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These 2016 graduates posed for a photo during the Oakleaf Ceremony at the senior/faculty reception. L to R: Mikayla Metheny, Haylie Davenport, Whitney Teeters, Morgan Patterson, Jessica Paddock and Courtney Prather.

Highlights

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SMWC Trustee Emeritus Jerry Hellmann with international student, Sue Fanizani, of Kitwe, Africa. *Story on page 2.*

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New students of the Class of 2020 were welcomed on the Avenue by President Dottie King, Ph.D., during Move-In Day on August 18, 2016.

My heart is filled with gratitude, amazement and hope for the future! There are so many positive things happening at The Woods for which to give thanks and even more so because they come through the hands and hearts of wonderful people. The character of Saint Mother Theodore and of the dedicated Sisters of Providence who founded and sustained this school continues to live through the actions of so many. In this issue, you will read about one who lives his daily life in service of others with reliance on Providence. Jerry Hellmann, and his wife **Mary Ann Kelly Hellmann '64**, serve as role models for each of us!

The world is changing and The Woods and its students must continue to evolve to meet the needs of today. A Catholic, liberal arts education is more relevant than it has ever been before; we give students a world-class, well-rounded education and remind them that they are spiritual beings with a call to care! May we remain faithful to the legacy that we inherited and move it forward to meet the needs of our students, our community and our world!

Blessings,

Dottie L. King, Ph.D.
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AMERICAN DREAM

Woods Alumna, Husband Help to Bring Student from Africa to The Woods

BY KATIE SHANE

Jerry Hellmann sounds like any proud parent getting his daughter ready for her first year of college.

Hellmann rattles off plans for visits with family and friends, including short trips to Chicago and Michigan before making it to their final destination of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College for student move-in and orientation.

The only difference is that the student Hellmann and his wife Mary Ann '64, are taking to The Woods is not their daughter but a young woman they have known for more than a decade when Hellmann first met her in an African village.

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“Sue (Fanizani) is the daughter of Mary (Fanizani), and we met Mary on our very first trip to Africa in 2006,” Hellmann explains. “And now I never go to Africa without going over to Mary’s house for dinner.”

After dozens of trips to the small city of Kitwe in Zambia and countless meals at Mary’s house, it’s now Hellmann’s turn to play host. Mary’s daughter Sue left Kitwe to experience America and college at SMWC.

“She’s a really good student; and she will be a great Woods woman,” Hellmann says of Sue. “She will be an excellent fit for The Woods.”

Jerry Hellmann’s connection to The Woods dates back to the 1900s, when his grandfather happened upon the grounds and a small inn on his way to the 1904 World’s Fair in St. Louis, Mo. Hellmann explains his grandfather never made it to the fair. Instead he stayed to work as a farmhand and eventually married the woman he met working at the inn, Philomena.

Coincidentally, Hellmann himself married a woman with connections to those very grounds. His wife, Mary Ann, graduated from The Woods and is still heavily involved with fundraising and supporting the College. Hellmann, who

is an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees, says it was the degree programs and small class size that he knew would be a perfect fit for Sue to continue her education.

For students like Sue in Africa, college is not an option. Less than 20 percent of children in Zambia attend college, and often schooling ends in middle school. For Sue, her education passed sixth grade may never have happened without the persistence of Hellmann and his family.

Hellmann's ties to Africa started with his father John, who first visited a Franciscan mission in Africa. Before leaving the country, he vowed that each of his five sons would make the trip someday. That day came 25 years later in 2006.

"There were seven guys, the five brothers and two brothers-in-law, we went to see the Africa that my dad wanted us to see," Hellmann recounts. "We got there, and we figured out that he knew that we would fall in love with the place and try to do something to help."

That "something" came in the form of building schools and banana farms. The two may not typically go together in America, but in Kitwe sometimes one does not happen without the other.

During that first trip to Africa, Hellmann and his brothers toured the city's school, which opened in 2000 and



Left photo: L to R - Fr. Wayne Hellmann, OFM, **Mary Ann Kelly Hellmann '64**, Mary Fanizani, Sue Fanizani and Jerry Hellmann at The Woods.

Top photo: Mary Fanizani and Sue Fanizani were overjoyed when Sue received the acceptance letter to attend fall classes at The Woods.

served children from first to sixth grade. Hellmann was shocked to learn that schooling for many children in the area stopped at sixth grade.

"We get there in 2006 ... they have these six grades going and the kids are doing great," Hellmann says. "But at the end of sixth grade there was no other school, no high school in place, so they literally have the best educated kids

who are falling off the cliff because they don't have another school to attend."

Unable to fathom education for these students ending, Hellmann started asking questions about everything from finances to logistics. He soon discovered the majority of the funding for the school came from a 15-acre banana farm near the school. The cash crop is sold to make money for school supplies and teacher salaries.

Hellmann explained, "I asked, why are you letting them fall off a cliff? And Brother Tony, the Franciscan brother I have been working with said, because we don't have any more money. I told him, 'well plant some more bananas!'"

Easier said than done. Hellmann learned building another banana farm takes money for a water well, irrigation system, plants and more. The total cost was around \$25,000. Hellmann didn't bat an eye at the price tag, but instead continued asking questions.

"You mean to tell me for \$25,000 these kids will have an education beyond sixth grade? So I told him, I will get you \$25,000 in the next 30 days. Start digging a well."

Not only did Hellmann raise the initial investment for the banana farm, but he also helped fund computer labs in the existing school. He returned in 2010 to



Full school assembly in Africa

a computer lab full of students learning keyboarding and to see the very first high school class graduate.

With growing success at the school, the African government stepped in to continue funding and supporting the school, which is the only of its kind in a 60 mile radius. More than 700 students are currently enrolled.

One of the school's recent graduates is Sue, who received her education thanks to the hard work of Hellmann

and her mother, Mary, who sells the bananas from the school's farm. While working to open the second school, Hellmann suggested Mary enroll Sue at The Woods. The mother and daughter traveled to America and visited the Hellmann family for ten days before she began college at The Woods.

Hellmann, who lives in Michigan, says he visits Terre Haute often and plans to "check on" Sue and her studies. The freshman hasn't declared a major yet,

but like any good "parent," Hellmann has some ideas, hopes and dreams for her.

"I hope that she gets finished at The Woods and goes back to Africa—that she will teach at the school," Hellmann says of Sue. "I think she can make an impact on Africa. She can do it; I know she can. That's what I'm trying to do."

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A

with Sue Fanizani



What is it like to go to school in Zambia?

"We have very few books. No paper. Everything is done on the blackboard. I take my test on the blackboard. There were 38 students in my class."

What is it like in Africa?

"Everyone is happy and has smiles on their faces. Everything is green there. We don't have many paved roads. They are very narrow and bumpy."

What do your friends think of you coming to the U.S. for college?

"My friends were very excited. They are happy for me. They wish they could come here too!"

What do you think of the U.S. so far?

"It is very different. I'm amazed by the roads, bridges and overpasses. The shops are so big. We have small clothing shops, but not like the big ones like Walmart and JCPenney."

What do you plan to study at SMWC?

"Pre-med"

What do you want to do in your future?

"I want to be a doctor."

What are you looking forward to at SMWC?

With a huge smile she responded,

"Everything!"

Jean Wilkowski '41

1919-2016

As we welcome Sue Fanizani, from Kitwe, Zambia, to SMWC this fall, we also say goodbye to **Jean Wilkowski '41**, who became the United States Ambassador to Zambia. She would have loved to have met and known that Sue was attending The Woods.

Wilkowski graduated with a degree in journalism from SMWC in 1941. She began teaching at a college in Florida, but eventually her path took her to the State Department in Washington, D.C., where she had hoped to realize her dream of working as a foreign correspondent. Instead, she was offered a position in the Foreign Service. Over the years, her assignments took her around the world to places such as Bogota, Paris, Santiago, Milan, Rome and Beijing. But, perhaps her most important assignment was being named U.S. Ambassador to Zambia — the first career female ambassador to an African nation.

Ambassador Wilkowski's dedication and perseverance won her recognition from the Foreign Service, the State Department and even from President John F. Kennedy. Once retired, she continued to receive recognition and many awards, including the Mother Theodore Guerin Medal, a SMWC Honorary Degree and a Distinguished Alumna Award.

Her love of The Woods was evident by her service as a Board of Trustee from 1988-1989, her gift of the Global Perspectives Faculty Development Grant, her service as a speaker at a Four-Star Series in 2009, where she also did a book signing for her book, "Abroad for her Country, Tales of a Pioneer Woman Ambassador in the U.S. Foreign Service" and her many other gifts of time and treasure.

Wilkowski died on July 27, 2016. She will be remembered fondly as a true Woods woman.



Below: **Jean Wilkowski '41** worked as a foreign correspondent for President John F. Kennedy.



A-Mace-ing ADVENTURES



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Woods Freshman Completes “GAP YEAR” in Europe before Starting Classes

At just 19 years-old Mannah Mace has already experienced a lifetime of adventures.

The Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College freshman just completed a “gap year” between her senior year of high school and first semester at The Woods. During the year she lived in Konica, Slovakia, while taking classes, traveling and learning the culture and language of her temporary home.

“There was no question to whether I was going to do it; it was more why was this something that I wouldn’t do?” Mace explains of the decision to spend ten months away from home. “It was something I have always dreamed of doing.”

During her senior year of high school, Mace was offered the chance to study abroad thanks to a scholarship program through her local Rotary chapter. The

Brazil, Ind. native explains she jumped at the chance after already traveling abroad for shorter trips to India, London, and Switzerland with the Girls Scouts of Central Indiana. But due to her age, just 18-years-old at the time, the amount of countries available to study in were limited to just three. Mace chose Slovakia because of its location and culture. She immediately downloaded apps to begin learning the language.

While Mace was “all in” on her choice to leave home for a year, she did struggle with her decision to put off college for a year. The high schooler had already been accepted to SMWC and had plans to play soccer on the Pomeroy team. Her nerves about deferring her admission for a year were calmed when she spoke to the faculty and staff, which encouraged her to follow her dream,

The Woods would be waiting when she returned.

“I chose The Woods because I loved the small class sizes; the professors and administrators already know me and it hasn’t even been that long,” she explains. “I’ve heard so many times ‘Oh, you are the girl who studied in Slovakia! Congratulations!’ I really like that I have that connection. They applaud me for my accomplishments.”

Her accomplishment is one that took a little getting used to in the beginning. Mace left for her year abroad on August 22, 2015. She explains when she arrived to live with her host family the language was a large barrier, one that was a tougher transition than she expected.

“I called home in the beginning and told my mom I wanted to come home,” she says. “My mom said, ‘This is what you want to do, it’s better you learn this now than later in life’, She told me

to buck it up, 'You'll be home in July'. That was a wakeup call to me. I am one of the first people from my friends and family to study abroad. I wanted to be a success."

As a student, Mace attended the Gymnasium Trebišovská, the equivalent of a US high school. The bilingual class she was in consisted of students from all over the world who took traditional high school classes. With only a few classes taught in English, Mace was certainly tested on not only the course material, but her skills in learning and translating Slovak, the national language in Slovakia.

It may have taken a little bit of time, but Mace soon found herself excelling in her studies, traveling across Europe and speaking conversationally with her host family and new friends.

"I took the approach, I'm here. I need to make it work," she explains. "The teachers were very understanding. A lot of the work wasn't based on the grades, it was based my scores on scale of 1-5 participation. They understood that we weren't going to know it all; no one expected me to know the whole periodic table in Slovak."

When she wasn't in classes, Mace made the most of her time; traveling

across Europe and spending time with her host family. During her ten-month stay she lived with two different families; each of which had children of their own. While she was there, she celebrated traditional holidays including her birthday and Christmas. Mace says missing the holidays at home wasn't as tough as she expected, and she even had the chance to Skype with her family during her grandfather's 92nd birthday party.

Although she wasn't home during the holidays, that doesn't mean she didn't feel pangs of homesickness from time to time. But as she lists each of the countries she visited and the many adventures she had over the time she was gone, Mace says the sacrifice was worth it. For two weeks Mace and the other students in her exchange program visited France, Italy and Spain. She also gained passport stamps from Budapest, London, Poland, Prague, and Vienna.

The many countries she visited and cultures she learned about will no doubt help in her future career in International Business. As a freshman at The Woods, Mace says her goals for the future are not completely figured out just yet, but her travels have certainly inspired her career aspirations.

"Right now I would love to go into international law or a nonprofit," she says. "I would love to help people that don't have the resources to help themselves. When I was in India, I thought there is so much good that I could do. Through my career I want to help people in the future."

Only here for a couple of months, Mace is already helping people, including her fellow students at The Woods. During the Labor Day holiday, the first long weekend off of classes for the new academic year, Mace says she stayed on campus instead of going home. While on campus, she spent time with many of the international students who couldn't travel home. She spent time learning about their hometowns and making each of the students feel welcome in their new home. Mace says she was just paying it forward, after so many people did the same for her last year. She says it just one of the many lessons she learned during the memorable year.

"It was for sure the most memorable year of my life so far," Mace says. "I don't want to say it's the best year of my entire life because I hope it only goes up from here."



1. Eighty exchange students from 18 different countries attended the same district as Mannah. She is in front, on the far right, with the American flag.
2. Mannah standing in front the St. Elizabeth Church in Kosice, Slovakia. This is the largest church in Slovakia.
3. Mannah and her class traveled to London and spent five days sightseeing.



BY KATIE SHANE

Working with the Wounded

Woods Graduate Donates Time, Talent to Military Veterans

Amanda Perry '16

They say the best things in life are free, and for Amanda Perry, her passion is priceless.

The Terre Haute, Ind., native and May 2016 graduate of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College is using her amazing talents to honor wounded war veterans.

It all started when Perry met wounded war veteran Judy Brown. Perry says the two women were complete opposites, but found their dedication and passion for helping others in common.

"She was very outspoken, and I was quiet," Perry says of the friendship. "She started to share with me her past, and it just went from there."

Brown detailed her time serving a tour of duty in Iraq and shared plans

with Perry to dedicate her time to helping wounded war veterans, like herself. When she returned home, Brown was given a quilt through Quilts of Honor and wanted to help the outreach program grow. Brown enlisted Perry, a talented visual artist, to help with design.

"It all comes back to Judy," Perry says of her involvement. "I did the design work for Judy's quilts, we created and presented them to all military personnel, that was her passion and calling."

After a successful partnership and sparking a passion for veterans that Perry didn't know she had, the two women began to branch out in their services, like taking photos of events

such as the disabled veteran triathlon Dare2Tri. Perry also began helping groups design websites.

For Perry, her calling to work with war veterans also has a family connection; her grandfather and uncle both served in the military. With multiple connections and her volunteer work continuing, Perry says her passion began to grow as she got more involved in veteran projects.

After receiving an associate degree from Ivy Tech, Perry decided to continue her education at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. Smaller class size and individual attention were attractive to Perry, a self-proclaimed introvert.

"While I was at Ivy Tech I had a professor that had gone to The Woods; she was always encouraging a group of five of us to keep pursuing our education," Perry explains. "My aunt also went to The Woods. So I was familiar. I like the smaller atmosphere. Larger classes and campuses were a turn off. This was just right."

At The Woods, Perry discovered that while photography was a passion, design work was her career calling. She sharpened her skills as an art and design major and learned more at The Woods about how she could take her talents in both visual mediums and combine it with her work for military veterans.

"While at The Woods, I was taught to be grateful for what I have," she explains. "It may sound strange, but we all take things for granted. This work — it's been rewarding. The Woods gave me the understanding that I need to be thankful for what I have and what so many people have done to sacrifice for me."



Judy Brown presented Amanda's Uncle Ed Coe and her Great Grandpa Donald O. Coe Quilts of Honor. It is a rare and unique experience to get to present father and son quilts at the same time.



HOMECOMING 2016



Distinguished *Alumni Awards*

During the May 2016 commencement ceremony, the College honored two SMWC alums with Distinguished Alumni Awards: **Sister Marie Brendan Harvey '51** founder of the Chorale and Madrigals; and **Mary Barrett '65** SMWC Trustee Emeritus. Both women were recognized for their professional achievements and dedication to SMWC and their communities.



Marie Brendan Harvey, SP, '51

holds a master's degree in music from Catholic University of America. Harvey began teaching at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in 1954, where she taught voice, chorale and chant. In 1958, she founded the Chorale and Madrigals. From 1972 to 1982, she managed the SMWC Alumnae Office, while continuing to direct the Chorale and Madrigals. Harvey spent a year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison working at the Newman Center. She also worked with the liturgy at St. Mary's Parish in Champaign, Ill., and at St. Michael's Parish in Duluth, Minn. Later, Harvey taught voice and assisted with development work at Wayne State University. There, she was introduced to an AIDS Ministry and visited with patients helping them to understand God.



Mary Barrett '65

graduated from SMWC with a degree in journalism. An entrepreneur with business savvy, Barrett launched two companies during her professional career: Mary Barrett & Associates, a manufacturers representative firm, in 1979, and Glick & Associates, a firm specializing in mail order home furnishing sales and marketing, in 1995. She has volunteered for the House of the Good Shepherd in Chicago, Ill., mentoring troubled teenage girls, and was nominated as Volunteer of the Year by that organization. Barrett also volunteered at Family Shelter Service in DuPage County, Ill., working with victims of domestic violence. Barrett served on the SMWC Board of Trustees from 1999-2009, acting as Board Chair from 2005-2009.



Reunion 2016 Memories



Frances Murphy Rumely

and

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin

Award Winners



L-R: Carol Nolan, SP, '54, President Dottie King and Camille Filar Kapielski '59

At the 2016 Reunion Banquet, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College presented a prestigious set of alumni awards, the Frances Murphy Rumely Award and the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Award, to deserving alums. These awards are presented annually by the SMWC Alumni Association in honor of **Frances Murphy Rumely '35** and Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, the College's foundress.

Camille Filar Kapielski '59, of Chicago, Ill., received the Frances Murphy Rumely Award for demonstrating outstanding dedication to civic, religious or educational organizations and leadership through her volunteer work for such organizations.

"What an honor to be recognized," said Kapielski. "I am happy to do what I can for the Polish community in Chicago. The foundation here (SMWC) taught me to serve and do what I can do."

Nominated by her fellow alums, Kapielski wears many hats including high school counselor, volunteer extraordinaire, philanthropist and an activist for Catholic, Polish-American and women's rights.

"Camille has devoted her life to serving her school, church, community and country," reads one of the nomination letters.

Following graduation from Holy Family Academy, she attended SMWC to pursue her Bachelor of Arts in history and government. She continued her education at Boston College where she received a master's degree in history and political science. Her counseling and guidance hours were earned at Northeastern Illinois University.

Her 33-year teaching and counseling career was spent at Carl Schurz High School, the largest general high school in Chicago. Because of the influx of Polish immigrants, she established the first high school Polish bilingual program in the Chicago Public School System and served as the Polish counselor. Kapielski was among the first to be a Nationally Certified Counselor and served on North Central Certification teams.

She has a strong commitment to her faith and church. During her lifetime, she has encouraged high school students in CCD classes, served as Eucharistic minister coordinator, Lector, past vicariate, pastoral council representative, Chairman of Parishioners of Our Lady of Wayside parish and initiated "Swiecone," the traditional Polish Easter dinner. Kapielski is a Dame of the Sovereign Order of Malta of St. John and serves on the Boards of Catholic Charities. She is a faithful member of the SMWC Chicago Alum Club and has served on the Advisory and Trustee Emeritus Board at Holy Trinity High School and was the first woman appointed to the Gordon Technical High School Board.

Carol Nolan, SP, '54, of Coachella, Calif., received the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Award for possessing similar purpose, devotion, community vitality and leadership as exhibited by the College's foundress.

"I am honored. I can hardly believe it," Nolan said. "I am just overwhelmed. Words can hardly express what the Sisters of Providence and the College mean to me. This relationship has just been irreplaceable in my life."

Sister Carol has a long history with the Sisters of Providence dating back to 1878 when the Sisters of Providence visited her hometown of Galesburg, Ill. Her grandfather was one of the first students taught by the SPs, and her great aunt became a Sister of Providence. Following in their great aunt's footsteps, all three Nolan sisters, Carol, Nancy and Lucy, became Sisters of Providence.

Sister Carol joined the faculty at The Woods to teach music in 1969 and for 29 years, she instilled in her students a love for learning, music and the College. Upon her retirement in 1998, she moved to Taiwan where she taught English for three years and studied Spanish.

When she became aware of the plight of Spanish-speaking immigrants in southeastern California, not far from the Mexican border, she recognized that this was a place where she could bring the hope of God's love and mercy to people who were extremely poor, isolated and oppressed. In 2002, she came out of retirement to found Providence in the Desert to bring English as a Second Language classes to the Mexican immigrants working in the fields and factories of California's Coachella Valley. The ministry works to teach English as a new language to adults in private homes, neighborhood schools and community centers. She also shares her love of music by offering music and violin lessons for children. "The people love her; they really do," reads one of the nomination letters. Although she is past retirement, she enthusiastically serves as the ministry's director and provides resources to help people live better lives by meeting their basic needs.



Class of 1951



Class of 1956



Class of 1961



Class of 1966 - 50th Anniversary



Class of 1971



Class of 1976



Class of 1986



Class of 1991 - 25th Anniversary



Class of 1996



Class of 2001



Class of 2006



Class of 2011

“I would LOVE to do EVERYTHING ...”

Woods senior becomes second student to complete Women in Science Fellowship

As a biology major at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Sydney Wilderman is familiar with tough questions and problem solving. But it’s an “easy” question that has the senior from Poseyville, Ind., stumped.

“I would love to do everything,” she responds when asked about her career goals. “Anytime someone asks me what I want to do I say, ‘everything,’ but obviously there’s not enough time in the day to do it all.”

There may not be enough for “everything” but Wilderman is undoubtedly making good use of the time she has, specifically spending 10 weeks completing the Theresa L. Gioannini, Ph.D., Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship for Women.

The late Theresa Gioannini, who passed away in 2014, was an accomplished scientist and 1971 Woods’ alum. In 2015, Gioannini’s husband, Jerry Weiss, Ph.D., and two sons established the endowment to continue Gioannini’s legacy, memory and dedication to women in science.

Wilderman is the second Woods student to be honored with the fellowship at the University of Iowa. Looking back on the experience, Wilderman says the fellowship furthered her education and gave her the opportunity to pay tribute to Gioannini.

“It was a very humbling and honoring experience all at once,” she explains. “It was a blessing, as has been so many experiences I have had while at The Woods... I will forever share Theresa’s story.”

That story was told first-hand by Weiss, who not only established the fellowships but leads The Woods recipient through the program.

Working at the Environmental Health Sciences Research Center, Wilderman continued testing that began last summer, while focusing on other specifics of bioactive Gram-negative bacterial endotoxins in organic dusts.

“It was a different kind of learning, something that you can only gain through experience,” she says. “I can’t quite put it into words. It was doing rather than learning.”

That unique type of learning continued outside of the lab, as Weiss and Wilderman expanded on The Woods mission, by dedicating time to community service. Each Tuesday they volunteered at Iowa City’s Crisis Center. Wilderman says during that time Weiss would “share Theresa’s wisdom and words.”

With a collection of knowledge from both inside and outside of the lab, Wilderman says she’s beginning her final year at The Woods with a clear purpose. She’ll continue to pursue a career in Osteopathic Medicine, a branch of the medical profession focused on health promotion and disease prevention, but has aspirations of spreading the lessons already instilled in her at The Woods.

“Being at The Woods, I have learned so much about how to become the woman that I am,” she explains. “I want to use this experience and my overall experiences at The Woods as a way to help others find their passion in life.”







PHOTO ALBUM



1 **Jane O'Brien Argento '68** and Phil in Portland, Oregon, with their family in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.

2 This cutie wearing his Pomeroy Pride outfit is the grandnephew of **Mary Joseph Pomeroy, SP, '21**. Joseph Hale Pomeroy is the son of Jane and Joe Pomeroy.



3 **Paulette M. Campana '01** with her grandsons, Thomas and Robert Chappell.

4 These three alums vacationed together in May, 2016, on a "best of Eastern Europe" tour. Shown, May 14, at Charlottenberg Palace in Berlin are, l to r, **Joanne Kennelly '69**, **Rachel Eberle Ambrose '64** and **Rebecca "Becky" Caufield Peloff '64**.

5 1960 classmates - **Vivian Larkowski Kozak**, **Lois Leinenbach Mootz**, **Patricia "Pat" Vassallo Freebern** and **Mary Alice Conboy Kelly**, full-time residents of southwest Florida, having lunch at Miromar Lakes, Fla.

6 Saint Project – Lily Baumgarder, granddaughter of **Anne Armington Mudd '61**.

7 **Mary Johnson Michael '80** at her son's wedding, Luke. Her son, Joel is on the right.

8 **Dorothy Wilson Felix '60** and **Kathleen Desautels, SP, '60**.

9 (L-R): Jamie Behl, **Karen Kelly Kiss '70**, David Kiss, Michele Kiss holding David John, Maureen Kiss, Dad, Lee Isensee and Fenway, the pup.





CAMP AT THE WOODS

Over the course of two weeks this summer, a total of 113 campers learned leadership skills, made new friends, discovered new interests and built self-esteem in a safe and beautiful environment during summer camps at Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods College. Summer camp topics included nursing, STEM, environmental, songwriting, equine and photography. New day camps this year included Music Theatre and Equine Intermediate, both showing successful with full rosters.

WOODS STUDENTS GAIN MUCH WHILE GIVING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

For 11 years, the College has conducted Alternative Spring Break service trips. This year was a bit different, however. This year was SMWC's first international mission trip. Twelve students and three staff members embarked on a trip to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, spending their spring break serving others. Visit www.smwc.edu/student-life/campus-ministry to see a video on how students served in the Dominican Republic.

ALUMS GIVE BACK DURING SMWC WEEK OF SERVICE

Twenty-seven projects. Fifteen cities. Three countries. One goal – to serve. With a 53 percent increase in participation over last year, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College's second annual Week of Service saw success around the world. Sample serving projects included feeding the hungry, spreading the teachings of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, maintenance work, yard work and beautification of places to worship.

SAGAMORE OF THE WABASH AWARD

Dottie King, Ph.D., president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) can now add a new honor to the list of her accolades – Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest civilian distinction in Indiana. During the SMWC's board of trustee meeting on May 6, 2016, Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb and Indiana Senator Jon Ford surprised King with the award on behalf of Governor Mike Pence.

King was nominated for Indiana's highest honors for her leadership and strategic vision for the College providing many transformative opportunities to grow and remain a vibrant institution.



Top Photo - SMWC campers learn how to place a mannequin patient on a board during nursing camp.

Bottom Photo - (L to R) SMWC Board Member Greg Gibson, Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb, SMWC President Dottie King, Ph.D., SMWC Board Chair Randy Adams, SMWC Board Member Pat Ralston and Indiana Senator Jon Ford.

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