

# INSIDE MU

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Marymount Recognized in *U.S. News & World Report's* *America's Best Colleges* Edition

*U.S. News & World Report's* 2009 *America's Best Colleges* edition again lists Marymount in the top tier of master's-degree granting universities in the south.

The southern region is made up of 118 master's universities, and Marymount is ranked 39, up from 45 last year and 54 the year before. Factors that contribute to the rankings include peer assessment, student retention and graduation rates, average class size, percentage of full-time faculty, SAT/ACT scores and high school ranking of freshmen, and the university's acceptance rate. Marymount's peer assessment score rose from 2.9 to 3.1 this year.

The University also continues to be recognized for diversity, ranking third among master's universities in the south.

## FYI

### Mass of the Holy Spirit

All members of the Marymount community are invited to participate in the traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday, September 3, at 11:30 a.m. on the Gailhac-Ireton Lawn. **Fr. David Sharland, Y.A.**, will be the celebrant.

This Mass is an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to come together in prayer and thanksgiving to mark the start of a new academic year.

In the event of rain, the Mass will be celebrated in the recreational gym.

Following the Mass, all are invited to lunch in the dining hall.

## Can You Help?

Campus Ministry invites faculty and staff to lend a helping hand on Volunteer Service Day, Saturday, September 6, as students fan out around the area to perform community service.

If you'd like to assist as a driver or help at the end-of-day picnic, contact **Kelly Power**, Campus Ministry, at ext. 1622 or [kelly.power@marymount.edu](mailto:kelly.power@marymount.edu).

## "Datatel 101" Training Update

Earlier this summer, the first phase of "Datatel 101" – the initiative to provide the knowledge and skills to standardize processes, procedures, and terminology related to Marymount University's database – kicked off.

Preliminary analysis shows that attendees are learning new things about the system, with more than 96% of respondents indicating new knowledge in at least one of the core elements of instruction.

Staff and administrators who wish to maintain database access must have attended the introductory training session by now. For those who did not attend, your access to the database will be disabled on September 1. In order to regain access, you must attend a future training session. Please contact [its@marymount.edu](mailto:its@marymount.edu) to find out dates and times of sessions.

For instructional faculty, a modified version of "Datatel 101" that includes using the system to support instruction and advising will begin in September.

In the fall, the first advanced training sessions will begin, including Navigation, Using Screens/Forms, Lookups and Printing Reports; Core Concepts – Names, Demographics, Organizations, Locations; Student System Overview for Inquiry and Reports; and Financial System Inquiries and Reports.

## New Information Technology Support Services Hours

Effective today, IT Support Services will be changing its hours to better serve the MU community.

- Phone support will now be available, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- The office will be open for walk-in support, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Questions can be directed to IT Support Services at ext. 6990 or [its@marymount.edu](mailto:its@marymount.edu).

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## Cast Your Vote

Do you know an alum who has done something particularly noteworthy and deserves recognition? Nominations are being accepted for Marymount's Alumni Awards through this Sunday, August 31.

Honorees will be recognized at this year's Homecoming on Saturday, September 27. Cast your vote online at [www.marymount.edu/alumni/homecoming](http://www.marymount.edu/alumni/homecoming).

## MU IN THE NEWS

On August 5, Voice of America videotaped an interview with **Dr. Linda Gulyn**, associate professor of Psychology, on the pros and cons of giving children financial incentives to do well in school. It is being aired around the world (with voiceover translation appropriate to each audience).

## PLAUDITS

*Architecture and Interior Design from the 19th Century, Volume II*, co-authored by **Dr. Bridget May**, professor of Interior Design, has been published by Prentice Hall.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Elsa Schaefer**, chair, Department of Mathematics, and **Dr. Todd Rimkus**, chair, Department of Biology and Physical Sciences, **Boloye Gomero '08** won first place for undergraduate research in microbiology at the 2008 Biennial National Convention of the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society. She was a participant in an interdisciplinary Marymount Epidemiology Research Project; the team also included **Janelle Scott '08** and **Roxana Leontie '08**. The project received funding from the Computing Research Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research's MRO-W (Multidisciplinary Research Opportunities for Women) program.

## PEOPLE Welcome, New Faculty

Many phone numbers and e-mail addresses were still being assigned for the following new full-time faculty at publication time. Please check [my.marymount.edu](http://my.marymount.edu) for this information soon.

**Dr. Douglas Ball**, associate professor, Education, School of Education and Human Services

**Dorothy Bausemer**, assistant professor, Nursing, School of Health Professions

**Rosemarie Berman**, assistant professor, Nursing, School of Health Professions

**Dr. Ali Bicak**, assistant professor, Computer Science, School of Business Administration

**Katie Chargualaf**, assistant professor, Nursing, School of Health Professions

**Dr. Karen Davis**, assistant professor, Forensic Psychology, School of Education and Human Services

**Dr. Skye Donovan**, assistant professor, Physical Therapy, School of Health Professions

**Dr. Alyson Eisenhardt**, assistant professor, Health Care Management, School of Business Administration

**Dr. David Gammack**, assistant professor, Mathematics, School of Arts and Sciences

**William Gray**, assistant professor, Accounting, School of Business Administration

**Dr. Michael Kull**, assistant professor, Management, School of Business Administration

**Xiang (Michelle) Liu**, assistant professor, Information Technology, School of Business Administration

**Dr. J. Patrick Mullins**, assistant professor, History, School of Arts and Sciences

**Barbara Pasternak**, assistant professor, Nursing, School of Health Professions

**Dr. Usha Rajdev**, associate professor, Education, School of Education and Human Services

**Dr. Cynthia Roman**, assistant professor, Management and Human Resources, School of Business Administration

**Dr. Soumya Sivakumar**, assistant professor, Health Care Management, School of Business Administration

**Dr. Gerard Steube**, assistant professor, Management Science, School of Business Administration

**Dr. Amanda Wright**, assistant professor, Biochemistry, School of Arts and Sciences

## Transitions

Some departments in the School of Arts and Sciences have been reorganized, and the following faculty members have been appointed chairs of their respective departments:

**Paul Byers**, Communication (new department name)

**Dr. Brian Doyle**, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Theology

**Janice Ellinwood**, Fashion Design and Merchandising (new department name)

**Bridget Murphy**, Graphic Design and Fine Arts (new department name)

## Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Nancy Peterson**, mother of **Fr. Jack Peterson, Y.A.**, assistant chaplain, Campus Ministry.

Please pray for the health and healing of **Jim Mason**, father of **Lorie Mason**, mailroom assistant.

## EVENTS

**Sept. 3** — Men's soccer vs. Southern Virginia, 8 p.m., Washington-Lee High School

**Sept. 5** — Barry Art Gallery Exhibition Opening Reception, *Italian Portfolio: Student Interior Design Exhibition*, 5-7:30 p.m., Reinsch Library. On exhibit through October 31.

## Submitting Information to *InsideMU*

*InsideMU* is a bi-weekly internal newsletter published exclusively for Marymount employees. This is your newsletter, and we encourage you to provide news and information. Faculty and staff may submit, in writing, items for the following sections:

**In the Spotlight** highlights University events, innovative programs, and major grants.

**FYI** provides timely information and news of broad interest to the campus community.

**Plaudits** recognizes professional achievements of faculty and staff, including publications, speaking engagements, board appointments, grants, honors, and awards.

**Personal Milestones** includes marriages and births.

**Events** provides information about on-campus or Marymount-sponsored off-campus events open to faculty and staff. Be sure to include the date and time, location, cost, and contact for further information.

**Prayers Requested** calls for prayer in the event of serious illnesses and deaths. This section is limited to the immediate family of faculty and staff. **Please contact Campus Ministry if you would like to share such information with the University community. Campus Ministry will forward all prayer requests to University Communications.**

**People** announces new employees and current employees who have transitioned to different positions within the University. **These listings come to University Communications based on information provided to Information Technology Services from Human Resource Services.**

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Please follow these guidelines when submitting material for *InsideMU*:

Submit your material on or before the deadline via e-mail ([insidemu@marymount.edu](mailto:insidemu@marymount.edu)) or via campus mail to *InsideMU* Editor, University Communications, Rowley Hall.

All submissions must be in writing and are subject to editing. Please keep them brief and include your name, phone number, and e-mail address in case questions arise.

Any faculty (full-time or adjunct) or staff member (part-time and full-time), MU School, department, or office may submit material.

Thank you!

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2008-09 Publication Schedule

**Fall Semester 2008**

<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Monday, August 25	noon, Tuesday, August 19
Monday, September 8	noon, Tuesday, September 2
Monday, September 22	noon, Tuesday, September 16
Monday, October 6	noon, Tuesday, September 30
Monday, October 20	noon, Tuesday, October 14
Monday, November 3	noon, Tuesday, October 28
Monday, November 17	noon, Tuesday, November 11
Monday, December 1	noon, Tuesday, November 25
Monday, December 15	noon, Tuesday, December 9

**Spring Semester 2009**

<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Monday, January 12	noon, Tuesday, January 6
Monday, January 26	noon, Tuesday, January 20
Monday, February 9	noon, Tuesday, February 3
Monday, February 23	noon, Tuesday, February 17
Monday, March 9	noon, Tuesday, March 3
Monday, March 23	noon, Tuesday, March 17
Monday, April 6	noon, Tuesday, March 31
Monday, April 20	noon, Tuesday, April 14
Monday, May 4	noon, Tuesday, April 28

**Summer Semester 2009**

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Monday, June 1	noon, Tuesday, May 26
Monday, July 6	noon, Tuesday, June 30
Monday, August 3	noon, Tuesday, July 28

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