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# Welcome, President Walk

Members of the MMC, New York, and higher education communities came together on October 23, 2015, at The Metropolitan Museum of Art to celebrate the inauguration of Kerry Walk, Ph.D., our eighth president. It was a smashing success, featuring song, dance, special welcomes from visiting dignitaries, and President Walk's inaugural address, "Light and Liberty." You can read more about the inauguration on page 15.





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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As the new president of Marymount Manhattan College, I am excited and honored to extend greetings to MMC alumni and friends around the world. I took office on July 1<sup>st</sup> and have spent the last several months learning everything I can about this special and unique college. Whether joining students in conversation on the serene Lowerre Family Terrace, attending the Faculty Council, working in collaboration with staff, or meeting alumni and friends, I've been deeply impressed with the commitment and spirit that each member of the MMC community brings to the College.

A highlight of my first six months in office was the inauguration celebration at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The event was a joyful celebration of our campus community, involving more than a hundred participants and more than 600 attendees, as well as delegates from 42 other colleges and universities. What a festive start to a fabulous Family, Friends, and Alumni Homecoming Weekend!

Also of significant note this fall is the opening of two impressive new facilities: a residence hall in the diverse, creative Cooper Square neighborhood of the East Village and a state-of-the-art digital production studio in The Theresa Lang Center for Producing at 71<sup>st</sup> Street. In addition, the College has launched four new programs in Communication and Media Arts, a new major in Politics and Human Rights, a Dance minor, a Fashion concentration in Business, and a Performance and Digital Media track in Theatre Arts. These new programs join a diverse array of offerings, all provided by a highly accomplished, student-centered faculty.

In the pages of this magazine, you can learn more about these and other great things that are happening on campus, and also about the significant positive impact our faculty and alumni are having in the world. I think you'll understand why I feel such great excitement about where we are as a college and where we're headed.

To those of you whom I've met, I thank you for your warm welcome. To those I have yet to meet, I look forward to your partnership in building on MMC's proud educational tradition as, together, we create a vibrant future for the College. On behalf of the Marymount Manhattan community, I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

Kerry Walk, Ph.D.  
President



## NEW YORK MINUTE

*From Marymount with Love: A Classic Fashion Show for the Modern Romantic was organized by the Marymount Microfinance Initiative (mmfi) Club on April 21, 2015. The event involved students, faculty, and staff from across the College. David Zyla, a noted fashion expert and adjunct instructor who teaches Fashion, Society, and Culture at Marymount Manhattan, advised the student club.*



## BUSINESS SAVVY

Thanks to a renewed commitment to bridging the creative and business spheres—through events like *From Marymount with Love* (left)—the Division of Business has become one of the fastest-growing areas of study at Marymount Manhattan. Spearheaded by Division Chair and Professor of Business

Management Vandana Rao, Ph.D., new student enrollment in Business has increased by 100% in the last two years, while total enrollment has increased by more than 60% since fall 2011.

Two distinct tracks have been formed in Business to reflect the interests of a creative student body in the world-class business setting of New York City. The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) majors in Finance, Entrepreneurship, International Business, Management, and Marketing prepare graduates for careers in organizations ranging from nonprofits to media conglomerates and major financial institutions. A new Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Business was designed specifically to combine a special interest in media, the arts, social justice, or fashion studies with a comprehensive business education.

Recent initiatives in entrepreneurship, media and arts management, and fashion marketing have also been integrated into majors, minors, and concentrations. Katelyn Kelly '17, a business student with a love for fashion, observes: "The showroom internship was a great opportunity because I learned all about the wholesale business in the Garment District. Getting to know how stores choose and buy their inventory was a great learning experience, and I was able to network with industry professionals."



*"The Hawn Endowed Scholarship has been a great financial resource to help me as I pursue my undergraduate degree in Film and Photography."*

— Kelly Caminero '16

## ALUMNA CONTINUES TO IMPACT DESERVING STUDENTS' EDUCATION

Every scholarship gift to Marymount Manhattan College is meaningful, and this is particularly true when the donor is a Marymount Manhattan graduate. Mary Ellen McNiece Hawn '91 and her husband, Gates Hawn, established the Mary Ellen McNiece Hawn Endowed Scholarship in 2008 to assist students who demonstrate academic merit and financial need. Their generosity is providing educational opportunity for deserving students while helping to ensure that Marymount Manhattan can continue to welcome talented, deserving students from all economic backgrounds.

The Mary Ellen McNiece Hawn Endowed Scholarship assists as many as 15 students in a single year. Among this year's Hawn Scholars is Kelly Caminero, an aspiring filmmaker and photographer. Kelly is currently the Photo Editor of the student-run newspaper, *The Monitor*, and recently started a film club on campus called The Cinemaniacs.

## COURSE SPOTLIGHT

# PLAYING POLITICS

## HOOK

Democracy, Oligarchy, or Socratic Republic? Restoration of the Athenian Empire? The propriety of revolution? These aren't just homework topics. These are your choices, questions you will answer in collaboration and competition with others. Join Professor Jessica Blatt in a world of role-playing games to better understand some of the pivotal moments in world history. Let's play politics!

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to major ideas and texts using a role-playing, game-based format called "Reacting to the Past" to replicate the historical context in which those ideas acquired significance. Throughout the semester, students practice leadership, problem-solving skills, and effective oral communication of political ideas through prepared and extemporaneous speeches. They also explore the ideas and the social, political, and economic forces that changed the world at moments of pivotal historic conflict.

## ABOUT THE PROFESSOR

Professor Blatt teaches political science classes and coordinates the new Politics and Human Rights major at MMC. Her most recent book project is under contract with the University of Pennsylvania Press.



## NEW YORK MINUTE



### COOPER SQUARE

## Welcome to the Neighborhood!

In August 2015, Marymount Manhattan College officially opened the new Cooper Square residence hall. Located in the bustling East Village neighborhood at 200 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, the Cooper Square residence hall is a short subway ride to Marymount Manhattan's main campus and a quick walk to iconic theatres and performance spaces, great restaurants, unrivaled shopping, and rich cultural attractions.

The 12-story residence hall is home to more than 270 sophomore, junior, and senior residents. With amenities that include a fitness center, student lounge, bicycle storage room, and beautiful wrap-around terrace, the Cooper Square residence hall is the place to be for continuing students at MMC.





## HONORING EXCELLENCE

# Challenging Yet Rewarding Educational Opportunities for Students



The College Honors Program (CHP) at Marymount Manhattan College, launched in fall 2011, allows highly motivated students who seek a more demanding academic experience to feel part of a community of like-minded peers. In select sections of General Education courses, students manage and complete a workload that is more academically and/or creatively demanding. Students must meet high standards for acceptance into the CHP—and are evaluated on their high school grades and SAT or ACT scores.

In spring 2015, Dance major and Biology minor Lauren Dalal '15 (pictured left) completed the first CHP Independent Study. Under the direction of Adjunct Assistant Professor of Physics Debra Tillinger (also pictured left), Lauren investigated new technologies to assess muscle imbalance in dancers, a frequent contributor to injury. Her final presentation, "The Potential of Markerless Motion Capture Technology to Identify Bilateral Asymmetry in Dancers," was a model of academic and creative excellence—and embodied the true character of the College Honors Program.

## REUNION 2015

### Return to Where It All Began



Alumni kicked-off their weekend by enjoying a fantastic alumni cabaret performance—*I Remember it Well*—in The Theresa Lang Theatre on May 29, 2015.

Marymount Manhattan College alumni returned to where it all began for Reunion Weekend, May 29-30, 2015.

We look forward to celebrating Reunion 2016 with you! This year, we are honoring class years ending in ones and sixes. Save the date for June 3-4, 2016. Invitations forthcoming. To ensure you receive an invitation, please contact Linda Eder at [leder@mmm.edu](mailto:leder@mmm.edu) to verify your address.



## Carl Safina Delivers the 2015 Barry Commoner Lecture on the Environment

### LECTURE SERIES

Celebrated scientist and author Carl Safina, Ph.D., delivered the 2015 Barry Commoner Lecture on the Environment, titled “Caught in the Same Net: The Ocean and Us.” During his lecture, Dr. Safina captivated and challenged a packed house, speaking of humanity’s aggressive and rapid impact on the natural environment.

Dr. Safina is the author of the acclaimed books *The View from Lazy Point* and *A Sea in Flames*, both of which informed his remarks to the MMC community. He has been published in *The New York Times*, *National Geographic*, and *Audubon* and has hosted a 10-part miniseries event on PBS titled *Saving the Ocean with Carl Safina*.

This lecture series honors Barry Commoner, the esteemed environmental scientist, by fostering discussions about environmental issues. Commoner is known as one of the fathers of the modern environmental movement. MMC also welcomed special guests Lisa Feiner, Barry Commoner’s widow, and Lucy A. Commoner and Richard S. Berry, the benefactors of the Barry Commoner Lecture for the Environment.

### DANCE GALA 2015



On May 15, 2015, the Dance Department hosted its Dance Gala in The Theresa Lang Theatre, followed by a champagne reception in The Great Hall. Pictured above are alumni who attended the event along with Professor of Dance and Chair of the Dance Department, Katie Langan '92. Collectively, the funds raised at the Dance Gala allow the Dance Department to produce works by distinguished choreographers. The 2015 Gala performance

included choreography by Aszure Barton, Jae Man Joo, Sonya Tayeh, Paul Taylor, and Doug Varone.

Joe Lateri, the 2015 Honorary Chair, was in attendance and delivered a captivating speech. His foundation, New York City Dance Alliance, in collaboration with Marymount Manhattan College, has awarded several scholarships to MMC students, including graduating seniors.



# PRESIDENT KERRY WALK

MMC IN THE NEWS

**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**  
post-gazette.com

JUNE 23, 2015

Pittsburgh native ascends to NYC college presidency

*“There’s a reason I’m passionate about the arts, literature, history, and the sciences, and have assiduously pursued these as an adult. My high school teachers and college professors inspired me to be a lifelong learner.”*



**CRAIN’S**  
NEW YORK BUSINESS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

This college president sees the whole city as her campus.

*“This is a college in the middle of a city, with all the resources of the city—opportunities for experiential learning but also for fulfilling lives and careers.”*



## OUR EXPERTS



Assistant Professor of Psychology **Nava Silton, Ph.D.**, has frequently appeared on FOX5 news as an expert analyst. On May 19, 2015, she was on the program to discuss post-partum depression among new fathers.

## Psychology Today



**Paul Grayson, Ph.D.**, Director of the Counseling and Wellness Center & Editor of the *Journal of College Student Psychotherapy*, was quoted twice in the October 2015 issue of *Psychology Today*. The article in which he was featured, “Crisis U,” explores the rise in psychological concerns among college students.



# THE NEW COOPER SQUARE RESIDENCE HALL

New York Magazine’s **BEDFORD + BOWERY** Blog

featured the August opening of MMC’s new Cooper Square residence hall, located at 200 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

**THE NEW YORK OBSERVER** Online and **POLITICO New York**

also announced the opening of the residence hall, which is now home to more than 270 students.

## FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Associate Professor of Communication and Media Arts **Corey Liberman, Ph.D.**, is coauthoring *Risk and Crisis Communication: Communicating in a Disruptive Age* with colleagues Dariela Rodriguez and Theodore A. Avtgis through Kendall Hunt Publishers, slated for a 2016 release.

**Magdalena Maczynska, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of English and World Literatures, authored *The Gospel According to the Novelist: Religious Scripture and Contemporary Fiction*, published by Bloomsbury Academic in August 2015.

Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders **Susan J. Behrens, Ph.D.**, recently published *Understanding Language Use in the Classroom: A Linguistic Guide for*



*College Educators*, published by Multilingual Matters in May 2014. Her publisher nominated the book for the notable Leonard Bloomfield Book Award through the Linguistic Society of America.

**David Mold, MFA**, Professor of Theatre Arts and Chair of the Division of Fine and Performing Arts, was involved with the Hip to Hip Theatre Company's 9<sup>th</sup> season of free Shakespeare in the Park in summer 2015, serving as the theatre company's associate artistic director and stage director for *The Merchant of Venice*. Theatre Arts adjunct faculty member Jason Marr and Theatre Arts alumna Lawryn LaCroix '13 were also involved in the production.



Assistant Professor of History **Lauren Erin Brown, Ph.D.**, presented research in May 2015 at the Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH) Zverev International Biennial Conference on American Studies. A specialist in Cold War diplomacy and dance history, Brown spoke about the Bolshoi Ballet's production of *Spartacus* during the company's 1962 American tour.

Professor of Art History **Jason Rosenfeld, Ph.D.**, was featured in *The New York Times*, *Arrive Magazine*, *Modern Painters* (UK based), and on *CBS Sunday Morning* for his co-curation of the exhibit "River Crossings: Contemporary Art Comes Home," which ran from May through November 2015. Rosenfeld was also recently named an honoree at The Olana



Partnership's 2015 Frederic E. Church Award Gala.

Associate Professor of Chemistry and Distinguished Chair **Alessandra Leri, Ph.D.**, conducted breakthrough scientific research in the area of marine chemistry in July 2015. Leri's study, in collaboration with Larry Mayer at the University of Maine, shows that natural organochlorines are widespread in marine sediments and are produced by marine organisms as well as sunlight-driven processes. Their research was published in *Nature Geoscience*, the top-ranked journal in geosciences, in which three MMC alumni—Marisa Dunigan '15, Katherine Ness '15, and Austin Gellis '15—appear as coauthors with Leri and Mayer.





## New Full-Time Faculty

Marymount Manhattan College  
welcomes six new full-time faculty  
for the 2015-16 academic year.

Above from left to right:

**Surinder Singh, MBA**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Business

**Emily Clark, M.Ed.**

Visiting Instructor of Theatre Arts

**Elisabeth Motley, MFA**

Assistant Professor of Dance

**Kira Jumet, Ph.D.**

Visiting Assistant Professor of International Studies

**Melissa Kollwitz, M.A.**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts

**Fahad Khan, M.S.**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Business

# MEDIA MAKEOVER

State-of-the-art studios.  
New programs of study.  
**Endless potential.**

By Carly Schneider '12



Marymount Manhattan College's Division of Communication and Media Arts has undergone a major makeover, complete with a state-of-the-art Digital Media Production Studio and handsomely remodeled classrooms. Starting fall 2016, students will also have four new areas of study to choose from, all of which have been designed to satisfy a wide variety of interests and career goals.





This summer, teaching facilities in The Theresa Lang Center for Producing were enhanced to include a TV control room, a TV studio, and an audio recording facility. The new media spaces mirror those found in national news production studios, offering students significant experiential learning opportunities.

“We worked closely with the studio design consultant to make sure that our newly minted spaces support both emerging and best practices that will allow our students to thrive in mission critical production environments,” said Professor Edrex Fontanilla. “Whether it’s implanting a Skype call into a live video broadcast

or keying in custom-designed graphics over real-time camera feeds, our students can master a set of highly specialized skills.”

Along with the newly designed and renovated studios, students will soon have direct, yet connected areas of studies to fully imagine their creative and career ambitions. The four new Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) majors—Digital Journalism; Cinema, Television, and Emerging Media; Digital Media and Video Production; and Public Relations and Strategic Communication—are essential additions by the Division in response to the ever-changing media landscape.

“We are very excited to offer students a chance to specialize in different concentrations that also blend varying interests,” said Division Chair Laura Tropp, Ph.D. “A student in the Public Relations and Strategic Communication area will not only have the opportunity to hone skill sets in communication and social media, but can learn about video and digital production, if interested. The flexibility of choice within the elective area gives students the edge when mapping out their future career paths.”

The new Digital Media Production Studio raises the bar for students pursuing careers in journalism, communications, and digital media.



## PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

is geared toward students interested in the techniques and practices of advertising, promotional communication, social media practices, and professional communication.

## CINEMA, TELEVISION, AND EMERGING MEDIA

will immerse students in the theory, history, and industrial practice of film and television. Students will take classes that focus on film technique, writing for television, emerging technologies, and both the American and global television industries.

## DIGITAL MEDIA AND VIDEO PRODUCTION

will allow students to develop the skills for media-based storytelling through video and emerging media production.

## DIGITAL JOURNALISM

will help students develop their research, writing, reporting, and editing skills. The program will also teach students how to adapt to an ever-changing field by working within multiple media platforms.





# Marymount Manhattan CELEBRATES PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION







Clockwise from top left: Merryl H. Tisch, Ph.D., Chancellor, New York State Board of Regents; New York City Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick; Marcia V. Keizs, Ed.D., President of York College, The City University of New York; Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright.

The inauguration of Kerry Walk, Ph.D., took place on October 23 at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in The Grace Rainey Rogers Auditorium. It was an exciting and uplifting morning filled with special guests and riveting performances.

The ceremony kicked off with a performance of “America the Beautiful” by Marymount Manhattan College Musical Theatre Students. After an invocation by Rabbi Philip Hiat, guests were treated to a performance of “For Good” from *Wicked* by MMC’s very own Annaleigh Ashford ’05. The ceremony also included the Marymount Manhattan College Dance Company performing the ebullient “My Spirit Be Joyful” from Bach’s Cantata No. 146.

Greetings and remarks were given by special guests Merryl H. Tisch, Ph.D., Chancellor, New York State Board of Regents; Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright; Marcia V. Keizs, Ed.D., President of York College, The City University of New York; and Daniel R. Garodnick, New York City Council Member.

Then, it was time for the Presentation of the Insignia of Office. Representatives from the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and trustees each passed the President’s Medal one to another, representing all the groups within the MMC community who affirm the choice of Kerry Walk as MMC’s new president. The last in line was Hope Knight ’85, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, who officially installed President Walk as the eighth President of Marymount Manhattan College by presenting her with the President’s Medal. President Walk then went on to deliver a moving speech, “Light and Liberty.”

The ceremony closed with a captivating performance of the Alma Mater, “Hail Marymount Manhattan,” with the original words sung in a new musical setting composed for Marymount Manhattan by Broadway composer Frank Wildhorn H’14. This great fusion of tradition and innovation, past and future, perfectly represents the new energy that President Walk will bring to the MMC legacy as she continues her tenure as president. **Welcome, President Walk!**



## KERRY WALK, PH.D. BIOGRAPHY

President Walk is a champion of student learning and success, with more than twenty years of experience as a higher education leader. Melding the liberal arts and sciences with the creative and performing arts, her academic and professional background fits well with the diverse and contemporary educational offerings at Marymount Manhattan College (MMC).

Before taking office on July 1, 2015, Dr. Walk served as Provost (2011–2014) and Interim President (2014–2015) of Otis College of Art and Design, in Los Angeles, where she advanced the institution through highly collaborative enrollment and fundraising efforts, a transformative campus expansion project, and a new five-year strategic plan. She also led major efforts to promote student learning and success, including a major revamping of college curricula and establishment of an international education center.

Prior to joining Otis, Dr. Walk held academic leadership positions at Harvard University (1993–2001), Princeton University (2001–2009), and Pitzer College (2009–2011), one of The Claremont Colleges. At Princeton, she built and directed the acclaimed interdisciplinary Princeton Writing Program, and at Pitzer she spearheaded successful strategic planning and reaccreditation efforts.

Kerry Walk earned her B.A. in English with honors from Wellesley College, where she received the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her contributions to campus life through theatre. She earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English Literature at the University of California, Berkeley, focusing her studies on English Renaissance literature and the Victorian novel.

STUDY ABROAD

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. A person is standing in the water, silhouetted against the sun. The water reflects the sun's light, creating a shimmering path. In the background, there are low mountains or hills. The overall mood is peaceful and scenic.

# Greece

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By Robert Dutiel and Mark Ringer, Ph.D.





A highlight for many students was a visit to the monastery of Meteora, a showcase of Greece's medieval heritage, located atop a mountain with dramatic, once-in-a-lifetime views of the surrounding lowlands.

**Following a month of preparatory study in New York City, Theatre Arts professors Rob Dutiel and Mark Ringer, Ph.D., led Marymount Manhattan College students on a two-week tour of Greece in summer 2015, focusing on ancient theatrical sites and Greek Classical Civilization.**

Under the direction of Dr. Ringer—a Theatre Historian specializing in Greek Drama—students prepared for the trip by studying the fifth century B.C. plays of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and Aristophanes, along with texts by Homer, Sappho, Plato, and Aristotle. Taking advantage of Marymount Manhattan's New York City location, Professor Dutiel—a Theatre Designer passionate about nurturing the students' visual literacy and appreciation for the liberal arts—also led students on expeditions to the Greek and Roman Collection of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and various city locations showcasing Neoclassical architecture.

"I believe international travel study is a critical element for all areas of liberal arts. In the theatre, we start our students with the text, but in order for them to really understand a people or culture, we have to expand the concept of what a classroom is," said Professor Dutiel. "I use drawing exercises in advance of the trip, and throughout our travels, to help students become more actively involved in the observation of a world that has been, up to that point, a purely intellectual concept. Greece becomes a visceral experience that fuels their passion for the performing arts."

In addition to including an unprecedented number of students, the 2015 tour was exceptionally ambitious, introducing the group to several historical sites that were not featured in past incarnations of this tour. The journey began in Northeastern Greece—taking students back to the Hellenistic period—where they observed an ancient theatre at Dion, situated at the foot of Mount Olympus, and discovered the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great, in Vergina.

Students worked their way to Delphi and Olympia, top study abroad destinations known for their natural settings, architectural remains, and world-class museums featuring some of the greatest art collections in Greece. While these destinations have been included since the first visit in

2007, the theatres of Ancient Dodona and Messene made for fascinating new additions to the 2015 itinerary.

Two further sites for exploration and interest were the ruins of Mycenae, the setting of Aeschylus' *Oresteia* and several other tragedies, letting students see first-hand how the world the characters live in is integral to the understanding of many great works; as well as the Theatre of Epidauros, the best preserved of all Ancient Greek theatres and home to the Epidaura, a national festival of ancient Greek plays held each summer. Dr. Ringer noted, "The site is of inspiring beauty. As a living theatre, it is justly famous for its acoustics that literally allow an audience to hear a coin drop from a hundred feet away. The students were able to enjoy an excellent production of Euripides' *Trojan Women* by the National Theatre of Greece with English supertitles. We'd studied the play in the classroom a few weeks before, so this was an ideal learning experience that came full circle for our students."

After a brief excursion to the island of Aegina, the trip ended with a tour of Athens, the epicenter of Classical Greek culture, famous for its Theatre of Dionysus, the Acropolis, the impressive new Acropolis Museum, and the National Archeological Museum.

— Mark Ringer, Ph.D.,  
Professor of Theatre Arts

When students returned to campus, the real work had just begun. One of the major components of the study abroad course is the completion of journal writing, sketch collections, response papers, and formal research projects. The written components encourage students to synthesize conventional research (books, plays, articles) with the intellectual and emotional experience of the trip—thus helping them concretize the entire experience.

"These trips are the brainchild of Professor Dutiel," said Dr. Ringer. "This time, as before, he designed and executed a flawless itinerary that, more than ever before, has given a group of Marymount Manhattan College students an exceptionally broad view of Greece."

## ALUMNI PROFILES

**Marymount Manhattan College alumna Annaleigh Ashford '05 is everywhere these days—from starring in top Broadway shows, to her leading role on SHOWTIME® network's *Masters of Sex*—she is taking the world by storm.**

The Broadway star and Tony Award winner recently opened up about her Marymount Manhattan days, what she's been up to, and where audiences can expect to see her in the coming months.

**As a young performer in Denver, Colorado, what led you to New York City and Marymount Manhattan College—ultimately forging your path into the industry?** I always knew that my opportunity to become a better artist would start with living in New York—I could further my education as a performer with all of the best resources at my fingertips. There is no other city in the country with the volume of theatres that New York City has. Because of that, Marymount Manhattan College and NYC were a perfect match for me.

**What is your fondest Marymount Manhattan College memory?** I have so many great memories, but if I had to list a few they'd be: MaryAnne Piccolo selling jewelry in the Nugent Lounge; it represents the creative ingenuity that one must start with as an artist trying to make it. Graduation with Hillary Clinton giving the commencement address. A directing project of *Nina in the Morning*. And, of course, finding some of the best friends of my life!

**What advice would you give to fellow Marymount Manhattan alumni looking to pursue their careers?** Your learning is never done. Continue to be a student of whatever your field is for the rest of your life.

**In 2015, you won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play and the Tony Award® for Best Featured Actress in a Play. What does it mean to you to be recognized as a leading performer in the industry?** It has been an overwhelming honor to be recognized for my work this year. I am so aware of how every performance is a collaborative event, so I have so much gratitude for my fellow actors. I also look at these special honors as a symbol of all the family, friends, and teachers who have supported me throughout my life on my journey as an actor.

**Currently, what's your favorite Broadway show, and what's your all-time favorite?** My favorites are always changing, but my current is *Hamilton* and while my all-time favorite changes, I think *Gypsy* is a perfect musical!

**What projects are you most looking forward to in the months ahead?** I am playing Sylvia in *Sylvia*. Sylvia is a dog so I shall be channeling my inner furry friends on Broadway this fall and winter!



# Annaleigh Ashford '05



## LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

“Every day is a new challenge, but when I think about the thousands of people fighting their disease, it motivates me to keep expanding my knowledge, testing new technologies, and learning new methodology.”

— Anna Patruno '14



### ▲ Anna Patruno '14

Anna began her studies at Marymount Manhattan pursuing a degree in Speech Pathology & Audiology, knowing she wanted a job working with those less fortunate. Though her course in Communication Disorders was informative, she took a deeper interest in the biological aspects of the material. Pursuing her instincts, Anna switched to a major in Biology with a minor in Neuroscience, a track that would prepare her for a career in scientific research and medicine.

During her time at MMC, Anna performed research in Professor Benedetta Sampoli Benitez's lab investigating copper contaminants in NYC's public water supply. While her research at MMC was ongoing, Anna also branched out to other institutions and worked at the Columbia University Medical Center, as well as the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She feels that her on- and off-campus professional experiences were pivotal in helping her gain a position at one of the top hospitals in the world, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Currently, Anna is working on creating more personalized treatment options for cancer patients. These new methods determine if mutations responsible for a patient's cancer can be specifically targeted with existing therapies, which has completely shifted the focus of cancer care.

Anna currently resides in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and enjoys running, cycling, cooking (and eating) international dishes, and reading about healthcare policy.

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“For me, my life's memories are based around the sensations and nostalgia that meals have left on my soul.” — Lauren

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### Lauren Gerrie '05

Born and raised in Orange County, California, Lauren grew up a dancer at heart, training with the Joffrey and Kirov Ballets, and transitioning to contemporary dance at Orange County's High School of the Arts where she graduated as Valedictorian of the Commercial Dance Department. Academic scholarship in hand, she came to Marymount Manhattan College, graduating summa cum laude with a degree in Studio Art and Graphic Design. She continued her dance career with such notables as Ryan

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Dear Marymount Manhattan College Alumni,

It is a very exciting time at MMC with the arrival of our new president, Dr. Kerry Walk. Kerry is eager for the opportunity to work with our amazing network of alumni, and strengthen their relationship to the College.

I am pleased to announce that in spring 2016, we will be holding nominations and elections to recruit new leaders for the Alumni Association. Participation in the Alumni Association is a great way to keep communication lines open with the College, stay in touch with our network of successful alumni, and be informed about all major events and opportunities going on at your alma mater.

Please be sure to visit our website at [www.mmm.edu/alumni](http://www.mmm.edu/alumni) to learn more about alumni services, news, and events.

I look forward to working closely with President Walk and meeting many of you at the various events and performances scheduled throughout the academic year. I hope that you will join us for Alumni Reunion Weekend on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4!

Sincerely,

Linda M. Eder '09

Coordinator of Alumni Relations and Advancement Events

## ALUMNI PROFILES

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Heffington (recording artist Sia's choreographer), Marguerite Derricks (*Heathers: The Musical*), and Mia Michaels (*R.A.W., So You Think You Can Dance*).

Traveling through Europe, Lauren found herself pulled into the culinary world. Back in the U.S., she put her training to work for such diverse outfits as Will Goldfarb's Room 4 Dessert pastry bar, Brooklyn's Diner, and as personal chef to fashion designer Marc Jacobs. At the same time, she launched her own establishment, bigLITTLE Get Together, with best friend Flanner-Klette Kolton. Both Lauren and Flanner are "Chopped" winners ('11 and '13 respectively), and Lauren returned to the show in 2011 to beat Toro's Jamie Bisonette as runner-up for the \$50,000 "Chopped Champion" grand prize. She has had the pleasure of cooking for such celebrities as Anna Wintour, Sofia Coppola, and Lee Radziwill.



### ▲ Lisa Dupree '88

A transfer student from the University of Pennsylvania looking for a place "beyond the Ivies," Lisa Dupree came to Marymount Manhattan College in search of an education and career in television production.

Majoring in Communication Arts, her professors advocated writing, technical production, and internships that could open doors after graduation. A professor connected Lisa to a colleague at a new cable television network where an internship opportunity afforded her responsibilities in everything from camera and live shows, to working with reporters and going out into the field with photographers. It was ultimately her passkey to a production assistant position on a new syndicated morning news show.

Lisa currently serves as CNBC's Director of Media Content, overseeing a team of 25 responsible for the lifecycle management of the network's broadcast media—from acquisition through archiving, to workflow and implementation of the network's media asset management system and infrastructure. In summer 2015, she attended the National Association for Black Journalists convention as a recruiter for CNBC, and most recently she was nominated as a Mentor for women to "Know Your Value," Morning Joe's (MSNBC) nationwide movement to empower women in the workplace.

Lisa resides in the tri-state area with her husband, loves good suspense or murder mystery novels, and travels extensively.

### ► Nic Bannon '07

When Nic Bannon discovered Marymount Manhattan College online, he knew the school setting and its opportunities for life in New York City would be a perfect match. Nic majored in Communication Arts, where his technological bent was fostered by professors who understood the shift from analog to digital, as it pertained to both industry and society as a whole. They created an educational conversation linking art, media,

and personal growth that became Nic's launching pad into a career in which his passion for technology and love of helping others put him at the crossroads of customer service and entrepreneurship. Nic joined Shapeways, a 3-D printing start-up, after graduation. From there, he launched his own company, Tecfriendly, bringing his digital expertise and experience right to clients' homes, providing tech support, lessons, troubleshooting, concierge services, and door-to-door delivery on repairs and replacements. While launching his own company, Nic has remained at Shapeways, where he can network with people the world over who are on the cutting edge of prototyped new products.

Living in Sunnyside, Queens, with fellow alumna Sarah Fannie Cohen '07, Nic enjoys cooking, travel, and DIY projects. He also hosts "Filibuddies," a weekly political review, with fellow alumnus Dan Doubet '06 that can be seen on YouTube. He continues his involvement with the Marymount Manhattan community by serving as a digital life coach for other alumni.

### Ramona Pitera '93, P'17 and Michelle Kilic '93

Ramona Pitera found Marymount Manhattan College after attending a college fair in high school and realized her double dream of an education and a life in New York City. When her best friend Michelle Kilic came to visit one weekend, and fell in love with the College and the city, she was similarly sold.



Early on, Ramona switched from Communication to a major in Theatre, and at her professors' urging, sought out an internship. She naturally gravitated to a talent agency. What better way to learn how to get an agent than to find out what they do? After graduating, she went to work for a top commercial advertising agency. But something



nagged at her—she felt incomplete and unsatisfied.

Michelle was a Business Management major who set her sights on Wall Street and landed there with the help and guidance of Dr. Marvelle S. Colby, who served as her mentor as she moved up the corporate ladder through various investment houses.

2009 proved to be a watershed year for both women. Through the economic downturn, they got the chance to look at opportunities for a second career, and, with Ramona's experience in the talent field and Michelle's in finance and marketing, they joined forces to launch Ramona's Model & Talent, LLC. "It was divine timing," Ramona said, in that the company was able to go completely digital and has grown every year since.

Ramona resides in New Jersey with her family, enjoys hiking and traveling, and is active in her church. Michelle, also an avid hiker, lives in Manhattan and volunteers with cancer patients at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where she can give back what she learned through her own experience as a caregiver.

► **Trish Shortell '90**

While Trish Shortell didn't realize it at the time, the experience she had while attending Marymount Manhattan College laid a solid foundation for her life. The liberal arts education she received exposed her to a range of topics and interests and, most importantly,



**Judy Carson '03, H'13**

Marymount Manhattan College alumna and honorary degree recipient Judy and her husband, Russ Carson, had the opportunity to meet Pope Francis at Our Lady of Angels School in East Harlem on Friday, September 25, 2015. The school visit was part of The Pope's historic first trip to the United States, where he visited Washington, DC, New York City, and Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. Barbara Loughlin '70, member of the Marymount Manhattan Board of Trustees was also in attendance.

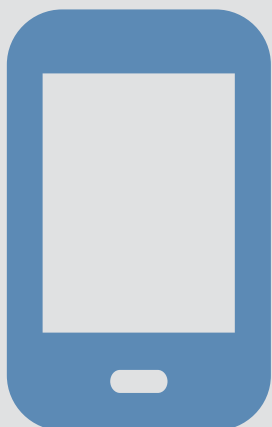
sparked a curiosity for learning she still holds close.

In the 25 years since graduating with a degree in Communication Arts, Shortell has worked her way up the executive recruiting and talent management ladder, overseeing searches for clients as diverse as entrepreneurial start-ups and multinational corporations. Today she is Managing Director of RSR Partners, recruiting at the top-most levels with a focus in the marketing services industry. While she has been lucky to find work she loves, she believes her

utmost accomplishment is her family. She has been married for 17 years and is a mother to three children: JT (14), Jack (12), and Holly (10).



**"Saying MMC prepared me for life and work is not specific enough. It was the faculty, fellow students, alumni, the staff, and administration. There is a magic that happens to people who meet at this small gem of a school on the Upper East Side. People naturally open up and share knowledge. There are very few places in this world that bring out such a generous spirit."** — Trish



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## CLASS NOTES

### **JACQUELINE A. MURPHY XAVIER '55, RSHM**

is celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her Religious Profession at the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary in Tarrytown, NY.

### **VALERIE GREENE BUTLER '60**

is in the process of selling her home on the Long Island Sound in order to downsize and be closer to her children and grandchildren in New Jersey. She and her husband have also done a lot of traveling—about 60 countries so far!

### **GAIL MARSHALL O'BRIEN '60**

is facilitating classes at Washington University's Lifelong Learning Institute. Gail also belongs to two poetry circles and has had poems published in small press collections. She is a United States member of the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP), a UNESCO-sponsored organization.

### **ROBERTA CHAPEY '64**

recently bought a condo in Jupiter, Florida, and is enjoying spending winters in the sunshine. She retired from The City University of New York in August 2012 after 40 years and is enjoying her grandchildren (ages 5 and 2).

### **PATRICIA DIETZ DONOHUE '64**

and her husband welcomed their grandchild, Kate, three years ago. Patricia lives in Virginia, is a lector at her church, and swims as her preferred form of exercise. In retirement, she and her husband are enjoying traveling throughout Europe, Mexico, and the United States.

### **MURIEL CARON EINGURT '64**

retired in 2003 after teaching literature and writing for almost 35 years. In 2005, she moved from New York to Beaufort, South Carolina, a beautiful coastal town between Charleston and Savannah. The location and weather make it ideal for enjoying the outdoors year-round. Her days are spent volunteering, working on local committees, and organizing community events, including blood drives and Earth Day festivals. Now that her children are all on the East Coast, she enjoys family,

especially her young grandchildren: Evie (6), Molly (4), Sean (2 months), and a new-born grandson.

### **IRENE KARAZIN '64**

has lived in Westport, Connecticut, for 46 years, raised her family, and has been involved in her community. She and her husband, Ed, have been wintering in La Quinta, California, for the last five years. They travel as much as possible, trying to take at least one big trip a year. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Irene stays busy by working on her golf game, playing bridge, managing an investment club, knitting baby blankets, and working out at her gym. She wishes all her classmates the best!

### **SUSAN DIGAETANO KERN '64**

is currently enjoying retirement in St. Petersburg, Florida. Her husband passed in 2012. One of their sons lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, and the other in Germany, which she visits at least once a year. She still has numerous friends in Germany, having lived there for 35 years.

### **MARIANNE O'LEARY LIEGEY '64**

continues to substitute teach at a private school ten minutes from her home, helps with her parish blood drive, and has traveled to Turkey and China. In January 2014, her granddaughter, Katelyn, was born. She loves the role of grandmother!

### **MARY MINSTRELL '64**

is still working part time in real estate. She is also active in her co-op, serving on the Admissions Committee as well as the Hospitality Committee.

### **MARY QUINN '64**

taught for 32 years. She now spends time between Brooklyn and Arizona. Her daughter is an architect, and her granddaughter is in the third grade. She loves going to movies, painting, and photography.

### **DR. EILEEN MCGIVERN SHEA '64**

retired in 2010 after 41 years teaching speech and communication at Westchester Community College, where she chaired the Communications and Media Arts

Department for the past 20 years. Since retirement, she has become an avid golfer and has been involved in community organizations in Rye, New York—most notably serving as president of the Women's Club of Rye for the last four years. She remains happily married to Mike Shea. They have five children and eight grandchildren.

### **MARGARET HARRINGTON TAMULONIS '64**

has most recently served as co-president of the Jane Addams Peace Association based at the United Nations Plaza in New York City. This work is a continuation of her peace activism begun in 1965 when she worked with Dorothy Day at the Catholic Worker for several years. She also hosts a Burlington, Vermont, television and internet series called "Nuclear Free Future Conversation," which educates people about nuclear weapons and nuclear power. She has lived in northern Vermont by the Canadian border for nine years with her husband, Lenny—a big change from Manhattan where they lived for decades with their two daughters. They have a farm that yields maple syrup, honey, and hay, and until recently had pygmy goats from which she made cheese and soap. Their four grandchildren enjoy visiting the farm.

### **KATHLEEN AUSTIN '65**

has eight siblings, all of whom are well and live close enough to drive to Bronxville, New York, for Thanksgiving. She and her husband, George, celebrated 42 years of marriage in November and have three married children: Carter (LoAn), Peter (Jennifer), and Elizabeth (Chris). Seven extraordinary grandchildren complete their family: Michaela, Liam, Ronan, Kieran, Quinn, Alexis, and Connor.

### **MARY LOUISE TALLENT CHUDD '65**

and her husband took a guided tour of Paris and London in September 2014, and visited America's National Parks out west in September 2015. Her greatest source of pride is her children and grandchildren. Her daughter, Suzanne, lives in Lincoln, Massachusetts, with her husband, John, and children Kate (6) and



Matthew (4). Her son, Bill, lives in Westport, Connecticut, with his wife, Gretchen, and children Henry (5) and Colin (3). Mary Louise wishes good health and happiness to everyone.

### **JOSEPHINE DIFRANCO '65**

is happy in retirement after a long career as a high school English teacher. Her time is now spent enjoying and having fun with her grandchildren. She is finishing a novel she started many years ago, traveling, and focusing on “staying in the game” for as long as possible.

### **DIANE ASCIONE HOROWITZ '65**

has experienced a few changes since 2010, one of which is her newfound partner, Joseph Gregory Wojak, whom she connected with after her husband passed away. Neither one of them expected to be this happy again, so they are very grateful. Between them, they have four children and ten grandchildren.

### **CATHY ROACH LEIBOWITZ '65**

is still working full time, feeling the urgency to help the members of the Willowbrook class action suit, to whom she's devoted most of her career, so that they may enjoy the later years of their lives in safe and secure homes. She and her husband's four children are grown, and they are pleased to have ring-side seats to the ever fascinating evolution of their lives

### **MARIANNE PELLETTIERI LICCIARDELLO '65**

retired from Alitalia Airlines ten years ago. She and her husband, Sal, have four wonderful grandchildren. She has traveled extensively through Europe and the United States, seeing places she has always dreamed to see. Libraries have always been close to her heart, and she volunteers at the local Suffern Library. She is a member of the local garden club, helping with planting and maintenance of several key areas around the town of Suffern, New York.

### **ALICE O'HARA MCCARTER '65**

is a proud mother to Thomas, who works part time and participates in Special Olympic sports. Her family enjoys following Boston College men's hockey and attending Frozen

Fours. Her daughter, Meredith, is a Medical ICU Registered Nurse in Baltimore, Maryland. She likes running and has completed the Boston Half Marathon twice and the Marine Marathon in Washington, DC once. Her daughter, Susan, is an attorney and counsel for a bank in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she lives with her two sons, Jack (6) and Andrew (4). Visiting with them, playing UNO, Pick up Sticks, and Go Fish is a delight and a good lesson in humility. Her son, William, has a brick in his memory at Boston's Fenway Park that reads “Will McCarter—04/21/67-03/06/92—LIFELONG FAN.” She is also grateful to have received the Sister Raymunde McKay award. She is still working at New Communities Services, but is looking forward to retirement/consulting and spending more time with family starting in spring 2016.

### **MARY ANN BRADLEY MOONEY '65**

and husband, Michael, welcomed their first grandchild, Kara Jade Mooney, on March 29, 2015. Kara is the daughter of son James and his wife, Danielle. Daughter Lori won an Emmy award; she is a segment producer for *The People's Court*.

### **NANCY ROBERTA HOFFMAN PREISEL '65**

and her husband, Art, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October 2015. They have five children and 11 grandchildren, and have been living in Florida for 12 years. They visit Long Island two to three times a year to see the family. Both are in good health. Her husband is still active athletically—playing softball and golf—while Nancy bowls and golfs occasionally.

### **JEAN ST. GERMAIN '66**

was given the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM)'s highest professional honor in July 2015. The AAPM Marvin M.D. Williams Professional Achievement Award recognizes an AAPM member for “an eminent career in medical physics with an emphasis on clinical medical physics” and for “significant influence on the development of the profession of medical physics through professional matters, education

of medical physicists and clinical practice development.”

### **JUDETH A KALLMEYER '68**

went on to receive a Master's degree in Religious Education from Fordham University in 1974, a certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Spiritual Life Center in 1985, and a Master's degree in School Counseling from St. John's University in 1990. She is currently retired and living in a retirement community in West Haverstraw, New York. She is a member of the Association of Salesian Cooperators and an Oblate of the Precious Blood. She is a breast cancer survivor of 20 years and is living with multiple sclerosis and spinal problems.

### **ELLIE IMPERATO '68**

is on exhibit for her photographic essay, *Doors of Memory/Porte della Memoria* at the QCC Art Gallery, Queensborough Community College, in Bayside, New York. The exhibit runs from October 8, 2015, through January 10, 2016.

### **ANN MORAN BERG '69**

earned a Master's degree in science education at Oregon State University, where she met and married Ron Berg, a fellow graduate student. In their 40+ years together, they have lived in Ohio and raised a family. During this time span, she has enjoyed a varied career, including teaching high school biology, volunteering for a myriad of organizations and issues, substitute teaching, and being a banker. In July 2009, she retired as an Assistant Vice President and Investment Officer from First Financial Capital Advisors, and she and her husband have traveled extensively. They visit Yosemite National Park several times a year and have only one trip left to Hawaii to complete to have visited all 50 states. Volunteering in the community has become an important facet of their lives, whether at Shared Harvest or the Friends of Lane Libraries. Presently, she serves on the Women's Leadership Council of the Butler County United Way and as a trustee on the Board of the Lane Public Library.

## CLASS NOTES

### MARY JANE GIULIANO LEE '69

continues her work as part of the Pastoral Care team at two Long Island hospitals. She is also a Consulting Rosarian for the American Rose Society. She exhibits her roses, and last year won the Long Island Rose Society's top prize of "Best in Show." She has been married to her husband, Vin, for 43 years, and both their daughter and son are married and employed in their fields. She loves being a grandmother, and her greatest joy these days is spending time with her two grandsons, James and Stephen.

### PATRICIA O'LEARY COLLINS '70

is enjoying her fifth year as manager of her local library. Her daughter, Tina, is a researcher for the NYC Teachers' Union, so she keeps up on the education issues in NYC.

### KAREN KARCHER MACK '70

married Dr. Michael Creutz, Senior Physicist Emeritus, Brookhaven National Labs, on April 22, 2015.

### PATRICIA MCCARTHY VOZAB '70

and her husband moved to Statesboro, Georgia, in July 2013 to enjoy their retirement in the sunny South and to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Marc Gignac, who also live there. On March 31, 2014, they celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Lucas Edward Gignac.

### JOAN HOFFMAN WIECZOREK '72

and husband, Al, are loving retirement and taking trips to Cape Cod. Joan enjoys informal reunions with several classmates who affectionately call themselves the "MMC Bobbleheads." Their son, John, is a physical chemistry Ph.D. student at Rutgers University. Their daughter, Julia, is a sophomore at Vassar College with a dual major concentration in Political Science and Chinese.

### NORA WYNNE PEYTON '74

relocated two years ago to the West Coast and is now living on the Monterey Peninsula in California. She works for a private independent school in Pebble Beach as Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, which

welcomes students from all over the world. Her youngest of three children just graduated from American University in Washington, DC.

### GLENN SCHATELL '79

published a book of his father's Sherlock Holmes cartoons and humorous illustrations titled "*The Lighter Side of Sherlock Holmes*," which has more than 300 pages of artwork. His father was the leading artist for Sherlock Holmes fans around the world in the 1970s. Unfortunately, he died in 1980 before he could get a book published. This book, issued by MX Publishing, based in London, fulfills his dreams.

### VIRGINIA J. MONTI '80

published a poetry and essay book that was included in *Publishers Weekly*.

### ELIZABETH PEITLER '83

is an administrative assistant at Diversified Residential & Commercial Services, a real estate company located on the West Side of Manhattan that handles rentals, purchases, and mortgages. The company would be happy to help anyone with his or her real estate needs.

### YOLANDA RAMOS '85

is a global senior citizen with experiences developing educational programs and partnerships with government, education, and IT industry organizations.

### E. DENISE BILLUPS '87

published her first novel on July 2, 2014—a book of fiction titled *By Chance*—a paranormal thriller.

### KATHY WILSON '87

recently published her memoir, *Out of the Rabbit Hole*, which is now available in paperback and e-book through Amazon.com as of fall 2015.

### FLORENCE ALVA '89

is excited to share her new website for paintings—[FlorenceAlva.com](http://FlorenceAlva.com).

### LOUISE MONTELEONE '95

has two children: Darin (18) and Samantha (12). She has a nonprofit organization called LIFT (Leading

Individuals from Trauma) as well as a catering company called Mafia Princess Catering. She lives in Brooklyn, and since graduation, has earned her Master's degree and published two books.

### RICHARD K. BACTOWAL '96

is married with three children. His daughter, Imari-Dhalwah, attended Stony Brook University and graduated with a degree in Psychology and Sociology. His son, Kadlif-Rashid, is in his last semester at Queens College and will be graduating with a degree in Biology, specializing in anesthesiology. His other son, RaimiKadi, is in Face the Music at Special Music High School and is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Presently, Richard is writing a book of poems titled *The Moments That Took Your Breath Away*.

### MOMOH SEKOU DUDU '99

is finishing a doctorate in public administration at Hamline University in Saint Paul. He recently published a memoir on October 9, 2014, titled *Harrowing December: Recounting a Journey of Sorrows & Triumphs*. It is available through Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com. A significant part of the book relates to his time at Marymount Manhattan College and his relationships with a former trustee, the late Mary Anne Schwalbe, and President Emerita Regina Peruggi.

### DANIELLE BONADIO MACGOWAN '00,

a seasoned events and meeting planner, has joined The Bonadio Group in the role of Events Manager. The Bonadio Group is upstate New York's largest independent provider of accounting, consulting, and financial services. MacGowan plans, manages, and assists with internal and external events for all of the firm's offices throughout New York, working primarily from the Rochester office. She lives in Penfield, New York, with her husband, Rob, and son, Spencer.

### DEBRA ANN GLENN BYRD '01

was added to the expanded "harlem is...THEATER Exhibit."

### LAURA KRESSLY '04

is working with Dr. Brian Rhinehart again, 14 years after taking his class



at Marymount Manhattan College. Dr. Rhinehart's award-winning production *Butoh Medea* came to Edinburgh Festival Fringe in summer 2015. Laura, now a freelance theatre producer and critic in London, is producing their run in Edinburgh.

### **ELISABETH PACILEO '04**

is now in her sixth year of teaching with hospital schools. She is currently working at Mt. Sinai Hospital on the inpatient child/adolescent unit. She is able to combine her love of psychology and education in a very fulfilling career choice. Elisabeth spent a past summer in Virginia caring for her mother, who passed away from cancer on September 2, 2013.

### **MICHAEL PERLMAN '04**

pursues public relations, graphic design, and singing, and is a *Forest Hills Times* columnist. He is also an advocate for historical preservation causes and coordinates tree giveaway events through his organization, Rego-Forest Preservation Council. On June 4, 2014, he received the 2014 Grassroots Preservation Award by the Historic Districts Council.

### **BELKIS CARDONA-RIVERA '04**

is celebrating the fifth anniversary of her digital marketing company, Belkis Marketing.

### **CAROLINE LAKIN GIBEL '05**

is now the Company Manager at Kansas City Starlight Theatre.

### **VALERIE RODRIGUEZ-CAMPBELL '05**

is proud to share that her son, Devin Campbell (7), is starring on Broadway as the young Lola in *Kinky Boots* (October 2015).

### **CORIE ROWE WHALEN '05**

married Robert J. Whalen on June 20, 2015, in a lovely ceremony in Central Bridge, New York, at The Olde Tater Barn.

**JULIANNE MICHELLE DI PALMA '06** is President and CEO of Supernova Media, Inc. Her production company produces motion pictures, television shows, and special events. Her most recent motion picture, *Awakened*,

was embraced by audiences in theatres and is now available on video. Charity work plays a very important role in Julianne's life; she is the auction chair for several charities, including Children at Heart, that benefits Children of Chernobyl.

### **MICHAEL PAUL SMITH '06**

is the co-creator of the webseries *The Residuals*. The webseries—for which he writes, stars, and directs—is coming exclusively to BroadwayWorld.com for Season 2 and will feature Horatio Sanz and Jenna Leigh Green.

### **NIC BANNON '07**

is currently working at a 3-D printing service, Shapeways. He also runs his own tech-consulting business on the side, Tecfriendly.

### **SYDNEY KRAUSS '07**

is the genius behind the band Sleigh Bells.

### **BEN NEMSER '08**

married Cassandra Ruiz on October 19, 2014, in Washington Heights.

### **MEGHAN MACALPINE MIZRACHI '08**

(pictured below) was married to Eliot Mizrachi on August 8, 2015, in New Haven, Connecticut, at Lighthouse Point Park. She will graduate from Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, New York, in December with a doctorate in Physical Therapy.



### **REGINA FRANCES CAREY '09**

received her Master's degree in Humanities with a concentration in Communications from Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio.

### **FREDERIKE GARRE '09**

launched his new business, Private Collection Traveling, which plans luxurious and distinctive experiences in Italy and Switzerland for clients.



### **KELLY MCCORMACK '09**

(pictured above) married **David Sergi '07** on July 18, 2015, at Marymount Manhattan College. The ceremony was officiated by ordained minister **Laura Bogdanski '07** and was held in The Theresa Lang Theatre. A reception followed in The Great Hall.

### **CAMERON KELSALL '10**

won the Thomas McGrath Award from the Academy of American Poets for his poem "Something Boys Do."

### **SAMUEL MILLER '11**

was recently appointed to the New York Grant Company as an Analyst. In this position, he identifies and researches various economic development incentive programs, as well as analyzes the constant changes to local, state, and federal economic development policy. The company is an economic development consulting firm that helps for-profit and nonprofit

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organizations navigate the maze of economic and energy incentive programs in New York, New Jersey, and nationally.

### **KIMBERLY TORRES '11**

moved from NYC to the San Francisco Bay Area and accepted a position at Rocketship Education as Senior Associate, Strategy &

Scalability. Previously, she was working in operations at Success Academy Charter Schools in NYC.

### **JESSICA BALK '12**

got engaged!

### **ERICA BRUNT LEFF '13**

is now a first-year student at CUNY School of Law. She was also recently married on April 11, 2015.

### **JACLYN COHEN '14**

is a backup singer for the band Foxygen, which performed on the Late Show with David Letterman in 2015.

### **SHANNA IRWIN '14**

joined Complexions Contemporary Ballet, a multicultural ballet in NYC that recently celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Marymount Manhattan College is pleased to announce the appointment of five new members to the College Board of Trustees. Join us in welcoming:**

- **PATRICIA A. AGNELLO '83**, Chief Human Resources Officer & Employment Counsel Insight Portfolio Group LLC
- **HELEN DEMETRIOS '73**, Founder and COO of International Banking Software Company
- **ABBY C. FIORELLA '83**, Group Executive, General Auditor of MasterCard
- **EDWARD VAN SADERS '95**, Chief Strategy Officer of WRNN
- **CATHERINE VINCIE '73, RSHM, PH.D.**, Provincial Councilor of the Eastern American Province

## IN MEMORIAM

Alice Hodnett Reynolds '46  
Dorothea Weigele Pechulis '50  
Vivian Young Sheehan '50  
Theresa Fitzgerald Ciquera '51  
Mary Jane Medler '54  
Mary Ann Brown Blaney '54  
Joan Kearney '55  
Patricia Kerns Mueller '55  
Helen Gallagher Rodgers '55  
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## A LOOK BACK IN TIME



### Did you know...

Marymount Manhattan College used to house a swimming pool on the Main Building's 8<sup>th</sup> floor? The College inherited the pool when it purchased 221 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street in 1948, and at that time, it was used for physical education courses. This photo from 1952 features Barbara Nugent Bovers '58 (and daughter of trustee chair Joseph C. Nugent, Sr.), and classmates enjoying a dip.

The pool closed in 2003. Today, the 8<sup>th</sup> floor is home to the Art and Art History Department, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Counseling and Wellness Center, the Office of Residence Life, and the Office of Student Affairs. The sky lights provide the perfect backdrop for current students to enjoy studio art and photography classes!

## LAST LOOK



### THE HEWITT GALLERY OF ART

has exhibited art by students, faculty, alumni, and other New York artists since the early 1980s. The space was known as the MMC Gallery until 2004, when it was rededicated in honor of former trustee Marsha A. Hewitt '67 and Carl H. Hewitt.

Hallie Cohen, Associate Professor of Art, Chair of the Department of Art and Art History, Gallery Director, curates exhibitions in the space year-round.



Artworks by Autumn Surge '15 (top of page) and above (from left to right): Ogulcan Kus '15, Ben Chatag '15, and Sarah Caldwell '15, were featured in last year's Senior Thesis Exhibition. A new class of graphic designers, photographers, and studio artists will put their pieces on display **December 7–February 18 in The Hewitt Gallery of Art**. Stop by to help us celebrate our students' accomplishments.



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**Honors Day & 2016  
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on the Environment  
MARCH 15, 2016**

A day dedicated to the celebration of excellence at our institution, which seeks to build awareness among students of the importance of intellectual achievement within the academic community

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THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016**

David Geffen Hall  
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A special gala benefit will also be held on **FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

### PERFORMANCES:

- MAY 5-7, 2016, 8 PM
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