

# MARYMOUNT NEWS

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT... What Do You Think?

In 2002, Marymount unveiled its strategic plan, *A Future of Excellence and Distinction*, which has served as a tool to guide the University's programmatic and budgetary decisions. The plan details seven "critical success factors" and specific steps to achieve them to ensure that MU achieves its vision for the future.

The Strategic Planning Committee is currently reviewing the University's progress toward its goals. The committee seeks your input on Critical Success Factor #1: Academic Excellence. Your comments, suggestions, and ideas are both welcome and needed as the University community works together to advance MU toward a future of excellence and distinction. Please go to [www.marymount.edu/planning](http://www.marymount.edu/planning) to fill out a brief survey on academic excellence at Marymount. Your comments are due by Friday, September 15. Thank you!

## FYI Faculty Study Abroad Opportunities

Students aren't the only people who can benefit from Marymount's Study Abroad programs. Faculty interested in developing an international project or teaching abroad are encouraged to contact the Office of Study Abroad at ext. 1677.

The Council of International Exchange (CIEE) sponsors spring and summer international faculty development seminars that are held in 20 different countries to explore contemporary global and country-specific issues. MU's Office of Study Abroad offers two competitive CIEE grants each year. The application deadline for summer 2008 will be in February 2007.

Perhaps you'd like to teach a course abroad? Planning such an experience can take one to two years of preparation.

Proposals for the summer of 2008 are due by March 12, 2007. Visit [www.marymount.edu/studyabroad](http://www.marymount.edu/studyabroad) and click on the Faculty and Staff link to learn more.

## Campus Fund Update

The Office of Development thanks everyone who participated in last year's Campus Fund. More than 50 percent of MU's faculty and staff contributed, with gifts totaling over \$35,000. Thanks to their outstanding generosity, Marymount was able to award two more Faculty/Staff Scholarships to deserving students.

The School of Education and Human Services received the award for the most improved department with nearly 100 percent participation.

Several departments had a participation rate exceeding 50 percent, including the School of Arts and Sciences, Athletics, the President's Office and Conference Center, the School of Health Professions, University Communications, and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

## McDonnell Chair Appointment

**Dr. Ronald P. Hudak**, professor of Legal Administration and Health Care Management, has been appointed to Marymount's John J. McDonnell Chair in Ethics for the 2006-07 academic year. The McDonnell Chair supports a faculty position directed toward infusing ethics into the life of the University and serving the wider community by the promotion of ethical standards and conduct in various fields of endeavor.

Working with faculty, the academic deans, the director of the Center for Ethical Concerns, and other stakeholders, Dr. Hudak will provide leadership in the formulation and implementation of programs for the campus community, as well as innovative ethics education initiatives for the business community and professional/trade associations.

*Inside MU* is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

To submit items for consideration in *Inside MU*, e-mail: [insidemu@marymount.edu](mailto:insidemu@marymount.edu) or send via campus mail to University Communications, Rowley Hall, Room 89.

## Plaudits

**Dr. Jeffrey R. Breese**, associate dean, School of Education and Human Services and associate professor of Sociology, has co-authored a chapter entitled “Exploring Black Identity via Marginality Theory” in *African Americans and Whites: Changing Relationships on College Campuses*. He is also a co-editor of the *Directory of Programs in Applied Sociology and Practice*.

**Karen L. Bune**, adjunct professor of Criminal Justice, recently addressed an international conference of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals in Anaheim, California. The topic of her speech was domestic violence, “Understanding the Issues, Dealing with the Problem.” Bune is a board-certified expert in domestic violence and traumatic stress and a victim specialist in the State’s Attorney’s Office for Prince George’s County.

**Dr. Nina McGarry**, assistant professor of Information Systems, presented “The Drinking Game: An Instructional Tutorial for the Freshman Class at a Private Affiliated Catholic University” at the International Simulation and Gaming Association conference in St. Petersburg, Russia, this past summer. She also chaired the mini-track for the special-interest group, Healthcare Informatics, at the America’s Conference on Information Systems in Acapulco, Mexico.

**Dr. Karen Waters**, professor of English, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant for the 2006-07 academic year. Dr. Waters will teach graduate courses in Literature, advise students, and mentor faculty at the National Islamic University in New Delhi, India.

**Dr. Kenneth Yusko**, assistant professor of Human Resources, is a co-author of a chapter entitled “Strategic Staffing: Talent Acquisition in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” in *Contemporary Human Resource Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities*.

## People

### Welcome

**Laura Carlson**, coordinator, educational Clinical Experiences, School of Education and Human Services (ext. 6926; laura.carlson@marymount.edu)

**John Compton**, maintenance mechanic, Physical Plant Office (ext. 1529; john.compton@marymount.edu)

**Jennifer Gelman**, assistant professor, Education (ext. 3821; jennifer.gelman@marymount.edu)

**Jaya Halepete**, assistant professor, Fine and Applied Arts (ext. 5752; jaya.halepete@marymount.edu)

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**Inger Moran**, administrative secretary, Center for Teaching Excellence, Academic Affairs (ext. 5761; inger.moran@marymount.edu)

**Rachel Overbey**, computer support specialist, Information Technology Services (ext. 6990; rachel.overbey@marymount.edu)

**Donald Shandler**, assistant vice president for graduate and adult education, Academic Affairs (ext. 5716; donald.shandler@marymount.edu)

**Thomas White**, women’s assistant soccer coach, Athletics (ext. 1619; thomas.white@marymount.edu)

**Laura Valdez-Pagliaro**, assistant professor, Literature and Languages (ext. 1577; lvaldezp@marymount.edu)

### Transitions

**Amy Clay** has transitioned from academic counselor to coordinator for graduate Counseling internships, Counseling Psychology, ext. 6962.

**Anthonetta Graulich** has transitioned from adjunct to assistant professor of Fine and Applied Arts, ext. 1560.

## Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marymount sophomore **Adam Dowell**, who died in a car accident this past August near his home in Charlton, MA. Faculty, students, and staff are invited to join Adam’s family and friends as they celebrate his life during a memorial Mass in the Sacred Heart of Mary Chapel on Friday, September 22, at noon.

**James Shelton**, a 30-year MU employee and shuttle bus supervisor, is at home recovering from surgery and would appreciate your prayers.

Please pray for a safe and grace-filled journey by a group of Campus Ministry staff and Marymount students who will be traveling to Virginia Beach for the annual Beach Retreat, September 15-17.

## EVENTS

**Through October 26—**  
*The Dark Fantastic: Paintings of Storms by Amy Marx*  
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Barry Gallery, Reinsch Library

**September 11—**Men’s soccer vs. Gallaudet, Wakefield High School, 7:30 p.m.

**September 15—**MU Invitational Volleyball Tournament, Verizon Sports Arena; 3 p.m., 7 p.m.

**September 16—**MU Invitational Volleyball Tournament, Verizon Sports Arena; noon, 2 p.m.

**September 16—**Men’s soccer vs. Washington & Lee, Wakefield High School, 7:30 p.m.

**September 19—**Men’s soccer vs. Catholic, Quincy Field, 7:30 p.m.

**September 22—**Dollar Dinner in Bernie’s, 5 p.m.

**September 22—**Women’s soccer vs. Washington College, Wakefield High School, 7:30 p.m.

**September 23—**Men’s soccer vs. Hood, Quincy Field, 7:30 p.m.