Dear Friend of Mount Aloysius College:

Welcome to another issue of Mount Aloysius Magazine. This issue really reflects the thrill of being part of Mount Aloysius College today. On every front—academics, community service, student activities, athletics and alumni interaction—the college is buzzing even as the shape of our 193-acre campus changes around us.

Starting with Orientation, we launched our theme for the 2013-2014 academic year, “Citizenship in the 21st Century—The Common Good.” The Honorable David Klementik, Judge for the Somerset County Court and a valued member of our Board of Trustees, summarized the ideal selfless citizen by exhorting the timeless words of President John F. Kennedy, “and so my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country!”

Our speaker series continues and promises to deliver even more wisdom from the past, tools for the present and hope for the future as we move into spring semester. In addition to Judge Klementik, we also heard from Mr. Terry Wright, long-time chief assistant to Vice President Joe Biden. Mr. Wright, now retired, continues living the life of citizen-activist. He shared two full days with the campus and the community. And Sr. Marie Michele Donnelly, RSM, from Gwynedd Mercy College made Mercy Week special with her unique Mercy experience evidenced in her remarks in Alumni Hall. A current list of this year’s speakers can be found inside these pages.

The College has embraced the Class of 2017. They are our largest class ever; coming to us from 18 states and five foreign countries on three continents. We are honored by their choice of Mount Aloysius College and we are grateful to you for the part you play in building and sustaining your alma mater.

Finally, I invite you to visit us. On the western edge of our campus sits the Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center. Words will not do it justice and so I invite you to come and see it for yourself.

At this writing we are marking “firsts.” Some are on the cover, and on page 21 is yet another. We thought it appropriate that the honor of the first “dunk” go to Sr. Benedict Joseph Watters, RSM. The veteran of many “assists” during her playing days in Alumni Hall—Sr. BJ never got the feed to make that dreamed of “slam.” We’ll find a fitting place in the new building for this special photo.

All the best,

Tom Foley
President, Mount Aloysius College
Mount Aloysius Magazine

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Philosophy of Mount Aloysius:
As a Catholic College founded and sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, Mount Aloysius College provides a setting in which students are encouraged to synthesize faith with learning, develop competence with compassion, to put talents and gifts at the service of others, and to begin to assume leadership in the world community. With emphasis on values of justice, hospitality, mercy, and service, the College’s liberal arts core curriculum provides the necessary basis for leadership and the knowledge and skills for success in a wide range of professions. Mount Aloysius is a Mercy College.

Left: Mary Freid, Mackenzie Horne and Cheyanne Marsh stop between classes to enjoy the first Cresson snowfall on October 24, 2013.
They did it again! And the MAC Alumni Relations crew was fully complicit in the fun.

The Mount Aloysius Alumni Weekend 2013 started Friday evening, July 19, with a memorial in Fatima Circle for the Class of 1963 and graduates Eileen Murray Bartlett and Elaine Longua, departed class leaders. The Golden Graduate Reception followed. It was a celebration for all grads who finished 50 years ago or more. The event took place in the Cosgrave Student Center. And things were only getting started.

Next a Tex-Mex Fiesta kept Mountie grads busy in the Ihmsen Hall Breezeway. Attendees then gathered up marshmallows and headed out to Ihmsen Lawn for a bonfire at 8:30 p.m., and the Second Annual Mountie Jam. And that was only the first day.

Mount Aloysius College President Tom Foley really looks forward to alumni returning to campus.

"Returning Mount Aloysius graduates bring a great variety of perspectives and experiences with them,” he said. “It is always great to watch their faces when they see the changes that have been made. Conversely, the stories and experiences they share give us relative newcomers a deeper appreciation of the history and traditions of this great school. This was my fourth Alumni Weekend. My wife Michele, and I really look forward to it. Our Institutional Advancement Team has out done themselves both with their enthusiasm and with their schedule of fun events."

Jennifer Dubuque, Vice-President of Institutional Advancement credited the Alumni Board for their enthusiasm and volunteerism that makes the event a success, year after year.

"This was my first year and I can attest that Mount Aloysius alumni bring an infectious spirit of fun to their weekend,” she said. “The schedule was created with the goal of offering something for every age group and every interest. The entire campus was opened to these great people and they really seemed to enjoy themselves.”

Saturday, July 20th included a number of events, including:

- Zumba
- A panel discussion entitled, "Mount Aloysius College – Past, Present and Future"
- Cardiovascular Disease: Stats, Awareness & Health Promotion” seminar
- “Mountie Minute to Win It”
- Outdoor games

Saturday afternoon also featured the Mount Aloysius Alumni Art Reunion. The event included a reception and art show celebrating graduates from the college’s art program—many had studied with the late Sr. Maria Josephine D’Angelo, RSM. An extensive exhibit of her work was featured all weekend in the Wolf Kuhn Gallery. Mass in the historic Our Lady of Mercy Chapel took place just prior to the 2013 Recognition Dinner in the Cosgrave Student Center.

Till next year….stay well, and stay in touch. §
Freshman Move-In Day at MAC is usually held prior to Labor Day. Still August and hot, Move-In Day is known for its mix of motion, emotion, hellos and good-byes and so much being moved by so many so fast!

But it happens. Moms and dads, sometimes reluctant brothers and sisters, grandmas and granddads, friends and occasionally even a canine or two make the scene. With the new class gathered under a tent on the Ihmsen lawn, President Foley greeted students, friends and family.

"Now let me say just a few things to all our incoming students. First, we are in awe of you. You are the largest entering class in the history of the college, and you were selected from the largest pool of applicants in the history of Mount Aloysius College. You come from 18 states and five foreign countries on three continents. You include among your number 30 Mercy presidential scholars, 120 Mercy Service grant recipients, 21 honors fellows, 17 Biology Fellows, five History and Political Science Fellows, and four English Fellows. You were stars in high schools musicals, athletes on varsity teams, honor society members, some of you are sons and daughters of Mount Aloysius alums. And more than 60 percent of you share at least one trait in common with me — you are the first generation in your family to have the chance to go to college."

The event under the tent is acutely memorable on many levels. It is here that the class is assembled for the first time. They hear a blessing from Sister Helen Marie Burns, RSM, Vice president of Mission Integration and an inspiration to excell from Dr. Timothy Fulop, Vice President for Academic Affairs. President of the Student Body, Adam Pernelli exhorted the entering class to engage with others on this gorgeous campus and congratulated them on a great life-changing choice—Mount Aloysius College.

"Last comment is about community," said President Foley. "You are all very fortunate, you are coming not just to a college but to a community — in every meaningful sense of the word. You will never be just a number here.

"You are coming to a place founded on principles of justice and mercy, hospitality and service. You will be encouraged while you are here to synthesize faith with learning, to develop competence with compassion, to develop your skills to a state-of-the-art level — so that the day you leave here, you are ready to work in your field and live as a productive citizen in your community. And then you will be taught to ‘pay it forward’ and use your skills, somewhere, sometime on behalf of a community and not just on behalf of yourself. People won't pick up after you at Mount Aloysius, but they will look after you. And then expect you to do the same for others while you are here... and after you graduate. “§
Mount Aloysius College marked the start of the 2013-2014 academic year with our traditional Convocation Ceremony on Thursday, September 5, 2013. Convocation Speaker was the Honorable David C. Klementik who addressed the college’s theme for the new academic year, “The Common Good—Citizens in the 21st Century.” The theme was shared one week prior to Convocation by Mount Aloysius President Tom Foley, as freshmen and their parents participated in “Move-in Day” for the class of 2017.

President Foley addressed the assembled class of 2017 together with faculty, staff and members of the board of trustees. He noted that Judge Klementik would be the first speaker on the College’s year-long theme of citizenship and the value of citizenship in the 21st Century. He reminded those assembled that for over 200 years, there was much speculation on a word which Thomas Jefferson had smudged out from the Declaration of Independence. He replaced the smudged word with, “citizen.” President Foley noted that the mystery was finally solved through modern imaging protocols. The smudged-out word was “subject.” Rather than using the term subject like under King George III, Thomas Jefferson replaced it with a term that would define the American way of democracy. “It’s not ‘Tell me what to do,’” said President Foley, “but ‘let me participate.’”

Addressing the theme of “Citizenship,” Judge Klementik—who serves as a trustee of Mount Aloysius College—came to the topic with an impressive civic pedigree. Judge Klementik illustrated the central theme of Citizenship and offered the Convocation three primary divisions, or expressions of citizenship he encounters in society today. “What kind of citizen do we need to support an effective democratic society?” he asked. “There are personally responsible citizens,” he said, “participatory citizens, and those who are ‘justice-oriented.’”

“The personally responsible citizen acts in his community by picking up litter, giving blood, recycling, volunteering, and staying out of debt.

“The participatory citizen actively participates in the civic affairs and the social life of the community at local, state and national levels.

“The justice-oriented citizen is one that calls explicit attention to matters of injustice and to the importance of pursuing social justice goals. . . . assess social, political and economic structures and considers collective strategies for change.

“So how do we, the Mount Aloysius College community, prepare ourselves for the 21st Century Citizenship and our role in promoting the Common Good?” he asked. “I would argue that the interplay of all three visions of citizenship is essential.”
Today we celebrate citizenship, education

It is an early draft of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson smugly out a single word and replaced it with the word “citizens.” really obliterated the unwanted word—so intent was he on changing it—and for more than two centuries, historians wondered what word he had so completely scratched out in favor of the word “citizens.” Just three years ago, using modern spectral imaging technology developed for military use, the Library of Congress revealed that the word he removed from the early text was “subjects.” Not subjects. Citizens. Not “tell me what to do:” but “let me participate”—perhaps the very essence of our American Revolution.

Jefferson also saw a direct link between education and citizenship, and believed that for full citizenship, all our citizens had to be educated. He went further, opining that in addition to moral education, students should receive academic training, which Jefferson hoped, in an early draft of the Declaration, would be “the most important office in our democracy is that of private citizen,” and thus drew a line direct to Jefferson’s distinction between a mere “subject” and a vaunted “citizen.”

Through all that debate, it has become clear that citizenship, actively participating in democracy, is the higher calling, and education is to produce citizens” argued that “the true purpose of education, “in a magazine article “The Purpose of Education,” in a magazine called Pictorial Review. In it, she argued that “the true purpose of education is to produce citizens” and she outlined all the ways that an educational system does that—from the simple “acquisition of knowledge” that may help one day to critically analyze an economic issue to the “development of powers of concentration and accuracy which…help analyze a difficult situation.” She also saw a connection to citizenship from “social activities and athletics” that are part of one’s education. She argued that these activities “develop team play, cooperation and thought and consideration for others”—something to do with the common good one might say.

We applaud the key role played by education and by educators (and not just those who educate in the classroom) in the promotion of the cognitive and moral qualities of citizenship on Constitution Day. We recognize that this connection (between education and citizenship) is key to the practice of “full” citizenship—thinking critically about the issues of the day, discussing them civilly with each other, lifting a hand to help out in the community and certainly pulling the lever to vote—honoring the opportunity.

Someone once wrote that America’s first words were “We, the people.” “Citizens, not subjects. Education, not indifference. Let me participate, not tell me what to do. On this “Constitution Day—‘We the People’”—indeed.

Tom Foley is President of Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, PA.
Founded as Saint Aloysius Academy in 1853, what is now Mount Aloysius College has been a part of the western Pennsylvania community for over 160 years. For our graduates—nearly 15,000 of them now—Mount Aloysius College offers an education and an opportunity to build careers in our local communities. The College was, and still is, an agent of change for our graduates. 

As I enter my first full academic year at Mount Aloysius College, I have been asked to offer some thoughts on endowed funds. From my experience, a strong endowment is essential to the future health of a college. Consider the endowment as a savings account which can never be touched. Only the interest and earnings, and in most cases, only a portion of the earnings, can be spent to fund scholarships, programs or initiatives. I want to address endowed scholarship, specifically in this issue of the Mount Aloysius Magazine.

As of June 30, 2013, the end of our most recent fiscal year, we had 89 endowed scholarships at Mount Aloysius College. The total value of these scholarships was $4.7 million. Our oldest endowed scholarships were both established in 1975 and are named the Sr. Mary de Sales Farley Memorial Scholarship—named for the founder of Mount Aloysius Junior College, and the Sr. Mary Magdalene O'Reilly Memorial Scholarship.

That was only 38 years ago—a relatively short time when you consider the age of this institution. In fact, we have had more new scholarships established in the last 13 years (50) than in all the prior years combined (39).

At Mount Aloysius College, our Board of Trustees sets the annual spending policy which determines how much will be spent out of the earnings from our endowed funds. With sound stewardship—careful investment and a conservative spending policy—the goal is to have the value of an endowed scholarship grow over time. Once created, an endowed scholarship will exist in perpetuity. Therefore, naming a scholarship endowment in memory or in honor of a family member or loved one can be a particularly meaningful way to honor them.

Mount Aloysius College depends on tuition to fund its daily operations. When planning for the future, we look to our endowed funds to meet the growing need for student scholarships. Providing scholarship support and investing in the education of our students provides them with the building blocks for their future success. I am reminded of a simple quote about influence:

"This I learned from the shadow of a tree
That to, and fro, did sway against the wall
Our shadow selves, our influence
May fall where we, ourselves can never be."

-Anna Hamilton

To our donors who have the vision and faith to establish endowed scholarships, knowing they will influence students at MAC in perpetuity, I offer our thanks and gratitude.

At this year’s Scholarship Recognition Banquet, we celebrated the generosity of the many MAC donors and benefactors who make a collegiate education possible for so many Mount Aloysius students. Enjoy these photos from the event and please consider a donation to help a Mountie reach their educational goals.

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2013
Celebrity Golf Tournament

Excitement was high as foursomes filled up the field for the 16th Annual Mount Aloysius Celebrity Golf Tournament. Eleven year Pittsburgh Steelers nose tackle Chris Hoke, was on hand to help foursomes tee off as well as meet, greet and break bread with attendees. Proceeds of the annual celebrity tournament provide much needed scholarships for Mount Aloysius College students. The event took place on Friday, June 14th at the Summit Country Club, Cresson, PA. Breakfast and registration started the day, preparing golfers for a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m.

This year’s celebrity, Chris Hoke, was signed by the Pittsburgh Steelers as an undrafted free agent after the 2001 NFL Draft. Named by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as one of the Steelers’ great backup players, Chris retired in 2012 after 11 seasons with the black and gold.

All attendees had an awesome day of golf. The southern Allegheny sky threatened all day but mercifully held off. A light sprinkle fell as tired but happy golfers made for their cars and the ride home.

Chairperson for the event was Mr. Michael McLanahan, CEO of the McLanahan Corporation and member of the Mount Aloysius College Board of Trustees. State Senator John N. Wozniak of the 35th Pennsylvania Senatorial district served as Honorary Chairperson. Other members of the Committee included: Rene Damini of Damini Printing, Hampton Durbin of Durbin Companies, Adam Henger of L.R. Kimball, Gary Martin, assistant to Senator Wozniak, Phil McGovern of Stager Chevrolet Buick; Sean McLanahan of McLanahan Corporation; Randy Stager of Stager Chevrolet Buick and Bill Wilkinson of Wilkinson Bus Lines, Inc. $
Tom McConnell of Cresson caught this never-before-seen angle of the Main Bell tower with his remote controlled quadcopter drone and mounted camera. Tom specializes in aerial drone photography/video.
Well the colors have been chosen and the shock absorbing floor is installed and painted. The place is absolutely gorgeous!

At this writing the furniture is being installed and downstairs in the Wellness Center, the cardio equipment is rolling in, complete with interactive terrain screens enabling a GPS-generated running or biking course. So get out your sweat suit and start making your New Year’s resolutions. All fingers are crossed to have Mountie Madness rock the house in the new Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center.

Suzanne Campbell, Senior Vice President of Administration, is busy gathering input from throughout the campus community as she and her team put the finishing touches on their physical space plan. Thus
far, this is certain. The Athletic Department will start
moving in very soon. Their space is situated on the
main floor, adjacent to the hallway that surrounds the
balcony seating section of the main gym. Coach and
staff offices are modest yet functional.

On that same floor the Institutional Advancement and
Student Affairs teams will occupy space in tandem
with Athletics. There will also be academic offices,
predominately those of Business faculty. The Athletic
Convocation and Wellness Center offers plenty of
incubator space for entrepreneurial endeavors in the
concession and gift areas.

The 87,400 square foot facility was made possible by a
$10 million grant from the Commonwealth of Penn-
sylvania. With seating for over 2,500, the building
should attract athletic contests from regional high
schools and offer the southern Allegheny community
another venue for special events.

Inside the lower level, the Wellness Center with
resistance and cardio equipment including elliptical
machines, tread mills, rowing machine and training
cycles. There is a versatile ancillary gymnasium
designed for a variety of sports activity. Office and
convention space includes multi-use classrooms,
meeting rooms and office space. The building is
totally internet accessible and wireless.

Excitement is running high and there is a heightening
buzz on campus as our future continues taking shape
on the western horizon. §
Nursing Education
at Mount Aloysius College:

A Legacy of Excellence

Alumni from Mount Aloysius College’s nursing program can stand tall knowing that their legacy is one of excellence. In addition to securing employment soon after graduation, alumni are being accepted into highly selective graduate programs.

Katie Fisher, BSN, RN is a 2013 graduate of our RN to BSN program. Katie attended Mount Aloysius for both her Associate and her BSN degrees. A brilliant nursing student, Katie is now enrolled at the main campus of the University of Pittsburgh in their Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

Katie offered this advice on making the decision to advance to the BSN degree. “The Associate degree gives you an outstanding focus on hands-on nursing. The BSN gives you several advantages – knowledge of the underlying disease processes patients are going through, plus vital leadership skills. You will learn how to run a nursing unit, and how to be in-charge of a team. It definitely widens your scope of practice,” she added.

Mount Aloysius College is one of the oldest degree granting nursing programs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Graduating nurses point to the college’s supportive faculty, the use of a state-of-the-art simulation center, outstanding clinical partners, and strong NCLEX pass rate as factors that stand strong against any nursing program in the country. Regina Barr, Associate Degree Chairperson, attributes program success to a philosophy of continuous quality improvement. “We focus on ensuring our program is up to date, relevant to current practice, and achieves the learning outcomes we expect.”

Associate degree graduates are continuing on to the bachelor’s degree in record numbers. The challenge to accommodate more RNs wanting to complete their BSN was very clear to Nursing Division Chair Dr. Rebecca Zukowski. “We knew that in order to accommodate more registered nurses wanting to complete their BSN, we would have to do two things immediately — increase access to the program, and provide a premier educational experience that would help them further their careers. We know that Mount Aloysius nurses will be leading healthcare into the future. Our program is up to date, relevant to current practice, and achieves the learning outcomes we expect.”

“Those moves meant streamlining the admissions and financial aid processes,” added Dr. Zukowski. “And creating several modalities that would keep our RN to BSN program accessible and flexible.” Registered nurses come from a variety of life situations — busy nurse-mothers in mid-career; early career or recent graduates wanting to complete their BSN, and nursing professionals — maybe living out of state — wanting to assume more responsibility and leadership.

“We looked at our systems with an eye toward finding ways to help registered nurses start and finish their BSN at a pace they could set for themselves. We now have multiple options for them to chose — including an all on-line program.” said Dr. Zukowski. “Nurses are special people. The profession asks a lot of them and our goal is to make this part of their education — achieving their BSN — their next new horizon.”

What advice does Katie Fisher offer to anyone considering the BSN? "Definitely get a BSN now," she said, "especially with the new changes in healthcare. In many cases employers help pay for this education but — at any rate — the BSN is a great investment."

Alumni are encouraged to continue to keep in contact with the nursing program. “We are very interested in hearing about our grads, and in involving them in where the program is going in the future. After all — this program belongs to them — it is their legacy of excellence that we celebrate,” said Dr. Zukowski.

To contact Dr. Zukowski, email her at rzukowski@mtaloy.edu or call her at 814-886-6458. She wants to hear from you and where you are in your career. There are also opportunities to serve on several task forces in an advisory capacity. §
The Phoenix Basketball Club of Belfast, Northern Ireland, got a special treat to mark their 10th Anniversary and so did Mount Aloysius College and the Southern Alleghenies. Irish basketball teams are organized by age-groups and are club-based, unlike American basketball which is predominately organized around school.

The kids and coaches from Belfast were hosted by Mount Aloysius College for six days full of basketball and great fun. The trip was arranged by Mount Aloysius College President Tom Foley during a trip last spring to Northern Ireland.

“People don’t come from wealthy families and basketball was a means to mingle youth from all sides of the traditional struggle in Northern Ireland,” said President Foley.

While on leave from Yale Law School to volunteer with the Nobel Prize winning Peace People, President Foley played basketball with the late John Kennedy, the father of Belfast Coach Simon Kennedy. John Kennedy was captain of the Irish National Basketball Team.

Coach Kennedy’s 14-year-old daughter, Sophie, never got to know her legendary grandfather, John. But now she did get to meet a man—MAC President Tom Foley—who had played ball with him in her own hometown years ago.

In a recent note to President Foley, Simon Kennedy reported, “at basketball club get togethers there is always someone with a piece of Mountie sports-wear on display. An instant reminder of our trip of a lifetime.”

Sixteen boys and eight girls came to Mount Aloysius with their five coaches and chaperones and stayed in McAuley Hall. Among the coaches was Irish basketball legend Breda Dick. Coincidentally, Breda played against our own Jennifer Dubuque, Vice President of Institutional Advancement. Jennifer grew up in Dublin, Ireland and recalls Breda as a fierce competitor. “The person we see here is nothing like the player on the court,” she said. “Breda was aggressive, strategic and tough.” It was a special treat for Mrs. Dubuque to see her daughter, Megan, be coached by Breda.

Their time at Mount Aloysius College was not all basketball. The group spent a night at Altoona’s Curve Stadium until the game got rained out by a torrential downpour. Never ones to quit, President Tom Foley and his wife Michele organized a quick trip to the Hollidaysburg Y to watch Mountie Coach Kristie Kaack’s club team play.

All-in-all it was great treat for the Mount Aloysius community and for the visiting children and their chaperones. The kids made friends on and off the court and their presence in the 2013 Summer Basketball Camp added a fresh level of enthusiasm that increased the fun for all concerned.
Young men and women, ages 12 to 15, had an opportunity to explore law enforcement excellence again this year. The Pennsylvania State Police held their second annual Camp Cadet at Mount Aloysius College. The six-day immersion into the rigors of cadet life received rave reviews from the organizing troopers, parents, officials here at Mount Aloysius and the cadets themselves.

“We make as much available as possible to them to meet their needs,” said Suzanne Campbell, Senior Vice President for Administration here at Mount Aloysius College. “We consider it a privilege that our criminal justice students get to see this unfold and our staff employees get to watch the amazing transition that these kids go through attending a camp like this.”

Criminal forensic investigations, helicopter use, speed monitoring, horseback riding, close quarter combat and fitness training were all part of the six-day training regimen. “We want (the cadets) to become positive (people) in society,” said State Trooper Scott Urban, who was Camp Director. “We’re trying to show them that there’s more out there than just the normal camps. It’s OK to have fun, but we want them to look to the future and give them a basis on that.”

Students, staff and faculty at Mount Aloysius College logged nearly 13,000 hours of community service in the last academic year. MAC students partnered with 217 community partners, completing 363 community projects. MAC faculty and staff also contributed to the effort. The Mount Aloysius service contributions were recognized by the White House earlier this year as the College was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This honor—the second consecutive award for Mount Aloysius—is the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to community service and civic engagement.

“Right in our Philosophy Statement we make clear—students are encouraged to synthesize faith with learning, to develop competence with compassion, to put talents and gifts at the service of others. Graduating community-ready citizens is a core function of Mount Aloysius College,” President Foley added.

“Written into every campus organization’s charter and woven deep by the founders the College—the Religious Sisters of Mercy—the idea of graduating men and women ready to serve their communities is central to our mission.”

There are five categories of service considered for recognition by the President’s Honor Roll. These are Economic Opportunity, Education, Environment, Health and Wellness, and Veterans and Deployed Personnel.

Volunteer contributions of the Mount Aloysius College community are monitored by the Office of Community Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship Center at the school. The purpose of the office is to serve as a conduit of information and a connection between community partners and service activities. The office provides information and support to students, faculty and staff in identifying and executing service projects.

The scope of the College’s service contributions touched individuals in many walks of life, both within the southern Allegheny region and well beyond. Mount Aloysius College’s service efforts were felt in 18 Pennsylvania counties including: Allegheny, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Cumber-land, Dauphin, Elk, Fayette, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Somerset, Westmoreland and York. Communities were served by Mount Aloysius volunteers in New Orleans, Louisiana and clean-up crews visited New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy. Much needed Mountie service work also took place in both Guyana and Honduras.

Several Mount Aloysius College service projects targeted veterans and projects “Soles4Souls” and “World Help: Christmas for an Orphan” were international in scope.

Mount Aloysius College service efforts attracted four Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania awards from the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development. WISE Women of Blair County granted $5,000 for the Third Annual Pathways to Empowerment Workshop, scheduled to be held this year. The Sisters of Mercy’s Healthy Community Initiative Grant for $4,000 was awarded for support of the Mercy Youth Initiative.
Congratulations! Shianne Mock ’12 was officially commended by Cambria County commissioners for saving the life of a woman in Central Park (Johnstown). Mock, an EMT, was working her other job at the Children and Youth Services in Johnstown when a woman went unresponsive due to a drug overdose in the nearby park. Shianne grabbed an automatic defibrillator and rushed from her fourth floor office to the woman’s side. She stabilized the woman in time for paramedics to arrive and saved the woman’s life. Her response to the commendation was, “we love saving people.”

Brandon Krause ’08 and Mindy Knepp were married August 17, 2013 in Spring Mills, PA. Brandon, a MAC nursing graduate employed by Mount Nittany Medical Center and Mindy, an Edinboro graduate who works for Nittany Oil Company, reside in State College. Mindy, a Mount Aloysius alum, graduated as a senior.

Jennifer Roseman ’94 & ’08 (MA), Vice President of VetAdvisor® Services, was named one of the Top 100 People in Business in Central PA by the Central Pennsylvania Business Journal. As Vice President of VetAdvisor® Services, Jennifer implements and directs proactive veteran outreach programs.

Leslie (Sottile) Bradley ’01 was recognized for her job at SCI Cresson. Leslie served as a clerk stenographer in the superintendent’s office at SCI Cresson. She was nominated for this award because she sets an excellent example for coworkers through her job performance, organization and overall willingness to get the job done, whatever that job may be.

Leslie and her husband, Grant, have one son, Tyler, and reside in Northern Cambria.

Brandy ‘03 has graduated with honors from Chatham University, Pittsburgh. She earned a doctorate in nursing practice. She is Clinical Director of Emergency and Surgical Services at UPMC Bedford Memorial Hospital. Hersheberger is a 1997 graduate of Conemaugh Township Area High School, Davidsville, and a 2003 graduate of Mount Aloysius College, Cresson, where she received a nursing degree, and in 2007, a bachelor’s degree.

Dorothy Winfield ’03 of Altoona was covered in the Altoona Mirror and various regional news outlets for her retirement from Family Services, Inc. Described as a pioneer in domestic violence advocacy, Dorothy started with the agency as a volunteer hotline worker before joining the staff as a caseworker. Described by local attorneys as a “true inspiration to all survivors,” Dorothy has trained police officers and magistrates about domestic violence and helped countless others through several decades of experience.

Erika Jogan ’06 (MS) continues to counsel, advocate, and support victims of crime and abuse as the Supervisor of Direct Services for Victim Services, Inc. of Johnstown. A master’s graduate of Mount Aloysius, Erika was instrumental in starting the Healing Integrative Group, a support group for female survivors of sexual abuse that combines yoga with art and music. A tireless community advocate, Erika has also served the YWCA of Johnstown as a counselor and board member.

Barret Ferre ’11, a BSN graduate, was named by Johnstown Magazine as one of their Most Beautiful People (2013 edition). Barret, a resident of Windber, is married to Aspen Mock Ferre and the couple recently had their first child this July. Ferre wants to make a positive impact in the community and was quoted as saying, “I am not a super nurse but I care about the people I am taking care of and I’m proud of what I do.”

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Scott Miller ’02 continues to serve Richland Township in dual capacities; he is the Director of Technology for the Richland School District and is the Executive Director for the Richland Performing Arts Center. When he is not busy with computers or the theatre, he and his wife Rachel are the parents of three small children, including a two-year-old. Visit richlandpac.com for this season’s shows and make it a point to support Scott.
Class of 1997
Dave Bickers ’97, CRNP, CWOCN, has become a certified registered nurse practitioner for Altoona Regional’s Wound Care, Ostomy and Hyperbaric Medicine. He is also assuming two new roles in the department: Supervising Medical Officer of Hyperbaric and Lab Safety Officer. A 1997 graduate of our nursing program, Dave previously worked for Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital before being promoted to nurse manager at Altoona Hospital. Dave resides in Hollidaysburg.

Class of 1980
Cecil Brooks III ’80, world renowned jazz drummer, headlined the Pittsburgh JazzLive International Festival with Chaka Khan. Cecil and his band, Hot D.O.G (short for drums, organ, and guitar) played June 8, 2015 on the main stage in downtown Pittsburgh. A drummer officially described as "contemporary, aggressive and a polyrhythmic stylist," Cecil worked on the Cosby Show house band, owned Cecil’s Jazz Club in West Orange, NJ, for nearly a decade and has produced for several artists including Gail Allen and Jackie Woods. See him on Facebook at Cecil’s Jazz Cecil Brooks III.

Class of 1977
Beth Restick Graf ‘77, a music major at Mount Aloysius who studied the piano and viola, retired from Indiana Area School District after a 34-year career as a music teacher. A resident of Indiana, Beth is married to Dirk Grafon, Assistant Professor of Criminology for the college. Beth and Dirk are the parents of Christopher Grafon ‘04 and Diana Grafon ‘07.

Class of 1979
Deborah (Hileman) Roccio-Anderson ’79, a case manager with Altoona’s Occupational Medicine Department, retired July 1 with 34 years of service. Roccio-Anderson was hired as a registered nurse in the operating room at Mercy Hospital in 1979 and worked there until eight years ago. Deborah is a 1979 nursing graduate of Mount Aloysius College and will continue to work as a nurse on an as-needed basis.

Class of 1974
Allen Capriotti ’74, of Altoona, former student of Sr. Maria Josephine D’Angelo, RSM, has won numerous local and regional awards for his art. His works hang in the Pennsylvania State Museum, the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Mount Aloysius College, numerous local churches, and private collections throughout the country. The work below, “Pennsylvania Victorian Restoration,” is one such piece, which reflects real people in everyday situations. Please check out his website at www.alenncapriotti.com to learn more about Allen and his art.

Class of 1973
Rick Allison ’73, Dean of Academic Affairs and Coordinating Dean of Allied Health at the Community College of Allegheny County, was honored by the Allegheny County Emergency Medical Services Council with its EMS Champion Award for transforming the college’s noncredit program into a credit certification and degree program.

Class of 1972
Janice Gans Motsey ’72 of Sugarloaf, PA, and her husband, Robert, celebrated their 40th anniversary in October. Mr. and Mrs. Motsey are the co-administrators and owners of the Laurels Senior Living Community in Hazleton. They are the parents of two children and four grandchildren.

Class of 1957-A
Stephanie McCall Dorsch ‘57A and 59C, is having her book, “My Uninvited Guest,” published this fall. The book details Stephanie’s 27-year battle with Parkinson’s disease. Stephanie lives in Winston-Salem, NC with her husband, Frank. She can be reached at hersel@triad.rr.com.

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Class of 1992
Timothy S. Layton ’92, of Windber, PA was appointed to the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners. Layton will represent Region 4, an area made up of Cambria, Somerset, Blair, Bedford, Huntington and Fulton counties. A lifelong Pennsylvanian who has hunted and fished nearly his entire life, Layton is a U.S. Army veteran, a graduate of Greater Johnstown High School, Mount Aloysius College and the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. He is the funeral director at Ozog Funeral Home, Inc. in Johnstown and resides in Windber with his wife, Susan, and their three children.

Class of 1982
Loretta (Corle) ’82 (OTA) and Steve Dodson became the world’s first married couple to complete the marathon cycle, finishing at least one race on each of the seven continents. They are on their way to a second cycle, but are in no hurry. Combined, they have run over 70 marathons around the world. The two have been running since the late 1980’s and reside in Macungie, PA. Here are their conquests:

• 1986, ’88, North America, Harrisburg, both qualified for Boston Marathon on first try.
• 1997, Africa, Comrades Ultra, both completed the 56-mile course in first year event was open to international runners;
• 1997, Europe, Berlin, fastest track they’ve ever run;
• 1998, South America, Chile, first part of the race was in a wicked thunderstorm;
• 1998, Asia, Singapore, sunburned, restarted;
• 2000, Oceania, Auckland (New Zealand), completed on New Year’s Eve, 2001;
• 2000, Oceania, Auckland (New Zealand), completed on New Year’s Day, 2003 as part of the millennium celebration.
Former member of the Mount Aloysius College Board of Trustees — Mr. Gerald Henderson — passed away, December 4, 2012. In his will he named Mount Aloysius as a beneficiary of his estate, directing that benefits be directed to the Edgar & Augusta Henderson Memorial Scholarship he established in 2009. This past April, the College received $25,000 — further endowing the scholarship. Today, his legacy stands in perpetuity, forever honoring his commitment to the Mount Aloysius College brand of higher education.

His long-time partner, Susan Hill of State College, said during a recent visit that Mr. Henderson believed wholeheartedly in the mission of Mount Aloysius College. “Gerry was such a strong, strong believer that everyone should have an education — that education should be provided for everyone. He felt that Mount Aloysius did just that,” she said. “He certainly believed in liberal arts, but also in career-oriented education. And he was just so proud of Mount Aloysius College — especially the exceptional nursing program.”

Ms. Hill noted that Gerald Henderson was also very proud that Mount Aloysius College provided such a quality education for so many first-generation students. Today, 61 percent of all Mount Aloysius College students represent the first generation of their family to attend college.

It is anticipated that the first awarding of the Edgar & Augusta Henderson Memorial Scholarship will take place for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Mr. Henderson was a 1949 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and a graduate of Washington and Lee University. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving as a sergeant in the Korean War. He was the President of Saf-T-Bak, Inc., formerly known as the Altoona Overall Company, which was founded in 1904 by his grandfather, Morris Henderson.

Ms. Susan Hill of State College, PA. holds a favorite photo of Gerald Henderson and herself.
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