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Calendar
March 30: AMSU & Cabrini Alumnae Night Out
5:30 p.m., Jimmy’s NYC

April 29: Alumnae Reunion for Classes ending in 2s and 7s, 12:00 p.m., Mulino’s at Lake Isle, Eastchester

May 5: Cinco de Mayo Fundraising Event
May 7: Benefactor Appreciation Reception
4:00 p.m., AMSU

May 11: Alex and Ani Spring Jewelry Event
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Rye, NY

June 10: Class of 2017 Commencement Ceremony
11:00 a.m., St. Philip Neri Church
Greetings AMSU community,

The Academy of Mount St. Ursula is so blessed with amazing alumnae, magnificent donors, a wonderful sisterhood among our student body and many Ursuline connections around the world.

It is hard to believe that we are in the middle of Quarter 3 of the academic year of 2016-2017. As this Take Note describes, so much learning, activity and energy has gone on at AMSU and I know there is more to come. Something is always buzzing here at our school on the hill.

Recently we have had two nice Ursuline school connections. The Teen Angels from The Ursuline School in New Rochelle came to share with their AMSU sisters how to be careful in regard to the Internet and Social Media. This is a very relevant and timely topic for our young women. All our students responded very favorably and it was wonderful to see the real engagement and conversation between all the young women.

Right before our winter break, Ursuline Academy Choir from Wilmington, Delaware visited with our AMSU Vocalists and together they presented a beautiful and touching musical concert related to Black History and Spirituals for our whole school community. It was delightful to see all our young women socialize and enjoy being together. Ursuline Sisterhood is alive and well!

Currently AMSU is busy with admissions and recruitment for the Class of 2021. This year 412 students applied to us through the Test for Admissions into Catholic High Schools (TACHS); 232 students are enrolled in Catholic elementary schools and 180 are enrolled in public schools. This number applying is the highest during my time as principal. We look forward to welcoming a class of 100 freshmen. Registration is continuously taking place.

AMSU would not be where it is today without the support of so many of you. Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity. We have been able to provide financial support and scholarships to students, professional development to teachers, and make necessary technology and physical plant improvements. AMSU will be holding a Benefactor Appreciation Reception on May 7th to show our gratitude. Get ready for some nice performances by our spectacular students and have a chance to chat with them.

As we continue AMSU’s great ministry, please know that we welcome visitors at any time. Feel free to reach out to share with us any special skills or talent (i.e. gardening, landscaping, technology, painting, or space design) that you might have that could benefit us.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Conversation among AMSU sisters is always energizing and exciting.

Please know we remember you in the prayers of our school community and we ask you to do the same for us.

Prayers and blessings,

Sr. Jean Marie Humphries, osu, PhD ’89
Principal
Greetings from the Executive Director of Development

Dear AMSU Alumnae and Friends,

“The empowered woman is powerful beyond measure and beautiful beyond description... - Steve Maraboli

At the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, our mission is to empower our students for leadership and lay down the foundation for a successful life and career. The career paths and acts of Serviam we hear about our alumnae are really remarkable. It is no doubt that the education received and the importance of Serviam have been instilled in them.

The alumnae and friends of AMSU have supported our students and our mission so generously. Even in times of change, the administration of AMSU is dedicated to ensuring that students receive the best educational experience as well as being exposed to a vast number of opportunities available to those applying for colleges.

Your support of our Annual Appeal endorses the work we are doing, and the young women who hope to have Four Years to Last a Lifetime. My hope is that you will support our Annual Fund, our most critical fundraiser of the year. Your commitment enhances the experience the students have every day, and it enables us to continue to progress forward. With your continued partnership, we will succeed!

There are some events planned for the spring which you may be interested in to help support AMSU.

- **March 30th - AMSU & Cabrini Alumnae Night Out** – Jimmy’s NYC, West 38th Street. Alumnae in the tri-state area will be invited to a networking event beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you do not receive your e-vite and you would like to connect with other AMSU and Cabrini sisters, please contact the Office of Development.

- **April 29th - Alumnae Reunion** – for Classes ending in 2s and 7s. A reception beginning at 12:00 p.m. will take place at Mulino’s at Lake Isle in Eastchester. AMSU will be open in the morning from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for anyone who is interested in visiting the school. Formal invitations will be mailed in mid-March.

- **May 5th - Cinco de Mayo Raffle** – Our annual drawing will date place at 1:15 p.m. on May 5th. Prize amounts will be. First prize: $3,000; Second prize: $1,500 and Third prize: $500.

- **May 7th - Benefactor Appreciation Reception** – All contributors to the Annual Fund and Ensure Their Future Capital Campaign will be invited to attend an appreciation event beginning at 4:00 p.m. Guests will have an opportunity to tour the school and meet our students. Invitations will be mailed at the beginning of April.

- **May 11th - Alex and Ani Spring Jewelry Event, Rye, NY** – Just in time for Mother’s Day, this event will take place at the Rye store, 52 Purchase Street from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 15% of all sales during this time will be donated to AMSU. AMSU will take orders for those who are unable to attend, but would like to participate. Please visit www.alexandani.com to select your items and contact the Office of Development with your order and payment.

All of us at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula are grateful for all of your support of our students. We hope to see you at some of our events! Send us your current e-mail address so that we can be sure to keep you informed about all the latest happenings at AMSU. You can call me at 718.733.6249, e-mail me at aprara@amsu.org or fill out the **alumnae information update form** online at www.amsu.org/alumnae to update your information.

Warm Regards,

Anna Parra
Executive Director of Development
Office of Development Updates on Marketing and Advertising Strategies

Marketing and advertising initiatives promoting Catholic high schools can face varied challenges, and mixed results but the Return on Investment (ROI) is worth it when the number of student enrollment increases. Rivalry between Catholic schools, notoriety and a substantial marketing budget can have varied impacts on the growth and sustainability of a non-profit educational institution, therefore with collaboration between Administration, Admissions and Development, AMSU continues to research new ways to market the school. A few initiatives include: advertising the Fall and Winter Open House events on the NYC bus routes in the surrounding region, producing new campus signs, creating a new welcome video, and adding additional fundraising events.

The AMSU Development staff is diligent in restructuring and enhancing its social media digital footprint while building up the well maintained AMSU website. Some ways for enhancing AMSU’s online presence include: Ongoing Search Engine Optimization (SEO) tactics as well as Google Adwords.

Technology Update
Ms. Jillian McCoy, Media Specialist and Mr. Henry Triana, Technology Teacher

The Academy of Mount St. Ursula is one of only 32 schools in the country that is taking part in the Fusfoo Pilot Program. Fusfoo is a new, innovative social media platform tailored for high schools. The platform allows students to upload original content such as articles, short-films, and interviews. Fusfoo also lets the high schools share their content with each other and with the public. The Media Arts students publish articles on school events and editorials on Fusfoo. During the 3rd quarter, the class will be posting a variety of short-films, editorials, poems, and interviews. Stay tuned by visiting us at: http://www.fusfoo.com/school/6/Academy-of-Mount-Saint-Ursula.html

AMSU has now acquired 100 Chromebooks and 4 charging carts which will soon be set up for student use in the classroom. Thanks to money from New York State Textbook Loan Program (NYSTYL) and a $10,000 generous donation from Mrs. Anne Marie Nichol Hynes ’67. An instructional technology coach from Educate, LLC will also be at AMSU weekly to work individually with teachers and help them incorporate the Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education into their instruction and curriculum. Five teachers (Ms. Keri Masick-English, Mrs. Sinead Cremins Cameron ’06-Social Studies, Ms. Linda Peri-Spanish/Italian, Ms. Ruth Taveras-Science, and Ms. Summer Evans-Math) have agreed to be teacher leaders for this program. Our coach will first work with them and then they will “turnkey” their learnings to the other teachers in the school.

In addition, AMSU’s library has added a new selection of e-books for students to check out anytime, anyplace from their personal tablets or phones.
Class of 2017 College Applications

The Class of 2017 has been very busy applying to colleges! This year our students have applied much earlier than in the past. We are proud to report that 100% of the seniors have submitted most of their applications, and are now patiently awaiting news of their results! This year’s senior class has been more than willing to apply to schools further away from home than in past years. This has resulted in a diverse list of schools. Some schools of note include seven Ivy League schools—Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University, as well as elite women’s colleges—Barnard College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, Vassar College, and Wellesley College.

Our seniors have also applied to other well-known schools such as Boston College, Carnegie Mellon University, Duke University, Georgetown University, College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University, Northeastern University, Sarah Lawrence College, University of Southern California, Stanford University, Trinity College, Tufts University, Villanova University, University of Virginia, Wesleyan University, Wheaton College, and the University of Wisconsin, among many others. Several students have applied to or are considering HBCUs such as Clark Atlanta University, Delaware State University, Howard University, and Spelman College. Closer to home, the SUNYs and CUNYs have been very popular as well, with several students applying to the Macaulay Honors division of several CUNY schools. Some of the most popular private schools in New York have been Fordham University, Iona College, Manhattan College, Mercy College, College of Mount Saint Vincent, College of New Rochelle, Pace University, College of St. Rose, and St. John’s University.

Even though it is still early on in the acceptance process, and many students will not receive their results until the spring, 61 of our 81 seniors have received acceptances from schools such as Adelphi University, Berkeley College, Binghamton University, University of Bridgeport, Cabrini University, Caldwell University, Concordia College, University of Denver, Florida International University, Fordham University, Franklin Pierce University, University of Hartford, Hofstra University, Iona College, Johnson & Wales University, Le Moyne College, LIM College (Laboratory Institute of Merchandising), Long Island University, Manhattan College, Marymount Manhattan College, Mercy College, Mount Saint Mary College, College of Mount St. Vincent, New England College, University of New Haven, College of New Rochelle, Nova Southeastern University, Nyack College, Pace University, Quinnipiac University, The College of St. Rose, School of Visual Arts, St. John’s University, St. Thomas Aquinas College, State University of New York at Albany, State University of New York at New Paltz, SUNY Buffalo State College, Utica College, University of Vermont and Wells College.

Academic scholarships have also been awarded from these acceptances. To date, 60% of our AMSU girls have surpassed 7 million dollars in scholarships. Also of note, one of our seniors has received The Posse Scholarship at Trinity College. She will attend Trinity College in Hartford, CT on a full-tuition scholarship! We look forward to receiving more good news in the coming months!

The Guidance Department is proud to have hosted several Instant Decision Day meetings over the past few months, where admissions officers sit down with students who have applied to their colleges and universities, review necessary documents, ask and answer any questions, and provide an admissions decision for the student by the end of the meeting. This year, some of the schools who have visited for Instant Decision Day meetings include: The College of St. Rose, The College of New Rochelle, and Wells College. AMSU was also happy to welcome SUNY University at Buffalo for the second year as we hosted a Bronx-wide on-site admissions event. The university sent a team of admissions counselors who met with our Class of 2017 exclusively for the first half of the event, and then we welcomed students from other schools around the Bronx that afternoon and into the evening. We are proud to have this partnership with The University at Buffalo, and we look forward to hosting this event again in the future!
Lucemy Perez ’17 awarded the Posse Scholarship for Trinity College

Lucemy Perez from the class of 2017 has been awarded the Posse Scholarship for Trinity College. Founded in 1989, Posse identifies public 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—Posses—of 10 students. Posse partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships. The concept of a Posse works for both students and college campuses, and is rooted in the belief that a small, diverse group of talented students—a Posse—carefully selected and trained, can serve as a catalyst for increased individual and community development. Identified for their leadership ability and overall motivation to succeed, Posse Scholars head campus organizations, encourage dialogue and programs that foster an inclusive campus environment and achieve academic success.

From September through December each year, Posse conducts the Dynamic Assessment Process (DAP), a unique evaluation method designed to identify young leaders who might be missed by traditional admissions criteria, but who can excel at selective colleges and universities. Using non-traditional forums to evaluate potential, DAP offers students an opportunity to demonstrate their intrinsic leadership abilities, their skill at working in a team setting, and their motivation and desire to succeed.

DAP has proven to be an extremely effective tool for identifying outstanding young leaders. In a three-part process, including large group and individual interviews, Posse staff and university partner administrators ultimately select a diverse group of 10 students for each college or university, thus forming a Posse.

To date, Lucemy Perez ’17 and Keisy Germosen ’15 at Dickinson College, have both received the Posse Scholarship. We are proud of them and hope to have more awardees in the future.

Kathleen Ryan O’Connell ’85, Director of Guidance

STEM Program

Our students are also actively applying to many interesting programs happening in the spring and summer months. This spring, eight of our students were accepted into the ENLACE Saturday Academy with the Bronx Institute at Lehman College, an enrichment program for Latino students interested in math and science. Through this program, students take advanced coursework and gain valuable experience in the STEM fields. The Academy will challenge students with advanced STEM coursework and college readiness activities. Over the course of 10 to 15 sessions, students will hone their writing and research skills and develop a better understanding of what to expect at the undergraduate level.

We also have a new group of juniors beginning their participation in the Fordham EDGE program, an SAT and college admissions preparatory program that is exclusively offered to AMSU students and supported by the Fordham University Gabelli School of Business. In the spring, 20-25 juniors are invited to the program to focus their energy on preparing for the SAT and beginning their college search, and then in the fall of their senior year they return to the program for aid in the college admissions process. There are also several organizations that we have partnered with to get our students involved in their programs in the future. Futures and Options is an organization that helps high school students prepare for entering the workforce through career-building workshops and internships. Several of our students have already been involved in their two flagship programs: Career Essentials workshops and the Internship program, and a representative from their organization will be visiting our school to get even more students involved for the spring and summer sessions. We have also continued to strengthen our partnership with the National Hispanic Institute, which hosted several of our students last year in their different summer programs, including the Great Debate and the Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session. We hope to have even more students involved next summer!

Kathleen Ryan O’Connell ’85, Director of Guidance
An Update from the Department of Mathematics

The Mathematics Department has been participating in the Catholic Math League Contest in Geometry and Advanced Math. Students took the third test (a series of four) on Tuesday, February 7th and the final test is scheduled for early March. Awards from the league will be given after the fourth test to eligible students.

On Tuesday, March 14th, the Math Department will be celebrating Pi day. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following contests:

1. How many digits of Pi can you memorize?
2. Poster Decorating Contest
3. Write an original song or poem about Pi, Einstein or Mathematical Concepts.

A party will be held after school and students will demonstrate their talents and complete an investigational lesson on Pi.

Monica Signorini DeLaurentis ’70
Mathematics Chairperson/Teacher

AMSU Hosts a Mentoring in Medicine Modified Field Trip

On January 4th, Lynne Holden, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, and President of Mentoring in Medicine, Inc., held a modified field trip at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula. The presentation consisted of a hands-on interactive educational experience in three parts.

1) In an exercise used to reinforce the musculoskeletal system, using gloves, students dissected a chicken leg and thigh. Designated benchmarks were located concluding with the bone marrow and a clinical association describing the indications for and description of a bone marrow transplant.

2) Students also learned about normal and abnormal vital signs, and were shown how to interpret vital signs and solved three case studies. Students were also taught what a stethoscope is and practiced listening to the sounds of the body.

3) To reinforce their knowledge about the skin and wound closure techniques, students discovered how to place simple stitches in a laceration on a pig’s foot, as well as on a banana.

“Having students exposed to these types of health related activities during high school can make them aware of opportunities they may not have considered,” said Dr. Suroj Tiwari, AMSU Science Chairperson.

Update from the English Chairperson

The English department at AMSU prepared students for the NYS Common Core Regents Exam, which they took in January. On this exam, students had the opportunity to demonstrate their reading comprehension and writing skills. Although the English Common Core Regents exam is developed through New York State, the English department worked diligently to align their lesson plans and activities to the New York State standards, so that AMSU students would perform better. The English department will continue to assist their students in maximizing their full potential, and wishes their students the very best!
Thoughts from the Science Department

Biology students learned about communication at the cellular level in a Receptor Lab, in which they constructed models of the plasma membrane. They combined plastic models of phospholipid molecules and used modeling clay in different colors to make cellular receptors and inter-membrane channels. The Receptor Lab reinforces spatial relationships and functions of molecules in the cell membrane. In other labs, students continued exploring the cellular membrane with experiments on diffusion, explored cell biochemistry using the pineapple enzyme bromelin. Students moved on to homeostasis in the whole organism, including homeostasis in plants, with labs that included comparing guard cells in leaves of different plants including spinach. The students also dissected frogs with emphasis on organ function and learned all about the anatomy and physiology of multicellular organisms.

In upcoming laboratories and projects, students will remove DNA from strawberries and bananas and learn about heredity in all living things. The 9th grade Biology students and science students in all grades will also have a poster competition in which teams will present scientific ideas in poster form.

Forensic Science is a 12th grade senior elective course that focuses on the processing and understanding of evidence in the field of Criminal Justice. The first laboratory that they worked on was reconstructing a crime scene and recording their findings. The AMSU building is used as a “mock” crime scene which the students find very entertaining. The next laboratory is understanding the “Locard Exchange Principal” where students put clothes that they have used for at least a day and search for microscopic fibers and hairs that they later understand came from people they have come in contact with. Currently, the students are studying Serology, which is the study of blood and its components and how it is processed in a crime scene. Students are experimenting with simulated blood and studying “Blood Stain Patterns.” They will become experts on understanding that blood leaves a pattern that can then be interpreted into what actually happened in a crime scene.

In Anatomy and Physiology labs the students used human torso models as well as prepared cell and tissue slides and their own cheek cell slides to study the human body. Future labs will include the use of a blood typing kit as part of a discussion of antigens and antibodies, and tests of different foods for nutrients.

In addition to the subjects above, students in AP Biology also studied water potential and tonicity in cells, made microscopic comparisons of cell types and tissues as they relate to form and function, and studied the events of mitosis and meiosis in plant and animal cells. Students studied the plant body, especially with regard to the role of xylem and phloem vessels in transport. They explored cell respiration using the gas laws. They studied the physiology of the circulatory system, including systolic/diastolic pressure, with the aid of stethoscope and sphygmomanometer. Other laboratory subjects have included the urinary system and function of the nephron. Future labs will concentrate on genetics and population ecology.

The Chemistry laboratory activities provide practical reinforcement of theoretical lessons pertaining to the Regents Chemistry curriculum. Some of the activities conducted to date include the Flame Tests Lab which extended students understanding of electron transitions and emission spectra. Also, an investigation of Physical and Chemical Changes Lab allowed students to distinguish between these two fundamental changes and reinforce understanding of the concepts of physical and chemical properties. Additionally, these practical activities allow students to cultivate experimental skills and to learn the usage of a wide range of laboratory apparatus and materials.

Earth Science students constructed detailed star maps by graphing numerous stars by luminosity and surface temperature, a historic advance which led to an understanding of the lifecycle of stars. They also discussed the work of Johannes Kepler, drew ellipses to represent the orbits of planets or asteroids around a star, and calculated the eccentricity of those orbits. Focusing closer to home, students worked with our mineral and rock collection, before moving on to a suite of labs focusing on plate tectonics.
Seniors: SOCIAL JUSTICE COURSE

For their final work on the Social Justice Course, the students are working on an individual research and position paper based on their chosen social justice issues, e.g., hunger, immigration, human trafficking, environmental issues, etc. It is designed to promote social awareness and analysis of critical and current issues that we see around us. It explores details of the social issue a student has chosen and the applicable moral principles that they have learned from the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

The Research Paper consists of 4 parts:

Part 1: Research and/or Experience – the student either researches on, or attempts to actually experience the social justice problem. Part 2: Social Analysis – this task is to find the root causes of the issue chosen, looking at the history of the situation and examining the Economic, Political, Social and Cultural Structures influencing the issue. Part 3: Theological Reflection – the student assesses the root values of the issues based on Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching. Part 4: Social Justice Planning/Action – as a conclusion to the project, the student develops an action plan that moves individual and communities toward social change and justice.

Grade 11 Updates

The Juniors are in the midst of a study on Morality in Religion. In addition to exploring the Commandments and Beatitudes, they read Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher. Through this book study, the students engaged in discussions on contemporary moral issues. Religion Teacher, Ms. Mary Gratton, introduced the book in her lesson plan at AMSU.

Religious Studies Events

Mr. Amendola and the Religious Studies Department are always pleased to welcome back Sr. Elisa, osu and Sr. Jean, osu, who present the Ursuline Sisters’ Vocation Talk to our Sophomores during Catholic Schools’ Week each year. The theme for 2017 was Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. In a very hospitable, grace-filled and nurturing way, the sisters helped our maturing and ever-evolving sophomores to discern how God is calling them as women of faith to use their unique God-given talents in the service of others. The students were reminded “that your gifts are not your own but were given to you on loan,” for the sole purpose of giving glory to the Father! Both sisters always leave the young ladies with the following inspirational words of our patrons, St. Angela Merici and St. Ursula:

“Believe in your Gifts; Hope in what you can become; Act to discover your own vocation.”

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016, which is the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Bishop John Jenik, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, confirmed four AMSU young ladies in the Catholic faith at Our Lady of Refuge Church. Congratulations, Irene-Jessica Dymphna Ondo, Aileen Rita Richards, Krismeiry Frances Cabrini Tobal and Krystin Agnes Velez! May these AMSU students be filled with wisdom, knowledge, wonder, awe, reverence, right judgment, understanding, and courage as they continue to be mature and faithful missionary disciples of Christ Jesus in the world in which we live today!
Academy of Mount St. Ursula

Special Moments

1. Image of students wearing hats and holding an umbrella.
2. Group photo of a group of people with gifts.
3. Image of a group of students.
4. Image of a Christmas tree with decorations.
5. Image of students performing on stage.
6. Image of students in uniform.
1. Class of 2017
   Ring Day Skate

2. AMSU Senior Christmas Toy Fundraiser

3. St. Ursula College in Toowoomba, Australia visit AMSU

4. Christmas Concert

5. Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

6. College Fair

7. Sr. Alice Marie Giordano, osu ’52, Monica Signorini DeLaurentis ’70, and her husband, Angelo, at Salsa and Chips

8. Richard and Carole Ciccarone Mills ’58 with Anna Parra during their visit to AMSU

9. Joan Curry Hayward ’50, her son, Mark, and his fiancé, Sara, visit Sr. Jeannie, Anna Parra, and students at AMSU

10. TeenAngels Cyber Bullying Assembly

11. Ice Cream Social
Mrs. Laura Martinez's Violin Class
Arts Update

The Animation 1 students have just finished animating a character jumping and walking. They have also completed their storyboards which are visual representations of their original stories. Every motion will be hand drawn and animated in Adobe Flash. The Animation 2 students are continuing their work on the animated shorts they started last year. They have done really well in observing actions in real life and translating them into drawings.

With the start of the second semester, a few of our freshmen have enrolled in Beginning Animation, a drawing course for those interested in animation that will teach them to draw people in motion and prepare them for Animation 1 in the Fall.

The Studio Art students have just finished designing their business cards using Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign, and are now working on creating letterhead and envelope designs to go along with them. We are also looking forward to be working with the Creative Writing Club on their literary magazine again in the next few months!

StART 2017 at Concordia College

We are pleased to announce that Danielle Montañez (grade 11) and Zuleika Rymer (grade 12) participated in the StART 2017 Regional High School Art Exhibition sponsored by The Heart of Neiman Marcus. Their artwork was displayed at the StART 2017 exhibit in the Osilas Gallery at Concordia College, Bronxville, NY in January.

To learn more about the Arts at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, visit www.amsu.org/arts and to watch student animations go to https://vimeo.com/amsu
International Night
Upper Room Assemblies of God Junior Kingdom Voices
International Night

For 35 years, AMSU has celebrated our wonderful cultural diversity by putting on an International talent show the Friday before Thanksgiving. This year over 100 students participated, thrilling an audience of close to 300 people with their dances, songs, skits and, of course, our wonderful Step Team! The show is always totally student run, under the supervision of Ms. Jeanne DiBenedetto. The girls choreograph the dances, orchestrate the lighting and sound, and organize the performers. One student mentioned that International Night was one of her favorite activities here at AMSU because, “The show demonstrates that although we are diverse in culture, we can all come together to celebrate that as one.”

Christmas Concert

The 2016 Christmas concert kicked off our Christmas holiday break with a program featuring the sophomore class, the AMSU Vocalists, the Guitar Club, the Piano Lab and the Violin class. The theme of this year’s concert was “A Holly, Jolly Christmas” and included upbeat, fun songs about the holiday season, organized by Mrs. Laura Martinez, and performed by students and alumnae.

Partnerships in the Arts

The AMSU Vocalists and some selected sophomores participated in an exciting new partnership with the Bronx Opera. These students went to see a performance of “Sir John in Love” at the Lovinger Theater at Lehman College. They also had the privilege of attending two workshops at AMSU before and after the performance. They learned more from the Bronx Opera’s directors and performers about the story itself, opera as a medium, and the performing arts in general.

The Acting and Theatre class’ partnership with the Theatre Development Fund (TDF) Residency Arts Project is alive and well and in its fourth year here at AMSU. As part of this program, students in the acting class write a 7-10 page mid-term play and TDF invites professional actors to AMSU to do a reading of their work. The class was very impressed with each other’s work and the skill of the actors who created vibrant characters during an unrehearsed cold reading.

1. Umoja Dare Step Team
2. Christmas Concert Vocalists
3. AMSU Acting and Theatre Class
Service
UN Day of the Girl - Girls Speak Out

October 11th, 2016 was the Fifth International Day of the Girl. Seventeen AMSU students, accompanied by Guidance Counselor, Ms. Briane O’Hare and Sr. Alice Marie Giordano, osu, ’52 attended “Girls’ Speak Out” in the EcoSoc Chamber of the UN. Girl Advocates moderated the event and spoke about the issues of marginalized girls, girls in politics, and the reality of girls supporting girls.

A minister of Canada’s Parliament, a legislative body that is 50% female, spoke of appreciating the contributions of girls now as leaders of the present, not just the future. She urged all to leave no one behind, especially girls who are among the most marginalized. Lakshmi Puri, Executive Director of UN Women said, “A girl with a dream is fire!” She spoke of the importance of attention to data about the number of girls victimized by sex selective infanticide, stolen childhoods due to labor, trafficking, child marriage and violence. She also urged governments to invest in the support of girls. One student said, “An inspiring moment at the Day of the Girl was when Emma, a Girl Advocate spoke about empowering one another. It is so important that we lift each other up.” AMSU students stated they had met Rachel, a Girl Advocate, at meetings during last year’s CSW and that Rachel’s message at the Day of the Girl renewed her realization that “to get girls their rights we have to be politically engaged.” All who experienced this day carried with them strains from the song, “This Girl is on Fire” and the message of Emma, a girl advocate said, “We need to be each other’s safe spaces. We need to be each others’ champions.” Girls’ Speak Out can be seen in its entirety at webtv.un.org then search “Girls Speak Out.”

Service Day

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving has become an opportunity for living out our motto of “Serviam.” All 400 members of the AMSU school community go out and engage in various service projects set up by the Student Ministry Coordinator.

This year, sites included Concourse House, Andrus on the Hudson, Rose Hill Center, Sr. Annunciata Bethell Senior Center, St. Patrick’s Nursing Home and Serviam Gardens. The freshmen class took part in activities on the AMSU campus which included making Christmas cards for the Centre Peace organization, who then distributed them to prison inmates; writing postcards for the elderly in hospice care for the “Postcard Pick-Me-Up” program; and making and packing up 250 sandwiches, which were then delivered to “Help 365,” part of the Common Pantry program on 109th Street and 5th Avenue. Ms. DiBenedetto and Ms. Cabreja, who delivered the sandwiches, were amazed at the line of people waiting for food. It stretched down Madison Avenue for at least six blocks. The Common Pantry staff were so appreciative as they accepted the donation, expressing that they could always use more. We are hoping to raise our donation to 500 sandwiches next year.

AMSU and Serviam Gardens join together in Breast Cancer Walk

On October 13th, faculty and students of AMSU, along with the residents of Serviam Gardens, the senior housing complex on campus, joined together to participate in a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. The group met to walk around the neighborhood in honor of friends and family members affected by the disease.

After the walk, AMSU faculty and students participated and assisted in preparation of a luncheon for Serviam Garden residents. Students assisted at the registration table and helped set up the luncheon. This event was positive and uplifting for all who attended and witnessed the camaraderie among the senior citizens and our young women. Good conversation was enjoyed by all.

According to the New York Department of Health, over 800 women from the Bronx are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. Sr. Jean Marie Humphries, osu, PhD, AMSU ’89 states, “AMSU was proud to collaborate with our neighbors for this event. It brought the generations together for a very important cause that we at AMSU are proud to support.”
School Events
Breast Cancer Awareness Walk
Family Day

On Saturday, May 1st, AMSU brought back “Family Day” which was last celebrated in 1999! Over 100 people attended the free event. Activities included face painting, mini-pumpkin decorating, family style games, a hula-hoop competition, and a rousing Karaoke session. All the activities were led by AMSU students, faculty and staff. Special thanks to Palisades Pizza in Yonkers, who donated some of the food that was served. A wonderful time was had by all.

Ring Day

Forward Mount St. Ursula, even in the pouring rain! Ring Day was extra special this year for many reasons. On October 21st, 81 seniors gathered at Poe Park at 8:30am and at 8:43am a torrential downpour ensued. Determined as ever, with faculty, staff, and the officers from the 52nd Precinct by their side, the class of 2017 set out for AMSU. Though all were drenched, everyone arrived safely! Special thanks to the Development Office for providing AMSU t-shirts for faculty and staff, so everyone could be dry for the very moving assembly. Awards were given in memory of students and faculty who passed away in recent years. After the ceremony, 50 seniors accompanied by several faculty, went to International Caterers in Throggs Neck for the annual Ring Day Luncheon. The food was great and the seniors enjoyed playing music and dancing together to celebrate their special day.

Education for Sustainability Initiatives at AMSU

Find a place and a time where you can be mindful of nature. This is a gift you can give yourself which will enhance your sense of wonder and joy, and allow you to feel greater unity with creation. This was the final “take away” gift that Jacqueline Mooney O’Brien ’81 gave to the AMSU community when she returned to her alma mater, at the invitation of AMSU’s Service Coordinator, Sr. Alice Marie Giordano, osu ’52, to speak about Pope Francis’ inspiring encyclical, Laudato Si. Jackie’s years of involvement with Education For Sustainability (EFS) and the Children’s Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF), as well as her hands on experience in environmental education, enabled her to lead the group through issues of global inequality (the poor suffer more), the need for biodiversity, the tragedy of the commons (our interdependency and interconnectedness), Earth as a closed system (there is no “away” to throw things), our need for systems thinking (to help us avoid unintended consequences) and mindfulness. “Hope exists in many faith-based organizations with mindfulness muscles,” Jackie said. She encouraged the group to support efforts for renewable energy, the 4Rs (Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, and Replace), and organizations like Sustainable South Bronx’s BEST Program. Jackie connected AMSU with The Global Catholic Climate Movement’s organized resources for Christian Congregations and inspired all at AMSU to become unified.

Student Visit from St. Ursula College in Toowoomba, Australia

In early December, students and a handful of faculty from St. Ursula College in Toowoomba, Australia, accompanied by Sr. Pat Schifini, osu ’78 of The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, 17 students and three faculty/staff from Ursuline School in Australia, visited AMSU during their 2016 USA Tour. They were welcomed with open arms and cheering voices as if the Beatles had entered the building during a U.S. tour in the 1970s. The AMSU student council from each grade level joined the girls from St. Ursula College for New York pizza and great social interaction. Both groups sang their own school song for the AMSU community and St. Ursula’s students performed a number of songs to a very enthusiastic crowd. Friendships were formed immediately through their Global Ursuline connection. The Australian students happily purchased AMSU sweatshirts before heading on to their next stop.

Sports Update

The Volleyball team came in 3rd place in their division this year. AMSU made it to the semi-finals, but lost versus Cathedral in the final game. AMSU was tied with Cathedral, and lost by one point, but the team tried their best. “I was so proud of our team!” - Ms. Ruth Taveras, Volleyball Coach
Hang Up and Drive Founders Inspire AMSU Faculty and Students

On Tuesday, December 20th, the Academy of Mount St. Ursula faculty and students welcomed Jacy Good and Steve Johnson, nationally recognized public speakers and advocates for cell-free roads, into its AMSU community with open arms. AMSU was blessed to hear Jacy and Steve’s love story, heartbroken by Jacy’s life-altering tragedy, love for life and what their hope is today and in the future. In the spring of 2008, Jacy and her parents were on their way home from Jacy’s college graduation ceremony when a distracted 18-year-old driver, who was talking on his phone, ran a red light. This young man caused an 18-wheeler to swerve into the Goods’ family car, hitting them head on, killing Jacy’s parents instantly. Jacy was left paralyzed with a 10 percent chance of living through the night. “Somehow, I came out of that white pile of steel,” Jacy explained, pointing to the Powerpoint slide of the mangled vehicle. With her loving husband, Steve, at her side, Jacy uses her story to stress the importance of safe driving around the country. Jacy and Steve strongly recommended the Life Saver application. The app locks a user’s phone while they are operating a vehicle. Jacy’s story impacted the students of the Academy of Mount St. Ursula so much that you could hear pin drop in the audience. AMSU senior, Amanda Mc Collum, stated “I didn’t realize something so simple as texting could impact a person’s life forever.”

To learn more about Jacy and Steve, visit: http://www.hangupanddrive.com/our-story/

AMSU Welcomes Breaking the Cycle

An assembly held at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula on December 6, 2016, speakers from a group called ‘Breaking the Cycle’ included Hashim Garrett, Ann Marie D’Aliso, Charles Williams and Ian Winter. They spoke about the importance of non-violence, forgiveness, and stressed to students that they should know they are loved and matter to someone. One speaker was paralyzed due to gun violence. Another speaker talked about the suicide of her high school son and the third speaker shared about growing up with an alcoholic mother. The assembly dealt with very hard and sad topics, but it was also inspiring in that it stressed how each person is special, unique and is capable of forgiveness. Speaker Hashim Garrett said, “Be grateful if you have a mother, because she is keeping you alive. A mother can be very demanding at times, but it is because she loves you and she wants the best for you.” He described the nature of forgiveness and reinforced that forgiveness is not a one-time thing nor is it a sign of weakness. He explained that there is a healing process when you are able to forgive others. Speakers also stressed the importance of communication if one is sad or suffering. All students were given Why Forgive, a book written by Johann Christoph Arnold. AMSU works to educate students’ hearts and minds. Please check out the following website: http://www.breakingthecycle.com/recent-assemblies/2016/december/academy-of-mount-st-ursula.

Active and Retired NYPD Officers Teach AMSU Students Self-Defense

In mid-December, the Academy of Mount St. Ursula hosted an assembly on safety and security where active and retired members of the New York Police Department discussed and described Finding Your Inner Warrior when confronted by an attacker. As described by Ares Tactics, “our bodies are an adapted weapon forged through the fiery dynamics of evolution to defend itself. Employing that weapon effectively is more a matter of mindset than a technique. Given the distressing nature of the world at present, it is a serious and, at times, probably a fatal error to assume that the psychology of students is so fragile and so weak that the sometimes violent realities of the day cannot and should not even be discussed with them. It is the unprepared mind, the mind steeped in denial and evasion that falls apart when confronted with crisis.” The history of violent events in school settings demonstrates decisively that when a staff and student body have thought through and planned for crisis, they can prevent events before they happen or minimize the fallout when they do. The Academy of Mount St. Ursula is among those institutions that have actively participated in training for a potentially violent incident. Both its staff and its student body were invested, inquisitive and active in the training provided to them.

“We were honored to engage them on these difficult subjects and impressed by the sober maturity with which they met them,” said Daniel Modell, Ares Tactical and Emergency Management Solutions.

Faculty and students were more than receptive to the idea of protecting themselves and one another. One student proposed the thought of being prepared in a non-violent manner such as helping anyone in the need of medical assistance if such tragedies occur. AMSU principal, Sr. Jean Marie Humphries, osu, PhD ‘89 stated, “I chose to have our faculty, staff, and students learn about this training so all would feel empowered to handle situations and take leadership roles if possible.” For information about Ares Tactical and Emergency Management Solutions, visit: www.arestactics.com.
On October 28th, AMSU hosted its fourth Salsa and Chips fundraiser. The Development Committee would like to thank all who attended or contributed in some way to this event. The final numbers are in and AMSU raised $18,111.49. Congratulations to our 50/50 raffle winner, Mary Houlihan Coleman ’76, who generously donated her winnings back to AMSU! You can see more photos of the Masquerade Salsa and Chips festivities by signing into the school’s Shutterfly account.
https://amsupictures.shutterfly.com/2016salsaandchips/
Class Notes

1937
AMSU was just notified of the passing of Julia Loughran Hurley. Her relative mentioned that Mrs. Hurley wanted to make sure if she passed that the school be notified and to thank AMSU for the wonderful Ursuline teachings she obtained and used throughout her life. According to Julia, our motto indeed was *four years to last a life time!* She loved the school very much, and was not able to continue to be present in our activities as she was confined to a wheelchair the last two years.

1944
Mary Finerty Carney ’44 and Patricia Walker Wood ’54 bond over their experiences at “The Mount” in the nursing home they both currently reside.

1946
The Development Office learned that Ida D’Ambrosio Pompeo passed away on January 28th. Her obituary states, “She attended high school at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, Bronx, NY, on a full academic scholarship and made it her life’s mission to repay this kind and generous gift.” What a wonderful tribute to Ida’s alma mater. AMSU sends prayers to Ida’s family and friends.

1948
Patricia O’Shaunghnessy Rogers called in to say, “It was wonderful reading about my school in the papers today. After graduating The Mount and attending Fordham University, I stepped out into the real world and realized I had an advantage with my education that other people didn’t have. I thank Mother Ursula for that.” Patricia and her sister, Ann O’Shaunghnessy Burke ’53, graduated from AMSU and both went on to have successful careers, and 14 children between the two! She is very happy to see her school is still viable. She was also very happy to hear there is an Ursuline Sister as principal.

1951
Jeannette Carry Parshall attended her 65th Reunion in 2016. Three other classmates also attended: Jessica Quirk Merkl, Jane Fay and Arline Cosulich Torressen. Julia Whalen was unable to attend.

1952
Dr. Marie (Menna) Pagliaro has had her seventh education book published by Rowman & Littlefield. The title is *A Blueprint for Preparing Teachers: Producing the Best Educators for Our Children*. Her second novel, *Fork in the Road*, has also recently been published. To see a description of all books, go to www.mariepagliaro.com.

1964
Geraldine Carbery Farrell, Ethel McKeon Reese, Mary McKeon Niedzweiki ’63 and Julia McKeon Murphy ’61 were so happy to be able to reconnect and catch up at AMSU’s mini reunion/fundraiser at Blue Moon in Bronxville, NY on January 16th.

1965
Carol Ivory is an art historian (Ph.D., University of Washington) and the focus of her professional work is the art, history, and culture of the Marquesas Islands. The Marquesan people are Polynesians. Their archipelago is located in the South Pacific, and is part of French Polynesia, an overseas territory of France. In 2011, Carol was invited by the President of the Musee du quay Branly to organize and curate an exhibition to showcase Marquesan history and art from the late 18th century to today. This museum, now 10 years old, sits on the left bank of the Seine in Paris, only steps from the Eiffel Tower. For the next five years, Carol worked with the Marquesan people, colleagues in other disciplines (mainly anthropology and archaeology) museum curators, and the Branly staff to develop the exhibition’s conceptual plan, select more than 400 objects, drawings, and photographs drawn from museums and private collections throughout Europe, design the space that would present these to the public, and write the more than 500 labels that explained them. Carol also oversaw the 320-page catalog that includes 16 essays and features 150 of the objects in the exhibition. On April 11, 2016, “Matahoata: arts et societe aux iles Marquises” (art and society in the Marquesas Islands) opened and over 50 Marquesans traveled to participate in the festivities. Their pride and joy as they walked through the exhibit that night made all of the work worth it. Carol was also thrilled that five AMSU alumnae were there, including four ’65 classmates who came to Paris to celebrate the event with her. A most memorable moment was when they sang the school song at the exhibition entrance! Carol says, “A fitting tribute to AMSU that did so much to nurture my love of art, beginning with my freshman art class, that introduced me to art history and the wondrous world of New York’s museums.”

Romaine Genovese Hoffman wants to inform her class and alumna friends that she published her second children’s book in August 2016. *WELCOME HOME* is narrated by eight-year-old Emily, who experiences a family day trip to an antique store for the first time. Although she begrudgingly walks through
the unfamiliar store of 'hodge-pudge,' Emily discovers that experience is the best teacher and learns the meaning of sentimental value. What an unlikely place for her to become best friends with an unlikely 'person.' The story is appropriate for Grades 3-6 and available on CreateSpace/Amazon.com. Romaine hopes everyone is well, and she offers special prayers for her classmate, Charlene Morales, and her family.

Carol Kelly says "Aloha to all!" Even though she retired from the VA hospital in Baltimore about 2½ years ago, she is still working. In the past year and half, she has been working at hospitals in Colorado, California, New Jersey and Hawaii. What a great opportunity this has been for her! On the weekends and evenings, Carol is a tourist and is able to see so many wonderful things. She interacts with the locals and really has gotten a greater understanding of the area and its people. She thanks God every day for her health and looks forward to her next work/adventure. A New Year has just begun!

1966
Dorothy Igwel Cooney says, "It seems like one day I woke up and had 4 great-granddaughters, ages 3, 2, 1, and 6 months! What happened? Wasn't I just 18? I love them all to pieces and am fortunate that 3 of them live near me. I am so blessed and credit AMSU for giving me the head start for two great careers and a wonderful life!"

1971
Donna Benza Nava writes, "Dear AMSU, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Carroll. She was the sweetest, most congenial person, and I had the pleasure to know her a little better than most students. For some reason, I was the bus pass monitor. My role every week for 3 years was to go to Mrs. Carroll during homeroom, count out all the bus passes for my grade of 71, and distribute them to each home room. An honor and an opportunity to miss a little bit of class time. Mrs. Carroll will be and is remembered as a beautiful, patient and caring person, who was efficient in her job, and always greeted students with kindness and a smile. A little bit of Mount St. Ursula history that is forever a wonderful memory in my heart."

1973
Danielle McAuley sent in this update, "Once again, intrepid members of the Class of '73 gathered for a mini reunion, toasting the new year and having fun. They couldn't resist posing for a glam shot outside the historic Pete's Tavern in NYC. Present at the luncheon but missing from the photo? Vicky Murphy. Oh, thank you Mrs. Kazimiroff for keeping us in line!"

1974
Susan Apicella Gargiulo is living in Putnam County, New York. She is enjoying life working part-time as an Optician's Assistant and spending lots of time with her two grandchildren. She is also doing lots of traveling with her husband, Neil. They plan to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in Ireland this fall.

1977
Denise O'Flynn Donaghy has been selected as an aide to his Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, the Grand Marshal, in the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue in Yonkers, NY, on Saturday, March 18th.

1979
Camille DeSantis recently launched a new company – SIGNAVA, which is a metric-driven brand identity strategy firm. They find ways of navigating brands to even greater significance. Their website is www.signava.com.

1980
Gayle Williams just began a new job on January 9th as the Development Communications Manager for Weill Cornell Medicine in Manhattan. Just prior to this, Gayle had been in community engagement at the American Cancer Society in Westchester, following about 25 years in journalism at newspapers and magazines, including Consumer Reports. She is very happy to be back to her roots as a writer and editor!

1984
Elizabeth Jennings Clark gathered a group of 7 from the class of 1984 at the Blue Moon Café fundraiser on January 16th. Anna Marie Dineen O'Neill, Theresa Flynn Cullen, Margaret Breen Flynn, Lucy Lukaj, Judy Kehoe Gagna and Maeve Kearney were all in attendance with Liz. They saw Sr. Eileen Finnerty, osu Sr. Jane Finnerty, osu and Sr. Sheila Campbell, osu, as well as other AMSU alumnae.

1986
Selina Jenkins-Tyler is happy to report that she got married to the love of her life on May 14, 2016.

1995
Maria Tsoumas-Koukourdelis reports that on June 21, 2016, she and her husband, Tele, introduced their 2nd daughter, Konstantina to the world. They and big sister, Sofia, are over the moon with joy. Maria loves that everyone is "just a little closer" thanks to Take Note!
1997
Michelle Yu posted photos on her Facebook when she met 2016 Olympic gold medalists Laurie Hernandez and Simone Biles at the Empire State Building. Michelle is currently a reporter and anchor with Sports Net New York.

Kathy Dwyer was married on June 9, 2012 and welcomed twin boys on January 28, 2015. Congratulations, Kathy!

Yokairy Tavarez became a double certified Visitation/Child Custody Mediator in 2011 and joined the Riverdale office of Paul W. frieary, PLLC in 2012 as an independent contractor, where she remains still. Prior to that, Yokairy was a Paralegal for a sole practitioner in Homestead, Florida and operated her own legal services company from home. A Bronx native, Yokairy graduated from CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies and a minor in Creative Writing. Her first novel, The Blue Brotherhood, was published in 2010 and her second novel, Project: FEMME, in 2016. Currently at work on her next book, Yokairy lives in Yonkers with her husband and two children.

1998
Jessica Colón gave birth to Christopher Juan Acosta on December 22, 2016.

2004
Amy Catano recently got engaged to her high school sweetheart, Robert Polanco.

2005
Carla Lide-Buglione married Jonathan Buglione, a New Jersey High School Special Education teacher and football coach. They were married at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Verona, NJ and their reception was in Cedar Grove NJ at il Tulipano. The hardest part about that day was that Carla's father was unable to make it to the wedding as he's battling through cancer and wasn't stable enough to leave the hospital. Luckily, Carla's brother was able to walk her down the aisle, and her dad's friends FaceTimed him in to see Carla walk down the aisle. Carla says, “The best part about that day was marrying my best friend. It was a beautiful winter day filled with laughter, family, friends, and of course dancing. It was by far the best day of my life. My dad will be discharged from the hospital soon and is officially cancer free!” In the wedding party was Carla's AMSU sister, Melissa Mullings '05.

2016
Brianna Marrero writes to Mr. Leo Soliman, current Religion teacher, “Good Morning Mr. Soliman, I hope all is well!! Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and all else in between!! It almost seems like forever since I was in your class or even listening to your singing! Lately, everyone at AMSU has been on my mind and I thought it would only be best to say hello. Quick update, I have completed my first semester at Iona College! It goes by so quickly. Although the school was not my first choice, a lot of good came out of it. I have already declared as a double major in Psychology and Criminal Justice. I have also landed my spot on the Dean’s list for the fall semester. This week I will be recruiting to enter Gamma Lambda Rho’s sorority here at Iona. Iona is now my second home, aside from Ursula which will always remain a fond place in my heart. I will always remember the kind words you have taught me since I was in 10th grade. For that I will forever be thankful for having such a dedicated and wise teacher for entering into my life. Best regards to Carmen, and your little “flip-Rican” whom I’m assuming is not so little anymore! I am planning to visit soon. Oh, and always remember ‘Bloom wherever God plants you.’ Send my kindest hello and love to everyone at AMSU.”

2018
Alexus Rodriguez is the founder of “I Am Sam,” an organization for autism awareness and advocacy. Through her organization she hopes to be a resource to individuals and families affected by autism. Annually on April 2nd, Alexus hosts an event to raise awareness for autism in honor of world “Light It Up Blue Day.” She also goes to different events to speak about the importance of acceptance of autistic people and how they should not be bullied or harassed. Alexus is currently working on getting her 501 (c)3 so that her organization can be an official non-profit so that she can build it up. Right now she is working on the annual event, looking for volunteers to provide sound, stage, and autism resource services.

“Take care of all...
having each and every
one engraved on your
mind and heart, not
only their names, but
also their situation.”
-St. Angela Merici
In Memoriam

Julia Loughran Hurley ’37
Ida D’Ambrosio Pompeo ’46
Mary Jones Hill ’48
Ann McGuire O’Connell ’51
Sr. Jean Wagner, PBVM ’51
Kathleen Horgan Smith ’52
Anna Mae Kelly Cahill ’53
Marion Carbery Lechowicz ’55
Jack Verrier
Beloved Husband of
Jo-Ann Heilferty Verrier ’55
(passed last year)
Fred Bomhoff
Beloved Husband of
Marion Roberto Bomhoff ’59
Kathleen Maguire Peterson ’60
Gerard Lyons
Beloved Brother of
Theresa Lyons Brosnan ’61
Antoinette Zimmerman ’63
Beloved Daughter of
Suzy Zimmerman
(Former AMSU French Teacher)

James Geraghty
Beloved Husband of
Donna McInnis Geraghty ’64
Charlene Morales Payne ’65
Ed Desmond
Beloved Husband of
Christine Condon Desmond ’65
Dr. Paul R. Packer
Beloved Husband of
Wendy Gardocki Packer ’69
Rosemarie McAuley
Beloved Mother of
Danielle McAuley ’73
Karen Coney ’74
Valdo DeSantis
Beloved Father of
Camilie DeSantis ’79
Kelly Raupp Caivano ’80
Beloved Sister of
Tracianne Raupp ’84
John Pyatt, Jr.
Beloved Father of
Gina Pyatt ’81
Aleth Del Prado ’82
Beloved Sister of
Aileen Del Prado ’83
and
Alona Del Prado-Alexander ’87
and
Beloved Cousin of
Pauline Ramos ’97
John “Jack” O’Toole
Beloved Brother of
Siobhan O’Toole Rini ’83
and
Meaghan O’Toole ’89
Michelle Burke Mullen ’89
Beloved Sister of
Megan Burke Bergmann ’97
and
Beloved Cousin of
Beth-Ann (Schwartz) Permuy ’92,
Kelly (Mulrooney) Fogarty ’94,
Shannon (Mulrooney) Simpson ’97
and
Isabel (Mendez) Rodriguez ’97
Giovanni Pirrone
Beloved Father of
Josephine Pirrone Law ’89
John “Sean” Courtney
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