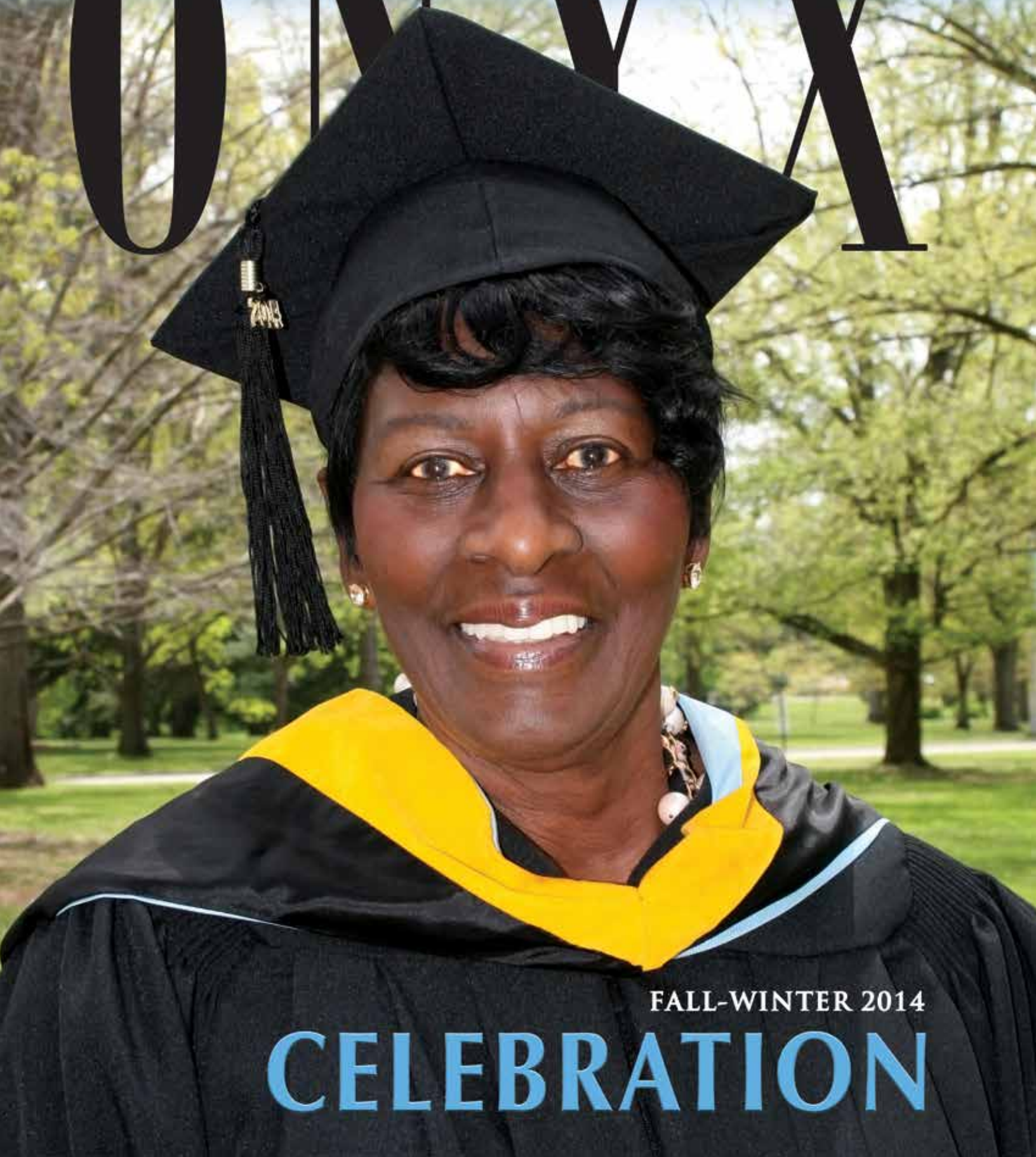


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Photo Above:

Excitement abounds at The Woods as completion of the Jeanne Knoerle Sports and Recreation Center is drawing near. Ribbon cutting celebration will take place on December 3, 2014. See schedule on back cover.

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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College empowers students to think critically, engage in lifelong leadership, and effect positive change in a spirit of service and social responsibility. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the nation's oldest Catholic, liberal arts college for women, was founded in 1840 by Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and the Sisters of Providence. Today, the distance and graduate programs serve both women and men, while the undergraduate campus program maintains its historic commitment to women.

President's Message

This fall begins a year-long celebration as we lead up to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College's 175th anniversary as an institution on Oct. 22, 2015. Think of all of the strong, women leaders who have come from The Woods in those 175 years. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and all of the women who followed in her footsteps built the strong foundation that we still rely on today.

I have been reflecting on all that has happened in the last year and how Providence has joined us in our efforts. And I am pleased to celebrate that with you in this issue.

But we're not only celebrating The Woods, we are celebrating you – your support, your generosity and all that you have accomplished. We value the students, alums and friends of The Woods who continue Saint Mother Theodore Guerin's legacy.

In this issue, you will meet some of those people who are forever part of that legacy including **Maryland Morris '13**, a 76-year-old Woods Online graduate who celebrated her graduation this past May, Distinguished Alumna Award recipient **Cindy Hux Martin '78**, Frances Murphy Rumely Award recipient **Marcia Reder Schmidt '72**, and Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Award recipient **Gail Thomas McKenna '63**, along with all of our supporters of the Woods Fund and the capital campaign to build a sports and recreation center who showed their generous support this past year. You will also enjoy photos from the alum trip to Italy and read about **Colleen Johnson North '92** and how her and her husband's participation in the trip became a celebration of family history.

It's easy to celebrate the big achievements, but let's also remember all of the small moments that we can celebrate – a friendship rekindled at



Reunion, a note of kindness from a classmate, recognition of the Woods Ring that sparks a conversation – and all of the many connections to our beloved Woods that mean so much. These are but a few examples of SMWC's growing list of leaders, who impact their professions and their colleagues through their integrity and determination to exceed beyond what is expected – to *Aspire Higher*. I know you, like me, carry this mantra in your spirit. *Aspire Higher* is truly authentic to who we are as a college and what you do each and everyday.

Sincerely,

Dottie L. King, Ph.D.
President
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College



Celebrating... a long-awaited goal!

By Betsy Wells

Having not stepped foot on campus in over 10 years since she began her online degree at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC), 76-year-old **Maryland Morris '13**, of Rancho Dominguez, Calif., was excited to be back at The Woods. Donned in her graduation gown and cap, she stood for pictures on the front steps of Guerin Hall before her long-awaited commencement ceremony on May 4, 2014.

After standing for a few pictures, Maryland quickly took the cap off of her head and ushered for her husband, Bill, to step closer as she placed the cap on his head.

"He has been my biggest supporter," she said, smiling. "I just want him to know how this feels."

Maryland began her first course in the Woods Online program in February 2003. Although she already had an associate's degree in certified occupational therapy, which she had obtained about 25 years earlier, it had always been her goal to achieve a bachelor's degree. However, another goal took priority,

and that was to not have any student debt upon graduation.

"Getting my bachelor's was something that I always wanted to do," Maryland said. "I didn't do it sooner because I didn't want to have a standing bill when I finished. That was my ultimate goal to get my degree and also have it paid in full."

"I'm a goal person, I always have a goal in mind."

To achieve both of her goals, Maryland typically only took one class at a time, often while also working one or two jobs. But money wasn't the only obstacle that she had to overcome.

"I was nervous about getting my degree online at first," said Maryland. "I knew I wasn't that good with computers, but there was no other way I could do it ... with working, I couldn't sit in a class."

Determined to make it work, Maryland got help from friends and family members, and never hesitated to call SMWC for help. She also used online tutoring through Woods Online for a few of the more challenging courses in her degree program.

With her tenacity and will to aspire higher, Maryland achieved her goal and graduated from Woods Online with a bachelor's degree in applied science: applications in occupational therapy in July 2013. Even more remarkable, she did so with absolutely no student debt.

"I'm a goal person," Maryland said. "I always have a goal in mind."

So, what is Maryland's next big adventure?

"I don't know. I've been thinking about learning sign language ... or Spanish. We'll see about that," she said. "Or maybe both! Who knows?"





Martin Named 2014 Distinguished Alumna

By Betsy Wells

Each year, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) honors one of its alumnae during commencement with the Distinguished Alumna Award. The award both honors the recipient and celebrates the prestige her accomplishments bring to the College. It is the highest honor the College bestows upon a graduate in recognition of her noteworthy achievements and valuable professional and personal contributions. During the SMWC commencement ceremony on Sat., May 3, the title of 2014 Distinguished Alumna was awarded to **Cynthia “Cindy” Hux Martin ’78**.

Martin graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in accounting/secondary education. Joining her family business, Tri-Industries, Inc. straight out of college, Martin quickly became the chief administrative officer. She went on to become the chief financial officer and chief executive officer of many other family-owned businesses including

Tri-Quality Mining and Martin Landscaping, Inc.

Passionate about entrepreneurship, she and **Linda Lovellette McLeaish ’79** together owned and operated Bunch of Ladies, a successful and unique gift and garden retail store. Currently, she is president and CEO of Hux Oil Corp., as well as the president and founding director of the Hux Family Charitable Trust.

As a vital part of the Terre Haute community, she holds directors’ seats on the Union Hospital Board, the Union Hospital Foundation Board, and on the Bank of Lawrence County. Other civic leadership roles include Philanthropic Education Organization, Service League of Union Hospital, and 100+ Women Who Care.

She and her husband, Jim, have two daughters.

Always a supporter of The Woods, Martin served on the College’s Board of Trustees in various roles since 2006.

It is the highest honor the College bestows upon a graduate in recognition of her noteworthy achievements and valuable professional and personal contributions.

Through excellence in her career and service to her community, she embodies the principles dear to SMWC.



#CIAOSMWC

SMWC alumnae/i and friends traveled to Italy in May 2014.



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1. SMWC travelers pose for a photo at Vatican City in front of St. Peter's Basilica.
2. Enjoying a traditional gondola boat ride through the streets of Venice.
3. The visit to the famous Trevi Fountain in Rome helped many mark another important historical landmark off their travel lists!
4. Salute! Alums and friends enjoyed a lovely dinner at a Tuscan farm.

CIAO, la mia famiglia!

— By Katie Shane

For Colleen Johnson North '92, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College has given her more than just an education.

This graduate has experienced new friendships, international travel and the chance to trace family roots.

Colleen and her husband, Dana, attended The Woods 2014 Alumnae/i Trip, "The Best of Italy!"

Not only did the couple visit sites including St. Peter's Square, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and The Colosseum, but the highlight for the Norths was their tour of Chiauci.

If the small village two hours outside of Rome doesn't sound familiar, it's not surprising. The village's population is only around 250 people, once including Dana's grandfather.

Intrigued by Dana's family history, the Norths signed on for The Woods bi-annual trip, planning to arrive three days early to visit Chiauci.

"I don't think you can put it into words," Colleen says of the experience. "(Dana's) mother talked about doing it for years and now she cannot, so to fulfill a dream of hers and to know you have been in the same village that a family member came from and traced it back, it was a once in a lifetime feeling."

That feeling grew when the Norths entered the village and were greeted by Chiauci's mayor, Egildo Di Pilla. Accompanied by a translator from Globus, the tour company used by SMWC, Dana and Colleen were shown Dana's grandfather, Fedele Sciarra's birth records and were introduced to the village historian.

"They gave us the address to where he was born and took us on the street he was born. It was just a beautiful village on a mountain top," Dana says of his grandfather's hometown. "I looked around at a lot of the scenery and to see what he saw, it ran chills up my back to think about it."

The excursion to Chiauci was short, but the feeling of awe lasted the entire trip for Dana and Colleen. The ten days with other SMWC alums was filled with a packed schedule to sites in Assisi, Capri, Florence, Naples, Pompeii, Rome and Tuscany.

"To be able to connect with the College on another level was something special."

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Vice President of Advancement, Karen Dyer, says The Woods trips are extraordinary, but it's not a vacation.

"There is a difference in taking a vacation and a trip; a vacation is sitting on a beach with a cocktail. That is not what this is," Dyer explains with a laugh. "We are traveling day to day. There are lots of things to do; we are on a schedule every day. But there is a benefit to that because you're getting to see everything!"

It's that benefit that has Dana and Colleen coming back to The Woods trips

year after year. The couple enjoyed the College's tour of London in May 2011 so much that they jumped when the Italy tour was announced. Four friends from the couple's home in Columbus, Ind., including Colleen's mother, also attended.

"The quality of the first trip was so amazing, and I enjoyed being able to meet some of my fellow alumnae; some of the people I would not have met otherwise," says Colleen, the owner of her own business called North Senior Care Management. "To be able to connect with the College on another level was something special."

That includes traveling with SMWC President Dottie King and her husband, Wayne. Colleen says she enjoyed speaking with King about the College's future.

"You get busy living your life and to have the opportunity to stop your life and do something as remarkable as touring a different county and being with people from the College is amazing," Colleen says. "There is always that connection that you have as a Woods graduate but the trip rekindles that."

It also rekindles Colleen and Dana's passion to travel; only a few months after returning to The States from Italy, Colleen says she has already asked Dyer about the next alumnae/i trip. And she encourages other Woods graduates to consider doing the same.

"What's the downside of going? You only have the opportunity to gain: the experience, relationships, companionships," Colleen says. "We asked ourselves, should we spend the money and get off work, but at the end of the day you won't remember that job but you'll remember that trip to Italy."



1. The street where Dana North's grandfather was born and grew up in Chiauci, Italy.
2. Colleen North's husband, Dana, (standing) and Mayor Egildo Di Pilla showing him his grandfathers birth record.
3. SMWC mothers and daughters celebrate Mother's Day in Venice: (l to r) **JoVonna "JV" Capp Hogan '05** (top) and mother Dianna Johnson (below); **Colleen Johnson North '92** (top) and mother Patty Johnson (below); and Julie Woods (top) and mother **Amy Sonderman Woods '90** (below).
4. President Dottie King with **Colleen Johnson North '92** in Pompeii.
5. Alum **Catherine "Cathy" Schueth Thomas '88** hosts an alum gathering in her villa in Florence, Italy.



U.S. Senator learns about benefits of SMWC



Mary Pat Kelly '67 met U.S. Senator Mazie K. Hirono of Hawaii and discussed Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. Mary Pat said if ever a woman embodied "Aspire Higher" in her life, it was Mazie, as she prefers to be called. Mazie was elected first to the Hawaii House of Representatives and then to the office of Lieutenant Governor. She was elected to the first of three terms in the U.S.

House in 2006, and in 2012 the people of Hawaii sent her to the Senate. As a member of both the Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee, Mazie has worked to ensure that veterans get the benefits they have earned and deserve, particularly their educational benefits and the tools to choose a college that will provide a quality education. Mary Pat was happy to share with Mazie the benefits of

a Woods education and that SMWC was a Military Friendly Institution.

Mary Pat explained the College's participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program and the Sister Catherine Hartman Spiritual Companionship Program. Mary Pat hopes alums who know veteran groups or military service members will also help spread the word on the benefits of attending SMWC.

Read the entire story, written by Mary Pat Kelly '67, of her visit with Senator Mazie Hirono at: www.smwc.edu/marypatandmazie



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CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

“It is astonishing that this remote solitude has been chosen for a novitiate and especially for an academy. All appearances are against it.”

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin wrote these words upon arriving at the site of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in 1840.

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION



This fall begins a year-long celebration in anticipation of SMWC’s and the Sisters of Providence 175th anniversary. The year of celebration will conclude on Foundation Day, Oct. 22, 2015.

Foundation Day Celebration of Eucharist
Oct. 22, 2014

Opening of the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin
Oct. 25, 2014

Ribbon Cutting for the Jeanne Knoerle Sports and Recreation Center
Dec. 3, 2014

“Rooted for Tomorrow: Wine and Design”
Feb. 21, 2015

**“Rooted for Tomorrow: Planting New Seeds”
Community Service Week**
April 12-18, 2015

**“Grace and Beauty: The Collection of the Sisters of Providence”
Swope Art Museum Exhibit**
Sept. 12-Nov. 2015

Feast of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin
Oct. 3, 2015

Mother Theodore Fest
Oct. 16-18, 2015

Foundation Day Celebration of Eucharist
Oct. 25, 2015

This year’s events will include an exhibit during Spring 2015 at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, Ind., featuring artifacts from the Sisters of Providence and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. For more information on these events, visit websites: www.spsmw.org and www.smwc.edu.



92ND ANNUAL RING DAY CEREMONY

“Her ring we take, of us a part, encircling fingers young ‘round her heart. I pledge to her, a ring to keep, like Woods is lovely, dark and deep. And I have promises and miles to go.” With these words, part of the Ring Song, the 92nd annual Ring Day ceremony at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) concluded. Echoes of the recipients’ collective voices beautifully fell on the hush of the audience in the Church of Immaculate Conception on Sat., March 22, 2014. A total of 81 traditional campus, Woods Online and graduate students received their Woods Ring in the emotionally moving ceremony.

SMWC JOINS RURAL HEALTH INNOVATION COLLABORATIVE

The Rural Health Innovation Collaborative (RHIC) welcomed SMWC as a primary member after the board of directors of the Terre Haute-based collaborative approved the membership application.

“Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College is pleased to become an active member in this thriving organization to improve the quality of health care in rural communities,” said President Dottie King. “With the launch of our nursing program, we see this opportunity as a true collaboration. Our students will benefit from existing facilities and a dynamic community of health care professionals.”

WESTERN TEAM IS REGION’S BEST

On March 7, 2014, the team was crowned IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) regional champions for Region 7, Zone 1. For the third consecutive year, the SMWC western team led the region for the entire season against some of the state’s big name schools such as Ball State University, Indiana University and Purdue University.



92nd Annual Ring Day



Western Team is Region’s Best

The team finished ahead of its competition by an impressive 68 points by the conclusion of the season. The team was undefeated in the fall semester and won all but two shows in the spring semester.

CELEBRATING FACULTY EXCELLENCE

To celebrate their commitment, three SMWC faculty members were recognized with the 25th annual Sister Mary Joseph Pomeroy Faculty Excellence Awards for their high ideals of teaching, scholarship and service. Recipients of this year’s awards are Michael Boswell, associate professor of music - for scholarship; **Jamie McCracken ’99**, associate professor of business - for service; and Douglas Scheib, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics - for teaching.

The Alumnae Faculty Leadership Award is given each year for outstanding faculty leadership resulting in added benefits to students. Sharon Boyle, associate

professor and coordinator of the undergraduate program in music therapy, is the 2014 recipient of the Alumnae Faculty Leadership Award.

WOODS ONLINE ACCOUNTING PROGRAM RANKED TOP 20

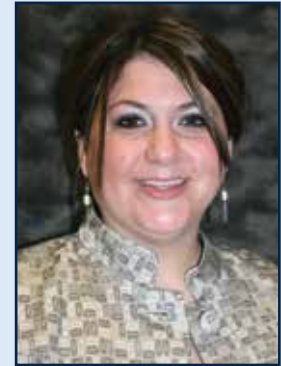
SMWC is listed among the best online accounting programs for the 2014 academic year according to BestColleges.com. SMWC’s Woods Online accounting program is recognized as one of the 20 best colleges that offer online bachelor’s degrees in accounting.

175TH COMMENCEMENT

On Sat., May 3, 2014, seventy-six SMWC students walked across the stage of Cecilian Auditorium with pride in their success and achievement. Sharon Vergez Vercellotti, the president and founder of V-LABS, INC., delivered the commencement address to the 2014 graduates – 72 bachelor degrees and 4 master degrees – from 11 states. During the commencement ceremony, Vercellotti



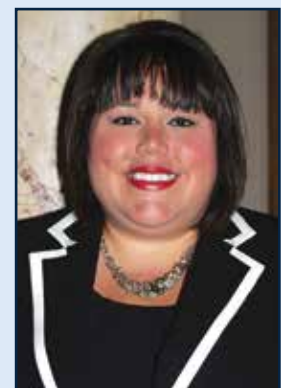
Sharon Boyle, Douglas Scheib, Michael Boswell and Jamie McCracken '99



Rachel Leslie '14G



175th Commencement – President King and Sharon Vergez Vercellotti



Susan Turner '14G

received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters Honoris Causa from SMWC.

LESLIE APPOINTED CHIEF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OFFICER

President Dottie King, Ph.D., named **Rachel Leslie '14G** as chief external relations officer at SMWC. In this senior leadership role, Leslie will serve on the president's cabinet. She will promote the public image of the College and advance its financial sustainability through building and maintaining of relationships with community leaders, corporations and governmental officials. She will help guide SMWC through the complexity of governmental compliance with federal and state regulations of higher education. In addition, she will help to oversee the implementation of the new Wabash Valley Leadership Institute.

In her previous position at the College, Leslie served as the associate vice president for advancement. Prior to her role at the College, she held several leadership

positions at the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce including vice president and interim president. Leslie earned her Master of Leadership Development degree from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and her bachelor's degree in speech communication, public relations and journalism from Indiana State University. Additionally, she earned the Institute of Organization Management certification, from the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Madison, Wis.

TURNER APPOINTED SENIOR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

SMWC welcomes **Susan Turner '14G** as the new senior director of advancement and alumni relations. Turner will lead strategies, programs and staff focused on fundraising activities and build connections with more than seven thousand alums worldwide. She will also serve as the coordinator for the Wabash Valley Leadership Institute, a new

initiative in collaboration with the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, to launch in the fall of 2014.

Previously, Turner served as the marketing director at Vermillion Rise Mega Park, in Newport, Ind., and the marketing and public relations manager for Union Associated Physicians Clinic, an affiliate of Union Health System in Terre Haute, Ind. An active member of the community, Turner has served on a variety of boards including Accelerate West Central Indiana, Essence of Red, Junior Achievement of the Wabash Valley, Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, Terre Haute Young Leaders and the United Way of the Wabash Valley Cabinet.

Turner earned her bachelor's degree in communication and public relations at Indiana State University. In 2014, she earned her Master of Leadership Development degree from SMWC.

By Betsy Wells

A weekend of laughter, friendships, reminiscing, joyful tears and warm embraces – that’s what Reunion at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) means to the nearly 300 alums and guests who reunited at The Woods June 20-22, 2014. Reunion 2014 marked milestone celebrations for the classes ending in “4” or “9.”

The weekend began Friday evening with the 1964 Golden Jubilee Reception for those celebrating their 50th Reunion and a welcome dinner for all, followed by a presentation of the May 2014 alumnae trip to Italy.

Saturday met alums with a Walk in the Woods tour through the construction of the Jeanne Knoerle Sports and Recreation Center, due to be completed by the end of the year. Alums also received a campus update from President Dottie King, Ph.D., and a tour of the new nursing center in Hulman Hall.

Each class was recognized at the Reunion Banquet along with **Marcia Reder Schmidt ’72** for the Frances Murphy Rumely Award and **Gail Thomas McKenna ’63** for the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Award.

A range of alums attended, with the oldest, **Dorothy Callahan Heiny ’39**, at age 97 and four alums from the Class of 2009, celebrating their 5th Reunion. Alums traveled from near and far. **Tel yo “Christine” Yoshida ’64** came all the way from Japan for her 50th Class Reunion.

The Class of 1964, with over 50 of their alums in attendance, celebrated the weekend by reaching a goal of \$1 million in giving to the College over the past year. In the history of the College, a jubilee class has never reached that amount over the course of a year until now.

No matter why the alums returned, one thing was for sure - the connections that they made while at The Woods are connections that last a lifetime. For this Reunion weekend, alums took a moment from their busy lives to revisit their past and relive their memories. For this weekend, they came home.



REUNION





2014 HIGHLIGHTS

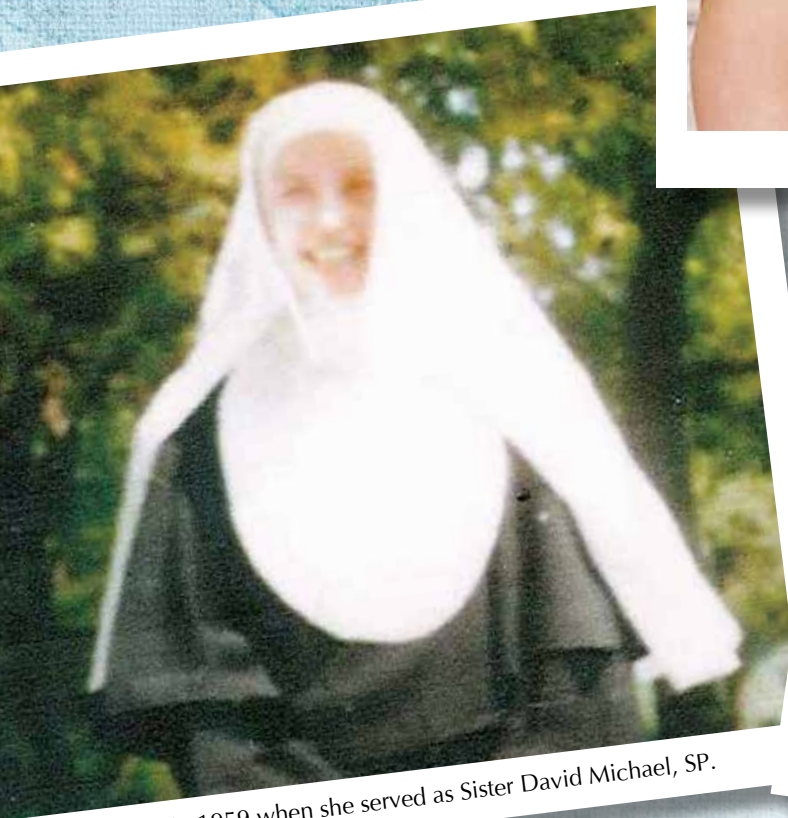


1. Alums gathered on the steps of Le Fer Hall for the Annual Walk in the Woods tour which included construction of the Jeanne Knoerle Sports and Recreation Center.
2. **Dorothy Callahan Heiny '39**, the oldest alum attending Reunion at age 97 with her family.
3. **Amy Sonderman Woods '90** enjoys Reunion with her daughter, Julie.
4. These classmates of 1964 shared their college photos and proved not much has changed; they're still beautiful women and friends.
5. The class of 1974 celebrating at the Reunion Banquet.
6. (L-R) **Tel yo "Christine" Yoshida '64** with **Juliet Muro Oeffinger '64**. Yoshida traveled all the way from Japan to return for Reunion.

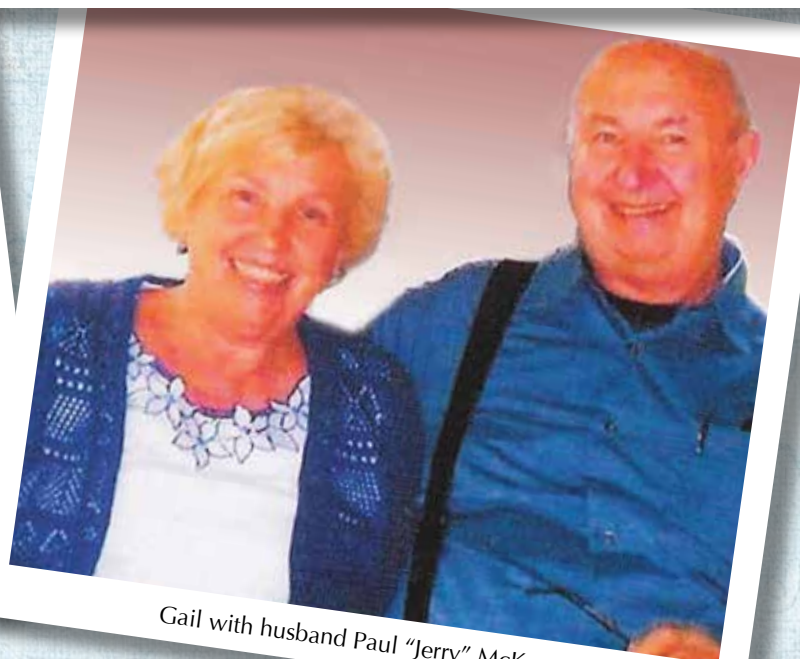
McKenna Receives SAINT MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN AWARD



President Dottie King with Gail at Reunion.



Gail in 1959 when she served as Sister David Michael, SP.



Gail with husband Paul "Jerry" McKenna.

By Betsy Wells

It is in honor of the foundress of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) and in recognition of the value-based educational legacy she established that the National Alumnae Association Board of Directors sponsors and selects the recipient of the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Award each year. The board seeks women of like purpose, devotion, community vitality and leadership to that of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin so that they may be honored at Reunion. The 2014 Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Award recipient was **Gail Thomas McKenna '63**.

"I am deeply honored to receive this prestigious award," said McKenna. "Mother Theodore has always been an inspiration in my life ... from my grade school days at St. Joseph School in Hammond until today. I've always tried to emulate her values of serving others."

McKenna graduated from SMWC with a bachelor's degree in education in 1964 and also received a master's degree in religious education from the University of Notre Dame. She has served as a Sister of Providence, an elementary school teacher, a Director of Religious Education, a university instructor, an

author, a worldwide lecturer, a harpist and a jail minister.

"It was when I began ministering at our county jail, reaching out to the incarcerated women, that I truly felt I was living the Gospel message," said McKenna. "As I meet with the women each week to share the Scriptures and their stories, I am inspired. Their openness, their faith, their hope and joy, in such a difficult situation cannot help but impress. It is this experience that inspires me to continue to *Aspire Higher*."

Schmidt Receives **FRANCES MURPHY RUMELY '35 AWARD**

In her lifetime, **Frances Murphy Rumely '35** volunteered thousands of hours to the College and her community. It is in her honor that an award is given each year at the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) Reunion by the National Alumnae Association Board of Directors. This year's recipient, **Marcia Reder Schmidt '72**, exemplifies Rumely in her commitment to demonstrating leadership through her volunteer work.

"I am so humbled," said Schmidt. "I know there are so many people deserving of this award. I am so thankful to the Alumnae Board for choosing me."

Schmidt graduated from SMWC with a bachelor's degree in home economics in 1972 and has remained a dedicated member of The Woods community. She currently serves on the SMWC Board of Trustees and as co-chair of the Pomeroy Pride campaign to build a sports and recreation center. Additionally, she was on the SMWC Alumnae Board for seven years and served as Alumnae Board chair from 2007 to 2011.

"I found my voice at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, and I am so very grateful for all of the time I have been able to serve there and for all of the volunteer opportunities I have enjoyed," said



Martha "Marti" Rumely Kuehn '69 with Marcia Reder Schmidt '72.

Schmidt. "I have been so fortunate to have a wonderful family, a fulfilling career and a lot of volunteer time."

Schmidt has been involved in parish volunteer activities for over 25 years in various roles including Eucharistic Minister, pastoral council chairperson, worship and development commission

member, marriage preparation coordinator, parish school cafeteria consultant, food pantry volunteer and more.

"I choose to Aspire Higher," said Schmidt. "To me, that means to never settle for the status quo but to always look forward and see what else can be done."

By Betsy Wells



Marcia with husband Jerry Schmidt.



Marcia with President Dottie King at Reunion.

CLASS YEAR C



Class of 1939



Class of 1949



Class of 1954



Class of 1969



Class of 1974



Class of 1989 • 25th Anniversary



Class of 1994

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Class of 1959



Class of 1964 • 50th Anniversary



Class of 1979



Class of 1984



Class of 2004



Class of 2009

ON 2014



SMWC Photo Album

1. The Golden Jubilee Class of 1964 continued celebrating after Reunion. They rode the historic St. Joseph, Mich., carousel and took sand castle classes. Pictured on the carousel.
Rachel Eberle Ambrose, Marisue Reardon Kelly, Juliet Muro Oeffinger, Mary Ann Kelly Hellmann, Rita Martin Bizzell, Becky Caufield Peloff, Sue Brennan Mounce, Bev Snyder Thompson, Katharine Yang Montgomery, Noreen Gorman Perrone, Joyce Schumacher Toothman and Giannini Lombardo Hofmeister.
2. Anne is now **Anne Hicks Kaylor '88**, as of May 4, 2014, when she married her love of six years, James Kaylor, on the beach in Ocean Isle, N.C.
3. **Ellen Murphy '79** sent this wonderful photo of her family all decked out in red and white.
4. Patrick and Abigail are the children of **Gail Baker Zwaska '01** and grandchildren of **Mary Add Wilson Baker '71**.



5. **Mary Cavanaugh Nordloh '60** and **Ann Berger Frutkin '60** after brunch in Chicago in July 2013.
6. The beautiful family of **Amy Hawkins Houser '02**.
7. **Coleen Kehoe Alley '88** and her husband were blessed with their fourth beautiful grandchild, Adelaide Rose.
8. **Walette Garcia Pellegrino '62**, left, and island visitor **Rachel Eberle Ambrose '64** at Walette's native Hawaiian farm on Maui.
9. This beautiful Christmas 2013 family photo belongs to **Laura Pair O'Neal '00**. L to R: Grandson Jackson, daughter Renee, Chris, Laura holding daughter Caroline and in front daughter Sophia.
10. These two friends, **Andrea Unruh Linde '60** and **Dolores "Dodie" Hoss Pflumm '60** shared a visit in Orlando, Fla., in the Spring of 2014.
11. Woods rings can be found everywhere! Wayne, husband of **Marsha Chester Richey '62**, spotted the Woods ring on the hand of **Mary Ann Kelly Hellmann '64** in Bora Bora while on a Tahitian Cruise in February 2014.
12. Classmates **Camille Wiggs Osborne '70** and **Barbara Brugnaux '70** met unexpectedly at the May 2014 Indiana bar admission ceremony in Indianapolis where Camille's son was admitted as an attorney in Indiana. Barbara serves as president of the Indiana Board of Law Examiners which administered the examination Camille's son had to pass to be admitted!



13. **Margaret Ann Borelli Fent '60** and husband Jerry were happy to finally have their family together for the first time in 2013 on Christmas Eve. Back, L to R: Margaret Bodman, Matt Bodman, Mary Fent, David Fent, James Borders, Elizabeth Borders, Chris Borders, Margo Borders. Front: Jerry Fent, Henry Bodman, Abigail Bodman, Charlie Fent, Caroline Fent, Anna Fent, Monica Borders, Ann Fent and Emily Borders.

14. **Margot Rudge Sullivan '63** was honored June 7, 2014, in Torrance, Calif., for her contributions to the

Educational Opportunities Fund of the Torrance branch of the American Association of University Women. She is pictured with the branch's Gloria Liu.

15. **Karen Swartzlander Fountain** sent this photo of 1970 classmates for all to enjoy. Last row, L to R: **Suzanne "Susie" McCloud Elliott; Barb Brugnaux; Mary Jo Park; Barb Butler; Karen Swartzlander Fountain; Nancy Armstrong.** Middle row: **Carmen Piasecki; Diane Krzywicki; Jean Marcellus Ferrone; Sherrill Ostrovic Ulery; Nancy Voll Pietrangeli;**

Susan Turner; Jennifer Ross Grassmyer. Front row: **Maureen Deaver Purcell; Anne Kayser Lannert; Lisa Osbourn Larsen; Mary Anna Caito Hicks; Barbara Novick Murello and Karen Kelly Kiss.**

16. **Alexis Lavin '01** shared this past photo of her family visiting the Rooney Library. L to R: **Emily Walsh, SP, '52,** Alexis grandmother **Angela Crowley Kenny '51, Leona Walsh, SP, '52 (RIP),** Alexis and daughter Michaela (future 2017 Woodsie).

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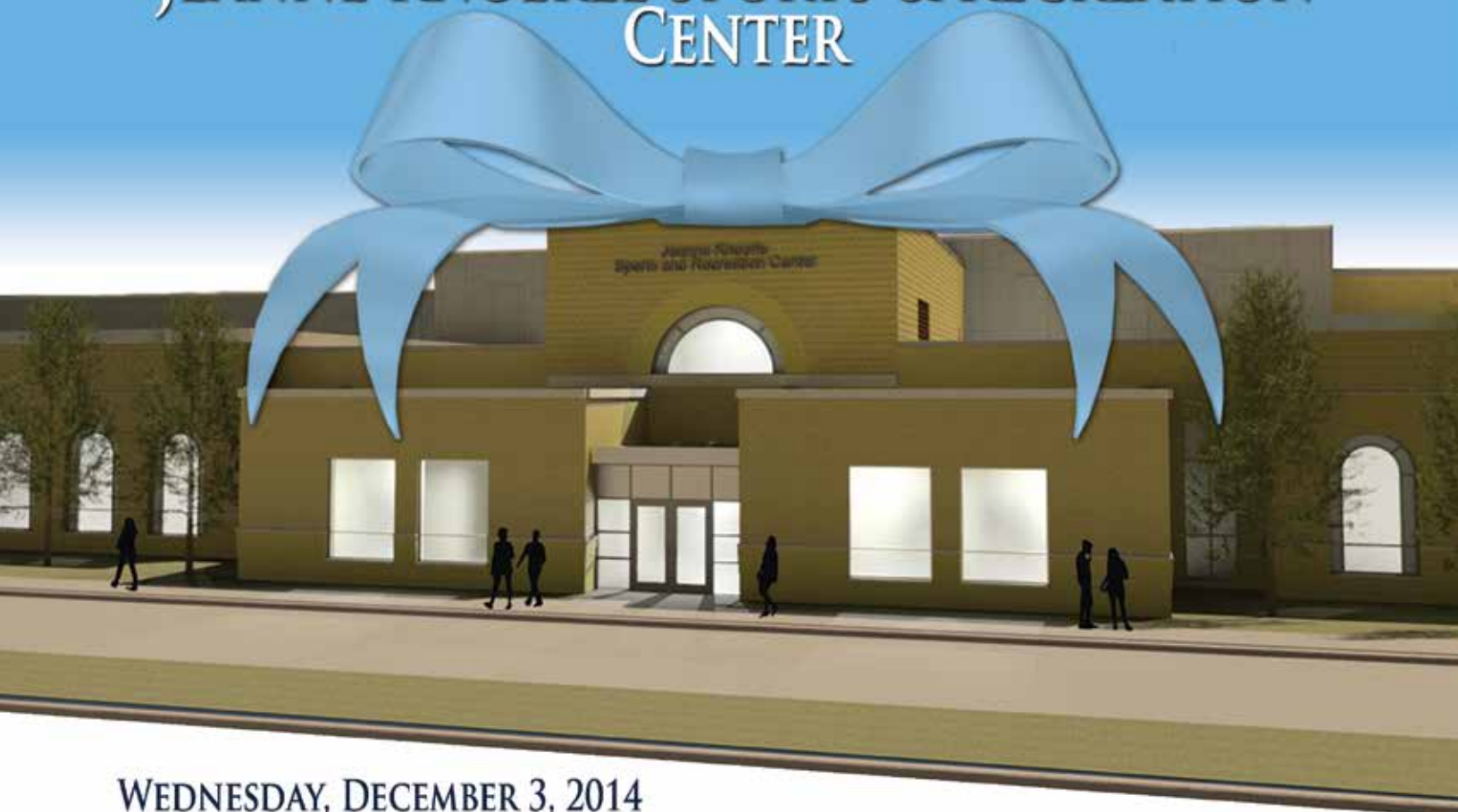


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