Dear Graduates and Friends,

There is the wonderful adage about being careful what you ask for because you just might receive it. Well, here I am, grateful that there was no injury to people but surprised by the destruction to the campus from the tornado on July 20, 2013 at 3:30 AM.

Having returned from retreat at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, I prayed that God would do with me whatever God wanted. Needless-to-say, I certainly did not expect the response I received. God had a very different plan.

As we work to rebuild the athletic center, repair roofs, ceilings, windows, water damage, trees, and relocate those who have been displaced by the destruction; the blessing has been the outstanding support of all of you who care about Ursuline College. Colleagues, alumnae, family, friends, Ursuline Sisters and neighbors have provided outstanding support and concern for us.

Now there is an excitement as we are officially a NCAA DII school. The athletes and all students have persevered through the fall semester at Ursuline with enthusiasm and determination. The new student dining hall opened in the Pilla Center, we have a temporary lacrosse practice field thanks to the Ursuline Sisters, the success of the graduates, the work of our faculty and the wonderful outreach of the entire College community make all of us proud to be a part of Ursuline.

There is much to celebrate about Ursuline College and I hope you get a sense of it from the information in this magazine. The future looks bright and filled with hope and optimism. Thank you for being such a special blessing in the life of this college community. May we continue to hold each other in prayer and ask God to watch over us, guide us and protect us.

Gratefully yours,

Sister Diana Stano, O.S.U., Ph.D. '68
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*The Ursuline community comes together in crisis.*

*Trendsetting students become designers.*

*Fun with the latest in technology — and eyewear.*
I often remind my kids that they will face challenges – some will be big and some small – and be tested every day. How they choose to handle those challenges will show and build their character.

Ursuline has been faced with many challenges over the past few months. Things that the College took for granted were taken away. The Ursuline Community is left with many obstacles to overcome. The crisis somehow brought out the best in Ursuline’s community.

I’m in awe of the way the administration came together to handle the aftermath of the tornado that hit campus. The group is made up of strategic thinkers, problem solvers and creative scholars who collectively have ensured the future of the College and, in a time of crisis, helped ease the minds of those they oversee. The way the group used their collaborative strengths is an example of the defining outcomes of the liberal arts education the College teaches.

I have the privilege to attend the many President’s Council meetings where administrators strategize and diligently go over each detail of how to get the campus back to normal. Through the various discussions and itemized reports from each department, the overarching concern is consistently for Ursuline’s students. This care for students is what defines the College’s character.

The struggles that Ursuline athletes face in traveling off-campus for practices and games, missing necessary time for their homework, friends and college life, are considerable. They continue to handle these challenges with grace and perseverance and maintain their determination in this uncertain time. With support from the College, our athletes have become strong women who will exude character as they face future challenges.

This issue of Voices is dedicated to all Ursuline athletes and coaches who, day after day, make the best of a difficult situation.

Throughout this issue, we also showcase the great things that individuals in the Ursuline Community are doing and the lives they continue to touch. After reading, I hope you feel a sense of hope in how a small, Catholic, women-focused College in Ohio can work together to make a positive difference in the world.

Angela DelPrete

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Commencement 2013

Ursuline welcomes 481 to the Alumnae Association!

- Ursuline congratulates 481 graduates, the largest class in the College’s 142-year history.
- Some graduates began at Ursuline College four years ago while others began over 10 years ago. One graduate started her college education 22 years ago, achieving a long deferred dream.
- While not all were able to attend the May 17 ceremony, the College welcomed 30 graduates from our MBA partnership in China.
- A number of graduates are the first in their families to achieve a bachelor’s degree.
- The Breen School of Nursing awarded its very first Doctorate in Nursing Practice to two students.
- One graduate is the third in his family to become an alumni of Ursuline. His sister is currently studying nursing at Ursuline.
- Another graduate suffered a stroke, sustaining a brain injury that required her to relearn how to read and do math. She graduated with a 3.4 GPA.
- Graduates whose place of birth is outside the United States represent 14 different countries: Bosnia, Canada, China, Egypt, Georgia, Greece, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey.
- Several graduates are related to each other, including two sets of sisters, two cousins, a sister and brother, a mother and daughter and a father, son and daughter.
Revamping the College’s Dining Experience

In August of 2013, the new Pilla Dining Center opened its doors to students, faculty and staff. The renovations to the Bishop Anthony M. Pilla Learning Center include a state-of-the-art cafeteria and dining hall. The College also welcomed Metz Dining Services to campus. Amy Lechko, Acting Vice President of Student Affairs, and Justin McArthur ’10, Chef Manager at the Pilla Dining Center, have led the way to revitalize Ursuline’s dining options.

“Well, we just finished our fourth week of the meal plan. We’ve gone through our first cycle on the menu,” Justin said in an interview in early Fall 2013. Amy and Justin sat together in the Pilla Atrium. They both took pleasure in a moment of relaxation. It had been a month since Metz and Ursuline opened the new Pilla Dining Center to the entire college community.

“The biggest challenge has been the unknown,” said Amy, who began this project a year ago with the process of choosing the College’s new dining services. Amy assembled a committee that included faculty, staff and students. For several weeks the committee reviewed binders from various companies that were “this thick” (Amy motions her hands into the thickness of a dictionary). The partnership between Metz and Ursuline is what Amy finds most exciting. “Metz has been fabulous to work with,” she added, “they are great at providing solutions.”

“The eating patterns at Ursuline have puzzled me a little bit. They definitely want healthy options,” according to Justin. Justin, an alumnus of the UCAP program was excited to be back on Campus. “It’s definitely cool to come back and be on the other side of the coin, serving the student body.” His hope is to serve the student body with healthy, local options. Metz works with companies such as Smith Dairy in Orwell, Ohio and Farm 153 in Ashtabula County, a local organic farm owned by Timothy and Barbara Loyola. Metz strives to provide the freshest food to the College, developing a better local economy as well as healthy eating habits. While both Amy and Justin admitted the process has been a learning curve, they are excited for the future. According to Amy, “We’ve got a lot of ideas. There is more to come, but we will work to get the foundation established first.”

“The granola is amazing, and it’s local too,” she adds.

The Pilla Dining Center is open seven days a week. To find out more visit ursuline.edu/metz.
Ursuline College’s undergraduate admissions team, under the leadership of Director of Admissions Carolyn Noll Sorg, is striving to overhaul the recruitment of new students at Ursuline College. With a fresh perspective and a passion for women-focused education, Sorg brings to Ursuline values in education, community, diversity and service to others. These principles guide her admission efforts.

“Recruitment is about relationship building. We need to be able to build trust with the people we are trying to talk to about Ursuline College – prospective students and high school counselors - in order to have them hear our message,” says Sorg.

Prior to working at Ursuline, Sorg served as the Assistant Director of Admissions at The University of Akron. She holds a Masters of Arts degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in Higher and Post-Secondary Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Baldwin Wallace University.

“We are trying to be strategic; using our resources wisely. We are focusing especially on Northeast Ohio. This is our backyard and that’s where most of our students come from. We’d like to build up our name recognition here and then branch out appropriately,” Sorg said.

She has built a team of energetic recruiters with experience in various facets of the admissions process – from the campus visit experience to multicultural recruitment. The department includes new hires Mackenzie Albach, Quiana Rivers, Danielle Daltorio and Rhonda Booms, as well as experienced staffers Associate Director Angelique Jones, Emily Smith ’11, M.A.’13, Robin Smith ’05 and Pat Melle.

The team has begun the process of revamping everything from web content to hosting academic specific events like Creative Arts Day, Women in Science Day and the new College Prep Program, a two-day event that offers high school students the chance to learn about the admissions process. The Prep Program proved to be the most popular event, with 61 prospective students in attendance.

Carolyn would love the opportunity to work with the alumnae of Ursuline to continue to increase awareness about the College. “As an alumna of Ursuline College, there are so many different ways for you to connect. We are always interested in featuring alumnae, so if you or you know of an alumna who has a great story to tell, we would love to hear from you.”
Volunteer Day 2013
Alumnae, students, faculty, administrators, board of trustee members and staff came together for Ursuline’s third annual College-wide Volunteer Day September 21. Coordinated by the College’s Alumnae Association, nearly 100 volunteers lent a helping hand at MedWish, The Cleveland Foodbank, Rescue Village and Habitat for Humanity Restore (Cuyahoga and Geauga counties).

The objective of the event was to bring together and engage the College on a select day to serve the community through volunteerism.

“Part of the College’s mission and core values is service to others and through volunteer day, participants can put that principle into action,” said College President, Sr. Diana Stano, OSU.

Save the date for the next Volunteer Day which will occur in October 2014. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Alumnae Office at alumnae@ursuline.edu or 440 646 8375.
What It Means To Be a Women-Focused College

“One of the main things that attracted me to Ursuline College is the strong sense of identity the College has in being a women’s institution,” said Mary Frances (Mimi) Pipino, Director of the Ursuline Studies Program.

“If everyone on campus has a clear sense of the College’s mission, if everyone could articulate it, I believe the College will prosper into the future.”

This is why the WEAV committee (Women’s Education, Advocacy and Value Committee) was created. Pipino and Gina Messina-Dysert, Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, formed the committee with the goal to explore what it means to be women-focused, how that benefits our students and how the College can better highlight that element of Ursuline’s mission.

The committee is founded with the intent of reaffirming Ursuline’s efforts by exploring the woman focused identity of the College, communicating its value, identifying its implementation and creating new methods of practice.

“What we found was that people are very interested in talking about Ursuline being a women-focused college and want to be a part of carrying this mission forward,” Messina-Dysert said. “The enthusiasm has been really fantastic and we are excited about promoting projects and programs that encourage the empowerment of women as well as an examination of gender dynamics in the world.”

“Ursuline should not apologize for saying it is a women-focused institution,” Pipino added. “Women that graduate from Ursuline are successful and ambitious. They are advocates for women and we are proud of what they accomplish.”

The committee meets once at the start of each month. If you would like to be involved, please contact Pipino or Messina-Dysert at mpipino@ursuline.edu or gina.messinadysert@ursuline.edu.

Advice: Achieve Financial Fitness

Ursuline College was deemed “financially fit” in 2013 by both Forbes Magazine and the U.S. Department of Education. Forbes rated the financial fitness of 925 private colleges and universities in the country and Ursuline sits at 241 among those 925 schools. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Education released its College Financial Responsibility Composite Scores for private non-profit and proprietary schools and for the tenth consecutive year, Ursuline earned a perfect score. To celebrate, we wanted to share some tips for recent college grads on how to achieve financial fitness.

Put your math skills to work. At Ursuline College, no matter what your major was, you were required to take at least one math class. Take some time to create a budget. Knowing the what, where and when of your bills will help you prepare for financial fitness. Not sure where to start? There’s an app for that. Try “Mint,” an application that lets you know if you’re close to spending over your monthly budget. The app can delegate how much to spend on groceries, entertainment, rent or your mortgage, electricity, etc.

Keep in touch. There are many options available to you when it’s time to pay your federal student loans. The Standard Repayment Plan (up to 10 years of fixed payments) option willaccrue the lowest amount of interest during the repayment period. If you can’t afford that payment, there are other repayment options that could extend your payment period up to 25 years. This would lower your monthly payment, but increase interest paid over the life of the loan. You have the option of changing repayment options at any time. The most important thing is to keep in touch with the holder of the loan to discuss your options.

Local Love. When it comes to food, you may find local markets versus big name stores will have lower prices on groceries. One example is Sun Plum Market in Willoughby Hills, owned by Ursuline Alumnae Deborah Burkholer Teriaca ‘84. Markets tend to have more locally grown options. Another plus, you are contributing to the financial fitness of your local economy.

Buying a Car? Think minimal. When it comes to cars, compact is the new black. Looking at the new batch of sedans, you don’t have to sacrifice style for efficiency. Cars like the Chevy Cruze, Ford Focus and Hyundai Elantra – to name a few – are aesthetic, environmentally friendly and fuel-efficient. If you’re working within a tight budget, consider buying used.

#DIY. So, you may already spend several hours a week sifting through Pinterest boards. It’s ok, we understand! You probably already know about the thousands of boards that sport the hashtag #DIY. Everything from clothespin flower pots to crocheted infinity scarves can be found on Pinterest. The crafty option will not only help you save money but get your creative ideas moving.

Alumnae Advantage. The Ursuline ~ St. John College Alumnae Association offers numerous perks for post-college life. Throughout the year, the Alumnae office offers discount tickets to local venues for concerts, Broadway plays as well as hosting events throughout the year. Being an Ursuline Alumnae also provides you with a discount to the college bookstore, as well as lifelong access to the library, the fitness center and the Office of Counseling and Career Services.

For more information, visit ursuline.edu/alumnaeperks.
Congratulations

The Ursuline community has spoken. Congratulations Samantha Hamilton '16 and Jamie Orr ’11, M.B.A. ’14! Your photos won the most votes in our Facebook Photo Contest.

Orr is a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Student Activities. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations and Marketing Communication in December 2011; graduating with honors. She is currently working on her Master of Business Administration at Ursuline with a focus in Marketing and Communications Management.

Hamilton is currently a junior; she plans to graduate with a degree in Fashion Design and Merchandising in 2016. She was born and raised in Adrian, Michigan and is a transfer student from a small private school in southeastern Michigan. She is an Ursuline Guiding Arrow, Fashion Focus and Programming Board’s PR Representative and a costume designer for the Ursuline plays. Hamilton also works for Metz, the new food service at Ursuline, and is an UC Orientation Arrow. She plans on completing the The Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) Track in New York City in the fall of 2015.

Visit the College’s Facebook page, Facebook.com/Ursuline-College for details about Ursuline’s next social media photo contest.

Umbrellas for Peace Parade through Campus

The College was the first in the state of Ohio to participate in the global art initiative, Umbrellas for Peace April 26, 2013. Over 75 participants gathered on campus to paint umbrellas and then carried their creations as they marched together through the grounds. As part of her thesis project, Ursuline Art Therapy Graduate Student Diane Fleisch Hughes ’14 organized the event.

The hand-painted umbrellas and photographs from the event were subsequently displayed in an exhibition at Beachwood Community Center July 13 though August 9.

Umbrellas for Peace started by Chicago activist and artist Matt Lamb in 2002 has since spread around the world. The umbrella serves as a metaphor for protection – all people, regardless of race, age, gender or country are safe under the umbrella.
Anna Arnold Brings Boldness, Aptitude to Ursuline’s Art Scene

How do you define happiness?
Happiness to me is a feeling of inner peace. A feeling of being who you are and being OK with that.

Which living person do you admire the most?
My mother, Gloria Arnold. She has been so supportive of me at every stage in my life. She’s still there – still supporting me, still pushing me.

What is your current state of mind?
Blissful. A feeling of knowing that where I am is the perfect place for me.

Which words or phrases do you overuse?
Excellent. And, wow.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?
Art. That’s it.

Which talent would you like to have the most (other than being an artist)?
I wish I could be an engineer. I love robotics but I just love looking.

What do you feel is your greatest achievement?
Working with the Cleveland Museum of Art community mural project that they had a couple years back. It was great that people could trust me with that.

If you were to die and come back as a person or thing, what would it be?
I’d come back as me.

Where would you most like to live (other than Cleveland)?
Italy. In a castle.

What is your favorite occupation?
Gallery director. And, artist.

Who are your favorite artists?

Who are your heroes?
Family – my mother, father and sister.

What is your greatest hope?
That people can have an inner peace with who they are; true joy for the person that they are.

St. Angela Merici, Foundress of the Ursuline Sisters, once said, “Do something, get moving, be confident, risk new things, stick with it, then be ready for big surprises.” St. Angela Merici was a woman ahead of her time and her progressive vision is exemplified every day on Ursuline College’s campus. One woman who embodies this boldness is Anna Arnold, Director of Florence O’Donnell Wasmer Gallery.

Since the age of five, Arnold has considered herself an artist. “There was never an issue with identity. I knew I wanted to be an artist,” says Anna. Encouraged all through her life to be an artist by family and teachers, coupled with her own talent, persistence and stubbornness, Anna found her way from artist to teacher to gallery director.

Arnold took on the role of gallery director in February of 2013, but has already made strides to improve the gallery. The physical space itself has been transformed, including new texture on the walls and lighting. Her hope is to eventually welcome national artists to showcase in the gallery. She plans to see the Wasmer Gallery grow from regional to national to international. We sat down with Arnold to get an artist’s perspective on life, love and of course, art!
It was a beautiful, September day as the College community came together for the 3rd Annual Family Fun Festival. The 637 attendees, including Ursuline students, alumnae and friends of the College enjoyed face-painting, balloon animals, music, inflatables and carnival style food. The College is grateful for the support and community-building generated by the event. With attendance growing every year, the Family Fun Festival has become one of the most popular events Ursuline hosts.
As members of the Arrows’ Volleyball team step up into a white cube van on a warm fall afternoon, carefully, one after the other, it’s hard not to notice their lethargy. Hard practice, play and late night studying may contribute to the fatigue, but the root of their expression is travel.

At 3:45 a.m.
July 20, 2013, Ursuline College felt the first disaster in its 142-year history – a tornado. The EF1 strength funnel swept through campus, causing the west wall of the O’Brien Athletic Center to collapse, disfiguring windows, its roofs, railings and doors and sending debris flying more than two miles away. More than 167 mature trees were snapped and twisted. Many more were left uprooted, their insides exposed. »»
The dozens of athletes who call the gym a second home, now travel to all their practices and home games. They are on the road, along with their faithful coaches, every day of the week. The tornado came eight days after Ursuline was accepted as a NCAA Division II school, a three-year transitional period.

“So much of us has gone into the gym throughout the past years,” Senior Katie Cappello ‘14 said.

“Blood, sweat and tears.” Cappello is an Early Childhood Education major and lives on campus. This is her fourth year on the College’s basketball and track teams.

“We are so blessed that no one was injured. We can fix a building. We will find a way,” Cappello continued. “Find a way” is a phrase Cappello and her teammates use regularly after their coach Shannon Sword sent them a text message containing the three hopeful words following the tornado.

“When conditioning - find a way. When doing a plank - find a way. Building a new gym - find a way. It is getting through a mental battle and knowing, always, that you can find a way,” Cappello said, smiling.

It is the positivity, strength and compassion that Cappello, her fellow athletes and the entire Ursuline community oozes that fuels College President Sister Diana Stano’s charge to move forward. Although her goal is to have a new gym by next fall, she says it is not the facility that makes a great team. It is the students, coaches and staff that make the College successful.

The College has raised over $1.4 million for a new gym, but there is a long way to go.

“A new state-of-the-art athletic center will cost approximately $10 million and we are not yet certain of the settlement from the insurance company,” Sr. Diana said.

Athletic Director Cindy McKnight always hoped that someday she would get a new building for the athletes, but never believed it would happen in the aftermath of a tornado.

“I stood in the rain with Sr. Dana, Matt Eichenmuller and Jim Krzywicki (Ursuline employees), stared at what was the gym and began to cry,” McKnight said of seeing the athletic center just hours after the tornado hit.

“I was in a fog all day Saturday and Sunday. It was not real. Monday, it turned real.”

Ursuline was only closed for one business day before reopening on Tuesday, July 23, and classes began as scheduled August 19. But with the gym, pool, weight room, locker rooms, athletic staff offices and athletic training room unusable, all 11 sports teams and the Athletic Department at the College are affected.

Hathaway Brown, Beaumont School, One Wellness, John Carroll University, Case Western Reserve University, Quicken Loans Arena, Lakeland Community College, The Word Church, Laurel School, The Mandel Jewish Community Center and Borromeo have kindly offered their facilities for the Arrows. The Mandel Jewish Community Center has also provided its fitness center as well as Anytime Fitness in Mayfield Heights. Hathaway Brown, Gilmour School and John Carroll University have provided their pools.

A fitness center was created in Daley Dining Hall so athletes can now do their conditioning on campus. In addition, module units are set up near the fields and next to the tennis courts, some housing the Athletic Department staff and others designed as locker rooms and training facilities.

Instead of being able to run over to the gym and shoot some hoops or swim laps, athletes need to block off over four hours for off-campus practices and training. “The schedule is really tough and it is taking a toll on all of us,” Maureen Kelly, a Senior Volleyball player, said. “We do not get back until about eight o’clock at night after practices. Then there’s school work.”
Senior Alexandria Leister, Kelly’s teammate, said a friend recently told her the following quote. He said it reminded him of what Leister and her team are going through. “You can judge the character of a person by how they act through adversity,” Leister reiterated.

Leister and Kelly and other seniors have to be the solid foundation for their team, they said. “We need to support the freshman, juniors and sophomores,” Kelly said. “And be patient and strong.”

The Arrows have excelled during the fall season and ended with records of: Soccer is 10-7-1 and Volleyball is 15-13 heading into this weekend. Cross Country won the Lorain County Community College Commodore Invitational September 20, the first meet win in program history. The team finished in third place out of nine teams in the G-MAC conference championship. Michelle Klim was named “Freshman of the Year.” The Arrows golf team has three top-five finishes in the first three tournaments of the season.

The volleyball team’s inspiration this season is the word “building.” Along with their coach Donna Day, they are building their skills; they are building their team to be something great, and Ursuline is hopefully building a new gym, Leister and Kelly said, in unison, smiling.

A common mantra among this year’s athletes is not to take anything for granted. Even though the 40-year old O’Brien Athletic Center did not have air conditioning and sometimes the roof leaked, it was still a gym. It was still the home of the Arrows.

“We miss the gym, we do, but I know that this year is just one more thing to add to our success stories. We still have our community and our coaches. Our coaches have never given up on us,” Cappello said. “You know how in movies something usually happens to the protagonists that they must overcome? This is our something.”

To find out about the Ursuline College Rebuilding Campaign and how to help our athletes get back on their home court visit ursuline.edu/rebuild.
Excerpts from letters of donors

“Dear Sister Diana, you, your sisters, colleagues, students and college have been on my mind and in my prayers. It’s a miracle that no one was injured or killed by the tornado.” – Chagrin Falls, OH

“You all are REMARKABLE! …Tornados can be blessings in disguise!” – Arlington, VA

“I am stunned to see the damage from the tornado which roared through Ursuline’s lovely campus. I thank God that no one was hurt (physically). But lots of hearts are hurting.” – North Royalton, OH

“Is the beautiful campus will be back.” – Cleveland, OH

“A house is made with walls and beams… A home is made with love and dream… and so is a college!” – Willoughby, OH

“I was deeply saddened to see the tornado damage from July…Ursuline was the high point of my life! I was in my 50’s when I came back to school and am now 81!” – Roswell, GA

“With deep regrets that we cannot do more, enclosed is a check from our company to assist in your repairs.” – Pepper Pike, OH

“Good luck with the rebuilding. Sorry I can’t send more.” – Pittsfield, MA

“My best to everyone – we are praying for all of you.” – Locust Grove, VA

“Enclosed is a check for the Ursuline Rebuilding Fund. We wish you a quick and successful recovery.” – Akron, OH

“Please accept this very small donation. May it be used to help Ursuline rebuild. God bless!” – Belvidere, NJ

“We are so proud of you for the outstanding example you have given in response to devastation and loss.” – Cleveland, OH, alumnae ’70

“I look forward to the new plans, ideas and growth that will eventually resurface. Peace as you put together the new piece – and thank you for ‘being there.’” – Chagrin Falls, OH

“We were saddened by your latest ‘surprise.’ But those things do happen. They say that those things make us stronger. Well, perhaps, not having those ‘things’ can mean a little bit more peace of mind.” – Baltimore, MD

“Miracles do happen … and I know you are counting on a real big one!” – Pepper Pike, OH

“I’m with you in spirit during these difficult, challenging days. May the courage and wisdom of the Spirit guide you and inspire you to see unimaginable possibilities.” – Shaker Heights, OH
Our community is built by the generous support of the College’s alumnae and friends. The Ursuline College Rebuilding Campaign has been set up to help in our rebuilding efforts after the campus was affected by a tornado in the early morning of July 20. If you would like to contribute to the fund online please visit ursuline.edu/rebuild. You can also mail a check to Ursuline College, 2550 Lander Road, Pepper Pike, OH 44124.
Ursuline College recognizes the achievement of outstanding individuals in the student community.

**Cannarella Award 2013** In March of 2013, Dr. Mary Lind Crowe, Chair of the Cannarella Awards Committee, honored Abigayle Acord ’14, Olivia Koch ’15 and Rachael Toth ’13 with the Jackie Cannarella Scholarship. The scholarship was established in memory of Jackie Cannarella, an instructor for the Breen School of Nursing from 1986 to 2008. These competitive $500 awards are given annually to sophomore, junior, and senior students who exemplify Cannarella’s love for nursing and nursing education.

**St. Catherine’s Medal Recipients 2013** The St. Catherine Medal, named for martyr St. Catherine of Alexandria, is presented annually to a member of Ursuline’s junior class who exhibited outstanding leadership and has made significant contributions to the community. In 2013, the St. Catherine Medal was awarded to Natalie Huggins ’14 and Molly Sabolskly ’14.

Huggins is an AYA Education, Math and English major who serves as a Resident Assistant and as an Ambassador for the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Additionally, Natalie is on the softball team, has served as an editor of *Inscape*, has been in the spring play and serves on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. Natalie is actively involved with athletic department at the high school she graduated from, Colonel Crawford. During the summer, she volunteers as a coach for 12 and under softball. Upon graduation, Natalie hopes to find a job in education and continue to coach softball.

Sabolskly is a nursing major, a Resident Assistant, an Ambassador for the Office of Undergraduate Admission, as a member of Fashion Focus and plays on the volleyball team. Molly is actively involved in community service. She spends much of her free time volunteering at the Foodbank and several soup kitchens in Northeast Ohio. She also currently works as a nursing assistant in the dementia unit at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. After graduation, Molly hopes to find a nursing job and remain in Northeast Ohio.

**Gonzaga Award** Bill Koch ’13, winner of the 2013 Gonzaga Award, has always had a passion for serving others. Within the Ursuline community, Bill served as vice president of Students of Science and as a biology lab assistant for three years. His service to Ursuline and his community was recognized when he was awarded the Saint Catherine Medal in spring 2012. In addition, he represented the student body as a speaker for both the Freshmen Convocation and Founder’s Day Celebration.

Bill is also very active in his Catholic parish of Saints Robert & William Church. He was an alter server for seven years and a member of the Elderly Outreach Program. He also assists the Church each year by making Christmas Baskets for homeless shelters and less fortunate families. In regard to his future career, Bill has worked as a Cell Biology Research Student in the Lerner Research Institute at the Cleveland Clinic.

The Gonzaga Award is given to a graduating senior considered to best exemplify the personal qualities of refinement, dignity, integrity and sincere concern for others. The award is named in honor of Sister M. Gonzaga Haessly, OSU, an Ursuline sister for 70 years who exemplified the true spirit of Ursuline College as a scholar, teacher and administrator.

**UC Wall of Fame 2013**

The 2013 Wall of Fame was unveiled at the President’s and Dean’s List Fall Tea in September. The College recognized eight students and alumnae who were chosen as the St. Catherine recipient, the Gonzaga recipient, Intern of the Year, AIMS outstanding student mentor, UCAP outstanding Alpha Sigma Lambda honoree as well as three additional outstanding undergraduates. A biography and photograph of each highlighted student hangs in the hallway of the Mullen Academic Building.

The 2013 honorees are (from L to R in the photo below) Natalie Huggins ’14 (Language Arts & Math Education), Kelsie Kirchartz ’14 (Nursing), Fon’taine McCaulley ’15 (Business Administration), Ginger McGhee ’13 (Business Administration and Marketing), Natasha Nichols ’13 (Psychology), Amanda Oros ’13 (Fashion Design), Lady Quinones ’13 (Nursing) and Molly Sabolskly ’14 (Nursing) (not pictured).
With a rosary in hand, Sr. Kathleen Burke, O.S.U, steadily recited the Hail Mary while riding in the front seat of a wobbly van scaling a steep mountain in El Salvador. “Multiple times, we thought we were going to topple off the side of a cliff,” said Katherine Jackson, Ph.D., Ursuline’s Assistant Professor of Art Therapy and Counseling. Jackson, along with Megan Seaman, Assistant Professor of Art Therapy and Counseling, organized an Art Therapy and Counseling service-learning trip this past spring. The journey to El Salvador was planned with the idea to immerse in another culture and to experience the world as interconnected, global citizens. They hoped that this experience would be eye-opening and that they could bring some joy to children in Chiltiupan, El Salvador.

“This experience did prove to be eye-opening and more. The faculty, alumnae and students were blessed with an “over the moon” reception of gratitude, made evident by multiple hugs, kisses and excitement in all the art and creative activities,” said Jackson.

The Ursuline students, alumnae and staff knew little Spanish but quickly picked up native phrases that made communication more viable. They say communication was a game of charades. Nevertheless, the universal language of love was felt in the students’ outreach and the wholehearted response.

The team successfully worked with approximately 150 children, from ages five through 17, painting, drawing and creating all manner of craft projects. Additionally, six murals were painted on the school walls with the support of the teens at Santo Domingo School. “These students didn’t have cellphones. They didn’t have iPads. They were so creative. There was little instruction and they knew exactly what to do. They made beautiful pictures and murals. They sculpted things. They made stuff out of nothing. And, we were communicating with art,” says Seaman.

Toward the end of the trip, the team had a chance to tour the capital of El Salvador, where they viewed a memorial wall honoring 75,000 people killed in civil war. Sr. Dorothy Kazel ’65, OSU and the three other church women killed in El Salvador were listed on this wall, along with countless others who lost their lives fighting for freedom. Jackson and Seaman both believed that Sr. Dorothy Kazel was with them during the service-learning trip.

Jackson and Seaman plan to continue organizing service learning trips as a part of the Art Therapy and Counseling experience. In the spring of 2014, they will lead a group of students and alumnae to Ecuador. Ecuador was chosen because of the growing homeless population and the needs of children in the city of Quito, who may feel disenfranchised and un-empowered. They will work in community centers providing mental health counseling and art as therapy. To find out more about the art therapy program’s service learning trips, visit ursuline.edu/arttherapy.
Inscape Connects the College’s Talents

**Inscape**, Ursuline College’s Fine Arts Annual, was awarded a “First Class” Honor Rating by the Associated Collegiate Press. The judge awarded “Marks of Distinction” in three areas: Content; Writing and Editing; and Photography, Art, Graphics and Typography. One of the judges cited a unique feature of Inscape 2013 was the focus on a specific theme, or “thread”; pieces were selected in part based on this theme. The theme that Literary Advisor, Celeste Wigging, Ph.D. and editors, Natalie Huggins ’14 and Lauren Krozser ’14, chose was “Connections”: between families and friends, between generations, between cultures.

Some examples of this theme can be found in the following:

“Ol’ Ms. Bertha” by Jamie Carter ’14. This personal narrative describes the close connections the writer had as a child with her grandparents, and the missed opportunity to connect with their neighbor, Ms. Bertha.

“A Dream Realized” by Lauren Krozser ’14. Winning the Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Contest as an eighth grader, Lauren reflects on the opportunity to put into words Dr. King’s legacy, and in doing so to reach out to and connect with her classmates of color. As she wrote, “I realized this was just what Dr. King had worked so hard for: a world where a person is not judged by the color of her skin but by the content of her character.”

“I Believe in Writing Letters” by Alexis Bradford ’16. Writing letters to her father, who fought in Iraq, was a beautiful way for Bradford and her dad to stay connected. Her father credits her letters with helping him to get through the horrors of war and to return home safely.

Poems by Nneka Iheama ’15 and D’Arbra Blankenship ’13 personify elements of nature, and in doing so forge a connection between humans and mother Earth.

The theme can be found in the artwork as well. Tiffany Mushrush Mentzer’s ’03 photograph titled “Hand in Hand” depicts two smiling Malawi children Tiffany met while traveling with a local non-profit H.E.L.P. Malawi.

And in Brandi McCormick’s ’13 cover “Seduced by a Fabric of Lies” and her piece “Pushing the Veil,” we are reminded that for many throughout history, especially women, feeling connected to society can be a long and painful process.

In the future, the College is committed to creating a fine arts magazine that represents Ursuline College’s mission and will strive to continue to look for themes that speak to that mission. You can view the entire 2013 issue of Inscape 2013 online at ursuline.edu/inscape.
Fashion forward.
Senior Susan Hayley Fox ’13 presented her collection, “Rose of Araby.” Inspired by the sleek lines of the 1920’s deco era, the feminine silhouettes worn by the flapper girls and the ladylike floral fabrics made famous by designer Lela Rose, Fox designed a knockout collection. Ursuline’s students prepare for the fashion industry through rigorous course work in design and merchandising, culminating in a senior runway show. The College’s fashion students have the option of attending New York’s Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) during their junior year. They also have hands-on access to the College’s Historic Costume Study Collection that includes more than 3,500 pieces of 20th century American apparel and accessories. We caught up with six of the Innovations ’13 designers and production team members to find out what inspired them this semester.
Vanessa Feldkamp ’14

What’s your first fashion memory?
When the other kids in the schoolyard were playing, I was sitting down with an issue of *Vogue*. It wasn’t until I attended Ursuline that I really knew what I was looking at, but I loved it anyway.

Why did you pursue fashion for your undergraduate degree?
You know when people say ‘if something tugs at you, listen to it’? I succumbed to the tugging.

What’s your dream job post-graduation?
If you had asked me a year ago, I would have said I knew exactly what I wanted to do – be a designer and move to New York. But as of lately, I’m keeping my options open. I’ve been talking to local designers and looking into fashion opportunities in Cleveland. The Banyan Tree is an amazing little boutique featuring local designers in Tremont. I want to own my own local company one day. I don’t want to work for a mass-producing company – and right now more than ever there are opportunities to make it in fashion in Cleveland.

What are you working on now?
I’m designing a collection using the skills and techniques I’m learning in Professor Gurko’s Computer Aided Design class.

What inspires your current collection-in-progress?
Fish, fish scales, fish skin. Algae. Really anything under the water and in nature. I love light blues and greens. And food. Definitely food. I know fashion and food are not an obvious pairing but I think they go together. Maybe it’s because I’m also a huge foodie. I love going to the West Side Market in Ohio City. There is inspiration all around Cleveland – at street festivals in the city and in the Metroparks in the suburbs. Cleveland is making a comeback. Just wait.
Anne Marie Gurko ’09  
Adjunct Fashion Faculty for Fashion Show Production and Computer Aided Design

What’s it like to teach your students how to produce a fashion show?
It’s exciting, but a lot of work, preparation and deadlines. I think it’s thrilling for students because the outcome of the class is producing a real fashion show. It’s fun to see designs come out of a student’s head, onto paper and then walk down the runway.

How are you involved with the fashion industry in Cleveland?
I am a graduate of Ursuline’s Fashion program and I’ve been involved with many different fashion shows. Also I’m on the executive board of Fashion Group International in Cleveland.

What’s the day of the show like?
Everyone comes together. Whether it is assistant producers, models or designers, everyone works really well together. But, as you can imagine, it’s crazy hectic! There is only so much you can do prior to the day, so above all you must be prepared for everything and anything.

Have there been any show-day disasters?
Not many, but a few stick out and mainly involve hair, makeup or wardrobe malfunctions. We’ve even had heels break. I had to stick a pin in the side of the show to hold the heel in place and then the model walked down the runway.

Where will the fashion show be this year now since the gym can no longer be used because of the tornado that hit campus?
I don’t know since it is always in the gym. We need a space that is available regardless of weather and that allows for backstage prep and models changing. It will be interesting to figure out where the show will be held this coming spring!
What was your role in the spring fashion show?
I was featured as a senior designer in the Innovations '13 Spring Fashion Show, where I debuted my four-piece senior collection, "Rose of Araby."

What was your favorite moment from the fashion show?
From the moment my song started playing, "Midnight City" by M83, as my models walked down the runway, I was on cloud nine. It was everything I ever envisioned. When I met my parents at the end of the runway to get my flowers, it was the most perfect, proudest moment for me.

What does fashion mean to you?
Fashion is an art of innovation. I, like many designers, look to classic silhouettes for inspiration. The creative, innovative part is how each designer interprets her/his inspiration into a completely new design and wearable work of art which is unique to each designer’s own point of view.

What is it like being a fashion student at Ursuline?
Ursuline’s fashion department differs from many other fashion schools because here we don’t have that fast-paced, ultra, competitive environment. Instead, our amazing professors are able to give us one-on-one attention, and they have every intention of helping us to succeed. It’s such a valuable experience to have real world insight from the fashion department from our esteemed professors. We also have a special hands-on learning experience with the historical costume study collection which is incorporated in all of our studies, even outside of fashion.

What are your plans for your future in fashion?
I want to put Cleveland on the map in some exciting way! While I gear up to start my own lifestyle brand, I want to share my passion and love for style with others. I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer when I was 16 and learned from the experience that looking good and being well dressed can give you confidence and make you feel better inside and out.
What was your role in the spring fashion show?
My role was designer during the show.

What was your favorite moment from the fashion show?
My favorite moment was when I wore the paper dress because it gave me a sense of pride knowing how much hard work I put into it.

What does fashion mean to you?
Fashion to me is all about creativity.

What is it like being a fashion student at Ursuline?
It’s great because it is very personal. I know all the teachers well and they know me.

What are your plans for your future in fashion?
I will be attending graduate school.
Kelley Plas '16

What was your inspiration for the Innovations '13 show?
Paris Fashion Week. Dresses with horizontal waves and big circle skirts. And I’m finding a lot of inspiration on Pinterest.

What’s your favorite type of garment to make?
Dresses. I don’t like making pants or jackets.

What are you working on now?
I want to get into bridal gown design. Dresses and gowns. Non-traditional, nothing pure white, a few short and edgy pieces.

What’s your dream job post-graduation?
I want to design. I love sewing and touching clothes. And fashion is always changing. It’s never boring and always creative.

Couture. I love couture. Love, love, love it! I am not on that stitching level yet, but one day I will be.

Why bridal?
I am learning about the whole concept of couture and I made my prom dress in my senior year of high school. I want to combine my two passions — couture and dresses — and design couture bridal collections. I hope they are fabulous.
Keith Reeves ‘16

**What inspired your Innovations Fashion Show ’13 collection?**
I wanted to give edge to everything…so, naturally, Alexander McQueen. Blazers with spikes and edginess with class. He is one of my favorite designers. Most of the time his designs are not clothes that everyday people would wear. But that’s okay with me. He brings fashion and art together.

**It is your first show at Ursuline, right?**
Yes and it was awesome. But I’m a fashion show vet. I’ve done many shows in and around Cleveland.

**Why fashion?**
Fashion is something I’ve always had a passion for all my life. I first got into the industry when I started doing models’ hair for shows – I’m also a licensed cosmetologist. I just love everything about fashion. It’s forever changing and there are always surprises.

**What’s your favorite aspect of fashion design?**
Sewing, I absolutely love sewing, and the look on people’s faces when they wear my clothing. It makes me happy. My friends ask me to make them clothes. I’m making three prom dresses right now – for my sister and her two friends.

**What are you doing in your classes right now?**
I am in a pattern making class and I’m also making dresses with lots of embellishments and cutouts. I want to show-off my sewing skills and I don’t want to do something I think is just cute. I want to challenge myself. Outside of class, Agne and I are designing five garments for Cleveland Fashion week this coming spring.

**What inspires you?**
Fall 2014 trend, anything 80s, anything 90s grunge and Lady Gaga’s Applause music video.

**What is your dream job post-college?**
My dream is to move to New York City or Los Angeles and work for a design company, doing sewing. I want to work my way up to be the head designer for a company. Fashion is my life. I want to put the Ursuline Fashion Department on the map.

**Why Ursuline?**
The core values, honestly. And the program goes over everything you need to know to make it in the industry.

**Why are you an Ursuline Ambassador?**
I help people create a dream and that’s so exciting. I thrive on the energy of people. I love it! After I am crazy successful and get my masters, I want to come back to Ursuline and teach.
Psychology majors Nicole McKay '13 and Arielle Cenin '14 had their research paper titled “Immediate Effects of Altruism on Attraction and Mate Selection” accepted to present at the Midwestern Psychological Association Psi Chi division conference in Chicago, Illinois, May 2, 2013. The faculty reviewer also recommended their project for a research award, which they won. Over 600 submissions were made from undergraduate psychology majors in eight midwestern states. Approximately 400 submissions were accepted. Of those 400 accepted papers, Nicole and Arielle were one of 18 project teams to receive an award.

In the past several years, the psychology department has sponsored over 55 student research projects, which were presented at regional and national psychology conferences. “The students who go through the considerable effort to do this work and are successful at it typically are the ones who attend graduate school and become professionals in their own right,” said Dr. Christopher Edmonds, Chair of the Psychology Department. “Recently our psychology graduates have been admitted into masters and doctoral programs in Clinical Psychology, School Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and Community Counseling. These graduates will become professionals who serve the community as professors, clinicians, business advisors, and school counselors.”

The department has established a departmental honors program. “We have a long history of excellent students who do exceptional work, and we wanted to formally recognize their accomplishments,” said Edmonds. The Departmental Honors in Psychology designation is earned when a student has met four criteria which include: an overall GPA of 3.5 or above; a GPA of 3.5 or above in all psychology classes; the presentation of empirical, scholarly, student-generated research at an approved psychology research conference and exceptional performance on the Major Field Test in Psychology.

“We have previously presented an ‘Outstanding Graduating Senior’ award to students who met the above criteria, but we wanted to do more” says Edmonds. “The graduating psychology major who earns The Departmental Honors in Psychology designation will have this honor included on her academic transcript which will remain on her academic record forever.”

In addition to all of this news, Ursuline’s Dr. Thomas Frazier, who joined the psychology department in 1981 and is finishing his 32nd year. Dr. Edmonds joined the department in 1996 and is finishing his 17th year. The pair’s combined service puts them on the cusp of beginning 50 years of service to the College. Prior to Edmonds joining the department, Dr. Jean Seaton had served 23 years at the College, from 1973 to 1996.

In light of the substantial service to the department and college, we are inviting our alumnae to write in with their favorite memories of Drs. Seaton, Frazier and Edmonds. Considering that their earliest service started in 1973 and continues today, there are undoubtedly numerous alumnae who have interesting memories and stories to tell. To share your story, go to www.ursuline.edu/psych and follow the link on the left “Alumnae Feedback.” We look forward to hearing your stories and will publish them on the Feedback Comments page of the Psychology Department website.
In February 2013 Ursuline received a $5 million gift from an anonymous donor, the largest single gift in the College’s history. The amount, given in its entirety, brings the “Building on Values, Voice and Vision” capital campaign to a successful conclusion.

This $5 million gift will be used for the construction of the College’s newly proposed Center for the Creative and Healing Arts and Sciences, renovation of existing space and endowment.

“This is a transformative gift from dear friends of Ursuline College. Their belief in the values, voice and vision of Ursuline will help to enhance the quality of education here for generations to come,” said Ursuline’s President, Sr. Diana Stano, OSU, Ph.D.

The Center for the Creative and Healing Arts and Sciences will house the art therapy and counseling department and graduate programs in The Breen School of Nursing. Groundbreaking was postponed due to the tornado that hit campus in July of this year. Future plans will be announced as they are determined.
Faculty News

Let’s Give Them Something to Talk About

Book clubs are an ever-growing phenomenon. Whether it’s Oprah’s Book Club, one at your local library branch, or an online forum like Good Reads, you can easily find a club to nurture your interests.

The College now has its very own book club. Ursuline Studies Program Director and Associate English Professor, Mary Frances (Mimi) Pipino, along with Tina Roan Lining, Assistant Dean of Inclusion, Equity and Multicultural Affairs, launched The Common Book Initiative at the start of the Fall 2013 semester.


Every freshman student was given the book as a gift during orientation, and it is being discussed in first year Ursuline Studies Program courses. Copies were also available for any faculty or staff member interested in taking part in the initiative.

“We started the Common Book Initiative to grow community and start a discussion on campus about books outside of the classrooms,” Pipino said.

“The guiding principle for the initiative was to choose books about women’s experiences and women’s issues. It does not matter whether the author is a man or woman.”

The book served to welcome new students to the campus community and to remind them why they are on campus – to learn and grow to be successful leaders in their field of study. By featuring books written by women or that focus on women’s experience, the College conveys to incoming freshmen Ursuline’s commitment to their women-focused mission.


Pipino joined Ursuline’s faculty in August 2012 when she became Director of the Ursuline Studies Program. She earned her doctorate from the University of Cincinnati in 1996, specializing in ethnic American women’s literature, feminist theory and literary criticism and the Victorian novel. She was previously Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Associate Professor of English at Lake Erie College in Painesville.

“The main character in Princess tries to challenge the norms of her culture,” Pipino said.

“We [North Americans] often think of Arabic and Islamic women as these timid, cowed people who have no voice. This book shows how these women are, in really brave ways, trying to challenge the things that oppress them in spite of really awful consequences.”

The Common Book Initiative is a yearly event in which new books are launched at the beginning of each fall semester; however, copies of Princess will be offered to incoming transfer students. The Ursuline Studies faculty will choose a title for the 2014-15 academic year some time in the spring and they will announce the book at that time. If you would like to participate in the initiative, please visit ursuline.edu/bookclub.

An Advocate of the Ursuline Mission

Whether appearing on MSNBC’s Live with Thomas Roberts or networking at the United Nations, Ursuline College’s new Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, Gina Messina-Dysert, Ph.D., always remains focused on empowering women.

“The fact that Ursuline is a women-focused College really drew me to it. My background has always been in issues that women face. My degrees are in women-focused disciplines. And, my passion is working with women around social injustices. I feel the mission of the College fits perfectly with my personal and professional objectives,” Dr. Messina-Dysert says about joining the Ursuline community.

A Cleveland-native, Dr. Messina-Dysert previously worked in California as the Visiting Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California and Director of The Center for Women’s Interdisciplinary Research and Education at Claremont Graduate University in Los Angeles. At Claremont, she was also the Co-founder and Co-director of Feminism and Religion. Dr. Messina-Dysert is excited to be back in the Northeast Ohio community with her husband, daughter and two dogs. “Even though I was living in sunny California, I was really anxious to come home.”

Dr. Messina-Dysert earned her doctorate degree at Claremont Graduate University. She completed a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies at John Carroll University, a Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Findlay and her undergraduate degree at Cleveland State University. At Ursuline, Dr. Messina-Dysert’s goal is to shine the light on the fact that the College’s mission is to educate women. “One of my biggest challenges is to develop the women-focused aspect in Graduate and Professional Studies. We want to encourage women to be leaders. I see that as a very important aspect of the academic program,” she said.
The key to a successful career is having a great mentor or mentors along the way, Sheryl Sandberg argues in her recently published book, *Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead*. Associate Professor and Public Relations and Marketing Program Director Laura Hammel, APR, Ph.D., embodies the word mentor, as “a trusted counselor or guide.”

Hammel was recognized for her mentorship work this past spring. She received the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Greater Cleveland Chapter's Davis Young Award for Exceptional Mentors 2013 at The Hill Lighthouse Young Awards in Cleveland. The award is given to a professional who exceptionally mentors students and young professionals. Since receiving the award, Hammel has been approached for additional mentoring opportunities, on campus and off.

“As a faculty member, I mentor students in every step of their university career,” Hammel said. “I never saw myself as a mentor in an official capacity before winning the award, though.”

Hammel is one of the newest members of UCoach, an optional program that offers students a personal coach throughout their college experience at Ursuline. Coaches are faculty or staff members who help students develop a personalized success plan as well as career preparation. Hammel is mentoring two freshman students for UCoach this semester.

“I have an affinity with Ursuline students,” Hammel said. “I really care about their success and want to help in any way I can. I am constantly looking for opportunities for students to start their careers right after graduation.”

Hammel surveys various Northeast Ohio public relation companies to find out what skills recent graduates are missing and then updates course curriculum to reflect employer needs. Hammel and Inge Schmidt, Associate Professor for Business, recently developed the Social Media Certificate program as well as more business course requirements for public relations majors.

“For me, the power of public relations is only as good as my students who pass it along and develop it. They have to approach each public relations activity with integrity. Ethics are woven into everything that I teach,” Hammel said.

Hammel has taught public relations and marketing to Ursuline undergraduate and graduate students since 2004. She is an active PRSA member as well as the past president of the association in 1995. She was the youngest woman president to date at the time.

“Hammel stands out among Greater Cleveland Chapter members due to her advocacy for students and young professionals in the classroom and beyond,” said Courtney L. Clarke, APR, Chair of the 2013 Hill, Lighthouse, Young Awards.

“In addition to revising the curriculum at Ursuline College based on business standards presented by local industry experts, Hammel exposes students to a variety of curricular and extra-curricular public relations experiences that guide and shape the way they advance in the profession far beyond the classroom,” Clarke continued.

Hammel said that she is humbled by her award since she feels it is for something that is just part of her job.

“I learn as much from students as they learn from me,” Hammel said. “I do not know if I am really a mentor in the true sense of the role. I think what my students and I have is more of an exchange of ideas. We help each other move forward.”
This past spring, Ursuline inducted three former student-athletes into the College’s athletic Hall of Fame as Bridget McNamara, Molly McPherson and Brandy Weglewski Thomas made up the fourth induction class.

Bridget McNamara Shaffer ’07 – Tennis
McNamara was the first recruit to join the Ursuline College tennis program and was a member of the inaugural tennis team in her freshman season. The four-time team captain was a two-time All-American Mideast Conference North Division selection in singles (2005 and 2006) and garnered scholar-athlete status from the conference in 2007.

Away from the court she was recognized as a “Champion of Character” for demonstrating integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

McNamara came to Ursuline as a legacy but made her own mark. She was inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi (the National Catholic College Honor Society) and Psi Chi (the International Honor Society in Psychology) and in 2007, she was highlighted in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.”

Before earning her degree in psychology in 2007, McNamara was a Fleur-de-Lis Leadership Honorary for exemplifying the Ursuline mission.

Molly McPherson Miller ’08 – Soccer
McPherson played at Ursuline from 2003-2006 and was a second team All-American Mideast Conference selection in 2007 after earning honorable mention status the two years prior. She scored 34 goals in her four seasons, the most in program history at the time of her graduation. Her 20 career assists tie her with 2012 Hall of Fame inductee Jen Risch at the top of the UC career list and McPherson’s 88 career points place her fourth in school history.

A two-time NAIA scholar-athlete, McPherson was the recipient of the 2008 Education Award and received the Fleur-de-Lis Leadership Honor, awarded to junior/senior students who possess leadership, service and respect while exemplifying the Ursuline mission.

McPherson was a member of Kappa Gamma Pi and was also the recipient of the campus-wide “Champion of Character Award” at the conclusion of the 2006-07 school year. She graduated in 2008 with a degree in education.

Brandy Weglewski Thomas ’08 – Volleyball
Weglewski was described by her coaches as the type of student-athlete you would want on your team. She was an All-American Mideast Conference honorable mention selection in both 2006 and 2007 and was a vital member of the 2007 team that finished with a program-best 20 wins. She was the recipient of the team’s Arrow Award four years for demonstrating heart, pride and determination.

In her senior season, she was credited with 1,109 assists – the ninth most in the conference – and was 20th in the conference with 3.9 digs per set.

She earned AMC scholar-athlete status in 2006 for her work in the classroom. Weglewski was inducted into the Pi Lambda Theta National Educational Honor Society in 2007 and was the recipient of the campus-wide “Champion of Character Award” at the conclusion of that year. She received the Education Award and the Luminary Award in 2008, the same year she was inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi and was featured in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.”

Weglewski also received the Fleur-de-Lis Leadership Honor in 2008, awarded to junior/senior students who possess leadership, service and respect while exemplifying the Ursuline mission. She graduated summa cum laude with degrees in education and mathematics.
On July 12, 2013, Ursuline received word that the College’s athletic program was accepted as the newest National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II institution. On September 1, the Arrows officially became an active member.

The announcement culminated years of hard work by the College, led by Athletic Director Cindy McKnight and College President Sr. Diana Stano, O.S.U., Ph.D. both of whom launched the athletic department in 1999.

Division II prides itself on providing a balanced atmosphere that emphasizes growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to the community. In line with the College’s mission, Division II stresses learning, balance, resourcefulness, sportsmanship, passion and service.

Ursuline initiated application for NCAA membership in 2010 and followed a prescribed timeline for full Division II membership since then.

The NCAA Division II membership process prepares institutions for membership as a successful Division II athletics program. The minimum three-year membership process consists of two periods, the candidacy period and the provisional period. The candidacy period consists of at least two years (candidacy period year one and two) and at least one year of a provisional period. The process includes opportunities for education, assessment and growth as institutions integrate the Division II philosophy, strategic positioning platform and best practices to be a model Division II institution.

During the 2013-14 academic year, lacrosse will debut as Ursuline’s 11th sponsored sport, joining basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field and volleyball. With the exception of lacrosse and swimming and diving, the remaining sports are members of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC), the NCAA’s 24th active Division II conference as of September 1.

In early August, Ursuline College President Sister Diana Stano, O.S.U. was elevated to Chair of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) President’s Council. Sister Diana assumed the post following the term of Dr. William Brown, former president of Cedarville University, who guided the conference’s President’s Council during its first two years.

Dr. Dan Boone, President of Trevecca Nazarene University, was elected as the President’s Council Vice-Chair and will follow Sister Diana as Chairperson following her two-year term.

“The Great Midwest Athletic Conference is an organization that is led by the President’s Council and is fortunate to have leaders that are committed to the young conference’s growth and continued development,” said Tom Daeger, Commissioner of the G-MAC. “Sister Diana has been a cornerstone of the league since its inception in 2011 and I look forward to serving her and the entire President’s Council as we move the G-MAC forward towards its bright future.”

G-MAC News

G-MAC All-Conference Selections

Basketball
- Laura Campbell ’16 – First Team
- Nicole Burlinson ’17 – Second Team
- Bravina Talia Trovato ’16 – All-Conference Team

Cross Country
- Vanessa Consiglio ’16 – Second Team
- Anna Feidl ’15 – Second Team
- Paige Rowan ’15 – Second Team
- Alix Shanks ’13 – Second Team

Softball
- Rachel Wells ’16 – Newcomer of the Year

Tennis
- Betsy Edwards ’13 – All-Conference Team
- Alex Leister ’14 – All-Conference Team

Volleyball
- Alex Leister ’14 – Second Team
- Kelly Stenger ’15 – Second Team
- Elise Harcek ’16 – Honorable Mention
- Maureen Kelly ’14 – Honorable Mention
- Ashley Reinhart ’14 – Honorable Mention

In mid-June, former Ursuline College softball player Sam Gauvin ’13 was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Gauvin graduated in May with a 3.87 GPA while majoring in psychology and earning magna cum laude honors. She also received departmental accolades and was inducted into Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology.

She served as Vice President and President of Psi Chi and had the honor of presenting her research at the Annual Ohio Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference. Gauvin was President of the Allies Student Organization, was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and volunteered at Butler Hospital, a private mental health hospital in her home state of Rhode Island.

Gauvin plans to continue her education and earn a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. She is currently working at the Cleveland Clinic and focusing on autism spectrum disorders.

Athletically, she was a four-year member of the softball program and received the Blue and Gold Award in 2012 for selflessness and her team-first attitude.
Ursuline College was chosen by Google Glass to be part of the Glass Explorer Program. The College picked up its’ pair at the company’s office in New York City this past summer.

Google Glass is a wearable computer developed by Google that is equipped with an “optical head-mounted display.” The lens-free glasses are like a hands-free smart phone that individuals can use to surf the Internet, make calls, text message, record video and more, via voice commands all displayed in front of the user’s eyes.

Ursuline’s Alumnae Director Tiffany Mushrush Mentzer ’03 saw Google Glass on the Today Show when the company introduced its’ Google+ and Twitter contest. Mushrush Mentzer decided to enter.

“I thought it would be the perfect way to show the world the only women’s focused college in Ohio - show others our values, voice and vision,” Mushrush Mentzer said. “Selected students, alumnae, faculty and staff are using Glass to show their view of Ursuline College. It is a great way to showcase Ursuline’s campus to prospective students.”

Applicants chosen for the Glass Explorer program were required to post how they would use Google Glass on Google+ or Twitter in 50 words or less along with the hashtag #ifihadglass. Successful applicants, including Ursuline, were required to attend a training event at one of Google Glass’ main offices.

Check out the College’s Google Glass vision at ursuline.edu/glass.
Being one of the first in Ursuline’s Community to use Google Glass, I felt privileged to put them on and see campus through Glass. To be honest, I watched a few hundred promotional and Explorer Program Youtube Videos to prepare myself. I hoped that the first time I said, “Ok, Glass” I would do something spectacular.

I won’t lie; I fumbled with adjusting Glass around my hair and ended up taking a few photos of the ceiling. But after a few minutes I asked Glass to store notes and then connect to Facebook, Fieldtrip, Tumblr and Twitter.

Glass technology is certainly innovative. I wouldn’t be surprised if in a few years we see the general population wearing Glass to work, the grocery store or surfing the internet while waiting in line at Starbucks. It is very much like Siri, without her talking back. The information I ask for is shown to me in a rectangular projection in my upper, right hand vision. While I was watching a YouTube video on how to make a paper crane over lunch, I could hear the instructions but my neighbors didn’t notice a thing. I’m impressed with the sleekness of the overall interface and how well Glass responds to common language commands.

With that said, since the purpose of the Explorer Program is to test the product, these are some areas that will hopefully be tweaked before Glass is released to the public. Glass, unfortunately, does not connect to Apple products like it does Android systems. I was unable to utilize the GPS navigation and text messaging. Glass battery life is limited; it tends to die within three hours or less of use.

I think the Explorer Program is a great way for Google to jumpstart new applications and expand what Glass can do. Ursuline definitely has a rare opportunity to showcase our campus, faculty and students through Glass. We’re a community that encourages all members to utilize their unique vision – and now we have a techy way to do just that!
In 2008, one woman changed Cleveland author Paula McLain's life—forever. Her name is Hadley Richardson. She was Ernest Hemingway's first wife, The Paris Wife, and the protagonist of McLain's New York Times bestselling novel by the same title.

"I was thinking about writing about Paris in the 1920s," McLain said. Her next move was to read Ernest Hemingway's memoir A Moveable Feast. "It was an experience I cannot explain," McLain continued. "When I finished A Moveable Feast, I needed to know who these people are." McLain went to her local library and grabbed as many biographies and memoirs about Hadley as possible. It all just seemed so wildly glamorous, she said. "I think we are fixated, or at least I am, on the bohemian recklessness of Paris in the twenties."

McLain shared her passion for 1920s Paris and Hadley with the Ursuline community this past September at Landerhaven Executive Caterers, an event organized by the Office of Alumnae. "In order to bring the scene to life, McLain created dialogue based on her in-depth understanding of Hadley, her humor amidst sorrow. McLain writes from Hadley's perspective, "That was the day Pauline taught me how to dive. That didn't turn out very well!"

Hadley married Hemingway at age 29. Nothing substantial, love or careers-wise, prior to her marriage. She was the most remarkable woman and now the whole world will know her," McLain said.

Hadley was often seen in Hemingway's shadow. He was the writer, the famous one. Hadley was not fashion-forward or a 20s flapper-girl. She was a small-town "Victorian" woman, but she was brave. She used her voice and strength to break the realm of spinsterhood. Not discouraged by the era, Hadley not only married at an older age but she also married a younger man. Hemingway was twenty-one years old. "She was aged by the era, Hadley not only married at an older age but she also married a younger man. Hemingway was twenty-one years old. "She was the only one to get her heart broken in this world," were McLain's final words to the crowd."

"There are a million ways to get your heart broken in this world," were McLain's final words to the crowd. "Thank you for sharing your passion," a man in the audience replied.

McLain's works-in-progress are a book about Marie Currie and another about colonial Africa, specifically Kenya. McLain is an advocate for the rich arts communities in Cleveland and the surrounding suburbs. Her message to students interested in writing: "If you are madly in love with what you're doing, be humble and know that there is so much you don't know. There is so much to learn and absorb about the craft of writing. Talent is everywhere. You don't have to move to New York or Los Angeles to find creative people."

McLain wrote her award-winning novel in the Cedar Hill Starbucks after leaving her full-time job at John Carroll University. She was at the coffee shop from 9 am to 3 pm every day. It took her one-year of dedication to create her masterpiece.

For information about future speakers, visit ursuline.edu/alumnae.
Distinguished Nurse Honored

What’s it like to oversee 11,000 employees? For Kelly Hancock ’94, MSN ’07, RN, NE-BC, it’s just another typical day as Cleveland Clinic Heath System’s Executive Chief Nursing Officer. The College recently awarded her the 2013 Distinguished Nursing Alumnae Award.

The award, granted by Ursuline’s Breen School of Nursing and the Ursuline–St. John College Alumnae Association, is given to outstanding nursing graduates who exemplify significant leadership and who have professionally advanced in their field through education, practice and research.

“I cannot think of anyone more deserving of the Distinguished Nursing Alumnae Award than Ms. Kelly Hancock.” Christine Wynd, Ph.D., RN, CNAA, Dean of The Breen School of Nursing, said. “She represents the professionalism and greatness that we know exists in every one of our Ursuline College and Saint John College nursing alumnae.”

North Royalton resident Hancock graduated from the College’s Breen School of Nursing with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 1994 and with her Master of Science in Nursing degree in 2007.

As Cleveland Clinic’s Executive Chief Nursing Officer, Hancock oversees Chief Nursing Officers at ten Clinic regional hospitals and Cleveland Clinic Florida. She also serves as the Main Campus Chief Nursing Officer, a position she has held since 2011. Hancock is responsible for directing the clinical, academic and operational activities of the nursing staff throughout the health system, as well as nursing integration of institutes on the main campus.

Simultaneously, she is also the Senior Nursing Director of Critical Care and the Nursing Director of the Heart and Vascular Institute.

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A. The room has helped Jaida in so many ways. She is able to access her favorite toys, get into her dresser drawers to get pajamas at night and put her clean laundry away.

Q. What are Jaida and Zoey’s favorite things in the room?
A. Jaida and Zoey have loved their new bunk beds and desk. They spend hours doing crafts at the desk together.

Q. What did it mean to you and your family to receive this room makeover from Color Your Corner and Ursuline College?
A. The room remodel means so much to us because we were able to make the room more enjoyable for Jaida. I would have never thought of the great ideas that the team came up with, especially the toys and closet chalk.

Q. How is everything holding up?
A. Everything has held up just the way it was when the room was finished – nothing is broken or worn down.

Q. Since you have had the room for a little bit now, what was the biggest surprise with the room as their mother?
A. The biggest surprise to me was how much the girls have enjoyed, and take pride in, keeping their new room clean!

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Reunion 2013

Alumnae gathered at Landerhaven Executive Caterers to reconnect and celebrate with their College classmates. The weekend began with Ursuline and St. John classes of ’63 celebrating their 50th anniversary with a special luncheon hosted by Sr. Diana Stano, OSU. This year’s crystal award was given to Kimberley Osborne-Milstein ’98 for her service to the Ursuline College community. The Amadeus Rapp award went to Sr. Joanne Gross, OSU ’78 for her outstanding contribution to her Catholic faith, law profession and the greater Cleveland community. Sr. Joanne is also a member of the College’s Board of Trustees.

The date for Reunion 2014 is June 28 for classes ending in ‘4’ and ‘9’. Those interested in serving on the Reunion Committee or hosting a private class party, contact the Alumnae Office at 440 646 8375.

2013 Alumnae Art Exhibit

The Florence O’Donnell Wasmer Gallery showcased over 25 alumnae artists in the Ursuline College Alumnae Invitational Exhibition. The exhibit included art, art therapy and fashion alumnae of Ursuline & St. John College. Alumnae work encompasses a wide range of media including drawings, painting, silk painting, original prints, photography, mixed media, ceramics and jewelry. Opening night hosted over 150 guests with live music and the introduction of the Gallery’s newest director, Anna Arnold.

“The Alumnae Art Exhibition is a special venue for alumnae of the art, art therapy and fashion departments to show off their talents and the work they have created since graduation,” Director of Alumnae Relations & Development Specialist Tiffany Mushrush Mentzer said. “I enjoy reconnecting with alumnae when they come back to campus and hearing about the great things they have accomplished.”
If you've enjoyed a hot cup of coffee or delicious slice of pizza pie in the College's new Pilla Student Dining Room you have probably noticed the vivacious floral painting on the south wall of the room. Reds, greens, blacks and oranges make up soft lines and whimsical poppy-esque flowers.

And who is the painter behind the sponges sticks and combs? Ursuline alumna Kathryn Holzheimer '75. Holzheimer, who does not usually use paintbrushes, generously donated the painting to Ursuline. The piece was originally featured in the Alumnae Invitational Exhibition that ran this past June through August in the Florence O'Donnell Wasmer Gallery.

“I love the emotion that comes from being in nature: peacefulness and tranquility,” Holzheimer said. “All people are close to the beauty of nature in some way.”

Holzheimer grew up in a family of artists. She began using her creativity at an early age. She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Ursuline in the summer of 1974.

“Sister Kathleen Burke was one of my teachers. In her classes there was such an openness for students to develop their own style,” Holzheimer said.

Ursuline’s approach to education is to encourage women to contribute their unique gifts, Burke said. Professors and instructors aid their students to complete independent studies as well as find career focused internships and work-study opportunities.

Holzheimer stopped painting and began working for her family’s interior design business, Holzheimer Interiors, after graduation. She is the fourth generation of her family to work for the company, which was founded in 1902. Holzheimer spent the next 35 years in the design field, travelling throughout the United States and to places as far as Japan and Saudi Arabia.

“It was a wonderful world for a woman to work and also to raise a family. I could have both,” Holzheimer said. Her daughter is now the fifth generation of Holzheimer’s working for the family business. “She is a remarkable woman. I am so proud.”

Kathryn Holzheimer will be exhibiting her work in the Wasmer Gallery February 7 – April 4. To learn more about Holzheimer’s work, please visit www.holzheimerart.com.

Jennifer Schwartz Wright ’93, ATR-BC began her college career at Kent State University but found herself lost in large classes. After three semesters, she was ready for a change; some soul searching and investigating lead Schwartz Wright to the fascinating world of art therapy. She enrolled at Ursuline College because of the art therapy graduate program, hoping to learn more about the career.

While there was no official art therapy major at that time, Gail Rule-Hoffman, Chair of the Art Therapy and Counseling graduate program, worked with Wright to set up undergraduate fieldwork so she could become a participant observer in a local art therapy psycho-education program for children at risk for substance abuse and delinquency. According to Schwartz Wright, “My time at Ursuline was some of the most nourishing, growth inducing time of my life.”

Within a month of graduation from Ursuline, Schwartz Wright entered the graduate art therapy program at Vermont College. As an Ursuline alumna, she has had the opportunity to participate in an internship at University Hospitals, professional clinical work at the Centers for Dialysis Care, leadership positions in the Buckeye Art Therapy Association and current supervisory role as Executive Director of the Art Therapy Studio.

According to Schwartz Wright, “Beyond all this, the simple truth is I feel blessed to be able to return to the College’s School of Arts and Sciences to help pass along the Ursuline experience which transforms lives and prepares the healers of the future for the challenges they will face. It is incredibly gratifying for me to be part of this work.”

The new undergraduate program in Art Therapy is designed to prepare students for graduate study in art therapy, which is entry level for practice and credentialing. The curriculum provides for foundation courses in fine art, psychology, and art therapy, fulfilling all the necessary prerequisites to make a student eligible for graduate school. One bonus of the program is the possibility of bridging into the graduate program during senior year.

A hope of Schwartz Wright is to continue a network with alumnae working in Art Therapy and Counseling. “Ursuline art therapy majors are eager to learn about what a career as an art therapist is like. The more contact they can have with practicing art therapists, the deeper their understanding will be of their field at an early stage in their professional development.”
Rebekah Chilcote ’07 has waited eight years to return to Africa. During her wait, she has completed a Master’s degree in Art Therapy and Counseling. She is now taking what she has learned back to Africa to help children orphaned by AIDS who have no access to psychological care. Chilcote’s dream is to launch an art therapy organization in sub-saharan Africa, where the AIDS pandemic has left a staggering number of children orphaned and raising themselves.

I have recently followed God’s leading to begin the journey back to Africa through the organization Youth With A Mission, where I completed a six month Discipleship Training School (DTS) based in White River, South Africa. My experience has been life-changing and I know I am exactly where God wants me to be.

Together with students from five different countries, I have been living in community and doing weekly outreach work with orphans and vulnerable children. For three months we traveled to Swaziland and Malawi to serve children in desperate situations. The focus of our DTS is Compassion and I have been experiencing this daily, in powerful ways.

We recently invited 400 vulnerable children from the community to our YWAM base for a kid’s camp, where they learned of their identity as God’s Princes and Princesses. Many of their clothes were worn thin and their little feet barefoot, but their eyes were alive. My assignment for the morning was to tie on their crowns.

Words can’t express how I felt as I watched the buses roll in with hundreds of excited and screaming children. Tears came to my eyes as I placed a crown on each beautiful head and watched their faces light up. I thought of the crown our Savior wore and how I saw His face reflected in each of the orphan’s smiles. To the world, they are forgotten children. To God, they are royalty.

I have since followed God’s lead back to Zimbabwe where I have been providing art therapy counseling for 150 children through YWAM. Living with over 18 orphans who have been rescued from abuse, it is my greatest joy to see them come to life and share their experiences for the first time. In safe and affirming art therapy groups, they begin to heal. I am praying to return to Zimbabwe in 2014 to provide continued psychological care for the children of Africa.

Rebekah Chilcote ’07
Gentle breezes, gracious people and beautiful beaches. That’s Jamaica and I had the opportunity to recently travel to the lovely island with Chris Stevens ’91 BSN to volunteer with the non-profit organization Great Shape! Inc., which facilitates humanitarian projects in Jamaica and serves over 40,000 people every year. The overall experience was an exhilarating combination of hard, sweaty, rewarding work as well as a side of luxurious vacation to boot. Another Ursuline BSN graduate Joy Caldwell ’90 recently joined the team. Great Shape! Inc. was founded in 1988 with a mission to empower Jamaican and Caribbean children and families by providing access to education and health care. The services they provide include dentistry (1000 Smiles), health literacy enhancement (SuperKids), eye care (iCare) and technology education and support to teachers (a collaboration between Great Shape! Inc. and MIT). Chris and I volunteered with the 1000 Smiles program, providing nursing care, assessment and education. Among the new things we learned while in Jamaica: the striking disparity between medical and dental assistance available to people living in Jamaica versus certain income-earning American citizens was poignant. Health care available to Jamaicans is similar to what is available to lower-income, under-served Americas. The Jamaicans we served are desperate for medical and dental care. They need a solution for the pain, discomfort and limitations they experience due to health issues. There is one dentist for every 1,000,000 people living in the rural areas where Great Shape! Inc. establishes clinics. As a result, dental care and oral hygiene is not commonplace and many Jamaicans develop serious health and economic challenges over their lifetime. Island resort staff members are preferred to have bright beaming smiles, an intangible quality for those who have lost teeth due to inadequate dental care. Great Shape! Inc. volunteer dentists make saving patients’ front teeth a priority. Resort employees who have had their front teeth saved by a volunteer dentist often thank the organization for teaching them about good dental hygiene and for having a presentable smile enabling them to work at a resort. Most of these employees are not only supporting themselves but also supporting parents, siblings and other family members as well as saving for education and their future. Being nurses, Chris and I provided screenings and educated patients at various clinics. We also assisted with patient flow, served as ambassadors with Great Shape! Inc.’s partners at the Jamaican Ministry of Health, an effort supported by Sandals Foundations, and first aider to the volunteer team. Sandals Foundation and Resorts donate over $1,000,000 a year to the organization through in-kind donations, including boarding, meals and island transportation for all Great Shape! Inc. volunteers. For more information about Great Shape! Inc., visit www.gsjamaica.org.

– Sarah Reader ’94 BSN

Ursuline alum, Thomas Koch ’11, recently showcased his artwork at Penitentiary Glen below are his thoughts on the exhibit

Some question, “Of all subject matter why have you chosen to illustrate nature?” Well in my opinion, nature and all that is within it is by far the most intriguing. What greater foundation for visual study does one have than that made available by nature? My attention and curiosity are always drawn to the seasonal cycles, the living critters and creatures within nature, and the natural occurrences that make our world carry on and more interesting. With that said, the main source of my inspiration is nature. I am awestruck by the line and texture quality seen in trees, plants, animals, and reflections. My depicted content is not strictly fact or a reaction of my feelings with regards to the subject. Rather, my goal is to capture the subconscious act of experiencing the beauty seen in nature. I carry this out by observing the outdoors and then incorporating the line and texture qualities that intrigue me. I approach each new illustration with no expectations or plan, which allows me to see what an imaginative collaboration between nature, observation, drawing, and technology is capable of creating. Throughout my educational career, at Ursuline College, not only did I truly learn a lot about art on the whole, but I also learned a lot about myself as I discovered the direction I wanted to pursue with my learned artistic abilities. As a result, I have come to the conclusion that art truly has no boundaries. I truly believe that my time and effort as a student at Ursuline College has led me to many achievements in my life that would have otherwise been impossible. – Thomas Koch ’11
Anne Pierce Grosel ’48 (Lakewood OH) and her husband Hank celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary this past June. They celebrated with their children at The Church of St. Luke the Evangelist with a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Marjorie Haessly Brubeck ’53 (Baltimore MD) and her husband Norm are enjoying retirement. They both volunteer at their parish, The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, every Monday. They also enjoy keeping up with their grandchildren whose ages span from middle school through second year college.

Sr. Charlotte Trenkamp, OSU ’54 (Pepper Pike OH) was featured in the Ursuline Sisters News magazine this fall for her volunteer efforts around the Cleveland area. She volunteers at Ahuja Medical Center visiting patients and bringing them Communion, St. Patrick Hunger Center where she assists with hot meal service, Judson Park Retirement Community where she continues the ministry she began 10 years ago. She also meets with her sewing companions to make sleeping bags for the homeless that are distributed at the West Side Catholic Center through the sleeping bag ministry, an outreach of Gesu Parish.

Barbara Gibson Gustafson ’55 SJ (Cleveland Heights OH) and her fellow St. John nursing classmates got together this past June at J. Bella restaurant in Strongsville, Ohio. They also enjoyed attending Mass together at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine and then took in a Cleveland Indians game. (lower row L-R) Jane Stenger Blahavec (guest), Joan Payne Riess ’55 SJ (Kettering OH), Margaret M. Gibbons ’55 SJ (Rocky River OH); (upper row L-R) Betty-Ann Stasny Skrha ’57 SJ (Cleveland OH), Jeanne Stenger Vandersluis ’55 SJ (North Olmsted OH), Dorothy McAuley Zimpelman ’55 SJ (Cincinnati OH), Florence Benisek Schumacher ’55 SJ (Fayetteville AR), Constance Corbett Kolloka ’55 SJ (Euclid OH), Ritamarie Kestner Nuhn ’55 SJ (Okatie SC), Kathleen Evans Predovich ’55 SJ (Arlington Heights IL), and Mercita Bommer FitzGerald ’55 SJ (Strongsville OH).

Sr. Ann Kelly, OSU ’55 (Pepper Pike OH) as well as fellow alumnae Sr. Kathleen Cooney, OSU ’65 (Pepper Pike OH), Eileen Delaney Kohut ’68 (Willoughby OH), Sr. Diane Therese Pinchot, OSU ’68 (Cleveland OH), Sr. Rosaria Perna, OSU ’81 (Pepper Pike OH), Tiffany Mushrush Mentzer ’03 (Chagrin Falls OH), Molly Carroll ’10 (Lyndhurst OH), Elizabeth Beach ’11 (North Ridgeville OH), Patricia Fish Stephens ’12 (Mayfield Heights OH), Sarah Wojciechowski ’12 (North Royalton OH) and Rebecca Wrenn ’12 (Euclid OH) each featured their artwork in Inscape 2013, the College’s annual fine arts magazine.

Ann Moley Monastra ’56 SJ (University Heights OH) was inducted as an Honorary Alumnae Association Board Member for...
Class Notes

Mary Agnes Friedel Kendra ’63 SJ (Chagrin Falls OH) and her husband Lawrence recently returned from a land and cruise tour in Alaska.

Karen Manning Swyt ’63 SJ (Highland Heights OH) and her husband John recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this summer with their eight children who came from across the country to take them on a surprise seven day trip to celebrate.

Sr. Rose Elizabeth Terrell, OSU ’64 SJ (Miami FL) was featured in an article in the Catholic Universe Bulletin titled “Local faithful keep strong ties with El Salvador missions.” Sr. Rose Elizabeth spoke to members of St. John Neumann Parish in Strongsville, Ohio about her experiences in El Salvador as part of the Cleveland Diocesan Mission Team.

Kay Brown Malec ’57 SJ (Mentor OH) celebrated her daughter Megan Malec Fennell’s marriage to David Fennell. Also in attendance was Megan’s sister, Nell Malec Ginley ’94 (Cleveland Heights).

Mary Agnes Noonan Kubat ’68 SJ (Lakeside Marblehead STATE) retired this past July as Chair of Undergraduate Clinical Education at Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio.

Sr. Diana Stano, OSU ’68 (Pepper Pike OH) has recently celebrated her 35th year of service with Ursuline College.

Mary Jo Fink ’69 (South Euclid OH) recently retired from University Hospital this past August.

Linda E. Masek ’69 (Northfield OH) has just released her fifth book Kitty Tails and Horses Hooves a Spiritual Journey published by Fireside Books. It is a heartwarming nonfiction, animal tale, spiritual in origin that features not just humans, but cats, horses, dogs, squirrels and many other animals set in the Northern Ohio areas of Chagrin Falls, Russell, Northfield, Brecksville and Elyria.

Marjorie J. Burkhart ’68 (Canton OH) created this piece titled Etoile du Nuit, an asymmetrical necklace that is hand fabricated from fresh water pearls, black, polymerized, molded plastic, and nylon coated stainless steel wire. It was juried into the Society of North American Goldsmiths’ 2013 Exhibition in Motion: BLACK + WHITE + PEARLesque runway show this past May in Toronto, Canada.

Sr. Maureen McCarthy, OSU ’60 SJ (Pepper Pike OH) was featured in the Ursuline Sisters News magazine this fall for her volunteer efforts at the Hospice of the Western Reserve’s David Simpson House. Sr. Maureen passes out breakfast trays and helps feed patients, assists with patients’ personal care, washes vases, and straightens the library.

Sr. Gale K. Marn, OSU ’62 SJ (Pepper Pike OH) was featured in the Ursuline Sisters News magazine this fall for her volunteer work at Ahuja Medical Center where she assists as a Eucharistic Minister. She finds serving this way a natural progression from her previous career as a parish minister.

Sr. Beverly Anne LoGrasso, OSU ’70 (Pepper Pike OH) was a guest columnist this past May for the Cleveland Plain Dealer writing a story titled “Children must learn that violence is not the answer to problems: Messages of Faith.” Her story focused on the development of a child’s self-identity and teaching them to use their intelligence and imagination in positive and constructive ways to solve personal problems and build safer communities.

Micki Krupitzer Mackin ’71 (Lyndhurst OH) has recently retired from being an art teacher and expresses her creativity by selling word art creations on Etsy, an online handmade marketplace. You can see her artwork online at www.etsy.com/shop/mickiw ard.

Janie Vayo Reinart ’71 (Chagrin Falls OH) & Mary Anne Cotman Mayer ’72 (North Ridgeville OH) had their collaborative book Love You More Than You Know voted “Best Book in Cleveland.” The book profiles 45 mothers of U.S. service men and women sharing what they felt when their son or daughter left home to fight a war.

Sr. Elaine Berkopec, OSU ’72 (Euclid OH) has recently celebrated her 55th year of service with Ursuline College.

Karen Vincent ’72 and Leslie Vincent ’75 (Hudson OH) are enjoying another summer selling Leslie’s original watercolors and puppets at fairy festivals and renaissance fairs. The sisters are also busy promoting their website www.puppetinaplace.com.

Maureen Brady Johnson ’73 (Oberlin OH) had one of her short plays, Planting the Music produced by the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre in their Ten–Ten play festival. The play honors

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Karen Vincent ’72 and Leslie Vincent ’75 (Hudson OH) are enjoying another summer selling Leslie’s original watercolors and puppets at fairy festivals and renaissance fairs. The sisters are also busy promoting their website www.puppetinaplace.com.

Maureen Brady Johnson ’73 (Oberlin OH) had one of her short plays, Planting the Music produced by the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre in their Ten–Ten play festival. The play honors
her father and his love for gardening and especially raising garlic. She also had her play *Beatlenania* performed as a part of the Ticket to Write festival at the Unity Theatre in Liverpool, England. It is one of the plays chosen from the USA in their line-up.

**Kathryn Holzheimer ’75** (Novelty OH) is an impressionistic, contemporary acrylic artist creating art for the spirit. She has had her artwork currently on display at 200 Public Square in Cleveland, Ohio, the Community House, Gates Mills, Ohio and the Beachwood Public Library.

**Mary Nadolski Sutcliffe ’75 SJ** (Cleveland Heights OH) presented as a panelist at the College’s fall UCoach event, titled “Recipe for Success.” Mary spoke about interviewing skills to current Ursuline students in the UCoach program. Her discussion was well received and she hopes to come back again.

**Patricia Brown Homan ’74 SJ** (Hammondsville OH) the Associate Dean and Site Director for the Chatfield College St. Martin Campus visited with Ursuline College Admissions Staff Danielle Daltorio (left), Admission Counselor/Coordinator of Transfer Recruitment and Carolyn Noll Sorg (right) Director of Admissions during a college transfer fair at Chatfield College.

**Denise San Antonio Zeman ’74** (Cleveland OH) was listed as one of Crain’s Cleveland Magazine’s Women of Note 2013 Class of Honorees for her work as President and CEO of the Saint Luke’s Foundation. The magazine honors women whose passion, dedication and strength led to success, not only for themselves, but their organization and colleagues as well.

**Dorothy Janusko Valerian ’77, ’99 MA** (Highland Heights OH) was recognized at the Distinguished Alumnae Awards event at Beaumont School.

**Sue Moran Blankschaen ’77** (Mentor on the Lake OH) is the Administrative Director at University Hospitals Case Medical Center and was awarded the Women of Professional Excellence Award at the YWCA Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon. Women who receive the award exemplify high professional standards and evidence of career and personal growth, make significant contributions to the effective, efficient operations of their organizations, display a willingness to support and mentor others in their organizations and positively impact the community.

**Donna Olesko Gentile ’77** (Slidell, LA) is a best-selling author that recently celebrated the publication of her new book: *Nifty Thrifty Bible Crafts: Animals of the Old Testament*, reproducible Bible craft book to teach Christ-character in children ages five through 10 in a Nifty Thrifty way.

**Judy Stueckler Bulcroft ’78** (North Olmsted OH) celebrated the marriage of her oldest child, Nathan, to his high school sweetheart, Amber, this past April. Judy and her husband Ron also celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a leisurely trip along the east coast.

**Laura Chrow Goliat ’79** (Richfield, OH) received a new title this year as Coordinator of Medical-Surgical Nursing in the College’s generic/traditional BSN program.

**Sr. Joanne Gross, OSU ’79** (South Euclid, OH) was featured in the Villa Angela-St. Joseph Magazine in an article titled “Making a difference as an Ursuline and a lawyer” the article focuses on her work and service throughout the community.

**Sr. Rosaria Perna, OSU ’81** (Pepper Pike OH) has recently celebrated her 20th year of service with Ursuline College.

**Patricia Brearey Sharpnack ’84** (Chardon OH) received a new title this year as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Nursing Programs in the College’s Breen School of Nursing.
Regina Geracci ’87 (Cleveland OH) works for the Cleveland Clinic in Palliative Care for the last 13 years and is also certified in Hospice and Palliative Nursing and an ELNEC trainer in end of life care. She has also spent the last 12 years volunteering for the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Sr. Rita Kuhn, OSU ’88 (Pepper Pike OH) was featured in an article in the Ursuline Sisters magazine recognizing her hard work in running the Laurel Tree Gift Shop housed in the Ursuline Educational Center.

C. Kelly Graham ’89 (Willoughby Hills OH) was honored by the Society for Technical Communication in a ceremony at its annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a senior member of the Society and was named an Associate Fellow – one of the highest ranks that the Society confers upon a member.

Patricia Nugent ’92 (Cuyahoga Falls OH) Principal at St. Joseph School in Cuyahoga Falls received the 2013 Distinguished Principal Award from the NCEA for outstanding leadership of elementary education. She was honored during a ceremony at the NCEA annual convention this past April in Houston, Texas.

Susan Shymske Willeke ’92 (Westerville OH) (pictured L to R) as well as fellow alumnae Mary Lou Hannon Pelzer ’63 (Columbus OH), Sr. Diana Stano, OSU ’68 (Pepper Pike OH) and Kathleen Gurnick Arendt ’70 enjoyed an afternoon tour at the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus, Ohio as well as lunch and great conversation during the Alumnae Association Columbus Chapter event this past spring.

Martin Katon ’93 (Venice CA) is a Venice-based artist that was featured in the Santa Monica Star newspaper for the teaching he does at the Virginia Park Teen Center in Santa Monica. He oversees oil painting art classes for at risk, gifted, learning differences, and physically challenged teens.

Nell Malec Ginley ’94 (Cleveland Heights OH) has recently been named DRE at her church, Communion of Saints previously St. Ann Parish.

Sheree Walker Harris ’94 (Cleveland OH) and her husband Gregory celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary this past July.

Jennifer Schwartz Wright ’93 (South Euclid OH) has joined the College’s School of Arts and Sciences as the Department Chair and as an advisor for the new undergraduate art therapy program.

Sr. Denise Marie Vlna, OSU ’93 (Parma OH) was featured in the Ursuline Sisters magazine this fall for her 25th anniversary of serving as an Ursuline Sister and the achievements of her journey.

Tamara Shella ’95 (Rocky River OH) spoke at the Kochi-Muziris Bienale, in Kochi, India on “What is art therapy?” as part of an arts and medicine symposium.

Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell ’97 (South Euclid OH) relocated back to the Cleveland area after serving as the Pastor to two churches in the Pittsburgh area for the past fourteen years and is now the pastor of St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church in Beachwood, Ohio.
Caren Rallo
Nakhooda '97 (Cha-
grin Falls OH) ran
her first marathon this
past May, the Rite Aid
Cleveland Marathon.
She also participated
in the Cleveland Rock
and Roll 1/2 Marath-
on in October.

Susan Mustin Johnson
'98 (Chagrin Falls
OH) relocated back
to the Cleveland area
after working as the
Executive Director in
large retirement communities in New Jersey
and California. Her new position is Regional
Director for Memory Training Centers of
America, a NY based company that works
exclusively with Medicare to provide cognitive
therapies to seniors to prevent and/or improve
memory loss.

Kimberley Osborne Milstein '98 (Novelty
OH) is Co-Founder of Textile Republic. Her
company has been featured on Good Morning
America, People Magazine, USA Today, Travel
& Leisure and she has had the opportunity to
work with celebrities: Courtney Cox, Orlando
Bloom, Zoe Saldana & Bridget Moynahan in
creating graphic trays for “Celebrity Curate for
a Cause.” Visit: TextileRepublic.com for more
information. She is the 2013 recipient of the
College’s Crystal Award.

Jennifer Meivogel Forney ’99 (Painesville
OH) was honored as one of Cleveland Maga-
zine’s 2013 Faces of Care Winners for her work
with the Cleveland Clinic Nursing Research
and Innovation.

Gail Keegan ’99 (Mentor OH) started a grave-
site maintenance business called Manicured
Memories. There is no other service offered
like it in the North East Ohio area. Visit mani-
curedmemories.com for more information.

Joann Rymarczyck Piotrkowski '99 (Eucid
OH) and Shannon C.Vaughan ’10 (Chagrin
Falls OH) attended the All the People Tour -
Matt Maher Concert as a part of the “Year of
Faith” in which five local Catholic colleges
participated in the first ever local event that
included a mass, social hour and a concert held
at the Agora Theatre.

Jody Timko ’00
(Seven Hills
OH) served on
Ursuline’s Social
Work Advisory
Board for seven
years and is cur-
rently teaching social work at Cleveland State
University.

Melanie Maloney Janke ’01 (Twinsburg
OH) and her husband Bill welcomed identical
twin boys Aiden Michael and Wyatt Erwin this
past August.

Loretta Eppinger Stevens ’01, ’09
MMT (Lakewood OH) has a new
position as Controller at the Greater
Cleveland YMCA.

Kelly Doris Mossbruger ’02 (Cleve-
land OH) and her husband Matthew
welcomed their daughter Paige
Elizabeth Mossbruger this past April.

Heather Brandt Najman ‘02 (Independence
OH) married Morey Najman this past August.

Janet Baker ’03 (Chesterland OH) received a
new title this year as the Associate Dean of the
Graduate Nursing Programs in the College’s
Breen School of Nursing.

Mary Cain Baltus ’03 (Mentor OH) recently
retired from her position as Nurse Case Man-
ger at the Cleveland VA Medical Center
and now spends her time volunteering at the
Painesville Free Clinic of Lake County.

Tiffany Mushrush Mentzer ’03
(Chagrin Falls OH) and Anne-Marie Gurko ’09
(Bedford OH) were able to catch-up with Malawian
native, Lemani Ngaiyaye, manager of H.E.L.P . Malawi, whom they
met two years ago during their
service trip to Malawi. During his
first visit the U.S., they gave him a
tour of Ursuline.

Teena Bresson Farrell ’04 (Maced-
onia OH) has been promoting
her online children’s clothing
boutique Petal’s and Plaid on Facebook. She
shows great items for little girls and boys
including onesies, bowties and tutus. Her items
can be found at www.facebook.com/Petals-
AndPlaid.
Mary Weimer Green ’04 (Avon OH), Gadi Zamir ’04 (South Euclid OH), Anne-Marie Gurko ’09 (Bedford OH), Caitlin Reniff ’12 (Mentor OH) and Sarah Wojciechowski ’12 (North Royalton OH) were each chosen to display their artwork at the The Skull and Skeleton in Art III: Folk Art to Pop Culture exhibit at Lakeland Community College this fall.

Jessica Salas Novak ’04 (Concord Township OH) was recently elected to the executive board of the Public Relations Society of America Cleveland chapter as VP of Membership. She was also featured in the CBC Magazine this past February highlighting the successes of Cleveland’s public relations, marketing and communications professionals.

Gadi Zamir ’04 (South Euclid OH) was featured in the Cleveland Plain Dealer for his nonprofit gallery called Negative Space Gallery. Zamir is an Israel-born artist who touches on themes ranging from domestic violence to war and hunger in the intricate scenes he burns into recycled wood.

Heather Hall Conti ’05 (Chesterland OH) and her husband Josh welcomed their daughter Ella this past December.

Jennifer L. Risch ’05 (Cleveland OH), Maria Feduolova Lazuka ’08 (Concord OH), Keri M. Wolf ’09 (Cleveland OH), Alexandria M. Adamo ’13 (Concord OH), Heather E. Beachy ’13 (Warren OH), Hillary R. Crookston ’13 (Brunswick OH), Alixandra Shanks ’13 (Mayfield Heights OH), Rachael A. Smith ’13 (North Royalton OH) and Leah M. Sweet ’13 (Canal Winchester OH) all participated in the alumnae soccer game hosted this past August by the Athletic Department. The Alumnae played a soccer game against the current Arrows.

Candice Sagan Schaffer ’05 (Rochester Hills MI) lives in Michigan with her husband and two children. She is currently an Oncology RN at Crittenton Hospital and an Oncology infusion nurse at a physician’s office.

Robin L. Smith ’05 (Euclid OH) was a featured artist in October at the Encompass art show a multimedia showcase of local underground talent in Cleveland held at the Agora Theater.

Jenna Elmore ’06 (Hudson OH) has joined the Breen School of Nursing as part of the programs faculty.

Samantha Gillespie Mobley ’06 (Charlotte NC) graduated from the Charlotte School of Law in Charlotte, NC this past May. She is looking forward to practicing law in North Carolina.

Katie Mcconnell Davis ’07 (Garfield Heights OH) graduated from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her internship at the Summa Akron City Hospital. Katie has also started her four year Diagnostic Radiology residency at Metro-Health System.

Susan C. Johnson ’07 (Twinburg OH) is the CEO of her own HR consulting firm with her husband, Stryker Green, LLC. She has a love of participating in the success of small business through Human Capital Asset Management.

Bridget McNamara Shaffer ’07 (North Olmsted OH) was inducted into the Ursuline College Athletic Hall of Fame for her hard work and dedication to the tennis team. As a student she was the first recruit to join the Ursuline College tennis program and was a member of the inaugural tennis team in her freshman season.

Elizabeth Coletta Ambrose ’08 (Gates Mills OH) married Matthew Ambrose on September 14, 2013.

Michele Stopera Freyhauf ’08 (Macedonia OH) Presented a paper (on a panel with Ursuline faculty member Natalie Kertes Weaver) about migrant mothers and globalization at the United Nations 57th Commission for the Status of
Women. The paper was called: Cyberbrides: Female Subjugation and Economic Oppression. She also presented a paper on Motherhood in the 21st Century at the American Mothers National Convention at the Waldorf in NYC. The organization is 75 years old, and honored Kathie Lee Gifford this year.

Dan Gajewsky ’08 (Medina OH) has joined the UCAP program as an adjunct instructor.

Susan Wood Hull’08 (Willoughby OH) began her first term of service with Ursuline’s Social Work Advisory Board and is currently working at the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Molly Kohut ’08 MA (Cleveland OH) has presented at several conferences this past year with her work as the art therapy coordinator for Akron Children’s Hospital. She has presented at the AATA conference in Savannah, the Akron Children’s Hospital at their Palliative Care Lunch and Learn series, the Buckeye Art Therapy Association Regional Meeting, the AATA conference in Seattle and the International Expressive Arts Therapy Association conference in San Francisco.

Tiffany Mackie-Griffith ’08 MA (Cleveland Heights OH) has joined the UCAP program as an adjunct instructor.

Stephanie McDuffie ’08 (Shaker Heights OH) has been appointed as Minister over Discipleship and Christian Education at New Freedom Ministries. She also hosted a New Life Unity celebration for her organization.

Sisters Together in Unity at the Embassy Suites in Beachwood, Ohio.

Brandy Weglewski Thomas ’08 (Painesville OH) was inducted into the Ursuline College Athletic Hall of Fame for her hard work and dedication to the volleyball team. While attending Ursuline she was the recipient of the team’s Arrow Award all four years for demonstrating heart, pride and determination.

Sara Long Brooks ’09 (Copley OH) and her husband Dustin welcomed their son Jase Lewis Brooks this past August.

Mary Ann Gavin Durkalski ’09 (Strongsville OH) and her husband James welcomed their daughter Amelia Grace this past August.

Molly McPherson Miller ’08 (Mentor OH) played on the Ursuline College Soccer team from 2003-2006 and was inducted into the Ursuline College Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2013.

Kristina Morales ’08 (Cleveland OH) has joined the UCAP program as an adjunct instructor.

Mary Kay Reinhardt ’08 (Broadview Heights OH) was honored as one of Cleveland Magazine’s 2013 Faces of Care Winners for her work at the Cleveland Clinic.

Judith Gall Santora ’08 (Norton OH) recently passed the Ohio Bar Exam. The UCAP grad attended Cleveland-Marshall Law School as an evening student while working full time.

Stephanie D. Spisak ’08 (Brooklyn OH) presented a free educational workshop: Why we need Jesus in our Emotions at the Christ the King Church in North Olmsted, OH. Her presentation explored why it is essential to let Jesus be a part of your feelings in order to love Him with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.

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amazed to see how much technology goes into making the fabrics as well as each garment.

Jason Tam ’09 (New York City NY) has moved to New York City to pursue his career in fashion design and has recently been promoted from his internship to a Production Coordinator for Zero + Maria Cornejo.

Anastasia Piotrkowski Wiley ’09 (Mentor OH) has been promoted to Assistant Store Manager of Merchandise at Old Navy in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. She has been with Old Navy for over two years. Anastasia married Jay Wiley this past summer.

Alexander ’10 (Severna Park MD) married Lieutenant Paul Alexander, USCG at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Parma, Ohio. Katherine and her husband are currently stationed in Baltimore, Maryland where she works as a critical care nurse at Baltimore Washington Medical Center.

Nino Bejanishvili ’10 (Tbilisi GA) is pictured with her new Pomeranian puppy named Mario, who is six-months old, very energetic and likes to play and run.

Melissa Gerhardt ’10 (Lakewood OH) is the lead technical designer for National Safety Apparel, Inc. in Cleveland, Ohio and joined the College this past April as the Ursuline College Innovations ’13 fashion show as guest commentator.

Justin McArthur ’10 (Chardon OH) from Metz Catering is Ursuline’s new Executive Chef providing food service to the College campus in the new Pilla Dining Hall.

Jillian Surovey ’10 (Strongsville OH) recently accepted the position of Assistant Clinical Manager of Southwest General’s Maternity Unit in Middleburg Heights, OH.

Amber Banks Covington ’11 (Oxford OH) has joined the College’s department of Academic Affairs at Ursuline College as Institutional Research Specialist.

Amy Harrison Kassigkeit ’11 (University Heights OH) got married this past December to H. Curt Kassigkeit.

Heidi Korkosz ’11 (Cleveland OH) had her business, Artisan Bridal, located in Cleveland’s Ohio City, featured in an article this past June in the Style Section of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. She makes handmade wedding dresses and accessories.

Alanna Stigall Nicholas ’11 (Cleveland Heights OH) recently opened the Hypersonic Coffee & Beverage shop on Noble Road in Cleveland Heights, she was also featured in an article by the Heights Observer this past June.

Tamara Noy ’11 (Cleveland OH) has joined Ursuline College’s Breen School of Nursing as an Instructor.

Ty’Meka Reeves ’11 (Austin TX) is attending The University of Texas at Austin School of Law. She is employed as a summer associate at two top Texas law firms, Baker Botts LLP and Graves Dougherty Hearon and Moody.
Melissa Watson ’11 (Chagrin Falls OH) was back on campus this past February promoting jobs at Old Navy for a job fair in the Daley dining hall. Since graduating she has been promoted from Visual Merchandise Specialist to Operations Manager at Old Navy.

Eugenia Bermudez Czernek ’12 (Cleveland Heights OH) and her husband Josh welcomed their daughter Isabella Soledad Czernek. Tiffany Frye ’12 (Mayfield Heights OH) as well as fellow alumnae (pictured left to right) Rhonda Boyd Austin ’03 (Chagrin Falls OH), Meganne Eddie ’10 (Cleveland Heights OH), Natalie Koch ’12 (Euclid OH), Anastasia Piotrkowski ’09 (Mentor OH), Susan Burrows Powers ’07, ’08 MA (Austenburg OH), Rebecca Wrenn ’12 (Euclid OH), Melissa Gerhardt ’10 (Lakewood OH), Jacquelyn Bradyn ’12 (Brookpark OH), Nino Bejanishvili ’10 (Cleveland OH), Jennifer Brenner Knaus ’96 (Painesville OH), Emily Smith ’11 (University Heights OH), May Cygan Beard ’92 (University Heights OH), Anne-Marie Gurko ’09 (Bedford OH) and Sr. Diana Stano, OSU, Ph.D. ’88 all enjoyed the Innovations ’13 Ursuline College Fashion Show.

Casey Perry Zulandt ’12 (South Euclid OH) and her husband, Joe, welcomed their first child Emelia Claire Zulandt this past December. They love being new parents and are amazed at how much she grows and changes every day.

Kristen Dunn ’13 (Bedford OH) completed her nine-month project management professional apprentice for Sherwin-Williams and was brought on full time as an associate web coordinator for internal and external web applications.

Susan Postle, ’13 (Strongsville OH) received the Social Work Student of the Year award from the Cleveland Region of the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Pictured with fellow alumna Victoria Malone-Marion ’02 (Mayfield Heights OH) is the current president of the National Association of Social Workers Ohio.

Bridget Barrett Vendetti ’13 (Newbury OH) married David Vendetti this past summer and also started a new position as a clinical nurse RN in the OR at MetroHealth Medical Center.
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64 Diane Pelcin Barrett
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69SJ Janie Curatolo Adamo (mother-in-law)
69SJ Dorothy Smigrocky Szymanski
70 Frances Pecharka Chiancone (mother-in-law)
70SJ Diane Bush Dobek (mother-in-law)
71SJ Amie Kness Cresante
71SJ Therese Filipowicz Holdyk (mother-in-law)
71 Laureen Freter Kubica
71 Cynthia Farone Yurch
72SJ Patricia C. Hurless
72SJ Margaret Smith Johnson
73 Susan Zaremba Olecki (mother-in-law)
73SJ Barbara Morrison Wilford
74 Veronica L. Gallo
74 Audrey Sharp Honkonen (mother-in-law)
74 Marce Kness Longer
74SJ Theresa Ruehr Mazzella (mother-in-law)
74 Janice M. Maxwell
74 Joyce Ann Merkel Rodenfels
74SJ Sr. Margaret Mary Taylor, SIW
75SJ Cathy Bigus Mojirsik
75SJ Anne Mihailek Smalc (mother-in-law)
76 Constance Fulgenzi Buran
76 Marleen A. Corrigan
76 Christine Veres Mathews
76 Barbara Holdyk Tomusko
77 Patricia Cooney Edgerhouse (mother-in-law)
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77 Rita Pullin Roth (mother-in-law)
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78 Nora Burke Beach
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78 Carol Dubac Gibbons (mother-in-law)
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79 Mary Dever Legerski (mother-in-law)
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99  Debra Hoffman Fishleder
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11  Elizabeth L. Beach
11  Cathy M. Bloomfield
11  Amber Banks-Covington
12  Halle S. Dublin (father-in-law)
12  Constance C. Herchek

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### Prayer Requests

You may submit specific prayer requests online to be placed in a Book of Prayer Requests outside the Ursuline College Chapel. The requests will also be remembered at Mass and by those who use the chapel for prayer. To make an online prayer request, visit the homepage, click on alumnae and click on prayer request.
In Memoriam

Sister M. Annunciata Witz, OSU ‘42

The Ursuline College community is mourning the loss of former faculty member, Sister M. Annunciata Witz, who passed away this past June. Sister Annunciata began her association with Ursuline as a student. As a graduate of the Ursuline Academy she later entered the Ursuline congregation from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Wickliffe, in 1945. She professed final vows in August 1950.

Sister Annunciata earned an undergraduate degree from Ursuline College and a master’s from Catholic University. She began her 65-year ministry as an elementary school teacher, at St. Jerome School in Euclid. She served 13 years at Ursuline College, teaching education classes and working in the Registrar’s Office, before being elected as the congregation’s general superior in 1966. Her tenure coincided with Vatican II renewal in the Church and in religious life, and was marked by all the attendant challenges it inspired.

Under her leadership, the first Ursulines joined the diocesan mission team in El Salvador where Ursuline service continues to this day. In 1991 she retired to the motherhouse and ministered in the congregation’s medical insurance office. Her final work was the ministry of prayer.

In eight years of residence at the Saint Angela Center, she devoted hours each day to prayer and spiritual reading. Sister Annunciata will be remembered as a capable educator, decisive leader and powerhouse of prayer. She was a committed woman of faith, a sensitive and capable minister and a devoted family member and friend.

Mo Burton

Mo Burton was an employee of the College from 1976 – 2002. She began as an adjunct professor teaching swimming, aqua activities, water safety, tennis and physical education. In 1985 she became the part-time director of the O’Brien Campus Center and in 1989 was appointed as full-time director of the O’Brien Campus Center. Her positive impact at the College was memorable to many and she will be dearly missed.

Water. Mo loved the water - swimming it, walking by it, listening to it. I’m sitting by a pool right now, trying to sum up Mo Burton in a few paragraphs...an impossible task. Mo touched so many lives - to tally the number would be like trying to count the number of rain drops in a thunderstorm.

My relationship with Mo started as co-workers and ended as family. This is a statement that also applies to Glenn Hanniford and Lindsay English - the other members of Mo’s Lunch Bunch. When we were all at Ursuline, lunch at Daley Dining Hall was a part of our day. As time passed, the location and frequency changed, but the bond strengthened.

Over the years, we have shared in one another’s laughter and tears...many of which occurred simultaneously when Mo would be laughing so heartily that it would bring tears to her eyes; you couldn’t hear that laugh without joining in.

Recently, the three of us met for lunch, for the first time since Mo’s death, and it was a lunch that started with tears and ended with laughter...just as Mo would have wanted. We have our next lunch scheduled for the end of the month - it won’t be the same, but we’re family, we’ll adjust and we will never forget Mo Burton...the rainbow at the end of the thunderstorm.

Barb Friedt ‘96
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Can you solve the mystery?

Do you recognize any of the women in this winter photo? Do you know when it was taken? Or what event was taking place when the photo was shot? This mystery photo from Ursuline’s archives appears to have been taken in the 1940s. We would love your help in learning more about the scene. If you know anything about it, please send the Marketing Department an email at mysteryphoto@ursuline.edu. We cannot wait to learn more about the photo from you!

Mystery Photo Solved
(Summer 2013)

Thank you Jocelyn Belleza '80 for sharing your knowledge about the photo:
“The mystery photo was taken the spring of 1980. I believe all those people pictured were from the class of 1980. From L to R (standing) Colleen Coughlin, Colleen Raleigh, Catherine Trimber, Mary Adamek, Mary Susan Schmidt. From L to R (seated) Anne Brinza, Louise Graebner, Terri Haupt, Patricia Morris, Kathleen Harrington, Rosemarie Forrest, Marybeth Balaz, Lois Ciamacca. These, of course, are their maiden names. This was from the Class of 1980.”
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