

# Marymount Alumni News



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Kevin Willmott served as the master of ceremonies for the Kansas Inaugural Ball in honor of Governor Laura Kelly, Lieutenant Governor David Toland, and other statewide elected officials in January. Kevin is a 1982 Marymount graduate, BAFTA winner and Oscar winner. Kevin said "It was a great honor to be part of the inauguration

of Governor Kelly. She is doing great things for the state of Kansas, and I am proud to support her!"

The second annual Salina Strings Day was held in February at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Center which is the former Marymount College Fine Arts Auditorium. Two of Eric and Wendy (DeLisle) Stein's children, cellists Adele Stein and Derek Stein, were featured. Marymount alumni attended a reception after the concert at the Salina Country Club. John Quinley MC '79 said "It was great seeing all the schools together in one place, and wonderful to feel the Stein connection to Marymount once again!"



Marymount alumni at the reception from left to right: Judy (Kriha) Weber, Derek Stein, Adele Stein, Larry Lysell, Wendy Stein, Teresa Hernandez, John Quinley, Sr. Carolyn Juenemann, Kate Lindsay, Michelle (Cardinal) Dolan. PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN QUINLEY

## Heritage Room News

The Marymount Heritage Room is always accepting donations of memorabilia including yearbooks. Since the Centennial Reunion we



ABOVE: Pat (Sattler) Cardinal wearing her nursing cap and Jaci (Morey) Walsh modeling Darnelle's donated cap and cape.

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have had some great donations. Darnelle (Brestler) Fraser MC '55 donated her nursing cap and cape. She was asked to share her memories of the nursing program that was in its third year.

"My home was in Alda, NE, a small village near Grand Island, where I attended school at St. Mary's Cathedral. It was there that I was taught by the wonderful Sisters of St. Joseph from Concordia, espe-

cially Sr. Rudolph and Sr. Margaret Ann. They were the ones who encouraged me to continue my education at Marymount, where I enrolled in the nursing program on Sept. 7, 1952. Sister Theophane was the director of the program, also a wonderful teacher and mentor."

She shared wonderful details of what it was like at that time and how their nursing classes were different from those who came for the "usual studies" of the college. In her freshman class there were around 45 students and they all "resided in an open dormitory on 5th floor with bunk beds, lockers for closets and two bathrooms." She stated that at the end of that semester, they had a "capping" ceremony, where they officially received their nursing caps and started wearing uniforms. They then also bought their capes and the military style hats which they were to wear when they went out in uniform. She described the procedure of the class being divided into groups for their practical experience in hospitals.

The program required them to take courses all twelve months, with "two weeks vacation each year, one day off each weekend and one weekend off a month." She described their

daily schedule starting with an early mass at the hospital Chapel, breakfast and then to an assigned unit from 7 - 11 a.m. After lunch it was class from 1 - 3 p.m. then back to the hospital from 4 - 7 p.m. followed by study hall until 10 p.m. and lights out at 10:30!

Following two years in the hospital environment, "we returned to Marymount for the final semester of college life" for classes and preparation for the State Board exams. The nursing class participated in the Graduation exercises with the other college graduates.

However, even after the graduation ceremony, they were required to return to the hospitals where they had received their practical education and work there until Sept. 7, 1955. This officially concluded their program, "but there was no ceremony then, just happiness and joy in knowing what we had accomplished and looking forward to what the future held."

----- Darnelle (Brestler) Fraser, class of 1955



DARNELLE BRESTLER  
316, Nebraska

*If you want to visit the Heritage Room or have an item to donate, please email Sr. Carolyn at [scarolynj@gmail.com](mailto:scarolynj@gmail.com).*

## In Memory

† Mary Elizabeth (Schneider) Ryan

MC '44 of Solomon, KS

† Ida (Martin) Mahoney

MC '67 of Ozawkie, KS

† Rita (Mulligan) Bobb

MC '59 of St. Mary's, KS

† Mary Jane (Moore) Mosier

MC '52 of Herington, KS

† Rosalia (Rottinghouse)

Skeels

MC '58 of Concordia, KS

The following notices have been received since the Centennial Reunion. The city is included to help alumni locate the obituary.

† Teresa "Ilene" Hart

MC '62 of Delphos, KS

† Eileen (Stammler) Chew

MC '83 of Hawley, PA

† Christine (Berdon) Versluys

MC '87 of Topeka, KS

† Nancy Schimoler

MC '87 and wife of professor Robert Schimoler of KC, KS

† Patricia "Patty" (Kohn) Cunning

of Tipton, KS

† Theora Phelps

MC '79 of Brookville, KS

† Rita (Diehl) Mason

MC '69 of Cripple Creek, CO

† Ted Gilbert

MC '76 and husband of Kathleen (Martin) Gilbert

MC '76 of Lee's Summit, MO

† Sr. Barbara Berthiaume

MC '62 of Concordia, KS

† Mary Patricia "Pat" (Bushey) Johannes

MC '67 of Manhattan, KS

† Ann (Scholz) Rourke

MC '70 of Omaha, NE

† Sr. Christina Meyer

MC '68 of Concordia, KS

† Dr. John Murry

MC President '81-'85 of Overland Park, KS

† Elaine (Russell) Lyman

MC '69 of Salina, KS