There are three parts to this President’s Report to the Community:

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2. A Baker’s Dozen of Highlights
3. An Update that Tracks the Strategic Plan

PART ONE: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The May 11 graduation was again a highlight of the year for Mount Aloysius. Our commencement received significant TV and print coverage both before and after (Altoona Mirror | Daily American | WTAJ). All stories focused on the presence of the Rooneys, and many of the stories commented on the fact that this was our largest class ever (again). | Highlight Video of Commencement | Photo gallery of Commencement |

Graduation 2013 was a combination of new elements and first-rate performances. Let me present a few of each:

Highlights of Graduation

1. Commencement speaker Patricia Rooney—spoke directly to our yearlong theme of Hospitality: Finding Home in a Changing World. She told us a few stories from her experience as the first American family of Ireland, where her husband Dan served as Ambassador for the last four years. She also spoke about the Mercy heritage in both of their families, their ancestral connections to the founders of the Sisters of Mercy from their own roots in Newry (Dan Rooney) and Cloontia (both in Ireland). She and Dan were very gracious, taking two of our star female student-athletes to dinner with them the night before (Lindsy Sammarco and Jalisa Westover 3.7 and 3.9 GPA’s and female athlete and scholar-athlete of the year at the Mount). | Altoona Mirror | Citations | Photo Gallery |

2. Mr. Rooney—did a TV interview which WTAJ ran for three days. Dan apparently looked over at his wife and took her hand when I announced from the podium how he’d met the red-haired, green-eyed girl on the other side of the counter at the Arch Pharmacy in North Side when he was 16. Dan signed two Pittsburgh Steeler Terrible Towels for me (even though I had them lying on top of my Philadelphia Eagles blanket). | WTAJ |
3. **Shirley Pechter and Jim Walsh**—very appropriate recipients of honorary doctorates. Shirley honored for her lifetime of work in the arts and human services (especially for teen suicide prevention work); Jim for his civil discourse approach to difficult national and international issues (terrorism, North Korea, Iran). Jim also confided that his McKees Rocks’ parents would have been very proud—they were not able to make it to his college graduation (first in his family), and he himself was born in McKees Rocks before they moved south for work. | **Citations for Honorary Degree Recipients** |

4. **Student speakers were very articulate** and each one focused at least part of their speech on a core value at the College. **Jennifer Smith** is a mature student with a 4.0 GPA, who worked at a dairy farm throughout her time here; **Jessica Seasoltz** endured several roadblocks in her career here but kept on charging and is the first health sciences student to serve as valedictorian since I came; **April Tewksbury** was very active in campus ministry and was first-rate business grad. Student Government President **Tyler Pine** also spoke briefly at the Graduation practice. | **Student Speeches from Commencement** |

5. **Pinning ceremonies were, as always, quite moving.** I attended the Nursing pinning and anointing ceremony, with Trustee **Adele Kupchella**. This year, a member of the President’s Executive Council was a participant in each of the eight ceremonies for our health sciences graduates.

**New Elements**

- **A new approach to the final “senior” week**—Student affairs under Jane Grassadonia and Elaine Grant produced a series of activities to create a *modified senior week* “feel” for the graduates. There was a *staff/student softball game*, an *alumni-hosted barbeque* and a more robust *graduate toast and breakfast* (with toasts from **Sister Helen Marie Burns** on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy, **Jane** on behalf of Student Affairs, **Tim Fulop** on behalf of Faculty, **Helen Boyko** on behalf of MAC Alumni Association and from me). We will continue to enhance all these efforts next year. | **Graduate Toast Video** |

- **Changes in the ceremony itself**—We added a *color guard* (led by one of our own students) and a *bagpiper*. We also added the *presentation of four artifacts* to connect these graduates and their stories to the history/story of Mount Aloysius. This also gave us an opportunity to *honor more students for their contributions* to the College. We continued our new (as of last year) tradition of *honoring a couple* for their contributions (the **Calandra’s** and now the **Rooney’s**), and presenting an honorary degree to someone in education (Walsh) and someone from the region (**Pechter**). | **Highlight Video of Commencement** |

- **Baccalaureate with Bishop Mark**—Not actually new this year, but second year in a row for us. His sermon is always topical and relevant to the graduates. He focused on the hospitality of St. Damien (on whose feast day this occurred) with the lepers, and the dignity of the person. Eight students were on the altar. Choir was fabulous. | **Photo Gallery from the Mass** |
Mount Aloysius also got excellent coverage of some of our spring guest lecturers in the Hospitality Speaker series, especially for Dr. Jim Walsh and the Harry McHugh/Stan Sheetz presentation. In addition, my Op-Ed piece on the Boston Marathon bombings was picked up by eight different newspapers in PA (from Allentown to Harrisburg and from Altoona to Pittsburgh), in the Chicago Tribune and appeared on dozens of websites, including links at ESPN and USA Today. Every single article mentions Mount Aloysius College!!!
PART TWO: BAKER’S DOZEN OF HIGHLIGHTS

1. **170th graduation is the largest**—in terms of the number of grads from the institution since its inception as “Saint Aloysius Academy” in 1853. 412 students earned their diplomas this year, ranking 1st among all of those classes. **Dan Rullo, Sister Helen Marie and Ann Benzel** helped award the honorary doctorates, and **Patricia Rooney** was all that we had hoped for this occasion—articulate, warm, interesting and brief. The students speeches—**Jennifer Smith, April Tewksbury and Jessica Seasoltz**—were well delivered and struck the chord of Mercy values in every case. Trustees **Ann Benzel, Philip Devorris, Sr. Mary Ellen Fuhrman, Adele Kupchella, James Lyons, Michael McLanahan, Edward Sheehan, Sr. Sara Sweeney, and Derek Walker** were present and enjoyed lunch after the ceremony. | Photo gallery of Commencement | Highlight Video of Commencement |

2. The **2015 Middle States Commission accreditation process** began this quarter with an all-day visit from the Middle States VP responsible for Mount Aloysius. **Dr. Christy Faison met with over 50 faculty and staff in an open session, and with a smaller group of students in another.** She also met with four trustees, with our fifteen-member accreditation team here at the College and with Dr. Fulop and me (three times in the course of the day!). We have 18 months to prepare the College's **Self Study document** which will focus on the **fourteen criteria** established by the Commission. **Dr. Faison remarked that—**in her meeting with faculty/staff—how refreshing it was that when she asked them a question about what "challenges" face the college—"every single comment concerned how to improve things for the students, there was no self-absorption at all." Similarly, our trustees were the first in her experience with Middle States to ever ask her to outline the fourteen criteria individually. It is of course very early in the process, but she was very pleased with all the prep work that has already been completed. The criteria are attached. | Standards at a Glance |

3. **Patricia Rooney Concludes the Mount Aloysius Speakers Series Year of Hospitality**—Mrs. Rooney spoke movingly of the **direct connection between hospitality and the “dignity of the person,”** as she shared some of her experiences with Ambassador Rooney from their four years representing the US in Ireland. In all, we had **thirteen guest speakers (and four of our own professors) address the topic at the College this academic year,** focused orientation activities on practical applications of the theme and built a segment into the Cultural Literacy Seminar required of all students. | Year in Hospitality video | 2012-2013 Speaker Series Report |

4. The **Athletic Banquet, Student Leaders Awards Ceremony and the Academic Honors Celebration** all took place within a seven-day stretch at the end of April. Very well run and well attended events, honoring three separate areas of achievement at the College—in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in extra-curricular activities. For student-athletes, the average GPA was 3.1, 54.8% of our students reached the AMCC Academic Honor Roll (with 3.2 GPA or above) and Mount Aloysius was third in the Dean’s Cup behind (Franciscan at 65%, Hilbert at 55.1%). There were some terrific speeches at the banquet by our coaches who spoke as much about values as they did about wins and loses. **Dan Rullo and Ann Benzel**
helped present awards to the students and Mike McLanahan helped me present the Ray and Louise Walker Award (which Mike and Astride won last year) to our current crop of Sisters of Mercy (Sisters Helen Marie, Nancy Donovan, Eric Marie, Giuseppe, BJ and Charlene) who are avid fans of almost every sport here.

5. **Academic Fieldwork sets a new record**—our Eighth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in April featured 82 entries this year, representing 152 students and 12 faculty mentors. This year we implemented subject specific categories with submissions in **Science, Health Studies, Education, Business, and Psychology**. I had easily 15 interesting conversations with students about their research, covering everything from tanning beds to sonograms. More at: [http://www.Mountaloy.edu/academics/research/UR+Symposium.dot](http://www.Mountaloy.edu/academics/research/UR+Symposium.dot)

6. **Student Leaders Celebrate and are Celebrated**—the Student Government Association and the Campus Activities Board jointly organized our third annual celebration of student leadership. They managed to present over **fifty awards to a variety of extracurricular programs and leaders in a ninety minute Titanic-themed program**. The Student Organization of the Year was—for the second year in a row—the **NSO (Nursing Student Organization)**, who somehow find time to perform an amazing array of community service activities in the midst of all their clinicals and classes. Awards were presented as well for **Unsung Hero (Kolby Wasnick), Emerging Leader (Mary Friend), Advisor of the Year (Chris Koren, Director of Residence Life), Best New Organization (WIB—Women in Business), and Program of the Year (MAC’s Got Talent, again!)**, among others.

7. **Sixth Annual Moral Choices Lecture**—Dr. Jim Walsh, an MIT-based authority on terrorism, North Korea and Iran, frequent TV commentator (over 1,000 times on CNN, Fox, BBC, NPR) and author of numerous journal, op-ed articles and an upcoming Yale University Press book, delivered the Moral Choices Lecture on March 12. Dr. Walsh’s address, *My Five Dinners with Ahmadinejad: Hospitality as a Context for Foreign Policy*, developed the theme of *Finding Home in a Changing World* from the standpoint of geopolitics and foreign relations. Jim also spoke to three classes, shared meals with three different student/faculty groups, did three interviews with local media and participated in an hour long Digital Grotto Conversation with yours truly (on the subject of “Living in Troubled Lands,” attached here).

8. We held the **11th Ecumenical Lunch and Lecture** (two each year), with guest speaker Dr. David deSilva, **Professor of New Testament and Greek at Ashland University**. The turnout was excellent, with representation from just about every congregation in the region, with many of their most senior leaders at the table. I was on best behavior as there were seven Bishops within shouting distance of my seat. Sister Helen Marie and Pastor Gerald Myers (whose donation of thousands of volumes of religious books to our library was the origin of this series) have done a wonderful and inclusive job with this series and in establishing the College as a well-recognized "ecumenical" gathering place. Church of the Brethren Bishop Rob Patterson made exactly that point in his generous opening remarks and prayer.

| Photo Gallery | WTAJ Coverage | Digital Grotto Conversation |
9. **Sheetz and Wawa Execs Collaborate at Mount Aloysius**—Harry McHugh, former Wawa Vice President for Operations and Stan Sheetz, President and CEO of Sheetz, Inc. discussed the crucial role that “hospitality” has played in the success of their respective chains of convenience stores and gas stations at the Spring Honors lecture. While their companies are competitors, the two executives have been friends for decades. Their shared philosophy and surprising friendship were featured in coverage of the event by the Altoona Mirror. | [Altoona Mirror Article](#) |

10. **Shirley Pechter and Jim Walsh received Honorary Doctorates**—the irrepressible Shirley (at a young 93) continues to engage in both the arts and human services in the Altoona area and around the nation through programs like *The Healing Patch* and *The JED Foundation*. Her uncanny capacity to connect with young people was on display at graduation. Dr. Jim Walsh, fresh from two weeks front-line coverage as special commentator on the Boston Marathon bombings, was honored for promoting a “civil discourse” approach to very difficult national and international issues. Like Mrs. Rooney, Dr. Walsh comes originally from Western PA (McKees Rocks) and was the first generation in his family to attend College. | [Citations](#) |

11. **Baseball Records Most Wins in Program History**—26-14, 3rd in the AMCC conference, held opponents scoreless in first three games of the AMCC tournament before falling in the last two tilts. Sophomore Derick Capiak (3.35 GPA, 10-2 on the mound) continued his assault on Mount Aloysius pitching records as he spun a no-hitter in his last game of the season against nationally ranked LaRoche College. Aaron Kovach (3.77 GPA, MAC Male Athlete of the Year and on his way to a doctoral program in PT) led the AMCC in four different offensive categories, was named MVP of the conference and joined Capiak and freshman (and Canadian!) frosh Conor Bowie (3.95 GPA, .350 BA) on the first team (six Mounties overall were chosen). Team GPA 3.20! | [Kovach – Player of the Year](#) | [Tribune Democrat Coverage](#) |

12. **Softball finishes .750 season**—Lady Mountie Softball Team Reached AMCC final four last weekend, lost (by three runs total) to the two finalists (Penn State-Altoona and Pitt-Bradford), after our team knocked out defending champ Penn State-Behrend and Pitt-Greensburg. They played great, finished the season 26-13—a more than respectable .750 winning percentage. They have made playoffs six straight years, won regular season titles twice, been to the tournament final twice and to the final four five times in that time. They also swept the Mount Aloysius Female Athlete (Lindsay Sammarco—basketball and softball first team All AMCC) and Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Jalissa Westover—3.93 GPA, Co-Player of the Year last year in the AMCC) awards for Mount Aloysius. Both juniors, they were both nominated for AMCC Player of the Year. Team GPA 3.18! | [Softball Players to All-Conference Team](#) |
13. **Busy Summer Ahead on Campus**—summer school enrollment up 13.5%, with 2,377 credit hours booked by early May. We will also be hosting a group of 25 young **basketball players from Belfast, Northern Ireland** for a week this summer. They will attend our camp and other activities in the region. The director of this program in Belfast was a player on Ireland’s national women’s team for many years, and her husband is one of my old basketball mates from my time there—great cross community exposure for our young student athletes who help run the camp. We will also again host **Camp Cadet at the Mount** with the Pennsylvania State Police—with forty under-sixteen year olds on campus for six days, to learn not only about college life but about the real story behind programs like CSI and NCIS. I had a chance to engage with some of the young people last year and can report that the program has quite an impact on them in a relatively short period of time. Senior VP **Suzanne Campbell** is the architect of this initiative at the college through relationships with the PSP and other Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Agencies. | [2012 Camp Cadet Video](#) | [Youth Basketball Camp](#)

14. I also spent **seven days over Easter in Ballycastle, Belfast, Derry and Donegal**, thanks to a grant from an old college classmate for the express purpose of building relationships with the native country of our founders. I spent time building partnerships for the College with the **Corrymeela Community** (an internationally recognized reconciliation center whose pioneering work has been replicated in trouble spots around the globe, and from whom we have had already the benefit of one **Visiting Scholar—Colin Craig in 2011**), with **Magee College in Derry** (with a student base very similar to ours), and with **Nobel Peace Prize winner John Hume and long-time Irish Ambassador (Japan, Russia, Australia) Jim Sharkey** (both friends from Washington days). The latter two sent me back to Mount Aloysius from their homes in Inishowen with **a gift for the Mount Aloysius library**—an autographed book by their former schoolmate Seamus Heaney, Ireland’s most recent winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature. We are hoping to build more connections for our students back to the land of our founders in the coming years, especially with the two institutions above. Attached is photo of my visit with the Humes.

**PART THREE: UPDATE BY STRATEGIC PRIORITY**

The remainder of my report will outline progress against the three primary goals set forth in the strategic plan. This is my last update based on that strategic plan—the September report will work off the new plan (whose goals and objectives you approved at the December meeting), which will by then be complete with its 100+ time-lined and owned action steps.
Priority One: Strengthen Mount Aloysius as a values-based, supportive environment in which academic programming and student services combine to prepare students for productive and fulfilling lives (Mission Integration, Academics and Student Affairs.)

MISSION INTEGRATION

Nine updates from this spring:

1. The Mount Aloysius Community Service Report for 2012-2013 was released May 31. At time of writing, MAC students volunteered 10,405 service hours on 366 community projects with 198 different community partners. This is an extraordinary volume of work, with 100% student participation, and a street value of well in excess of $200,000.

2. MAC service projects are primarily in a five-county area, but student volunteers served in Guyana, China and New Orleans this past year, and to Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and other parts of PA as well. Just after graduation, seven students went with Sr. Nancy to Philadelphia for a week of service at Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia. Strengthening and supporting families, Mercy Neighborhood Ministries continues its promise to the community: neighbor helping neighbor, transforming lives one person at a time. The Mount Aloysius cohort will stay at Cranleith Spiritual Center, another sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy.

3. Three Scholars in Service–Jessica Goss, Alexandra Mezza, and Hollie Orris–completed approximately 300 hours of community service to earn an Education Award in the amount of $1,175 from the Corporation for National and Community Service (the same government program that awards AmeriCorps, *VISTA, and the President's Higher Education Honor Roll). Mount Aloysius College has been awarded four Scholars in Service awards for 2013-2014. Scholars next year will offer time to two or three Community Partners (Blair County Library network, Homewood Retirement Center (Martinsburg) and one undetermined site); work with the Service-Learning Committee and the Community Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship Office; and help with the Mercy Youth Initiative program. | Scholars in Service website |

4. Mount Aloysius College's Mercy Youth Initiative program is planning to expand membership and outreach next year. A ninth-grade cohort (10 students) will be added to the seventh and eighth grade cohorts (10 students each) currently enrolled from Penn Cambria Middle School. In addition, seventh grade students (ten) from Central Cambria Middle School will be added to the program. The program will also expand to include more involvement of various academic departments: Nursing, Theater, Education, Science, Business, and Fine Arts as well as the Athletic Department. The reviews on this two year initiative are outstanding, and are attached here. | Mercy Youth Initiative Evaluation |
5. The Student Ministers Team for 2013-2014 will join Sr. Nancy for a Campus Ministry Leadership Institute (the week of June 4). The three Student Ministers—Mardia Gibson, Evangelina Stephen, and Ajai-Tanea Timmons—will hear motivational speakers and learn practical planning and organizational skills as they develop concrete programs for implementation at Mount Aloysius College. The Student Minister is a recently-created, stipend position for which students are selected after a written application and face-to-face interview with two faculty/staff persons. This was our first year, and after some initial hiccups, it worked well.

6. The Spring Ecumenical Luncheon and Lecture registered more than sixty church leaders from throughout the Altoona-Johnstown diocesan area. Dr. David deSilva from Ashland University shared his work exploring the connections between the Jewish tradition and New Testament writings. His presentation entitled "The Jewish Teachers of Jesus, James, and Jude" argued that many passages thought to be original with Jesus are actually Jesus' assimilation of his own Jewish tradition. It is always a bit overwhelming to find myself at the lunch table with six or seven Bishops/leaders from area congregations.

7. Mount Aloysius College hosted its first official ecumenical Visiting Scholar during the Spring academic semester. Father Daniel Sinisi, TOR, spent Fridays working with the Ecumenical Studies Collection and also held two public events: a "brown bag lunch" discussion of Diane Butler Bass' Christianity for the Rest of Us and a presentation on ecumenism for Dr. Anthony Dragani's course on Catholicism. The Visiting Scholar program at Mount Aloysius College is designed to encourage persons whose interest is ecumenical work and/or community engagement and social entrepreneurship to utilize the resources of our campus community, library collections (including our extensive Ecumenical Studies Collection), cafeteria resources and convocation/honors lecture opportunities. James Sharkey, Irish historian and diplomat, has been invited to join the campus community as a Visiting Scholar next academic year. | Article on James Sharkey |

8. The Mission Integration Office continues to find ways to preserve and to highlight the history/traditions of Mount Aloysius College. An annotated electronic resource of original art pieces hung throughout the college facilities and/or stored in various areas is being developed. The electronic resource which offers information regarding each art piece and its current location will be stored on the College's main server for convenient access by interested persons. In addition, an electronic listing of current archival holdings is being developed. Once the listing is complete, Sister Helen Marie will work with library staff and history majors to arrange for, perhaps, monthly archival displays open to the campus community. Interested history majors will serve as curators for these various exhibits.

9. Besides all the spiritual direction that she provides on this campus, Sister Helen Marie recently delivered the invocation at this year's commencement exercises at Penn Highlands Community College, taught a continuing education course for the Diocese as part of her on-going work with the Peace and Justice Commission there and traveled to Cedar Rapids Iowa to address the Mercy Associates in that region, among other activities.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

I have divided this section into

- highlights of academic activity;
- recent publications/presentations by faculty;
- examples of student/faculty co-curricular engagement.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACADEMIC AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY:

The Division of Nursing has begun a series of employer focus groups to evaluate satisfaction with Mount Aloysius nursing graduates. Data gathered will be used as a component of our overall assessment plan for program improvement.

As an action item in our strategic plan for 2013-15, Frank Crouse, Vice President of Enrollment Management, Becky Zukowski, Nursing Division Chairperson, and Jack Coyle, Vice President of Communications, are leading an internal task force to increase enrollment in our RN to BSN program. Task force recommendations will include a more aggressive branding/marketing strategy and courses/timing that best meet market demand.

Dr. Donald Talbot, Associate Professor of English and Fine Arts, participated in the Haywood Community College (Clyde, NC) Alumni Show on March 1. The art show was held in conjunction with the dedication of the college’s new Creative Arts Building.

Associate Professor, Dr. Marilyn Roseman, attended the following webinars:

- March 4: Title II Institution and Program Report Card Reporting System (provided by Westat in order to complete the Institution and Program Report Card for Higher Education)
- April 18: Pass Rates for the Title II Report Card

Ms. Cheryl Kowalczyn, Assistant Professor for Medical Assistants, attended the Pennsylvania State Society of Medical Assistants Spring Board Meeting on March 16, which was hosted by Mount Aloysius College. Ms. Katrina Gentch spoke on “Power-Point Presentations” and Ms. Penelope Lescher, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapist Assistant, gave a presentation on “Body Mechanics.” Participants were awarded 3 continuing education units.

The Cambria County Chapter of Medical Assistants hosted the March and April monthly meetings at Mount Aloysius College. Participants were awarded 1.5 continuing education units.

Ms. Penelope Lescher, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapist Assistant, was an official reviewer of two textbooks for the Physical Therapy profession for publishers F. A. Davis and Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.

Dr. Donald Talbot, Associate Professor, and members of the Art Alliance installation committee installed a retrospective show of the work of Sr. Maria Josephine D’Angelo, art teacher at the Mount for 53 years, who died last fall. A summer alumni art show is also planned for the Cosgrave Student Center.

Ms. Sharon Miller, Assistant Professor of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences, attended the RT’s in DC conference in Washington, DC on March 3-5. Technologists from across the country met with members of congress to discuss legislation pertinent to medical imaging and to advocate the passing of the CARE Bill (Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence), which is a grassroots advocacy effort to have national legislation regarding educational requirements in Medical Imaging.
Assistant Professor of Science and Mathematics, Dr. Natalie A. van Breukelen and Mount Aloysius College Biology major, Elizabeth Josephson, travelled to Costa Rica to the Lomas Barbudal Biological Reserve on March 3 for ten days to conduct a field project investigating homing behavior in juvenile convict cichlids. Coloring books were also donated that were created as part of a Service Learning Project.

Ms. Amanda Minor, Instructor of Surgical Technology, was elected to the Treasurer position for the Pennsylvania Association of Surgical Technologists in March.

Dr. Glenn Neff, Assistant Professor of English, attended the MELUS Conference (Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States) in Pittsburgh, PA on March 14-16.

Associate Professors, Dr. Marilyn Roseman and Dr. Sara Rutledge, attended the forum on Assisting Students with Mathematics: Response to Intervention Strategies for Elementary and Middle Schools on March 22. The event was held by the Johnstown REL Mid-Atlantic and the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8.

Dr. Sara Rutledge, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education, served in April as a manuscript reviewer for Pennsylvania Teacher Educator published by the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators.

Ms. Kim Garman, Assistant Professor of Nursing, and Dr. Bonnie Noll-Nelson Instructor of Nursing and RN to BSN Department Chairperson, attended the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission’s Self Study Forum on April 9 - 10. This is in preparation for NLNAC site review of the Division of Nursing in September 2015.

The annual Art Alliance Dinner was held in Wolf-Kuhn Gallery on April 16 with 30 in attendance, including board member Michele Foley. Dr. Donald Talbot, Associate Professor of English and Fine Arts and Art Alliance liaison, introduced artist Deborah J. English, who gave a gallery talk about her work currently on display at the College.

Dr. Bonnie Noll-Nelson, RN to BSN Department Chairperson, attended the Pennsylvania Higher Education Nursing Schools Association on April 17. This state-wide consortium of baccalaureate degree programs allows exchange between deans and directors relative to emerging trends, challenges and policy relative to nursing practice.

Dr. Merrilee Anderson, Associate Professor of Science and Mathematics, attended the Energy and Marcellus Shale Gas Workshop at Saint Francis University on April 17. Speakers discussed employment opportunities, industry perspectives, and the role of energy education in our region.

Ms. Regina Barr, Associate Degree Department Chairperson, attended the Pennsylvania Consortium of Associate Degree Nursing Programs (PCADN) on April 18-19. This state-wide consortium of associate degree programs focuses on networking and exchange of ideas aligned with supported the associate degree programs state-wide.

Ms. Rebecca Hickman, Ms. Felicia Holliday, Ms. Amber Lenhard, Ms. Sharon Miller, Ms. Helen Ritchey, and Dr. Paula Scaramozzino attended the Pennsylvania Society of Radiologic Technologists meeting at the Holiday Inn in Allentown, PA on April 19-20. Several of the Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences students attended and participated in the student Techni Bowl, Film Analysis, and Poster competition. Two of our students, Ms. Tammy Ritchey and Ms. Ashley Freeman, received 1st place in the Techni Bowl. This is the 3rd year in a row that students of Mount Aloysius College have received 1st place in this competition.
Ms. Sharon Miller, Assistant Professor of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences, was elected to the position of President for the Pennsylvania Society of Radiologic Technologists at the April meeting in Allentown, PA.

Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education, Dr. Sara Rutledge attended the 27th Annual Early Childhood Conference titled Changing Expectations. The event was sponsored by the ARIN Intermediate Unit 8 and held in Indiana, PA on April 19.

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Dr. Fran Rohlf was the retreat leader for Lay Ministers of the Allegheny Presbytery on the topic of “Justification and Sanctification.” The retreat was held at the Bellwood Logan Valley Presbyterian Church, Bellwood, PA.

Dr. Sara Rutledge, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education, attended the Indiana County Reading Council spring program, “Social Networking for Parents: Keeping Your Children Safe and Yourself Informed,” at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA on April 23.

Dr. Merrilee Anderson, Associate Professor of Science and Mathematics, and Mr. Tom Fleming, staff assistant, led a Nature Walk for participants in the Take Your Son or Daughter to Work Day at Mount Aloysius College on April 25. The walk featured birds and flowers present on the Mount Aloysius College campus.

Associate Professor, Dr. Merrilee Anderson, was invited to lead a Wildflower Walk for the Allegheny Mountain Woodland Association at Prince Gallitzin State Park on May 4. The event featured a power point presentation about spring wildflowers followed by a walk to observe the flowers in the park.

Dr. Michael Engle, Assistant Professor of Science and Mathematics, attended the Workshop in Next-Generation Sequence (WINGS) Analysis and Metabolomics in Charlotte, North Carolina on May 15-17. The Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics was established within the College of Computing and Informatics in 2009 to foster research and education in Bioinformatics and Computation Biology.

Ms. Cheryl Kowalczyk, Assistant Professor of Medical Assistant, attended the annual Pennsylvania State Society of Medical Assistants (PSMA) convention in Mechanicsburg PA on May 17-19. Ms. Kowalczyk will conduct a presentation on “The Dangers of Tanning: Tanning Beds.” Participants will have the ability to earn 7.5 CEU’s.


RECENT PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS BY FACULTY:


Dr. Natalie A. van Breukelen, Assistant Professor of Science and Mathematics, published a research paper entitled in “Androgen receptor antagonist impairs courtship but not aggressive behavior in the monogamous cichlid, Amatitlania nigrofasciata” in Hormones & Behavior, a leading journal in the field of behavioral endocrinology (Volume 63, Issue 3, March 2013, Pages 527–532)

Ms. Joan Krug, Instructor or Nursing, presented “Guillin- Barre’: Dare to Care” at the Update in Clinical Concepts and Leadership Conference sponsored by Central PA Chapter of AACN on April 8.
Dr. Brad Hastings, Professor of Social Science, has a research poster submission for presentation at the 25th APS Annual Convention, held in Washington, D.C. on May 23-26, entitled “Right-Wing Authoritarianism, Anti-Intellectualism, and Solitary, Reflective Activities.”

Heather Low, Director of Student Success and Academic Advising, and Theresa Spanella, Director of the Learning Commons, gave a presentation on the MAC Tutoring Night at the College Reading and Learning Association PA/NJ chapter conference in March, and in February, Ms. Spanella volunteered to train peer2peer tutors for a new program through the Laurel Highlands Communities in Schools Program.

The library sponsored the One Book One Community Event on April 9, with a public lecture, "Spreading the Word: The Sites and Sounds of the Civil Rights Movement", presented by Julie Smith, Associate Professor of History, in conjunction with the community reading of the book The Help by Kathryn Stockett.

EXAMPLES OF STUDENT CO-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT:

Ms. Gwendolyn Yutzy, a medical laboratory technician student has been awarded a National Student Honor Award from the American Society for Clinical Pathology. The award is given to students in the laboratory profession who demonstrate academic excellence, commitment to community service, and leadership activities. Ms. Yutzy is the first Mount Aloysius College medical laboratory technician student to receive the award.

Ms. Dina Peruso has been named the Science and Mercy Award winner for 2013. This award is presented to a senior student majoring in Biology, General Science, or Pre-Professional at Mount Aloysius College, and honors the memory of Sr. Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy. Students must submit an essay to a committee of faculty members relating the role of scientists to the College’s core values of mercy, hospitality, justice, and service. The award consists of a personal plaque and a plaque displayed in Pierce Hall. Ms. Peruso is a Biology major, and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

Mr. Trevor Anderson has been named the Science Faculty Award winner for 2013. This award is presented to a senior student majoring in Biology, General Science, or Pre-Professional at Mount Aloysius College who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement, meritorious character, and significant contributions to the school. The award consists of a personal plaque, and a plaque displayed in Pierce Hall. Mr. Anderson is a Biology major, and will be attending Duquesne University for a Ph.D. in Biological Science.

Ms. Lisa R. Connacher was awarded the Outstanding Student of 2013 for the Physical Therapist Assistant program for her commitment to the physical therapist assistant program, the physical therapy profession, and her academic excellence.

Ms. Elizabeth Josephson, a Biology major student, has been awarded the Summer Undergraduate Research Internship Program from Professor Stephen Tettelbach of Long Island University (LIU-Post). The award carries a $3000.00 stipend and free housing at the LIU-Post Campus for the 9-week period from June 3 – August 12, 2013. This summer's projects include ongoing bay scallop restoration project, further studies of habitat utilization by juvenile bay scallops, and a new project looking at predation of scallops by a large gastropod, Busycotypus canaliculatus. This work involves scuba diving and working from a boat, and is based out of the Suffolk County Marine Environmental Learning Center, a lab run by Cornell Cooperative Extension (http://ccesuffolk.org/marine-2/) in Southold, in eastern Long Island, NY.

Assistant Professor of Science and Mathematics, Dr. Natalie A. van Breukelen and Mount Aloysius College Biology major, Elizabeth Josephson, travelled to Costa Rica to the Lomas Barbudal Biological Reserve on March 3 for ten days to conduct a field project investigating homing behavior in juvenile convict cichlids. Coloring books were also donated that were created as part of a Service Learning Project.
Ms. Breonna Morris, a medical imaging student, applied for and was chosen by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) to participate in the Student Leadership Development Program for 2013. Ms. Morris will be provided with registration and free travel to the ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting June 13-16 in Albuquerque, NM. This program is open to students throughout the country and requires an essay about the student and profession, along with recommendations from the program's department chairperson and state affiliate.

Dr. Marilyn Roseman reports that the Education Department hosted a Teacher Panel in McAuley Hall on March 21 to recognize seven Mount Aloysius graduates who are teaching in various school districts. The event was attended by about 50 students.

The Nursing Division and the ASL/English Interpreting Department partnered for a combined service learning project on March 22. Members of the deaf community were invited to an evening of fellowship combined with various health screenings that were performed by students in the nursing program. Students from the Sign Language Department served as interpreters for the event.

Nancy Way, Assistant Professor of Music, reports the quarterly highlights for Vox Nova as follows:
- March 22 – The Mercy Presidential Dinner and pre-reception in Cosgrave, at 6 p.m.
- March 26 – Vox Nova concert series # 4 “A Journey of Sacrifice,” at 7 pm in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel
- April 11 – Vox Nova Seniors, Alii Bossler and Christeen Reign, sang the National Anthem for the opening Curve game in Altoona, PA—dedicated to MAC student and Curve batboy Bo Forney at Bo-Opening Night. Michele and I helped present the check to the family for heart research.
- April 28 – Provided music and singing for Spring Open House as tours were brought through the Chapel
- May 9 – Commencement Mass, Our Lady of Mercy Chapel
- May 10 – Commencement ceremony in the Gym

Dr. Donald Talbot’s (Associate Professor of English and Fine Arts) Expressive Arts for Healing class did a morning-long clinical field trip on March 28 to work with “Arts for Healing” patients at the John P. Murtha Neuroscience and Pain Institute in Johnstown. Eighteen Mount students participated and assisted clients in the “Arts for Healing” program complete healing mandalas.

Dr. Glenn Neff, Assistant Professor of English and the Honors advisor, accompanied the Honors Program students on a tour of Washington D.C. followed by a play at the Kennedy Center on April 6.

Associate Professor Dr. Donald Talbot’s Expressive Arts for Healing class attended an artist’s talk and participated in an artist-led workshop at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Altoona on April 9. Expressionistic painter, Julie Bernstein Engelmann, worked with the Mount’s Expressive Arts students and later toured the Mount Aloysius campus and visited Dr. Talbot’s Fabrications Class.

Dr. Marilyn Roseman, Associate Professor of Early Childhood, reports that eleven student teachers participated in Mock Interviews in the Wolf-Kuhn Gallery on April 11. There were 13 administrators from local school districts who interviewed the students and gave tips on successful interviewing for prospective employment.

The Department of American Sign Language/English Interpreting and Ms. Kierstin Muroski, Program Coordinator, hosted the “Students of Interpreting Conference” at Mount Aloysius College April 13-15. This student-run conference worked extremely well and we will be doing it again in 2015. There were 85 participants for the two-day conference, including professional interpreters who traveled from six states to attend and to network with our students. The conference had 9 workshops, 11 presenters and a keynote presenter who was both deaf and blind. Students from Bloomsburg University’s Interpreting program and Community College of Alleghany County’s Interpreting program also attended. The department worked with
the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf to offer continuing education units for the professional interpreters and processed 120 hours of CEUs for those in attendance. Director of Communications Jack Coyle arranged for excellent coverage on two television network news stations and in the Altoona Mirror. On Saturday night of the conference, the department hosted the final Deaf Gathering of this academic year, which had the largest turn out ever. The feedback from the participants was tremendous for the conference itself and for the professionalism and open curiosity of our Interpreting students.

The Science and Mathematics Department, in collaboration with Campus Ministries and Student Activities, hosted a screening of the movie "Chasing Ice" in Alumni Hall on Earth Day April 22. The movie has won over thirty awards, including Best Documentary. Information is available at http://www.chasingice.com/.

Associate Professor Dr. Marilyn Roseman reported student teachers presented their power points that demonstrate their learning experiences as student teachers. These presentations serve as their exit interviews from the Education program and took place on April 2.

STUDENT AFFAIRS
Three areas for focus this quarter:

1. Residence life
2. Campus activities
3. Student Athletes

Residence “Life”: Dorm Activity

Lots of good, creative group and individual programming finding its way onto our campus, under the leadership of Jane, Chris Koren and their team. Let me provide a laundry list of examples from this last quarter:

- Black Student Union Club and RA cookout- over 100 students attended
- Tour of the new gym- about 50 resident students attended
- Pittsburgh Diversity and Heritage awareness trip- 15 students attended the free trip
- Altoona Curve Game BOpening Night—40 students honored Bo Forney, who went to MAC and worked for the Curve, by raising funds for the American Heart Association
- Motivational/Inspirational Jar
- Ping Pong and Pool tournaments
- How to Make an Apple Pie
- Pizza Socials
- Chocolate Hearts (something to do with Easter, I think)
- Date Auction
- Smoothies & Birdhouses (somehow go together)
- Easy, Not-So-Basic Hair Braiding
- Wii Wednesdays
- Movies and discussion
Poetry Corner
Ihmsen Hall Pinterest boards
No Mess Tie Dye
Back to Kindergarten Night
Sports themed parties (Penguins vs. Flyers arrgghh; NCAA basketball)
Social Media learning sessions
Finals Studying and Survival Tips
DIY microwave desserts
Messy Twister (twister with tempura paints)
Facebook Safety
Set up crew for Art In Bloom in Ebensburg
Intramural basketball–8 teams, 7 weeks, Sunday night game nights
Campus Ministry student “care” packages
Peer advising about alcohol education–drinking while driving simulation activity with golf carts.

And the RAs learn from each other here are their 2012-2013 RA Recognition Awards (winners are voted by peers). Chris Koren has been a good leader of this group.

- Best Bulletin Boards- Megan Chicoine
- Best door tags- Morgan Brosnihan
- Best group program- Late Night Breakfast
- Best individual programmer- Rachelle Klapper
- Shooting Star- Harold Ingram
- New R.A. of the Year- Liz Ditty
- Rubber Ducky Award (positive and always bounces back)- Alyson Sebia
- Little Mr./Miss Sunshine (aka hospitality) – Harold Ingram and Liz Ditty
- The Duty Master (excellent service during on call duty) - Chris Nolan
- Unsung Hero- Dylan Kachmar
- Male R.A. of the Year- Jake Wyatt
- Female R.A of the Year- Whitney Johnson
- R.A. Hall of Fame- Tyler Thomas and Allison Ritchey
- Most Dependable- Seth Shaffer
- Most Collaborative- Harold Ingram
- Most Creative- Megan Chicoine

Campus Activities: “Continuous Improvement”

Student Activities Continue to Grow under Jane, Elaine Grant and her student team. Below are highlights and pictures of some of the events held this spring:

- Campus Activity Board sponsored Band: Reverse Order –March 22, Alumni Hall
- Bowling Club: Strike Out Hunger Event – March 24, Pleasant Valley Recreation Center – Over 50 people participated in one way or another. They had bowling, music, raffles, and more raffles. About $550 was raised for St. Vincent DePaul and $300 was raised for the Bowling Club.
- Campus Activity Board sponsored MAC’s Got Talent – March 26, April 9, and April 23; this year’s winners were Adam Pernelli, Colton Wilkinson and Ryan Poole known as ACR.
• Campus Activity Board hosted **Holocaust Survivor Judy Meisel** and film **TAK for ALT** –April 4 in Alumni Hall

• Curve Game – **BOpening Night- April 11 in Altoona** –15 MAC student volunteers staffed an auction table and 40 MAC student fans attended to raise money for the American Heart Association in memory of former student Bo Forney—over $2,000 in cash donations.

• **2013 Diversity Conference**- The Changing Diversity Footprint: Taking S.T.E.P.S. to make a difference! -April 13 at Penn State Altoona. Speakers were Dr. Ronaldo Archer, a bestselling author, NFL consultant, military leadership consultant, and has served as an envoy to Latin America, Africa, Europe and Korea.

• **Pam Mines is the Author of God Chose Me**, an interactive children's book for families affected by Autism and other Special Needs. ([www.GodChoseMe.com](http://www.GodChoseMe.com)). She is a speaker and advocate addressing the needs and reality of the Autism and Special Needs Community. 12 students participated and Matt Lovell chaperoned.

• **2013 Campus Events Planning Conference – Play to Win!** April 12-14 in Hershey, PA at the Hershey Lodge. 5 members of MAC’s Campus Activity Board participated in educational sessions given by top presenters in the market covering a variety of topics including:
  – Publicity and Promotion, Creativity and the Programming Process
  – Diversity, Negotiating Skills
  – Commuter / Community Activities Programming
  – Student Leadership, Board Member Recruitment and Retention

• The **National Society of Leadership and Success Leadership Day Training** was held on April 15th and 19th. Students listened to Dr. Joe Martin an award-winning motivational speaker, author, professor, and retention expert. He's authored or co-authored seven books, including the top-selling **Good Teachers Never Quit, Let Your Leadership Speak**, and **Tricks of the Grade**. They also got into success and networking teams where they talked about their goals.

  Student members get a weekly message from the National Society and we are now charter members as an institution. It provides another vehicle for sharing insights about and examples of leadership and value-in-practice with our own student leaders.
The student-run Campus Activity Board also organized the following:

- **Comedian: Adam Grabowski** – April 5 in Alumni Hall
- **Musician: Landon Austin** - April 19th in Alumni Hall
- **Spring Fling Dance**, hosted by Women in Business - April 19 in Cosgrave
- **Comedian: Alexandra McHale** - April 20 in Alumni Hall
- **GRYP Speed Networking Dessert Reception**, for Student Leaders and Seniors, April 23 in Cosgrave
- **Fireside Chat with President and Mrs. Foley**, 9 PM by the fire, April 25 in Cosgrave
- **Black Student Union Barbecue, Bonfire, and Dance** April 25 under the Ihmsen Breezeway.
- **Faculty Staff & Student Softball Game & Barbecue**, sponsored by the Alumni Association, May 9 on the Softball Field and under the Ihmsen Breezeway.

This is a lot of activity on a still relatively small residential campus. **Director of Student Activities Elaine Grant** has energized and empowered the students and their clubs/organizations—and they are beginning to really drive the level, type and quality of activity on campus.

**Student Athletes: Raising the Bar**

*Our student athletes and coaches are clearly raising team GPAs (long time “loss leader” in the GPA department—men’s basketball—is now almost 3.0), their level of community service and their on field performance. Couple of highlights:*

1. **Mount Aloysius probably set a record for in-season recognition and post-season honors** across the board in sports. MAC student athletes took home the most first team (and total) AMCC all-stars in our history, achieved multiple Player of the Week Honors (I think we hit ten for the year) through fall and especially spring, were “in the hunt” for league titles in 5 of our 13 sports (both basketball, softball, baseball, women’s tennis), made the final four in four of those five sports, and produced serious nominees for league MVP honors in three sports (women’s basketball, softball and baseball; won one—Aaron Kovach in baseball) and raised the overall student athlete GPA to 3.1.
2. **Mount Aloysius student athletes are doing it “right.”** GPA’s continue to climb (though I think we might be getting close to the plateau) and they take every advantage of the terrific support system we have in place at the College—from **Heather Low** and her colleagues in the Office of Student Success, to super math tutor and library employee **Ann Volk** and her colleagues, to admissions office worker and men’s basketball volunteer study hall “ruler” **Michele Gafford**, to Writing Center volunteers like **Ellen Coyle** and my wife **Michele**. The race for Student-Athlete of the Year was so close this year that AD Ryan Smith decided we should announce runners up as well—and the winners plus 2 runners up for men and women represented five different sports here.

3. The MAC Athletic Department partnered with AMCC Faculty Athletic Rep (a formal, required position that reports directly to the conference commissioner) math teacher **Sandy Nypaver** to host the **First Annual AMCC Integration event**, intended by the NCAA to spread the message of the “integration” of athletics with academics. More than 40 MAC administration, staff, faculty, coaches, student-athletes and students attended. The event allowed all representatives from the campus to interact and speak about what DIII athletics mean for our College. I delivered a modified keynote and we all participated in an in-depth discussion at each table over some topics chosen by the AMCC and NCAA.

4. The MAC Athletic Department again partnered with myself, **AD Ryan Smith**, VP Dr. **Jane Grassadonia** and **Sandy Nypaver** to induct 17 student-athletes into the 2012-13 Chi Alpha Sigma athletic honors fraternity. Those inducted came from ten of our thirteen sports and included: Emily Burget, Joel Fleegle, Pamela Pride, Lindsy Sammarco, Nicole Schweinsburg, Seth Shaffer, Katelyn Shull, Jalisa Westover, Tonya Bibby, Luca Farina, Aaron Kovach, Kyle Lawson, Brett Oswalt, Chelsea Perehinec, Jacob Stumpf, Rosalie Sossong and David Tran. These student-athletes have earned at least a 3.4 GPA and have reached junior status. **54% of all MAC student-athletes made the AMCC All Conference Academic Honor Roll**, up from the mid-thirties two years ago (and third this year in the AMCC).

- **MAC student-athletes took top honors**, winning four of the eight first AMCC Community Awards. These included the **Gold Award for Best Ongoing Project** and **two bronze awards**. Overall, our student-athletes contributed well over 2,000 hours to more than 20 different community service projects—most of them conceived and implemented by the teams themselves. **Excellent work, and Mount Aloysius has set the bar high for the rest of the conference in this arena. Congrats to all our coaches and student-athletes.**

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**Priority Two: Ensure the vitality of the College by augmenting resources necessary to support growth.**

There are four parts to this summary under Priority Two: enrollment, physical assets, general administration and institutional advancement. A few words on each:

**ENROLLMENT**

*I have divided VP for Enrollment Management Frank Crouse’s material into three sections: some positives on the incoming class, a look ahead at 2014-15, and general concerns in the national admissions environment.*
1. **Positives for 2013-14 Class**
   - Day School Deposits (the real budget number) continue to track ahead of last year
   - Grad school and Con-Ed programs show continued modest growth for fall 2013
   - Financial Aid sign offs for new and returning are tracking ahead of last year
   - Summer school is tracking 13.5% ahead of last year
   - Dual Enrollment was a success this year and has aided in College name recognition, some slight additional revenue for College and potential leads in freshmen class each year

2. **Next Year (2014-15) Outlook**
   - Visitations (participation for fiscal year 2012-2013)
     As of April 30, 2013 – we had 1226 students participate in a private visit to College as compared to 1195 last year.
   - Recruitment efforts for fall 2013 thus far have resulted in (May 1, 2013 from May 1, 2012)
     - An increase in applications as of May 1, 2013 - 1741 compared to 1698 in 2012
     - Acceptances Comparison. On May 1, 2013 acceptances at 1225 compared to 1188 in 2012
     - Deposits are at 542 compared to 529
   - Mercy Presidential Scholarship
     - 32 committed Mercy Presidential Scholars
     - Valued at $48,000 over a four year period
     - More than 100 applicants eligible to compete

3. **Areas of Concern (realities—these are verbatim from VP for Enrollment Management Frank Crouse)**
   - We continue to monitor student concern around gasoline prices. This typically becomes an issue for students when gas hits the $3.99 price point.
   - We have increased competition with nursing in the region and the challenges PSU continues to experience has increased the open-liberal approach to admissions at Main and branch campuses.
   - The final outcome of the class remains to be seen. The Commonwealth of PA is down in available high school students and the majority of small, private colleges are reporting challenges and decreases in their new classes for fall 2013.
   - Spring thaw was minimal – a reflection of our new financial aid packages. We have to remain competitive this summer as colleges across the commonwealth will be working very hard to find additional students to make budgets.
   - Paid deposits could turn into cancels at a higher rate (families are doubling down on college deposits, trying to get more financial aid in exchange).
   - The state-of-the-economy remains a concern for fiscal year 2013-2014. As a tuition-driven college, we remain very vulnerable as a rural, private college. Despite unprecedented visits to the college, unprecedented application, etc – the new class for fall 2013 remains an unknown. Nevertheless, we remain on target as last year was our best freshmen class universally in MAC history.
Four quick updates here:

1. **Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center**—some of you have asked me very detailed questions, so I am including some detail about interior and exterior work progress
   - Smith (Masonry) - Finishing the site walls and coping. Washing the building and caulking the joints.
   - GM McCrossin (Concrete) – Pours began on the concrete stoops in early May.
   - Pinnacle (Plumbing) - Hooking up the water heaters. Installing & wiring the sump pump. Completing rough-ins at the locker rooms
   - Lighthouse (Electrical) - Wiring the branch circuits in the main and aux gyms for the lighting. Wiring the batting cages in the Aux. gym.
   - Mervac (HVAC) - Has one more unit ventilator to install.
   - JC Orr - (General Trades) - Painting in both gyms. Painting in the administrative area on the Concourse Level. Painting block filler in the locker rooms and corridors on the Event Level. Taping and spackling the east and south corridors on the Concourse level. Installing drywall in the main lobby. Scoreboards have arrived and been installed.
   - RH Marcon - (Roofing) - All flat roofs are done. Metal crews are finishing up.
   - Eastern (Elevator) - Completed their work on April 29.
   - Grannas (Excavation) - Started to grade the site on the East side of the building.
   - Modern Art (windows/glass) - Completing the trim at the North windows. To install the exterior doors at the Aux gym.

2. **Human Resources**—we are working to stay on top of health care issues
   - **Interdisciplinary Committee has been charged with evaluating impact of the Patient Care Protection Act on the College.** Multiple meetings have been held to review the way we use adjuncts and clinical faculty in particular. The IRS has not clearly defined how institutions are to calculate total hours worked by adjunct professors. They have only stated that institutions cannot simply count classroom hours and must assign reasonable time and hours for work outside of the classroom. Many institutions are simply capping adjuncts at two or three classes a semester to ensure no more than 30 hours. MAC has not made the final decision as to what direction we will take with adjuncts. Federal work-study and student workers will also be impacted. While we continue to study the law in full, student workers are being limited to 25 hours during the summer and 20 during the academic year.
   - **Held our second “Year End Celebration” for Faculty and Staff on May 15.** Nice lunch, brief speeches (I told jokes!!), said goodbye to retirees. HR Director **Tonia Gordon** does very good job with this event.
3. **Information Technology**—never ending challenge.
   - Bookstore register system upgrade took place this week. This is very exciting as the new system gives us the ability to put a portable store front in the ACWC. The system allows use of student ID card to make purchases in bookstore—a common request we have heard from students. Still reviewing cost/benefits of single-card-payer system that students could also use for food and other purchases (even at local stores), but the bookstore system has the capabilities should we go in this direction.
   - We are exporting our managed print services to Xerox for monthly savings of $1400. The long term goal is to get out of the very expensive business of purchasing and maintaining $50,000 printers that quickly lose value and to move towards a leasing option. There are also benefits in that the storage of the supplies is off site and will not take up valuable storage room here in our support center.
   - Preparing for Blackboard Transact upgrade to support the new meal plan offerings.
   - Summer computer replacement plans are in place and implementation began right after graduation.

4. **Campus Security**—had the usual late semester challenges, and our Campus Security and Student Affairs teams worked very well together on each and every case. Also focused this quarter as follows:
   - Continued oversight of the Fire and Security Plans for the ACWC.
   - Annual Little Peoples Place staff safety training completed.
   - The building floor plan books were redone/updated for internal use and for distribution to local emergency units.
   - Participated in the quarterly crisis intervention training with PEMA and State Police.
   - Completed a thorough review of recommendations on the staffing, training and scheduling to best synergize security on campus.

**INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**
This report covers activity for the 2012-13 fiscal year-to-date; the fundraising data is through the third quarter (3/31/13). Three key areas for reporting include: Campaign Report, Annual Fundraising Progress Report, and Advancement Division Activity.

1. **Campaign Report**
   - **Expanding Horizons: The Campaign for Mount Aloysius** has raised **$13,451,688** in gifts and commitments through May 6, 2013. The breakdown is as follows:
     
     1. Building $10,918,124
     2. Unrestricted $ 1,101,885
     3. Other/In-Kind $ 1,431,679

   - Reviewed list of ACWC contractors and College Vendors at $5k+, identified the contact person for each. They are being solicited for sponsorship of our annual golf tournament along with a campaign commitment, depending on the amount of business they have with the college. We are working to complete the golf sponsorship asks by the middle of June and complete the remainder of the campaign asks by the fall.
   - Finalizing the naming opportunities for the signage inside and outside the new building, along with other potential naming opportunities.
• Campaign committee members continue to focus efforts on securing leadership commitments before the ACWC open

2. Annual Fundraising Progress Report

• Our end of fiscal year solicitations are out and we are working to improve our renewal rate and pledge payment rate with more targeted appeals and more regular pledge reminders

• Our alumni participation rate is currently around 7%, and has not moved in a decade. Jennifer has made this a priority, as it is the building block for long term annual fund and endowment growth

• The annual golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 14 and we hope to see you there. Registration and commitments are ahead of last year’s pace.

3. Advancement Division Activity Report—some updates verbatim from VP Jennifer Dubuque

• Alumni Relations. Alumni Magazine – looking to produce a magazine covering commencement. In the final stages of production and should be in the mail within the next month. Also,
  – We will be reviewing overall alumni events and communications as we plan for next year. Our goal is to increase attendance at events and be more strategic with the location and focus of these activities
  – We will work with the communications staff to increase the frequency of our communications to alumni and continue to promote the College using social media for development functions
  – Creating a special video for use at alumni events – walking tour of campus, narrated by several different staff and one of the Sisters
  – 113 face-to-face meetings have occurred with alumni to date (5/7) this fiscal year. Need to increase the number of actual solicitation meetings
  – The Alumni Association Board is reviewing its bylaws, looking to increase membership on the Board and generate more dollars for the scholarship fund through events like alumni weekend and selling flowers at commencement.

• Advancement Services

  – Working to develop consistency with reminders and other reports
  – Staff went to week-long training to learn about reporting functions to help streamline our internal processes and reinforce the importance of the Raiser’s Edge database system
  – Prospect research is an area that needs some attention. Will work that into our plan for next year.

• Events
  – Annual Celebrity Golf outing – June 14 at the Summit Country Club. Continuing efforts to secure sponsorships. This year our goal is to exceed $33k in scholarship support, a 10% increase over the prior year ($29,417).
  – Alumni Weekend – July 19 – 21, 2013. The brochures are at the printers and will be mailed in the next 2 weeks. “Save the dates” done. We are looking to build on the success of last year. This year there will again have special emphasis on the 50th reunion class.
Priority Three: Contribute to the economic, social, cultural and spiritual well-being of the communities, both local and regional, through a variety of institutional and partnership efforts, in keeping with the educational mission of the College.

This has been another very active quarter with regard to strategic Goal Three. Let me attempt a quick summary of initiatives.

1. Community Host: We continue to open the College to outside and community groups as appropriate. In the last two months:

   • We continue to host and attend meetings relative to the closure of the SCI-Cresson. Almost all 500+ local prison employees have been placed in other state jobs, with only a few outstanding inquiries in response to our offer for a free semester. At every meeting, there are multiple expressions of gratitude to the College for our efforts. | Mount Aloysius Press Release | Tribune Democrat “Laurel” |

   • We hosted the March meeting of the regional ecumenical group, which includes the leadership of the larger denominations in the region and concludes with lunch in the President’s Dining Room. I always enjoy a half hour chat with them, and they seem to enjoy my updates as well.

   • The 11th Biannual Ecumenical Lunch and Lecture brought over 50 members of the clergy and religious orders to the college, from at least 10 different denominations.

   • The College hosted the Mirror Classic All Star basketball games in early April for the second year in a row. The two games brought over 1500 people onto campus, and received a week’s worth of coverage in local media. The sponsors are anxious to play in the ACWC next year.

   • The Cresson area girls softball league love our field and the Mountie stables. They both practice and play games there.

   • 18 local high schools brought over 250 sophs/juniors to Mount Aloysius for the May all-day annual Super Conference for future high school leaders. This is our second year as host. Frank and our Admissions staff are excellent hosts. I enjoyed lunch with the principals and guidance counselors and made brief remarks about the challenges we share with them.
• The **AMCC Presidents Council Meeting** was held at the College for two days in mid-May. We had 8 conference Presidents, and about 30 athletic directors and other officials here. Hosting this meeting was my last official duty as 2012-13 AMCC chair.

2. **Community Service**: Our students continue to take community “engagement” to new levels in our local community.

• The **Nursing Students Organization (NSO)** was named best student organization by their colleagues for the second year in a row. Most of their projects involve direct care to needy individuals and groups in the area and on campus. They were part of 10,450 hours of service by our students on 366 projects with 196 different community partners.

• Our **student-athletes completed over 20 projects in the local community**, from repainting basketball courts and playgrounds, to collecting “Soles for Souls,” to running winter coat drives for kids—and six of them were nominated for AMCC Community Service Awards. Two received the Bronze award, one Silver and two Golds as well, including overall body of work. The AMCC website ran a series of stories on all the good work in the community by MAC athletes. | AMCC Community Service Website |

• **Several MAC student groups worked together with the Altoona Curve** to raise funds and attention for the American Heart Association, after our former student and Curve batboy Bo Forney died from a heart attack. The Curve agreed to turn their first home game of the season into “Bo-opening Night,” and our students helped raise over $2,500, which I presented with about 20 MAC fans to the Forney family after the game. Our students ran the baseball memorabilia auction, sang the national anthem and earned the admiration of the Curve community relations staff.

3. **Community Partnerships**:

• We continue the work with our **Mercy partners at CMHE** to build a database that will reflect shared values and “products” from amongst the Mercy Colleges in America. We are now collecting data on community service initiatives at member schools. I am chairing this project.
• I just finished service on the **Search Committee for the next President of Carlow University**. I was the only outside-the-region person on the committee and also the only college president and I just hope my input was helpful. It is now in the hands of their trustees.

• Michele and I continue to engage across campus and around the community. One or both of us have been seen recently at the **ABCD Annual Awards Breakfast** (me), at the **Johnstown Rotary Scholarship Dinner** (me, as keynote), at the **Blair County Community Foundation** annual luncheon (Michele), at a **Blair Chamber breakfast meeting** with PA State Education Secretary Ron Tomalis (me), at the **JARI board and executive committee sessions** (me), at the **M&T Bank reception for the** production of “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” (both), at the **MAC Opera trip to Pittsburgh** (Michele and her mother), at the **Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership Board** (me), at two **Blair Chamber Role Models luncheons** (me), judging the **Mclanahan Corporation Annual Scholarship contest** (Michele), at the **JARI Annual luncheon** (Mount Aloysius was the official host), and with the **WISE Women** at their annual event (Michele), among other community events.

• Michele also continues **tutoring** (she and Jack Coyle’s professional writer spouse Ellen tutor writing at least 10 hours a week, by appointment, in the library), **mentoring**, and even **cooking** (our valedictorian announced to her mother from the stage that “Mrs. Foley’s lasagna is better, Mom—I’m sorry.”).

• Michele is also **able to attend campus events for when I am double booked**, helping out at both the **softball and baseball barbecues** (for Special Olympics), **enjoying the student directed “Ten Minute Play” night**, sharing a **Seder Supper at Passover, etc.** Michele helps to expand my reach here, both on campus and in the community!

• I had two more **Fireside Chats** with students this spring, and Michele joined me for the last one. We turned the tables in the final chat and asked questions of our students—favorite MAC moment, biggest surprise about MAC, how has it changed you, etc. Some fascinating responses.

• I continue my service on the **Johnstown Area Redevelopment Initiative (JARI) board** (and executive committee), on the **Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership Board (GJRP)**, on the state board of the **Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in PA (AICUP)**, on the state board of **College Compact** (organization of 80+ schools involved in community service), and now as a member of the **NCAA DIII President’s Advisory Council**. I finished my term as Chair of the AMCC when we hosted its annual meeting at the College two weeks ago.

4. **Communications in the Community:** We also continue to spread the message of Mount Aloysius and to tell its story and that of its students through numerous online, print and visual communication efforts here at the College, many of them led by Jack Coyle. He and Sam Wagner and their legion of student photographers and amateur filmmakers are omnipresent at campus activities, and the winter coverage in the local media on all our campus activity reflects that—**excellent stories and TV coverage for numerous events and awards(including our graduation, the numerous successes of our student-athletes, various community service ventures, the Bo-opening Night Heart Awareness events, and more).** A more comprehensive sense of that
good work appears in the news clips and You Tube offerings available at the Trustees Portal on the website. Please enjoy the latest hard copy of Speaker Series annual report, a short collection of news clips and two recent issues of The Belltower in your board packet for June 7. There is also a fabulous The Year in Photos e-album available and a recent video of The Year of Hospitality. Finally, I wrote an Op-Ed piece on the Boston Marathon bombings which has been picked up by eight different papers in PA (from Allentown to Pittsburgh to Chicago), and appeared on dozens of websites, including links at ESPN and USA Today. Every single article mentions Mount Aloysius College!!! | Op-Ed “Look for the Helpers” |

I hope this gives you a sense of the energy and the activity at Mount Aloysius College. We are grateful to all in our community for your commitment to the College.

All the best,

Tom Foley
President