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THE CLASS OF 2023



We are resilient, we are strong, we are one!

By the 2023 Spartan Spear Editors

If you took Mrs. Boyd's English class sophomore year, you'd most likely know that a vignette is a short story that can stand on its own. It's a tiny glimpse into the full life of a character that has no real plot, just fragments of a bigger picture.

These past four years have been a collage of vignettes. Fragments of memories, experiences and short moments that show us what our high school years have looked like. And they have been anything but ordinary.

As school got going back in the Fall of 2019, we learned one another's names, figured out the best hallway routes, ate some delicious scones and some of us figured out the hard way that the front row at football games was strictly forbidden for any freshman.

One of the first vignettes added to our almost blank high school book was the Freshman Lock-In. As crowds of unfamiliar faces mingled together, that night was one of the first times we got to really know one another.

We had a lot of firsts that year: our first

Homecoming, the first high school all-nighter and our first Marist Mass.

And then everything stopped. Just as we were finally getting this whole high school thing figured out, the world flipped upside down and we went from 100 to 0 in about two days. We all vividly remember that announcement over the intercom. "We'll see you in two weeks." We all celebrated our vacation and looked forward to not having to set alarms for the next 14 days. But then those 14 days turned to countless months. Wake up. Zoom. Go back to sleep. Do one assignment. Sleep again. Repeat.

Sophomore year started off on a computer screen. Oh, and on the first day of sophomore year, Oregon was on fire. That week the world was quite literally burning around us. The sky was orange and the air was unbreathable. Some of us had to evacuate our homes and some of us couldn't see out our windows. So to say the Class of 2023 is resilient is an understatement. Yet another fragment of a memory that tells the bigger picture.

When we finally came back to school in-person, we saw just half our classmates at

a time. While six feet apart, we wore funny pieces of fabric over our faces and sanitized our desks after each period. People we had known over Zoom looked different in real life. We had grown and changed behind our masks and off-camera. It was weird seeing our classmates after so long.

But luckily, many of the connections we made freshman year never failed. We stayed strong and used technology to our advantage to stay connected.

And little by little, the world went back to normal. Junior year we were fully in-person. We had football games again, our first Prom, and our classes were actually hard and required us to do things; something we weren't quite used to through the pandemic.

And as notorious as junior year is for having lots of homework and stressing over the college application process, it was a year of rekindling friendships too. We trauma-bonded with classmates over late night study sessions, we enjoyed time at St. Benny's and some of us even became leaders for the underclassmen, making sure their orientations, retreats and class-

bonding activities were fun and engaging.

Then, junior year ended and suddenly we were seniors. All grown up, but not feeling much older and wondering if we were ready. The seniors we looked up to all those years ago seemed so much more mature and ready for what was to come — life after high school. But we didn't have time to question ourselves. We got to work and spit out essay after essay trying to impress those admissions departments in schools across the country.

Senior year has now been a year of lasts: our last Homecoming, our last all-nighter and soon our last Marist Mass. But through all the doubts and worries, it was a year of incredible joy as well. All those off-campus lunches, front row football seats and easy second-semester classes are now a part of our book of memories.

Saying goodbye will be hard for many of us, but that means that our time here at Marist mattered. All of these seemingly fragmented vignettes have meshed together to create a novel that was meaningful and real. And for that we have Marist and each other to thank.

Alex Chavez

Rachel McLaughlin

Paige Doerr

Sophie Mahalak

Jackson Anderson

Gonyea But Not Forgotten

To my fellow Spartans,

It has been a privilege to serve as your ASB President for the past year, even if I ran unopposed. As the end of the school year arrives, I would like to let this time be a reminder of all that lies ahead.

To the freshmen ... You have officially survived your first year at Marist. You've learned which door to walk through. You've learned what a dole is. You've learned how to star in a quality music video. By now, you have had a preview of the years that lie ahead. You've hopefully made new friends outside of your ones from middle school and entered an environment that has greeted you with open arms. As you approach your sophomore year, don't get too comfortable. Push yourself, get to know your classmates, get involved, do the class dance next year (this year was a good start, keep it up), go to football games and please, I beg of you, learn the cheers! Don't take any moment of the next three years for granted, it flies by!

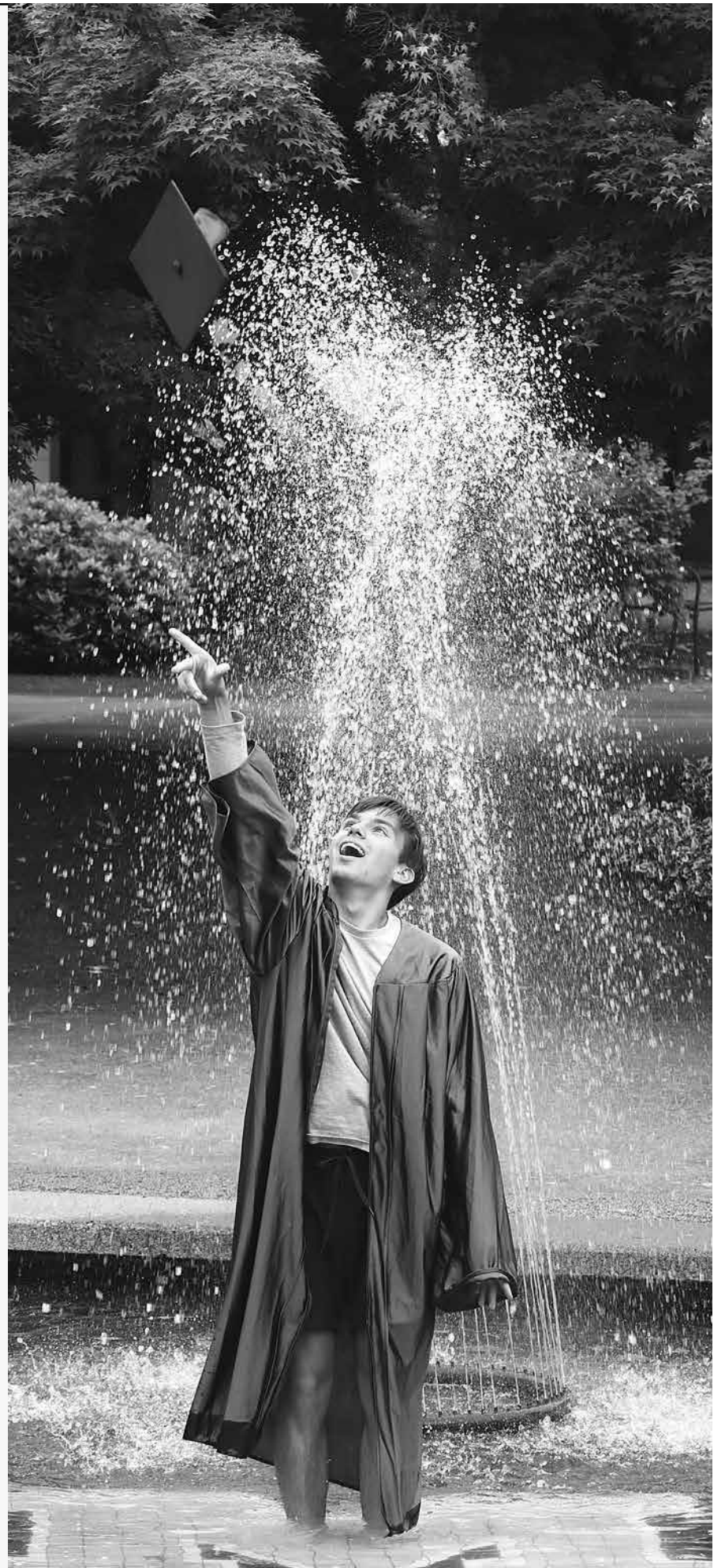
To the sophomores ... You have completed half of your Marist journey, but in many ways it's just beginning. Now is the time to step up, time to leap into your adulthood. Junior year is not for the faint of heart. In the next year you will start to be treated as the adults you are becoming. Start your college applications early and work hard in your classes, however, remember that grades don't define you at all. Prioritize your friendships and search for joy in all you do. Go to the dances, get involved, do the class dance (and please try to get more than ten people next year, that number was truly embarrassing) don't miss out on your Encounter and most importantly, get to know the people around you.

To the juniors ... As the future approaches and the college search reaches its peak, remember your strength. This time can be stressful, but you will persevere. As you start your senior year, take everything in because before you know it you will be throwing your cap at graduation. Come together as a class, embrace those around you and remember it's never too late to make new friends. Thank your teachers and hug your parents. This next year will overwhelm you with opportunity and it's easy to get too hyper-focused on what lies ahead. Live in the moment and take advantage of what Marist has to offer. You have one more year of football games, dances, retreats and assemblies. Don't miss a second!

To the seniors ... We made it! Although it sounds cliché, it feels like just yesterday we were being dropped off by our parents for the first day of school. Four years and a global pandemic later, we are now stepping into freedom as adults. As we move on from Marist the world is opening up for us. This transition will no doubt be scary and challenging. Luckily, the past four years have provided us with a strong foundation, self confidence, and strong friendships that will always serve us as we move on. I have deeply enjoyed every moment of the past four years (except for the moments on Zoom) and I will cherish the memories that I have made as I move on. Class of 2023, I will miss each and every one of you deeply. When we step into this new phase of life always remember that We Are One.

With love,

Henry



Introducing...

The Marist Class of 2023

PAOLA AGUIRRE CERRATO



Paola will be attending Portland State University next year to study pre-law in hopes of becoming a paralegal. She is most excited to meet new people but will miss her friends and teachers the most. Her favorite Marist memory was her Women's Encounter with Jess and Kim and her advice to underclassmen is don't procrastinate! Paola would also like to thank her parents for all the sacrifices they've made for her.

"Some people gonna hate you for no reason ... and you're gonna shine regardless." - SZA



MORIAH ALLEN



"Can I ask you a question for the yearbook?"



Moriah will be going to the University of Oregon in the fall to major in journalism. She is most excited to meet new people and get involved in the magazine. Her favorite Marist memory was working on the yearbook with Madison and Jess and next year she will miss her friends, the Marist community and having her own room. She'd like to thank her parents for always supporting and putting her in Marist and her friends for stressing her out. Her advice to underclassmen is to talk to your teachers. They're cool people.

**JACKSON
ANDERSON***"I shoot things for fun!"*

Jackson will be working towards becoming a better man and photographer and building up his portfolio next year while taking photos at sporting events. He will miss Toni Cooper and lunch with Breslaw the most. His advice to underclassmen is do your homework because he never did and regrets it. Jackson would like to thank his mom and dad, Toni Cooper, Stacey Baker, Renee Cool, Jeanette Herro, Ryan Elliot, Shari Pimental and Andy Oldham for pushing him to the very end.

**JESSICA
ARTEAGA-BOCANEGRA***"If it don't make money, it don't make sense."*

Jess will be going to George Fox University in the fall to major in finance and plans to go to law school after. Jess will miss the stressful yearbook sessions (no sarcasm) but is excited to branch out and make new friends. Her favorite Marist memory is when she got dropped off freshman year with tears in her eyes and found Paola who comforted her. Her advice to underclassmen is to make relationships with your teachers — they're here for you. Jess would like to thank Ms. Toni for pushing her out of her bubble and comfort zone.

**MICAH
ATKERSON***"Who owns the grey truck?"*

Micah will be attending the University of Oregon in the fall to study sports business. His favorite Marist memory is when David Manstrom did a back flip and his lotion flew out of his pocket freshman year. Micah says he will miss golfing during his free period the most. And he would like to thank his parents and grandpa for being there for him and his grandma for motivating him to be better.

**MADDIE
BAKER-FONES***"I'll find a senior quote later."*

Maddie will be attending Whitworth University in the fall to major in nursing and would like to be a pediatric nurse. Her favorite Marist memory is playing Screw Your Neighbor with Mr. Ferrari until 3 a.m. on the senior Metanoia and will miss being a T.A. for the front office ladies and getting free snacks. Her advice to underclassmen is never tell Mr. Nuxoll that you don't think trains are cool or that Phoebe Snow is obsolete. Maddie would like to thank her Marist parents, Andy, Toni, Bill and Julie along with Mrs. Mora, Ms. Gardener and Mrs. Meyer for being staff that show they care and value all students.

**NICK
BIAGI***"I need a room full of mirrors so I can be surrounded by winners."
- Kanye West*

Next year Nick will be attending Linn-Benton Community College and majoring in business. He is excited to play on the baseball team and will miss seeing his friends everyday. His advice to underclassmen is to make the most of every day because it'll be gone before you know it. He'd like to thank his parents for their constant support.

**CECILIA
BLANSETT***"That's big smart ... and that's what we do."*

Cece will be going to Portland State University next year to major in chemistry and is looking forward to a career in medicine. She will miss seeing her friends everyday but is excited to attend college and gain new experiences. Her favorite Marist memory was the amazing conversations and connections she formed from the Metanoia and her advice to underclassmen is to not take this time for granted because it really goes by fast. Cece would like to thank her parents for giving her so many opportunities to strive and achieve the most she can in her future career.

**ADAM
BLONDÉ***"We must obey God rather than man."
- Acts 5:27-29*

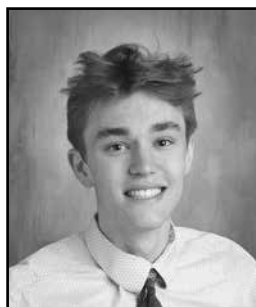
Adam will be taking a year off of school to work with NET Ministries, then attend Lane Community College or possibly go into the military. He is most excited to be a part of a team that leads retreats for middle and high school aged students seeking to deepen their Catholic faith but will miss the community that Marist brings through events like assemblies and Mass. Adam's advice to underclassmen is to not wait until the last minute to turn in homework and he would like to thank all the teachers for working through COVID since it was a hard thing to adapt to and making it possible for us to learn despite restrictions.

**BEN
BLONIGEN***"To give anything less than your best, is to sacrifice the gift."
- Steve Prefontaine*

Ben will be attending the University of Oregon in the fall to study business and become fluent in German. His favorite Marist memories are all the cross country and track meets and he would like to thank coach Luke for helping him become the best runner he can be and his teammates for always supporting him. Ben's advice to underclassmen is to ask questions if you don't know what to do. He would also like to thank all his teachers for being kind and supportive.

**DILLON
BORESEK***"Call me Joe Biden, because I'm sleepy."*

Dillon will be going to trade school next year to study to be an electrician. He is also very excited to have more time to fish. His funniest Marist memory is dressing up as a hotdog freshman year and he will miss Mrs. Sherrod the most. Dillon's advice to underclassmen is make as many friends as possible and he would like to thank Grant Gilchrist for giving him a second chance during first semester.

**SAGE
BUS***"In the dark times, should the stars also go out?"*

Sage plans to attend Oregon State University in the fall to major in mechanical engineering and oceanography and is excited to meet new people who are also passionate about their interests. He will miss the Marist community and his favorite Marist memory was chatting with friends and Mr. Oldham in the ARC this year; it was a little moment, but the best ones in life often are. Sage would like to thank his family and friends for always supporting his goals.

**AVERY
CARLIN***"I guess I'll see you in the movies." - La La Land*

Avery will be going to the University of Utah to get a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre. She is excited to meet new people and do what she loves everyday. Her favorite Marist memory is going on the retreats. She will miss her friends next year and her advice to underclassmen is that when all is said and done, grades aren't everything, but relationships with people are. Avery would like to thank her parents for being her main support system and her sister who pushes her to be the best all the time.

**ALEXANDER
CARMACK***"I love you." - Alex*

Alex will be going to Lane Community College to study interior design or become a carpenter. He is most excited to be more independent. His favorite Marist memory is arguments in religion class. He said he will miss his English class the most and his advice for underclassmen is to grow as a person, grow in intellectual thought, and be sure to listen to Mr. Ferrari senior year. Alex would also like to thank Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Sherrod, Mr. Reeser and the one and only Jesus Christ.

ALEX CHÁVEZ

"Bring me back a pin!"



Alex will be attending the University of Southern California next winter to study journalism and communications. She is most excited to be in the sun and create new memories. Her favorite Marist memory was getting coffee before Student Council meetings and her advice to underclassmen is to enjoy the small moments and surround yourself with people that make you happy. She would also like to thank her family for constantly supporting and pushing her to be the best version of herself.

JACKSON COFFMAN

"No." - Rosa Parks



Jackson will be going to Lane Community College next year to become a certified nursing assistant. He is most excited to be able to sleep in. He says he will miss Mr. Oldham the most. His favorite Marist memory was Mr. Olszyk's class freshman year and his advice to underclassmen is don't be late. Jackson would like to thank his mother and says she knows why.

KELLEN CRANMER

"Don't dream of winning, train for it." - Mo Farah



Kellen will be going to the University of Oregon in the fall to major in economics and pursue a law degree and is excited for a fresh start. His favorite Marist memory is when the cross country team finished third in districts and then beat all the teams in the district at state. He says he will miss the people around campus and advises underclassmen to make time for friends even if that means procrastinating. Kellen would like to thank his mom and dad for always being there for him and believing in him even when he didn't believe in himself.

PAIGE DOERR

"Don't become the average." - Momma



Paige will be going to Oregon State University in the fall to study political science and play softball. She is most excited to be on the same team as her sister Abby. She says she will miss coach Reeser and her favorite Marist memory was shooting the basketball with him and his daughter Collette talking Paige's ear off as she moved around the court. Her advice to underclassmen is to take time to spend with friends and just be a kid — don't grow up too fast. She'd like to thank her mom, sisters, Rich and her grandparents for being her biggest supporters and best friends.

HAYDEN DREW

"Hang loose, Mother Goose."



Hayden will be going to the University of Oregon to study education or maybe medicine. His funniest Marist memory is when he wore a costume with hot dogs on it for Kissing the 'M' and the hot dogs went everywhere. He will miss the people at Marist but is excited for new experiences and lots of good times. His advice to underclassmen is to rely on your true feelings and don't stress yourself out too much; you have your whole life to stress out so don't let it be when you're in high school. Hayden would like to thank all the teachers. They did a wonderful job.

SOFIA FERRARI

"Operator, won't you put me on through? I gotta send my love down to Baton Rouge." - Garth Brooks



Sofia will be attending Louisiana State University in the fall and plans to study pre-medicine and is excited about rushing in a sorority. She will miss her friends and teachers and her favorite Marist memory was participating in the Mr. & Ms. Spartan Pageant with her friends. She'd like to thank her parents and friends for always supporting her no matter what stage of life she was in. Her advice to underclassmen is to try everything and be involved!

SELA FREEMAN

"I just came for the ring."



Sela will be going to the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs this fall to major in engineering and play soccer. Her favorite Marist memory is winning state for soccer this year and she is very excited to play for UCCS. She will miss her friends the most and would like to thank her sister, mom and dad for being her biggest supporters. Her advice to underclassmen is don't procrastinate!

JACKSON GIBEAU

"Pablo escaped jail in five years; I did it in four."



Jackson will be going to Oregon State University in the fall to study sociology and is excited to meet new people and create a healthy lifestyle. He will miss football and his favorite memory is in the locker room after beating Cascade in the playoffs his junior year. His advice to underclassmen is to not change yourself for anyone and always stay true to yourself and your values. Jackson would like to thank his parents for always supporting him and leading him in the right direction for success.

HENRY GONYEA

"Can someone take over JAM pls ..."



Henry will be going to New York University in the fall to pursue an individualized major with a focus on political science. He is most excited to explore life in a new environment but will miss the teachers and friends that make Marist such a welcoming place. His favorite Marist memory is skipping ski team dryland practice to go to Texas Roadhouse with Kai and Reeve last year. His advice to underclassmen is don't take any moment for granted. He'd like to thank his mom for always cheering him on and Mrs. Wirth for always supporting him.

BRANDT GREEN

"The one thing about headband Larry ... he don't miss."



Brandt plans on working next fall, although he's not sure where yet. His favorite Marist memory is going to lunch with friends everyday and will miss seeing all his friends. His advice to underclassmen is to just stay positive; high school goes by way too fast to worry about the small stuff. Brandt would like to thank Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Cool and Mr. Chronister because they were the most entertaining teachers, though he learned the most in Mr. Ferrari's class.

EVAN HACKSTADT

"The companions of our childhood always possess a certain power over our minds which hardly any later friend can obtain." - Mary Shelley, Frankenstein



Evan will be going to Santa Clara University next year to study math, physics or civil engineering and is excited to be challenged academically and grow personally. His favorite memory was the senior class dance which made him proud to be part of the Class of 2023. He will miss hanging out in his "wonderful" calculus and physics classes and advises underclassmen to take hard classes if you enjoy the subject. Evan would like to thank his parents for their endless help and advice and the teachers at Marist for their dedication to his success.

ZACHARY HAGENGRUBER

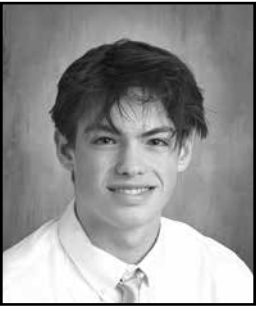
"Instrument flying, I have concluded, is an unnatural act probably punishable by God."



Zac will be attending the University of North Dakota in the fall to study commercial aviation and is excited for more flying. His favorite Marist memory was the 2022 Boise cross country trip and will miss his friends the most next year. His advice to underclassmen is to not change the things you love for anyone. He'd like to thank his family and friends because without them, Zac would not be where he is today.

MACOY HARBERT

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Macoy will be going to the University of Oregon next year to major in business and is excited to meet new people and live on his own. He will miss the teachers at Marist and his favorite Marist memory is going to state in basketball. His advice to underclassmen is to do your homework. Macoy would like to thank his parents.

TYLER HARDING

"Let's go watch the sunset."

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Tyler will be going to the University of Oregon in the fall to major in interior architecture and Spanish and she is most excited to have classes about things that she is passionate about. Tyler will miss her friends next year. Her favorite Marist memory is beating Cottage Grove at the volleyball senior-night game her freshman year. Her advice to underclassmen is to enjoy every moment, because it truly goes by so fast. She'd like to thank her mom, friends and grandparents for always supporting her dreams.

MADDIE HAYWOOD




Maddie will be attending Lane Community College next year and hopes to study child psychology. She is excited to meet new people and start the rest of her life outside of high school. She will miss Mrs. Sherrod and advises underclassmen to get to know her. Her favorite Marist memory was blowing bubbles and painting nails with Ms. G during art class sophomore year. Maddie would like to thank Mr. Chronister for making his class so enjoyable.

AVERY HEDDEN

"When it's grim, be the Grim Reaper."
- Andy Reid



Avery will be attending Georgetown University in the fall to study science, technology and international affairs and is excited to meet new people and explore Washington D.C. She will miss the supportive teachers and friends at Marist the most and her advice to underclassmen is to get involved with everything you can and just meet people and have fun. Her favorite memories are running at Hayward Field. Avery would like to thank her parents for supporting her and sisters for always being there for her.

REEVE HELVOIGT

"Well, well, well how the turntables ..."
- Michael Scott



Reeve will be attending the College of Wooster in the fall to study economics and French. She will miss the tight-knit community at Marist but is excited to experience a new place and meet new people. Her advice to underclassmen is to work hard in school, but don't take it too seriously and remember to have fun! Her favorite Marist memory is doing ski team with some of her best friends. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and Ms. Herro and Mr. Moser for their guidance and inspiration at school.

BLAKE HERRING

"Good is not good when better is expected."
- Vin Scully



Blake will be going to Grand Canyon University in the fall to study finance and is excited for new experiences, opportunities and relationships. He will miss football and his friends and his favorite Marist memory was the first football game of this season. His advice to underclassmen is not to take sports and family for granted. He would like to thank his parents, family and friends for their immense support as well as the people that helped guide him through a great high school experience, academically and athletically.

MADISON HOLMES

"Kachow!!"

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Madison will be attending the University of Oregon in the fall to study sports management and is excited to meet new people, but will miss seeing her friends everyday and living at home. Her favorite memories are from her Encounter with her friends junior year and going to Esopus to meet Marist students from all over the country. Her advice to underclassmen is to make every moment count — that yearbook is better than newspaper. She would like to thank Ms. Herro for encouraging her to be the best student she can be and Toni for creating such a beautiful community Madison is lucky to call her home at Marist.

RHYSA HUFFMAN

"YOLO."



Rhysa will be attending Linfield University in the fall to study psychology with the hopes of becoming a child psychiatrist. She is so excited to make new friends and for new experiences but knows she will miss getting to see her Marist friends everyday. Her advice to underclassmen is to get involved and know it's never too late to try new things. She would like to thank her parents, Nana and TT for always supporting her and making Rhysa her best self.

JOSIAH JARVIS




Josiah will be attending Grand Canyon University in the fall to major in business His favorite Marist memory was the Freshman Lock-In He will miss school dances with DJ Drake. Josiah would like to thank his parents for their unwavering love and support throughout the last four years. He says their guidance, encouragement and sacrifices have been instrumental in shaping the person he is today and are his constant source of strength and inspiration.

JACK KIEFER

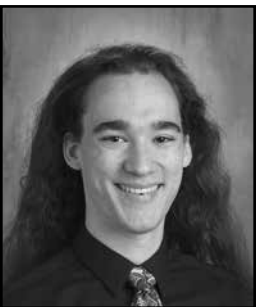
"When Ms. Meyer gives you lemons ..."



Jack will be going to the University of San Diego to major in finance and real estate and is excited to surf everyday. He will miss seeing Mr. Nuxoll with his hand sanitizer bottle and his favorite Marist memory was riding a four-wheeler in the parking lot with friends. His advice to underclassmen is to be nice. Jack would like to thank everyone who works at Marist because, from his perspective, all you guys aren't here to work, you're here to help. He'd also like to thank his family for supporting and being there for him whenever he needed.

ISAAC KING

"Now, I go to spread happiness to the rest of the world. It is a terrible responsibility but I have learned to live with it." - Ambassador Londo Mollari



Isaac will be going to Oregon State University in the fall and hopes to study aerospace engineering. He is most excited to get a fresh start next year but he will miss the routine of high school, the Marist teachers and the Marist culture. His advice to underclassmen is to talk to your teachers, and for the love of God, don't procrastinate! He would like to thank Mr. Nuxoll, Mr. Moser and Mrs. Boyd for helping him get through senior year in one piece.

AMALIE KNIGHT-SHEEN

"Find the ebb and flow of life, because sometimes it gets lost."



Amalie will be going to the University of Connecticut to study art with a focus on animation and is excited to meet new people. Amalie's says she will miss working the Genesis program in the summer and her advice to underclassmen is to get involved in something — it matters! Amalie would like to thank Mrs. Meyer for having a funny and enthusiastic personality and her favorite memories are sharing with her "all the drama." She would also like to thank Mrs. Sherrod for having the cutest kid ever and for helping her recognize her true passion.

KYLER LAJOIE

"Just keep swimming."



Kyler will be attending the University of Portland this fall to study accounting and is excited to meet new people and live on his own but he will miss his friends and the Marist community. His favorite memory was winning districts in swim four years in a row and their final relay win freshman year. His advice to underclassmen is homework can be done later, have fun with friends when you can. Kyler would like to thank his parents and family for supporting him through Marist and his friends for always being there for him.

CALEB LEMLEY

"It's 'bout to be June. Time to turn up."



Caleb will be attending Bushnell University next year to study youth ministry and is excited to play intramural sports. His favorite Marist memory was Orion throwing a pen at Coach Geske during football team camp. He says he will miss his friends the most and would like to thank his parents for pushing him to be the best possible student he can be.

LOGAN LETOURNEAU

"I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not sure."



Logan will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa next year to study business and is excited to wake up in Hawaii every day. His favorite memory was the senior Metanoia and his advice to underclassmen is to have fun before you miss out on all your opportunities. Logan said he will miss seeing "the fam" every day and would like to thank his mom and dad for pushing him to be the best version of himself everyday.

AVA LIGHT

"I don't like it when people call me a dumb blonde. It gets on my pet peeves."



Ava will be attending Florida International University in the fall and hopes to become a neonatal nurse and is most excited to work towards her dream career. She will miss the volleyball community and her favorite Marist memory was any volleyball practice. Her advice to underclassmen is that these four years go by so fast, so take advantage of having the ability to have fun freely! Ava would like to thank her family, friends and coaches for letting her be her true self and always supporting her.

SOPHIE MAHALAK

"I may be straight, but my back isn't."



Sophie will be attending Belmont University next year to study psychology. She is excited to meet new people and explore Nashville, but will miss the people she's gone to school with since she was little. Her favorite memory was having sleepovers with her friends after Friday night football games. Her advice to underclassmen is to be open-minded to new people and experiences. Sophie would like to thank her family for helping her become the person she is today and always being there for her.

COLBY MALPASS

*"Roses are red, mud is brown. Round here we party with the radio up and tailgate down."
- Earl Dibbles Jr.*



Colby will be attending Colorado Mesa University next year to study business administration and is excited for ski racing around the country on the ski team. He will miss having lunch with "Bresy Bearaa" and his favorite memory is watching movies in Mr. Fox's room. His advice to underclassmen is to work hard. He would like to thank his mom and dad for always supporting him.

HONORA MATHISEN-LUND

*"God does not save those who are only imaginary sinners. Be a sinner and sin boldly, but let your trust in Christ be stronger, and rejoice in Christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world."
- Martin Luther*



Honora will be attending Oregon Institute of Technology next year to study paramedicine and is excited to live near Ikea. She will miss all of her teachers and her advice to underclassmen is to come out of your shell because having friends will make high school a lot better. She would like to thank Mr. Gilchrist and Mr. Moser for being supportive of her.

KAITLYN MAZUR

"If you're going to be late, might as well show up with Starbucks."



Next year Kaitlyn will study psychology at Grand Canyon University. She is excited to meet new people and live in a new environment, but she will miss everyone. Her advice for underclassmen is to be present in the moment, because it goes by really fast. Her favorite memory was winning state in soccer her senior year. She would like to thank her mom and dad for always supporting her.

RACHEL MCCONAGHIE

"No regrets."



Rachel will be attending the University of Oregon next year to major in journalism to be a sports broadcaster. She is excited for the freedom of college but she will miss making videos for the Spartan Spear's YouTube channel and she wants everyone to know that newspaper is superior to yearbook. Her favorite memories were swim team dinners and her advice to underclassmen is to do as many sports as you can. She would like to thank all of her coaches in cross country, softball, swim and water polo.

PAIGE MEADOR

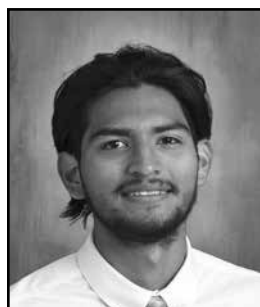
"As you reach for the stars, remember to keep your feet on the ground." - Art King



Paige will be attending the College of the Holy Cross to study history. She will miss all of her friends and the relationships she has built within the Marist community but she is excited to meet new people and see new places. Her favorite memory was winning state in soccer with her best friends this year. Her advice to underclassmen would be to get involved early and don't be afraid to branch out. She would like to thank her parents for their constant love and support, her family for always being there and her friends who have been there since the beginning.

JESUS MEDINA-CORTEZ

*"GET BACK TO WORK."
- Mrs. Sherrod*



Next year Jesus will begin studying to be an electrician and will also be coaching soccer. He will miss being a part of the soccer team at Marist and his favorite memory was making the varsity team his freshman year. His advice to underclassmen is to give it your all. He would like to thank his parents for pushing him to be the best version of himself.

SANTIAGO MENDEZ

"They don't know I know this."



Next year Santi will be attending the University of Oregon to study human physiology. He will miss golfing during his free third period but is excited for the hype house. His favorite memory was the monsoon during a baseball tournament in Arizona Spring Break his junior year. He would like to thank his parents and his brother.

MADELINE MILLER

"In my veins, hot music ran."



Maddy will be attending University of Puget Sound to study horn performance next year. She will miss her dog, but she is excited to be a college student and spread her wings. Her favorite Marist memory was throwing pencils into the ceiling before football games. She would like to thank Mr. Reinking, and he knows why.

ELIZABETH MOJICA GONZALEZ

"Sin miedo al éxito."



Next year Elizabeth will attend the University of Portland to become a physician assistant. She is excited to learn more about anatomy and physiology and get hands-on experience in medicine. Her advice to underclassmen is to get involved in extracurricular activities and take your education seriously. Her favorite memory was working on the mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She will miss the Marist teachers and staff next year and she would like to thank them for supporting her and being kind and empathetic to students.

COOPER MULLENS

"Sometimes they don't think it be like it be, but it do."



Cooper will be attending the University of Michigan next year to study business and play baseball for the Wolverines. He will miss the Marist community but he is looking forward to being in a new environment. His favorite memory was the Freshman Lock-In and his advice to underclassmen is to get your work done as soon as you can. He would like to thank his parents for always supporting him.

PARKER NELSON

"Take life with caution, because everything comes on you before you know it."



Next year, Parker will be attending Lane Community College and plans to enter their dental hygiene program. He is excited to have independence and freedom while working towards his future goals. Parker's favorite Marist memory was his senior football season and he would like to thank the football team for being welcoming and making his transition to Marist easier. His advice to the underclassmen is to cherish being young while you can.

SEBASTIAN NOGALES HERNANDEZ

"They wrote me off. I ain't write back tho."
- Geno Smith



Next year Sebastian will be attending the University of Oregon to study marketing and Spanish and is excited for the freedom of college. He will miss his Marist friends next year and his favorite memories are Friday nights with the boys. His advice to underclassmen is to do your work and you'll be fine. He would like to thank Mr. Reeser for being a G.

GABRIEL OLSEN

"It's not that deep."



Gabe will be attending the University of Oregon next year to study business. He will miss the Marist community but he is excited to go to a bigger school. His favorite memory was going on the cross country Boise trip his freshman year and his advice to underclassmen would be to live in the moment. He would like to thank his parents for all their love and support throughout the years, his teachers for creating a fun and successful learning environment and his friends for being there for him.

HENRY PAPÉ

"I am so good at getting in my head but so bad at getting out of my head."



Henry will be studying business at the University of Oregon next year. His favorite memory was playing football on Friday nights with his friends. He will miss seeing his best friends everyday but is excited to meet new people and have more freedom. His advice to underclassmen is to never be scared to talk to your teachers. He would like to thank his parents, friends and teachers for helping him become a better person.

ANGIE PATINO

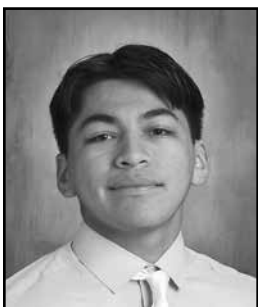
"Even in a dream, you're just too good to be true."
- Usagi



Angie will be studying animal science at Lane Community College next year to become a vet technician and is excited to learn about the classes she can take to move forward with that career. She will miss living so close to campus and her favorite memory was the Kissing of the 'M.' Her advice to underclassmen is to ask for help when you need it, even if it pains you. She would like to thank her teachers for being so understanding.

ERICK PIÑA

"No puedes elegir como vas a morir o cuando. Solo puedes decidir como vas a vivir."



Erick will be attending Lane Community College to study construction technology and is excited to start a career. He will miss soccer and favorite memory was soccer summer workouts. His advice to underclassmen would be to not procrastinate. Erick would like to thank his family, especially his parents, and all those who have supported him these past four years.

DREW PRICKEL

"At the end of the day, it doesn't really matter."



Drew will be attending the University of Oregon next year to study business administration and is excited to be in a new environment. His favorite memory was 'anything but a backpack day' during junior year. He will miss his friends who are going far away for college and he'll miss playing sports with his friends. His advice is to live in the moment because it goes by faster than you think. He would like to thank his parents for supporting and helping him when he needed it the most.

ROMAN RASMUSSEN



Roman will be attending Oregon State University to study business administration. He is excited to meet new people but will miss his friends that are moving out of state. His favorite memory was playing football his senior year and his advice to underclassmen is to try new sports. He would like to thank his parents and friends for supporting and always encouraging him.

EVAN RICE

"I'm high ... on life."



Next year, Evan will be attending the University of Oregon to study product design. He will miss playing sports, but he is excited to meet new people and study what he loves. His favorite memory was the Marist Italy trip. His advice to underclassmen would be to "just say 'no.'" He would like to thank his wonderful family, friends and God for these past four years of amazing opportunities.

TYLER RICHARDSON

"If your not scared, you're not going fast enough." - Ken Block



This fall, Tyler will be studying business at Oregon State University and is excited to live on campus. He says he will miss his friends most and his favorite memory was the 'bring anything but a backpack day' junior year. His advice to underclassmen would be to make sure and take chemistry your junior year so you don't have to do it your senior year. He would like to thank Mrs. Sherrod for making the art classroom a place to hang out.

JACKSON RIEDY

"Never memorize something that you can look up." - Albert Einstein



Next year, Jackson will be attending Lane Community College to study radiation biology — nuclear generator stuff. He is excited to be able to vote next year, and will miss all of his school friends. His favorite memory was jumping into the fountain as a junior to kiss the 'M.' His advice to underclassmen is to finish that assignment now and do nothing later — trust him, it's worth it. He would like to thank Mr. G and Mr. Oldham for always being ready to help with his problems.

GREENLEY ROBINSON

"Tell the truth to yourself and the rest will fall in place." - The Avett Brothers



Greenley will be attending Westmont College next year to study music and is excited to live in a new area and go to school with her sister. Her favorite memory was the Formation Retreat. She will miss the camaraderie of her cross country and lacrosse teams, and her advice to underclassmen is to join something to meet people and make friends. She would like to thank her parents and sisters for their constant support, Toni Cooper for opening up the world of photography, and Mrs. Cool and Mrs. Boyd for always being so kind and understanding.

DAVID SALBADOR

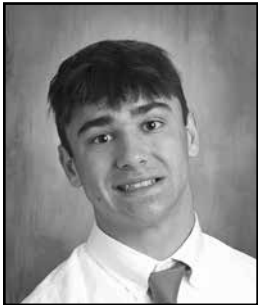
"I never thought childhood blindness was that big of a deal ..."



David will be attending the University of Oregon to major in cinema studies and is excited to meet people with all different religious backgrounds. His favorite memory was giving Mr. Moser a new nickname and he will miss crushing all foolish enough to stand in the way of his Kahoot victories. His advice to underclassmen is to reach out like a plant, make some roots, but don't get stuck where you are. He would like to thank Sage Bus for laughing at him, Mr. Moser for letting David give him a terrible nickname and Maddy Miller for having the same terrible sense of humor.

DREW SALNAS

"I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday."



Next year Drew will be attending Oregon State University to study construction management. His favorite memory was playing sports with his friends. His advice to underclassmen is to do your homework. He is excited to meet new people, but will miss his friends. He would like to thank his friends and family for supporting him and bringing him to where he is today.

ELIAS SANTIN

"It's very hard for them to attack me on looks, because I am so good looking." - Donald Trump



Elias will be attending Baylor University next year on a pre-med track and is really looking forward to the BBQ in Texas. He will miss MUG moments with Mr. Nuxoll, and his favorite memory was bringing a kayak to school for 'anything but a backpack day.' His advice to underclassmen is if you find yourself being bitten by a shark, tickle its uvula and it will release you. He would like to thank his family for always supporting and motivating him.

AJ SARGENT

"It's not gambling if you know you're going to win."



Next year, AJ will be attending Baylor University to major in business and is excited for a new experience with school. His favorite memory was his senior golf season. He said he will miss Mr. Derrick's class and his advice for underclassmen is to have fun in high school. He would like to thank his parents for always supporting and helping him throughout high school.

GAVIN SCOTT

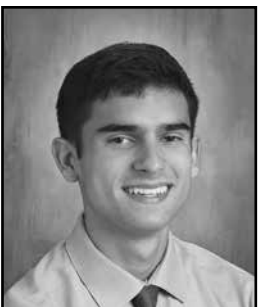
"Life's a journey, not a destination."



Next year Gavin will be studying to become an electrician and would like to own his own electrician company someday. He will miss all of his friends next year, but is excited to start something new. His favorite memories are all the Marist events he attended and his advice to underclassmen is just hang in. Although there are many teachers he would like to thank, he would like to give his mention to Mr. Reeser for being a cool teacher.

LUKE SHAH

"Excited to get a nice $\sin(x)/\cos(x)$ this summer ... oh wait ... I already have one."



Luke will be attending the University of Notre Dame next year to study finance and is excited to leave the ugly state of Oregon for the inspiring landscapes of northern Indiana. He will miss running with his friends and his favorite memory was when he got yelled at during an APUSH test. His advice to underclassmen is don't tickle Mr. Breslaw because that would make class weird. Luke would like to thank his king, LeBron Raymone James, for bringing a championship to Cleveland, Dr. Martin for always making him smile with his gregarious chuckles, Mr. Ferrari for teaching him to always have questions, Mr. Breslaw for "group tests," Mr. Nuxoll for teaching him how to evade taxes, and his parents for being based.

JET SIMS

"I'll leave tomorrow's problems to tomorrow's me."



Next year, Jet will be attending Oregon State University to study biology and is excited to start living on his own even though he will miss all of his friends. His favorite memory is doing chemistry labs with Mr. Moser. His advice to underclassmen would be not to steal chicken nuggets because, apparently, it's a crime — so, don't do it. It's not worth it. He would like to thank his mom and dad for being supportive throughout his academic journey at Marist.

ALECIA SKINNER

"I know you can be underwhelmed and you can be overwhelmed, but can you ever just be whelmed?" - 10 Things I Hate About You, 1999



Alecia will be attending George Fox University to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology and is excited to meet new people and live more independently. Her favorite memories were the retreats and being on Retreat Team. She will miss her classmates and both her Marist and church communities. Her advice to underclassmen is to balance school and life and let God take the wheel. She would like to thank her dad for raising her into the person she is today, her sister for being her best friend, her brother for teaching her compassion and her aunt for always being there for her.

KADEN STARR

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller



Next year, Kaden will be attending the University of Portland to study engineering and is excited to play collegiate baseball. His favorite memory was the Arizona trip with the baseball team and he will miss his friends and teachers that he has grown close to. His advice to underclassmen is don't procrastinate. He would like to thank his parents for being great role models all his life, and his sister for being his built-in best friend even though they don't always get along.

CAMRYN SYDOW

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." - Dr. Seuss



Cam will be attending the University of Oregon to double major in biology on a pre-med track and Spanish and is excited to meet new people. She will miss being a part of the volleyball team and her favorite memory was going to team camp for volleyball junior year and being partners with Tyler Harding. She would like the underclassmen to know that senior year isn't as easy as people say it is. Camryn would like to thank her teachers for their support, her parents for helping her every step of the way and her friends for making high school enjoyable.

DANTE THANHARDT

"Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people."



Dante will be going to Portland Community College on the Sylvania campus in the fall to study either math or psychology and is excited to move out. He will miss his friends and his favorite Marist memory was Friday night football games. His advice to underclassmen is to get to know everyone in your class because they are the people who will be around you for the next three to four years. Dante would like to thank his family for being there for him everyday and all his coaches who pushed him to be a better player.

SAM THORNTON

"If you were waiting for the opportune moment, that was it." - Captain Jack Sparrow



Sam will be going to the University of Notre Dame next year to double major in neuroscience and music performance. He is excited to meet new people but says he will miss Kellen Cranmer. His favorite Marist memory was celebrating Mr. Nuxoll's birthday at the Talent Show. His advice to underclassmen is to be patient and let things happen. Sam would like to thank Jet Sims for letting him wear his Christmas suit to prom, and his parents for always standing by him.

OLIVER TRACER

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston S. Churchill



Oliver will be going into the United State Marine Corps and hopes to have a successful career in the Marines and he is looking forward to enjoying the freedoms that come with adulthood. His favorite Marist memory is "school is canceled for the next two weeks." His advice to underclassmen is to take math the first three years so you don't have to do it senior year. He would like to thank his friends for making these last four years somewhat bearable.

ORION VAN BUSKIRK

"An education is important but big quads are importanter."



Orion will be going to the United States Military Academy at West Point next fall and is excited for the lifestyle change. He will be studying American politics and would like to get a law degree and practice politics after the Army. Orion has too many favorite memories to choose from, but says he will miss messing around with his friends the most. His advice to underclassmen is don't take anything too seriously or stress about stuff that doesn't matter. He would like to thank Mrs. Boyd, Mr. Nuxoll and Mr. Oldham for being good teachers.

KAI VILLANO

"@swaggykaiiii"



Kai will be attending Loyola Marymount University in the fall to major in biology. He is most excited for the warm weather and the diverse culture of LA, but will miss his friends, especially those he's known since 1st grade. His favorite Marist memories are from playing sports and getting third in tennis singles at state. His advice to underclassmen is to join sports, even if you've never tried it before, they are a great way to meet friends and have fun. Kai would like to thank his family and friends for encouraging him to be the best he can and helping him get through tough times.

JAMES WARNER

"In the dark times, will there also be singing? Yes, there will also be singing ... about the dark times." - Bertolt Brecht



James will be going to Oregon State University in the fall to study biochemistry and hopes to pursue a career in medicine. He is not looking forward to paying for a post-bac degree and says he will miss the lack of crippling debt from high school. James is excited to have brunches next year. His favorite Marist memory was doing his Marist senior bio survey for the Spartan Spear and his advice to underclassmen is to do your homework on time. He would like to thank Mr. Moser for always encouraging him with his kind words.

JOSIAH WATSON

"Lit. Crazy. Movie."



Next year, Josiah will be taking a year off of school but intends to study political science when he returns. He is excited to meet new people and travel the world but he will miss his best friends. His advice to underclassmen is to reach out to people and don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone — you're only here for four short years. Josiah would like to thank his mom and dad for everything they have done for him, they're the best and he wouldn't be anywhere without them.

ZANE WATSON

"All I want now is to look at life. You may come and look at it with me if you care too."



Zane will be taking year off of school next year and is excited to travel. He plans to study psychology in the future. His favorite Marist memory is his Encounter junior year, and will miss Flow water. His advice to underclassmen is to fake it until you make it. He would like to thank his coffee mug for keeping him company in class and Jet Sims for being the first person to take a chance on him when her transferred in as a junior.

JOSE ZAMORA S.



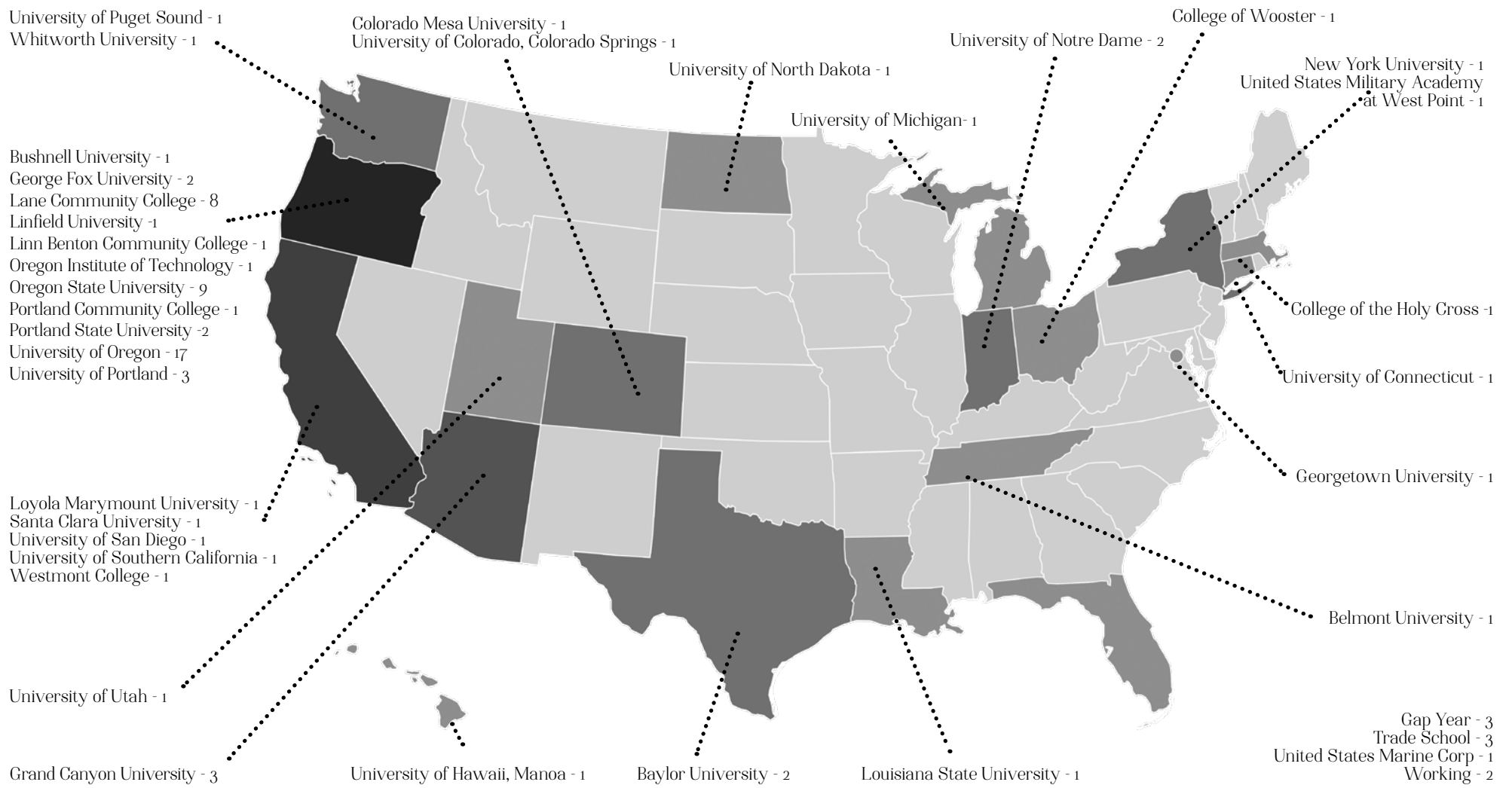
Jose will be attending Lane Community College in the fall to become a firefighter. He is excited to finally be in college and begin a new chapter in life, but will miss going out to lunch with friends everyday. His favorite Marist memory is playing Clash Royale with Chase Kaminski during lunch his freshman year. His advice to underclassmen is to go on the retreats because they're an event you don't want to miss out on. Jose would like to thank Mr. G for all the math help he's given him at any time at Marist.

WE ARE DONE

oh, the places we'll go...

Students make their way across the country to start the next chapter of their lives

The Class of 2023 is venturing to 36 different schools and 17 states across the nation



GUESS WHO?

GUESS WHO KISSED THE FOUNTAIN ALL FOUR YEARS?

Guess who broke a school record twice?

Guess who illegally operated the cherry picker in the parking lot?

GUESS WHO PLAYS IN THE EUGENE YOUTH ORCHESTRA?

Guess who had a cow that fell into the pool?

Guess who was the last person to turn in his senior bio survey?



Guess who doesn't believe in concussions?

Guess who is a Pink Belt at McKenzie Martial Arts?

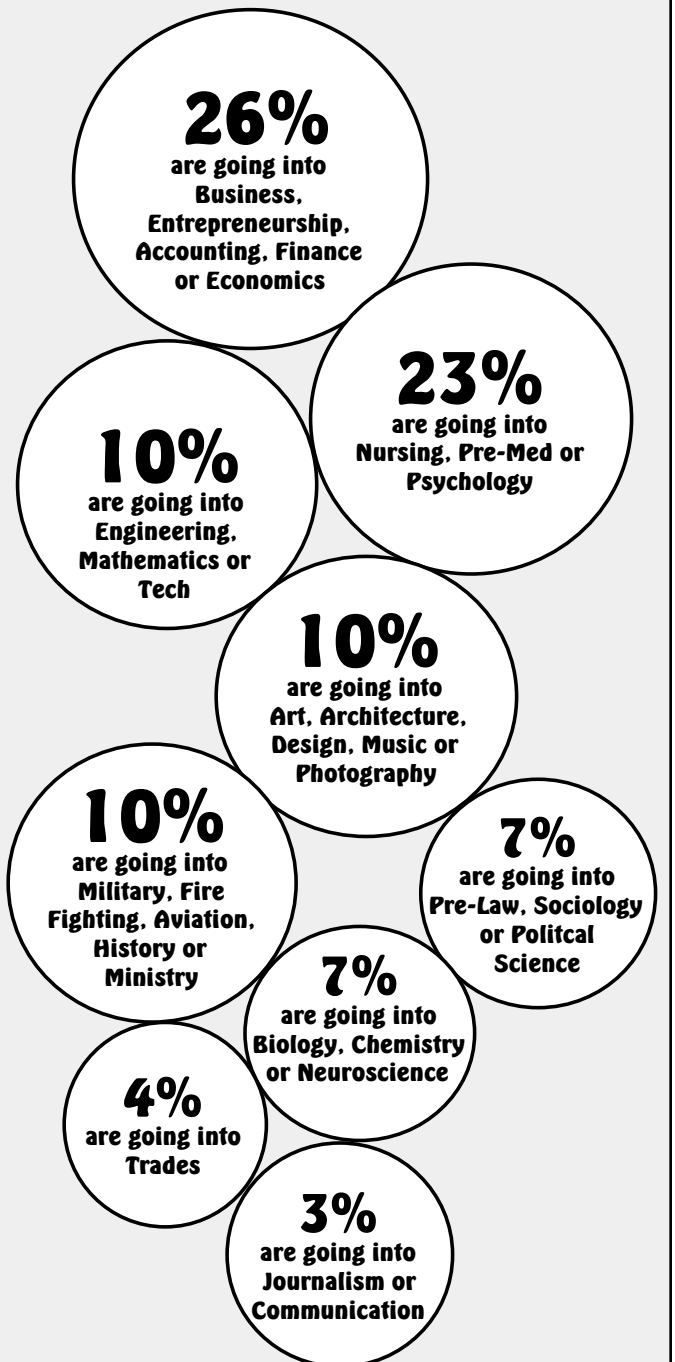
GUESS WHO BECAME AN EAGLE SCOUT THIS YEAR?

Guess whose aunt is Lisa Simpson?

Guess who lived in Kuwait?

Guess who turned green after getting her first spray tan freshman year?

GUESS WHAT?



Remember When...



1. The Homecoming Dance freshman year. 2. A game of Rock Paper Scissors at the Freshman Lock-In. 3. The Root Beer Social freshman year. 4. Dillon Boresek and Henry Papé build marble roller coasters in Physical Science freshman year. 5. Fall Men's Encounter. 6. The Homecoming Dance freshman year. 7. Drew Prickel and Macoy Harbert read *The Odyssey* in freshman English. 8. Hiking on the Fall Men's Encounter. 9. Cooper Mullens and Sam Thornton with their centrifugal force car in AP Physics senior year. 10. Ava Light, Rhysa Huffman, Avery Carlin and Alex Chávez dressed in 70's attire for the Class Dance Assembly junior year. 11. Freshmen boys dressed in their 50's attire for the class dance. 12. Logan Letourneau, Hayden Drew and Tyler Harding floss at the Freshman Lock-In. 13. Avery Carlin and Henry Gonyea rock the class dance freshman year. 14. Winter Women's Encounter. 15. Evan Hackstadt and Sage Bus walk through the hallway after Ash Wednesday Mass senior year. 16. David Salvador dressed as *The Joker* for Halloween freshman year. 17. Winter Men's Encounter. 18. Construction themed football game senior year. 19. Cheering on classmates at the JV boys soccer game freshman year. 20. Jessica Arteaga-Bocanegra, Paola Aguirre Cerrato, Rhysa Huffman and Madison Holmes hold roses by the 200 wing junior year.

NEWS *briefs*

MARIST YOUTH GATHERING

Juniors Haley Ross, Jimmy Smythe and Elizabeth Tucker and sophomore August Santin, accompanied by theology teachers Randy Derrick and Alice Meyer traveled to the Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York last weekend. They participated in the Marist Youth Gathering, a four-day festival that brought together students and staff from Marist schools across the nation.

HOMEGOING DANCE

The Homegoing Dance is tonight in the cafeteria at 8 p.m.! Seniors wear neon and the rest of the student body wears black. Tickets cost \$5.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

On Friday, June 9, the 2023 Senior Baccalaureate Mass will be held in the Marist Activity Center. Attendance is mandatory for all seniors and gowns must be worn but caps are not required. Seniors should arrive by 6:30 p.m. Mass begins at 7 p.m.

GRADUATION DAY

Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 10, at Kevin Teller Field at 11 a.m. Graduates must be in the Activity Center Courtyard by 10:30 a.m. Seating for family and guests will begin at 10:30 a.m. and is first-come, first-seated. No tickets are required and all seating is general. The ceremony will be live-streamed. It will not be recorded, but Lifetouch will be there to take photos of the graduates on stage with their diplomas.

SPRING CONCERT

Last Wednesday, the Marist Jazz and Rock Bands had their last concert of the year in the Marist theatre. The Rock Band, called Room 118, performed songs from many artists, including Arctic Monkeys, Pink Floyd and Fleetwood Mac. The Jazz Band, called Deacon Blues, performed music from artists such as Santana, Coltrane and Bernstein. Seniors Adam Blondé, Maddy Miller and David Salbador were recognized for their contributions to the music program at the end of the concert.

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RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENTS



Senior Evan Hackstadt receives one of his many awards from Andy Oldham Assistant Principal of Teaching & Learning at the NHS Awards Assembly last Wednesday. Photo by Toni Cooper



Seniors Elizabeth Mojica Gonzalez, Camryn Sydow and Alecia Skinner receive Delta Rotary Club Scholarships at the Award Assembly. Photo by Toni Cooper



Senior Orion Van Buskirk receives his nomination to the United State Military Academy at West Point from 1997 West Point graduate Daniel Hurlley. Photo by Toni Cooper

James Warner
 STAFF WRITER

National Honor Society student officers and moderator Becky Boyd led the annual Academic Awards Assembly on May 24, as an opportunity for teachers, administrators and guests to recognize students who have committed themselves to excellence in academics.

Assistant Principal for Teaching & Learning, Andy Oldham, clarified the concept of academic excellence for the students and their families in attendance. "Excellence should not be mistaken for academic achievement. While people tend to link excellence with grades and test scores, its true essence lies in one's attitude, habits and character," Oldham said.

During the assembly, all departments handed out their four-year awards to seniors for high grades and outstanding achievements and each teacher was able to recognize students from each class for their achievements.

Two representatives from the Delta Rotary Foundation were there to award monetary scholarships to three seniors: Elizabeth Mojica Gonzalez, Camryn Sydow and Alecia Skinner.

A representative from Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood also attended to present an award to senior Sofia Ferrari for highest honors in science and math.

Noteworthy this year, a 1997 graduate from West Point, Daniel Hurlley, attended to recognize senior Orion Van Buskirk's admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point's class of 2027.

The Sparrow Club returned after challenging Marist students in November to participate in over 300 service hours to unlock money to aid a young boy with medical needs; Marist recorded over 850. The representative of Sparrow Club who was there with the young boy said that he was incredibly appreciative and would talk about his friends at Marist everyday.

We all scream for ice cream

A Eugene staple for good ice cream

By Rachel McConaghie

Nothing beats a good ol' nice cream cone on a hot summer day. Now that summer is approaching at a rapid rate, I figured it would be a good idea to do an ice cream review of one of Eugene's finest shops. I visited Prince Pückler's Gourmet Ice Cream on campus to treat myself to a much needed dessert.

I was accompanied by my journalism teacher Toni Cooper, and because it was grandma day, her granddaughter Eleanor who is two years old joined us.

Eleanor enjoyed strawberry ice cream that coincidentally matched her light pink top. Cooper had two flavors including coconut and mandarin chocolate. She loved her coconut ice cream that was sweet and creamy - not as good as the really fresh stuff from Chao Pra Ya - but still great. She described the mandarin chocolate as "yummy chocolate with just the slightest hint of orange that was mmm delicious."

Cooper says she used to work at Frank and Harley's an ice cream shop that used to be in 5th Street Market during college and even earned herself the nickname "scoop." With that ice cream expertise, she said that Prince Pückler's ice cream is "the perfect licking temperature."

I wanted to try an array of flavors from all over the palette to really immerse myself in the experience and give a good review of the shop. I indulged in red raspberry cheesecake, fresh banana brownie, orange creamsicle and mexican mocha.

The red raspberry cheesecake was stellar. The sweetness from the cheesecake chunks paired perfectly with the tangy flavor from the raspberry sauce. Fresh banana brownie was by far my favorite because it had chunks of brownie which is my all time favorite dessert. The subtle hints of banana was perfect and didn't seem artificial at all. Orange creamsicle was the perfect summer flavor. It was light and airy and of course super creamy. Mexican mocha is perfect for all of my coffee lovers, with not a super strong coffee taste and a sweet chocolate flavor with a hint of cinnamon.

These four flavors I was able to get altogether in a sampler dish for only \$7.50! It's the perfect size for sharing with a friend.

We enjoyed our ice cream in the park that is conveniently located right behind the shop. I highly recommend visiting Prince Pückler's for summer fun and swinging.

By Elizabeth Tucker

Summer BUCKET LIST

- Road Trip 🚗
- Build-a-bear 🧸
- Go to the pool 🏊
- Mini Golfing 🎮
- Go Stargazing ⭐
- Eat Icecream 🍦
- Visit Somewhere New
- Go Hiking 🏔️
- Parking Lot BBQ 🍖
- Go to the lake 🌊
- Bonfire 🔥
- Photoshoot w/ Friends 📷
- Coast w/ Friends 🌊
- Movie Marathon 🎬
- Watch Fireworks 🎆
- Get a brain freeze 🧊
- Lane County Fair 🎡
- Create a Summer Playlist 🎵
- Rainbow Picnic 🧺
- MAKE EVERYDAY COUNT



THE COST OF COLLEGE

James Warner
STAFF WRITER

As a senior planning to go to college, one thing has stood out to me above all throughout the college application/decision process: cost.

The cost of college in the U.S. is unsustainable and oftentimes insurmountable. This year the average cost of attendance for a student living on campus at a public in-state institution is \$25,707 per year, just breaching six figures for all four years. Despite these inordinate costs, tuition is still only increasing and showing no signs of slowing down. As tuition rises, so does student debt, which as of this year American students owe \$1.75 trillion.

Increasing levels of student debt have been accompanied by laws preventing loan relief. Creditors can seize any type of income, including Social Security, from indebted graduates, and the loans cannot be discharged in bankruptcy.

One of the most unfair parts of the system is shown through simple economics: while most students have to borrow, which means that they don't pay just the cost of tuition, but also pay the extra interest for the years it takes for them to pay it back. Wealthy students who are able to just pay with a check, end up receiving a massive bonus when compared to their peers.

Recently, the Biden administration, in an attempt to remedy the problem, has decided to make student debt forgiveness an official U.S. policy, though it is unlikely to survive the courts. While forgiving student debt would help the lives of millions, this is just a temporary solution. Student loans are symptoms of a greater issue, not the issue itself. The real problem is the predatory student loans, impossibly high tuition fees, high cost of living and housing that plague the U.S.

Student loan debt shouldn't exist because higher education shouldn't be a commodity. No one should have to think about whether they will be able to pay off their debts before pursuing an education, and it's incredibly unjust that anyone forgoes college because of these worries.

Forcing students into this Faustian bargain is not just negatively affecting many individuals, but also society as a whole. For every person who doesn't seek higher education due to the cost, we are losing value, talent, and productivity. This is exacerbating current teacher and medical professional shortages which are affecting the entire country.

None of this is to say my struggles make me unique or interesting. What they make me is American: soon to be one of the 44 million people in this country burdened by student debt.

Maybe if I'm lucky, I'll be able to get my debts down to \$62,000 before I die, the average amount of debt Americans take to the grave.

CLASS OF 2027 VISITS THEIR NEW HOME



Current 8th graders visit Marist campus for the Rising Spartan event to learn about Marist last Tuesday. Photo by Toni Cooper

Rising Spartans get to know one another

Kaylynn Guevara
STAFF WRITER

The energy was high on May 23 when the incoming freshmen arrived in their blue long-sleeve class of 2027 shirts and their loved ones came to campus for the annual Rising Spartan event held in the Marist courtyard.

Family members gathered into the

gym for an informational meeting while the incoming freshmen learned about their classmates in the theatre with a slide show that highlighted the class' unique characteristics.

In the courtyard, the incoming freshmen and their families were treated to a meal provided by Carl's Junior. After they ate, they had the opportunity to take

a tour around campus to learn about their future teachers, sign up for clubs and sports teams that had tables set up around the perimeter of the courtyard, or play games while the parents socialized.

Being on campus and meeting future classmates will hopefully give these incoming freshmen confidence on their first day of high school.

NEW MURAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE COMPLETE!



The new Our Lady of Guadalupe mural painted outside on the 400 wing by a variety of Marist students led by talented muralist Esteban Camacho Steffenson and art teacher McCall Sherrod. Photo by Jackson Anderson '23

CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT



Senior Elizabeth Mojica Gonzalez and junior Haley Ross pass out food at the Cultural Spotlight event highlighting India. Photo by McKenna De Lee '25

Alex Chávez
EDITOR

Last week, with the help of freshman Sabrina Ameen, Student Council hosted their fourth Cultural Spotlight of the year, highlighting the food of India.

Held during lunch, there were various foods provided, such as samosas, which are fried South Asian pastries that often have a savory filling with ingredients such as peas, carrots and potato. Coconut cookies and a creamy beverage called mango lassi were also served.

The cafeteria was decorated with garlands of marigolds which are often showcased in festivals, weddings and religious ceremonies in India.

GETTING TOGETHER TO CREATE SOLUTIONS

Students visit New York to learn about stewardship

Alex Chávez
EDITOR

In late April, juniors Austin Murray, Alexis Kamaru, Elianny Mojica Gonzalez, along with science teacher Renee Cool and campus minister Dr. Rick Martin, took a trip to the Marist Center in Esopus, New York for the first ever Marist Earth Day Weekend.

They were joined by students and staff from six other Marist schools from all over the country to discuss and learn about how the schools can be better stewards of the earth and apply the Catholic Social Teaching of Caring for God's Creation to their daily lives.

"It was really exciting to see students from The Bronx to Chicago to Florida and see the different things they're doing at their schools with a variety of resources," said Cool.

The participants attended various workshops throughout the weekend including Recycling and Composition, Food, Faith and Justice and Local Indigenous History. All these workshops were held with the intent of educating the attendees of the consequences of the



Juniors Austin Murray, Alexis Kamaru and Elianny Mojica Gonzalez make a presentation at the Earth Day Weekend. Photo courtesy of Dr. Rick Martin

changing environment and how different communities are affected by the natural disasters occurring throughout the world.

The students that attended the event are planning to start a better recycling program at Marist Eugene and Murray wishes to establish a new Environmental Club where interested students can come together to share ideas.

BOYS TENNIS



Boys tennis hoists up their State Championship Trophy on May 20. Photo by Kai Villano '23

Sam Keen and Elizabeth Tucker

STAFF WRITERS

Two weeks ago the Marist boys and girls tennis teams sent a total of 14 athletes to the OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A State Tennis Tournament at Oregon State University where the boys were crowned the state champions and the girls finished 6th.

BOYS TENNIS

At state, the doubles pair of senior Jack Kiefer and junior Peyton Tyner captured the state doubles title, a redemption after placing second at state in 2022. Freshman EJ Roedl placed second in singles and junior Andrew Forsyth won the singles consolation bracket after entering the tournament non-seeded. Seniors doubles team Sam Thornton and Henry Gonyea were eliminated in the quarterfinals as was senior Kai Villano in the singles bracket. The boys finished their season 17-1 and only lost 14 sets over the whole season. According to tennisreporting.com, they had the most regular season wins in the state across all divisions.

GIRLS TENNIS

On the girls side, the freshman twin duo of Phoebe and Stella Larson, who were the district doubles champions the week before, advanced to the finals of the consolation bracket before falling to the No. 2 seed from Vale. Junior Christina Nguyen, who was 3rd in singles at districts, advanced to the quarterfinals where she lost to Valley Catholic. The doubles team of senior Tyler Harding and junior Haley Ross, who were the 3rd place doubles team at districts, advanced to the quarterfinals, as well, but lost to Catlin Gabel. The girls tennis finished their regular season with a 9-3 record.

Freshman twins Phoebe and Stella Larson play in round one at the state tournament on May 19. Photo by Ava Konrady '24



GIRLS TENNIS



1. Senior Avery Hedden rounds the turn for the final lap of her 5th place finish at state in the 800m. Photo by Toni Cooper 2. Junior Clotine Chase jump a PR of 17-3.5" in the long jump finals at state. Photo by Greenley Robinson '23 3. Junior Dennis Jackson takes the baton from senior Roman Rasmussen in the 4x100m relay finals at state. Photo by Greenley Robinson '23 4. Sophomore Avy Roundy finishes 6th in the 100m hurdle finals. Photo by Greenley Robinson '23 5. Senior Gabe Olsen competes in the 800m at state, finishing 4th with a PR. Photo by Toni Cooper 6. Junior Zakiya Newman gets ready to throw the shot put at the state finals where she placed 8th. Photo by Greenley Robinson '23

Kaylynn Guevara and Alex Chávez

STAFF WRITERS

Last weekend, multiple Marist athletes competed at the 4A OSAA State Track & Field Championship held at Hayward Field after qualifying from the Sky-Em District Meet the weekend prior.

The state meet was filled with many great performances and personal records from the Spartans.

Junior Cloe Chase placed 2nd in the long jump with a PR leap of 17-3.5" putting her 4th on the Marist all-time list.

Senior Gabe Olsen placed 4th with a PR of 2:00:05 in the 800m. In the girls 800m,

senior Avery Hedden placed 5th with a PR of 2:26.46 and 8th in the 1500m. Hedden was the district champion in the 1500m the week prior.

Sophomore Ella Braunger, who was the district champion in the 400m, placed 6th with a PR of 1:00.89 at state.

Sophomore Avy Roundy placed 6th in the 100m hurdles and 7th in 300m hurdles.

Roundy was the district champion in both events the week prior.

At state in shot put, Junior Zakiya Newman threw 31' 11" to place 8th and won the district championships the week prior. Her PR throw 36'6.25" places her 2nd on the Marist all-time list.

The 4x100m relay team of sophomores Piper Van Buskirk, Kate Firth, Chase and

Bella Gubrud won the district championships and placed 5th at state. Gubrud also competed in the 100m but just missed the finals by .07 seconds.

The boys 4x100m relay team of seniors Drew Prickel, Roman Rasmussen, Josiah Jarvis and junior Dennis Jackson placed 6th. Senior Drew Salnas who was 2nd at the state meet last season in the 100m was unable to compete with his relay team due to injury.

Other competitors at state were sophomore Synnove Slayden in high jump, junior Sam Keen in shot put and Jarvis in javelin.

TRACK & FIELD

GIRLS LAX

Moriah Allen

STAFF WRITER

This year's girls lacrosse season was a success, ending the season as the South League Champions which earned them a spot in the Silver Cup bracket of the OGLA playoffs. In the first round, they met their match in Beaverton losing to Mountainside High School 8-14 that ended their season. They finished with an overall record of 12-4 and were 7-1 in league. "The camaraderie on the team and our ability to make history as outright Marist league champions made the season really memorable," said senior captain Greenley Robinson.



The Marist Girls Lacrosse team plays in the snowy weather at one of the first practices of the season. Photo provided by Amber Ferrari.

The season started strong in April with an excitement-filled snowy practice which set the tone for a great season and had everyone looking forward to playing together. Freshman Rowan De Lee was the top scorer for Marist and second in the league. Her sisters, freshman Kegan and sophomore McKenna, were close behind at 2nd and 3rd for Marist and 4th and 9th in league. Out of the 21 players 17 of them scored at least one goal throughout the season.

Goalkeepers juniors Abigail Schombert and Lexi Tuski were outstanding this season. Schombert blocked 55 goals and Tuski blocked 40.



Freshman CJ Giustina takes a shot on West Albany during a league game. Photo by Chris Fudge

BOYS LAX



James Warner

STAFF WRITER

The Marist boys lacrosse team finished their season with a record of 3-12 and a trip to the OHSLA Cascade Cup. Because lacrosse isn't an OSAA sport, it competes with schools of all sizes in just one division across the state. Their last game of the year was an intense game on May 18, with a loss against Wilsonville in the first round of the Cascade

Cup 3-16.

It was a young team with three strong senior leaders. "This year, I took a leadership role on the team and was able to teach the freshmen who hadn't played as much," senior captain Elias Santin said.

"I think in the next couple of years we're going to be really good because the freshmen are getting better and more people are coming in to play," senior Orion Van Buskirk said.

GOLF

 **Evan Rice**
STAFF WRITER



Senior Madison Holmes and juniors Esha Reddy, Paige Onstad and Ashlyn Thomas point at their district-winning score. Photo provided by Kelsey Thomas.

GIRLS GOLF

Two weeks ago, girls golf placed third in the 4A/3A/2A/1A Golf State Championship. Junior Esha Reddy tied for fourth place, senior Madison Holmes tied for 13th place, juniors Ashlyn Thomas was 30th and Paige Onstad tied for 46th.

The previous week at Florence Golf Links, Reddy earned a District Title while leading her team to becoming District Champions as well. "Winning districts with my team was my favorite moment. It was a huge accomplishment, and it felt really good after I had shot my best score. It always feels good to see your hard work throughout the season pay off," Reddy said.

BOYS GOLF

Our boys golf team had an unfortunate disqualification at the 4A-Special District 2 Championships due to a technicality denying them a chance to compete at state. "It is unfortunate and I am saddened for the young men by the decision that was made [by the league voting.] We appealed the decision and the decision was upheld. They worked incredibly hard this season to have it end the way that it did," Marist Athletic Director John Dwyer said.

The varsity boys had multiple first place finishes at tournaments over the season and were expected to do well in state. "We were all very mad and disappointed because we all played well and should have won districts and moved onto state. Overall my experience was really good and I got to get better at the sport I love playing," senior Henry Papé said.



Senior Henry Papé takes a swing. Photo by Tyler Richardson '23



BASEBALL

1. Senior Kaden Starr pitches against Astoria in the first round of playoffs. Photo by Javier Sandoval Gongora '24 2. Junior catcher Aiden Hazen throws down to first base on a drop third strike against North Bend. Photo by Jackson Anderson '23 3. Senior Cooper Mullens hits a triple against Astoria in the first round of playoffs. Photo by Javier Sandoval Gongora '24

 **Rachel McConaghie**
EDITOR

Last Friday, the varsity baseball team ended their season with a 4-13 loss to the No. 6 ranked Pendleton Buckaroos in the quarterfinals of the 4A OSAA State Playoffs.

The Spartans went into playoffs ranked No. 3 and had a strong season, placing first in the Sky Em League with a 11-1 record.

"We were successful because we were a very player-led team and took

it upon ourselves to do extra work to get better," senior Nick Biagi said.

Senior Kaden Starr earned Sky Em Pitcher of the Year and senior Cooper Mullens earned Sky Em Player of the Year, while coach Noah Breslaw was named Sky Em Coach of the Year.

First team all league awards were given to Starr for pitching, Mullens for infield, Biagi for first base and junior Peyton Tyner for outfield.

Second team all league awards were given to sophomores Niko Leyba

for infield, Cash Andrus for outfield and junior Drew Wooten for pitching. Junior Aiden Hazen was named honorable mention for catching. Next year, three seniors will be playing at the collegiate level. Mullens at the University of Michigan, Biagi at Linn-Benton Community College and Starr at the University of Portland.

"My favorite memory was our Arizona trip my junior year...what I'll miss the most is playing with my friends and seeing Brez every day," Starr said.

SOFTBALL

 **Jackson Anderson**
EDITOR

The Spartans finished their season 13-12 and 9-6 in league which put them third in the Sky-Em League. On May 18, they beat Newport 9-6 in an OSAA 4A Play-In game to earn a spot in the first round of the playoffs. They traveled six hours to play La Grande on the Tiger's home field and lost 2-12.

With nine of the 14 players being underclassmen and only one senior, it was a rebuilding year for the young team. "I enjoyed my season because I was able to compete with my freshman sister, Parker, by my side," senior captain Paige Doerr said.

Even with such a young team, they earned impressive league awards: Paige was named the 4A Sky-Em League

Player of the Year and First Team Outfield; freshman Parker Doerr and Daphnie Heckel earned First Team Infield honors; sophomore Alexa Henderson earned First Team Outfield honors; junior Aaliyah Martinez earned Second Team Catcher honors; freshman Blakely Hauck earned Second Team Infield honors; and junior Kellie Schroffner earned Second Team Utility Player honors.



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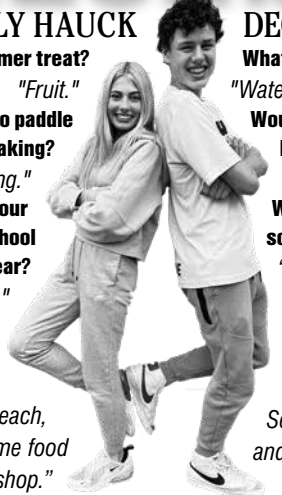
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SPARTANS of the ISSUE

FRESHMEN

<p>BLAKELY HAUCK What's the best summer treat? "Fruit." Would you rather go paddle boarding or kayaking? "Paddle boarding." What has been your favorite school event this year? "The Lock-In." What are the best three things to do at the Oregon coast? "Go on the beach, get some food and shop."</p>	<p>DECLAN PELLEGRINI What's the best summer treat? "Watermelon." Would you rather go paddle boarding or kayaking? "Paddle boarding." What has been your favorite school event this year? "The retreat." What are the best three things to do at the Oregon coast? "Swim, go to the Sea Lion Caves and eat food."</p>
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SOPHOMORES

<p>AVARY STARR Where are you getting ice cream in Eugene this summer? "Handel's/Salt&Straw." Who will you be hanging out with the most this summer? "My friends!" How do you cool off on a hot day? "The lake!" On a beautiful summer day would you rather play with chalk or bubbles? "Chalk 100%."</p>	<p>AUGUST SANTIN Where are you getting ice cream in Eugene this summer? "Prince Pücklers, but Handel's is a close runner up." Who will you be hanging out with the most this summer? "My family and friends." How do you cool off on a hot day? "Going to the pool." On a beautiful summer day would you rather play with chalk or bubbles? "Bubbles, unless it's windy."</p>
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JUNIORS

<p>SADIE SHAH What's the best place to go swimming in the summer? "Esha's backyard." Would you rather watch the clouds during the day or see the stars at night? "Clouds during the day because I'm scared of the dark." What color Otterpop is the best flavor? "Red." Where are you most likely to be found this summer? "Sitting on the couch while my brother watches Ancient Aliens."</p>	<p>BRYAN VALVIDARES What's the best place to go swimming in the summer? "At the University of Oregon Student Recreation Center." Would you rather watch the clouds during the day or see the stars at night? "The stars at night because it is calm and nice to look at." What color Otterpop is the best flavor? "Purple." Where are you most likely to be found this summer? "At the park playing with my siblings."</p>
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STAFF

<p>KIERNAN MICHAU Which students will you be missing the most over the summer? "I will miss all of my students! But I think I will especially miss hearing my name randomly shouted from the doorway by an invisible Everett and Daniel." What's the best place to hangout in the summer in Oregon? "I haven't spent a summer here yet, so I'm still learning. I have plans to visit Yachats in June, and I imagine being at the coast will be lovely." What makes you laugh? "Mr. Derrick's memes." What's your favorite thing to wear in the summer? "I love a pair of big, Audrey Hepburn-style sunglasses."</p>	<p>RANDY DERRICK Which students will you be missing the most over the summer? "I will miss not only the students I teach, but every student here at Marist. That is not a dodge, this is truly a great community." What's the best place to hangout in the summer in Oregon? "Anywhere my nieces and nephews are. Also the beach." What makes you laugh? "Mostly myself, I think I am hilarious." What's your favorite thing to wear in the summer? "Summer is a chance to bring back into the world my eclectic collection of bright print shirts."</p>
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SOPHIE'S BINGE-WORTHY SHOWS

As the school year comes to a close and school work slowly dwindles, here are some TV shows you might have missed because of all the activity.

"THE NIGHT AGENT"

If you're looking for a show that will distract and entertain you from the fact that you've been sitting in a plane on the tarmac waiting to take off for five hours, this is the perfect show for you. (Yes I am speaking from experience, unfortunately). "The Night Agent" is a brand new show on Netflix that was released in March of this year. It is an action-thriller that focuses on a low-level FBI agent named Peter Sutherland (Gabriel Basso) whose job is to answer a phone that doesn't ring, a job he receives after stopping a metro bombing in the tense opening scene. Although many people view him as a hero, the lack of answers around the bombing and the controversy surrounding his father who was an alleged traitor in the FBI somewhat prevent it. Night after night, he sits by the phone, which is only supposed to ring in case of emergency, until one night it does. The caller is Rose Larkin, (Luciane Buchanan) a former CEO who was instructed to call by her aunt and uncle during a home invasion. Rose

and Peter's worlds are turned upside down within a single night and the events that follow are clear to the watcher that their lives are changed forever. The show follows these two as they fight to survive day to day from the people trying to kill them, but also explores different narratives of the story, weaving multiple stories and motives into one show that are all somehow connected. The two main characters fight to uncover the truth while struggling to figure out who they can trust, something that the audience is trying to do as well. Soon everybody is on the run, traitors and scandals are revealed, the tension building towards the last episode. The plot remains interesting throughout its ten-episode run, keeping you on the edge of your seat while also slowing down at times to allow you to process the events. "The Night Agent" is exactly what a spy show should be, exciting plot twists, interesting characters and entertaining action.

TED LASSO

"Ted Lasso" proves that inspiration for a TV show can be found anywhere. The concept originated from a 2013 NBC Sports commercial that was used to promote English Premier League soccer to American sports fans. They used Jason Sudeikis, an actor, to portray an American coach coaching soccer in London, which ultimately became the character Ted Lasso. The general premise follows Ted Lasso (Jason Sudeikis), a sports coach, who having never coached soccer, suddenly becomes the manager of a fictional Premier League club, A.F.C Richmond thanks to new owner Rebecca (Hannah Waddingham), who hires him in as revenge on her cheating husband, the former owner, in hopes to tank the club. Lasso's joyful manner, southern drawl and American idioms are somewhat off-putting to his players and British co-workers, who quickly realize that his unusual ways of coaching will take a lot of getting used to. He goes against the typical egotistical stereotype of most sports coaches, and

while he faces backlash for his coaching methods, he takes these challenges in stride, relying on his constant optimism. It is the perfect show for any soccer fan, especially if you love the Premier League. But "Ted Lasso" isn't just comedy and fun, despite its comedic plot. We also see these characters face real-life conflicts and while they cause drama, we also see them deal with these problems logically and with self awareness, like real adults. The relationships the characters have with each other are what give the show heart and make it relatable. I will admit I have only seen the first season, but the third season just came out this year and I am excited to see where the story leads. All in all, "Ted Lasso" conveys a positive message everyone can learn from throughout its first ten episodes, which is finding the best version of yourself and helping others do the same, on and off the field.



Dear Rachel,
How do you feel about leaving Marist and going on to college?
From Done with School,
Raquel

Dear Done with School,
I'm ecstatic to leave. Don't get me wrong, Marist has been a great time but I'm definitely ready for some new faces. I'm especially excited to take classes that interest me.
Sincerely,
Raquel

Dear P Ditty,
What are your thoughts on people who say they have a flirty personality?
From, The Streets

Dear The Streets,
It's not a thing.
Sincerely,
P Ditty

Dear Sophie,
What do you think about "Queen Charlotte?"
From, Curious about the Queen

Dear Curious about the Queen,
Absolutely splendid. The finest installment of the Bridgerton series yet. It may even make you forgive King George III for taxing the American colonies. (I know I did).
Sincerely,
Sophie

Dear Jackson,
What's your go-to order at Starbucks?
From, Just Curious

Dear Just Curious,
Venti cold brew light ice with extra vanilla sweet cream cold foam and four pumps of vanilla but it has to be made right! They gave me the wrong frickin' order the other day and I had to contact customer service.
Sincerely,
Jackson

Dear Alex,
What would you say to underclassmen who are thinking about taking newspaper next year?
From, New to the Paper

Dear New to the Paper,
Join the class! It is always such a fun time. Be prepared for countless hours spent in Room 317, donuts everytime a paper comes out and a lot of laughing.
Sincerely,
Alex

Dear Alex,
Where have you been all year? We have been in Room 318 waiting for you.
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