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Letter from the Principal

Dear Alumnae,

Welcome back to Views of Villa! I hope that as you read through its many pages you will be able to reconnect with your time at the “dearest spot on earth” no matter how long or short the time has been since you were last here.

Much has happened in the last year at Villa. We spent a year working on the Strategic Plan that will be our blueprint for the next five years and then, after having it approved by the Governing Board and the Advisory Board, we formally rolled it out in January 2015. Our five specific areas of focus — IHM Charism, Student Experience, 21st Century Education, Facilities, and Financial Stability — were examined and developed by committees of many Villa constituents, and promise to help sustain what you have come to know as a Villa Maria/IHM education.

In November 2014, Villa also completed the accreditation process for Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) with a visiting team’s evaluation over a three-day visit. The visitors were both pleased and impressed with what they experienced, and as I read of the many accomplishments and societal contributions of our alumnae found in this publication, I cannot help but be equally impressed with the results of a Villa education.

I hope as you read about your classmates and fellow alumnae members’ post-high school lives you too will be proud and pleased with the legacy to which you belong.

Looking to the future, we are hoping to begin work on a turf field, to be named the Maurene Polley Field in honor of Mrs. Maurene Polley, whose 45 years of service to Villa Maria Academy as PE teacher, athletic director and field hockey coach earned her a place in the National Field Hockey Hall of Fame, among many other titles and awards.

Our students continue to follow the precedents of excellence that you alumnae have set for them in many areas of academic achievement, music, and art. As our seniors prepare their Capstone Project research and their two week shadowing experience in May, many of them will have benefitted from the generosity and care of so many of you, our faithful alumnae, and I thank you for taking the time and interest to mentor them.

Enjoy these pages of looking back and catching up and please remember that “once a Hurricane, always a Hurricane” means that we would love to welcome you back any time that you are in the area and want to stop in. As true Villa Girls, continue to live and share the fidelity, creative hope, and love of the IHM charism — so evident in the reflections found in these pages.

May each of you be blessed abundantly by our resurrected Lord and his loving Mother!

Sister Regina J. Ryan, I.H.M., Ed.D.
Principal
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The 2014 field hockey team celebrates as they arrive back on campus after winning the PIAA Class AA state championship for the first time since 1994.
Villa Maria’s field hockey team brought home the state trophy this year, its first state title since 1994. Coach Daan Polders and the Hurricanes had an outstanding 21-1-1 season, with a 1-0 loss to Gwynedd Mercy and a tie with Oley Valley. They beat rival Mount St. Joseph 7-1 to become AACA Champs, and avenged their only loss with a 5-2 win over Gwynedd to earn the District 1 Title.

Facing Crestwood, the team that had beaten Villa for the championship in 2012, the Hurricanes were more than ready to seek their revenge in the state final. With a 0-0 score and 8:10 to play in the first half, goalie Erika Miller energized the team with a miraculous save on a penalty stroke. Crestwood scored first in the second half, but Villa quickly tied it with a drive by junior Megan Vermeil. With two minutes left in regulation, junior forward Abby Siana fired a shot off an assist from senior Mary Cate Butler to give Villa a 2-1 advantage. The clock ran out and the Hurricanes stormed the field.

“Everyone dreams of winning a championship in their last game,” said Erika Miller, pictured above holding the trophy. “We wanted to bring a state championship back to Villa…We couldn’t have asked for anything better.”
Every spring, Villa Maria graduates gather at the Alumnae Liturgy and Luncheon to celebrate reunions or reconnect with friends and classmates. In 2014, over 240 alumnae came together to celebrate the accomplishments of two very special alumnae and women in our Villa Maria family: Sister Kathleen Dunn, IHM ’55, who was presented with the Ars Liberalis Award, and Maurene Moore Polley ’64, who was celebrating her Golden Girl anniversary, and also received the Maxis Award.

The Ars Liberalis Award was presented by 2013 recipient Marge Potts Pulfrey ’59 to Sister Kathleen Dunn, IHM as someone who has dedicated her life to benefiting others. The recipient exhibits such traits as dedication, faithfulness, humility and joy, and consequently has improved the lives of others in ways that are often unsung. She inspires others to give more of themselves and rekindles in us the spirit of service. Sister Kathleen was selected for this award because of her commitment to enriching the lives of her students. As an English teacher, she understood that language could give students hope and perspective. Through great literature and opportunities for writing, Sister allowed each student to express and believe in herself.

While a student at Villa Maria, Sister Kathleen was an active member of the orchestra, glee club and school newspaper. She fondly remembers participating in volunteer activities with her classmates on weekends, and always believed that service to others was a major part of her character. A year after graduating Villa Maria, she took her vows at the IHM motherhouse in West Chester and was assigned in Easton, PA. She returned to Villa in 1976 as a member of the English Department. Here she has remained for nearly 30 years, contributing to so many efforts at Villa Maria, and sharing historical data and facts for publications using her extraordinarily sharp memory. She has retired from the classroom, but has remains a teacher at Villa, helping tutor students who need some extra help. Former Villa Maria Principal Sister Marita Carmel said, “Sister Kathleen is an educator to her fingertips.”

As an alumna, Sister knows and treasures the traditions and values of a Villa Maria education and makes it a priority to pass them along to her students. Former student and current colleague Megan Boland Filipowicz ’95 puts perspective on the reach of Sister’s influence when she says, “We all became better students, writers, daughters, sisters and sometimes mothers because of the lessons Sister Kathleen taught us both in and out of the classroom.”

Maurene Moore Polley ’64 was presented the Sister Theresa Maxis Award by 2013 recipient Sally McClatchy Jeffries ’73. This award, named for the co-founder of the congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is given to a person of vision, who translates that vision through a combination of leadership, respect, and integrity into a lasting contribution for the larger society. Over the past 45 years
Maurene has been a vivacious educator and coach, teaching the values of teamwork and collaboration to countless young women at Villa Maria. Even before she joined Villa’s staff, Maurene was recognized by teachers as “fun-loving” and “always busy.” She excelled at any sport she played, but her loves were always field hockey and basketball. Maurene’s energy and passion were so electric that many students had a hard time believing there was anything she couldn’t accomplish.

Maurene studied physical education at West Chester University, and returned to Villa Maria in 1968 to teach all of the health and physical education classes, as well as coach all of the sports. Eventually she found her true passion: field hockey. In the classroom, she exuded confidence and success, and on the field she was an absolute powerhouse. Maurene motivated the young women she coached to be the best versions of themselves. Former field hockey player Jenn Durkin Oschell ’92 has memories of Maurene bringing her students together to overcome obstacles. Years later, Jenn is still shocked at how Maurene, as she put it, “took a ragtag group of girls and made them a team.”

1. Sitting: Joan O’Leary Bartus ’70, Mary Stemple Cobourn ’72; Standing: Judy DeSimone, Mary Kate McClatchy Cartlidge ’72, Ellen McDonald ’72
2. Tess Burigatto Walvoord ’96, Bernadette DiRita ’02, Melissa Conaway Teti ’95, Tracy Lawlor Fauls ’96, Jacqueline Colvin Toto ’95, Gretchen Mangold Mulhern ’92, Dee Ruley Person ’95, Amanda Wetherill Holmes ’96
3. Caroline DiRita ’95 and Mary Sheila McGarvey McDonald ’79
4. Sr. Mary Regina Schuyler IHM ’54 and Peggy Miller Walsh ’54
5. Ashley Vernot ’07, Josephine Fogliano Gudowicz ’69, Gloria Donato Vernot ’69, Rebecca Vernot ’02
6. Michelle Deegan Ralph ’79, Jan Presto Patrick ’73, Mariann Presto Titchenell ’82
Maurene has received countless awards. In 2011 she was inducted into the National Field Hockey Hall of Fame. Throughout her coaching career, she has accumulated 584 wins, including a 61-game winning streak in the 1994-1995 season. Her teams have won two state championships and 11 District 1 Championships (six of which were consecutive). She has also been headlined as “Coach of the Year” many times.

Maurene hasn’t just coached and taught our students, she has made them family. As Sally Jeffries, a former player and now colleague and friend of Maurene, said, “I have many memories of this incredible woman, but one stands out among the rest for me. It was over two decades after I graduated from Villa when my family lost everything in a fire. Maurene visited me at the hotel we were staying at, bearing not only a donation from the field hockey team, but immediate essentials for my family.”

Thanks to Maurene’s vision of on-field success as a parallel for life success, she has instilled that kind of drive in over 40 years of graduates. She is a wonderful example of all that an empowered graduate can accomplish.
2014 Salutatorian Catherine Napoli

Catherine Napoli was the salutatorian for the 2014 VMA graduation. Citing the line, “One choice can transform you,” from the novel “Divergent,” she noted that “[choosing] Villa had a tremendous impact on all of our lives. It transformed us from awkward freshmen to the confident... women we are today.”

Catherine was co-captain of Villa’s Mock Trial team and received Best Advocate awards at the district and state competitions. In her senior year, she was named 3rd Best Advocate at a tournament that included 32 teams from 25 high schools. Catherine was a member of Madrigals since freshman year, and had leading roles in Malvern Theatre Society’s musicals and dramas. She served as an executive officer in the Children of Mary, and had a leadership role in Villa’s Student Integrity Committee.

Catherine is attending Fordham University, majoring in Communications and Marketing. She is also a Eucharistic minister and rows for the varsity crew team.

2014 Elinor Langton Award Kaitlin Kelleher

Kaitlin Kelleher ’14 received one of Villa Maria’s highest honors, the Elinor Langton Award. Chosen by a vote of classmates and faculty each year, the student worthy of this prestigious award must enthusiastically support and participate in Villa activities, demonstrate kindness and understanding of classmates and teachers, persevere in the face of adversity, and conduct herself in a dignified manner worthy of imitation.

Kaitlin’s classmates decided that she rose to this very high standard. Their comments included: “She is the queen of random acts of kindness and always smiling.” “She strives to bring out the best in her classmates.” “Through the past four years I have seen [Kaitlin] hold onto her faith with nothing but pride and being around her brings a certain peace to everyone.” “She has such a strong love for Villa Maria and the sisterhood that ties us all together and she embraces every aspect of that unity.” “Kaitlin is a leader in our school and is the prime example of kindness by the way she treats every person as equal.”
College Choices for the Class of 2014

Moira Abbott
University of Delaware
Blair Allan
Delaware Valley College
Kailyn Angelo
The University of Scranton
Carly Aquino
The George Washington University
Kimberly Bemiller
High Point University
Kaitlyn Bettenhausen
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Morgan Bosken
Saint Joseph University
Margaret Boyle
Ursinus College
Kristen Burke
Elon University
Madison Burke
University of Delaware
Marissa Calderin
Northeastern University
Jacqueline Carlin
The University of Alabama
Marissa Cassidy
Pennsylvania State University, Altoona
Megan Castaldi
The University of Scranton
Alexandra Cattie
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Nicole Chevalier
Hofstra University
Mary Coble
Thomas Aquinas College
Kelsey Colagreco
University of Delaware
Jacqueline Conners
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Gabrielle Costagliola
Temple University
Alexandra Cubbage
Temple University
Carolyn Cushwa
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Christine Czyzewski
University of Pittsburgh
Kelsey Daller
University of South Carolina
Lauren Davis
Towson University
Meredith Davis
Dickinson College
Katherine DeFonzo
Fordham University
Alexis DelGatto
University of Delaware
Amber Denham
Saint Joseph’s University
Grace Dever
The University of Scranton
Marisa DiGiulio
University of Pittsburgh
Julia DiSanti
Syracuse University
Jennifer Donato
Elizabethtown College
Stephanie Donovan
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Danielle Doran
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Julia Duncan
University of Pittsburgh
Julianne Ferrie
Misericordia University
Mora Fetterolf
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Kaitlyn Freney
Widener University
Carissa Gaasche
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Emily Garvey
University of Pennsylvania
Alison Gibbons
Saint Joseph’s University
Caliee Gordinier
Saint Joseph’s University
Rebecca Hayes
The Catholic University of America
Sarah Heater
Saint Joseph’s University
Danielle Higbee
Allegheny College
Danielle Hillman
Loyola University Maryland
Kaitlin Kelleher
College of the Holy Cross
Michelle Kinka
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Emily Klinges
University of Delaware
Colleen Kozachek
University of Louisville
Caroline Krueger
University of Pittsburgh
Laura Kuroki
Arizona State University
Celine Lombardi
Boston College
Leah Lombardi
Boston College
Katherine Long
Saint Joseph’s University
Julie Lucarelli
The George Washington University
Molly Lynch
Ithaca College
Anna Magnotta
Duquesne University
Kelsey Maguire
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Shannon Maguire
Saint Joseph’s University
Abigail Mallon
Saint Joseph’s University
Daniella Marie Mattei
Saint Joseph’s University
Michaela McCool
Georgetown University
Caioimhe McCroby
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Lauren McEnroe
Villanova University
Megan McLaughlin
The University of Scranton
Courtney Mertz
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Anne Moffit
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Grace Murphy
The University of Scranton
Shaena Murphy
Franklin and Marshall College
Molly Namiotka
James Madison University
Mary Ellen Tenney
Mount Saint Mary’s University
Simo Tian
University of San Francisco
Olivia Tierney
Ursinus College
Devon Tirney
The University of Scranton
Paige Tomasello
Drexel University
Mary Vanover
Saint Joseph’s University
Andrea Warren
Saint Joseph’s University
Allison Wisniewski
Montana State University, Bozeman
Jiawei Xu
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Katherine Zecca
Villanova University
Margaret Zwaan
University of Delaware
Alumnae Offer Career Connections in the Senior Capstone Program

The new Senior Capstone Program is a culminating learning activity that encourages critical thinking and research, promotes conversation and problem solving, and results in real life application of prior and acquired knowledge. Students concentrate on areas of personal interest. Using an inquiry-based method, they connect their acquired knowledge to life experiences, thus deepening their awareness of what they learned. The goal is to expand the students’ method of research, develop interpersonal skills, and encourage personal growth.

Each senior selected an area of interest. Under the guidance of mentors, each girl researched, discussed and applied her knowledge.

Many of our generous alumnae have been instrumental in the success of this unique new learning opportunity, sharing their time and providing career expertise via job shadowing, internships, Skype consultations, and more.

Following are three examples of the Class of 2014’s inaugural Capstone experience. If you would like to participate and help a Villa senior learn more about the career and service opportunities that await her after graduation, please contact Mrs. Rose Coghlan at rcoghlan@vmahs.org.

Maria Malonoski ’08 and Laura Kuroki ’14

Maria Malonoski ’08 is only two years out of college, so the idea of finding a career path is rather fresh in her mind. The beauty and fashion public relations consultant thought to herself, “What can I really offer to someone just a little younger than me?” Her sister, Kirsten Malonoski Early ’97, who has stayed very involved with the Villa community over the years, encouraged her sister to give back her time to the school. “It made me think back to that time not too long ago when I thought I knew what I wanted to do, but had no idea. Helping a student find their passion, especially in something I was so passionate about, became a
Claire Schumann thought she might be interested in pharmacy school, but before she made the six year commitment to a program she wanted to really make sure it was the right career path for her. Jenn Szilagyi ’02, a self-proclaimed “science nerd” who fondly remembers Mrs. Friedrichsen’s fun and interesting classroom environment, was a clear match for the curious senior.

Claire shadowed Jenn at Gateway Pharmacy, an independent family business and a family tradition Jenn is proud to have joined. Claire reports that she had an amazing experience and said, “Jenn was extremely knowledgeable, and I learned so much and became more interested in the area after spending time on the job.”

Jenn noted how refreshing it was to see her own work, now almost routine, through the excited, eager eyes of someone new to the field, but just as interested as herself. “Claire was so positive, which I believe will really benefit her if she chooses this profession. Helping the public with their health can be stressful and it was wonderful to have someone with a great outlook, like Claire, to remind me why I have always wanted to use my education to help people.”

Maria was particularly fond of creative writing classes and learning to express her vision in various ways at Villa Maria, an opportunity she noticed many of her friends in other schools didn’t have at the time. Homework on the weekends at Villa Maria translated well into having to work weekends at NY Fashion Week, and scouting locations for exclusive events.

Maria said her high school experience shaped her into the successful young career woman she is today. “Villa made me a strong and confident girl who was determined to follow her dreams and succeed at them. I can have it all, but I better be ready to work harder than everyone else to be on the top.”

The Quinnipiac College graduate told her Capstone senior Laura, “Be organized, think before you speak, be confident and most of all, be yourself. You never want to portray someone you are not, and that means your personality, your work, your thoughts…anything. The worst you can do is sit back and not be involved.”

Claire Schumann

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Anna Wilson ’90 and Alex Cubbage ’14

Anna Wilson graduated from Villa Maria in 1990 as the president of Children of Mary, and as a field hockey player whose focus and passion for creativity, leadership and service brought her back to Villa Maria 24 years later. The award-winning jazz recording artist and songwriter had a break in her schedule and felt it was perfect for some “give back and positive influence.” So when Dean of Students and favorite teacher, Rose Coghlan, approached her about Villa’s new Capstone Project, “the stars aligned,” as Anna puts it.

Anna was teamed up with senior Alex Cubbage, who had a desire to learn more about the music industry, songwriting, and marketing. At the time, Anna wasn’t sure how they would make the mentorship work since she is based in Nashville. However, she was gearing up to release her next studio album Jazzbird/Songbird, so she looped Alex in on all of her e-mail exchanges (good and bad) on everything from artwork and photo shoots to website design and marketing. Alex could see the evolution of the project from beginning to end. The two Skyped and talked by phone throughout the semester, and finally met when Anna came home to visit family at Christmas.

“Alex is focused, has a clear plan and is confident and passionate about her interests,” Anna said as she explained the similarities she saw between herself and her mentee.

“I was taught the mentality at Villa Maria that women can do it all. We were the presidents of our classes and organizations, not men. It gave me the view that there was no delineation and therefore when I went into the real world, I wasn’t intimidated by the competition of gender war.”

The successful artist has experienced the cut-throat competition of the music industry firsthand, and explained to Alex that there are a lot of disappointments, especially when your music is rejected over and over again. “I wanted to gift Alex with all the positive and negative lessons I have encountered throughout my career in the hopes that I could make someone else’s path a little easier. I wanted her to be open to flexibility, because if you’re so rigid in setting goals, you tend to turn away from better, unexpected paths that arise.”

Anna has penned songs for such legends as Reba McEntire, Billy Ray Cyrus, Chuck Wicks and others, while sharing concert billings with top acts like Josh Groban, Al Jarreau, Keith Urban, and The Mississippi Mass Choir. Her critically acclaimed Countrypolitan Duets is a collaborative project featuring jazz renditions of classic country songs, where she is joined by Grammy Award winning and legendary artists (think Lady Antebellum, Rascal Flatts, and Connie Smith).

Anna gave Alex a very raw and realistic expectation of the industry, but also gave her a glimpse of the glitz and glam that come with success. She arranged for Alex to have backstage access and one-on-one face time with the group Lady Antebellum at a local concert.

Anna concluded that her best piece of advice to Alex might have been, “Follow her bliss, her calling. I wanted her to know that she can make it happen now more than ever because of the non-traditional settings and mobility that are available to individuals... It’s a new playground.”
As a student at Villa, you don’t imagine that just one or two moments might set the course for your future. But looking back, Lauren Bohn ’05 can see that two events in her Villa Maria years helped inspire her adventurous career involving journalism, philanthropy, and social change. On her Villa service trip to the Dominican Republic, Bohn says she “felt a click” that seeing the world was what she wanted to do.

She also credits Latin teacher Mr. Erik Magness. She recounts that one day, when she was frustrated with an assignment, he told her, “Maximilla, you need to get a larger perspective on life.” Lauren took those simple words to heart in a big way. Now a multimedia journalist based in Istanbul, Bohn has covered the political and socioeconomic news of the Middle East and Africa since 2009, reporting from Egypt, Tunisia, Syria, the U.A.E., Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Bahrain, Jordan, Zambia, Malawi, and Nigeria. Her work has been published by CNN, Time, NBC News, the Wall Street Journal, the Daily Beast, Foreign Policy, the New York Times, Global Post, Christian Science Monitor, and Marie Claire, among others. She has also been a regular columnist for Foreign Policy Magazine.

As inaugural Middle East correspondent for The GroundTruth Project, a wire service for long-form storytelling, Bohn focuses on how world events impact individuals. Some of the people she has met and written about include a Syrian woman living as a refugee in Lebanon, who cooks with other women of all faiths and nationalities. Shakira, a Malawi girl, faces huge obstacles just to get to school every day. Brothers Khairy, 22, and Fouad, 17, are Yazidis who fled ISIS. Bohn met them at their refugee tent city in Iraqi Kurdistan.

“For me the most powerful form of storytelling is when you introduce people to other people, their counterparts living elsewhere,” Lauren says. “Yes, there are differences, but really at the end of the day there are all these sleeping universals that lie beneath the surface. People... all just want to take care of their children and live. Of course this means different things in different cultures and things can get messy and complicated but there are some core human values that make me believe that these stories... are actually stories about us. And that we can benefit from reading a story about two brothers in Iraq, because at the end of the day they’re just like two guys at Malvern.”

Bohn has travelled to some dangerous places. She says she is not afraid, but does not take needless risks, either. “Things are getting a little bit dangerous... in the Middle East,” she says. “But I always take precautions. I went to Syria in the beginning of the civil war. I haven’t been back. That’s a calculation on my part, a risk that I don’t think it’s worth right now for me to take.” She sometimes travels with security, and often has a translator because her Arabic isn’t as good as she would like. She says she “knows enough Turkish to get by.”

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Lauren E. Bohn ’05

Grateful for a Wider Perspective

Journalist Lauren E. Bohn ’05 in a selfie taken last summer in southern Lebanon while reporting a story on Syrian refugee women. These women are training to become hairdressers as a means to support themselves.
Danger from unstable societies is not the only occupational challenge Lauren faces. Working where women’s options are restricted presents special obstacles — and opportunities.

“I’ve often found that my being a woman in the Middle East actually works to my advantage,” she says. “The Middle East is a very patriarchal society, but there’s kind of a double edge sword… They see me as this young woman and they want to protect me. And they think I’m fragile. So if anybody ever says anything you’ll have a group of men saying, ‘No, don’t… stay away from her.’”

Bohn says being a woman sometimes gives her access men do not have. “Because men don’t take women sometimes as seriously as they would men, I know I’ve gotten interviews from them because they aren’t threatened by me. They’re like, ‘Oh, sure come over. What is this little girl going to do?’

“In that way I think I have gotten a lot more access, especially to these female communities. I know I couldn’t do probably half of the stories that I do on women’s issues, on how women are affected by war… I could not get that access if I were a man.”

“A lot of women in different fields have expressed the same sort of, ‘Unfortunate patriarchy, yes, but…’” she notes. “Sometimes because people don’t think you’re as powerful, you can get in there and work it to your advantage.”

While Lauren is sanguine about the limitations women face in the Middle East, she is not at all resigned to their present place in the media hierarchy. She is the co-founder of Foreign Policy Interrupted, a start-up incubator and fellowship program dedicated to getting more women “miked and bylined” as commentators and experts on foreign policy on television and op-ed pages.

Lauren recently visited Villa Maria to give the girls a glimpse at the wide world of possibilities that awaits them, urging them to “set the tone for their own life story.” She encouraged them to take advantage of every educational opportunity, something she herself has done to the fullest. She graduated summa cum laude from New York University in 2009 as a John W. Withers Memorial Award recipient and Presidential Scholar, with a degree in Media, Culture, and Communication. She received Chicago’s Association for Women Journalists 2010 award for outstanding young female journalist, and received her master’s degree from Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism in June 2010.

She was a 2010-2011 Fulbright fellow in Egypt, where she is the founding assistant editor of the journal The Cairo Review. A Pulitzer Center grantee, her ongoing reporting project, “Egypt: The Country Outside the Square,” is funded by the center. She was a 2012 Overseas Press Club fellow in Jerusalem with the Associated Press, and a 2013 UN Foundation Press fellow.

Lauren urged the girls to take advantage of fellowships as a way to explore an interest, as she did with her Fulbright. “Put your hat in the ring.”

Speaking in front of a screen filled with her photos, Lauren told the girls to strive for perspective and gratitude. “Everybody has challenges,” she says. “But when you meet some of these people you see that they would love the opportunities that we have to fail. I think gratitude is something that we should all explore more because gratitude is the perspective that, ‘Yes, we all have things that we’re dealing with. Someone, somewhere is dealing with something far greater. And that should be momentum for all of us to work harder, love harder, to really go for our dreams.”

Lauren has translated her sense of gratitude into action, co-founding the SchoolCycle project through the UN Foundation to get bicycles to the schoolgirls she met in Malawi. Many girls in that country walk up to 10 miles to school, and the bike program is designed to make it easier for them to travel back and forth.

“The distances are so long and so prohibitive for these girls to walk,” Bohn said. “I was there as a journalist and my
colleague and I turned to each other and said, ‘We need to do something more than write a story about this and hope somebody else can take this on. Let’s just try to all come together and get these girls bikes. Then they don’t have to sleep over at a school with no electricity and no basic sanitation.”

Villa Maria students supported SchoolCycle with donations, and principal Sr. Regina Ryan presented Lauren with a check for $1,500. The organization’s first effort, the most successful campaign in the UN Foundation’s ten year history, raised enough to buy 550 bikes, which will be distributed this spring. They will undertake the next phase after completing an evaluation, Bohn said, in order to determine where they can be most effective. “We’re going to … do an analysis just to see if this is something that’s taking off. It had such a great reception… Is it going to be the same 550, or are we going to expand it to a different area in Malawi, or maybe a different country that the UN Foundation works in?”

It is clear Lauren Bohn is just getting started. After her recent stop in the US, she was headed back to Istanbul and the stories she is dedicated to telling. Her Instagram account is filled with food, friends, and the issues she covers. She hopes to branch out beyond the Middle East eventually, saying, “I’d love to go everywhere.”

Always with her is the idea that resonated back in Mr. Magness’ Latin class. “I think sometimes we get tangled in, ‘Oh, I’m so fearful’. Sometimes that fear and that doubt can be narcissistic. We just need to step back and remember that in the whole scheme of things, we need to keep a wider perspective on life.”

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A Surprise of Support
for a Villa Grad and Her Mentor

It is not unusual for Villa’s retired music director to support an alumna in her post-Villa music endeavors. For decades, Joyce Prichard has been surprising former students at their concerts and recitals in college and beyond, but there was something special about a meeting this past November.

Megan Brust ‘11 is in her senior year at Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY, in the same program that Mrs. Prichard graduated from exactly 40 years ago. Ithaca College School of Music’s dedication to the simultaneous fostering of outstanding musicians and high-performing music educators is what made Megan decide to apply to the college early decision in the fall of her senior year at Villa.

Four years later, Megan’s parents were unaware that Mrs. Prichard had already made arrangements to attend Megan’s senior voice recital when they called to invite her to stay in the sprawling Victorian house they rented to host family and friends for the event, but they kept her secret from Megan. The night before the recital, Megan and her family were gathered in the large living room, and Megan’s parents sent Mrs. Prichard a text saying: “the back door is open.” The moment Megan saw Mrs. Prichard enter is one that neither will soon forget. It was clear to Megan that she would always receive support from both her mentor and the Villa community in every stage of her life’s journey.

Megan’s adventure through Ithaca College has been an enriching experience, while still challenging her to grow as a person and leader every day. She has taught a general music pre-kindergarten class, a third and fourth grade chorus, and completes her education by student teaching with the choral program at public junior and senior high schools. She has simultaneously grown as a musician through the Ithaca College Chorus and Women’s Chorale, and performing with and conducting the IC Bell People, the campus’ student-run handbell choir. She participates in music ministry and co-chairs the Ithaca College Catholic Community’s social committee. Megan sees that her understanding of what a healthy work-life-faith balance should be began at Villa.

The recital hall was filled with music faculty, students, family and friends on the night of Megan’s performance. When she finished, the audience gave her an instantaneous and enthusiastic standing ovation. Mrs. Prichard noted, “I could not have anticipated the tremendous growth and maturity that I would experience in hearing Megan’s voice at the recital. The performance was one of the most magnificent I have ever had the pleasure of attending. Her family and I were moved to tears as we witnessed the product of so many years of concentrated effort. Megan has always been extremely focused on her goals, but her recital performance was a magic moment in time that showed just how successful she has been in accomplishing each one.”

A leader in the Villa Maria music program during her high school years, Megan was a member of the Handbell Choir, Chorus, Madrigal Singers and Orchestra, treasurer of Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter 1227 in her junior year, and president in her senior year. She received the Jeffrey W. Prichard Music Scholarship in her senior year. ■
You have never seen a group of girls more excited by math than in Mary Liva’s classroom. Ms. Liva thinks it has something to do with the games she’s invented to motivate the students to practice. The students seem to agree.

The latest game is called Markle. Ms. Liva used an earlier version to reinforce multiplication tables. Now the students are working on mental division. The object of the game is to earn your way through a series of medals to the coveted gold by increasing the number of problems you can answer in a 30 second window. The first student to reach the gold will get to run around the room to the Rocky song wearing her medal. The girls can’t wait. But in the meantime, they’re having a blast learning division.

Beginning in 3rd grade, Gesu sorts students into single-gender classrooms led by a teacher and role model of the same gender. Ms. Liva believes having a girls-only room makes teaching easier and gives her a chance to do “girlie” things in the classroom. The arrangement also gives the girls a chance to dominate subjects—like math—that can sometimes be seen as the boys’ realm. According to the girls, class is “much better” without the boys.

“Mary Liva is a true teacher,” attests Principal Sr. Ellen Convey, IHM. “She cares about and challenges each of her students. She has high expectations for each child. The girls have learned much academically and socially!”

Ms. Liva knew she wanted to be a teacher her whole life. She graduated from Villanova University with a degree in communications and a concentration in elementary education. After watching her oldest brother serve in the Augustinian Volunteers and learning about Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education program (ACE) from her brothers who attended the university, she realized she wanted to do something similar—especially something with a community and faith component. Her path led her to the Alliance for Catholic Education at Saint Joseph’s University (ACESJU) and ultimately to Gesu School.

Saint Joseph’s University and the University of Pennsylvania launched ACESJU in 2010 to train and cultivate teachers for Catholic schools that serve low-income populations. Candidates complete coursework for their master’s degrees in education over two years while teaching at Catholic schools in Philadelphia.

Because Ms. Liva already earned her K-6 certification as part of her undergraduate program, she is pursuing her certification as a reading specialist during her two-year teaching tenure at Gesu School with ACESJU.

While Ms. Liva has some prior teaching experience, the urban setting is new to her. She finds teaching in the inner city most challenging “when the kids are acting a certain way and I know it’s because of something that happened to them in their past... I never had to deal with that, and it’s something that’s hard for me to relate to.” The experience is expanding her understanding and patience.

“Mary has been a wonderful asset to the ACESJU program,” attests Elizabeth Gallagher, associate director for academics for ACESJU. “Not only is she a talented teacher, but she is a wonderful community member. She shares her teaching expertise with the other fellows... Mary goes the extra mile with her planning, creativity, and overall care for her girls.’

“One can’t help but feel the mutual affection the girls and Mary have for one another. Ms. Liva’s classroom is a special place!”

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The Alumnae Association held its annual summer gathering, Villa Storms the Shore, at the home of Laura DelRaso Melvin ’73 in Avalon, New Jersey, on a gorgeous beach day. Alumnae from the classes of 1946 through 2012, as well as parents of graduates, met up on the afternoon of August 9th for a casual happy hour. This was a free event for which good will donations to the Sister Mary Kelly Scholarship Fund were gratefully accepted. The SMK scholarship, which is sponsored by the Alumnae Association, is awarded to a freshman each year and stays with that student until graduation. The event raised $2,700 this year. The Alumnae Association is extremely appreciative to the host and guests who took time to strengthen the bond of Villa Maria Sisterhood and its mission of continued excellence in women’s education.

Villa Storms the Shore
Alumnae gather in Avalon, NJ for cocktails and catching up.

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Left: Jean Marie Dalton ’46 and Kitty Love ’46
Below: Caroline Coady ’08, Bernadette DelRaso Dougherty ’78, Janet McAleese Coady ’78, Mary Lauren Magargee ’07, Alyson Campbell ’10
Top left: June Cordivari Gregory ’70 and Joan Becht Holloway ’70
Top right: Katherine DeRaso ’08, Claire Liva ’13, Mary Rose Liva ’08, Mary Lauren Magargee ’07, and Kristen Scardellette ’09
Middle left: Bernadette DeRaso Dougherty ’73 and Lauren DeRaso Melvin ’78 with their mom.
Middle right: Michelle Dunn ’11, Stephanie Dunn ’06 and Sue Pillarella Magargee ’78
Bottom left: Bernadette Prendergast McPherson ’79, Dottie Martin Toomey ’77, Michelle Deegan Ralph ’79 and Rosemary DiRita ’96
In its eighth year, the annual Villa Hurricane Golf Classic raised close to $36,000 for the benefit of Villa Maria Academy and its students. Thank you to all of our generous sponsors and participants. The winners of the day were:

- **Closest to the Pin**: Joe Chambers and Peggy Evans
- **Longest Drive**: Joe Kent and Jenn Oschell
- **Putting Contest**: Paul Klauder
- **First Place Women’s Team**: Chrissy Steinetz ’92, Bridget Collins ’87, Jenn Oschell ’92, and Janice Luck ’92
- **First Place Men’s Team**: Joe Chambers, Conrad Newman, George Mangigian and Charles Mangigian

- The 50/50 raffle for The Sister Patricia Spingler Scholarship Fund: Barbara Russo.
In Memoriam

Villa Maria offers its prayers and condolences to the family and friends of the following deceased members of the Villa community. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Mary Volker Babin ’48, mother of Judy Babin Hogan and grandmother of Brittany Babin ’07 and Tricia Babin ’13
Brighly Margaret Dougherty, niece of Maggie Dougherty ’00
Ruth Fadden, mother of Sister Patricia Fadden, IHM, ’57
Patricia Boyle Miller ’60, sister of Kathleen McCune ’86, and Kathleen McCune Fortebuono ’88
Sister Cecile Marie Phelan, IHM, ’46
Hap Golden, father of Kathy Golden ’79, and Jane Golden Lawler ’81
Jennifer Taylor, daughter of Camilla D’Anunzio ’63
Charles Harvey, husband of Kathryn Harvey, father of Tricia Harvey Kramer, ’89
Nancy Lovely Callow ’75, sister of Debbie Lovely Scandone ’71, Phyllis Lovely Gellant ’74 (Deceased)
Thomas M. Egan, grandfather of Caroline Egan ’06, MJ Egan ’07, Beth Egan ’12, father-in-law of Maureen Egan, VMA Advancement Staff
Guy Cellucci, father of Meg Cellucci ’03, uncle of Julia Pelletier ’17
Wilbert Eichelma, grandfather of Emily Eichelma ’10, Katie Eichelma ’12, father-in-law of Mary Eichelma, VMA Science Department Chair
Barbara Dubbs, aunt of Lyndsay Edginton Geddens ’02
Kathleen Reber ’53
Anne Meyers, mother of Judy Meyers McGann ’71, Theresa Meyers Seiferheld ’75
Tina LeJeune Vucenovic ’81
Peggy O’Rourke, grandmother of Kate O’Rourke ’05, Colleen O’Rourke ’10, Kellie O’Rourke ’12, Clare O’Rourke ’15
Frank O’Rourke, uncle of the O’Rourke girls
John Logue, grandfather of Elizabeth Zwaan ’05, Sarah Zwaan ’10, Margaret Zwaan ’14, father of Diane Zwaan, VMA Advancement Staff
Elizabeth Ann Roach ’66, sister of Marguerite Roach Kloter ’69, Eileen Roach ’71 (deceased)
Jena Furlong ’02
Joseph Anderson, husband of Margaret Mary Kerrigan Anderson ’76
John Lepore, father of Jackie Lepore Navin ’78
Donald Parsons, grandfather of Elise Bendinelli ’11, Catherine Bendinelli ’13, and Megan Parsons ’14
James Carden, father of Nikki Carden ’00
Barbara Wright Beltz ’63
Joan Frye O’Brien ’44, great aunt of Kristin Foust ’07, sister of Shirley Frye Foust ’47
Joan Gazzillo Dellaquila ’56
M. Eileen Dowling ’49
Fruff Timby, mother of Patty Timby Corse ’72, grandmother of Lauren Corse Bonnaza ’03
Elizabeth Coghlan, mother-in-law of Rose Coghlan, VMA Dean of Students
Claire Harkins Marra ’45, mother of Denise Marra McNell ’70, Judy Marra Martelli ’71, Mary Ellen Marra David ’76, Claire Marra Ryan ’78, Sheila Marra Grubb ’82
Jacob Blosinski, brother of Jean Blosinski ’10
Dale Gaasche, mother of Scarlett Gaasche ’07, Carissa Gaasche ’14
Henrietta Harris, mother of Kathleen Harris Talamini ’61

Michael Seeds, husband of Millie Ecock Seeds ’62
Abbay Mallon ’14, sister of Rebecca Mallon ’13
Robert Ertell, Jr., father of Elizabeth Ertell ’06
Gertrude Lindinger, Past VMA Secretary, mother of Mary Jeanne Lindinger Olsen ’74, Tina Lindinger ’76, Elizabeth Lindinger Smith ’77, aunt of Terri Jalbuena ’80, Jeanne Jalbuena Ward ’81, Kathy Jalbuena Pardoe ’82, Pattie Jalbuena Costello ’83
Anna LaManna Twardowski, mother of Lisa Twardowski ’81, Kathleen Twardowski McBeth ’86
Lucretia Santucci Back ’60
Helen Utz Rothrock ’38
Dorothy Margaret Logue Rapp ’41
Emanuel Bosio, father of Amy Bosio ’79
Gertrude Wilson, grandmother of VMA Director of Technology Lisa Wilson Roberts ’86, Anna Wilson ’90
Margaret Haley Langan ’53
John Shanahan M.D., grandfather of Jessica Schumacher Kara ’91
Elinor Zaks, grandmother of Susan Venema ’08
Dr. Donald E. McConnell, father of Karen McConnell Kitchens ’80, Lisa McConnell Ryan ’83, Candice McConnell Ciesielski ’90
Margaret Curtis Painter ’46
Kathleen McCartney, mother of Kathy McCartney, VMA Director of Activities, teacher and basketball coach, grandmother of Kate Lyn Anthony ’10 and Kelly Anthony ’12
Gerard Hageney and Marie Hageney, grandparents of Meghan O’Keefe ’08 and Erin O’Keefe ’14
Diane Leonhardt, mother of Cheryl Leonhardt, VMA Director of Guidance, grandmother of Amelia Osiek ’13
Maryanne “Maita” Lilenthal ’72
Robert Conroy, father of Catherine DePaulo, VMA Theology teacher
**Class Notes**

**Keep in touch!** Tell us your news, update your contact information, or send a photo on our Class Notes page at [www.vmahs.org/alumnae/class-notes](http://www.vmahs.org/alumnae/class-notes). And sign up for our monthly e-newsletter The Villa Marian to stay up to date on happenings around campus and with our alumnae.

**VMA 30s**

Thanks to Mary Trefz who shared a photo of her mother Mary Margaret Martin ’30, and her aunt, Clare Martin ’31. The photo shows the women while they were students at the school.

**VMA 50s**

Barbara McNichol Reed ’55 and her husband, Tom, live in Alabama. They have one daughter and five sons who have provided them the additional joy of ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Marge Potts Pulfrey ’59 and her husband celebrated 50 years of marriage with Washington’s Cardinal Wuerl and over 800 other couples, for a sum of 35,000 years of marriage!

**VMA 60s**

Majo Buckley Docherty ’61 recently published the picture book Humble Pie, which deals with self-esteem and expressing yourself as the Master Chef created you. She was kind enough to send a signed copy to Villa Maria to share with the young women who face personal issues discussed in Majo’s book every day.

Linda Bertotti Southerling’63, Joyce Murphy Hiemenz’63 and Jane Muller Trevaskis, together at Stonehenge — Jane lives in England; Joyce and Linda were visiting Jane and John Trevaskis with their husbands. The travelers took a Stonehenge selfie.

The Golden Girl Class of 1963 had such a great time at their reunion festivities last year that a few of them in the area gathered this year for their 51st reunion at The Desmond in Malvern, PA.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Christine Campbell ’70

John Evans, husband of Clara Evans, Cafeteria Staff at VMA

Mary Olkowskia, grandmother of Katie Vida, VMA Assistant Director of Admissions

Rosemary C. Alvare, mother of Rodie Alvare Henson ’69, Anita Alvare Gaynor ’70 and Helen Alvare ’78

Nina Rita (Gallo) Baldi, mother of Theresa Baldi Toohey ’66, Anita Baldi Gabler ’67, Patricia Baldi Holloway ’73, Virginia Baldi Marks ’76, grandmother of Lindsay Holloway Fox ’05

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Rev. John J. Dinda, brother of Lucy Dinda Tucker ’64

Joseph Walsh, father of MaryBeth Walsh DeBlasio ’79 and Bernadette Walsh ’81

Linda Greaney Kassof ’69 has been appointed to an additional position as Chief Executive Officer of T Capital Funding, LLC, an introductory broker-dealer entity, fully owned by Taurus Investment Holdings, LLC. She remains as the CFO for Taurus Investment Holdings, LLC, which is a General Partner and Asset Manager of Real Estate Projects in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia.

Joan Langan ’66, RN, has retired from Nursing Management and is now playing the harp, taking lessons at West Chester University.

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IN MEMORIAM
VMA 70s
Mary Pat Donohue Mattson '71 was stunning as she gave away her youngest son, Ryan, on his wedding day. He is the last of her five children to be married — all in less than four years! They are thrilled to be welcoming a new daughter-in-law, Mary Rose Gawbill.

Joann Amadio Mercer '72 was the guest speaker at our Alumnae Induction. Her mother, Helen White '55, was in attendance as well as her husband, Gary Mercer, who she took to her Villa Maria Senior Prom!

Mary Pat Montone Walsh '74 and her husband are enjoying their new grandson, John Christian Walsh, born in January 2015.

Patricia Baurley Dunn '70 has been in the financial services industry for over 38 years. In October she hosted a Women’s Forum: Women, Wisdom & Wealth, to focus on college students majoring in finance and/or business. This is a pay-it-forward mentoring opportunity for future professionals regardless of where their careers will take them. Patricia’s hope is that women will gain confidence in financial knowledge and independence.

VMA 80s
Thanks to Tricia McCahon '84 for sending in pictures of the Class of 1984 Reunion, held on November 29. And thank you for your generous class gift! Special guests were Maurene Polley and Jean Treisbach.

Denise Bugey ’86 would like to thank her family (her mother and sister Robbie Bugey Curley ’82) and the Schubert and Allen families for helping her through a traumatic brain injury shortly after graduating from VMA. She was hospitalized for over a year and a half and had to learn how to walk, talk and sit upright all over again.

VMA 90s
Janice Johnson Luck ’92, head basketball coach at Albright College, was named coach of the year. It marks the third time Luck has won the honor. She also won the award in 2005-06 and 2007-08. Luck has guided the Lions to one of their best seasons in school history during the 2014-15 season, improving to a 20-6 overall. Albright also established a school record for conference wins in a season, posting a 13-3 record during Commonwealth Conference play.

Michelle Bone Chambers ’93 returned to the UK to attend University. She first attended Newcastle University, then transferred a year later to Nottingham University, graduating in 1998 with a BSC (Honors) in Production & Operations Management. She lives in London with her husband and two daughters, ages 3 and 6. She remains in contact with fellow ’93 classmates and a close friend from Villa Maria was one of her bridesmaids.

Christi Hewes ’95 was married to Matt Jordan in Philadelphia and celebrated the occasion with several of her Villa Maria classmates. Her Villa bridesmaids included: Alexis Loughran Heilala ’95, Maryann Castaldi ’95, Monica Binkley Meilinger ’95, Danielle Rodichok Donohue ’95, Katie Hewes Bailer ’97 and Maggie Hewes Mallon ’04.

Amy Barone ’77, has published a second poetry collection, “Kamikaze Dance,” a celebration of nature, music and the essence of place. She regularly performs at spoken word events in New York City, northern New Jersey, and Philadelphia. She is a professional member of PEN America Center and lives in New York City.
Lori Anne Currall ’97, former art teacher at VMA, placed third in the jewelry category in the Philadelphia Flower Show. Her winning necklace is made entirely of seeds and flowers. She adds this honor to her first place last year.

Over the past year, Claire Tierney ’99 has been working with two close friends to start a non-profit organization and open a school, Jack Academy, in the small village of Fodome Amele, Ghana. They opened their doors to students this past February, beginning with four classrooms for children ages 4-7, and will also house an after school reading tutoring program for grades 3-5. Claire has been a special education teacher in Garnet Valley School District for 10 years, so she spends summers at the academy. She credits her Children of Mary experience for giving her “opportunities to work with children and adults, both with and without special needs, and to pursue my true passion - serving others.”

Several Villa graduates attended the wedding of Cecilia DiLello Nealis ’02, the daughter of Pat Novelli ’74. The wedding was held at St. Patrick’s Church in Malvern and the reception was at the Radnor Hotel.

The Egan sisters had a busy autumn: Christine Egan Newell’04 welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Caroline Elizabeth, on October 31, 2014, while her sister Jennifer Egan Hozack ’02 added another daughter to her family. Jane Egan was born on November 1, 2014.

VMA 00s

Helen Ryan Dobrowski ’01 has been working in documentary film since 2007, primarily at Sarah Colt Productions, a production company contracted by WGBH to produce historical documentaries for their series American Experience. The productions that have aired nationally on PBS include: “The Polio Crusade,” a film about the race to develop a polio vaccine; “God in America,” a series about the history of religion and politics in the U.S.; and “Henry Ford,” a two hour biography of the famous industrialist. Their current project is a documentary about the life and cultural impact of Walt Disney.

In May, Kelli Barbato ’01 won the opening race of the Mid Atlantic Super Street Association at Atco Dragway in Atco, NJ. This is a 10-race series that spans from the beginning of May until the end of September, and makes stops in PA, NJ and MD. After four races, she was in the points lead out of 20 other members. Kelli owns a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro that is capable of speeds over 155 mph and can cover ¼ mile from a standing start in less than 9 seconds.

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The Gula family has a busy year coming up: Kaitlin Dwyer ’03 and her husband Connor are expecting their first child in July, while Kara ’05 will marry Billy McCrossan (Malvern Prep) in December.

Joanna Shaw Russ ’03 and former Villa Music Department Chair, Joyce Prichard, performed with the Main Line Symphony at Valley Forge Middle School. Philadelphia Orchestra member Don Liuzzi conducted, with a soloist from The Curtis Institute.

Thanks to Beth Glaser ’04 for sending in pictures from the Class of 2004 Reunion November 29, 2014 at Twenty-Nine in Malvern.

Katherine Hitchens Fleck’04 and her husband, Dan, welcomed their first child into the world on February 13, 2015. Henry James weighed 7 lb. 10 oz and was 21 inches long.

Kelli Barbato and her race car
Dan and Katherine Fleck with baby Henry

Erin Skog ’04 was married at St. Agnes Church in West Chester, PA to Nate Malikowski. A reception was held at her family’s farm. The bride will teach Kindergarten in the West Chester School District.

Nate and Erin Malikowski

Sarah Ann Liberi ’04 married Matthew Smith on November 29, 2014. Along with her two sisters, Katharine ’06 and Emma ’15, there were two other Villa girls in the wedding party: Kristie Hoban ’04 and Alexandra Picardi ’04.

The Class of 2004 Reunion. Back Row (l to r): Liz Pinnie, Jaclyn DelVecchio, Jacqui Fabrizio, Liz Purtill, Kasia Dobrzanska, Megan Namiocka, Caitlin Rimgaila, Megan O’Hara, Beth Topolin, Meredith Collins, Mary Heather Earley, Denise Gillespie

Front row: (l to r): Kristen Weidersum, Terry Morgan Bennett, Stephanie Kender, Sam Brandolini, Krissy Katra

In June, Allie Wells ’05 married Ryan Colman. The couple met in college at The University of Loyola in Baltimore, MD. They currently reside in New Jersey.

Lindsay Holloway Fox ’05 and her husband, Andrew, are thrilled to welcome their son Andrew J. Fox, Jr., born on November 24, 2014. Lindsay is also very busy getting her Frey Boutique settled in its new location in Newtown Square.

The Hunt twins

Renee Veins Hunt ’04 and her husband are overjoyed to welcome not only one, but two beautiful babies into the world! Renee gave birth to twins, Juliette and James Hunt.

Sarah Ann Liberi ’04 and her bridal party

Pictured at the wedding of Cecilia DiLello Nealis ’02 (Top row, left to right): Missy Geary Pinola ’89, Sharon Bosch Grove ’74, Mary Pat Walsh Montone ’74, Rose Marie Oulohojian Bezdikian ’74, Julie Leonard Busta ’04, Rosemary Murphy ’74, Cecilia DiLello Nealis ’02 (Bride), Maureen DiLello ’08, Eileen Eden ’02 and Cristin Marron Kane ’02 (Bottom row from Left to right): Jean Murphy Tosto ’74, Pat Novelli ’74, Laura O’Donnell Olejniczak ’74, and Veronica Novelli Leonard ’74

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**Class Notes**

**Meagan McGough ’05** has been a marketing executive for The Estee Lauder Companies for the past five years, and has started her own Irish dance academy. She has three locations in the New York metropolitan area.

**Julia Wittig Silvasy ’05** and her husband, Steve, welcomed their second child, Duke, in July. He was welcomed by big sister Bree into their growing family. Congratulations!

**Julia Dougherty ’06** recently accepted a new position with the Girl Scouts of Eastern PA as their Manager of Corporate Giving.

**Alice Grant, ’07** graduated from St. Joseph’s University in 2011 with a dual certification in elementary and special education. She is in her fourth year of teaching and loves working with second graders. She is currently taking classes toward her graduate degree in Education Leadership through Immaculata University.

**Sarah Horstmann ’07** had an article published in the New York Times titled, “When Nurses Bond With Their Patients.” The story focuses on the tough emotional boundaries nurses as professionals have to face with those that they take care of every day.

**Chelsea Reyher ’07** is a columnist for The Daily Local News. “Reyher’s Digest” allows Chelsea to address a multitude of events and ideas. Keep your eyes peeled for some of the advice and issues that come up in her columns.

**Michaela McDonald ’06** was a graduate intern for the American Day Treatment Center and wrote an article for Main Line Health, published last year, titled, “Sleep: It’s What’s for Winners.” Her focus on behavioral health issues led her to write a research piece about the effects of lost sleep in adolescents versus earlier start times in high school.

**Caroline Egan ’06** returned to Villa to speak to the Language Honor Society inductees in March 2015. Caroline is in her fourth year of her five year doctoral program in Comparative Literature at Stanford University. While at Stanford, she has taught Portuguese and Spanish. She has also studied the Amerindian languages Quechua and Nahuatl.

**Lauren Coffua ’10** graduated from Franklin & Marshall College with a major in Biology and a minor in French. She is Vice President of the Benjamin Rush Pre-Med Honors Society, and a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity and Mu Upsilon Sigma Music Honors Society. She travelled to Honduras to work in a medical clinic, and has received grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the USDA for her continued work on the biodiversity of fungal-like pathogens. She has presented this research at Yale University and three professional conferences. Lauren plans to pursue her Masters in biohazardous threat agents and emerging infectious diseases.

**Katie Magargee ’10** received the Connelly-Delouvrier International Scholars Program funding from the College of Nursing at Villanova University for an international trip last spring. She was the student leader for her Health Promotion clinical in Chulucanas, Peru, where seven fellow nursing students, their clinical instructors, and Katie educated the community on preventative measures for such common diseases diabetes and hypertension.

**Maureen DiLello, Danielle Duva, and Meg O’Keefe** from the Class of 2008 ran the Philadelphia Rock and Roll half marathon together. They finished in just over two hours.

**Duke and Bree Silvasy**

**Caroline Egan with Latin teacher Eric Magness**

**Maureen DiLello, Danielle Duva, and Meg O’Keefe**

**Julie Zeglen ’09** was recently promoted to managing editor of the Star Community Newsweekly, a free newspaper that covers the Fishtown, Northern Liberties, Kensington, Port Richmond and Bridesburg neighborhoods in Philadelphia. She was previously a reporter at the newspaper.

**Beth Young ’09 and Grace Dalton ’10**, both USNA grads, met up while serving on ships in the Persian Gulf.
Anna Zarkowski ’10 ended her collegiate career as a goalie for the Richmond Spiders, and is now a mighty Saint Joseph’s University Hawk! Anna is assistant field hockey coach for the local university and adding depth and knowledge to their defensive end. In 2013, Anna became the first Richmond field hockey student-athlete to earn First Team All-America honors. She was also named an NCAA Statistical Champion, posting the nation’s highest save percentage (.824) for the second time in three seasons. Anna was also named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference First Team in 2012 and 2013, and earned Atlantic 10 All-Tournament Team honors last season, while being named a Third Team All-America, Second Team All-America honoree, and a member of the NFHCA National Academic Team in 2011. She plans to earn her MBA while coaching at Saint Joe’s.

Maria Ferrari ’11 ran the 2014 Boston Marathon just one year after the tragic bombing during the race. Maria is a senior at Boston College and is a large part of the reason the school has officially announced a women’s club basketball team.

Emily Coccia ’11 has been a very active young alumna of Villa Maria. She has come back on more than one occasion to speak to current and prospective students about the impact VMA has had on her, and how it has prepared her for her college education at Georgetown University. Emily learned last year that she is part of the top 2% of her class at the university.

Elizabeth Touey ’11 received an Honor Citation from the University of Maryland, where she will graduate in May with a B.S. in Biology.

Christina Mirarchi ’12 and Sue Pillarella Magargee, D.O. ’78 shared time at the annual “Dinner with a Doc” mentoring night at St. Joseph’s University, organized by SJU Health Professions Advisor, Connie O’Hara, parent of Meghan ’04 and Colleen ’07.

Beth Egan ’12 played the part of Maggie in “Dancing at Lughnasa” at DeSales University. Beth is pursuing her B.A. in Musical Theatre. She will also appear in “Les Miserables” at the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival on the DeSales campus this summer.

Erin Touey ’13 is in her second year at Drexel University, where she is majoring in Nursing and working at Penn Medicine on her first co-op.

Melissa Ostien ’14 achieved Dean’s List at University of Delaware for fall 2014. She is leading Redding dormitory in UDance Marathon, a fundraising to benefit childhood cancer awareness and research.

We love to have our alumnae return to campus. Please join us for any and all of the following upcoming events.

**Fine Arts Festival and Art Show**  
**Thursday, April 23th**  
Art Show — 6:00 p.m.  
Concert — 7:45 p.m.

**Alumnae Spring Fling at Green Tree**  
**Sunday, April 19th**  
Optional Campus Tours — 9:30 a.m.  
Mass and Awards — 10:30 a.m.  
Luncheon — 12:30 p.m.

**“Song Tales” Concert and Barbecue**  
Concert with Anna Wilson ’90 and Monty Powell to benefit the Maurene Polley Field project.  
**Saturday, May 2nd**  
Barbecue — 5:30 p.m.  
Concert — 7:00 p.m.

**Alumnae Induction**  
**Wednesday, May 27th** — 11:00 a.m.

**Honors Convocation**  
**Wednesday, May 27th** — 7:00 p.m.

**Daisy Chain and Senior Sing**  
**Thursday, May 28th** — 8:30 a.m.

**Baccalaureate and Graduation, Golden Girls 1965**  
**SS. Simon and Jude**  
**Saturday, May 30th** — 11:00 a.m.

**UPCOMING REUNIONS**  
The Class of 2005 is planning a reunion at Thanksgiving time 2015. Contact Allie Wells Colman ’05 at alliecolman1@gmail.com if you would like to help with planning.
Let’s Turf It!

New campaign will build the Maurene Polley Field turf all-purpose athletic field

By Kathy McCartney
Villa Maria Director of Activities and
Basketball Coach

One of the best things about Villa Maria is our pride in the past, coupled with our vision for the future. We cherish both our traditions and the people who have helped make Villa so special. It is with this thought in mind that we kick off our Turf It campaign.

The Turf It initiative is a $1.5 million project to turf our current soccer and lacrosse field and make it a multipurpose facility that all our students can use. The best part of the project is that we are naming it The Maurene Polley Field after our beloved Villa grad and longtime athletic director and field hockey coach. Maurene spent 45 years building our athletic department into one of the best in the state, and we are very proud to place her name on the new field.

The Turf It project will enlarge the field, install a turf playing surface, and rebuild structural supports. We will replace the fence that runs along the Central Avenue to beautify the area and clearly brand it as “The Home of the Hurricanes.”

This project will enable our athletes to stay competitive locally and at the state level. Currently about 85% of all our competitors have a turf field. Most of our students have played on turf before arriving on our campus, and our new field will make prospective students excited about joining our teams.

Additionally, the turf field will allow us to play regardless of weather conditions. In early spring we can plow the field to make it playable for lacrosse, and in both the spring and the fall most turf games can be played in the rain.

Would you like to get involved and show your support for the Hurricanes? To date the campaign has surpassed the $1 million mark, with Villa alumnae Ali Murphy Bruder ’93 and Patty Baldi Holloway ’73, and past parents Jack and Nancy Hewes leading the charge. The total estimated cost to “Turf It” is $1.5 million. If you’d like to help us honor and continue Maurene’s legacy, please consider making a contribution.

Anna Wilson ’90 and her husband Monty Powell will perform a benefit concert here at Villa on May 2, with all proceeds going to the Turf It campaign. See the back cover of this Views of Villa for details.

There are big things happening at your alma mater. The field will open in August 2015, and we hope that you will be here for the ribbon cutting.
VILLA MARIA ACADEMY

Report of Gifts

July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014
Looking back at 2013-14

Villa Maria Academy High School made great strides last year, thanks to our dedicated faculty and staff, our loyal donors, and our tireless volunteers. Lessons were learned, funds were raised, offices were renovated, and a strategic plan for the future was created by a faithful group of parents, alumnae, students, faculty and friends.  

We are so grateful for you. Villa Maria would not be able to continue our tradition of excellence without your support, and our appreciation for this is heartfelt. The road ahead shows a bright future for Villa Maria Academy.  

We invite you to join us on the journey.  

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The Importance of Participation

The impact of your participation is valued beyond the dollars. At any level, your gift demonstrates your commitment to Villa Maria and its continued success. Participation indicates satisfaction and sends a message to the world validating that our core mission and IHM values are important to the Villa community. Corporations and foundations also look at participation rates in proposal requests because they want to partner with organizations that are supported by those invested in its success.

By the numbers:

- 6% of all alumnae participated in the Villa Fund, donating 7% of total cash contributions. Alumnae represent 50% of all donors for 2013-14.
- 100% of Advisory Board members participated, giving 5% of gifts.
- 86% of Faculty and Staff gave a total of $6,845.
- 15% of Parents and 4% of Parents of Alumnae were donors last year. Together they represented 25% of donors and contributed 20% of total revenue.
- Special events were also supported by alumnae, parents, faculty, staff, and friends, and accounted for 30% of total fundraising revenue. The 2013 Hurricane Golf Classic brought in $51,907 in net proceeds and the WinterFEST auction gala held in February 2014 contributed $111,841 net.

Donations are a significant way to honor Villa Maria’s past and to strengthen our future. Revenue from tuition and fees does not cover all of the costs of an enriched Catholic education for girls; therefore, your donation is vital to the continued success of the school.

While large donations are important to a school like ours, it is the multitude of small and medium-sized gifts that provide sustaining funds to our programs, making it possible for Villa Maria to achieve its mission. Donations in 2013-14 came from various fundraising activities and appeals.

Other than the gifts restricted to the endowment, your donations impacted school operations and provided such key essentials as:

- Maintaining small classes and outstanding faculty
- Scholarships and tuition assistance for 30% of our student body
- Technology and digital upgrades
- Providing professional development opportunities for faculty and staff
- Christian service projects
- Facility improvements like the new Learning Commons in the library
- Field trips and other learning opportunities outside the classroom

Sources of Gift Revenue

- Alumnae
- Faculty/Staff
- Current Parents
- Parents of Alumnae
- Advisory Board
- Foundations, Organizations and Friends
- EITC/OSTC Scholarship Support
- Special Events (Net)
- School Store (Net)
The Villa Fund

Your support makes all the difference. Villa Fund donations impact every student every day by providing for the essential needs of the school. The following donors made a gift to the Villa Fund from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The IHM Society - Leadership Giving

This group is comprised of lead benefactors who, through their generosity, demonstrate a commitment to the vision and mission of Villa Maria Academy High School. Membership in the Society is open to all individuals, companies and foundations that make an annual gift of $1,000 or more to the Villa Fund. We remain grateful for all in the IHM Society who set the standard for service and generosity.

Visionaries of the Mission ($25,000.00 +)
Jonathan and Carolyn Ritz

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Hewes Christi Family Foundation
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Maggie Hewes Mallon ’04
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Regina Mundi Society ($2,500.00 +)
Barry and Marie Bentley
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Thank you for your support and generosity.

THANKS TO YOU! Students have been able to participate in dozens of field trips and learning opportunities outside the classroom.
Heritage Club Giving

Academy Circle ($500.00 +)
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Kathleen Bosken Gabrielsen ’89
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Amy Gibbons ’81
Mary Ellen O’Neill Golden ’72
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Betsy Griffing
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For many girls, the music program is an essential part of a Villa Maria education.
Faculty and Staff Donors

Villa Maria is very grateful for the faculty and staff members who gave generously to the Villa Fund:

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Mary Anastasi
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Nicole Chevalier '14
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Megan Parsons '14
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### Alumnae Class Giving

| Class of ’44 | 70th Reunion | Participation rate: 7% (1 out of 14) | Jeannette McLaughlin McCreesh ’44 |
| Class of ’45 | Participation rate: 20% (1 out of 5) | Rose Marie Wells ’45 |
| Class of ’48 | Participation rate: 11% (1 out of 9) | Rose Lynam Gillard ’48 |
| Class of ’49 | 65th Reunion | Participation rate: 36% (4 out of 11) | Anna Hobson Armstrong ’49 |
| Class of ’50 | Participation rate: 9% (1 out of 11) | Mary Anne Wolfe Maxwell ’50 |
| Class of ’51 | Participation rate: 11% (1 out of 9) | Margaret Mary Barker-Flanigan ’51 |
| Class of ’52 | Participation rate: 7% (1 out of 15) | Beau Smith Ferry ’52 |
| Class of ’53 | Participation rate: 5% (1 out of 20) | Anonymous |
| Class of ’54 | 60th Reunion | Participation rate: 16% (3 out of 19) | Eileen Devine Geyer ’54 |
| Class of ’55 | Participation rate: 13% (3 out of 24) | Sister Kathleen Dunn I.H.M. ’55 |
| Class of ’56 | Participation rate: 13% (4 out of 29) | Gilda Spurio McGarry ’56 |
| Class of ’57 | Participation rate: 7% (2 out of 27) | Mary Anne Wolfe Maxwell ’57 |
| Class of ’58 | Participation rate: 12% (4 out of 34) | Dianne Falone Sloane, Esq. ’58 |
| Class of ’59 | Participation rate: 11% (4 out of 38) | Helen Angelina ’59 |
| Class of ’60 | Participation rate: 16% (7 out of 45) | Mary Ellen Glass Davies ’60 |
| Class of ’61 | Participation rate: 12% (6 out of 49) | Mary Talone Cavalier ’61 |
| Class of ’62 | Participation rate: 12% (4 out of 34) | Joanne Centanni ’62 |
| Class of ’63 | Participation rate: 2% (1 out of 45) | Joyce Murphy Hiemenz ’63 |
| Class of ’64 | 50th Reunion | Participation rate: 8% (4 out of 48) | Marianne Pipari Cardis ’64 |
| Class of ’65 | Participation rate: 6% (3 out of 48) | Marie Mercaldo Frankiewicz ’65 |
| Class of ’66 | Participation rate: 2% (1 out of 52) | Loretta Chirico Perthes ’66 |
| Class of ’67 | Participation rate: 7% (3 out of 45) | Anita Baldi Gabler ’67 |
| Class of ’68 | Participation rate: 6% (2 out of 33) | Susan Petrarca Cifa ’68 |
| Class of ’69 | 45th Reunion | Participation rate: 13% (7 out of 56) | Marianne Carr Grace ’69 |
| Class of ’70 | Participation rate: 18% (10 out of 56) | Linda Greaney Kassof ’69 |
| Class of ’71 | Participation rate: 12% (6 out of 49) | Eileen O’Malley Spangler ’71 |
| Class of ’72 | Participation rate: 12% (6 out of 51) | Mary Louise Stemple Cobourn ’72 |
| Class of ’73 | Participation rate: 10% (5 out of 49) | Maria Iacobucci ’73 |
| Class of ’74 | 40th Reunion | Participation rate: 9% (4 out of 46) | Janet Burns Dingermann ’74 |

**KUDOS** to a group of dedicated alums who run a marathon every year on behalf of Villa Maria. The “Villa Broads Run” started with the Philadelphia Broad Street Run. This year they raised $350 in support of the Abbey Mallon Scholarship Fund. Thank you Jenn Oschell ’92, Helen Hoban ’92, Kaitlin McLoughlin ’05 and Megan Downes ’92.
Class of ’75
Participation rate: 6% (3 out of 47)
Kathleen Schwartz Aceto ’75
Janet McAleese Coady ’75
Kathleen Shields DeLong ’75
Cynthia Del Sordo Moribondo ’75

Class of ’76
Participation rate: 8% (4 out of 53)
Dr. Eva Marie Cekaitis ’76
Judith Raguckas Gomolka ’76
Mary Mullin McNamara ’76
Ann McDonald Sylvester ’76

Class of ’77
Participation rate: 3% (2 out of 73)
Cathy Iovanisci Epps ’77
Dorothy Martin Toomey ’77

Class of ’78
Participation rate: 22% (12 out of 55)
Jane Anderson ’78
Winnie Prendergast Branton ’78
Linda Cruz-Carnall ’78
Leslie Culp ’78
Dr. Marilyn D’Andrea-Spica ’78
Susan Pillarella Magargee ’78
Mary Jane Raymond ’78
Marguerite McTear Reisch ’78
Malea Klingelhoetter Scardellette ’78
Patricia Cleary Shaw ’78
Karen McGuckin Spofford ’78
Patricia Tyen Vanover ’78

Class of ’79
35th Reunion
Participation rate: 8% (5 out of 64)
Michele Keough ’79
Elizabeth Klinges ’79
Dr. Helen Kane Kuroki ’79
Gailmarie Miller Rizzo ’79
Margarita Rose ’79

Class of ’80
Participation rate: 5% (3 out of 55)
Susan T. Barry ’80
Joanne Appenzeller Kelly ’80
Lisa O’Hare Mulhem ’80

Class of ’81
Participation rate: 6% (4 out of 64)
Mary Pat Foster Christie ’81
Ellen McCaion Eline ’81
Amy Gibbons ’81
Patricia Shea Murphy ’81

Class of ’82
Participation rate: 4% (3 out of 70)
Anne Raymond Eversman ’82
Lynn Kiesel Huber ’82
Michelle Raymond Ward ’82

Class of ’83
Participation rate: 5% (3 out of 63)
Diane Snyder Carlin ’83
Lynne Hastings Davis ’83
Andrea Deegan Iacobucci ’83

Class of ’84
30th Reunion
Participation rate: 4% (3 out of 77)
Maria O’Toole Jones ’84
Lisa Pillarella Kennedy ’84
Patricia McCaion ’84

Class of ’85
Participation rate: 5% (4 out of 77)
Christine DiNicola Costagliola ’85
Mary Elizabeth Erffle Depoe ’85
Dr. Nancy Fan ’85
Brideen Gallagher ’85

Class of ’86
Participation rate: 8% (6 out of 77)
Angela Migliore Masterson ’86
Denise Kennedy McKeon ’86 P14
Sheryl Deutsch Ramsay ’86
Lisa Wilson Roberts ’86
Karen Donovan Willis ’86
Miriam Robinson Wright ’86

Class of ’87
Participation rate: 3% (3 out of 90)
Jennifer Pinola Gunzenhauser ’87
Mary Johnson Kinka ’87
Catherine Whalen Mulqueen ’87

Class of ’88
Participation rate: 2% (2 out of 86)
Halle Leann Ruane ’88
Christin McCarthy Vahey ’88

Class of ’89
25th Reunion
Participation rate: 4% (3 out of 80)
Jennifer Bertrand Doone ’89
Cathleen Bosken Gabrielsen ’89
Taryn Federlero Jones ’89

Class of ’90
Participation rate: 6% (6 out of 96)
Stephanie Nolan Deviney ’90
Dottie Johnson Foley ’90
Susan Gallagher King ’90
Sara Lally ’90
Kristina Barbone Parker ’90
Kristin Donohue Sims ’90

Class of ’91
Participation rate: 4% (4 out of 77)
Stephanie Nolan Deviney ’91
Joanne Brown Bamber ’91
Tara Connell McCarthy ’91
Mary Myrter Lamb ’91
Holly Notaro ’91

Class of ’92
Participation rate: 3% (2 out of 70)
Helen Hoban ’92
Christine Nolan Steinetz ’92

Class of ’93
Participation rate: 3% (2 out of 74)
Kathleen McNichol ’93
Katrine Pendergast Sutton ’93

Class of ’94
Participation rate: 9% (5 out of 58)
MaryAnn Castaldi ’94
Megan Boland Filipowicz ’95
Dr. Jennifer Schwegel Perry ’95
Deidre Ruley Person ’95

Class of ’95
Participation rate: 3% (2 out of 67)
Rosemary DiRita ’96
Krisen Scottoline Steiger ’96

Class of ’96
Participation rate: 1% (1 out of 80)
Melissa Schroth Doyle ’97

Class of ’97
Participation rate: 6% (5 out of 78)
Eileen Monaghan Ficaro ’98
Kara Culp Quinn ’98
Jamie Nicholas Rogers ’98
Kimberly Spada ’98
Lisa Crawford Traver ’98

Class of ’98
Participation rate: 4% (4 out of 71)
Joanne Brown Bamber ’91
Tara Connell McCarthy ’91
Mary Myrter Lamb ’91
Holly Notaro ’91

Class of ’99
Participation rate: 3% (2 out of 70)
Kathleen Emhof Phelps ’99
Jillian O’Brien Thornton ’99

Mary Jane Raymond ’79, Dottie Martin Toomey ’77, and Michelle Deegan Ralph ’79 at the Alumnae Basketball Game.
Daisy Chain Society

Alumnae who have graduated within the last 14 years—known as young alumnae—play an important role in the continued growth and success of Villa Maria Academy. Their presence on campus is strong. They come back for visits, athletic games, luncheons, networking nights, and special events like the Shoppes at Villa Maria. Young alums make up more than 37% of the Villa Maria Academy alumnae family.

Support from our young alumnae is valued and worthy of celebration. To recognize the important contributions of our young alums, Villa Maria Academy has created the Daisy Chain Society. By making a $25 gift within 5 years of graduation or a $100 gift within 14 years of graduation, young alumnae can enjoy special recognition as leadership donors.

It is our great pleasure to welcome the following alumnae into the Daisy Chain Society to recognize qualifying gifts within 14 years of graduation.

**Class of ’00**
- Participation rate: 3% (3 out of 90)
- Jenna Astarita ’04
- Monica Burke ’05
- Stephanie Carroll ’07
- Kara Cunnane ’03
- Carolyn Cushwa ’14
- Bernadette DiRita ’02
- Helen Ryan Dobrowski ’01
- Julia Dougherty ’06
- Melissa Duva ’06
- Caroline Egan ’06
- Christine Ferrari ’09
- Stephanie Fuga ’07
- Jennifer McCrindle ’02
- Rebecca Vernot ’02

**Class of ’01**
- Participation rate: 5% (5 out of 97)
- Anonymous
- Helen Ryan Dobrowski ’01
- Lauren Graham Grady ’01
- Meghan Nolan ’01
- Lauren Whitmore Vultaggio ’01
- Bernadette DiRita ’02
- Jeanmarie Emhof Ludwig ’02
- Renee DeLuca Mason ’02
- Jennifer McCrindle ’02
- Rebecca Vernot ’02

**Class of ’02**
- Participation rate: 5% (5 out of 94)
- Bernadette DiRita ’02
- Jeanmarie Emhof Ludwig ’02
- Renee DeLuca Mason ’02
- Jennifer McCrindle ’02
- Rebecca Vernot ’02

**Class of ’03**
- Participation rate: 6% (7 out of 113)
- Jenna Astarita ’04
- Laura Emhof ’03
- Jessica Kindon Gonska ’03
- Rebecca March ’03
- Megan Miller ’03
- Jamie Romansky ’03
- Theresa Cleveland Scheurle ’03

**Class of ’04**
- Participation rate: 7% (7 out of 96)
- Jenna Astarita ’04
- Maggie Hewes Mallon ’04
- Mary Lauren Magargee ’07
- Downtown Egan ’06

**Class of ’05**
- Participation rate: 4% (4 out of 103)
- Monica Burke ’05
- Anna Lacey Hooven ’05
- Rebecca Wentzel ’05
- Elizabeth Zwaan ’05

**Class of ’06**
- Participation rate: 6% (6 out of 108)
- Kayla Acciavatti Tusdale ’06
- Caroline Egan ’06
- Julia Dougherty ’06

**Class of ’07**
- Participation rate: 7% (9 out of 122)
- Natalie Burke ’07
- Stephanie Carroll ’07
- Mary Jane Egan ’07
- Stephanie Fuga ’07
- Bridget Higgins ’07
- Elizabeth Kelly ’07
- Mary Lauren Magargee ’07
- Kathryn McHugh ’07
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- Participation rate: 2% (2 out of 107)
- Katharine Hall ’08
- Samantha Liddy ’08

**Class of ’09**
- 5th Reunion
- Participation rate: 4% (4 out of 102)
- Jessica DuBois ’09
- Christine Ferrari ’09
- Shannon Griesser ’09
- Kristen Scardellette ’09

**Class of ’10**
- Participation rate: 4% (4 out of 109)
- Caitlin DiPietro ’10
- Kathryn Magargee ’10
- Amanda McKenna ’10
- Sarah Zwaan ’10

**Class of ’11**
- Participation rate: 2% (2 out of 106)
- Erin Kelly ’11
- Louisa Megaw ’11

**Class of ’12**
- Participation rate: 3% (3 out of 112)
- Katherine Higgins ’12
- Madeline Iffert ’12
- Suzanne Kreipelka ’12

**Class of ’13**
- Participation rate: 1% (1 out of 101)
- Laura Hall ’13

**Class of ’14**
- Participation rate: 2% (2 out of 103)
- Carolyn Cushwa ’14
- Catherine Napoli ’14

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- **Class of ’00**
  - Participation rate: 3% (3 out of 90)
  - Laura Capaldo Dougherty ’00
  - Elizabeth O’Connor Huck ’00
  - Megan Maguire Schell ’00

- **Class of ’01**
  - Participation rate: 5% (5 out of 97)
  - Anonymous
  - Helen Ryan Dobrowski ’01
  - Lauren Graham Grady ’01
  - Meghan Nolan ’01
  - Lauren Whitmore Vultaggio ’01

- **Class of ’02**
  - Participation rate: 5% (5 out of 94)
  - Bernadette DiRita ’02
  - Jeanmarie Emhof Ludwig ’02
  - Renee DeLuca Mason ’02
  - Jennifer McCrindle ’02
  - Rebecca Vernot ’02

- **Class of ’03**
  - Participation rate: 6% (7 out of 113)
  - Jenna Astarita ’04
  - Laura Emhof ’03
  - Jessica Kindon Gonska ’03
  - Rebecca March ’03
  - Megan Miller ’03
  - Jamie Romansky ’03
  - Theresa Cleveland Scheurle ’03

- **Class of ’04**
  - Participation rate: 7% (7 out of 96)
  - Jenna Astarita ’04
  - Maggie Hewes Mallon ’04
  - Mary Lauren Magargee ’07
  - Downtown Egan ’06

- **Class of ’05**
  - Participation rate: 4% (4 out of 103)
  - Monica Burke ’05
  - Anna Lacey Hooven ’05
  - Rebecca Wentzel ’05
  - Elizabeth Zwaan ’05

- **Class of ’06**
  - Participation rate: 6% (6 out of 108)
  - Kayla Acciavatti Tusdale ’06
  - Caroline Egan ’06
  - Julia Dougherty ’06

- **Class of ’07**
  - Participation rate: 7% (9 out of 122)
  - Natalie Burke ’07
  - Stephanie Carroll ’07
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  - Bridget Higgins ’07
  - Elizabeth Kelly ’07
  - Mary Lauren Magargee ’07
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  - Laura Hall ’13

- **Class of ’14**
  - Participation rate: 2% (2 out of 103)
  - Carolyn Cushwa ’14
  - Catherine Napoli ’14
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