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## TODAY'S PIONEERS, TOMORROW'S TEACHERS

MARIETTA'S EDUCATION PROGRAM RECOGNIZED FOR NATIONAL EXCELLENCE

**ALSO** Marietta celebrates Chlapaty Challenge launch

Alpha Xi Delta holds ribbon-cutting ceremony



# TRANSITIONS



/// Aleah Telek Esparza '09 (left), Emeritus Professor of Petroleum Engineering Bob Chase, and Stephanie Esparza Peloquin '06





/// Dozens of alumni and friends attended the 2024 Marietta College Golf Outing in Houston.



/// Eddie Watson '15, Colton Nutt '17, Daniel Blaine '20 and Derek DePasquale



/// Jeff Hupp '80, Beth Hupp '79, Teresa Hupp Ulbrich and Mark Ulbrich



/// Mark Haffle '86, Jonathan Wine '85, Sebastian Ziaja '20 and Don Conkle '86

## HOUSTON GOLF OUTING

The Marietta College Alumni Golf Outing in Houston, Texas, was established by the late Marty Hupp '86 and Larry Stoltzfus '86. Marty and Larry had a fond appreciation for their beloved Marietta College and Dr. Bob Chase, former Chair of the Petroleum Engineering & Geology Department. Their philanthropic efforts led to Marty and Larry being inducted into the Marietta College Petroleum Engineering Hall of Fame. We continue to honor the legacy that they created every year through this special golf outing.

In 2020, the Marty Hupp and Larry Stoltzfus Endowed Scholarship was established thanks to the contributions of 59 donors whose gifts totaled more than \$26,000. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time Marietta College undergraduate student studying Petroleum Engineering. The first student received the award in 2021. Each year, money raised from the Putting Contest will be directly donated to the Endowed Scholarship.

### Golf Outing Facts

- \$283,000 has been donated over the last 20 years
- Current record amount donated was \$56,674 (2022)
- Over \$150,000 was raised in the last 5 years alone
- 50 Alumni — from the Class of 1979 to the Class of 2020 — participated in the 2024 outing
- More than 50 different companies are represented



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT DR. MARGARET L. DRUGOVICH**

**What makes a great education?**

**T**he answer was clear during Marietta's recent Experiential Education Day. I spoke with student after student about their internships, capstone projects, research, leadership activities, and study abroad experiences. Our students are receiving a quality education that prepares them for careers while ensuring that they learn how to learn and think critically. Their mentors help them to grow in both confidence and competence, cultivating both depth and breadth of understanding.

Trustee Joe Chlapaty H'10, P'97 and I recently spent the better part of a week in Houston visiting Marietta College alumni. Many had graduated from our Petroleum Engineering program, while others received their degrees in math, economics, accounting, finance, education, biology, or English. Everyone was articulate, thoughtful, and successful.

There is a Long Blue through line between those who graduated from Marietta in the 1960s and today's Marietta students: Marietta continues to catalyze the success of students who are filled with promise. In turn, their ideas and creativity open windows to the future that inspire us. This is the way to prepare future leaders. And it still happens, here.

It has been a privilege to lead Marietta over these last 18 months. I am grateful for my colleagues, our alumni and the Board members with whom I have worked. And I have been reminded, once again, that, when you are in a place of learning, hope can be found everywhere.

Provost Kathleen Dougherty is preparing to assume her role as interim president on January 1. Smart and capable, compassionate and thoughtful, I have every confidence that she will continue and advance our important work of these last 18 months. Leadership matters, and I wish Kathleen, you, and Marietta College every success.

I will never be far from Marietta. After all, once a Pioneer, always a Pioneer.

Best,



**DR. MARGARET L. DRUGOVICH  
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For the third year in a row, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, a group of 32 students spent Fall Break in Montgomery and Selma, Alabama, exploring the legacy of Black slavery from 1619 through today.

Marietta's 2024 Experiential Education Day celebrated all areas of experiential learning that current students, like Kayla Peterson '26 (above), have pursued, including individual and group research, internships, education abroad, and creative works. This year's event included more than 100 poster and capstone presentations that spanned disciplines and campus locations.

LONG BLUE LINES // GI SMITH, EDITOR



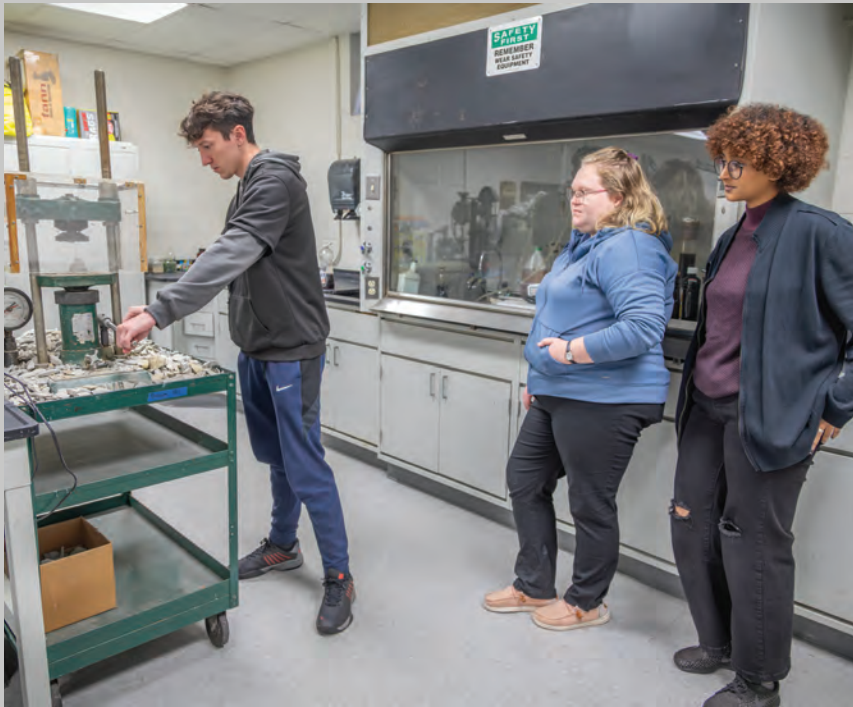
Maybe it's my age creeping in, but these days, the "Sentimental Meter" in my brain goes off the charts every October when I see the leaves changing, the cooler weather setting in, and the truckload of alumni converging on campus for a weekend of fun. This was my 17th Homecoming at Marietta. No, I didn't graduate from MC, but I've learned that if you show up to an event with a notepad and a large camera, they'll let anyone in. Just kidding — you also need a navy blue nametag and to know the right people.

Speaking of nostalgia and knowing the right people, those of you who attended this year's weekend revelry may have noticed a certain Ann Foraker Nicely '03, MCM'05 wearing one of those special nametags. She's back as the Director of Alumni Engagement, joining a few more familiar alumni faces in the Office of Advancement, including Branden Chambers '11, who now leads The Marietta Fund, and Bethany McFarland Leslie '12, who was recently tapped as the Vice President for Advancement. The entire team went above and beyond to make this year a true celebration of lifelong friendship.

It's hard to think of myself as an "outsider" at Homecoming because I have attended so many and met hundreds of alums over the years. I feel as if I've been adopted by so many classes celebrating special reunions — this year's 1974 Golden Pioneers, the 1984 group, the Math & Computer Science breakfast, the Physician Assistant Program's 20th, and the tailgating community — like I'm the neighborhood kid who never seems to go home, though nobody seems to mind.

By the time the Farewell Breakfast in Gilman rolls around, that sentimental meter goes off again, and I'm already looking forward to seeing my alumni friends next year. As an outsider who's been welcomed into this special community, I truly understand why you chose MC all those years ago and why you keep coming back.





Intel ASCENT Grant recipients Elijah Kuhl '26, Kaitlyn Stewart '26 and Mahlet Getahun '27 presented research at the joint meeting of the Eastern Great Lakes Section of the American Physical Society, the Appalachian Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, and the Society of Physics Students, held at Marietta College.



McCoy Professor of Psychology Dr. Mark Sibicky is retiring after the 2024-25 academic year. His department hosted a special gathering for him during Homecoming. "I have been so fortunate to work with great colleagues," he says. "Teaching and working on research with wonderful students at MC has been truly special."

# GEAR UP

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## MC's Board adds distinguished leaders

**T**wo dynamic leaders have joined Marietta's Board of Trustees. Joe Chlapaty H'10 and Tammi Milner Weigand '90 began their terms this year.

Chlapaty is an Entrepreneur (Chlapaty Investments LLC) who also retired from Columbus-based Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. The parent of a 1997 alumnus, Chlapaty previously served on the Board and was Chair of the Finance Committee.

"When my son came here in the fall of 1993, I didn't know anything about Marietta College," Chlapaty shared the day the campus celebrated the announcement of the Chlapaty Challenge (see page 18). "Those ended up being some of the best years of my life, being able to follow my son's journey. This town needs this school. This country needs this school and education like it. The future is bright at Marietta."

Weigand will retire soon from Marathon Petroleum (formerly Marathon Oil), where she has worked since graduating from Marietta with a degree in Accounting.

"I have done what I could since graduating from Marietta to be supportive," Weigand says. "Whether it was a small donation early on or participating in a project with Fifth Street Consulting, I have always felt there was something very special about MC. Now, with retirement months away, I will have more time to devote and would like to give back because without those who helped shape my Marietta experience, I would not have been as successful."

GI SMITH

# Lights ... Camera ... Business!

**S**tudents in Professor Grace Johnson's Intermediate Accounting and Professor Marilee Morrow's Media Production courses shared a unique semester-long assignment that blended financial analysis with broadcast news.

The students worked together to produce two business news segments for WCMO-TV, focusing on motorcycle manufacturer Harley-Davidson and retail giant Target Corporation. Johnson's Accounting students analyzed the companies' financials.

"We enjoyed the collaboration with the Mass 123 team, an excellent experience in a professional broadcasting environment. Presenting the financial statements of Harley-Davidson in a team environment helped a lot in the development of our communication skills for the future," says Evan Cowan '27, a member of the Accounting 301's Team Harley-Davidson, along with Taj Haidar '25 and Braulio Rosas-Clouse '26.

Morrow's production students provided the technical expertise involved in producing, hosting, and recording the TV programs at Studio MC.

"As high communicators, part of our job is to help people feel comfortable in production situations," says Hannah Kroft '25, a student in the Media Production class. "While they were prepared for their segment, we could help keep them from getting nervous."

Kade Demchak '26, Bryce Moyers '26, and Ian Wohnhas '26 made up Team Target. They agreed that the experience allowed them to understand how the production and filming side of media is arranged and how strenuous it is.

"This certainly was an unusual project for accounting students," says Johnson, who modeled it after a project an accounting faculty colleague at Meredith College did with her students. "My Meredith colleague was quite excited and pleased with the way this assignment was tackled by her students. When I approached Professor Morrow about working together on a similar assignment, Morrow was intrigued and agreed to give it a try."

This is not the first time Johnson and Morrow collaborated on pedagogy. In 2009, they traveled to China to co-teach a course at Inner Mongolia University of Science and Technology. They followed this up with another trip in 2010, during which they team-taught a course at Baotou Light Industry College.

Johnson and Morrow share another achievement: they are both McCoy Professors. For the Studio MC project, the faculty members stress that this is another example of the opportunities that Marietta students have to increase their professional flexibility and prepare for life after graduation.

"The students obviously enjoyed using some of the skills they've learned this semester in a professional situation and with people who haven't experienced studio production before," Morrow says. "It's quite fun to see everyone enjoy the process."

GI SMITH



Intermediate Accounting and Media Production students work together to record a Studio MC program.



# Professional PURSUITS

**S**avannah Flusche '25 and Kodi Brenner '25 knew taking on an internship in professional sports to start their fall semester was going to be a challenge, but they also knew it was an opportunity they couldn't pass up.

The two Sport Management majors traveled to Atlanta soon after the start of the semester for a weeklong internship at one of the PGA Tour's premier events — TOUR Championship — after being selected for roles in hospitality with the 1904 Club. "As ambassadors, our job was to manage ticket operations, oversee daily activities, and ensure the best possible experience for 500 to 600 club members who came through each day," Flusche says.

While both students had little exposure to golf beforehand, they found themselves interacting with high-profile guests and managing multiple hospitality venues. "We were up at 4:00 a.m. every day, leaving by 5:00, and working until 8:00 p.m.," Brenner says. "We'd drive back each night and still find time to do homework. It was exhausting but so rewarding."

Despite the grueling schedule, the experience provided them with hands-on learning in the sports industry. Flusche hopes to work in professional sports, while Brenner is more focused on college sports. Both plan to complete a post-grad internship with the NCAA.

Their fall internship opportunity came through a familiar network: Helena Immel '24, a former classmate who also was interning with TOUR. She contacted Sport Management Associate Professor Rick Smith, known for encouraging students to pursue internships and network within the industry, to let him know TOUR had other internship spots open. He passed that information along to current students. "Rick provides so many opportunities to broaden your network and gain real-world experience. If you're not willing to put in the work, you won't make it in sports," Brenner says.

Additionally, Smith recommended they connect with Bill Rosinski '75, a play-by-play announcer for the PGA Tour. The students had dinner with Rosinski and his wife, Jane Kading Rosinski '75, and discussed their experiences as Sport Management students at Marietta.

When Brenner and Flusche returned to their hotel that evening, their first call was to Smith.

"We were so excited talking about everything we had done and the people we networked with," Brenner says. "Every bit of it was worth it, and I'd do it again in a heartbeat. It's all about how much you want to work in sports."

GI SMITH



/// Savannah Flusche '25 (left), Helena Immel '24 and Kodi Brenner '25

## Industry TALK

**D**r. Susan Peterson's Engineering Economics class welcomed a special guest in November. Matthew Peloquin '06, a petroleum engineer who serves on Marietta's Industry Advisory Committee, returned to campus to teach Prof. Peterson's class about the midstream sector.

"I really just want to help the students understand different aspects of the industry and maybe show them portions they may not have been exposed to yet," Peloquin says. "My focus is on midstream — connecting the wells to the market."

Peloquin says a lot of what students encounter in engineering economics can be applied to their personal lives and personal finances.

"The students can get a lot out of this because when they graduate, they're going to want to buy a car, purchase a house, or start thinking about investments," he says.

Before the seminar began, Peloquin caught up with Dr. Bob Chase, who retired in 2015 after 37 years of teaching, and Professor Dave Freeman. Peloquin said it was a pleasure to return to Marietta and engage with faculty, staff, and students while sharing his experiences.

"Relationships are everything at Marietta," Peloquin says. "My wife (MC Trustee Stephanie Esparza Peloquin '06) went here. My brother-in-law and sister-in-law (Adam '09 and Aleah Telek Esparza '09) went here. But it was my sister (Nicole Peloquin Heasley '01) who inspired me to attend Marietta in the first place. It's those relationships, memories, and experiences that keep bringing you back."

Matthew Peloquin '06 works for Harvest Midstream, a company led by CEO Jason Rebrook '96, another proud Marietta alum. Harvest recently hired Carter McCorkle '25, a senior in Land and Energy Management, who interned with the company this past summer and will join Harvest full-time after graduating in May 2025. This connection underscores the strong network of Marietta alumni in the energy industry and highlights how alumni continue to create meaningful opportunities for current students and recent graduates. The leadership at Harvest reflects the lasting impact of a Marietta education and the commitment of its graduates to giving back.

/// Matthew Peloquin '06

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/// Adrienne Hammontree '26 was selected for NASA's Here 2 Observe program, which pairs her with a scientist working on the Europa Clipper Mission.

## NAVY BLUE & QUOTE

*"It is an honor to serve as Interim President and to partner with our campus community as we seek new and innovative ways to extend our tradition of academic excellence to future generations of Marietta College students."*

A champion of higher education and the liberal arts, Dr. Kathleen Poorman Dougherty will assume the role of Interim President of Marietta College on January 1, 2025. Pio Nation welcomes our dedicated new leader!

## A RISING Star

**Y**ou could say that Adrienne Hammontree '26 is a rising star, a rock star, or on a mission — and all three statements would be correct.

A Planetary Science and Geology major pursuing a minor in Geographic Information Systems, Hammontree was selected for NASA's Here 2 Observe (H2O) program.

"The program that I got accepted to was sent to me by (Dr. Andrew Beck, Director of Marietta's Geology Program and Associate Professor of Planetary Science)," Hammontree says. "I applied to it last year. It's called NASA Here 2 Observe, and it pairs you with a scientist on the Europa Clipper Mission. You basically get to watch the mission unfold."

Although she was originally scheduled to travel to Cape Canaveral to meet her scientist and watch the mission's launch, the event was delayed due to Hurricane Milton. Still, Adrienne was able to follow the mission remotely and communicate with her scientist. "And then the other exciting part about it happens in March when I get to go to the Lunar Planetary Science Conference in Texas."

Hammontree's dedication to her education is also evident in her research. In addition to participating in the Here 2 Observe program, she also presented two posters at the Geological Society of America (GSA) Connects conference in Anaheim, California.

"One was on my research that I did for my final GIS class last spring, where I was mapping meteorite fragments from the New Concord (Ohio) meteorite, which we have in Brown," she says. "We have the main mass of it — all 103 pounds. I was looking through historical documents and mapping out the fragments based on the original text of when they recorded the fall."

The second poster, Martian Meteorite Bulk Chemistry Dataset to Aid in Orbital Gamma Ray and Neutron Data Interpretation of Phobos, was based on research she did during the summer.

"Especially of note is that Adrienne won the Society of Sigma Gamma Epsilon's best student poster award for her MMX research," Beck says. "With several hundred undergraduates presenting at the conference, this is a highly competitive award."

The first time Hammontree attended the GSA Connects conference was last year in Pittsburgh, which was a lot more manageable to afford.

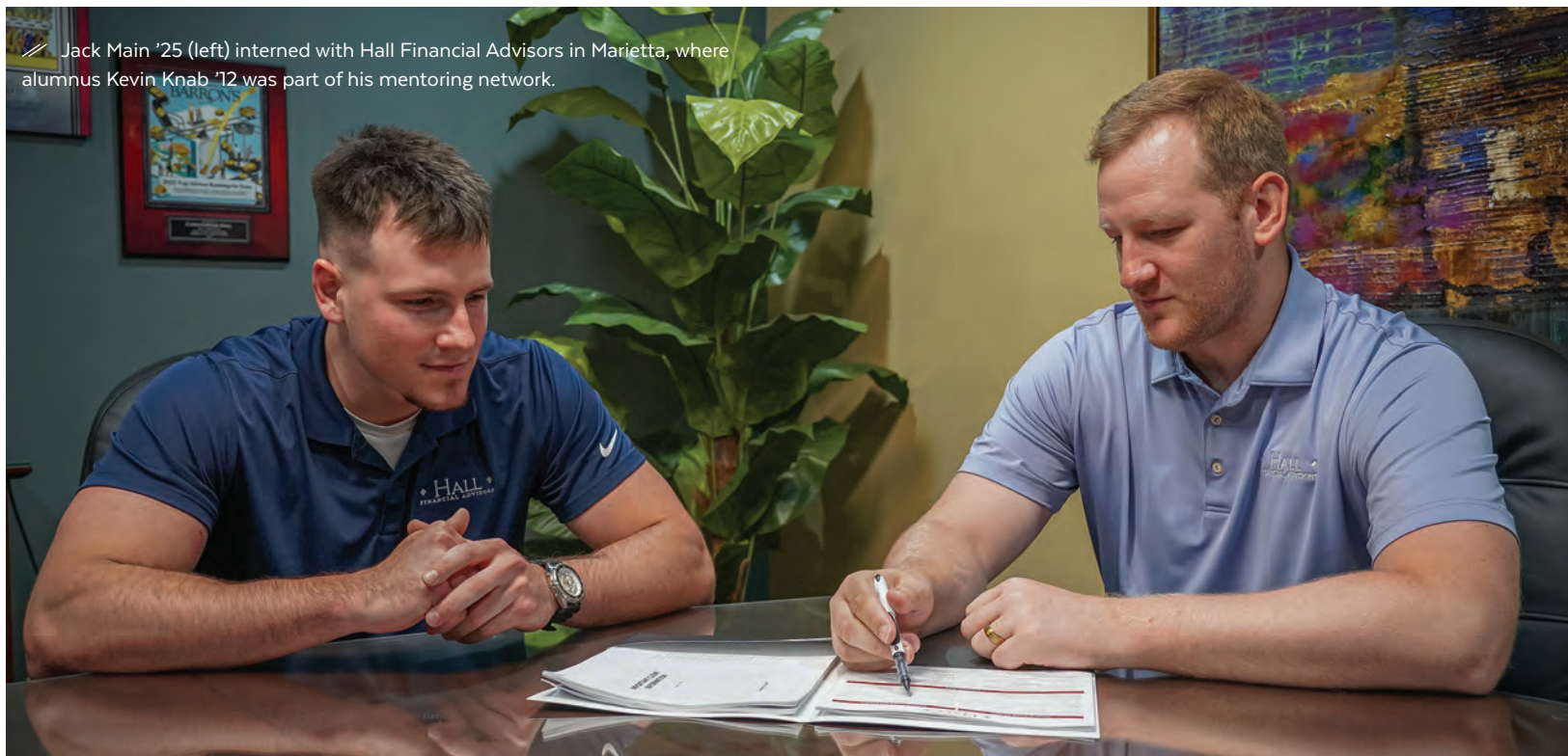
"I was able to go to the conference this year thanks to the Geological Society of America's program called the Onto the Future Program, a program designated for underrepresented groups in geosciences such as women, people of color, people from Native backgrounds," she says. "They gave us a stipend that covered the entire trip."

The program just got a grant from the National Science Foundation, so I get to do this for the next three years, which makes me very happy. I don't have to present every time and in my fourth year, I get to be a mentor during the program. I'm very fortunate to have been accepted."

**GI SMITH**



/// Jack Main '25 (left) interned with Hall Financial Advisors in Marietta, where alumnus Kevin Knab '12 was part of his mentoring network.



## Valuable LESSONS

**A**s Jack Main '25 settled into his summer internship at Hall Financial Advisors in Marietta, he understood the immense value of the opportunity before him.

Sitting across from seasoned financial advisor Kevin Knab '12, Main was fully present, observing each move his mentor makes. His goal? To absorb as much knowledge as possible about the world of wealth management.

"I (spent) most of my time shadowing Kevin, but I also worked on an exciting project reviewing client allocations," Main says. "This internship (was) an incredible chance to explore if wealth management could be my right career path."

It was Knab, the former Pioneers basketball standout who led the team to its first Sweet 16 appearance in 2011, who actively recruited Main for the role. Coach Jon VanderWal, whose high praise of Main originally caught Knab's attention, couldn't be more pleased with how Main has taken to the job.

"Jack (did) a phenomenal job," Knab remarks. "I'm honored to (have taken) him under my wing this summer and impart some invaluable lessons I've learned over the years."

From the top down, the Hall Financial Advisors team was impressed by Main's work ethic and thirst for knowledge. Chris Hall, Founding Partner and CEO, saw tremendous potential in the young intern.

"Jack is exactly the type of hard-working, ambitious professional we seek at Hall Financial," Hall says. "We've been fortunate to bring aboard many talented Marietta College graduates who have elevated our team with their skills. I have no doubt Jack's background and drive will make him a huge asset as he learns our business."

A Winter Garden, Florida native, Main's path to this internship began years prior when he received Marietta's generous scholarship offer to become a Pioneer. Though he had opportunities to play at other Division III schools, the College's competitive team and financial support package made enrolling at Marietta an easy choice.

"I was invited to a prospect camp, and the next thing I knew, I was committed to becoming a Pioneer, and I haven't looked back since," Main says.

VanderWal refers to Main as "one of a kind."

"As a freshman, he was the low man on the totem pole, and I told him I didn't think he was talented enough to play here," VanderWal recalls. "He asked me to keep him on the team and give him a year to prove himself. He told me he would outwork every player in our program and prove he belonged."

While basketball has been a passion, Main remains focused on academics above all else. Thanks to professors like the highly respected Grace Johnson, he found his introduction to Marietta's rigorous coursework challenging and immensely rewarding.

"The classes here have definitely lived up to Marietta's academic reputation," Main says. "Faculty like Professor Johnson are understandably tough, but I've gained so much from them."

Main's status as a Compass Scholar has also been pivotal in his Marietta experience. The \$20,000 scholarship, fully funded by the College, allowed him to make his dream of pursuing a Finance degree a reality.

"Marietta's generous scholarship support was a deciding factor in my college decision," he says gratefully.

Stories like Main's underscore the immense impact of donor-funded scholarships.

"Our donors often ask how they can truly make a difference for our students," says Bethany McFarland Leslie '12, Vice President for Advancement. "My answer is always the same: Gifts to The Marietta Fund and scholarships. Many of our students are first-generation scholars, and this financial assistance is life-changing. It opens doors that may otherwise have remained closed."

TOM PERRY





/// Abigail May '25





# SHAPING

## TOMORROW'S EDUCATORS

### MARIETTA'S TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM SETS THE STANDARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

**E**mma DeWeese '27 recalls the struggle her family faced with a school system that was unable to properly meet her siblings' special education needs. That experience inspired her to choose Marietta College's Teacher Education pathway to dual licensure in Middle Childhood Education and Special Education with a Certificate in Teacher Leadership.

Earlier this year, she shared her personal story during testimony before Ohio state lawmakers in an effort to help pass Ohio Senate Bill 219 — a measure that would reverse the portion of House Bill 33 that condenses grade band licensures to pre-kindergarten through eighth (PK-8), forcing dual preparation programs like Marietta's to change their dual preparation programs.

Marietta has led the way in teacher education since before receiving its charter in 1835. Today, the College continues to pioneer teacher education by providing cutting-edge programs that are modeled by the rest of the state and country. The program has a 100 percent job placement rate and was recognized this fall by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation for national excellence in educator preparation.

Marietta's program is the first in Ohio to offer fully blended licensure programs in Primary Education and Special Education, Middle Childhood and Special Education, Secondary Education and Special Education, and Wellness Education and Special Education. This means that MC's teacher candidates graduate with licenses that give them the option to teach in their specific grade bands or as intervention specialists. Education has also collaborated with the McDonough Center for Leadership and Business to offer the Teacher Leadership Certificate — the only one in the nation offered at the undergraduate level.





/// Kayla Bradley '24 was among the Education interns who made it possible for local children to have educational opportunities like the 2024 STREAM Camp.

"I chose to testify in support of (Senate Bill) 219 because of the impact it will have on the quality of Ohio's education," DeWeese says. "My biggest concern is that by expanding the grade bands, dual licensure programs like ours at Marietta College, will be discontinued. I chose Marietta for the dual licensure program that allows me to major in Middle Childhood Education and Special Education. I believe it is to Ohio's benefit that more teachers are trained in special education to better serve our students. I chose to pursue a career in education for families like mine."

Dr. Nicole Whitaker, Assistant Professor of STEM Education is an expert in middle grades STEM teacher preparation. She explains the potential consequences of consolidating PK-8 grade bands.

"The change to PK-8 and 7-12 is problematic because it dilutes the content and pedagogical preparation for teachers," Whitaker says. "For example, PK-5 licensure provides a solid foundation in child development and instructional strategies for young learners, while middle-level licensure offers deeper content coverage and more advanced instructional techniques tailored for students in those grades."

Though Senate Bill 219 didn't gain the lawmaker support that MC students and faculty hoped it would, the overall experience that Marietta's students had throughout the process demonstrated the types of situational leadership it takes to become a leader in education.

This is not the first time that members of Marietta's Teacher Education Program have taken their expertise to state lawmakers. During the Spring 2024 semester, faculty and students participated in Day on the Square and met with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine in Marietta to discuss the importance of the Science of Reading in teacher preparation.

"This was a very interesting experience because, during Day on the Square, we got to hear a lot from different Congressmen and women and their ideas about education, which aren't necessarily what is known to be the best practices in teaching children," says Kaylee Booth '25, an Adolescent/Young Adult History major. "It made me realize that as a future teacher, I really need to stay engaged with political decisions because they will impact me and my students in the future."

Marietta College also stands at the forefront of the Science of Reading, a new statewide requirement in Ohio. Professor Michelle Elia, an expert on this subject, ensures that Marietta students are prepared to implement evidence-based reading practices in their classrooms.

"I feel like we're on the cutting-edge of everything. I have friends on other campuses who are pursuing teaching and when I talk to them about where they are, I do feel more prepared and ready to go in the field using the Science of Reading," says Jenna Stewart '25, who is majoring in primary Education and Special Education. "I know that it's something that is mandated in classrooms now, so there are teachers in classrooms right now working on getting that certificate. Graduating with that certificate puts me in a better place. Michelle Elia loves the Science of Reading. Having her here has been a point of pride, knowing that she is the expert and we're learning from her."

One of Marietta's most recent examples of Pioneering Education is its Wellness Education and Special Education Dual Major, the only program of its kind in the nation. Dr. Brian Rider, Assistant Professor of Education, highlights the importance of this unique combination.

"There are teaching shortages across the nation, particularly in special education," Rider says. "Our graduates will be highly sought after because they



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*— Jenna Stewart ’25*

will have both a K-12 Special Education certification and the ability to teach wellness education — a critical skill in today’s classrooms.”

Chase Lawrence ’25 is pursuing the Wellness Education degree and minoring in Coaching. As a student-athlete, he’s had a lot of coaches and teachers who made a direct impact on his life. He wants to follow in their footsteps.

“A lot of my friends who are now PE teachers are focusing only on physical education,” Morris says. “Our approach is focused on the whole child — yes, getting the child moving and understanding the importance of being active, but also the mental wellness — putting emphasis on the social/emotional aspect of their health. We want to keep the child moving but also focused on mental health.”

Marietta’s Teacher Education program is designed with a clinical-based approach, ensuring that students gain hands-on experience in classrooms from their first year. Dr. Tanya Judd, Chair of the Education Department, emphasizes the importance of local partnerships that provide dynamic, real-world training opportunities for teacher candidates.

“We call ourselves a clinical program for a reason,” Judd says. “Just as doctors must practice with patients, our students spend significant time in the field working with actual students. This hands-on experience prepares them to be effective educators from day one.”

Stephanie Ogden ’25, an English major pursuing licensure in Secondary Education, chose Marietta because of its size and reputation for success.

“This has been a great experience for me,” Ogden says. “The program gets you into the classroom your freshman year, so you’re fully prepared by the time you graduate. The faculty are unlike any other. During the floods, I had professors reach out to me and say, ‘If you need dinner, come to my house.’ When I walk down The Mall, I pretty much know everyone I pass. My brother goes to [a large university] and he doesn’t have those kinds of experiences. It’s a Marietta thing.”

With its innovative programs, commitment to advocacy, and focus on real-world learning, Marietta College’s Teacher Education program continues to lead the way in preparing the next generation of educators.

GI SMITH



Wellness Education major Sal Laure ’26 works with children at Phillips Elementary School in Marietta.



Starting their freshman year, Teacher Education students like Wellness Education major Grant Moore ’26 gain plenty of experience working with children.





# HOME AGAIN

**F**or sisters of the Alpha Xi Delta fraternity, Homecoming 2024 also signified the return to their beloved home on Fifth Street — 322 Fifth Street.

The fire that devastated the building nearly three years ago sparked a tremendous effort to rebuild, driven by collaboration and dedication. Since 1954, the house has been home to the Beta Xi chapter, where generations of sisters have shared traditions, celebrated milestones, and created lasting memories. During homecoming, alumnae from across the country returned to see their historic home reborn.

In August, the grand house welcomed its first tenants since the November 2021 fire. House Corp Board members Alli Hesson '17 and Dana Harshbarger '14 played intricate roles in working with the contractor, Belfor Property Restoration. Rich Nouza '91, a legal claims representative and Greek alumnus of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, helped dissect the house's insurance policy to ensure the restoration would be covered. Dan Moorman '92, a Delta Tau Delta alumnus, helped build the wishes of the Alpha Xi community into the construction plans when needed. Additionally, Bethany McFarland Leslie '12, Laura Stange Regan '94, Aimee Morgan Stern '93, and Nancey Kaplan McCann '76 played roles in establishing a foundation in order to facilitate a fundraising strategy to replace items that weren't covered by insurance, including a central air system.

During Homecoming, alumnae gathered in front of the house for a special ribbon cutting ceremony, attended by President Margaret L. Drugovich and Ohio Senator Brian Chavez. Alumnae sisters spent the morning touring their beloved chapter house and later gathered at The Vault in Marietta to celebrate all things Alpha Xi.



/// (Above) Alpha Xi sisters pose in front of the historic home on Fifth Street.

/// On Page 12 (From left) Tia Knowlton Lane '98, President Margaret L. Drugovich, Nancey Kaplan McCann '76, Dana Harshbarger '14, Marya Ott, Alli Hesson '17, Ohio Sen. Brian Chavez, Bethany McFarland Leslie '12, Morgan Spradling '18, Meya Derwacter '25, Megan Hesson Smitley '20, Patti Bain Bachner '77, and Laura Stange Regan '94





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/// Built in 1855 for W.P. Skinner, the historic home was purchased by George White, who served as Ohio’s governor from 1931-1935. It was purchased by the Alpha Xi Delta fraternity in 1954, nearly 10 years after being chartered.



/// Alpha Xi Delta alumnae, their families, and current AXI members celebrated sisterhood at The Vault in downtown Marietta.



/// Regina Cawley '85, Lisa Brown Twardzik '83, Marcianne Muzic Laycock '84, and Vicki Stevens Butler '84





/// Current sisters moved into the renovated home in August.



/// Janice Downey Donoghue '75, Diane Rohm Faile '74, Nancey Kaplan McCann '76, Susan Snediker Newman and Patti Bain Bachner '77



/// Lauren Garan '25, Katrina Dunseith '23 and Meya Derwacter '25



/// Kya Proctor '26, Jaclyn Jones '27, Geneva Cech, Marlie Sopczak, Sophia Watson '27, Alyssa Tomlinson '28 and Callie Arison



# SOMETHING *Extraordinary* IS HAPPENING HERE

STORY BY ELIZABETH STEELE  
PHOTOS BY NATHAN REICH AND GI SMITH

Pick up any newspaper, click any news feed. Higher education is under tremendous pressure in this country, perhaps greater than ever before. Colleges and universities are confronting budget deficits, closing some programs while starting others, competing aggressively for a dwindling number of college-bound students, focusing on career readiness, addressing college affordability, and demonstrating ROI. It's a lot to process, even more to manage.

Right here, right now, Marietta College is meeting these challenges head-on. One approach is "Marietta Now," the sustainable operating plan for our future, and it starts with the Chlapaty Challenge.

Marietta Trustee Joe Chlapaty H'10, P'97 and his wife Linda have made a \$500,000 unrestricted gift to The Marietta Fund that will match all new and increased gifts made before December 31, 2024.

Alumni, parents, and friends are stepping up and showing support, knowing that their investment in the College and its students will make double the difference. You are invited to participate.

***"There's a significant need for private higher education in this country and we're part of it. Marietta is a good academic school with good people and that makes it a good investment. Don't sit on the sidelines. We can all do something now to have a positive impact on Marietta and the students. Everyone can be part of this."***

JOE CHLAPATY H'10, P'97

Marietta College parent and trustee, philanthropist, and business leader







Trustee Joe Chlapaty H'10, P'97 is greeted by students celebrating the Chlapaty Challenge.





In about a decade from now, Marietta College will celebrate its bicentennial. Since receiving a charter on February 14, 1835, this Pioneer College has remained committed to the mission to provide a “strong foundation for a lifetime of leadership, critical thinking, and problem-solving.”

Focused on Seven Core Values — an education that is **grounded in the liberal arts**, providing **in-depth programs of study with global perspective and diversity**, and that prepares them for the **world of work**, to belong to a **community**, to **lead** and to be of **service** — Marietta College delivers on its promise to mold students into educated citizens ready to impact their professions and their communities positively.

The Chlapaty Challenge supports The Marietta Fund, which ensures that every student has the resources they need to succeed. It provides the flexibility to meet their needs, enhance their learning, and support faculty who inspire and guide them.

Gezahagn Alameraw '25 is an international student from Ethiopia and Maine whose MC story was made possible by a scholarship funded through Marietta’s financial aid program. As a Chemistry and Mathematics major who hopes to be an orthopedic surgeon with an MD/PhD, he has pursued a variety of experiences at Marietta, including being a Certified Subject Tutor and Peer Educator and serving as President



Students signed a card thanking the Chlapatys for their generosity and presented it to Mr. Chlapaty during the celebration.



Hundreds of students turned out to recognize Trustee Joe Chlapaty during the Board meetings and to thank him for the \$500,000 matching gift he and his wife, Linda, recently made to The Marietta Fund. Their expressions of appreciation ranged from cheers and applause to personal notes handwritten on a super-sized card.





***“I have gained an exceptional amount of experience in college through internships and job shadowing. These opportunities have helped shape my outlook on the world of sports and deepened my passion for a career in the industry. I have never been one to settle for average; Marietta has been the best choice in my preparation for life beyond college.”***

KODI BRENNER '25 OF WEST UNITY, OHIO

Sport Management and Marketing majors

Transfer student; Softball athlete (injured)

Peak pre-professional experience: internship with the NCAA Women's College Basketball Academy

Ambition: To become a Football Director of Operations



of the student group Global Connections. By receiving the Charles Sumner Harrison Scholarship, which The Marietta Fund supports, he can carry Marietta College's mission forward.

“Being part of this community has given me a real sense of belonging and purpose, helping me grow — not just academically, but personally,” Alameraw says. “I want future students to feel the same support that has made my time here so special. Thanks to the hands-on research and internship opportunities at Marietta College, I feel confident and ready for whatever comes next.”

Parkersburg, West Virginia, native Paige Adams '25 understands the importance of supporting The Marietta Fund and the opportunity for donors to double their impact by taking advantage of the Chlapaty Challenge.

“Every gift to Marietta brings us opportunities to grow, to move in new directions, and respond to challenges,” says Adams, a Strategic Communications major pursuing minors in Health Communications and Marketing and a Certificate in Entrepreneurship.

Having supported his alma mater for more than 50 years, Dave Boyd '64, of Waverly, Ohio, most recently made his gift to The Marietta Fund through his IRA distribution. As a first-generation college student, he recalls walking two miles a day, six days a week, to attend classes, including Saturday



***“The faculty pushes our learning past our expectations. Each professor has, at some time, vouched for individual students’ success and supported our transitions into the professional world. Without this engagement and the resources that the faculty provides, I’m sure our students and alumni could not have become as accomplished as we are today.”***

CARSON HALBOWER '25 OF GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT

Petroleum Engineering major, Computer Science minor

Semester abroad studying the petroleum industry and energy transitions in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Two internships, including work in the renewable energy construction industry.

*Ambition: To become a drilling engineer for a company with international resources.*



classes. His degree in Chemistry and his experiences at Marietta led to a 34-year career with Uranium Analytical Services.

“I attribute my success in life to Marietta,” Boyd says. “I got a tremendous education. It was phenomenal. Anything I can do to contribute to Marietta’s young people today, I want to do it.”

Laura Fletcher Buck '89, of Framingham, Massachusetts, was a transfer student majoring in Business and Management and a McDonough Scholar. Among her favorite people at Marietta is Emeritus Professor Sid Potash, who retired from the B&E Department in 2012.

“My professors at Marietta were so positive,” Buck says. “I felt totally supported, never judged. People genuinely cared. I continue to give because I appreciate all that Marietta was for me. It really is a special place.”



/// The Marietta College Alumni Association Council (MCAA-C) sponsored a special Bags & BBQ event for students to kickoff Homecoming Weekend.



Generations of Pioneers look back on their time at MC and see how their education, the growth they had inside and outside the classroom, and the people they met have influenced the direction their lives have taken. Led by Marietta's Advancement Office, the entire campus community is united behind and celebrating the opportunities the Chlapaty Challenge provides to current and future Pioneers.

"Our alumni and friends believe in Marietta College's mission because they've seen its profound impact on our students and on their professions and communities," says Bethany McFarland Leslie '12, Vice President for Advancement. "We are deeply grateful to Joe and Linda Chlapaty for their generosity to inspire others to make a new or increased gift to The Marietta Fund, ensuring even more lives benefit from what makes this place so special."



***"President Jean Scott often said, 'No matter where you go in life, you can always come home to Marietta.' It's true. We can all support each other. And we can all support students today. Whether you have time to give, money to give, or both, it all matters."***

**KATHRYN PATTON '10 OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**

President's Circle donor.

Petroleum Engineering major. Leadership certificate.

Sigma Kappa Sorority. A Marietta Legacy, her father is Bill Patton '66.

Drilling Engineer, Chevron

MCAA Council volunteer. Co-hosts Houston alumni events with Brittany Metcalf '13.

*Professors Bob Chase and the late Gama Perucci introduced Kathryn to alumni who connected her with her first job. That's The Long Blue Line.*



Bill '66 and Kathryn Patton '10





/// The Golden Reunion Class of 1974 and all Golden Pioneers gathered at the President's House for a special reception, followed by a formal dinner in Andrews Hall's Great Room.



/// The MCAA Awards Ceremony honored Nicole Hannaway '16, Tara Van Ho '00, Christine Zernick Suter '84, Jo-Anne Levy Lamoreaux '74, Bob Brucken '56, and Ashley Thomas '14. Also pictured are President Margaret L. Drugovich (far right) and Maureen Morgan '93, MCAA-C Chair (back row).



/// Homecoming King Joshua Radloff '25 and Queen Jordan Cholley '25





/// (From left) Cathy McGuire Eason '74, Diane Maher Burgess '74, Nancy Dow Kramer '74, Sheryl Vaneff Weber '74, and Cheryl Wagner Wootton '72



/// The Class of 1984 celebrated their 40th reunion and also winning the 2024 Day of Giving Challenge, which led to their VIP seating during the Homecoming Football Game.



/// Special class reunions were held throughout Marietta, including one for the 1980s classes at the historic Lafayette Hotel.

MARIETTA COLLEGE HOMECOMING 2024:

# A Celebration of Legacy, Community, and Achievement

**F**or many alumni, Marietta College is more than just an alma mater — it's a second home, a place where lifelong friendships were formed and cherished memories were made.

Marietta's 2024 Homecoming, themed "Reaching New Heights," celebrated this enduring connection. The weekend brought together more than 450 alumni and friends who returned to campus to honor The Long Blue Line.

The weekend was filled with activities that celebrated the past, present, and future of Marietta College. One of the highlights was the Golden Reunion for the Class of 1974, who returned to campus to mark 50 years since their graduation. Their reunion included a campus tour, a visit to the Legacy Library's Special Collections, and a reception at the President's House, culminating in a dinner at The Great Room in Andrews Hall. The Class of 1974 had much to celebrate as they reflected on their years at Marietta and the bonds that have only deepened over time.



# RISING IN THE RANKS

## RESILIENT VRABLE '07 OVERCOMES SETBACKS TO BECOME ONE OF NFL'S BRIGHTEST YOUNG COACHES

PHOTOS BY THE GREEN BAY PACKERS

Jason Vrable '07 learned early on that he must be resilient to navigate the turbulent waters of the NFL coaching ranks. Getting fired not once, but twice in three seasons, would have shaken the confidence of lesser men. But for Vrable, these setbacks were mere speed bumps on his path to greatness.

"When I got fired for a second time, I didn't have the strongest résumé, so I didn't know where I was going to go," he says. "I guess I was back at square one."

With a growing family and the weight of responsibility on his shoulders, the future seemed uncertain when Adam Gase opted not to retain him as the New York Jets ushered in a new era in 2019. But a new door opened soon.

Enter Nathaniel Hackett, a coaching friend from Green Bay, who saw something special in Vrable. Hackett's encouragement led Vrable to join the Packers and new head coach Matt LaFleur, a decision that would prove pivotal.

Fast forward to the 2023 season, and Vrable's reputation as one of the NFL's brightest young coaching minds was cemented this past season.

The Packers had a young receiving corps and quarterback Jordan Love was in his first season as the starter. Under Vrable's tutelage, Jayden Reed and Dontayvion Wicks had huge rookie seasons for Green Bay. Reed caught 64 passes for 793 yards and eight touchdowns, while Wicks caught 39 passes for 581 yards and four touchdowns.

"We had such a young receiving corps, and we just weren't ready early in the season," Vrable says. "We had some athletes, and they had the ability to make a lot of plays, but they weren't up to the standard of what it takes to win in the NFL."

Vrable went to work and coached them up and things started to turn for the Packers. After opening the season with a 2-5 record, Green Bay rebounded and finished the regular season with a 9-8 record and entered the playoffs as the No. 7 seed. The Packers knocked off the Dallas Cowboys on the road and led the eventual NFC Champion San Francisco 49ers late before falling 24-21.

"The guys truly started to believe in themselves. At this level and with the pressure that comes with it, if you go out there and you really aren't confident, it's tough to win," Vrable says. "I kept reminding them in practice that you have to work on your fundamentals and then rely on the fundamentals. All of a sudden, the ball started finding these guys who were preparing like pros. It was

awesome seeing it because you know how much hard work went into it."

Vrable added that LaFleur recently spoke with him about what he needs to do to be considered for offensive coordinator positions in 2025.

"Matt has been very influential in my career," Vrable says. "He's always been the guy who is in your corner, and he pushes you to be more. He's always thinking about the big picture, and he's always thinking about what could be next for his coaches."

Vrable can't remember a time when he didn't love football.

"I remember I started playing middle school football, but my friends also

wanted me to keep playing on the Pop Warner team," he says. "I would go to my middle school practice from 3-5 and the Pop Warner practice from 6-8. I was never the most gifted player on the field, but I loved the mental part of the game."

An undersized quarterback, Vrable tried to outwork everyone at his Pennsylvania high school and again at Marietta College. His grit and determination led to him being a two-time captain for the Pioneers.

"I had to be the hardest worker at Marietta to be the player I was. Through that hard work and passion, for me to be the quarterback at Marietta was the biggest honor," says Vrable, who has three children (Drake, Brooklyn, and Teegan) with his wife, Jill. "We weren't very good at first, but a core group of us wanted to stick around and make Marietta better. The bonds I created at Marietta are so special."

One bond that remains as strong today as it did in the mid-2000s is his enduring relationship with his former coach — Curt

Wiese, who recruited Vrable out of South Park High School in Pennsylvania.

"I remember recruiting Jason, and you could tell he had the energy and ability to be a leader for us," says Wiese, who coached at Marietta from 2003-07, including the final two seasons as head coach. "We had a lot of good players, but Jason Vrable turned our program around single-handedly. He was able to capture the entire team and bring them together."

Wiese has been the head football coach at the University of Minnesota-Duluth since 2013, and has visited Vrable in Green Bay. "I am so proud of everything he has accomplished. I had a chance to sit in on some meetings in Green Bay, and you can see the respect the players and coaches have for him."

Vrable says his former coach influenced him to consider coaching after his playing days were done.



/// Jason Vrable '07





/// Jason Vrable '07 is the Passing Game Coordinator for the Green Bay Packers.





“When I was at Marietta, he always talked to me about getting into coaching,” Vrable says. “He pushed me to find my first grad assistant job, and when that fell through, he gave me my first job as the QB coach at Marietta. He taught me how to become a professional in this business. I owe a lot to him.”

Vrable also stresses that Marietta’s “academics are the real deal,” which has helped him as a coach.

“I took those lessons from football and the classroom when I had to build our receivers’ room,” he says. “You have to get the guys to love one another and play for someone besides themselves. That’s what Marietta did for me and does for so many others. I was blessed to be able to go through that.”

He finished his college career completing 495 passes for 6,102 yards and 41 touchdowns. He also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Medicine. When he was inducted into the Marietta College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018, dozens of his former teammates were there supporting him.

Now, Vrable has a reputation in the NFL as a coach who fully supports his players.

Former Green Bay wide receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling appreciates everything Vrable did to help him early in his career.

“He is hands down one of the greatest coaches I’ve ever worked with,” says Valdes-Scantling, who caught a touchdown pass in Super Bowl LVIII for the Kansas City Chiefs. “He’s a huge advocate for what I’ve done in the league and the growth I’ve had. He’s a good person and one of those guys you love to be around. He’s going to push you to be better, but he’s never going to harp on the mistakes. Coach Vrable never has a bad day.”

The two remain close and are in regular contact.

“After every game, he hits me up. After I got my first contract with KC, he was one of the first people to reach out to me,” Valdes-Scantling says. “He wants to see you succeed as a player and as a person. He actually cares. He’s one of those guys that I take a lot of pride in keeping the relationship.”

Vrable learned early in his career about the power of those relationships. It helped him with coaching opportunities at Robert Morris University, Syracuse University, and the University of Charleston — before he ever thought about getting a shot in the NFL.

**“He’s a huge advocate for what I’ve done in the league and the growth I’ve had.**

**He’s a good person and one of those guys you love to be around. He’s going to push you to be better, but he’s never going to harp on the mistakes. Coach Vrable never has a bad day.”**

**-MARQUEZ VALDES-SCANTLING  
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS WIDE RECEIVER**

“The level I am coaching at has never really mattered,” Vrable says. “Don’t get me wrong, I love being an NFL coach. It’s a dream come true. But the NFL season is demanding. The coaches must do a good job of managing their lives. I’ve been fortunate to catch some big breaks and worked with talented people throughout my career.”

With the encouragement of his wife, Vrable says the time-consuming lifestyle during an NFL season is manageable.

“Jill is our family’s foundation,” he says. “Without her, none of this is possible. NFL coaches are not home often during the season, but when I can be home, she is supportive and allows me to spend quality time with the children and relax. I can’t thank her enough for her love and support through this journey.”

**TOM PERRY**



# HISTORY MAKERS

**V**olleyball head coach Kristy Newman knew this season was going to be special. Talented fifth-year Maggie Fellers '24, MAP'25 was returning, and members from younger classes, including Sophie Evans '25, fit well into the culture that her intact senior class worked hard to cultivate.

"I knew it was going to be special, but if you would have told me that we would be 22-0, I probably would have laughed," says Newman, who was named OAC Coach of the Year for the second time in her 7-year MC career.

Surprisingly, what makes the season so special for Newman doesn't solely lie in the win/loss column, though she is proud of her team's accolades this year, including Fellers' OAC Player of the Year award, and First Team All-OAC honors for Fellers, her sister, Jillian Fellers '25, Emory Spitler '25, Mia Silva '25, and Second Team All-OAC for Keira Shannon '26. Most recently, the Fellers sisters and Spitler were named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III All-America Team, with Honorable Mention recognition, as well as to AVCA All-Region 7 First Team honors.

"Of all the awards, what's the bigger deal?," asks Newman. "Just them. Being able to have this group is so special. They truly enjoy every second they get to spend together. When I first got here, I couldn't have even imagined that I would be able to have this team."

Newman adds that winning is great, and that her Day 1 goal was to win a conference championship, hang a banner and make history.

"But what makes this feel like a dream is who they are off the court. They are amazing people. Their families are amazing. It's not the winning — and believe me, winning is great — it's that I get to be in the gym everyday with

this special group of girls and with my assistant coach (Hadley Florence)."

When Newman recruited Fellers, she could see that the Alliance, Ohio-native was going to be an impact player. When she began recruiting the current senior class, she could see that they would be the team to change the culture of the sport at Marietta. The players have expectations of each other as a team and as individuals. They expect hard work on and off the court. They expect academic achievement.

"And one of our biggest things is that we're going to love each other well in our program," Newman says. "And it's really easy to love each other well when it's rainbows and sunshine, you're winning and everything is going great; but how do you love each other well when you're losing, when one of your teammates makes a bad decision, if they're not going to class or whatever it is, how do you love each other well? That is something that this team has set up to continue."

As Newman and her team began their first NCAA competition in mid-November, there was one more culture change she acknowledged: the fans.

"When I first got here, you could hear a pin drop during games. I could drop my pen and you'd hear the echo. I'll never forget the moment that changed. We were playing Otterbein last year and, before the game, I stepped out for a minute or two and then came back into the gym and said, 'Where in the world did all of these people come from?' And now, there's double the amount of people in the stands. I am so thankful for every single fan whether they're at the game or watching us online. Marietta has a true community — the staff, faculty, students who are supporting each other — and that's what makes our game day experience unlike any other."





# ENDURING MEMORIES OF A LASTING FRIENDSHIP

## BIOGRAPHY

*Karen Carlson Cummings '67/'82 is a retired media and communications leader, living in Fryeburg, Maine. This fall, Karen and Chi Omega sister Paula Currier Eldridge '67 snapped a pic of themselves on the Rialto Bridge in Italy and submitted it to Marietta Magazine.*

**“A**mere 61 years after we first met outside of Elsie Newton Hall on the first day of our freshman year, Paula Currier Eldridge '67 and I recently spent a week together in Venice.”

Their story started out just like so many Pioneers. Arrive on campus as a teen, meet a special group of friends, and begin building a wealth of memories. But in between classes and Chi Omega activities, their friendship was thrown a curveball.

“Halfway through my sophomore year, I got married and I left Marietta early,” Karen says. “We first lived in Pittsburgh, then moved to rural Maine for a decade. But my husband’s family had a glass factory in West Virginia, so we moved down in the late 1970s and were just an hour from Marietta. Paula and I eventually lost touch.”

Being so close, Karen decided she wanted to finish her degree and began working to complete her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. In 1982, she accomplished her goal. Her family moved back to New England, where she worked in communications and media relations. Her work took her to Massachusetts, where she happened to reunite with her freshman-year friend.

At Marietta, Paula majored in Biology. During her Comparative Anatomy class, she was required to do pen and ink drawings, which sparked a love for the art medium that would later lead her to owning her own framing business in Westford, Massachusetts, after a career teaching high school biology and marine science. Paula was running the business when she and Karen began catching up on lost times.

“While we lost touch for a few of those years, we reconnected about 20 years ago and have stayed in contact ever since,” Karen says. “It was like no time had gone by in our friendship. The Marietta and Chi Omega memories still bring back lots of smiles.”

Both retired from their careers, they decided to take a reunion trip to Venice this year.

“It was a very special trip because we were able to see Venice and spend a lot of time together and reconnect. It was a new adventure. Marietta connected us, really, and that friendship has lasted.”



**Do you have a defining Marietta Moment you would like to share?**

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/// (Left) Karen Carlson Cummings '67/82 and Paula Currier Eldridge '67



# CLASS NOTES

**Dale Keyes '67** lives in Tucson, Arizona.

**Dennis (Dino) Di Donato '69** is a psychotherapist and lives in San Francisco, California. "I've been living in San Francisco since 1979. It is one place that truly lives up to its reputation. It provides me with the perfect blend of intense urban life with easy access to the "great outdoors" of California in an environment that supports combining individuality with community action. I've been able to work in the fields that have always been important to me: the performing arts, psychotherapy and politics. The culture of the city has allowed me to be fully myself without a struggle. My partner, Martin Taras, and I were married at city hall the first day LGBT marriage was made legal by our past mayor and current governor Gavin Newsom. We were among the first 600 members of the LGBT community to 'tie the knot.' "

**Penelope Brown Allen '70** is retired from global private banking & living on the beach at the Jersey Shore. "Debate team experience at MC landed me my best job ever."

**Cynthia Collins Wexler '71** lives in Prescott, Arizona.

**Pamela Mavrolas '72** is an Organizational Consultant and lives in Helena, Montana.

**Christopher P. Stewart '72** works for Presbyterian Church (USA) as an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament.

**Helmut E. Reinhardt '73** is retired and living in Rhode Island.

**David Dabro '74** is retired from the New York State Education Department and lives in Waterville, New York.

**Karen Germansky Breen Elia '74** is happy to have moved to a new home in a new Del Webb development. She is a Broker Associate for RE/MAX 10 Lincoln Park.

**Diana Pabst Parsell '74** has been making the news. Her book "Eliza Scidmore: The Trailblazing Journalist Behind Washington's Japanese Cherry Trees," published in 2023 by Oxford University Press, was a finalist for the Society of Midland Authors' 2024 Bernard J. Brommel award in Memoir & Biography. Diana was interviewed about the subject on NBC's "Today" show, Japanese TV network NHK and other media, and has presented author talks at venues ranging from the Betsey Mills Club to the White House Historical Association. See clips at her website, [www.dianaparsell.com](http://www.dianaparsell.com).

**D. Thomas Rimbey '74** is retired and living in East Palestine, Ohio.

**Susan Woodhouse '74** is the Senior Quality Systems and Training Specialist for Meridian Bioscience, Inc.

**Janet Hemink Snow '75** is retired and living in Brecksville, Ohio.

**Janet Dyar Welch '76** retired at the end of 2023 after serving 18 years as a Judge of the Marietta Municipal Court. "During that period, I had the privilege to partner with MC to sponsor several internships with students. Intern responsibilities varied with student interests but included courtroom duties, research assignments, working with probation officers, drafting manuals for specialized dockets certification and public relations projects." She is married to alum **Terry Welch '73**.

**Marc Petock '77** is the Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer for Lynxspring.

**William Talbott Miller '78** retired as a Senior Counterparty Risk Analyst for Fannie Mae.

**Barbara Garneau Kelley '81** was appointed to the National Institutes of Health Council of Councils for a five-year term. The Council advises the NIH Director on matters related to the policies and activities of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI). The NIH Reform Act of 2006, passed by Congress in December 2006, and signed into law by the President in January 2007, established the Council of Councils. Barbara previously served on the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communications Disorders (NIH) Advisory Council, the FCC's Disability Advisory Committee and other advisory boards. As executive director and CEO of the Hearing Loss Association of America in the Washington, DC, area, she is the primary spokesperson for the organization and can be seen and heard on the PBS Newshour, NPR, CNN, The New York Times, WebMD, and other major media outlets. Her published works over the past few decades have established lexicon, changed mindsets and influenced policy and legislation in the hearing health care field. In 2012, Barbara Garneau Kelley received the Marietta College Distinguished Alumni Award. She lives in the Washington, DC, area with her husband of 26 years, William. They have two grown children.



**Ernie Hartong '70** shared his reaction to the Marietta Magazine feature celebrating 150 years of the 'Etta Express: "Great job with the Pioneer Baseball article. As one who was behind the mic with Big John and others at both WMOA and WCMO, I will always be an Etta Express fan. Best memory is when the Pioneers made it to their first World Series, the last year Div. II and III were combined, Rich Galen and I decided on the morning of the finals to drive to Springfield, Illinois for the championship game. After the game we turned around and drove back to Marietta. Coach Schaly and I had a great coach/broadcaster relationship, and I always made it a point to stop and see him when I visited Marietta. I still have the souvenir bat from the first Div. III World Series that was held in Marietta."



# CLASS NOTES



A group of MC friends spent a week on a sailing vacation in the British Virgin Islands. There were four MC couples from the 80s on the trip: **Kevin Berry '83, Heidi Herz Berry '84, Kevin Suter '85, Chris Zernick Suter '84, Jim Scandola '83, Chris Cole Cea '85, Curtis Newstrom '86** and **Lynn Blair Newstrom '86**.

"We left from Tortola — with Jim Scandola and Kevin Suter at the helm — as we ventured from one island to another, stopping to check out the local restaurants, bars, beaches and sites. Reminiscenced about times at Marietta and made more memories! A great time was had by all," says Chris Suter.



**Lacey (Wilson) Thomas '03** (Sigma Kappa) was elected to Whitehall Borough Council in November of 2023. She is serving a four-year term 2024-2028 and is excited to be involved in local government and her community. Lacey is also a Training Advisor for New York Life where she has worked for over 10 years.



**Bruce Blodgett '90** (Delta Upsilon) and **Jackie Darquea '91** (Alpha Xi Delta) shared a photo taken at their daughter, Emma's, wedding that included (from left) Michelle Baukema, **David Keck '90** (Delta Upsilon), **Dave Baukema '90** (Delta Upsilon), Jackie, Bruce, and Teresa Mangin.



These lovely ladies in the MC Class of 1996 are celebrating 50 years just like Doo Dah Day! The group gathered in Savannah, Georgia this past weekend to embrace 50 and celebrate 32 years of friendship while remembering some hilarious Doo Day Day and MC memories. Go Pioneers! (Bottom, from left) **Maren McElwee Bicknell, Jennifer Hiser Smith** (Top, from left) **Heather Cline Hanshaw, Emily Egbert Sollman, Jennifer Ward Mitchell**.

**Bonnie Eisenhart Howson '84** lives in Anderson, South Carolina.

**Jill Reichard Stewart '84** retired from teaching high school math — "The best 20 years ever! I loved (most) moments and look forward to what this next stage of life brings."

**Donna Bartlett '87** is an EHS Manager for PPG.

**Larry Fizer Jr. '87** and **Kimberly Springer Fizer '87** have moved from Frisco, Texas, to St. Clairsville, Ohio. Larry works for Patterson Drilling and Kimberly is a retired teacher. They have two children: Michael, 30, is married to Jaycee, and Katie, 21, is graduating from University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Bio/BioChem. "We are enjoying being closer to our parents and seeing college friends at Homecoming and throughout the year."

**Ron Patterson '02** is the President of Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska, and was inaugurated in April.

**Monica Aimee Wright '02** is the Director of Finance for J&O Plastics Inc. and is living in North Royalton, Ohio.

**Meghan Auker '06** is a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Analyst for Brotherhood of St. Laurence.



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**Staci Stephen '00** is the Executive Director of United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley and lives in St. Clairsville, Ohio. "I attended the Women's Leadership Summit recently in West Virginia. I sat down for dinner on the first night with nine other women also attending the event. After some discussion, we realized that three of the 10 women, had graduated from Marietta College." Pictured from left are **Sam Daniels Cusimano '01** (Journalism major who is the Director of Development for Generation West Virginia), **Staci Stephen '00** (Allied Health major who is the Executive Director of the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley) and **Kaitlin Pottmeyer Miller '16** (Petroleum Engineering major who is the Senior Production Engineer for Southwest Energy)

**Jessie Mae Guidry Baginski, Ph.D. '08** is the Director of Programs for the Association of Leadership Programs.

**Kurt Wile '08** is an athletic training working for Memorial Health System.

**Mark Goudy '12** recently moved to Bloomington, Indiana, where he will be the House Director for Alpha Sigma Phi at Indiana University.

**Derek Hennen '12** is a field zoologist for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and lives in Richmond, Virginia.

**Christina M. Beltran Revilla '13** is a Business Development Director for Alimotive Inc. and is living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Katie Talkington '16** was promoted to Human Resources Business Partner – Distribution Centers with Emerson in Southaven, Mississippi.



**Layne Archer '17** and Ryan Harris were married on August 5, 2023, in Zanesville, Ohio. In attendance were Front row (left to right): **Rebecca Tenney '18**, **Amisha Herd-Estep '18**, Ryan Harris, **Layne Archer Harris '17**, **Trinity Schlabach '16**, **Emma Luciano '20**, **Erika Massie '18**, (Back row, from left) **John Wheeler '05**, **Brendan Mulholland '18**, **Chandler Kuhn '18**, and former MC employees Katie Cretin, Sarah Stoughton, Madelynn Gibson and Sean Kaighin.



**Courtney Wentz '17**, married Connor Estes on June 20, 2024. Several Chi Omega sisters attended the June 22 reception, including **Kali Miller '18**, **Megan Pennock '18**, **Carey Becker Steinriede '17**, **Rachel Brown '17**, **Tara Moore '18**, and **Morgan Frederick Klauscher '17**. The couple live in New Albany, Indiana, where Courtney is a Marketing Specialist at Isaacs & Isaacs Personal Injury Lawyers.

**Joshua Daniell '18** is a data scientist for GeoControl Systems. He and his wife, **Nicole Macke Daniell '19**, live in League City, Texas.

**Jake Duvall '18** is happy to be back in Houston working as a Business Development Officer with Lane Gorman Trubitt, LLC. Previously, Jake worked at Bonton Farms in Dallas, where he helped grow the organization. Bonton Farms is a nonprofit organization that endeavors to disrupt systems of inequity through urban agriculture.

**Matt Chih '20** earned a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado in May, and recently started at Skyloom Global as a Test Engineer.

**Matthew T. Montgomery '20** lives in Yorktown, Virginia.

**Jillian Middleton '24** is working as an Assistant Auditor at Auditor of State – Ohio.



**Thomas C. Pfizenmaier '76** (Lambda Chi Alpha) recently published his second and third books — *Whatever Became of Love* — *An Invitation to Rethink Everything* and *For My Daughters* — *A Father Reflects on Family, Friendship and Faith*.

In *For My Daughters*, Pfizenmaier “shares the life lessons, experiences, convictions and stories which have shaped how he does life.” *Whatever Became of Love* “is written for those who want grow in love. This book is written for those who long for a place to stand with confidence in a trembling world. This book is written for those who suspect our civilization is running on fumes and want to help.”

His books are available on Amazon.com.



**Dr. Edwin Michael '59** published *Eagles Over Canaan* this year through Quarrier Press. It is available on Amazon.com.

“In *Eagles Over Canaan*, we get to know bald eagles as they construct a nest, hunt, mate, and rear ever-hungry nestlings. Readers are rewarded with an insightful, in-depth glimpse of their lives and the challenges they face.”

Michael spent 30 years researching the wildlife of Canaan Valley, West Virginia. This fact-based, fictional novel provides an excellent understanding of eagles’ connectedness to the wetland ecosystems and diverse habitats of the unique, high-altitude mountain valley.



## IN MEMORIAM

### Richard A. Galen '68

Author, political columnist and dedicated alumnus Rich A. Galen '68 passed away in August. He was known nationally for his political column, Mullings, which reached more than 400,000 readers each month and was a frequent contributor to television network news programming on ABC, MSNBC, NBC, FOX and CNN's Larry King Live. He was also the former Press Secretary for Vice President Dan Quayle and Newt Gingrich. At Marietta, he earned the Trustee Emeritus title and was inducted into the Hall of Honor in 2013.



### Virginia McCoy H'09

Lifelong Marietta College supporter Virginia “Jinny” McCoy H'09 passed away in September. Like her grandfather, John H. McCoy, her father, John G. McCoy '35, her uncle, Charles W. McCoy '42, and brother John B. McCoy, Jinny was committed to helping the College as a dedicated Trustee and as a benefactor. In addition to giving generously to priorities such as the Legacy Campaign, the Jean Scott Endowment, and The Marietta Fund, she also established the Virginia McCoy Scholarship, which is the second full scholarship that bears her family's name. The Erwin Academ member was given honorary alumna status in 2009.



### Laura Baudo Sillerman '68

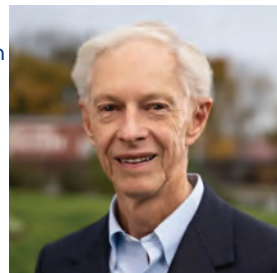
Poet, author and philanthropist Laura Baudo Sillerman '68 passed away in October. Involved in numerous philanthropies, she, with her late husband, Robert F.X. Sillerman, founded The Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy at Brandeis University, The Tomorrow Foundation, and The African Poetry Fund and Book Series (co-founded with poet



Kwame Dawes). To Marietta College, she was a devoted alumna whose involvement as a Trustee and a donor led to transformational growth — including the addition of the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center, the Legacy Library, the Legacy Campaign (as a Co-Chair with Rob Dyson '68) and the This is The Time Campaign (as an Honorary Co-Chair with Mr. Dyson). Laura was a Life Associate Trustee, the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (2007), and a 2018 inductee in the College's Hall of Fame.

### David W. Worthington '66

Industry leader, philanthropist and education advocate David Worthington '66 passed away in February. After earning a degree in Geology from Marietta, he continued his education with the help of a Texaco Fellowship at the University of Utah and Virginia Tech, earning a M.S. in Geophysics. He began working in the oil industry in Houston and later took over a geophysical company, TGS Geophysical Company. After merging with NOPEC, it became the fourth largest such company in the world. For Marietta, David served on the Board of Trustees and was a major supporter of the Legacy Campaign. In addition to supporting the campaign overall, he and his wife, Beverly, made a transformational gift that led to the creation of the Worthington Center for Teaching Excellence.



### Dale Van Voorhis '63

Amusement park entrepreneur, accounting and finance professional and former standout student-athlete Dale Van Voorhis '63 passed away in October. Starting out in the accounting office at Cedar Point, Dale and a group of entrepreneurs later purchased several amusement parks in Ohio. He later formed his own amusement park consulting firm. At Marietta, he was a Dad Vail champion coxswain and captain in his senior season. He was inducted to the Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998, served on the MC Athletic Founders Board, and also made a lead gift to the Crew Endowment.





# IN MEMORIAM (CONT.)

## 1940s

**Stanley S. Katz '49** of Southbury, Connecticut (2/5/2024).

## 1950s

**Mary L. Kennedy Mills '50** (Chi Omega) of Greensburg, Pennsylvania (9/26/2024).

**Stuart M. McDougale '51** (Alpha Tau Omega) of Parkersburg, West Virginia (3/30/2024).

**Grace L. Collins Trimm '51** (Chi Omega) of Sarasota, Florida (9/20/2024).

**Jacqueline M. Allen Bobbitt '52** (Alpha Xi Delta) of Salem, New Jersey (7/8/2024).

**Helen Carlsen Waddle '53** of Ellensburg, Washington (8/12/2024).

**Ann E. Bole Parlin '55** (Alpha Xi Delta) of Worthington, Ohio (6/10/2024).

**Diane Hart Day '56** (Chi Omega) of Norwalk, Ohio (4/22/2024).

**Raynald A. Lane '56** (Magna Cum Laude, Alpha Sigma Phi) of Springboro, Ohio (12/6/2022). Survivors include sons, **Christopher Lane '87** and **Bruce Lane '85**.

**Marcia A. Flower MacCullagh '57** (7/26/2024) and **Richard E. MacCullagh '57** (10/24/2024) of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Survivors include a son, **Bruce S. MacCullagh '84**.

**Clyde D. Watson '57** (Alpha Sigma Phi) of Zanesville, Ohio (7/7/2024).

**Jean Pierre Jeantheau '58** of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas (9/18/2024).

**Betty N. Mack '58** (Sigma Kappa) of Black Mountain, North Carolina (5/24/2024).

**James E. Black '59** (Lambda Chi Alpha) of Hermitage, Pennsylvania (7/21/2024).

**Charles Gates Dawes '59** (Delta Upsilon) of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (8/30/2024). Survivors include his spouse, **Jeanette Watson Dawes '59**.

**Rocco Domenick Manzo '59** (Lambda Chi Alpha) of Washington, Pennsylvania (8/28/2024).

**Katherine E. Angermann Neiley '59** of Hendersonville, North Carolina (7/14/2024).

**Charles R. Uhl '59** of Parkersburg, West Virginia (8/17/2024).

**William R. White '59** (Alpha Sigma Phi) of Upland, California (2/11/2024).

## 1960s

**George M. Davis '60** (Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Beta Kappa) of Falmouth, Massachusetts (6/19/2024).

**Peggy A. Beaver DeVol '60** (Alpha Xi Delta) of Williamstown, West Virginia (9/15/2024). Survivors include her spouse, **Larry P. DeVol '60**.

**Bettina Geyer Thompson '60** (Alpha Xi Delta) of Tucson, Arizona (3/12/2024).

**Arthur (Leckowitz) Lawrence '61** of Morganville, New Jersey (10/16/2024).

**Susan Banva Leslie '61** of Palm Beach, Florida (2/12/2024).

**John R. Nesselroade '61** of Charlottesville Virginia (7/24/2024). Survivors include his spouse, **Carolyn S. Boyles Nesselroade '58**.

**Charles C. Raines '61** of Arlington, Texas (3/21/2024).

**Joan L. Hoffman Debolt '62** (Sigma Kappa) of Bradford, Pennsylvania (3/22/2024). Survivors include her spouse, **David L. Debolt '61**, and a daughter, **Kathleen J. Debolt Jarzabek '87**.

**Gordon K. Huddleston '62** of Orangeburg, South Carolina (10/6/2024).

**Ira P. Mersack '62** of Lexington, Kentucky (4/10/2024).

**Patricia J. Bailey Fenton '63** of Willis, Texas (6/27/2024).

**Robert R. Johnson '63** of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio (9/24/2024).

**James W. King '63** (Alpha Sigma Phi) of Marietta, Ohio (9/12/2024).

**Lloyd L. Rich '63** (Tau Kappa Epsilon) of Denver, Colorado (6/2/2024).

**Elizabeth Ziegler Skeels '63** of Lisbon, Ohio (8/9/2024).

**Earl E. Homsher II '64** (Phi Beta Kappa) of Los Angeles, California (1/29/2024). Survivors include his spouse, **Dianne Smith Homsher '65**.

**Gary E. Keeton '64** (Tau Kappa Epsilon) of Harmony, Pennsylvania (6/15/2024).

**Carter B. Whittaker '64** (Delta Upsilon) of Ocean Park, Maine (3/1/2024). Survivors include a sister, **Sharon A. Whittaker Roberts '68**.

**Judith K. Moss Rourke '65** (Sigma Kappa) of Framingham, Massachusetts (2/27/2024).

**John M. Christena '66** of Davidson, Michigan (6/5/2024).

**Virginia L. Dyson '66** (Chi Omega) of Tampa, Florida (8/11/2024).

**Norman Mansson '67** (Delta Upsilon) of Seabrook, South Carolina (8/10/2024).

**Gregory N. Strouse '67** (Delta Upsilon) of Parkton, Maryland (2/18/2024).

**Robert X. Louys '68** (Alpha Sigma Phi) of Brandon, Mississippi (2/16/2024).

**Robert H. Forbes '69** (Delta Upsilon) of Marietta, Ohio (5/14/2024). Survivors include brothers **George R. Forbes '72** and **Thomas W. Forbes '64**, and sisters **Susan E. Forbes '71** and **Cathryn C. Forbes Hamman '74**.

**Ray V. Nelson '69** of Detroit, Michigan (7/25/2024).

**Ruth A. Bode Richeson '69** (Sigma Kappa) of Delaware, Ohio (4/11/2024).

## 1970s

**Margaret Jocke Newman '70** (Sigma Kappa) of Malvern, Ohio (5/10/2024).

**Deborah B. Swanson '70** (Alpha Xi Delta) of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida (4/30/2024).

**Gary M. Caruso '71** of Carlsbad, California (4/11/2024).

**Susan L. Schoonover Mahnken '71** (Sigma Kappa) of Melrose, Massachusetts (3/27/2024). Survivors include her spouse, **Mark F. Mahnken '70**.

**Andrew J. Weaver '71** (Delta Epsilon) of The Woodlands, Texas (8/28/2024).

**Timothy A. Beardsley '72** of Lowell, Ohio (4/15/2024). Survivors include a son, **Ryan A. Beardsley '04** and a daughter, **Michelle L. Goodwin Richards '97**.

**Norene Ritter '73** (Sigma Sigma Sigma) of Vineland, New Jersey (10/11/2024). Survivors include a brother, **Theodore H. Ritter '70**, and a sister-in-law, **Jean Schwartz Ritter '72**.

**Judy C. Pegues Browne '74** of Washington, D.C. (4/22/2024).

**John P. Hibler '74** of Zanesville, Ohio (5/29/2024).

**Walter L. Riley '75** of Houston, Texas (6/7/2024).

**Gregory M. Harley '76** of Duluth, Georgia (4/25/2024).

**Michael M. Leslie '76** (Tau Kappa Epsilon) of Rye, New York (3/6/2024).

**Jane M. Eddy '77** (Alpha Xi Delta) of Athens, Ohio (8/19/2024).

**Mary J. Allen Brown '78** of Davisville, West Virginia (2/13/2024).

**Jeffrey M. Long '78** (Delta Upsilon) of Chester, Pennsylvania (8/1/2024).

## 1980s

**Steven L. Cooper '80** of Fleming, Ohio (6/5/2024).

**Don S. McDonald '80** (Lambda Chi Alpha) (7/12/2024).

**Lowell R. Crane '82** of Chardon, Ohio (4/23/2024). Survivors include his spouse, **Jane Lawrence Crane '82**, and a son, **Brandon L. Crane '09**.

**Dennis R. Burchett '88** of Venetia, Pennsylvania (4/21/2024).

**Katharine E. Carr '88** of Lebanon, Tennessee (4/19/2024).

## 1990s

**Kim Sanford McGrew '90** of Marietta, Ohio (2/12/2024).

**Jill E. Goeller Whitted '96** of Marietta, Ohio (10/10/2024).

## Former Faculty

**Eric J. Fitch** (Associate Professor of Environmental Science/Studies) of Marietta, Ohio (6/24/2024).



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*I truly believe Marietta College is a place where you get out what you put in, and I can't wait to see what amazing things future Pioneers have in store.*

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COLIN WALTERS '25, HILLARD, OHIO

Physics and Mathematics major

Rickey Scholar, Certified tutor; experienced researcher on NSF-funded projects

Co-founder/President, Marietta Mindset club; Certified Peer Educator; Resident Assistant

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*"I always want to grow my knowledge, but I also care about growing the team under me and giving them the opportunities and mentoring — the 'giving back' aspect that I learned at Marietta. ... "I would say that the foundation Marietta gave me was fantastic. When I think about the Leadership Program and the debates around 'What makes a good leader?' and 'What's the difference between a leader and a manager?' those are the conversations I remember — it's what I wanted to emulate when I had the opportunity to be a leader or be in a leadership position."*

— **Melissa Yusko Clawson '05**

**BIOGRAPHY:** As a Public Accounting major at Marietta College, Melissa Yusko Clawson '05 set a professional goal to work for one of the Big 4 four accounting firms. After graduate school, she began her career path in Ernst and Young's internal audit and advisory services program. The McCoy and McDonough Scholar continued to diversify and develop her abilities in her field and as a leader at EY, which led her to her current role as the Chief Audit Executive at The Wendy's Company. At this stage in her career, Clawson has a lot of expertise to offer, and she is actively pursuing ways to give back. During her time on the Marietta College Alumni Association Council, she volunteered to speak to current students through the Connect 4 Series, which is a panel discussion between students and alumni working in specific fields who can offer guidance about their professions.