Dear Alums, Benefactors and Friends,

In my last update for the winter edition of Take Note I spoke of the STAR program (Students and Teachers Aiming and Reaching) we are introducing in September for a cohort of 25 freshmen whom we believe will benefit from a more extensive and extended program of instruction in the Ursuline tradition. Lisa Harrison, our principal, and our staff are ready for the challenge and look forward to the opportunity to engage new students in this journey we call “education.”

We have also decided to take a major leap forward by partnering with 3W International to bring to AMSU girls from China starting in September. At present, two high schools in the Archdiocese are involved in the program: Kennedy in Somers and Burke in Goshen, both of which have been involved in the program for 3 years. I have resisted this program in the past for two reasons: first, we would be required to find the host families for these students and second, the liability issues the school would confront if a student had an adverse experience with the host family we selected. In negotiations with 3W International it was decided that another vendor will seek out the host families, leaving AMSU with the sole task of educating these students. We are looking forward to the possibility of admitting up to 10 girls from China for the 2013-14 academic year. This will require a shift in the allocation of financial resources as we anticipate the hiring of an ESL teacher for these students, since their language proficiency in English varies. On the up side we are seriously considering the introduction of Mandarin as a language offering for the 2014-2015 academic year once we have had the opportunity to assess this new venture. Here at AMSU we are excited by the opportunity of expanding our diversity by making a connection with young people from China.

On a completely different subject, I urge you to support the Education Investment Tax Credit legislation pending in Albany. Despite the wonderful, continuous generosity of our alums and friends, more help is needed to offer Catholic education as a viable alternative to public education. Please, seriously think of signing a petition by clicking http://action.investined.org/archnewyork or http://bit.ly/VE7cwx. This bill was approved by the state senate and is awaiting action in the state assembly (#A.1826). Catholic education is at a major crossroads in America. Your vote can make a difference here in New York and for AMSU as we prepare for our 160th anniversary.

As you receive this Take Note I will be on military duty at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu. I am looking forward to the trade winds restoring my energy as we prepare for the launching of our Capital Campaign on November 2nd in honor of our upcoming 160th anniversary. Enjoy the rest of your summer. If you are in the neighborhood of AMSU, stop by and say hello. You are always welcome.

Sincerely,

Fr. John A. Vigilanti
President
Dear Alumnae, Benefactors, and Friends,

Education is indeed a journey. Traditional schooling as we have come to know it, however, is not necessarily consistent with this image. Instead, it is flat and lacking in dimension; it does not do justice to the all-encompassing educational experience a quality Catholic institution such as AMSU provides.

In educating, we have many obligations. We tend not only to academic needs; we tend also to social and emotional needs. We teach curriculum and facilitate the development of skills, absolutely. But we also work to develop faith, model values and good character, and encourage spiritual enlightenment through self-reflection and a life lived in relationship with God. We help our students to discover themselves, explore their behaviors and motivations, develop and pursue their talents, and come to understand their role in the world in preparation for the next phase of their journey: real life.

The journey of education is complex, and these times and our students’ needs are quite challenging. As we honor St. Angela’s wisdom in our calling and strive to be faithful to that which God has called us, we acknowledge your role in the process and we appreciate you for all that you have done:

Thank you, for generously financing an excellent education for well-deserving young women in need and for supporting their academic efforts and fostering their dreams for a successful future.

Thank you, for supporting AMSU’s administration, faculty, and staff in their efforts to facilitate an academically excellent and morally sound values-based curriculum.

Thank you, for sustaining AMSU’s unique family atmosphere by remaining actively involved, supportive members of the school community.

Thank you, for demonstrating commitment to the mission and vision of Ursuline education.

Thank you, for living like St. Angela and cultivating the vine that has been entrusted to you.

Thank you for supporting us all through yet another academic year at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula.

Happy Summer!

Lisa Harrison
Principal

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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Alumnae and Friends,

The Development Committee has been meeting regularly to work on AMSU’s 160th anniversary capital campaign, “Ensure Their Future.” On Saturday, November 2nd, we are inviting alumnae to AMSU for a kick-off celebration; Mass in the chapel and a reception in the auditorium. Please mark your calendars for this special occasion. We will announce what our goal is and where we are in the campaign.

AMSU has been fortunate enough to have a very generous alumna dedicate her time to assist in the campaign. Kerri Gould Reynolds ’86 volunteered to help develop a campaign strategy and work behind the scenes for about a year. Kerri received a wonderful job opportunity with Microsoft in Washington state she just could not pass up. All of us here wish Kerri well and we deeply appreciate her laying the groundwork for the campaign. As luck would have it, another alumna has offered to help with the campaign, Sr. Kathleen Finnerty, O.S.U. ’56. The Development Committee looks forward to working with Sr. Kathleen. Please join us in welcoming her on board!

Every year at this time I announce where we are in our annual fund. Currently, we are approximately $300,000 short of our goal. Please know that our donors have been extremely generous to AMSU. However, our needs continue to increase, especially in financial aid. We awarded approximately $1 million in financial assistance to families in need this year. Without this help, many students would not have been able to enroll even with our modest tuition of $6,975. In order to make our annual fund goal, I am asking 300 alumnae to consider making a donation of $100 by August 31st. AMSU alumnae have always put their alma mater first amongst their charitable giving. I hope you will consider participating in this appeal.

The Development Office is open during the summer months. If you are in the area and would like to stop by for a visit, please contact our office so we can give you a tour. All of us here wish you a restful summer.

Warm Regards,

Anna E. Parra
Executive Director of Development
...Teachers, our beloved teachers, thank you so much for caring, helping, pushing us and reminding us that we can always do our best. Guidance counselors, thank you for helping us through this difficult college application process.

Above all, we thank God, our Almighty, for getting us to this moment! I know we all wish we could have this moment for life!

When we first entered AMSU, I am sure none of us was aware that we would make such great sisters and that AMSU would become a home to us...

...This day seems impossible because so much has happened in what feels like a few moments. Here we are celebrating a rite of passage that represents how much we have grown, but deep inside we sometimes feel like Peter Pan. We don’t want to grow up. Even though we are excited to embark on a new beginning, we cannot help but to secretly hope for Tinker Bell to coax us awake and transport us back to our innocent years. However, that is not our story. As this chapter in our lives comes to an end, we have arrived at the first page of our own stories. Living will prove to be the greatest adventure. As John Green once said, “You are so busy being you that you have no idea how utterly unprecedented you are” ...

We congratulate the graduating seniors of the Class of 2013. This year 50 percent of the graduating senior class received academic scholarships for college from the schools themselves or through supporting foundations and programs.

Our Valedictorian, Sandra Tsikor, will be attending the University of Pennsylvania. She also received substantial academic scholarships from Marist College, Syracuse University and American University.

Our Salutatorian, Kejana Ayala, received the Lehman College Foundation Scholarship and will be attending CUNY Lehman College. The Lehman Scholars Program (LSP) is designed for capable and highly motivated students who have the desire and ability to pursue a somewhat more independent liberal arts course of study. The program offers the advantages of a small, intimate college, including special courses, seminars, and individual counseling. Students are also awarded a full-tuition scholarship.

Ashlynn Sarubbi received a full tuition Posse Scholarship totaling $185,000 to attend Franklin & Marshall College. Founded in 1989, Posse identifies high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. Posse extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams of ten students. Posse partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships.

Amber Milan received an academic scholarship from the College of New Rochelle in the amount of $64,000. Additionally, she was chosen to be an Ursuline Leader where she was awarded an additional $8,000 to be applied toward room and board. The Ursuline Leadership Program is an exciting opportunity for graduates of Ursuline high schools to be part of the CNR Community. As a student with previous experience in an Ursuline educational environment, these leaders enrich the college community with that experience and commitment to faith. Ursuline Leaders serve as peer educators and leaders, working with the Office of Campus Ministry to enhance the Catholic and Ursuline mission of the College.

If you are interested in reading the complete commencement speeches, scan this QandR code from your smartphone.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013 as they continue to learn and live their “Serviam” motto! Graduates earned close to $4 million in scholarships to college.
On Tuesday, April 30th, five Chinese representatives from 3W International, a foreign student placement firm, visited AMSU, Cabrini, and Moore high schools. At present, two high schools in the archdiocese, Burke in Goshen and Kennedy in Somers, accept students from mainland China. AMSU has decided to join the program. The purpose of the visit was to have a feel for the school in order to effectively market AMSU in China. Our visitors were escorted by two of our ambassadors, Daniela Cabral ’14 and Sorinil Barea ’14, and Fr. Vigilanti. They arrived at 3PM and were treated to our guitar club and solo vocalists’ practice for our spring concert. In addition, they were impressed by the display of student artwork throughout the school. 

Our visitors were presented with gift bags of AMSU memorabilia prepared by our development office. AMSU is looking to accept anywhere from five to ten freshmen from China next September. Much depends on volunteers who will be willing to host these students in their homes for a set fee. If you are interested, contact Fr. Vigilanti for further information at jvigilanti@amsu.org.
Hairspray

AMSU Players performed “Hairspray” on March 22, 23 and 24 in the AMSU auditorium. “Hairspray” is a play which is set in 1962 Baltimore, Maryland. The musical follows the “pleasantly plump” teenager Tracy Turnblad as she pursues stardom as a dancer on a local TV show and rallies against racial segregation. AMSU Senior, Ashley Figueroa, played Tracy Turnblad. Boys from All Hallows and Fordham Prep, along with the AMSU Players, gave a spirited performance. The cast and crew, along with the directorial team, worked diligently to make each evening memorable. The props and set design from the Cultural Arts Playhouse enhanced the production. Special thanks to Ms. Laura Mulholland-Piano/Conductor, Edwin Garcia-Bass, Billy Lang-Drums, Mark McCarron-Guitar, Jacob Reese- Guitar. The theme, the music, the singing, and the production met with the enthusiastic approval of the audiences present for the three performances.

“This year’s production of “Hairspray” was the fruit of many people’s hard labor. The students overcame many obstacles, especially time-related issues, to present what I feel was one of our best productions. The cast and crew were so incredibly talented... and we had the extra added blessing of having alumna Antoinette Timm '01 as our assistant director. Everyone in the production learned that even through life’s twists and turns- “You Can’t Stop the Beat!”

- Ms. Jeanne DiBenedetto, Producer/Director
Juilliard Instrumental Music Program at AMSU

Juilliard fellows, Anna Brumbaugh (clarinet) and Nicholas Johnson (flute) dedicated a portion of their time instructing students at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula. Both are true masters of their instruments and have performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and other renowned music centers. Anna and Nicholas are both seeking careers as professional musicians upon graduation from Juilliard. “It was a pleasure teaching the AMSU girls. Their attitude and determination made teaching them a great experience” said Nicholas. Anna and Nicholas helped prepare AMSU students for performances at the Christmas and spring concerts.

Throughout the school year students learning the clarinet met on Wednesday afternoons while those learning the flute met on Thursday afternoons. The Juilliard teachers both taught students at a foundational level. Students who participated were in their junior year with the exception of one freshman.

AMSU’s Music Instructor, Ms. Laura Mulholland, states, “I have seen growth in students musically and personally. They really rose to the challenge of learning an instrument by being on time and prepared for class. The teachers were personable, friendly, and kind; and the girls seemed to enjoy their classes very much. I am very much looking forward to continuing to offer this wonderful opportunity for our students to study with such talented, dedicated teachers.”

Media Arts and Computers

Students in the 9th grade Introduction to Computers class learned how to create webpages and websites using the HTML language. Students in this class begin the year learning how to perfect their word processing and presentation skills. The class accelerates into web page creation where students are able to unleash their creativity onto a digital canvas. HTML allows the students to create something out of nothing. They use notepad and an internet browser to create webpages with colored background, texts, pictures, videos, and links.

Above is the homepage of a website created by Jessica Rivera ’16 and Brianna Marrero ’16. The website contains five different pages that are linked together.

The 12th grade Media Arts and Applications course takes student creativity to another level. In this class, seniors begin the year learning about the history of media and how we use it today. At the same time, they work on the Yearbook and AMSU Newspaper. Towards the end of the year, the students use Celtx to create screenplays, HD Camcorders to bring their screenplays to the big screen, and iMacs where they edit their films.
**FINE ARTS**

“[The CYO Art Competition and LaSalle Art Expo] are annual art contests meant to celebrate individual accomplishments in the visual arts. By honoring the achievements of individuals we are also gathered together as an arts community and our art programs are on display through our individual students. Competition is one of the key ingredients in a student’s development and both art shows allow our students to compare and judge their artistic progress in relation to other programs and individual artists. What must be realized is that nearly everything in our world and culture is competitive and this is especially true in the arts. The Art shows are just one way that help prepare our students to compete for scholarships, good schools, careers, clients, galleries and perhaps an occasional art award at the professional level. Competition becomes a part of the learning drive that leads to our students’ professional development.”

*Mr. Gary Horn, Art Teacher*

**LaSalle Art Expo**

(left to right)

Zuri Mena ’14, Honorable Mention, Still Life, LaSalle Art Expo and 1st place, junior/senior division, CYO Art Competition

Yazmine Fuentes ’14, 2nd place, Still Life, LaSalle Art Expo

Krizamar Otordos ’16, 2nd place, freshman/sophomore division, CYO Art Competition

Amber Milan ’13, 1st place, Still Life, LaSalle Art Expo and 3rd place, Still Life, LaSalle Art Expo

Not pictured is Jasmine Constantino ’13, 1st place, Landscape, LaSalle Art Expo

Jasmine Constantino ’13, 1st place, Landscape

Amber Milan ’13, 1st place, Still Life and 3rd place, Still Life

Yazmine Fuentes ’14, 2nd place, Still Life
Krizamar Otordos ’16, 2nd place 9th and 10th grade division

Zuri Mena ’14, Honorable Mention, Still Life

Sculpture Project

Amber Milan ’13, 3rd place, Still Life, LaSalle Art Expo

Religious block prints depicting events in the life of Jesus left to right: Asia Epps-Forrest ’14, Irene Ramirez ’14, Amber Milan’13, Kristiana Rica ’13

“I believe my talent is a gift from God and advancing to Nationals in AG’s Fine Arts Festival and winning awards for my skills are to bring God glory. I thank Mr. Horn for helping me to sharpen and refine my artistic abilities and AMSU for providing me with an environment that allows me to express myself while honoring God.”

- Yazmine Fuentes ’14
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“Feeding Our Neighbor” Award

On March 13th, 2013, the Academy of Mount St. Ursula received the “Feeding Our Neighbor” award. Feeding Our Neighbor is an Archdiocesan-wide drive to replenish food pantries in an ecumenical spirit. A prize of one thousand dollars was presented to AMSU at the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities Center in New York City. Eight students from AMSU, along with five parents and all three teachers of the AMSU Religious Studies Department, were presented a check for one thousand dollars courtesy of Cablevision, for participating in raising funds and canned goods during a three week long contest. That's Life Club sponsored the raffle contest throughout the AMSU community while homeroom 202 won the canned food drive. In total, the AMSU students raised two hundred dollars through the raffle and collected three hundred canned goods.

AMSU donated the one thousand dollars to New Hope Native American Mission with whom our That's Life Club has been working. A personal concern to serve others in society is part of AMSU’s core values. It is the goal of AMSU to integrate our core values in the daily lives of our students.

Students Participate in UN Initiative

“Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls.”

A group of students from AMSU, along with Sr. Alice Marie Giordano, O.S.U., AMSU’s Service Coordinator, attended a week-long meeting at the United Nations during the first week in March, 2013. During the week the group attended and participated in a variety of panel discussions on the theme of “Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls.” Some of the panel discussions included: Combatting Violence Through Leadership, Programs to Help Immigrant Girls, Partnering with Young Men to Stop Violence, “Born Free - Sold Into Bondage” (Anti-Trafficking), Girl’s Challenges and Responses: Making Voices Heard, and Changing Systems That Hurt.

AMSU students had the opportunity to interact with women and girls from all over the world. AMSU has joined together with women and girls worldwide to celebrate the mission and work to improve women's lives around the world.

Ursuline Sisters Visit

On Tuesday, April 23rd, Ursuline Sisters Marie Bruno and Katarina Simulcikova, from France and Slovakia, respectively, visited AMSU. Ambassadors, Josephine Nguyen ’14 and Asia Epps-Forrest ’14 hosted the sisters for the day. Throughout their visit, the sisters toured the chapel, art room, library, and even stopped in to Ms. Mulholland’s music class.

On Friday March 15, 2013, Sr. Alice Marie welcomed five women advocates to visit AMSU: Anelisa Shanase (South Africa), Diane Mali (Papua New Guinea), Fuva Murambo (Mocambique), Ussula Ugueio (Mocambique), and Thais daSilva Dias (Brazil).

Each year, AMSU students meet peers like these from many different countries. Some, sponsored by our friends at the Grail, become close friends. This year our guests participated in an event called “The Girl’s Tribunal” where they had the opportunity to testify to the specific situations they face in their home countries and to the acts of courage and creativity that have made them leaders in the struggle for equal rights for girls. AMSU students are enriched each year by this UN association.

If you would like to learn more about “Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls,” or the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, please visit www.amsu.org.
“The best moments I’ve had being on AMSU sports team haven’t only been based on our wins, but instead the time spent with my teammates.”
- Tiffany Pabon ‘13

On Wednesday, June 5th, AMSU held its annual Sports Banquet honoring those who have excelled in AMSU sports.

“It’s always nice to have an event honoring the athletes at AMSU to show appreciation for their hard work and dedication to their school and teams. It is also nice when alumnae athletes come back to see the current teams and just to visit the school.”
- Mrs. Jillian Iacovone, Athletics Director

Mrs. Jillian Iacovone and Tiffany Pabon ‘13

Even though the Academy of Mount St. Ursula brands itself as an institution dedicated to Academics, Arts, and Service, the school excels in other programs such as sports. AMSU offers three sports throughout the school year, basketball, softball and volleyball, at the competitive Junior Varsity and Varsity levels. The non-competitive sports that AMSU offers are cheerleading and STEP. Students who participate in sports have to dedicate a portion of their after school time to team practices and games. AMSU has been blessed with an amazing alumna, Tara Harrison ‘07 who coached two sports and dedicated her time to teach athletics.

“For me, participating in sports brings me a sense of purpose. I feel accomplished when we are victorious and disheartened when we fail. Playing three sports throughout the year provides me with a balance between academics and extra-curriculars. It is an opportunity to become a part of a close-knit family because that is what a team eventually becomes. One must be able to rely on and trust their teammates, which I have been able to do here at AMSU. I am thankful for the experiences that I had with the teams I have been on.”
- Caitlin Harrison ‘14

This year AMSU was undefeated within the Bronx/Westchester B division for Volleyball. The team received a plaque for division champions from the Archdiocese of New York. According to Coach Ruth Taveras, the team came a long way and she is proud of the team’s accomplishments. The Lady Bear Basketball Team made it to the semi-finals round in the Bronx/Westchester division B playoffs. Even though softball did not make it to the playoffs, the four seniors had a great season creating memories that will “last a lifetime.”

While scoring and playing as a team is what helps win games, the true advantage of being on an AMSU team is not solely about winning, but about the sisterhood that the school’s Ursuline values instills in its students.

““It was a privilege to coach the basketball and softball teams this year. It was a challenging yet rewarding experience. The Sports Awards Dinner gave us all a chance to gather and thank all of the players for their dedication throughout the year. Good luck to our senior athletes, you all will definitely be missed next year.”
- Coach Tara Harrison ‘07

Mrs. Jillian Iacovone and Tiffany Pabon ‘13
From left-right, Dariams Rodriguez ’08, Megan Francis ’06, Tara Harrison ’07, Leslie Polanco ’08, Millicent Soto ’09

AMSU Volleyball Bronx/Westchester B Division Champions

Members of the Varsity Softball Team

Mrs. Jillian Iacovone and Ms. Tara Harrison ’07
School Events

Ascension Thursday

Benefactor’s Breakfast

Career Day

Spring Fling Dance

Enrichment Day
Alumnae Reunion for classes ending in 3’s and 8’s

“Girls of Mount St. Ursula, Staunch and true,
Life calls unto you, Nation, home renew.”
From left to right:

1. Dianne Cruz Licata '78, Monica Signorini DeLaurentis '70 and Joanne Faruolo Oriechka '78
2. Susan Walsh Jennings '73, Grace O’Malley Dickinsen '73 and Diane Most McDonough '73
3. Mary Jean Smith McHugh '78 and Sr. Patricia Schifini, O.S.U. '78
4. Aqa Rukaj ’88, Ana Maria Cuevas Robben ’88 and Lori Padilla ’88
5. Members of the Class of 1983 celebrate their 30th anniversary
6. Margaret Klueber Harrison ’48, Mary Jones Hill ’48 and Virginia Hagen ’48
7. Christine Rodriguez Ortiz ’03 and Adalicia Mercedes ’03
8. Lucille Renwick Archibold ’83, Nancy Kehoe ’83 and Veronica Dengler ’83
9. Members of the Class of 1963 celebrate their 50th anniversary
10. Bibi Hussain-Santana ’93, Christine Bele Char ’93 and Margaret Lyon ’93
11. Gioia Lombardi Conte ’58 and Carole Ciccarone Mills ’58

Cover photo: Kathleen McGillion Briscoe ’68 and Mary Curtin O’Gorman ’68

More photos from the alumnae reunion can be found in AMSU’s Shutterfly account by going to the following link: http://amsupictures.shutterfly.com/alumnae2013

“Dream not the hours away, In joy or pain, School days wreathed in memories sweet, Are reverent gain.”
**Alumnae Relations**

**Cinco de Mayo Raffle**

In May, AMSU held its 5th annual Cinco de Mayo raffle. We are happy to announce that this fundraiser helped the school raise $12,000. Congratulations to the winners: 1st prize of $4,000, Joan Donovan ‘44, 2nd prize of $2,500, Sr. Patricia Russell, O.S.U. ’60 and 3rd prize of $500, Gail Kilmer-Ramirez ’70. AMSU would like to thank two of the raffle winners for donating portions of their winnings back to the school.

**Alumnae Reunion**

On Saturday, April 20th, AMSU opened the school building to alumnae for coffee and offered student tours of the school from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Beginning at noon, AMSU alumnae from classes ending in 3s and 8s gathered together for their reunion held at Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester. The reunion included a cocktail hour, luncheon and Mass.

Anna Parra presented the annual Serviam Award to Jane Scully Reichele ’63 for her dedication to the mission of the school. She also announced to the Class of 1988 that funds to the Laura Antonucci Sandleitner ’88 Award was being collected that day. Laura passed away suddenly in August 2012. Sales from Ms. Corticchio’s DVDs of International Night continue to fund this award.

A special thank you was announced to the many alumnae who helped to coordinate contributions toward their class gifts. In total, the reunion classes collected over $20,000. The Class of 1963, who celebrated their 50th reunion, generously contributed $11,625 toward their class gift.

**Paying Tribute to Our Nation**

Alumnae, faculty and staff, as well as students from the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, share a strong regard for the significance of our nation’s cherished flag. Carole Ciccarone Mills ’58, and husband Richard, donated the American flag which flies on the AMSU campus across from the convent. Richard and Carole are co-owners of a flag business called Flags Unfurled, Inc. and they occasionally donate flags to schools and churches. Richard Mills was a former crew member of the USS Intrepid and, currently, a member of the Board of Directors of the Former Crew Members Association. Carole and Richard both share a strong allegiance to our country’s flag and what it represents.

If you wish to purchase a flag email: flagsunfurled08@yahoo.com.

Harris specializes in alumnae and membership publications and the data specifications involved with this type of project. You will be contacted by email and/or regular mail or by phone later this summer and early fall to verify and update your contact and career information. Thank you in advance for your participation. The publication will be ready in the spring of 2014.

Harris Connect

Our alumnae, 8,000 strong and growing, change emails, jobs and locations often making it hard to keep up with them. AMSU has contracted with Harris Connect to update the contact information for our constituents so that they can keep up-to-date on news, activities, and events. Harris will also help produce a beautiful hardcover publication and CD version that will allow you to reconnect with old friends as well as network professionally. This new publication will also include alumnae generated color photos and a “what’s been happening” section.
Dr. Regina Peruggi ’63

Respected as an experienced and creative leader in higher education, Regina S. Peruggi is leading Kingsborough Community College, the City University of New York, to new levels of achievement with an emphasis on improving institutional effectiveness and student learning outcomes. Since Dr. Peruggi assumed the presidency of Kingsborough in August 2004, the college has instituted a strategic planning process, expanded an innovative Learning Communities model, instituted a Workforce and Economic Development Center, developed new academic programs, engaged its alumni in college advancement efforts, and reenergized faculty development programs. This year the college was named one of the top four community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute’s Community College Excellence Program.

Prior to her Kingsborough appointment, Dr. Peruggi served for three years as President of the Central Park Conservancy, a private, not-for-profit organization that manages Central Park. Through private donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations, the Conservancy over the past 25 years has raised close to $300 million to restore and maintain the park.

From 1990 to 2001, Dr. Peruggi was President of Marymount Manhattan College, a liberal arts institution with strong programs in the fine and performing arts. Under her leadership, the College’s enrollment doubled, academic programs thrived, the budget was balanced, and the school’s first dormitory was built.

A native New Yorker, Dr. Peruggi began her professional career as a drug abuse counselor in New York City. She has taught at the elementary, college and graduate levels, and has coordinated continuing education programs for psychiatrists, social workers and other mental health professionals. In 1974 she joined The City University of New York at York College, where she developed and directed the York College Community Learning Center.

In 1984, Dr. Peruggi moved to the Office of Academic Affairs of the City University of New York and in 1986 assumed the position of University Associate Dean for Adult and Continuing Education. As Associate Dean, she expanded literacy programs for adults, initiated programs for the University with business, industry and major labor unions, and was responsible for starting several special faculty development projects.

Dr. Peruggi is Chairperson Emerita of the Women’s Commission for Refugee Women and Children, current Chairperson of the Havens Relief Fund Society. She is a member of the Women’s Forum, and serves as a Director on the Boards of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation, Berkeley College, Silvercrest Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation and the Academy of Mount St. Ursula. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Student World Assembly and also is on the Board of the Jamaica Bay – Rockaway Parklands Conservancy.

Dr. Peruggi earned her B.A. in Sociology from the College of New Rochelle, her MBA from New York University, and her Ed.D. from Columbia University’s Teachers College.

Terri Connolly Cook ’60

Just published by The History Press, Sacred Havens of Brooklyn: Spiritual Places and Peaceful Grounds, is now available! The book may be ordered from its publisher, The History Press (www.historypress.net), Amazon.com or your local bookstore.

During the nineteenth century, Brooklyn earned the nickname “Borough of Churches” as thousands settled here and brought their beliefs with them. Terri Cook says, “I believe that the rich ethno-cultural image that Brooklyn projects is due to the sacred havens and peaceful grounds that anchored neighborhoods and preserved the history of immigrant settlers and their descendants.” She invites you on a more enlightened journey through churches, synagogues, temples and public gardens to discover why spirituality has always been a major part of life for Brooklynites, and to marvel at the architecture and history of these sites.

Discover some of the more than two thousand havens that have overflowed with Brooklynites who utilized their havens not only for solemn rituals but also as social and cultural centers, and who were determined to prevail in faith and hope in New York’s most populous borough.
On May 1, 2013 Fr. John visited Rose Cuomo Coviello at her home in Leonia, NJ. Rose, one of the oldest alums of AMSU, and one of its most generous supporters, celebrated her 93rd birthday on May 28th. Rose enjoyed the opportunity to reminisce about her years at AMSU and the Ursuline sisters, especially Mother Dolores. She and her sister Lucy ’35 are proud alums of AMSU. They hailed from St. Clare’s parish on Paulding Avenue.

Helen Petretti O’Neill, who attended AMSU Grammar and High Schools, is proud to share with you that her granddaughter, Margaret Clair O’Neill, known as “Maggie,” has been named to the final round of a Fulbright Scholarship Award. She will be traveling to Germany for work and study during the upcoming academic year. Maggie has also been nominated to the Phi Beta Kappa National Honorary Society and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She attended Boston College for the last four years and was awarded her undergraduate degree at the end of May. Grandma Helen is mighty proud and is still working in real estate in New Canaan, CT. She is completing 40 years as a Realtor and has been named “Realtor Emeritus” by the National Association of Realtors. She continues as a broker for William Pitt Sotheby International Realty in New Canaan.

Dr. Maryellen Keefe, O.S.U. was awarded tenure at Maritime in 2010, promoted to Associate Professor in 2012, and served as interim chaplain for a year. Her critical biography of Sally Benson will be published by SUNY Press in June 2014. Its title is “Casual Affairs: the Life and Fiction of Sally Benson.” She continues to enjoy her classes at Maritime and has created a new elective in Irish Literature for the fall. Her other elective is The Bible as in Literature, and each time it is offered, a different mix of students appears. At the moment, 90% are Catholics who know almost nothing about their religion. The other 10% are Russian immigrants learning about Christianity for the first time. A challenging audience to say the least! As University Faculty Senator she travels to other SUNY campuses three times each year so she has gotten to know a good deal about New York State, its geography, and the varying cultures of each campus. So far she has visited fourteen of the sixty-four comprising the SUNY system. Upstate Medical in Syracuse will be next. As Moderator of the Newman Club at Maritime, Maryellen can attest that the Church is alive and well. The Newman members have been super generous in helping to rebuild places in Staten Island ravaged by Superstorm Sandy. Last year they won Maritime’s “Best Club” award and received a plaque. This year they have been nominated again. They spend time visiting the residents of the Jeanne Jugan Nursing Home in the area and play Bingo, plus organize an annual “Senior-Junior” Prom.

Teresa Fiorino Campana - After celebrating 50 years of marriage in October 2012, Teresa’s husband Alfonso started having more trouble breathing. In January they celebrated his 83 birthday very quietly with their children Francesco and Maria ’95, and their 6 grandchildren. On March 8, Alfonso died. Teresa’s arthritis and spinal stenosis have made it very hard for her to walk, but she hopes that the warmer weather will help.

Angele Vial McGrady just completed her first book: “Pathways to Illness, Pathways to Health,” published by Springer, New York. The book is co-authored by her long time professional colleague Donald Moss, Ph.D. of Saybrook University in San Francisco, CA. Angele McGrady Ph.D is professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio. “Pathways” considers merging genetic, environmental and behavioral factors coming together to cause illness. In later chapters, it uses clinical cases to describe Pathways to Health, which include re-establishing normal biological rhythms, like sleeping and eating, and building stress management skills. More complex interventions include medication, psychotherapy, and psycho physiological therapies. Pathways is meant to be used as a textbook.

Anne McElligott Byrne was elected president-elect of the National School Boards Association in April. It is a one year term and she will become president in April 2014.

Sr. Jeanne Cashman, O.S.U. sent in the following message on an AMSU alum: “Anne Rogan Herndon ’28. After graduation, she entered the Ursuline Order and then returned to Mount as
a teacher. When she left the Order after a few years, she went to CNR, graduating with the class of 1932. Through her roommate there, she met John Herndon, married and relocated to Wilmington, Delaware, where she raised her three children. I know her because her youngest child was my classmate and dear friend at CNR."

1961

Marie Keegan and Carole Kakos recently met for dinner at a local Florida restaurant. Marie and Carole found each other last year when they discovered that they both live in Bradenton and no more than ten miles from each other. It was a delightful evening and they plan to get together again in the near future.

1962

Sheila McGuirk Drohan retired after 20 years as a Chaplain with Martin Memorial Health System in Stuart, Florida in April. She loved what she did as a Chaplain, but it was time to open the next chapter in her life. Frank and Sheila have two sons and a daughter-in-law. They are expecting their first grandchild in June.

1965

Born on April 30th, Jack joins big sisters, Nora and Kerry, to make Susan McCarthy Cronin a grandmother of three. But #4 is on the way in November (will be first for her other son and his wife).

Pat Barnes - There have been lots of reunions in Palm Beach County, mostly with people Pat has not seen since she graduated in 1965!

The photo below is Maureen McIntyre, Pat Barnes and Pat Ruggieri in Boynton Beach, Florida, taken in April.

1970

After living for 35 years in Yonkers, Susan Schwartzman, and her husband Gilbert Zachary moved to Pawling, New York in Dutchess County.

1971

Mary Linhard Garner would like to share that she is a grandmother!! Her son had a son Rhys Kirkland Garner, who is now 6 months old.

1972

Djinna Gochis had an early retirement from her management job as Assistant Chief Trial Counsel at the State Bar of California in July 2011. It was not exactly in her plan. She is focusing, albeit fitfully, on those long pent up creative things like painting and writing. Her blogspot “DjinnfromtheBronxTwo” gives her a great outlet. She was recently asked to be Godmother to now one year old Emily Hsu who by the Grace of God and through the constant prayers of the Sisters Servants of Mary (who have a convent in the Bronx as well as Los Angeles) made it into this world and is thriving. Gratefulness is the watchword.

1978

Lisa Forte-Doyle was the honorary Bat Girl for the NY Yankees on Sunday, May 19th. It was an honor for Breast Cancer survivors and those who are active in fighting cancer nationally. She is both. On May 12th she was interviewed on the local NY CBS Morning Show. AMSU is noted in her biography.

1978

Deborah Stubbs Fia is one proud mama! Her daughter, Jade Fia ’12, was inducted into the Dowling College chapter of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, an interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing.

1979

Michelle Molnar Kilkenny is a grandmother!!! Her son and his girlfriend had a baby girl on April 1, 2013. Yes, she’s their little April Fool’s baby. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21” long. Her son Brian lives in San Diego, CA with his girlfriend Angela DeLatorre who is going to law school. Michelle, her husband and her 2 daughters are going to CA to meet Haley Elizabeth Kilkenny for the first time and are so excited to say the least! Her oldest daughter Erin goes to grad school at the College of Staten Island where she is getting her masters in Special Education (with a 3.8 average). She received her bachelors from the
Class Notes

College of St. Rose in May of 2012. Her youngest, Colleen, just finished her first year at St. Thomas Aquinas College with a 3.2 average. She is currently working in Bronx Supreme Court as a Senior Court Analyst.

1981

Jane Watson, passed away on March 21, 2013. She just turned 50 on March 1, 2013. Jane was the Commissioner of Jurors for Putnam County at the time of her passing. She leaves behind two children, John 23 and Sarah 21. Please keep her in your prayers.

1984

Dr. Maureen Hussey received her Ed.D in Education Leadership, and Policy from Fordham University in May. She will be opening a new NYC middle school in Queens, NY in September 2013. Dr. Hussey will be the inaugural principal.

1989

Dr. Jean Marie Humphries, O.S.U. earned her Ph.D. in Language, Literacy, and Learning from Fordham University. In the fall, she will be a Full Time Assistant Professor of Education at Concordia College in their Masters of Special Education program. She will also serve as a literacy and special education consultant within the Archdiocese of New York for the Cooke Center for Learning and Development. On June 8th, at her 20th college reunion at the College of New Rochelle Jeannie received the Ursula Laurus citation for leadership and service.

Renee DeGroat-Dillon had a boy named Brady Finn Dillon on February 4, 2013. He is her second boy. Big brother KJ is super excited!

2006

Janine Ramos had her thesis exhibition in the Lehman Art Gallery on May 23rd. Janine’s work can be seen on her website http://janinecarla.com/.

On April 24, Kimberly Suazo along with her co-workers at the Caccioppoli Creative Group, utilized the newly remodeled AMSU bathroom on the second floor to film a scene for their up and coming featured film, “The Cocks of the Walk.” CCG is an advertising and production agency based out of New York City. “The Cocks of the Walk,” is a comedy about Carson Beaufort, an insecure salesman who mistakenly believes that he is destined to be the first American-born player to win an international Badminton tournament, despite never playing the sport in his life. Carson enlists the help of a co-worker, and through a series of encounters with ridiculous professional Badminton players, Carson makes friends, finds a girlfriend, and gains the confidence he needs to be an independent member of society. Kimberly is an account executive at the Caccioppoli Creative Group and is a liaison between the client and the agency. Some of her responsibilities include; hiring production staff, scheduling account and production coordination, and logistics in executing the creative vision.

“Brooklyn Women in Business Awards” Honors Emelise Aleandri ’61

The “Top Brooklyn Women in Business Networking Awards” once again honored this year’s top women in business in June. Sponsored by The Home Reporter and The Brooklyn Spectator, this annual event celebrates the life work of influential women in business in Brooklyn as well as women whose major achievements and whose participation in community activities throughout the years have helped the borough of Brooklyn grow.

Among the celebrated women in business is Dr. Emelise Aleandri, a former resident of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn and recently elected President of the Lt. Joseph Petrosino Lodge #285 (OSIA). Emelise Aleandri, was born at Riva del Garda, Italy, emigrated to the U.S. when she was four and performed in theatre throughout her school years. She earned a Ph.D in Theatre from the City University of New York and began a lifelong research into Italian-American theatre, history, and culture. During the course of her many years of research she met and interviewed many Italian theatre celebrities of Brooklyn: Vincent Gardenia, Olga Barbato, Mimi Cecchini, Arnie Migliaccio, Sal Carolla, Rina Telli, Marietta Maiori and others. After several years of college teaching, she was appointed Director of the Center for ...
“Zuleimi Torres, pictured here crowning the statute of the Virgin Mary on May 15th, and making AMSU so proud by her performance at the New York State Right to Life Oratory Contest, was tragically killed on the Grand Concourse on Friday, May 17th, as she and two others, including another student, Akilah Brown, were hit by a car. Zuleimi was a junior at AMSU. She was the daughter of Delia and Manuel Torres. Zuleimi was born and raised in the Bronx and an active parishioner of Christ the King in the Morrisania section of the South Bronx. Zuleimi was president of the EcoScience Club, a member of the school’s Ambassador Club, Coordinator of Service Projects for the school’s RCIA program, and a very active member of That’s Life, the school’s Pro-Life club. She was also a participant in the Juilliard Instrumental Music Program and was learning to play the flute. She wanted to attend Fordham or Georgetown. At the request of the family the funeral mass was held at the AMSU chapel on May 22nd since Zuleimi considered AMSU her second home. Here at AMSU we are saddened by the death of such a promising student. Akilah continues to make progress in her recovery. It was of great comfort to have faculty and staff perform in a flawless and professional way in assisting students at a most difficult time.” - Fr. Vigilanti

Eleanor H. Driscoll ’44
Marie Milde O’Hanlon ’48
Mary Dowd Leone ’52
William C. Tubman
beloved husband of
Dorothy Krug Tubman ’59
Marilyn Riccardone Harten ’61
Barbara D’Alisera Hansen ’66
Connie and Frank Gagliardo,
Parents of
Angela F. Richards, nee Gagliardo ’69
Anne Sherry
Mother of
Marie Sherry LaTourette ’70
Patricia Sherry O’Connor ’72
Helen Sherry Downey ’74
Lisa Dowling ’72
Helen D. Murphy
Mother of
Victoria Murphy-Heintz ’73
Vicky Scotto-DiCarlo
mother of
Dr. Josephine Scotto-DiCarlo ’74
Steven Levine
Husband of
Ann Kelly Levine ’76
Angelo Gentile
Father of
Andrea Gentile-Fiori ’79
Eileen Boland
Mother of
Sharon Boland ’80
Maureen Boland ’82
Eileen Boland ’84
Mother-in-Law of
Lisa Prendergast Boland ’87
Jane Watson ’81
Tanya Regan ’92
Zuleimi Torres ’14
John Read
father of Sr. Mary Beth Read, O.S.U.,
former AMSU principal
Sr. Barbara Calamari, O.S.U.

Sr. Barbara Calamari began teaching Spanish and Religion at AMSU in 1970. Soon after she learned Italian which she also began teaching in 1974 until she became principal in 1992. She left AMSU to work at the College of New Rochelle in Secondary School Relations for five years, and also helped set up the Office of Ursuline Educational Services which continues today.

In September of 1997, Sr. Barbara returned to AMSU full time to teach Spanish full-time and recruit students for the school. From 1997 to 2009 Sr. Barbara was the Director of Recruiting and Admissions, and continued to teach AP Spanish Literature until this year.

Sr. Barbara dedicated 38 years to AMSU and she will be dearly missed by all of the students, faculty and staff!

Quotes

“I would personally like to thank Sr. Barbara for her years of service to AMSU. I first met Sr. Barbara, and was first introduced to AMSU, in the mid 80s. As an Ursuline, principal, and teacher, Sr. Barbara is woven into the history of AMSU in an indelible way (even though she was a graduate of St. Barnabas HS). We, her colleagues, have only the most profound respect for her dedication to AMSU and wish her a well-deserved period of rest and opportunities for new beginnings.” - Fr. Vigilanti

A Tribute to Sr. Barbara Calamari, O.S.U.
Sr. Barbara lives the spirit of St. Angela ...

She carries on, steadfastly and faithfully, the work she has undertaken. She is faithful to her calling. She is courageous. She puts her whole soul into her enterprise. She always acts out of charity. She gives good example, through her actions. She has a need and a desire to serve. She can always be counted upon in times of need. She stands, united in heart, to the Ursuline mission, and to the mission of the Academy of Mount St. Ursula.

St. Angela asks each of us to carve the names of our students on our hearts. We can count on Sr. Barbara to carve, not just their names, but their elementary schools, their parishes, the number of children in their family, the year they graduated from Mount Saint Ursula, the college they went on to, and every other detail of their lives on her heart and in her memory. Sister Barbara’s attention to detail is love in action, a model for all of us to live up to. She sets the standard for what it means to care and has taught a life lesson that lives out “Serviam” in a singular way. Here’s to her. We are blessed to be enriched by her presence and her example and so her name will be carved on our grateful hearts for good and all. - Ms. Lisa Harrison / Ms. Patricia Curley


As I leave Mount St. Ursula after having taught and administered at the “Mount” for 38 happy years, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all who have made these years memorable, enriching and truly blessed.

I thank my Ursuline Sisters, colleagues and trustees for their professionalism, friendship and dedication to our special Ursuline mission of educating girls to be women in the spirit of St. Angela and St. Ursula.

I praise my students for their response to our Serviam motto by their joyful promotion of the family spirit and traditions of AMSU, and their commitment to academics and leadership in the community.

I admire the parents I have come to know both as teacher and as principal. I recall with delight their initiation of the Mother-Daughter Mass/Fashion Show, the Father-Daughter Dance, International Night and the support given to their daughters.

I am in awe of our alumnae for their fidelity to live the mission of the Academy of Mount St. Ursula in their families, in their careers, and in their generosity, enabling today’s young women to share in the heritage of their Alma mater.

All of you are a blessing on our world. As St. Angela advises us,

“Carry on steadfastly and faithfully the work you have undertaken.” (Intro. to the Counsels)

- Sr. Barbara Calamari, O.S.U.
Mrs. Gladys Grimaldi

Gladys Grimaldi started working at AMSU in September 1989 as the guidance secretary. She worked in the guidance office for 20 years then transferred to the healthroom. Gladys became the health room attendant and has remained in this position for the past four years.

“AMSU is my second home. The teaching, the show of respect, in good times and bad, are a part of the love everyone here has for what they do and believe.” For this reason her daughter Christine Grimaldi ’03 attended AMSU and received the best education. Gladys feels her daughter is the woman she is today because of her education at AMSU.

“My fellow co-workers are my second family. I don’t think there is anything we wouldn’t do for each other whether we agree or not. I’ve learned so much from all of them. I’ve grown to appreciate and respect the hard work that goes into a school.”

Gladys decided to retire in June 2013 for various reasons. Her husband Tom has been retired for nine years and they would like to do some traveling.

Gladys will miss her AMSU family, but will be taking away life-long friendships, wonderful memories, and a heart filled with love. “To all the maintenance men, faculty, staff and administration, I love you all. You will always be in my thoughts and heart. Thank you all!”

Gladys was treated to a surprise by Mr. Vincent Amendola and Mrs. Christina Canty, members of the Religion Department, with students from the RCIA program and “That’s Life” club. As Gladys reflected: “My biggest, beautiful and lovely surprise that brought tears to my eyes, was a special gift that was made especially for me upon retirement: a beautiful yellow knitted blanket, that was started but never finished by Zuleimi (Zuleimi Torres our junior who was tragically killed on the Grand Concourse on May 17th). Ashlynn Sarubbi (a senior who was confirmed at the school at the graduation mass) took it upon herself to finish the blanket. My heart was filled with joy and sadness all at the same time. I now have a piece of Zuleimi and Ashlynn at home with me.”

Mrs. Donna Nelson

“After five years of service to our school community, Donna Nelson has resigned from AMSU and has accepted a guidance counseling position at North Shore High School, on Long Island. I thank her sincerely for her dedication and professionalism in service to the students of AMSU, and wish her the very best of luck in her new professional endeavor.” - Lisa Harrison

The AMSU motto “Four years to last a lifetime...” does not apply only to students. It can apply to anyone who is employed by AMSU as well. In my case it has been five years, five wonderful years to last a lifetime. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with such an amazing administration and talented and committed faculty and staff. Additionally, the students at AMSU make this school an extraordinary place to work, therefore AMSU will always hold a special place in my heart.

- Donna Nelson

Mrs. Christina Canty

Mrs. Christina Canty began teaching and chairing the Religious Studies Department at AMSU just two years ago, in the midst of two major milestones, one personal, and one professional: the birth of her first child and daughter Theodora, and AMSU’s November 2011 Middle States Accreditation visit. Mrs. Canty integrated seamlessly into the AMSU school community, and impressed everyone with how quickly and easily she embraced the strategic planning objectives for the Religious Studies department. Mrs. Canty will no doubt enjoy spending more time with little Theodora, watching her learn and grow. We are grateful for the time she has dedicated to the AMSU school community and we wish her best of luck in her future endeavors.
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20%-100% rotation depending on placement
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AMSU App

Dear Alumnae and Friends,

On behalf of our school community and our many alumnae, we welcome you to our new AMSU APP for your smart-phone.

Please follow the instructions below:

From your smartphone,

Type the link below to download AMSU app.

http://myapp.is/AMSU 1855

You will have to pin the icon to your phone in order to view the app.

The development office will be updating the app over time and would love some feedback from you.

If you are interested in advertising your business on the AMSU website or if you need assistance with installing the AMSU App on your smartphone, please contact Patrick Dannenhoffer at pdannenhoffer@amsu.org or by phone, at (718) 364-5353 ext. 228.
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A Message from Fr. John Vigilanti, President, AMSU

“...Our Ursuline mandate requires us to reach out to students in need, providing them the best that Ursuline education has to offer. In order to undertake this mission we are embarking on a three year Campaign. There would be no better way to honor the Ursulines who came to America to educate youth than to expand their work where it is needed most: to students and families simply looking for an opportunity.”

Times have changed, but AMSU’s mission has remained the same. In honor of AMSU’s 160th Anniversary (1855-2015), the school is planning a Capital Campaign which will assist to:

Preserve the mission of the school by continuing to serve young women in pursuit of academic excellence with the ability to immediately serve as role models in accordance with the words of St. Angela, “As for yourselves, live and behave in such a way that you serve as a mirror. And whatever you want others to do, do it first yourself.”

Expand our “Academic Footprint” and implement the academic curriculum strategy. Implementation of this strategy will allow us to service and secure a larger academically diverse student body.

Create women leaders for society who are empowered by AMSU’s historical presence in the Bronx and educated by this tradition to work for social justice in order to advance all people.

On Saturday, November 2, 2013, AMSU will be kicking-off the campaign with a mass and reception at AMSU. Please mark your calendars. You will receive more information about this event in the fall.
Save the Date

Capital Campaign Kick-Off Celebration
Saturday, November 2, 2013

4 pm Mass followed by a Reception
Formal invitation to follow in September

Ensure Their Future