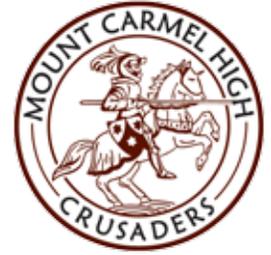


The Crusader

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us.



Volume 20, Issue 1 ~ May 2014

Published by the Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation

The Poughkeepsie Pipeline

While inner-city Catholic schools continued to close the Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation adjusted its mission and its new focus became **“Helping the remaining Archdiocese Deanery 16 Catholic schools and their students anyway they can.”** Sadly, in recent years more have closed. Most recently St. Bernadette in Baldwin Hills, then to the south, St. John Evangelist, and to the east, St. Anselm.

The MCAF continues to give modest gifts for tuition assistance to most Deanery 16 schools. The majority of these funds come from the MCAF’s annual Padre Golf Tournament, which continues in memory of Fr. Richard Nagle, O’Carm.

The MCAF’s limited funds and aging, dwindling alumni forced them to find additional ways to help. Six years ago a generous Crusader, Jerry Kelly, MC ’63, funded all Deanery 16 schools interested in forming an academic decathlon team. The first to jump in was St. Odilia’s, and the first Deanery 16 medal winner at the All-School Archdiocese Decathlon held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena was a sixth grader named Lizeth Sanchez.

continued on next page

Mount Carmel Alma Mater

*On peaceful shores
neath western skies our
hymn of praise we sing,*

*To thee our Alma Mater dear,
now let our voices ring!*

*All hail to thee
Mount Carmel High,
Crusaders Sons are we!
We love your ways,
your spirit bold!
We pledge ourselves to thee!*

Inside this issue:

The Poughkeepsie Pipeline	1-3
Crusader Sons Are We	4
Padre Golf Tournament	4
Our Hymn of Praise We Sing	5
Salute To Padre Golf Tourn	5
Many Thanks, Tom Forgue	6
Four Heads Better Than One	7

Wanda Austin, PhD shares academic journey with SMA & Grace Hopper STEM Academy



(pictured L-R): Ron Banks-SMA Chair, Nancy Portillo-SMA Principal, Vince Carter-Marist’13, John Martin-MC’65, Marcus Scroggins-Marist’09, Sha-Ron Barry-Marist’13, & Wayne Spencer-Chairman of the Board South Bay Workforce Investment Board pose for the camera after Aerospace Corp. president and CEO, Wanda Austin, PhD shared her academic journey with SMA and Grace Hopper STEM Academy student body.

The purpose of the Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation is to provide financial assistance to the Carmelite Community and to the Catholic elementary schools in South-Central Los Angeles that have provided our alumni with an excellent education. MCAF publishes the Crusader newsletter and assists in regular event planning for the information and fellowship of Mount Carmel Alumni.

"THE POUGHKEEPSIE PIPELINE" continued...

Observing her success, many schoolmates soon followed. The fact that generous Jerry also provided very cool Formula One-Type Jackets for the team covered with bold lettering and bright patches had nothing to do with it. Six years later, Lizeth is a senior at Deanery 16 St. Mary's Academy, the oldest all-girl college prep school in Los Angeles who is celebrating their 125 anniversary. The Decathlon Team program caught on and now there is a Deanery 16 League. This year's champion was St. Eugene.

Lizeth Sanchez, that first little girl, now a young lady, has just received a full all-expense paid Marist-National Science Foundation Scholarship valued at approximately \$200,000.00. Four more of her SMA classmates were also accepted to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. They all received a variety of scholarships and grants along with other financial aid. The MCAF congratulates Lizeth and all her classmates.....they make us all proud.

Speaking of scholarships and generous Crusaders.....a favorite Crusader Son, John Gogian, MC '47, through his family foundation, awarded Clayton Moore, from Deanery 16 Verbum Dei High School, a \$20,000.00 scholarship for academic excellence. Clayton also decided to attend Marist so he could continue to play football. His freshman year he had the highest GPA on the Marist team. This year's team was the best in Marist history.

In 2005 the MCAF reconnected with another favorite Crusader Son, Dennis J. Murray, Ph.D., MC '64. Dennis has been president of Marist College since 1979. He accepted the job when few other qualified candidates were interested. He was thirty two years old, at the time the youngest college president in America. Marist was figuratively falling into the Hudson River due to debt, low enrollment and aging buildings and infrastructure. Thirty five years later Marist is ranked #3 in New York behind Columbia and Cornell for academics and value. The Marist Computer Science Program is ranked in the nation's top ten due in part to Dennis establishing a strategic alliance and corporate partnership with his neighbor IBM in the early 1980's. More recently Dr. Murray established the Presidential Referral Program. Many students who may not have been accepted because of the number of highly qualified Marist applicants every year, approximately 12,000 for 1,000 seats, are accepted on the recommendation of the MCAF. By fall 2014, over 50 students from SoCal and South-Central Los Angeles, most from Deanery 16, will have gone on to Marist.

MCAF's love is unconditional, if a motivated student

with a compelling story reaches out for help, help is given. This year three special students graduated, against incredible odds, from Marist College. One, Vincent Carter from Watts Jordan Downs and another Sha-Ron Berry from Watts Nickerson Gardens. Sha-Ron was homeless for two of her four years of high school. They came to the MCAF through Michael Wainwright, the founder and director of Neighborhood Youth Achievers and board member/ Knight of Peter Claver at Deanery 16 St. Lawrence in Watts. The third young lady, Melissa Perez, came to the MCAF from Garfield High School in East Los Angeles through John Young, MC'67 and his MLB/RBI program. After graduating from Marist the MCAF passed her on to Fr. Al Kopus, O'Carm., the co-founder of P.L.A.C.E. Corp at Loyola-Marymount University. Impressed by the work the MCAF is doing, Melissa became his personal candidate for the very competitive program. Today, Melissa is teaching at St. Pius V School in Santa Fe Springs, living in community at St. Albert's in Compton with other PLACERS while they teach all day and attend LMU evenings working on their Masters in Education and California credentials. The program is free for these students teaching in Catholic schools, as a reward they will receive their graduate degree debt free with two years teaching experience.

Additional MCAF Deanery 16 Student Successes

Marcus Scroggins, the MCAF Poughkeepsie Pathfinder's California mentor was Greg Williams MC'65, Marcus was a third generation Nickerson Gardens resident, oldest of three, three different fathers, all fathers in prison. He graduated from Verbum Dei High School #5 in his class with a 3.85 GPA. All-League in two sports, having never flown before he flew alone to New York where he was instructed to go straight to the President's Office. President Murray's assistant (today Dr. Eddie Summers) was designated his personal on-campus mentor. His sophomore year his 37 year old mother suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage. She is still in a coma today. He missed a month of school but returned, caught up, and graduated on time. He has been working for the last two years as a business analyst for Southern California Edison.

Michael Zambrano, graduated from Verbum Dei High. His California mentor was Louie Acuna MC'65. Michael was the youngest of seven, the first in his family to graduate from high school. While away at Marist his brother was killed his freshman year, his sophomore year his cousin who had followed him to Verbum Dei was killed, his senior year his brother-in-law who he lived with

continued on next page

“THE POUGHKEEPSIE PIPELINE” continued...

during high school was killed. All gang related. The former Marist line-backer graduated on time with honors, and today is enjoying a well-deserved six-figure income.

Yumiko Chavez, Roosevelt High School. She is Dreamer from The Dream Act. She arrived in California when she was 2. Worked 40 hours a week at McDonald’s all through high school to help support her mother and brother. Managed to earn a Para-Legal Certificate at East Los Angeles College before graduating from high school. Before her senior year at Roosevelt she travelled by bus with her mother to Laredo and crossed into Mexico to attend a hearing. If successful she could return with legal status. If denied, she would have had to stay in Mexico. Yumiko and her mother slept in a construction container converted to a make-shift bedroom for four nights. Freezing at night, an oven by day. She prevailed, returned, and graduated with honors. The MCAF learned that after her first year at Marist she had negotiated her own unpaid internship at Los Angeles Superior Court. She then worked nights at McDonalds to earn money. Her story was so compelling and her determination so impressive the MCAF introduced her to their friends at the South-Central Scholars Foundation. SCSF adopted her providing her with a permanent “Bridge-Scholarship” for airfare, paid summer internships and mentoring. She continues her academic excellence at Marist and plans to go to law school.

Trevione Cason was born and raised in the Jordan Downs housing projects, he was introduced to the MCAF by Michael Wainwright. Tre was a Neighborhood Youth Achiever. Michael and the MCAF had him transfer to Verbum Dei for his junior & senior year. The MCAF shared his story and Jesuit connection with Fr. Michael Engh, SJ, and president of Santa Clara University. On the very last day to apply Tre received what kids would call...a Presidential Hook-Up. He is finishing his junior year at SCU with a 3.6 GPA and plans on going to law school.

Erica Bernabe ~ Bishop Conady, Marist College ’13.

Keyaira Hamilton ~ Foster Care to St. Raphael’s, St. Mary’s Academy, Marist. Keyaira’s benefactor, John Keenan ‘MC ’49.

Jazzmoni & Ashley Hayes ~ St. Raphael, St. Mary’s Academy, Marist. Their “Bridge” to Marist was provided by John Young, MC ’67.

Davis Charles ~ St. Raphael’s, St. John Bosco, Marist.

Lizette Garcia ~ St. Odilia’s, Serra High School, Marymount University.

Julia Caberra ~ Nativity, St. Mary’s Academy, Marymount University.

Daniel Molina ~ Ascension, Verbum Dei, Marist.

One last student very much worth mentioning...

Nathan Guzman ~ Bishop Amat ’14. Nathan is the grandson of George Guzman MC’63, former MC student body president as well as former MCAF president. However, unlike George, Nathan is a brilliant student with movie star good looks. Nathan will study Economics at Marist in the fall.

###

Kyra Shelby, 1st Serra Cavalier to attend Marist College!



MCAF’s John Martin’65 and MCAF President Richard Monteilh’76 congratulate Kyra Shelby for being the first Serra Cavalier to attend Marist College. Kyra received a generous financial aid package from Marist through their Presidential Referral Program.

continued on next page

Crusader Sons Are We

by John Martin, '65

Ron Crimins, MC'59 says, "I began my 40+ year career in insurance in 1970. The company, Connecticut General, required that new agents have a college degree. I was a proud graduate of Cal State and consequently got the job. However, had it not been for the education I received at Holy Name of Jesus, Nativity and Mount Carmel all located in South-Central, only God knows where I would be today. And that is the story of STEP: giving the kids of South-Central a leg-up on life." www.stepwithus.org

I feel what Ron is alluding to is exactly what the MCAF and his Success Through Education Program (S.T.E.P.) are trying to do. That is preserve and share something of great value and sustainability with future generations of inner-city youth...in a word it is formation.

All schools teach reading, writing and arithmetic. Catholic schools teach those subjects as well, however, I believe that Catholic schools teach children how to live not just how to make a living. There is the difference. They are taught how to be kind, considerate and polite. Today, in our society people scratch their heads if someone does something for nothing, something for others, with nothing in return. If they did not receive the proper formation I can understand why they are confused. Catholic inner-city schools are at least 50% non-Catholic. The good sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet's mission for over 300 years centers around their concern for the "Dear Neighbor" not just the dear Catholics. The lessons learned in Catholic schools is that our love is unconditional. Our concern is non-denominational. We are one people...on one path.

Ron Crimins has demonstrated what one man can do, that one man can make a difference. I pray that other Crusader Sons out there help us help.

The MCAF's annual fund raiser, The Padre Golf Tournament is June 2, 2014. If you don't golf, come to the dinner. If you can't make that, send a check for whatever you can afford to:

Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation
2534 N. Santiago Blvd. Suite B
Orange, California, 92867



~ OUR MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDRAISING ~

Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation's PADRE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 2, 2014

**West Hills Golf and Country Club
Chino Hills**

continued LOW PRICE . . . only \$170

SIGN-UP TODAY!

CALL
562.692.9769

or, VISIT

<http://mtcarmelcrusaders.org/register.htm>

continued on next page

Our Hymn of Praise We Sing

What better way of passing along the life lessons taught to all Crusaders by our beloved Carmelites than by giving praise and honor to a favorite Crusader, naming a dormitory hall in their honor.

The Hall will be located in the long-empty converted convent on the campus of St. Mary's Academy, the Deanery 16 School that is the oldest all-girl college prep school in Los Angeles, their convent has been rented to the **Grace Hopper S.T.E.M. Academy**. The Hall will house middle school girls from the Foster Care System providing them safety and shelter while they learn those same life lessons incorporated into their Grace Hopper S.T.E.M. Academy curriculum.

The MCAF wants your input for candidates that you feel would help the MCAF preserve more of the Carmelite legacy in Deanery 16. Are there candidates you feel worthy of consideration of The Hall being named in their honor? Do you know of a Carmel family that may like the naming rights honoring a Crusader Son or family member?

Here are some possible candidates. Make a donation and vote.

Morrissey Hall - Honoring Fr. Kevin Morrissey, O'Carm. Mt. Carmel campus icon and the St. Mary's Academy Chaplain for 43 years.

Brown Hall - Honoring Bro. Lawrence Brown, O'Carm. Campus icon and high profile (6ft. 6in.) neighborhood watch commander for 38 years, and all-around great man who had 10% of the freshman class from the surrounding neighborhood on scholarship when Carmel closed through his monthly 50/50 Club.

Carter Hall - Honoring Fr. Augustine Carter, O'Carm. MC'41 a brilliant scholar who left medical school to become a Carmelite and future Mt. Carmel High School principal. God rewarded his devoted mother by leading her next three sons to medical school.

Young Hall - John T. Young MC'67, former Detroit Tiger and graduate of Deanery 16's Ascension school created an education based non-profit called R.B.I. that stands for Reviving Baseball in Inner-cities. Today, there are over 500,000 marginalized and under-served "ML-B/R.B.I. Young-sters" being tutored, mentored and playing baseball and softball in every state and six foreign countries.

Nieto Hall - Michael Nieto, PhD, MC'58, Hispanic nuclear physicist, former research scientist at White Sands, New Mexico and former member of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Dr. Nieto is from Deanery

16 St. Michael's and would be a powerful role model for inner-city students studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Alexander Hall - Eboria Alexander, mother of Kermit Alexander MC'59, who first lived in the Jordan Down housing projects before moving into their home in South-Central. Eboria was a beloved and active member in her Deanery 16 St. Malacy's parish. She sacrificed so all 10 of her children received Catholic school educations K through 12. The daughters and nieces all went to St. Mary's Academy and Bishop Conady. When Kermit became an NFL star her children tried to convince her to move to Ladera Heights or Baldwin Hills. She said no, that she loved her neighbors and parish and felt they needed her there. For 20 more years she fed every hungry kid in the neighborhood, was always ready to lend a helping hand, and was a shoulder to cry on and a willing listener to those who needed it. She taught all of her children to do the same. Eboria's door was always open. In August 1984, an assassin with the wrong address walked through her open door and murdered Eboria, a daughter and two grandsons. Ten years before, the murderer had slipped through the cracks of Child Protective Services and Foster Care. The gospel tells us that there is "no greater love than this than a woman who lays down her life for her friends."

The MCAF will try to raise \$20,000.00 for the "naming rights" for the hall. **Please donate and VOTE, help us help!**

The money will help SMA defray the cost of the building's infrastructure improvements like, adding fiber optic cable for computers, a security system, updating the cooking ventilation system in the campus kitchen, installing more efficient plumbing fixtures in the 25 private ¼ baths inside every Foster Care boarders room, as well as buying new beds for those rooms. The new rental revenue and additional pipeline for new prepped-up students is a blessing for SMA, and will help them continue to send 99% of their graduates on to college for another 125 years.

If you would like to help preserve the Carmelite legacy, contribute to the "naming rights fund" and VOTE. Make your tax-deductible check out for, and mail to:

Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation
Earmarked: SMA Convent Retro
P.O. Box 69, Whittier, Ca. 90608-0069

Call John Martin MC'65 at 760-559-7069 for more information.

continued on next page



Heartfelt Thanks! TOM FORGUE

MC'60 & Padre Golf Committee Chair

The Crusader salutes Tom Forgue, MC'60 for his endless energy and dedication helping the schools and students from Deanery 16. Tom has served as the Padre Golf Committee Chairman for the last nine years. All this time and effort from a man that does not even like golf. The MCAF looks forward to his tenth year. If Tom agrees to serve another ten years we promise not to cut his commissions, down-size him or right-size him...prior to 2025.

Tom has been in the insurance business for over forty years. Tom and lovely wife Becky, a Bishop Conady alumna, live in Huntington Beach and have three grown children.

Thank you Tom, and thank you Becky for sharing Tom with us!

Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation Salutes Our Padre Golf Tournament

As the dedicated Padre Golf Committee prepares for another great day on the links, students throughout Deanery 16 are reaping the benefits of our Foundations generosity from the proceeds raised by the annual event. With MCAF's continued support and mentoring, students are climbing the academic ladder of success!

Barbara Curtis, Principal of St. Raphael School, recently wrote, "The generosity shown by the Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation and its members has enhanced technology learning educational programs and improved standardized test scores." Wow! Your contributions are making a huge difference. Additionally, our mentoring of college bound D16 students has produced another amazing success story at St. Mary's Academy. Three seniors have been accepted to Marist College, New York, and all three have been recipients of MCAF's Emergency Tuition Assistance which could only have been made possible

through the Padre Golf proceeds. Those of you who attended last year's Padre Tourney banquet probably remember a very emotional "thank you" given by a Mom whose daughter has received ETA from our Foundation. Today, her daughter has been accepted at Marist and the University of California at Berkley, so is the Foundation making a difference in the lives of families in Deanery 16?

Those of you that have faithfully supported the Padre Tourney I cannot thank you enough. Your kindness, contributions, and faith in our Foundation is what binds our Crusader Brotherhood.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us...

Richard Monteilh '76
MCAF Chair

continued on next page

Four Heads Are Better Than One

*Richard, John, Lance and Tom
... three Crusaders and one Cub making a difference.*

Richard Monteilh, MC '76, Vice Principal at Deanery 16 St. Odilia's, Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation president and Deanery 16 St. Mary's Academy Board Member had an idea. Knowing John Martin, MC '65 and his partner Margo Harris had a post-secondary school that taught medical coding and billing, he asked why they don't open a charter school on the St. Mary's Academy campus.

Richard shared with John that a group from Compton were looking at the long-empty SMA convent as a possible location for a charter school. John had shared with Rich his and Margo's concern over the most recent closing of Deanery 16 St. John the Evangelist. John was too busy to even look at the time. Then when Deanery 16's St. Bernadette's closed, Rich invited John to attend an all-day SMA workshop that laid out all of SMA's needs and wishes. Their main concerns were the same as every Catholic school, enrollment and funding.

The cost of running Catholic schools continues to rise. John believes the old model for Catholic schools no longer works. When vocations declined the free labor pool evaporated. Teacher's payroll is the greatest expense on a school budget. The surviving Deanery 16 schools have exceptional administrators, passionate pastors and Boards full of successful members from outside the inner-city, and still they struggle every day.

John asked Sr. Kathleen Kelly, SJC, SMA '51 whatever happened to the charter school people from Compton. She shared that they were never able to come up with a workable business plan or the funding to try. John made arrangements for Sr. Kathleen to show him the convent. The 23,000 sq. ft. convent was in great shape even if it was 48 years old. When John saw all the empty dorm rooms he recalled Margo's nearly 10 years' experience running a Group Home for children from Foster Care and thought of another possible income stream that could help sustain a charter school and provide a unique educational opportunity for young girls in Foster Care.

While searching for a positive woman role model to name the school after, he discovered Grace Hopper, who many consider to be the mother of Computer Science. Then realizing that the school would be located on Grace Avenue he took that as "a sign" and the model for the Grace Hopper S.T.E.M. Academy came together.

GHSA is a public, independent, all-girl, charter middle school, focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The demographics are much the same as St. Mary's, approximately 50% African-American and 50% Hispanic. 40% of the GHSA student body will be from Foster Care and 25 of those will live fulltime in the GHSA dorms. Legally the boarding piece (Casa Ladera) is a Group Home but GHSA refers to it as....a boarding school for college bound girls brimming with promise. All students receive "Free Lunch" eligible or not. GHSA is conscience of avoiding labels.

GHSA provides bussing service and most students are from in and around the projects in Watts. GHSA does not accept inner-city Catholic school transfers. In addition, The Ladera Health and Wellness Clinic will be located on campus providing medical, dental and counseling services for the students and their families. www.ghsa-k12-ca.us

The GHSA landlord, St. Mary's Academy, will receive significant new revenue in the form of rent, as well as a steady stream of prepped-up/STEM-ed up new students from GHSA and Foster Care every year.

Once approved, John knew GHSA would need an exceptional Board of Directors to steer. His very first call went to Lance A. Williams, PhD, MC'65. Lance has a very impressive resume. Most appealing to John was the fact that Lance was the President and CEO of a Long Beach charter school serving marginalized and underserved youth for 10 years. Lance was the first to volunteer to serve on the GHSA Board of Directors and leads the Executive Committee today. Board Member Tom Johnston, Loyola High '65, brought GHSA the necessary seed money to get started. The California Charter School Association believes the GHSA model is the first of its kind not only in the state, but the nation.



Caylin Moore

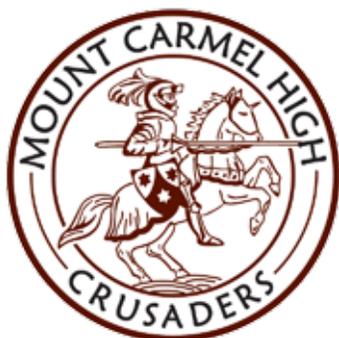
Deanery 16 Verbum Dei High School 2012 Graduate
& Marist College sophomore

for receiving a prestigious and highly competitive Fulbright Summer Institute Award for study in the United Kingdom. Caylin will be studying "Slavery and the Atlantic Heritage" at the University of Bristol this summer. *We are proud of you!*

~ Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation

Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation
P.O. Box 69
Whittier, California 90608

PLACE
POSTAGE
HERE



ACADEMIC DECATHLON SUCCESS STORIES

Lizeth Sanchez
*SMA'14 won a full-
ride scholarship for
Academic Excellence
valued at close to
\$200,000.00.
Lizeth will attend
Marist College.*



**Johanna Martinez (l)
and Jessell Cruz (r)**
*from St. Odilias, MCAF
Academic Decathlon,
SMA now on to Marist
and UC Berkeley.*



Board of Directors

OFFICERS

Richard Monteilh '76
CHAIRMAN

Raymond F. Wolfe, NDHS '59
FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN

Glen Constantino '68
SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN

Diane Martin-DeAnda, SMHS '63
SECRETARY

Janine Hydel
TREASURER

Greg Williams '65
PARLIAMENTARIAN

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Marilee Alessandra

Bernard Alex '76

Kermit Alexander '59

George Guzman '63

Christopher P. Herrera '66

John B. Martin '65

Ralph Walker '76

Lance A. Williams, PhD. '65

John T. Young '67