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Dear Marshall Community,

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT.

The mission of Marshall School is to educate students to become global citizens who demonstrate strong academic habits, respect, compassion, integrity, self-discipline, and intellectual curiosity.

We are even more proud to be an organization that genuinely tries to live up to these lofty goals. We do this by constantly challenging ourselves to think about ways to get better at what we do.

This year, we are preparing to integrate new technology into our teaching and learning. New tools in foreign languages and mathematics are allowing students and teachers to focus in more deeply on individual learning needs and tailor their curriculum to support and challenge each student. Faculty are also experimenting with new communication tools that will allow for greater collaboration among students and more flexibility in use of class time.

Forward-thinking schools today are aggressively exploring how new technologies can help students become more self-directed and creative—skills that promise to be critical for success in college and beyond. The factory model of school is giving way to the information model. We don't need students (or workers) who blindly follow step-by-step directions of their teachers (or bosses). Instead, we need students (and workers) who can manage their own time, take initiative to solve problems, adapt to new situations, and collaborate in the real and virtual worlds.

Marshall has a proud history. What made Cathedral great in 1904 makes Marshall great in 2012:

- dedicated faculty who push students to grow intellectually and emotionally,
- friendly and focused students who embrace academic challenge,
- welcoming and supportive parents who believe in the mission of the school.

We believe we can continue these traditions while at the same time adopting new tools to best prepare our students for an increasingly complex, interconnected world.

I hope you enjoy this fall's issue of the Hilltopper and learning more about what we are doing to make the Marshall mission come alive.

Michael Ehrhardt, Ed.D.
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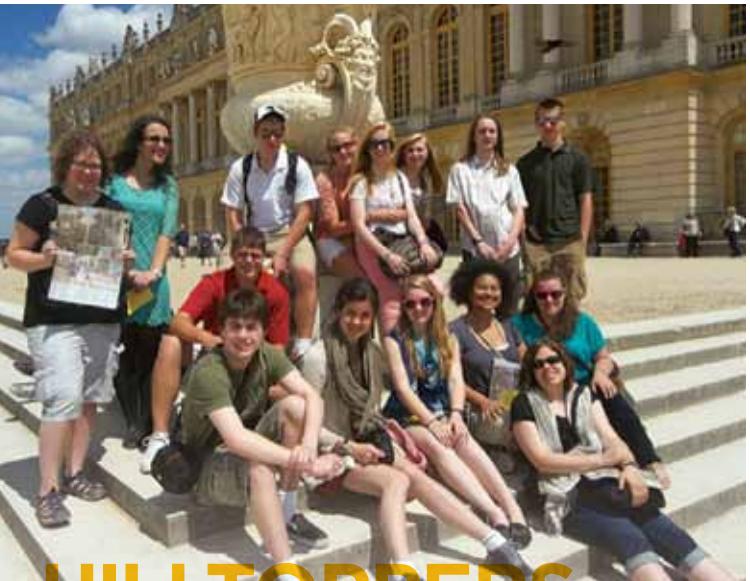
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HILLTOPPERS Abroad

In June, over thirty Hilltopper language students boarded a plane for the adventure of their high school years – two weeks in Europe! Marshall German and French language students had the opportunity to travel with their classmates and teachers to Sigmaringen, Germany and the Austrian Alps through Marshall's long-standing GAPP program, or traverse France, from Paris to the Riviera!

The itineraries of both trips involved a combination of sightseeing, navigating subway systems, exchange rates, menu ordering and understanding culture and etiquette—all in a different language. The trips also included a homestay experience, which is a mandatory part of any Marshall-sponsored outbound trip.

For most students, the trip is their first language immersion experience, and they are expected to function as much as possible using their language of study. The homestay experience is especially productive, as many of the host families do not speak English!

The students and chaperones on both trips would say the most lasting and life-changing aspect of their experience abroad was not a place or thing, but the friendships that grew between the students and their host families. That, above all, made the world closer.



Marshall's International Program

Marshall welcomed 23 international students for the 2012-13 academic year. These students, who hail from China, Korea, Norway, Germany, and Russia, arrived in Duluth in August, ready to experience American culture, education, and family life. In addition, Marshall has welcomed the first of two groups of visiting faculty from the American School of Bombay, located in Mumbai, India.

New this year, the first group of Marshall faculty will go outbound, spending approximately one month at the American School of Bombay! Shawna Weaver, MS counselor, Jeremy Friese, 4th and 5th grade math and science teacher, and Lucas Anderson, US art teacher, will depart in November. Anne Castle, MS math and robotics teacher, and Kelly Momsen, US math teacher, will depart in April.

Again this year, Marshall will send several students outbound for quarter-length study at the American School of Brasilia, located in Brasilia, Brazil. A new program is also in development with the Dalat School in Penang, Malaysia.

Also exciting this fall is the launch of the first official Marshall-Petrozavodsk exchange program. Marshall welcomed 11 students and two faculty members from the Dizhavinsky Lyceum in Petrozavodsk, Russia on October 12th. Students and faculty spent three weeks living with Marshall host families, attending classes, and learning about their sister city of Duluth! 2012 marks the 25th year of Duluth's sister city partnership with the city of Petrozavodsk. Marshall students will have the opportunity to visit Petrozavodsk for a similar experience in June of 2013.



Four join the Marshall Board

Marshall's board has elected four new members to join the 19-member group that oversees the school's regular operation and strategic direction.

"We are so fortunate to have the service of so many wonderful people on the Marshall Board," said Board President Deb Amberg. "Our business community values the choice that Marshall offers for education in the area, and our four new board members are already off to a great start in serving our community."

Joining the Board of Trustees in 2012-2013:

A. MUDASSAR AHMED

Mudassar was born in Pakistan and grew up in Dubai, where he watched that city transform itself from a mid-sized desert town into a true metropolis -- boasting a diverse and highly educated population. After graduating from medical school, Mudassar moved to the United States for further specialization, completing his Internal Medicine Residency at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio and his Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology Fellowships at the University of Minnesota. He moved to Duluth in the summer of 2008 to join Essentia Health Saint Mary's Medical Center. He and his wife have found Duluth to be very welcoming. They have a two-year-old son who is the center of their lives.

Mudassar has always been passionate about education and its importance in determining the future of not just individuals but whole nations. He is honored to serve as a trustee on the Marshall board and looks forward to helping the school carry out its mission of educating the next generation of global citizens.

B. STEPHANIE BALL '81

Stephanie Ball is a graduate of St. Olaf College, with degrees in economics and mathematics, and the University of Minnesota Law School. Stephanie is a shareholder with the Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A. law firm. She is a trial attorney and certified as a civil trial specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association. Stephanie serves on a number of committees by appointment of the Chief Federal Judge and Minnesota Supreme Court justices. She is a member of the Minnesota Association of Justice Board of Governors and the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Stephanie is a native Duluthian, a graduate of Duluth Cathedral (now Marshall) High School and previously served on the Board of Trustees. Stephanie's nephew, David, and niece, Morgan, attend Marshall School. Stephanie enjoys all outdoor activities, including running, biking, rollerblading, skiing, travel, and time at the cabin.

C. DEAN FOX

Dean Fox is a graduate of UMD, with a degree in chemistry, and the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. He is a board certified internist and hospice and palliative medicine physician. He is currently an inpatient palliative medicine consultant at St. Mary's Medical Center, a member of the St. Mary's Ethics Steering Committee, the Essentia Health East Region Mission, Values, and Culture Committee, the St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation Board, Chair of the Essentia Health Drug Formulary Committee, and Vice Chair of the Benedictine Health System Board of Directors.

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Dean and his wife, Tammy, moved to Duluth in 2005 with Matylin, Ella, and John, who graduated from Marshall School in '09, '11, and '12, respectively. Before enrolling at Marshall, the Foxes attended the Minnesota Waldorf School in Maplewood where Dean also served on the Board of Directors. Dean enjoys singing in the church choir, trail running with Tammy, and mountain biking. Dean's first connection to Marshall School was as a resident of the Marshall Annex in 1982, which at that time served as overflow freshman housing for UMD.

D. DAVE GUNNARSON

Dave Gunnarson is from Eden Prairie, MN and moved to Duluth in 2007 with his wife, Teri, and their four children. His sons Clayton and Sam attend Marshall's Upper School and his daughters Stella and Annika attend Holy Rosary. Dave graduated from Carleton College and retired from his management position 12 years ago to raise his children. He is currently remodeling the 1906 US Weather Bureau into a single-family home and spends his free time hunting and fishing.

The rest of the 2012-13 Board includes: Deb Amberg, Todd Campbell '79, Mary Morehouse, Fred Shusterich, Laura Budd, Michelle Buria '89, Kim Chart '69, Marty Espe, Jim Jarocki '76, Tadd Johnson '75, Gale Kerns, Doug Lewis, Kathy Nelson, Phil Rolle, and Barb Sheedy.



M FAST FACTS 2012-13

OPENING DAY ENROLLMENT

481 From 43 schools & 6 countries

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

23 From 6 countries

NEW STUDENTS

119 25% of student body

STUDENTS ON FINANCIAL AID

37%

AWARDED FINANCIAL AID

\$1.3 million

NUMBER OF FACULTY

48

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

12:1

STUDENT TO COLLEGE COUNSELOR RATIO

1:96 vs. 1:550 in Duluth Public Schools

STUDENTS BY GRADE

4TH /19	7TH /66	10TH /65
5TH /33	8TH /56	11TH /67
6TH /44	9TH /78	12TH /58



Spring 2011-12 Athletic Honors

BOYS TENNIS

Lake Superior Conference Champions
Section 7A Champions

State Participants Team: David Goltz, Evan Goldschmidt, Jack Dodd, Jack Kronzer, Jake Bushey, JB Stender, Joe Lipovetz, Joey Kronzer, John Fox, Killian McKee, Lane Krenzen, Max Bartell, Nick Sengbush, Rudy Lipovetz, Ryan Harrington, Will Heyer, Team Manager Karl Knuths

BRIANA ANDERSON

American School of Brasilia, Brazil—Volleyball State Champions

ANTHONY COTTER

All Conference Honorable Mention—Baseball

DEREK FARRELL

Boys Golf “Nemadji Invite” Medalist, Boys Golf “LSC Meet-Ashland” Medalist, All Conference, LSC Individual Champion for 2012 Season, Individual State Participant—Golf

EVAN GOLDSCHMIDT

All Conference—Doubles, Boys Tennis

ZACH ISAACSON

All Conference Honorable Mention—Baseball

JOEY KRONZER

Individual State Participant—Boys Tennis, Duluth News Tribune Prep Newsmaker—Boys Tennis, All Conference—Singles, Boys Tennis, Section 7A, Singles Champion—Boys Tennis

DOUG LEWIS

All Conference—Baseball

ERIC MIKLAUSICH

Individual State Participant—Track & Field, All Conference: Long Jump and Triple Jump, Long Jump and Triple Jump Conference Champion, Section Champion Triple Jump, Individual State Champion—Triple Jump

GABBY NORDMAN

SC All Conference Honorable Mention—Softball

NICK SENGUSH

All Conference—Doubles, Boys Tennis



Portrait *of a* Graduate

Academic Excellence in Action

by Michael Ehrhardt, Head of School

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In Marshall's strategic plan, the school put forward an ambitious goal to provide "an outstanding educational program" for all our students. Big words, indeed—and worthy of taking a bit more time to give the readers of the Hilltopper a progress report.

Perhaps the best place to begin is at the end. Last school year, our faculty endorsed what we have called our "Portrait of a Graduate." By the time they graduate, Marshall students should be:

- effective communicators,
- critical thinkers and problem solvers,
- engaged and ethical citizens,
- curious and creative,
- and balanced and resilient.

The full document goes on to outline the elements we believe to be a part of each of these areas. You can see it for yourself at: www.marshallschool.org/portrait.

Getting to the end, however, requires many small steps along the way.

COMMITMENT TO LIBERAL ARTS

Members of the Marshall community are very familiar with our commitment to the whole child. They value the opportunities for exploration in the visual and performing arts, foreign languages, and physical education -- all areas that have been chipped away as many public schools are forced to place a narrow focus on reading and math skills.

SCHOLARSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

In addition, when a family makes a decision to enroll a student in the school, they are making the purposeful choice to join a community that places the highest priority on scholarship and citizenship. That positive peer network is an important part of any high-achieving school.

Most recently, our faculty have been working on making a Marshall education more globally minded, technologically rich, and academically rigorous.

Quality Indicators

1.



PARENTS
94% YES

School has a
caring community
environment



STUDENTS
87% YES

2.



2008
78% YES

Parents rating the
"overall quality of
education" excellent
or very good



2011
90% YES

3.



2011
70% PASS

AP Results,
passing scores
of 3 or higher



2012
90% PASS

4.



2011
72

Number of AP
exams taken
by seniors



2012
100

1. Source: ISACS

2. Source: ISAC, (5-pt scale)

3. National average in 2011 was 58%



GLOBALLY MINDED

In the past few years, we have taken several steps in this area, including:

- A new 6th grade Ancient Civilizations curriculum
- A new 10th grade Modern Global History curriculum
- New Advanced Placement courses in World History and European History
- A large-scale expansion of our international inbound program, which now boasts 23 international students studying and learning alongside our local students
- The introduction of new study abroad opportunities for our students in France, Russia, and Brazil
- A faculty exchange program with a school in India, helping to create a professional dialogue that is expanding the perspectives of our faculty

TECHNOLOGICALLY RICH

Technology has enormous potential to impact the ways in which our students communicate and learn—expanding both their independence and interconnectedness. In the past few years, we have:

- Joined the Virtual High School Collaborative, providing students with access to 180 unique elective offerings in small classes taught by teachers around the world. As of this fall, students are enrolled in 47 online classes such as AP Economics, Psychology, and Engineering
- Greatly expanded our middle school robotics program and added a new upper school robotics program
- Added an Advanced Placement computer science course, taught by a Ph.D. engineer working at Microsoft, using the latest in digital educational technology
- Provided all faculty with access to laptop computers and iPads
- Added more than 150 new devices into the building, for use in classrooms throughout the school
- Begun the final planning to launch a 1:1 initiative in our school in the fall of 2013



ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS

Marshall aspires to prepare confident students who can see themselves as contributing members of a wider world. As part of that preparation, we believe in the importance of using the most rigorous nationally recognized curriculum available for our upper school students. Our alignment with the Advanced Placement curriculum—over locally provided colleges in the schools programs—gives our students what we believe is the best preparation for college.

“[AP courses on a student’s transcript] tell us that they’re challenging themselves … preparing for the rigor that they will encounter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. These students are going to be the most successful,” said Freshman Admissions Manager Bobbie Jean St. Arnault in a recent College Board report. In fact, in 2011, 75% of all freshmen entering UW-Madison took at least one AP course in high school.

As a result, over the past few years Marshall has been greatly expanding its AP programming, adding courses in AP Biology, AP Physics C, AP US History, AP European History, AP World History, AP French, and AP Computer Science. In addition, our partnership with the Virtual High School gives our students access to nearly the full catalog of AP options.

As a result of these changes, more and more of our students are choosing to challenge themselves with AP courses, and this past year 90% of our students scored a passing grade—which is well above the national average of 58%.

Overall, there has been a lot of exciting change at Marshall. We ask our students to challenge themselves to learn and grow, and as an institution Marshall has been doing just the same.

A graphic featuring two smartphones. The larger smartphone on the left displays the text "For Hilltopper students, the world is an open iBook." The smaller smartphone on the right shows a student in a classroom setting, focused on a laptop screen. A line connects the two phones, symbolizing connectivity.

Marshall to Advance with 1:1

While we treasure the paper volumes in our library, Marshall students are about to spend a lot more time with eBooks and other digital materials. Marshall will officially introduce a 1:1 technology initiative beginning with the 2013-14 school year. The initiative will provide ready access to mobile technology for every student and teacher. “It is all about being true to our mission,” says Marshall’s Technology Director Tony Lockhart. “After careful consideration, we concluded that it is absolutely the best way to ensure the highest quality teaching and learning.”

The 1:1 Technology Initiative was the focus of the “fund-a-need” portion of the May 2012 Annual Auction and Dinner where almost 400 people filled Marshall’s gymnasiums to celebrate and support learning. After Marshall Head of School Dr. Michael Ehrhardt announced the 1:1 Technology Initiative, attendees donated \$45,000 to support the launch of the program. “It was an extraordinary moment of generosity by our community,” notes Trisha Skajewski, Marshall’s Director of Development, “and a clear signal that launching the 1:1 initiative is in the best interest of our students.”

The 1:1 program will consist of school-owned devices in the middle school and a “bring your own device (BYOD)” program in the upper school, where students will use their own laptop. To make sure everything is in place for success, the program has already “soft launched” with school-

owned laptops for approximately 1/3 of the middle school, laptops available to all Marshall teachers, and focused professional development and curriculum planning. The “full launch” is slated for the start of school in the fall of 2013.

“This is huge,” says Megan Oswald, a math teacher in the middle school. “My students love to utilize technology in the classroom, and are always asking how we are going to use the computers today. The laptops allow better differentiation as the students can learn at their own pace.” In making the decision to invest in 1:1, teachers, school administration and the board of trustees all looked at research and best practices from other schools. “The data is pretty clear,” says Lockhart, “1:1 programs are the best way to engage students and stimulate learning.”



INSIDE

Hilltopper Athletics

with Marshall
Athletic Director
Kevin Snyder



WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE IN THE ATHLETIC OFFICE?

The first thought that comes to mind is, “organized confusion.” There are so many moving parts to any single school day in our office that I would have to say in my first 100 days, no one day has looked like another. It’s a given that to work in an athletic office you must be able to juggle multiple projects with changing priorities for a variety of different constituents without losing focus. I think we have done this well thus far.

YOU HAVE AN ATHLETICS ASSISTANT, JACKIE FLINT, IN YOUR OFFICE. WHAT IS HER ROLE?

Mrs. Flint begins her second year at Marshall School as our athletic coordinator and part-time physical education instructor in the middle school. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and health education from Eastern Michigan University, and graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Master’s in Education degree in Educational Leadership. She has served as an athletic director, coach and physical education instructor at a small private school in Arizona. Mrs. Flint is responsible for ensuring athletic events schedules are current on Marshall’s website and our conference website, lakesuperiorconference.org. She assists the coaches with travel arrangements, and provides logistical support for events management at all our home contests.

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE (3) GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR?

1. The implementation of our concussion management protocol for ALL our student-athletes was my first priority coming to Marshall. ImPACT testing is a computerized neurological assessment tool that is used by our medical team to assist in determining an athlete’s ability to return to play after suffering a concussion. Through a grant from Essentia Health, we administered tests to all our fall athletes the first two weeks of practice, and will do the same prior to the start of the winter and spring sports seasons.

2. Change the culture of the Marshall athletics program. I believe one of my primary roles is to be the Hilltoppers’ leading advocate and communicator. I don’t believe we know our true potential at this point, but with the support of the greater Marshall community I think you’re going to see many positive changes this year and in years to come.

3. Improve the communication between the athletic department and its many followers. My first week we took a major step toward improving communication by purchasing the School Today Activity Scheduler. Now our Hilltopper fans can go to either the Marshall School website or our conference website, and with only a few clicks, know when and where their favorite team will be playing today, tomorrow, this week, or throughout the season. Don’t know where the Cloquet soccer field is, click on the school’s name, and rSchool will provide a map with driving directions. And when schedule changes occur, our fans can sign up for instant notifications sent to their mobile device or their desktop computer. Marshall teachers too can know when to dismiss their students early because we have posted early dismissal times and when the bus is scheduled to leave campus.

WHAT IS YOUR LONG-TERM VISION FOR THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM?

I am attempting to make an immediate impact on our competitiveness across all sports for both our boys and girls teams, and to see that their success is sustainable year in and year out. Primarily you accomplish this by hiring and retaining great people, and I believe we’ve taken some major first steps with the hiring of Jim Hogan and his staff for the football program, and Megan Seipel and Aly Brandell as co-head coaches for our girls tennis program. Continued improvements to our athletics facilities will come in time as we set our priorities and assess the costs. Bottom line - I want Marshall School to be a family’s first choice when selecting a school, not just for our excellence in education, but also for our excellence in athletic competition.

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WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR TOP THREE HIGHLIGHTS?

1. Winning our first football game after 17 consecutive losses. I am so happy for the boys. They stuck it out during tough times, and were rewarded for all their hard work.

2. The girls' tennis team winning the Lake Superior Conference title. Three days before the start of the season we were without a coach. I have known Mr. Greg Mirau (Marshall physical education and health teacher) for many years and knew he had been affiliated with both the boys and girls tennis programs for a number of seasons. I asked a favor of my friend hoping he would coach the team on an interim basis until I hired our permanent coach. He immediately contacted Marshall alum, Willie Paul '09, and together they got us started on our winning season. Within days I hired Ms. Megan Seipel and Ms. Aly Brandell to coach the team, and from there it has been a magical season.

3. Returning to the career I love. I never once thought in the last 14 years I would get the opportunity again in my life to be a part of an athletics program. I truly feel blessed to have been afforded this opportunity. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my first 100 days – it means more to me than I could ever express in words.

IS THERE A MESSAGE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH ALUMNI ATHLETES?

It will never be lost on me that the successes we enjoy today are a result of the foundation you laid down during your playing days as a Hilltopper – I'm having shirts designed that read, "Honor the Past, Represent the Future," that remind

us all of what you did. "Once a Hilltopper, always a Hilltopper" will be spoken over and over while I'm your athletic director. Please know you are always welcome at Marshall School and in my office—stop by to see me anytime.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM?

I want our parents to be our greatest fans! As the father of two Hilltoppers, Kevin (K.C.) and Kaitlyn, who both compete for Marshall, I understand all too well my own feelings when our children are competing. It's very easy to get caught up in the emotion of the competition and forget that the real reason for being there in the first place is to have fun.

Lastly, I have been moved with the support shown me by our Marshall parents. They have asked me on so many occasions, what can I do to help? Just ask, they say. I promised them I will ask, but I want to make sure that when I do, it is framed within the context of what we're trying to accomplish both in the short term and for our future. It's important for now that our parents know how much I appreciate their willingness to be a part of Marshall athletics.

GO TOPPERS!



New Football Scoreboard Dedicated

After many 'a game, the old Topper football scoreboard lit up for the last time during the final game of the 2011 season. However, eager fans witnessed the unveiling of a new, state-of-the-art Marshall scoreboard and message center at the first home football game of the 2012 season!

The message center will provide extra commentary throughout each game, and will also be used to share information about other Hilltopper events throughout the year.

To fund the cost of the new board and message center, eleven corporate sponsors graciously made the scoreboard a reality. Sponsors include Bernick's Pepsi, National Bank of Commerce, Sonju Two Harbors, Northland Subway, Essentia Health, ALLETE/Minnesota Power, JA Houle Paint, A.G. O'Brien Plumbing and Heating Co, Red 'D' Electric, KTM Paving and Tournament Turf.

Marshall extends a huge thank you to all the sponsors.

ALUMNI

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MISSION

The purpose of the Hilltopper Alumni Council is to promote the participation of alumni from Duluth Cathedral High School and Marshall School in activities that support the mission of Marshall School and promote a sense of community among alumni.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO AND SUBMIT YOUR NEWS!

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The Alumni Council serves as an advisory board for the strategic outreach and engagement of our alumni community. We are currently accepting nominations for the Alumni Council. Submit nominations to Karen Stiles, Alumni Director, kstiles@marshallschool.org

Class of 2011 Builds Lasting Tribute

Alumni Memorial Garden

The Class of 2011 has always been a close-knit family. When classmate Elizabeth Busche '11, daughter of Jane & Keane Busche '74, died on May 3, 2012 after a brief battle with cancer, her classmates united in their grief to honor Elizabeth and her legacy. Amidst the emotion of the tragedy, the Class of 2012 collectively envisioned a memorial to Elizabeth in the form of a garden.



On August 16, 2012 over 20 classmates, friends and parents gathered to bless the ground and build the first installment of the Hilltopper Alumni Memorial. The garden stands at the entrance to the grounds between the parking lot and Rice Lake Road near the Marshall School sign. While the first portion of the garden is in memory of Elizabeth, the garden is poised for expansion as other alumni seek to memorialize Hilltoppers who have died.

Thank you to the Class of 2012 for your vision, commitment and hard work in building a lasting and beautiful memorial.

Reunion 2012

Thank you to all alumni who attended the All Class Reunion and Golden Topper Luncheon during Reunion 2012. We had a great turn out! Special toasts were given to Chico Anderson and Dave Homstad in celebration of their years of service. Classmates were reunited and stories were shared on the front lawn under a blazing sun.

Also, several classes celebrated reunions off campus with great success. Stay connected!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. REUNION 2013—

JULY 19-20!

Classes are already organizing for Reunion 2013. It's not too early! Get involved! Contact the Alumni Office to help organize your class reunion.

CLASS OF 1963: We were the last class to finish all of our years on Fourth Street. It's time to celebrate our 50th! Look for an invitation from Peter Pichetti, or contact ppichetti@aol.com.

CLASS OF 1973: Do you remember our Senior Lounge? Join us to celebrate our 40th Reunion in Duluth during the weekend of the All School Reunion. Please contact Jane Hayes-Broman (jane.broman@gmail.com) or join us on Facebook at Duluth Cathedral 1973.



The 25 Club—Honoring the legends with a Scholarship Fund

FRANK NAPOLI

In 1966 Frank Napoli walked through these doors ready to teach history and coach. For 26 years, he influenced the lives of students and faculty, athletes and coaches alike. He is described as a “walking contradiction”—quick with a hard retort and equally fast to express kindness and appreciation. Coach Napoli valued excellence. He told you when you fell short and commended the good effort and high performance. He is a legend.

Stories of Coach Napoli abound; everyone who came in contact with him has his/her own story and is forever influenced by Frank’s legacy. We continue to honor Coach Napoli and others who served the Hilltopper community with generosity, excellence and longevity with the birth of a new scholarship fund—the 25 Club.

THE 25 CLUB

In Spring 2012, as Chico Anderson and Dave Homstad prepared to retire, alumni rallied to create a scholarship fund to honor those who have served the Hilltopper community for 25 years or more. The 25 Club was born. This prestigious club includes, among others, Sister Cecelia, Frank Napoli, Larry Weber, Fred Sippel, Julie Ball and Tom Diener.

When fully endowed, the fund will provide scholarships to students in need who embody Hilltopper magic and involve themselves fully in the life of the school. With the assistance of an existing fund and generous contributions of alumni, the fund has grown to reach \$30,000! Our goal is to endow the fund with \$50,000 by January 2013.

We invite you to join the celebration and honor those teachers and staff who influenced you by donating to the 25 Club.

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Seizing Life's Opportunities

Thomas Hodge '09

In 2009, I graduated from Marshall knowing that I was well prepared to take my higher education in any direction. My studies at St. Olaf College in Russian and Russian Studies have not only broadened my world view, they have presented me with extraordinary opportunities.

Two summers ago, I traveled to Norway on a National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) course. I spent a month backpacking in the mountains and sea kayaking in the fjords. Right now I am continuing my study of the Russian language at Irkutsk State Technical University (ISTU) in Irkutsk, Russia. During the month of January 2013, I will be in London, attending the theater every day, before returning to St. Olaf for graduation.

College is a time to explore and identify one's passions. Over my past three years of college, I have seized wonderful opportunities, developed strong relationships with my professors, and come to realize that I am well prepared for whatever I choose to do in the future--whether it be teaching or working in the State Department.

I owe my current success, of course, to the education that I received at Marshall. More importantly, though, it is the lessons that I learned there that have guided me thus far. I couldn't be more excited for the adventures that await me!



A Tribute to Nance O'Brien '75

by Margot Pilon '91
Marshall Faculty (1997-2002)

Apricot and white chocolate scones, raspberry crumble bars and gorgeous baked goods that tasted even better than they looked have filled Marshall's faculty break room every February since 2001. Colleagues eventually discovered the fairy who prepared each brimming platter was Nance O'Brien. Nance's astounding deliveries commemorated the birthday of beloved school secretary Carol Vos. The sweets gave some colleagues a rare and concrete taste of the meticulous work that characterized Nance's life. Lucky people who sat beside her at staff meetings knew her sharp wit. Those who distracted her from prep work or interrupted teaching time realized their error. Otherwise, many faculty members just accepted that Nance's students knew her best.

We students realized that Señorita's serious, focused hallway presence could crumble into uncontrollable, contagious classroom laughter. We noticed the school's biggest troublemakers were hugely successful and hardly disruptive under her direction. We worked our tails off to meet her high expectations, knowing she always gave more than we did. We've impressed college professors and native speakers with our pronunciation and our appreciation for essential art and history from the Spanish-speaking world. We know she would be mortified by a tribute. But we miss Nance, and can't find an adequate way to say, "Gracias." Or, what if we all quietly deliver a batch of home-baked goodness to hard-working colleagues on Nance's birthday, May 13, each year?

Cathedral Sisters Celebrate Jubilees

by Chico Anderson, Chaplain Emeritus

Congratulations to four Benedictine sisters and Cathedral faculty who recently celebrated their Diamond Jubilee and a combined 240 years of monastic commitment: Sr. Jean Maher (50 years), Sr. Judine Mayerle (50 years), Sr. Ramona Ewen (75 years), Sr. Victorine Sitter (75 years).

All of these grand women are a testament to St. Benedict's motto: "Prayer and Work." They continue to fill their lives with wonder as they "listen to the ears of their hearts." We are grateful for the years they served our school atop the hill. With gratitude, we celebrate their service.

In Memoriam

Father James Crossman '39, *faculty/coach*
Maggie "Muggs" McGillis '40
Thomas Slattery '40
Fr. Robert Hoene, S.J. '45
Fred Hinzmann '45
Margaret James '46
Jerome Benedict Malone, Sr. '47
Marjorie Jeanne Summers Thompson '47
Phil Letourneau '48, *faculty*
Arthur Smith '48
John McCullough '51
Art Pickar '56
Suzanne Anderson '57
Larry Johnson '57,
Lawrence Palmer '58
Delores Jarris Bellenger '59
Al Fosness '60
Denny Genereau '62, *faculty/coach*
Paula Mary Schultz Bergren '64
Rosemary Frye '68
Charles Pillsbury '69
Nance O'Brien '75, *faculty*
Suzanne Ball '82
Elizabeth Busche '11
Jim Claypool, *Trustee Emeritus*
Meg Erkenbrack Bye, *faculty*
Gwen Faith, *staff*
Elizabeth "Bizz" Nelson, *nurse*
John Sorman, *faculty*

Launching Free Mobile Alumni App November 15!

Staying connected has never been easier! On November 15, download the free alumni phone app. Stay connected to Hilltoppers of yesterday and today. Find classmates and follow what's happening on the hill. Stay tuned for details.

To omit your name/info from the online alumni directory, please contact Karen Stiles at kstiles@marshallschool.org.



Upcoming Events

THANKSGIVING CHAPEL

November 21, 2012
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Fregeau Auditorium

TWIN CITIES EVENT

November 30, 2012
5:30 – 8:00 PM
Cooper Pub
1607 Park Place Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN

HOLIDAY CHAPEL

December 20, 2012
2:10 – 3:05 PM
Fregeau Auditorium

ALL ALUMNI RECEPTION & COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO MARSHALL BOYS HOCKEY

December 21, 2012
5:15 PM
Mars Lakeview Arena

ALL ALUMNI RECEPTION & COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO MARSHALL BOYS BASKETBALL

December 22, 2012
2:00 PM
Marshall

Stay for the Alumni Basketball Game at 5:00 PM and reception to follow at Blackwoods

ALUMNI MENS AND WOMENS BASKETBALL GAME

December 22, 2012
5:00 PM
Marshall
Reception to follow at Blackwoods

ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

December 22, 2012
60s/70s vs. 80s: 2:00 – 3:15 PM
90s vs. 2000s: 3:30 – 4:45 PM
Mars Lakeview Arena
Reception to follow at Blackwoods

News & Notes

RYAN GOTELAERE '11 travelled to Russia in August playing with the Waterloo Black Hawks USHL.

JUDD PETERSON '11 was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres NHL. He currently plays for the Cedar Rapids Rough Riders USHL and has committed to St. Cloud State University.

BOB NIEMYER '08 graduated from Knox College in June 2012 with a BA in Anthropology. He is a USA Boxing certified coach and has joined the Minnesota Army National Guard.

AUSTIN JOHNSON '08 graduated from University of Minnesota, summa cum laude, and is currently on a Fullbright Scholarship in Germany before teaching with Teach for America.

JESSE BEHNING '07 was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force on May 19, 2012.

ERIC MONTGOMERY '07 graduated from Syracuse University in May 2011 and is working with Cisco in Texas.

JACOB ANDERSON '06 married Katie Akervik on May 12, 2012 in Duluth.

KARL ISENSEE '01 graduated from University of Minnesota with a PhD in Astronomy and Astrophysics in October 2011.

ANDEE ROBB '99 and Kevin Robb '00 welcomed their daughter Elliotte Anne on June 22, 2012.

JOHAN BAKKEN '96 joined Essentia Health as a gastroenterologist.

TETSUSHI HIRANO '95 and his wife visited Duluth and Marshall from Japan in July 2012.

MICHELLE BURIA '89, Financial Advisor and Assistant Vice President in Investments with Wells Fargo

HOLIDAY SKI CAMP

December 26-28, 2012
Snowflake Ski Center
Visit marshallschool.org/skicamp

PLEASE RSVP for events at kstiles@marshallschool.org; 218-727-7266, ex. 107



We welcome
Chico Anderson,
Chaplain Emeritus,
to the Alumni Office!

Continue your conversations with Chico at his blog:
hilltopperalumni.wordpress.com

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The Annual Hilltopper Fund is the cornerstone of philanthropy at Marshall. Continued growth in the Annual Hilltopper Fund is essential to maintaining excellence in every aspect of life at Marshall. Providing the school with a steady stream of income, the Annual Hilltopper Fund allows Marshall to apply resources to areas of need and continue our commitment to financial aid (formerly the Big Circle Fund). Every gift, big or small, makes a real difference.

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This October, Marshall's International Program welcomed eleven students from Duluth's sister city of Petrozavodsk, Russia. The visiting students are part of the first exchange between Marshall and Dehrzavensky Lyceum School in Petrozavodsk. Some visitors are pictured with their new Marshall friends.

