Mowry, C'02 Springfield, Mo.

What does 2014 hold for Katera?

Continuing education and a first birthday. "I just had my first child, Sophia, five months ago. And I'm finishing up my residency in clinical psychology, and getting ready to start studying for the EPPP (Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology).

"I'm looking forward to being a provisionally licensed psychologist and working toward getting my full licensure and moving ahead with my career!"

Saint Mary Memories?

"The quality of the education I received and the psychology department faculty! Dr. Nancy King played a major part in me continuing on with my education. She is one person who I have always looked up to and respected. She was a great source of support for me!"



What does 2014 hold for Sr. Rejane?

A return to her alma mater, and a new step in her journey of faith. "I just professed my final vows on July 7 after eight years of formation. I taught the last four years at Xavier Elementary and am now working at USM as the Environmental Education Coordinator. I want to develop my role here at USM—enhancing the recycling program, a bio retention cell maintenance, and much more!"

What does Sr. Rejane remember most about Saint Mary?

"USM really instilled in me the importance of serving others and being a life-long learner. I am thrilled to be a Sister and have the opportunity to work with many people from all walks of life through education. Sr. Mary Pat Lenahan was very inspirational with her passion and enthusiasm for education. She knew how to create a community of learners among us."

Words of Wisdom

"Find your passion and follow it!"

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Preston Becker, U'12 (picture below) Terre Haute, Ind.

What does 2014 hold for Preston?

A new beginning: "This next year is going to be a big one for me! I will be marrying my best friend and beautiful fiancée, Mary Kate Hosty, in August. It is going to be an exciting year full of family, friends and much love...

"After graduating from USM, I served as the director of youth ministry, director of young adult ministry and liturgical coordinator at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Lawrence, Kan. Then, in the summer of 2013, I began serving as the Pastoral Associate for Campus Ministry at St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute, Ind. Now I serve as the Catholic Campus Minister for Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. I have the best job in the world!"

Saint Mary Memories?

At Saint Mary I had a very wide range of ministry opportunities. In the classroom, I was challenged in my faith and theological knowledge, which led to much growth and confidence in my pastoral ability. Outside of the classroom I got the opportunity to minister in many different settings. Through connections at Saint Mary, I was able to do ministry in hospitals, prisons, and churches, and minister to the young, the poor, the elderly, and the lonely. There are many of the experiences I had there that I will never forget."





Andrew Ryan, U'07 New Orleans

What does 2014 hold for Andrew?

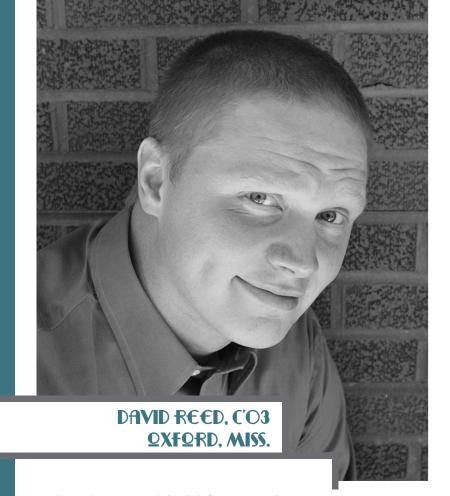
A big opportunity for success. "I co-founded an organization that is building a web-app that motivates individuals to exercise more by allowing people to give away the calories they burn to malnourished or hungry individuals wherever they reside. We want to make it exceptionally easy for people to make positive change in the world, and with our app they can do that just by living a healthier life.

"I pitched the idea at an event called Startup Weekend and I completely expected the idea to gain no traction, but we ended up winning the event and have since been in discussion with many potential partners and investors."

Saint Mary Memories?

USM helped buttress Andrew's interest in service, and he's been on multiple service trips since, including efforts to help clean up after Katrina (coincidentally, volunteering in NOLA also convinced Andrew that he wanted to live there).

"Saint Mary offered me a safe and hospitable space to transition into adulthood. I came to school with no goals, little ambition, and no work ethic. Thankfully, I had people that pushed me and did not accept my old approach at life."



What does 2014 hold for David?

A brand new semester for the new visiting assistant professor at Ole Miss. "I also have plans in the works to spend part of the summer directing and fight choreographing regional summer theatre, as well as instructing at the National Stage Combat Workshop in Winston-Salem, N.C."

David and family—including 5-month-old Adeline Cecilia Reed—are getting situated after moving from Waco, Texas.

Saint Mary Memories?

"The intimacy of the campus and the classes. I transferred to Saint Mary after spending two years at a large state university where I was just a number; I actually mean just a number (I still have it memorized... it's branded in my brain)... My experience at Saint Mary was the opposite. I never had a class in which the teacher didn't refer to me by name.

"As a theatre major, there is no way that I could leave Van (Ibsen) and Dani (Trebus) off of the list. I would not be where I am right now, professionally or personally, if it weren't for the ridiculous amount of work and love that they put into the department. They are not just teachers. They are talented and knowledgeable theatre artists."

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Shauna Hammett, C'04 Overland Park, Kan.

What does 2014 hold for Shauna?

A new professional challenge for this mother of three. "I've moved to Shawnee Elementary in the Shawnee Mission School District, where I became Reading Specialist. I teach reading interventions for K-6th grade; however, I specialize in data decisions and analysis with K-1st students.

"I was a first grade teacher at Title I school Pawnee Elementary. I'm proud to have been involved in the many great things that are happening in this location.

"I was nominated for 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year by the Shawnee Mission School District, and in September, I was named a Regional Semi-Finalist. I am very excited to join KEEN (the Kansas Exemplary Educator Network) and I am looking forward to opportunities for leadership around Kansas education."

Saint Mary Memories?

"I am thankful that I had instructors that were current teachers. I knew learning was current and would immediately benefit me in the classroom."

WORDS OF WISDOM

"WITH GREAT EFFORT, COMES

GREAT REWARD... LIVE IT,

TEACH IT, CELEBRATE IT."

-SHAUNA HAMMETT, C'04

The University of Saint Mary presents
The 16th Annual Lincoln Event

Abe's Descendants A Journey through the Lincoln Family Album

With Dr. Herschel L. Stroud, Civil War historian & Kansas State representative to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

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'60s

Anne Osdieck, C'64, of Eureka, Mo., has been awarded the Mother Teresa Catholic Women's Award by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

'70s

Margaret Kwoka, C'79, moved to Plano, Texas, in 2009 with her husband, Bill. She works as a quality manager for Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals. Her youngest daughter, Stephanie Boone, graduated from George Mason School of Law in Washington, D.C., in May 2013. Her oldest daughter, Martha Kwoka, married David Bartlett in Aberdeen, Md. in May 2013.

'90s

Thomas Matyok, C'95, of Greensboro, N.C., is spending the 2013-2014 academic year as a visiting research professor at the Peace Keeping and Stability Operations Institute at the U.S. Army War College.

'00s

Heidi Van, C'01, of Edwardsville, Kan., is the curator at Fishtank, an arts incubator. They received a three-year SEED grant from the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation.

Katherine Weber, C'02, Great Bend, Kan., is the radio production & promotions director for the Great Bend branch. She lives in Great Bend with her husband, Monty, and their two daughters, Finley, 3, and Elliott Lucille, 1.

Katherine Bushong, U'08, Kansas City, Mo., and her husband, Parker Scott Bushong, would like to announce the birth of their first son, Dominic Scott Bushong, on Oct. 1.

'10s

Ashley Arney, U'13, of Colorado Springs, Colo., has secured a position with a home care agency.

Jessica Simorte, U'10, of Gladstone, Mo., has been selected as one of ten national finalists for the 2014 Miami University Young Painters Competition. An exhibition featuring the finalist's work will run Dec. 12, 2013-Feb. 13, 2014, with the award ceremony on Jan. 31.

in memoriam

'30s

Marion Irene (Duffin) McShane, A'36, sister of Agnes Duffin Giese, A'46, and Irene Duffin Collins, A'46, Portland, Ore., Aug. 6, 2013.

Ethel Hill Wallingford, C'38, Tulsa, Okla., April 19, 2013.

'40s

Mary Kennally Clark, A'41, and C'45, Chatsworth, Calif., Aug. 22, 2013.

Betty Jane Stempleman Livers, A'42, Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 8, 2013.

Marilyn Ann (Miller) Meiners, C'43, Topeka, Kan., Oct. 17, 2013.

James P. McGilley, Jr., brother of **Sr. Mary Janet McGilley, C'45**, Kansas City, Mo., July 21, 2013.

James Edward Akright, husband of Catherine Akright, A'47, C'51, Williamsburg, Va., Sept. 8, 2013.

Sister Marie Paul Hardy, C'47, Leavenworth, Kan., July 18, 2013. She faithfully served the people of God as a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth for 70 years.

Elaine Michaels, A'47, Miles City, Mont., May 4, 2013.

Marnie Trudelle Miller, C'47, sister of Marilyn Krueger, C'57, Omaha, Neb., Oct. 2, 2013.

Sister Mary Hilaria Phipps, C'47, Nov. 2, 2013, Leavenworth, Kan. She faithfully served the People of God as a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth for 69 years.

Doris B. Kantor, A'48, Chicago, June 1, 2013.

'50s

Sr. Mary Rosenda Arkfeld, C'51, Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 2, 2013. She faithfully served the people of God as a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth for 64 years.

Rosemary Crowley-Manning, C'53, Peoria, Ill., Aug. 16, 2013.

Shirley Mitchell, C'53, mother of Myrna Filley, Sally Nowlan, C'79, Sue Bowen, C'79 Melissa Mitchell-Wilson, C'84, and Sydney Hobbs, C'81, of Leavenworth, Kan., May 8, 2013.

Gerald Patrick Harrison, husband of **Marilyn Harrison**, **C'56**, Shawnee, Kan., Sept. 6, 2013.

Isabel Faye Ryan, C'57, Raleigh, N.C., July 18, 2013.

Charles Pritchett, husband of **Kathleen Pritchett**, **C'58**, Spring, Texas, Aug. 21, 2013.

Patricia (Pat) Harris, C'59, niece of Mother Leo Frances Ryan, Irvine, Calif., Aug. 22, 2013.

'60s

Sr. Marguerite Grogman, C'60, Leavenworth, Kan., July 14, 2013. She faithfully served the people of God as a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth for 56 years.

Sr. Mary Patricia Walsh, C'60, Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 27, 2013. She faithfully served the People of God as a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth for 71 years.

Marie J. (Kancel) Dinges, mother of **Laura Caulfield, C'69**, Kansas City, Kan., Aug. 20, 2013.

'70s

Charles Fletcher Campbell, father of **Charlene Nickel, C'74**, Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 15, 2013.

Theola Schroer, mother of **Devri Schroer Merello,'75**, **Valerie Schroer, '77**, and **Cynthia Schroer, '80**, Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 22, 2013.

'00s

Rosemary Theresa Mulcare, U'04, Katy, Texas, July 19, 2013.

FRIENDS

Abbot Owen (John) Purcell, a monk of St. Benedict's Abbey, and chaplain at the University of Saint Mary and for the Sisters of Charity from 2009-2012. Nov. 8, 2013. Atchison, Kan.



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ALUMNI CHAPTER NOTES

The new USM St. Louis Gateway Alumni

Chapter will be wrapping up its first year in January.

So far, most of the group's focus has been helping Admissions Counselor Kristen Owsley with the USM student recruitment effort in the greater St. Louis area. Specifically, the group has targeted several Catholic boys' and girls' high schools, Archdiocesan co-ed high schools, and a few public high schools that the group feels are a good match for USM. This effort is starting to build USM name recognition, chapter leadership reports, and progress is underway.

The chapter plans to get together again during the first quarter of 2014 and would like to grow group membership,

interaction, and initiatives for the year. Please contact Anne Doerr at aedoerr@gmail.com or Carolyn Parmer at cdparmer@att.net if you are interested in finding out more about the St. Louis alumni group.

• An Emporia, Kan.,-area Saint Mary Alumni Chapter is forming soon, for more information, please contact Sharon Clay at Sharon.clay@stmary.edu or 913-758-6108.

• A group of Saint Mary Alumni is interested in forming a chapter in the Phoenix, Ariz., area. If you would like more information, contact Sharon Clay at Sharon.clay@stmary.edu or 913-758-6108.

publication notes

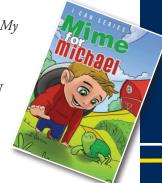
Former USM faculty member Dr. George Steger of Leavenworth, Kan., has just published his novel, *Sebastian's Way: The Pathfinder*. The book is available for sale on Amazon.com at http://amzn.to/16iZaT6

Mary K. Stillwell, C'66, of Lincoln, Neb., has published Fallen Angels, her new chapbook from Finishing Line Press. Fallen Angels is based on an 1833 painting Les Anges Déchus, which reminds us that curiosity can lead to a rich life, is the essence of what it means to be human, and often results in art that is both provocative and rewarding. These poems celebrate the large and small events of life through story,

myth, and the contemplation of other works of art. Lyric and sensual, they remind us of life's brevity while reminding us to embrace the joy our world offers.

Marie Castro, C'71, Kansas City, Mo., published Without a Penny in my Pocket: My Bittersweet Memories Before and After World War II.

Nicole Svenson, U'08, of Basehor, Kan., has released her first book, titled *I CAN Series: Mime for Michael*. It is available through Tate Publishing, and on Amazon.com at http://amzn.com/1625634536



KC Alumni Council Holiday Luncheon



Saint Mary alums gathered on Saturday, Nov. 16, to re-connect with one another and celebrate the upcoming festive season at the Annual Alumni Holiday Luncheon.

This year, more than sixty alums from classes ranging from the early '40s to the '90s enjoyed

each other's company in a new and spacious venue, the Grand Street Café on the Country Club Plaza.

Dr. Bryan LeBeau, USM's vice president for academic affairs, updated alums on recent developments on campus, and Sister Barbara Sellers, C'61, regaled all those attending with both humorous and poignant narratives of Saint Mary life over a 30-year span. Sr. Sellers has compiled these stories in her book, *SMC Life, Lore, and Spirit, 1930-1965: a Collection of Memories.* Find Sr. Sellers' book online at http://amzn.com/B00GGQ19MK

The Alumni Council of Greater Kansas City, sponsor of the event, was delighted with the turnout and looks forward to seeing even more alums attend next year's luncheon.

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alumni calendar



Jan. 31

A few Washington, D.C.,-area alumni are planning a gathering of all Saint Mary alumni from their surrounding area on Jan. 31. If you are interested in helping plan the gathering or attending, please contact Sharon Clay at Sharon.clay@stmary.edu or 913-758-6108.



April 12 SpireFest 2014 – Save the Date! April 12, Overland Park Marriott.

The SpireFest committee is looking for sponsors and auction items. If you are interested in donating, getting more involved, or attending, please contact Sharon Clay at **Sharon.clay@stmary.edu** or 913-758-6108.

June 6-9

The 2014 Saint Mary Alumni Reunion is set for June 6-9 and is a special reunion year for those graduating in years ending in 4 or 9. If you would like to work on getting your classmates together or planning a special event for your reunion year, email Sharon.clay@stmary.edu or call 913-758-6108.

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