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## THE CLASS OF 2024



Not pictured: Juel Hagen.

### *A Quilt of a Class: Unfolding the Class of 2024*

The class of 2024 has often been defined by the fact that we started high school in the midst of a pandemic, mask-clad and frightened. In actuality, we are not defined by these unfortunate circumstances. We are much more than that.

Our class is filled with individuals who are unique in every way. Although our day-to-day lives may appear similar, many of us part ways when the school bell rings. Our class is filled with people who are a part of many different activities, from retreats to sports to academic competitions.

However, each and every person in our class is intertwined in a web of activities that are all interconnected by the same string that binds us together, and that is Marist. Together, our small class has journeyed these past four years to do things that bring us together. Our school motto is more than just three simple words to our class. "We Are One" is a lifestyle that we have decided to incorporate into every aspect of our lives.

Whether it was working together to create a killer class dance during homecoming week – even after being robbed two years in a row – or welcoming

new students into our class as we wove our way through the years, or banding together to support a friend in need, our class possesses the ability to overlook what separates us and instead focus on what unites us.

This extraordinary ability is largely due to the fact that we are one of the smallest classes in recent years to graduate from Marist. Subconsciously, we figured out that we had to work harder to be seen as a class with so few of us. We chose to show our true colors to complement and blend with the people around us.

To us, the perfect metaphor for our class is a quilt. Since each individual piece is unique and distinct from all the others, it can be difficult to see the larger picture in which they fit together. The squares may be frayed, tattered, or patched, but they are able to come together to be something beautiful.

It's also important to remember that quilts aren't made overnight. First, each square must be made, then they have to be painstakingly pieced together. In the same way, the members of our class worked to define themselves and then united with each other to create a tight-knit community. Self-definition is a quintessential part

of the high school experience, and it's vital to know yourself before you can truly know the people around you and how you fit into a community. If you ask anyone in our class to define themselves in one word, they will be able to.

But instead of asking anyone, we asked everyone (but some people don't answer their emails). When we asked seniors to describe themselves in one word, we expected to get a lot of the same answers. But we quickly learned that our class was not only able to define themselves, but do so uniquely and distinctively. We watched many of our classmates pick their word and noticed the time they took to reflect on which word could describe who they are and what they bring to the class:

Competitive-MoreCompetitive-Tubular-Reserved-Confused-Goofy-Exhilarating-Outgoing-Amazeballs-Driven-Thoughtful-Short-Respectful-Exuberant-Kind-Loyal-Enthusiastic-Tall-Silly-Dangerous-Entrepreneurial-Carefree-Beautiful-Late-Quiet-Energetic-Regal-Volatile-Understanding-Refreshing-Radical-Helpful-Smilely-Saintly-Passionate-Dynamic-Amazing-Intense-Scattered-Passionate-Caring-Sufficient-Exuberant-

Enthusiastic-Confused-Yanny-Laurel-Creative-Artistic-Joyful-Cranky-Hungry-Fast-Athletic-Funny-Average-Academic-Devoted-Fantastic.

When we first were given the opportunity to try and define our class, we were stumped on how to piece together our different ideas. How could we begin to describe such a diverse group of people in one article? We had to reflect on our class in a way we had never done before. What we came up with is something beautiful, a picture of a class that feels like they have learned the meaning of "We are One" but yet made up of many individuals. Something that each of us will take with us on our separate journeys.

It's important to remember that graduation isn't the end of an era, but rather the beginning of our unique stories. The same stitches that have bound us together for the last four years will never unravel, but instead be repurposed in the new squares we go on to make. We'll just have to see out it unfolds.

Signing off,  
Ava Konrady & Elizabeth Tucker



# The PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



**H**ello Spartans! It has been an honor not only serving you as your president this year, but also just being a Spartan. My Spartan journey began in 2020 as a new student, not knowing anyone or anything about Marist. That was the unprecedented year of online school and Zoom video calls that felt like an eternity. And since not being in a classroom with my classmates was challenging and isolating, I joined Student Council!

It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. It gave me the opportunity to meet you. Whether you're a fellow senior or a junior, sophomore, freshman, teacher, coach, administrator or support staff, I have enjoyed building relationships and connections with all of you.

I have fallen in love with this community and with the Spartan Spirit. So much so that in my sophomore year, I made it my mission to bring back traditions that were lost due to COVID and help build the Marist Family Spirit that is a big part of this school's mission.

I hoped you too would all see how special and unique Marist is and get excited for all that it has to offer whether that be through kissing the M dressed in silly costumes, being a part of a rowdy student section cheering your hearts out, going on a retreat even when you were unsure of what lay ahead, learning how to play ping-pong with Mr. Chronister, trying a new sport or representing Finland and Sweden in Model UN with Mr. Nuxoll.

It was a pleasure to serve as your president this year and we got a lot done. With the help of senior Hailey Trank, we fundraised long and hard for a new Sparty mascot. We created up class events and get-togethers, like Senior Sunset, a sophomore water balloon fight and cultural spotlights throughout the year. But we couldn't have done it without you.

Even though it has come time for me to check out, I hope that the Marist spirit will continue to grow. May all of you enjoy your time left at Marist. I'll be praying for you all while off at Boise State and cannot wait to come back and visit! GO SPARTANS!

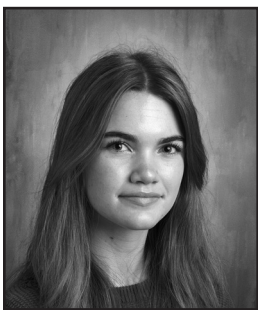
Lots of love,  
Your President, Haley Ross

# Introducing ... The Marist Class of 2024

**PEYTON  
ANDERSON**

*"Incredible. One of the worst performances of my career and no one suspected a thing."*

**O**



Peyton will be attending the University of Oregon to major in art with hopes to go into the field of graphic design. She's most excited to start turning her passion into a career but will miss seeing the same people every day. The most influential teacher for Peyton was McCall Sherrod, and she'd like to thank her for helping her realize that her passion for art could become a career.

**ANTHONY  
ANGELASTRO**

*"I just wanna ball, maybe dunk, but I've never been tall." - Mac Miller*



Anthony is attending Linfield University to play golf and will be majoring in business with aspirations of someday becoming an EMT or firefighter. He's most excited to meet new people and to continue his passion of playing golf in college. He will miss his group of friends at Marist and the FLIS field trip, but won't miss having to study for AP Biology tests. He would like to thank his mom and dad for helping him to chase his dreams, as well as Nicole Mombell for always being so understanding.

**BRADY  
BIDWELL**

*"Your mom goes to college" - Kip Dynamite*

**O**



Brady will be attending the University of Oregon and will be majoring in film and cinematography as well as playing football for the Ducks. He's excited to continue the sport he loves so much at his dream school. He'll miss Friday night lights in the exciting Marist atmosphere, but will not miss waking up for zero period every morning. His most influential teacher was Grant Gilchrist who welcomed him in his first year and kept him from hating math. He'd like to thank God for His guidance and his family and friends for supporting him through everything.

**EMMA  
BRIDGENS**

*"There will always be a piece of me here."*



Emma will be attending Boise State University this fall and plans to major in psychology. She's looking forward to moving out of Oregon and won't miss not being able to leave campus during study hall. The most influential teacher for Emma was McCall Sherrod because her class was always her favorite. She'd like to thank her best friends, Katherine and Sophia, for making every day a day to remember.



**SHEPPARD BROWN**

*"Huh?"*



Sheppard will be attending Grand Canyon University and will be majoring in financial planning. He plans to become a financial advisor in the future. He's excited to live on his own after high school and he's going to miss the cool teachers he's had at Marist the most. He would like to thank Nicole Mombell for helping him finish his junior year when he was really struggling, as well as writing a very meaningful letter of recommendation for him.

**KARINA CANO RUIZ**



Karina will be entering the work force and in the future would like to pursue a degree in elementary education with plans to become a teacher. She's excited to have more freedom next year. She'll miss seeing all of the crazy costumes at the Kissing of the M every year. Karina feels that all of the teachers at Marist have been influential because of all of their help during her years.

**ESTEFANIA CASTILLO-FACUNDO**

*"I forgot."*



Estefania will be attending George Fox University and plans to be active in the community there. She is planning on an art-related major and would like to pursue a career in graphic design or animation and is looking forward to taking these next steps in her life. She's going to miss her teachers at Marist and would like to especially thank Becky Boyd for making class fun and engaging.

**AMANDA CHAPMAN**

*"I love Red Dead Redemption 2:3"*



Amanda will be attending the University of Oregon next year. She is not sure what she will major in, but is interested in biology. She would like to have a career in wildlife and environmental conservation. She's most excited to discover her passions after high school and make friends with diverse backgrounds. The most influential teacher for Amanda was Renee Cool who got her interested in science.

**CLOTINE CHASE**

*"God Bless America."*



Clotine will be attending the University of Oregon next year and will be majoring in biology with aspirations to become an orthodontist. She's most excited to meet new people and play soccer for the Ducks in the Big 10 Conference. She will miss spending time with her friends and participating in the many Marist traditions. She would like to thank her parents for sending her to Marist, and Mr. Ferrari for reigniting her love for writing.

**JOEY COOPER**

*"Life is like a sandwich whichever way you flip it the bread always comes first."*



Joey will be attending Lane Community College to play soccer and will be majoring in fitness and lifestyle. He plans to become a physical therapist or fitness trainer in the future. He's excited about having more freedom and living on his own but he will miss being able to see his friends every day. The most influential teacher he's had is Mr. Moser because of his belief in Joey and forgiveness when submitting work. He'd like to thank his dad for always waking him up in the morning so that he can get to school on time every day.

**LAUREN ELLISON**

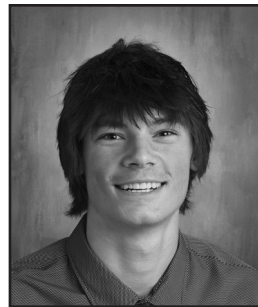
*"TO FREEDOM."  
- Nicki Minaj*



Lauren will be attending the University of Oregon and will be majoring in psychology and minoring in art. She plans to become either an art or occupational therapist. She's looking forward to having more freedom next year and being more self-sufficient but she'll miss the tight-knit community — just not all of the rules placed on seniors. The most influential teacher for Lauren was McCall Sherrod who gave her great advice and helped her grow. She'd like to thank all of her teachers who pushed her to do her best academically.

**KADEN ERLNBUSH**

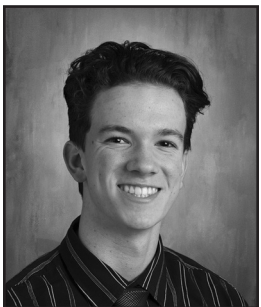
*"High school is like an Edgar with hypercharge and 15 cubes."*



Kaden is undecided about which college he plans to attend, and is not sure what he wants to study, but is looking forward to spending more of his free time with family and friends. He'll miss seeing the friends he's made at Marist but not the school work he endured every day. Kaden's most influential teacher was Mrs. Meyers because of how much she pushed him and maintained faith in him. He'd like to thank Mrs. Baker for her advocacy for all the students.

**ANDREW FORSYTH**

*"See these excursions right here ... just to lavish to post on the gram."  
- DJ Drama*



Andrew will be attending the University of Southern California to major in business administration. He wants to work in upper management of either a sports team or the music industry. He is looking forward to being more independent and having cool internships. He'll miss the tennis community and the memorable back to back state titles, but won't miss the drama at Marist. He'd like to thank Mr. Moser for his perfect balance of a fun and on-task classroom atmosphere and his parents for their unwavering support, as well as his brother, sister, and his three dogs.

**ZELLI GIBEAU**

*"I love country music."*



Zelli will be attending the University of Oregon and will be majoring in either marketing or communications with plans to work in sports media. She's excited to meet new people and move out to live on her own but she will miss the friends and teachers she's grown close to. Toni Cooper was the most influential teacher for Zelli because she made the transition to high school much smoother. She'd like to thank Shari Pimental for always checking on her.

**KAYLYNN GUEVARA**

*"People can live 100 years without really living for a minute. You climb up here with me it's one less minute you haven't lived."  
- Logan Hutzberger, Gilmore Girls*



Kaylynn will attend Appalachian State University in North Carolina to study child development and hopes to own a daycare one day. She's excited to make her own plans next year and not be limited by a schedule. She will miss seeing her friends daily but won't miss waking up early. Bill Ferrari was the most influential for Kaylynn because while working in his Genesis Summer Reading Academy she found the career she wanted to pursue. She'd like to thank her mom for listening to all of her gossip over the years.

**ARATH GUTIERREZ**

*"All you need in life is either a warm sunny day or a 2024 Porsche 911 Dakar Rallye design package to stay up."*



Arath will be attending the University of Oregon to major in business marketing and a minor in Spanish. He's most excited to stay out longer, visit new places and have more freedom. He'll miss not having to pay bills and the friends he's made at Marist but won't miss having to stay on campus for lunch for three years. He'd like to thank Jim Reinking for teaching him about new music genres and Nicole Mombell for her unwavering support. "I would be on a different path if it weren't for her," Arath said.



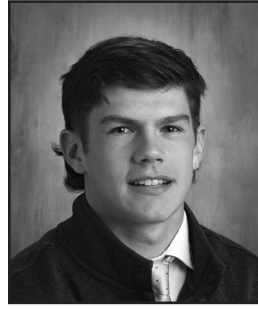
## JUEL HAGEN



*"Yeah buddy!"  
-Ronnie Coleman*

Juel plans to spend his time after high school in the gym with plans to do bodybuilding. He's looking forward to his first competition in July. He said he will miss seeing his friends at school and he'd like to thank Dylan Mittleider for being the light at the end of his tunnel.

## JAMES HARVEY



James will be attending Oregon State University next year. He will spend this summer fighting wildfires and plans to become a wildland firefighter — maybe even becoming a smoke jumper. He'll miss the Friday night lights on the Marist field this fall but will not miss being in class all day long. He'd like to thank his mom for nagging him to do his homework.

## AIDEN HAZEN



*"Play the game ...  
not the moment."*

Aiden is undecided about which college he will be attending next year but plans to study a sports-related business major as well as play baseball or football. He's excited about starting a new adventure after graduation but will miss sports and friends at Marist. Mr. Nuxoll, Mr. Gilchrist, and Mr. Breslaw were his most influential teachers because they helped him understand their subjects and created joyful class atmospheres. He'd like to thank his family and friends for their unwavering support, as well as his teachers and coaches for helping him be a better student and athlete.

## KATHERINE HEDDEN



*"Sophia is as beautiful  
as she is smart and she  
is not smart."*



Katherine will be attending San Diego State University in the fall and is still undecided what her major will be. She's looking forward to making new friends and memories, but will miss her friends and the fun she's had at Marist. The most influential teachers for her were Renee Cool and Becky Boyd because they are great teachers who treat their students with respect. She'd like to thank her family.

## JULISSA HERRERA

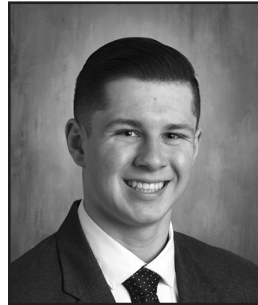


*"Let's go get  
Dutch Bros!"*



Julissa will be attending the University of Oregon this fall and plans to double major in human physiology and Spanish and will most likely go into the medical field. She's looking forward to meeting new people and starting the new chapter of her life, but she'll miss the football games and the friends she's made at Marist. The most influential teacher for Julissa was Renee Cool, who always pushed her to do her best and believed in her.

## MICAH HUGO



*"Heroes are not giant statues framed  
against a red sky. They are people  
who say 'This is my community,  
and it's my responsibility to make it  
better.'" -Gov. Tom McCall*



Micah will be attending and swimming for George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon to study pre-veterinary medicine. He wants to become an equine/bovine veterinarian. He's excited to go to college and also to spend this summer with his friends and family. He said he will miss his Marist friends but not the AP Chemistry or calculus homework. The most influential teacher for Micah was Jeannette Herro, who helped him become a better problem-solver. He'd like to thank his family for always being there, especially his parents.

## ALEX HUTCHENS-WILSON



*"Make sure at  
the end it was  
worth it. All of it."*



Alex will be attending the University of Oregon this fall. She is undecided about her career plans but is excited to be out of high school. She said she will miss the janitorial staff at Marist – Carlos, Don and Jerry – because their kindness always put a smile on her face. The most influential teacher for Alex was Nicole Mombell, who always made time for her to talk or spend lunch together. She'd like to thank her mom for being her support in rough times.

## AVERY ISUANI



*"I graduated. Oh yeah, I just  
graduated high school."  
-Mac Miller*



Avery will be attending the University of North Dakota next year to study commercial aviation and plans to become a pilot. She's very excited to learn about aviation and embark on her career, but she will miss all of her friends back home. She'd like to thank her parents for all of their support.

## DENNIS JACKSON



*"I love you all."*



Dennis will be attending Lane Community College and will be majoring in sports management or psychology. He's excited about being in college and moving forward in life. He'll miss his Marist friends and the fun times he's had with them, but not all the assignments and tests. McCall Sherrod was the most influential teacher he's had because she was always there to support him with both his academics and state of mind. He'd like to thank McCall Sherrod and his friends for their acceptance and believing in him.

## LUKE JASPERS

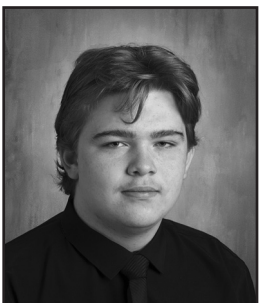


*"You may be the sum of your  
parts, but you decide how  
those parts fit together."*



Luke will be attending Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana this fall and will major in dance performance. He hopes to join a professional dance company in the future. He's looking forward to experiencing the next stage of life but will miss the community at Marist. The most influential teacher for Luke was Ryan Moser who always checks on his students and strives for the best learning experience.

## ALEXEI JEFFRYES



*"Acta Non Verba!"*



Alexei will be attending Grinnell College in Iowa this fall and hopes to pursue a career as a mathematician. He's looking forward to having more responsibility next year and growing into himself a bit. He said he will miss the community at Marist but won't miss the busy work. He'd like to thank Wendy Lighthead, Peng Lu, Jake Potter and Natalie Rush at his past schools for being amazing teachers.

## KAYLEE JONES



*"Be yourself; everyone else is  
already taken." -Oscar Wilde*



Kaylee will attend George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon next year to study nursing and hopes one day to work in a NICU. She's excited about meeting new people and working towards her dream career. She will miss the teachers, assemblies and football games, but won't miss taking seven classes. She would like to thank Shari Pimental who reminded her to challenge herself and give herself grace and Nicole Mombell who taught about Spanish culture. She would also like to thank her parents for always wanting what's best for her, and her friends for their support.



## ALEXIS KAMARU

*"Do something worth remembering." - Elvis Presley*



Alexis will be attending Oregon State University this fall to study biohealth sciences and pre-med before going to medical school to become a physician. She's excited to meet new people and have more independence. Even though she'll miss seeing her friends at Marist every day, she won't miss waking up early. The most influential teacher for Alexis was Nicole Mombell who inspired her to grow and become a better student and person. She'd like to give special thanks to her mom for supporting her throughout the years.

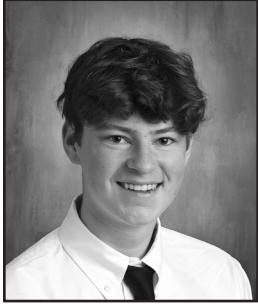
## DECLAN KEARNEY

*"I got game like Nico Hülkenberg has podiums."*



Declan will be attending Colorado State University this fall and will double major in biology and mechanical engineering. He's excited to pursue a career that he is passionate about and wants to build prosthetics in the future. He'll miss seeing people he grew up with every day, but not the American West project. Ryan Moser was his most influential teacher for listening to student feedback and recognizing opinions that inspired him to change the course structure. He'd like to thank his parents for always supporting him.

## CAMERON KLINE



Cameron will be attending the University of Arizona and will be majoring in business management. He's unsure about what he plans to do for a career, but is excited to leave Oregon. He'll miss the positive community at Marist, but won't miss the commute to school every day. His most influential teacher was Becky Boyd for her positive attitude that always keeps the class engaged. He'd like to thank his mom for her inspiring work ethic, attitude and values.

## AVA KONRADY

*"Life moves pretty fast."*



Ava will be attending Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles this fall and plans to study journalism and psychology in the hopes of becoming a professional writer. She's most excited to leave the rain and meet new people. She'll miss doing the class dance competition every year but won't miss getting dress-coded. The most influential teachers for Ava were Grant Gilchrist and Nicole Mombell who taught her that she was more capable than she thought. She'd like to thank her parents for their unwavering support and her sister for always giving the best advice.

## GYURAM LAMPKE

*"I didn't come this far to come this far."*



Gyuram is thinking of going into the United States Marine Corps or attending college to study business. He says he would like to become a profitable day trader. He's most excited to do whatever he wants after high school but will miss seeing his classmates and friends every day. The most influential teacher for Gyuram has been Mark Chronister who made learning fun. He'd like to thank his parents, especially his father, for putting him through a private school. He's also thankful to not have been expelled.

## DANIEL LITTY



Daniel will be taking a gap year after graduation but plans to someday become an electrician. He's excited to not go to school anymore but said he is going to miss messing around outside Mrs. Cool's room with friends but won't miss the homework at Marist. His most influential teacher was Ryan Moser who helped him and kept him accountable through junior year when he felt he was struggling. He'd like to thank Mrs. Baker for helping him stay at Marist and feel welcome.

## ITAHI MACIEL SILVA

*"It's giggle hour. Also, Eren Yeager was right."*



Itahi will be attending Lane Community College and wants a future career in technology or art. She's looking forward to going out with friends and pursuing her longtime goal of being a YouTuber. Her favorite Marist memories have been hanging out with her friends, especially at dances. The most influential teacher for Itahi was Becky Boyd, who has always been kind and understanding of her students. Itahi would like to thank her mom for her hard work and her friends Kate, Zakiya, Alex, Amanda, and Estefania.

## EVERETT MARTIN

*"He has the right to be himself. I have the right to be myself. There is no need for tolerance"*



Everett plans to spend his summer fighting fires and plans to attend Lane Community College in the fall. He'd like to one day have a career in forestry. Next year he is looking forward to having his own space to stylize. He said he will miss the wonderful teachers at Marist.

## JAX MARTIN

*"Day trading: mastering the art of risk with the science of algorithms, turning market volatility into calculated wins."*



Jax will be taking a gap year after high school and plans to go to college someday. He would like to open his own trading firm and become a wealth manager. He's excited to make new friends when he goes to college and said he will miss the friends he's made here, but not the homework. His most influential teacher was Mark Chronister who helped him realize he was way more capable than he thought. He'd like to thank his mom, dad and friends.

## AALIYAH MARTINEZ

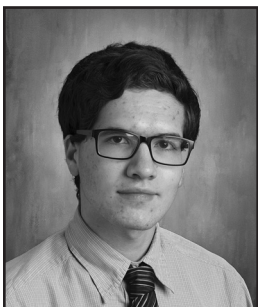
*"Knowing is better than wondering, waking is better than sleeping, and even the biggest failure beats the hell out of never trying."*



Aaliyah will be attending the University of Oregon to major in biochemistry and would like to have a career as an engineer. She'll miss the community at Marist but won't miss the schedules. The most influential teacher for Aaliyah was Renee Cool who made her feel welcome and comfortable in the classroom. She'd like to thank her parents for always supporting her and encouraging her to be her best self.

## BENNY MAY

*"If more people swallowed their ego instead of gum, the world would be a better place - albeit stickier."*



Benny will be attending the University of Oregon to study psychology or general social science. He is excited to go to college but also to get a job and finally get his driver's license. He'll miss all the amazing people he has gotten to know at Marist within a such short time but won't miss getting up early for school every day. Benny said Mr. Oldham inspired him the most with his great blend of humor and genuine care. He'd like to thank all his peers for being so welcoming, his parents for supporting him, and his teachers for educating him as well as inspiring him.

## DYLAN MITTLEIDER

*"What?"*



Dylan will be attending the University of Oregon to major in jazz studies with a focus on performance. He'd like to have a career as a studio or session musician and is looking forward to pursuing that. He'll miss off-campus lunches as a senior, but won't miss Algebra II/Trig. Mr. Reinking was Dylan's biggest inspiration throughout high school. Dylan said Reinking always pushed him to become the best musician he could be and helped me form lifelong and important connections in the local music industry.



**ELIANNY  
MOJICA GONZALEZ**

*"We have nothing to lose and a world to see."*



Elianny will be attending George Fox University this fall and will double major in cinematic arts and business. She'll miss her friends at Marist and her favorite teachers but won't miss the back-to-back classes. The most influential teacher for Elianny has been Becky Boyd who has been her biggest supporter and is the reason she likes studying English. She'd like to thank her mother for all she's done, her sister, Elizabeth, who pushed her to do better, and her friends.

**BRANDON  
MOREHOUSE**

*"There is no exquisite beauty without some strangeness in the proportion."  
- Edgar Allan Poe*



Brandon will most likely be taking a gap year after graduation and either move to Newberg or stay in Eugene. He's excited to more easily pursue his interests. And even though he'll miss the students, teachers and atmosphere at Marist, he won't miss the busy work. The most influential teachers for Brandon were Ryan Moser and Grant Gilchrist due to their dedication to the teaching process. He'd like to thank his parents for putting him through Marist and for every teacher that truly wanted him to learn and grow and helped him when he really needed it.

**AUSTIN  
MURRAY**

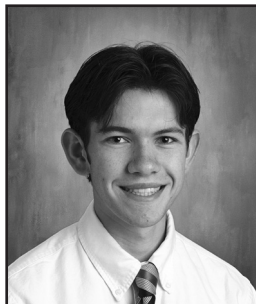
*"Barbz stay in school."*



Austin will attend Oregon State University to major in biology and wants to pursue a career in the medical field. He's looking forward to exploring a new environment with new people but will miss his friends and teachers at Marist. His favorite memory from high school was the Senior Metanoia and his most influential teacher was Renee Cool who made science fun and understandable.

**BECKET  
NELSON**

*"There's a lot more to life than being really, really ridiculously good looking and I plan on finding out what that is."  
-Derek Zoolander*



Becket will be attending the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. and plans on pursuing a career as a film producer. He's excited to get better at things he loves doing while in college. He will miss being the star of the class dances and retreats, but won't miss the "bulky mushroom head" haircuts that the younger students have. The most influential teachers for Becket were Ryan Moser and Andy Oldham who he had the privilege to work with on retreat team. He'd like to thank his friends for an amazing high school experience.

**ZAKIYA  
NEWMAN**

*"The Walking Dead: Season 6, EP 16, 3:44-3:38 and Season 7, EP 1, 12:49-12:44."*



Zakiya will be going to the University of Oregon to major in business. She is excited to grow with her existing friends while also making new ones. She will miss getting to dress up for school dances but won't miss all of the homework. The most influential teachers for Zakiya were Renee Cool and Beth Wirth for inspiring her to keep striving for knowledge. She'd like to thank her mom for her sacrifices that gave her so many opportunities.

**CHRISTINA  
NGUYEN**

*"All I do is Nguyen, Nguyen, Nguyen, no matter what."*



Christina will be attending Johns Hopkins University and majoring in molecular and cellular biology. She hopes to go to medical school and become a doctor. She's most excited to meet new people and eat great seafood in Baltimore. She said she is going to miss her friends, the tennis team, her teachers and Cafe Yumm. She thanks Bill Ferrari for introducing her to "Lonesome Dove," Renee Cool and Nicole Mombell for their kindness, and Cynthia Saras for the fashion inspiration. She'd also like to thank her parents for being her role models.

**PAIGE  
ONSTAD**

*"I'm not unhinged, I'm just 18."*



Paige will be attending Oregon State University and pursuing a degree in psychology. She's looking forward to having more freedom next year. She said she is going to miss the friendships she's made with the people she gets to see every day, but won't miss sitting through all of the classes. The most influential teacher for Paige was Bart Pollard because of their good talks. She'd like to thank her parents for always being there and helping her flourish and for helping her through the tough parts of high school.

**SOPHIA  
OSTER**

*"If you see a plumber's crack, assume he's having a good day."*



Sophia will be attending Oregon State University and wants a future career in the world of writing. She's most excited to meet new people on campus. She's going to miss her friends and the friendly staff at Marist, but will not miss the dress code. Becky Boyd has been the most influential teacher for Sophia because she's been a light during her time at Marist. She'd like to thank her friends Katherine and Emma for making high school so memorable.

**ASHER  
PELLEGRINI**

*"That's so nutty."  
-Wade Judy*



Asher will be attending The Ohio State University this fall and will be majoring in business with the confident hope of one day becoming a movie star. He is excited about the independence that comes with college life. He will dearly miss the Marist class dances. He would like to thank Mr. Ferrari for pushing his limits and expanding his perspective and Mr. Rust for the opportunity to learn about theatre and to make a character his own.

**JESSICA  
RAMIREZ MARTINEZ**

*"Everything happens for a reason."*



Jessica will attend the University of Oregon this fall and plans on double majoring in education and Spanish with the hope of becoming an elementary school teacher. She's looking forward to meeting new people but will miss the tight-knit community of students and teachers. Her most influential teacher was Nicole Mombell who was an amazing guide and advocate. She'd like to give special thanks to her parents, siblings and friends.

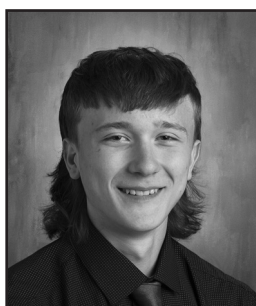
**ESHA  
REDDY**

*"I was born reddy."*



Esha will be attending Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington this fall and plans to major in biology and pre-dental to become an orthodontist. She is looking forward to competing in college golf and making new friends, but she'll miss her long-standing meme chain with Erin Gallo. The most influential teacher for Esha was Jo Montoya who taught her to hold her bladder. She'd like to thank Noah Breslaw for caring about his class and printing out mini-unit circles.

**KALEN  
RINCK**



Kalen will be attending Oregon State University to major in engineering and wants to be an environmental engineer. He's excited to enjoy his final summer living with his family before going to college. He said he will cherish all his high school memories and will miss going to the home football games in the fall but will not miss driving to school every day. His most influential teacher was Jeanette Herro, who he claims destroyed his math and rebuilt it "the right way."



## BEN ROHMAN

*"Spraying water is fun."*



Ben has been fighting fires and helping accident victims his entire senior year and will continue this career of firefighting and saving lives for Coburg Fire after graduating. He's most excited about continuing to put out fires. He will miss his senior year of football but he will not miss having to come to school. Jon Nuxoll was his most influential teacher for helping him become a better writer.

## HALEY ROSS

*"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss*



Haley will be attending Boise State University with a dual major in elementary and special education with the career goal of becoming a kindergarten teacher. She's most looking forward to meeting new people but will miss doing the class dance during Homecoming Week every year. The most influential teacher for Haley was Becky Boyd who made every class fun. She'd like to thank her mom and Cory for helping her at every turn.

## ADDIE RUCKWARDT

*"I'ma pull a him on him." - Megan Thee Stallion*



Addie will be attending the University of Arizona in Tucson to study business. Her plan is to one day be a Power 5 athletic director. She's excited to meet new people in the Dirty T but will miss her 2nd-semester table group. Her favorite Marist memory has been getting to meet everyone this year but she will not miss Abigail Schombert when she is in a mood — just kidding, she loves her sooo much. The most influential teacher for Addie was Andy Oldham who taught her valuable study tactics. She'd like to thank Paige Onstad for being the reason she went to Marist.

## JAVI SANDOVAL GONGORA

*"It is important to draw wisdom from many different places. If we take it from only one place, it becomes rigid and stale. Understanding others, the other elements, and the other nations, will help you to become whole." - Uncle Iroh*



Javi will attend Willamette University in Salem to study communications and media and is excited to live in a new city. He will be playing soccer for the Bearcats and wants a career as a professional soccer player or a social media manager for a sports team. He will miss all of the friends he's made at Marist but won't miss math class. Toni Cooper was the most influential teacher because she helped him discover a love for journalism which he never thought he'd be interested in. He'd like to thank his family for all their support throughout the years.

## CLAIRE SAXMAN

*"Giraffe!!"*



Claire will be attending the University of San Diego next year and will be majoring in biochemistry with the hopes of using her passion for science to help others. She's looking forward to meeting new people but will miss the community at Marist, especially the STEM club. However, she won't miss having to deal with the College Board. The most influential teacher for Claire was Ryan Elliot for his support and advice. She'd like to thank her family for their continuing support.

## ABIGAIL SCHOMBERT

*"Would I rather be feared or loved? Easy, both. I want people to be afraid of how much they love me." - Michael Scott*



Abigail will be attending the University of Oregon this fall and majoring in photography and computer science. In the future, she'd like to have a career as a professional photographer. She's looking forward to meeting new people and traveling after high school. She will miss all her sports teams and connections with her teammates and her favorite memory was the Seaside Tournament. She won't miss the dress code. Her most influential teacher was Ryan Moser because he has been a great coach and listener. She'd like to thank her mom and dad for lifting her up in the hard times.

## KELLIE SCHROFFNER

*"It's not cool to be a loser. Go to school. Graduate." - Nicki Minaj*



Kellie will be attending Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and plans to major in economics to pursue a career in sports business. She's most excited to be in a new state and play softball at the next level. Her favorite high school memories have been winning state championships in both softball and volleyball. Bill Ferrari and Renee Cool have been the most influential to Kellie for always keeping her engaged in class. She'd also like to thank her parents and siblings for their support.

## SADIE SHAH

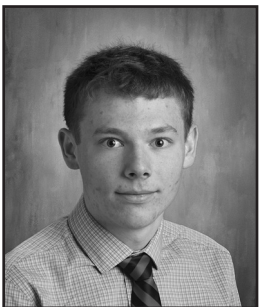
*"The best thing you can do for [high school] is ride off from it." - Woodrow F. Call*



Sadie will be attending Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana this fall to study classical ballet and dance performance. She wants to further her dance career but is also interested in healthcare. She's most excited to dance at a collegiate level and meet people who share her passions. The most influential teacher for Sadie was Bill Ferrari for teaching her how to be a better writer. She'd like to thank her parents for their support, her siblings for being her best friends, and Renee Cool for always extending deadlines.

## JAMES SMYTHE

*"You live and learn. At any rate, you live." - Douglas Adams*



Jimmy will attend the Colorado School of Mines in Golden to study computer science and become a software engineer. He's looking forward to more independence and exploring his interests. He will miss random conversations with his friends during study hall but won't miss all the homework and early mornings. Ryan Moser was the most influential teacher to Jimmy because they were always able to have interesting discussions. He'd like to thank his mom for her support and his dad for helping him do his best.

## KATE SNODGRASS

*"Autobots, it's been an honor serving with you all. Autobots roll out."*



Kate plans to take classes at Lane Community College to pursue a career in photography and real estate. She's most excited to explore the world outside of high school and work towards her future career. She will miss seeing her friends daily but won't miss having to get up early. She'd like to thank Mark Chronister and Randy Derrick for being caring and helping her realize her passions. She'd also like to especially thank her friends for making school fun each day.

## MYA SNYDER

*"Wait, what?"*



Mya will be going to the University of Arizona in Tucson and is planning on majoring in natural resource conservation. She's most excited to live somewhere sunny and will miss her friends, teachers and the Marist community as a whole. However, she won't miss taking classes that don't have much relevance to her life. Ryan Moser has been the most influential teacher for Mya because he always believed in her. She'd like to thank her friends and family for being her biggest supporters and bringing her happiness.

## ASHLYN THOMAS

*"Forever grateful."*



Ashlyn will be attending Corban University in Salem and plans to major in business. She's looking forward to playing golf at a higher level and meeting new people. She's going to miss the people at Marist and how close the community is but won't miss her long commute every day. Grant Gilchrist was the most influential teacher for Ashlyn because he pushed her to do her best. She'd like to thank her parents for always being her biggest supporters.



## OLIVIA TRACER

*"I was late but I made it!"*



Olivia will be attending Lane Community College with plans to pursue a career as either a diesel mechanic or ultra-sound technician. She's most excited to have new experiences after high school but will miss her friends. However, she won't miss all of the tests and homework. The most influential teacher for Olivia was Mark Chronister who made everything sound interesting. She'd like to thank her parents for always being there for her and believing in her.

## HAILEY TRANK

*"Grey's Anatomy' Season 2, Episode 4, 13:51"*



Hailey plans to move to North Carolina to become either a chef or an electrician and is most excited to become her own person. Her favorite high school memories are going to Panda Express with Sam Keen. Mark Chronister was the most influential teacher for Hailey because he taught her that she doesn't need to go to college to be successful. She'd like to thank her dog, Josie, for always listening to her drama and being the best cuddle buddy.

## ELIZABETH TUCKER

*"Yeah, I'll do it."*



Elizabeth will be attending Oregon State University this fall with plans to major in architectural engineering. She's excited to be a part of projects that will help build the future and she wants to come back to Marist to help on retreats as a young adult leader. She will miss her friends and the connections she's made at Marist but won't miss early morning meetings. She'd like to thank her parents for always being there and for their constant support.

## AVIA TUGULDUR

*"Special teams, special plays, special players."*



Avia will be attending Claremont McKenna College this fall to study biochemistry for a career in cancer research. She is most excited to live in sunny southern California and play softball for the Ahtenas but will miss her Spartan teams and newfound Marist community. Ryan Moser was her most influential teacher because he saw her potential as an athlete and a student. She'd like to thank her family and "would also like to thank the Marist community for welcoming me with open arms this year. I didn't know what this year would look like... I was blessed with an abundance of new memories and friendships."

## LEXI TUSKI

*"People can live a hundred years without living for a minute." - Logan from Gilmore Girls*



Lexi will be attending the University of Oregon and majoring in psychology with plans to become a therapist. She is excited to be in a new environment and meet people from different places. Lexi said she will miss her friends, and the senior art class conversations. Her most influential teacher was McCall Sherrod for always being someone she could rant to. She'd like to give special thanks to her parents for their unlimited support.

## PEYTON TYNER

*"You can stop worrying about grenades now."*



Peyton will be attending Lane Community College and will major in finance. He's most excited to play baseball at the next level for the Titans but will miss his friends and Rick Martin. Martin was the most influential teacher for Peyton because he has been a wholesome and amazing role model. He'd like to thank Mr. Copley for helping him throughout his high school career.

## BRYAN VALVIDARES GARCIA



Bryan plans to attend the University of Oregon this fall. He is excited to start a new chapter in his life after high school but will miss the Friday night lights and pouring out his heart on the field with his teammates. To him, it wasn't about the wins and losses but rather the "transformative moments that shaped who I am today." His most influential teacher was Jeanette Herro for making the Marist experience memorable. He'd like to thank Jeff Kast for inspiring him to push himself and for his mentorship.

## AVERY WALKOVIK

*"Kim, you're doing amazing sweetie." - Kris Jenner*



Avery will be attending St. Bonaventure University in New York to pursue a degree in communications and hopes to find a career in public relations. She's excited to embark on a new adventure in a new state but will miss being a part of the retreat program at Marist. The most influential teacher for Avery was Stacey Baker who made her feel welcome and believed in her. She'd like to thank her family for their continuing encouragement.

## KATE WOOLSEY

*"Khaaaaaaaaaaaan!" - James T Kirk*



Kate will be attending George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon to major in biology and hopes to find a career in that field. She's looking forward to going to college but will miss talking about cool birds with Renee Cool and Jeanette Herro, who were two of the most influential teachers to her.

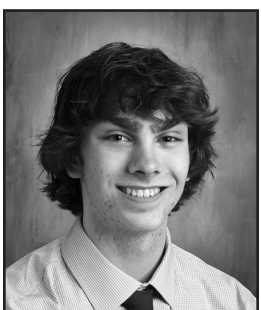
## DREW WOOTEN

*"According to Bres, I make a lot of excuses."*



Drew will be attending Mount Hood Community College this fall. He is most excited about getting to play baseball at the next level and not having classes every day. He'll miss the Marist baseball memories with his teammates the most, but won't miss all the homework Ms. Herro assigned. His most influential teacher is Mr. Breslaw for all the valuable life lessons he taught.

## LUCAS WRIGHT



Lucas is undecided about his plans for next year but he is looking forward to being done with high school. He will miss seeing his boys every day, however, he will not miss math class. He'd like to thank Becky Boyd for her kindness, Jeanette Herro for her wisdom, and Mark Chronister for being his dude.

## RORY YASENCHAK

*"You need to use your drone to locate a bomb."*

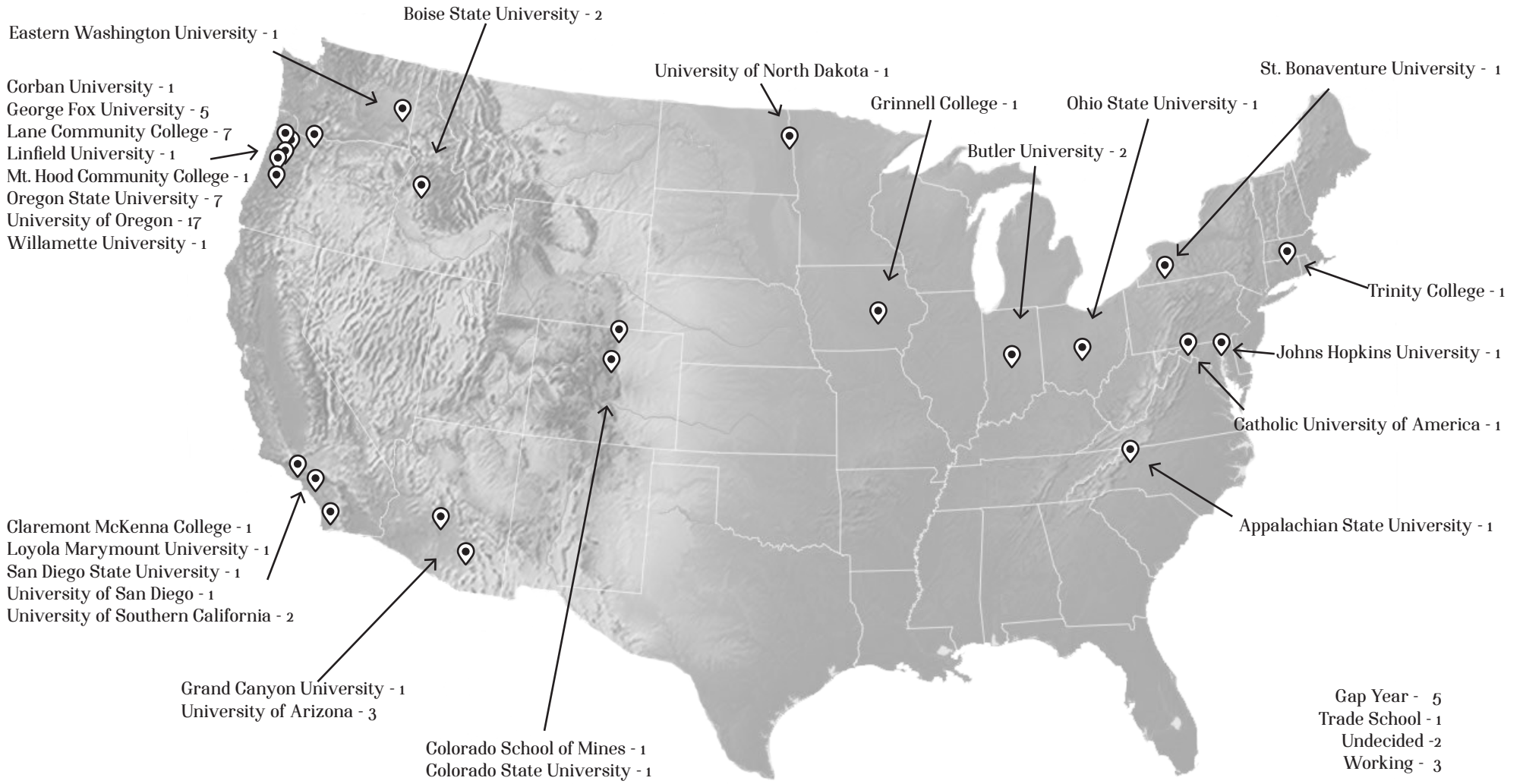


Rory will be attending the University of Southern California this fall to study the philosophy of politics and law and would like to be a lawyer. He's most excited to reconnect with his friends during college breaks and he will miss all of the connections he's made in the Marist community. The most influential teachers for Rory were Jeanette Herro and Ryan Moser for pushing him to the limit as a student. He'd like to thank his parents for all of their support and his teachers for caring about his success.




# SPREADING OUR WINGS

The Class of 2024 will be spreading out to 28 different colleges and universities across the country. Here's a map to see where they'll be next fall!



## SENIORS BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 of us is a firefighter
- Average hours of sleep each night: 6.1
- At least 4 of us are left handed
- At least 14 of us have gone to school with another senior since first grade
- Average screen time per day (hours): 5.4
- At least 3 of us have lived in another country
- At least 2 of us are ambidextrous
- At least 11 of us are playing a sport in college
- Average height of men: 5'9"
- Average number of colleges applied to: 5.1
- Average height of women: 5'4"
- At least 2 of us are related to a former NFL player
- At least 8 of us can drive a stick shift
- At least 6 of us have a tattoo
- At least 9 of us have parents that graduated from Marist
- Highest amount: 15
- Lowest amount: 0
- At least 8 of us can do a back flip
- Highest amount: 47
- Average number of states visited: 11.3
- Lowest amount: 2
- At least 26 of us are attending college outside of Oregon
- At least 9 of us are pursuing the career we wanted as a kid
- 2 of us have run a marathon or half marathon
- At least 16 of us were *not* born in Oregon
- Average number of countries visited: 3.3
- 21 of us have won a state championship (as of May 28)
- For the majority of us, Christmas is our favorite holiday.
- At least 6 of us will major in psychology





# Remember When...

Looking back at the Class of 2024's four years ...



1. The Class of 2024 throws water balloons on their first day as Spartans in September of 2020. 2. Paige Onstad hops along the courtyard on the Freshman Girls Day. 3. Boys in the Class of 2024 pose for a picture at the Freshman Boys Day in the fall of 2020. 4. Girls in the class of 2024 gather at the Freshman Girls Day in the fall of 2020. 5. Becket Nelson, Asher Pellegrini, and Peyton Tyner read *The Spartan Spear* in the fall of sophomore year. 6. Peyton Anderson rises after kissing the M as a sophomore in 2021. 7. Girls in the class of 2024 make a poster during the Sophomore Girls Journey Retreat. 8. Juel Hagen holds an ornament he made at a freshman on-campus activity. 9. Austin Murray takes a selfie at lunch during his sophomore year. 10. Cameron Kline and Lucas Wright work on an assignment in health class sophomore year. 11. Mya Snyder smiles in front of the camera as Joey Cooper and Javi Sandoval Gongora hang out behind her. 12. Itahi Maciel Silva and Elianny Mojica Gonzalez proudly show their ornaments at a freshman on-campus activity. 13. Ava Konrady emerges from the fountain after kissing the M in the fall of 2021. 14. Sheppard Brown and Dylan Mittleider pose in matching suits on Twin Day their sophomore year. 15. Arath Gutierrez helps paint a mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe in his junior year. 16. Clotine Chase wears a bubble suit her sophomore year for a game at a pep assembly. 17. Declan Kearney and Luke Jaspers point at the camera during science class while Jimmy Smythe stands behind. 18. Sophia Oster and Kellie Schreffner surprise Abigail Schombert with snow at the Women's Encounter. 19. Kaylee Jones, Avery Walkoviak, and Karina Cano Ruiz pose for a photo in the hallway. 20. Benny May crowd surfs at prom senior year. 21. Claire Saxman and Elizabeth Tucker point at the photo booth camera at senior prom. 22. Rory Yasenchak imitates a snake during the senior class dance competition. 23. Avery Isuani and Lauren Ellison embrace at the Metanoia. 24. Julissa Herrera, Jessica Ramirez, Lexi Tuski, Sadie Shah and Claire Saxman smile for the camera during the western theme football game senior year. 25. Girls from the Class of 2025 cheer during an exciting basketball game senior year. 26. Haley Ross crowns Alex Hutchens-Wilson with a Burger King crown during homecoming week senior year. 27. Seniors dance to iconic 2000's songs during the class dance competition, securing the first place prize. \*Photos by Toni Cooper, Sofia Copley '26, Giselle Gibeau '24, Tori Letourneau '21, Austin Murray '24, Greenley Robinson '23, Abigail Schombert '24, Elizabeth Tucker '24 and Taylor Willett '21.



# NEWS

## briefs

### AP EXAMS

This year, 247 tests were administered across 14 different subjects to Marist students from May 6-17. This is both the first year Marist has administered the Advanced Placement tests on campus, and the first time that any of the tests have been digital.

### MARIST GIVES

\$400,000 was raised this year between the gala and online donation opportunities. Marist Gives is a Marist tradition now in its fourth year, a 24 hour fundraiser to fund our tuition assistance program. These donations go towards our \$1.2 million goal to provide aid to over 50% of the student body.

### ASB ELECTIONS

Elections for the executive officers of Marist Associated Student Body were held on March 24. Junior Sam McLaughlin was elected to president, sophomore Hobbs Movalson will be the new vice president, sophomore Shuhan Li is the new secretary and sophomore Declan Pellegrini is the new Public Relations Manager.

### NHS AWARD CEREMONY

On Wednesday May 22, the National Honors Society held a ceremony to recognize and honor the achievements of many Marist students. Each department announced a list of students who were recognized for being the First in Merit and the Outstanding Student(s) for their performance in each of the courses. Each department also announced a First in Merit and Most Outstanding senior for their performance and growth within the department over their four years at Marist. Other seniors were recognized were Claire Saxman by the Philanthropic Education Organization for her community and school involvement while maintaining exemplary grades, both Elianny Mojica Gonzalez and Clotine Chase were awarded awarded four-year renewable scholarships by the Delta Rotary Foundation and Jimmy Smythe was recognized for being a National Merit Commended Scholar. History teacher Jon Nuxoll also honored the achievements of our Chess Team and our Model United Nations Club.

### SEAL OF BILITERACY

Everyone from the AP Spanish V/VI class who took the STAMP test passed on the first try with a score of 5 or higher in each category, and demonstrated their proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. They were awarded their Global Seal of Biliteracy at the awards ceremony on May 22.



#### 2023-24 SPARTAN SPEAR STAFF

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Hailey Trank, Ava Konrady, Asher Pellegrini & Rory Yasenchak

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## CHOIR COMEBACK



Freshmen Renata Russell and Emily Warner perform for the choir at the Spring Concert. Photo by Dylan Mittleider '24

### Hailey Trank

STAFF

After a long absence, the Marist Choir is finally returning. The Spartones, as they call themselves, performed last week at the annual Spring Concert along with Jim Reinking's Jazz Band. Reinking's Rock Band performed the night before. The Spartones, which is different from Marist's liturgical choir Proclaim!, has been meeting with music instructor Keri Davis on Friday mornings since early winter and hopes to grow in the upcoming years. "[Davis] is amazingly kind and extremely talented. Our students are fortunate to have her," said volunteer coordinator Teresa Warner who helped find her to lead the group.

## FUTURE SPARTANS RISE

Incoming freshman class invited to campus



Freshman Jessica Jesiah welcomes an incoming Marist student at the Rising Spartans event in May. Photo by Dylan Mittleider '24

### Taylor Murphy

STAFF

On Tuesday, May 21, the incoming class of 2028 got a glimpse of Marist life at the Rising Spartan event that takes place every year to welcome the incoming freshmen. The 8th graders play icebreaker games, eat yummy food and listen to current student ambassadors talk about their Marist

experiences while their parents get an introduction to Marist in the gym from the administration. The freshmen also get the background on the "We Are One" motto, learn about the sports, clubs, and activities that are Marist offers along with starting to meet upperclassmen in hopes of gaining a sense of community before the school year begins next September.

## HONORING MARY AND OUR FOUNDERS



Junior Gwyneth Westover brings flowers to Mary. Photo by Abigail Schombert '24

### August Santin

STAFF

The annual Founders Day Mass took place in the gym on May 7 to honor the people who helped make Marist what it is today. As a representative of the Marist Brothers who founded our school, the Marist Provincial Br. Dan O'Riordan spoke to the congregation about how our

school connects to Marist students and schools across the country and around the world. At the end of Mass, various students crowned the statue of Mary to celebrate May as the month of Mary and the Marist Order's fidelity to her. After the Mass, students were treated to sandwiches, cookies, chips and drinks from Jersey Mike's. "It was great. I loved the cookies," said junior Berkeley Knight-Sheen.

## PURE BLISS @ FLIS



Sophomores Questin Fuchs and Killian McKay play a game at FLIS. Photo by Will Barsotti '25

### Will Barsotti

STAFF

On May 9, nearly 100 Marist students in foreign language classes went to the University of Oregon for a day of international cultural studies called Foreign Language International Studies Day. FLIS has been going on for over 40 years and is now the largest language and culture event for high school students in Oregon with almost 1,000 students attending annually. Marist students in Spanish III through VI and students in French III through V met at UO at 8:30 a.m. They spent the whole day attending six 45-minute, cultural class options of the 67 available at the Erb Memorial Union on campus.

## SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED



Eleven seniors are recognized for committing to collegiate level athletics at a ceremony in May. Photo by Toni Cooper

### Ava Konrady

EDITOR

On May 1 college signing day was held in the gym for nine student-athletes that have secured a spot in the world of college sports.

Ashlyn Thomas will be competing in Division II golf at Corban University in Salem. Peyton Tyner will be playing baseball at Lane Community College at the NWAC level, and Drew Wooten will be playing

baseball at the same level at Mount Hood Community College. Micah Hugo will be swimming in Division III for George Fox University in Newberg. Avia Tuguldur signed for Division III softball at Claremont McKenna College in Los Angeles. Kellie Schroffner will also be playing softball in the same division at Trinity College in Hartford. Brady Bidwell signed to play Division I football at the University of Oregon. Javi

Sandoval Gongora will be playing Division III soccer for Willamette University in Salem. Anthony Angelastro will be hitting the links at Linfield University in McMinnville after signing to play Division III golf. Esha Reddy and Clotine Chase signed earlier this year for Division I golf and soccer, respectively. Esha will be attending Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA and Cloe will be attending the University of Oregon.



# Farewell but Not Goodbye

Two Marist icons take new jobs with Marist Provence USA

## A NEW CHAPTER FOR BAKER

**Taylor Murphy**  
STAFF

Stacey Baker, a pillar in the Marist community for 22 years, is moving on to the next chapter in her life. Starting next year, Baker, the current Assistant Principal of Student Life and Culture, will be leaving Marist to take on the role as the new Director of Marist Ministries with the Marist Brothers USA.

Baker is not taking on this opportunity alone, Dr. Rick Martin will be joining the Brothers with her in his new role as the Director of Marist Adult Evangelization Ministry.

When the new job opportunity came about, Baker knew it was time. "Ever since my daughter graduated in 2023, I have felt that it was time for the next step," Baker said.

She feels the new opportunity is bittersweet. "I will miss the community and students most," Baker said. She is looking forward to visiting the Marist Brothers headquarters in New York as well as spending time with her family back east. Baker plans on living in Oregon, still occasionally making trips back East to keep in contact with the other Marist Brothers.

Baker joined the Marist community in December of 1999. "Divine intervention brought me here," Baker said. As the story goes, Baker was helping a woman while working at Macy's at Valley River

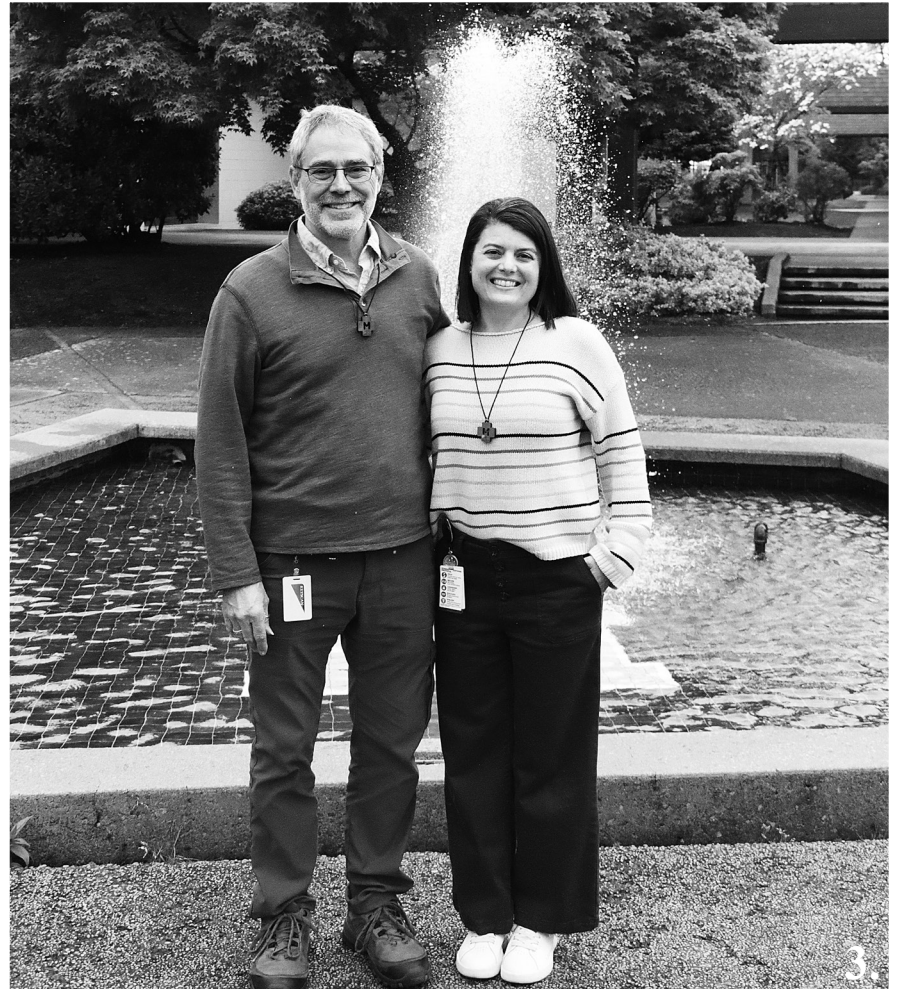
Center when the woman told Baker that her son's school (Marist) was looking to hire a part-time Latin teacher. Coming from the East Coast where Latin was a big part of their education, Baker had been hoping to find a job as a Latin teacher.

Baker feels she has had the full Marist experience during her time here. She's been a Latin teacher, a cheer coach, an on-site bookstore manager, the long-time Women's Encounter moderator, an admissions director, the Dean of Students, an assistant principal and in 2015-2021 was the principal.

"As a woman in a leadership position, Stacey displays so many admirable qualities that make her a fantastic role model for students," said office coordinator Fatima Mora Flores.

Her face will be missed around campus, but she is looking forward to occasionally coming back and visiting the Marist community for Masses and to catch up. "She's always been someone that I can turn to for literally anything. Her presence is all over my [Marist] memories," said English teacher and retreat moderator Becky Boyd.

She will finish out his year at Marist and is planning on staying in Eugene with her husband, former French teacher Ryan Baker. She is excited to take on this awesome opportunity with the Marist Brothers.



1. Stacey Baker at 2003 State Championship football game as the cheer coach. 2. Stacey Baker leading the 2019 Fall Women's Encounter. 3. Dr. Rick Martin and Stacey Baker in front of the fountain this spring. 4. Dr. Rick Martin enjoys the barbecue after the Founders Day Mass in 2008. 5. Dr. Rick Martin teaches his Christian Leadership Class in 2012.

## A NOTE TO THE DOCTOR

**Asher Pellegrini**  
EDITOR

Dr. Rick Martin has left an imprint on Marist and after 36 years, Martin is leaving. Through his leadership within campus ministry, his teaching of countless students in Christian Leadership Classes, or his forming of the Marist Retreat Team, pieces of his legacy can be found everywhere throughout the school.

He recently accepted the position of Director of Marist Adult Evangelization Ministry for the Marist Province, USA, and will be leaving at the end of the school year.

Martin wouldn't have left Marist for anything except a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work alongside the Marist Brothers. "If I didn't have the opportunity like I got, I would still be staying at Marist."

After this school year, Martin and another long-standing staff member, current Assistant Principal of Student Life and Culture Stacy Baker will be working for the Marist Province, USA.

Martin is currently the Director of Campus Ministry and Formation. He started as a full-time theology teacher in 1988 before being offered the position of Campus Minister at the end of his rookie year. This involved leading both Men's and Women's Encounters, while also taking over the service program, all while still teaching theology full-time. By 2000, Martin stopped teaching theology full-time, took over campus ministry, and created Christian Leadership Class.

His impact is evident to Campus Ministry Assistant Julie Ferrari, who is set to take over Martin's job next year. "It's hard to talk about him without getting emotional," Ferrari said.

Martin's greatest impact on Ferrari was his music. Martin's music group, His Majesty's Musicians, has played a significant role in her prayer life. She said Martin's music will forever be important in her life.

The whole school will feel the loss of Martin's musical leadership. At retreats, Martin would often sing and play his guitar, making the retreat experience much more enjoyable. "His guitar playing is so spiritual, sometimes I think it is God," senior retreat team leader Becket Nelson said. Martin also led Proclaim! with Ryan Moser and played guitar with them at the school Masses.

Ferrari also speaks of him with high praise as a mentor and a partner. She noted his creativity and called him a visionary. She said they made a great partnership, due to her wanting to run with ideas, and his groundedness in considering all things. "I tend to want to run with an idea and he is a thinker," she noted. Ferrari also has a strong admiration of his commitment to his craft.

Martin's "craft" as Ferrari put it can be narrowed down to his careful approach to his delicate work. Between his leadership and teaching, Martin always took a very intentional approach.

Whether teaching or running retreats, he spent lots of time deciding the best way to present material to his students, and even if his plan wasn't going the

way he wanted it to, he adapted and overcame. Martin's commitment to the faith and leadership formation of others is a very admirable quality.

Another Marist colleague who worked closely with Martin for a long time is Andy Oldham, the Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning. "He embodies exactly what the school strives to be," Oldham said. "The Marist we see today, at its best, can likely be traced back to something he was involved in."

Martin impacted Oldham on a personal level. "His calm, centered, and thoughtful approach to the world around him is very admirable," said Oldham, who is taking over the CLC program next year.

First-year theology teacher Jack Kiesewetter '15, who was one of Martin's students, had a lot to say about Martin. "Dr. Martin's work with the Retreat Team and CLC were hugely

foundational to my development as a teacher, servant leader, and retreat-obsessed individual," Kiesewetter said.

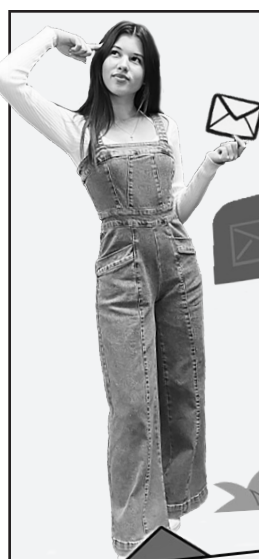
Kiesewetter is heavily inspired by Martin to continue his path within faith formation. He is now training to take over the Marist Men's Encounter. "In developing retreats, his example of being a humble servant inspires me to this day," said Kiesewetter when describing working together with Martin on retreats.

Dr. Martin has made an impact on the entire school and the thousands of students and staff who have filtered through it. Marist wouldn't be where it is today without him, and there is absolutely no doubt that he will be greatly missed by everyone.

"The impact he has made on our school in many different areas is profound and there is no way that it can be replicated," said Ryan Moser, a longtime colleague and friend of Martin.



# ASK AVA



**How should I dress for warm weather without getting dress coded?**

**How can I start off summer right?**

**Get your summer homework done while you're still in the school mindset. Come August, it'll take twice as long to get it done.**

**You can't go wrong with a short white dress. But don't be afraid to mix it up. Your grad dress should represent you.**

**I think there is only one way. Cut up the credit cards, burn off your fingerprints, and invest in a good ghillie suit.**

**What's the best method to get off the grid?**

**How do I attend all of my friends' grad parties?**

**Simply put, you won't be able to. Grad-party season is insane, so try to plan out which ones you can attend ahead of time.**

**I need some Graduation fashion tips**


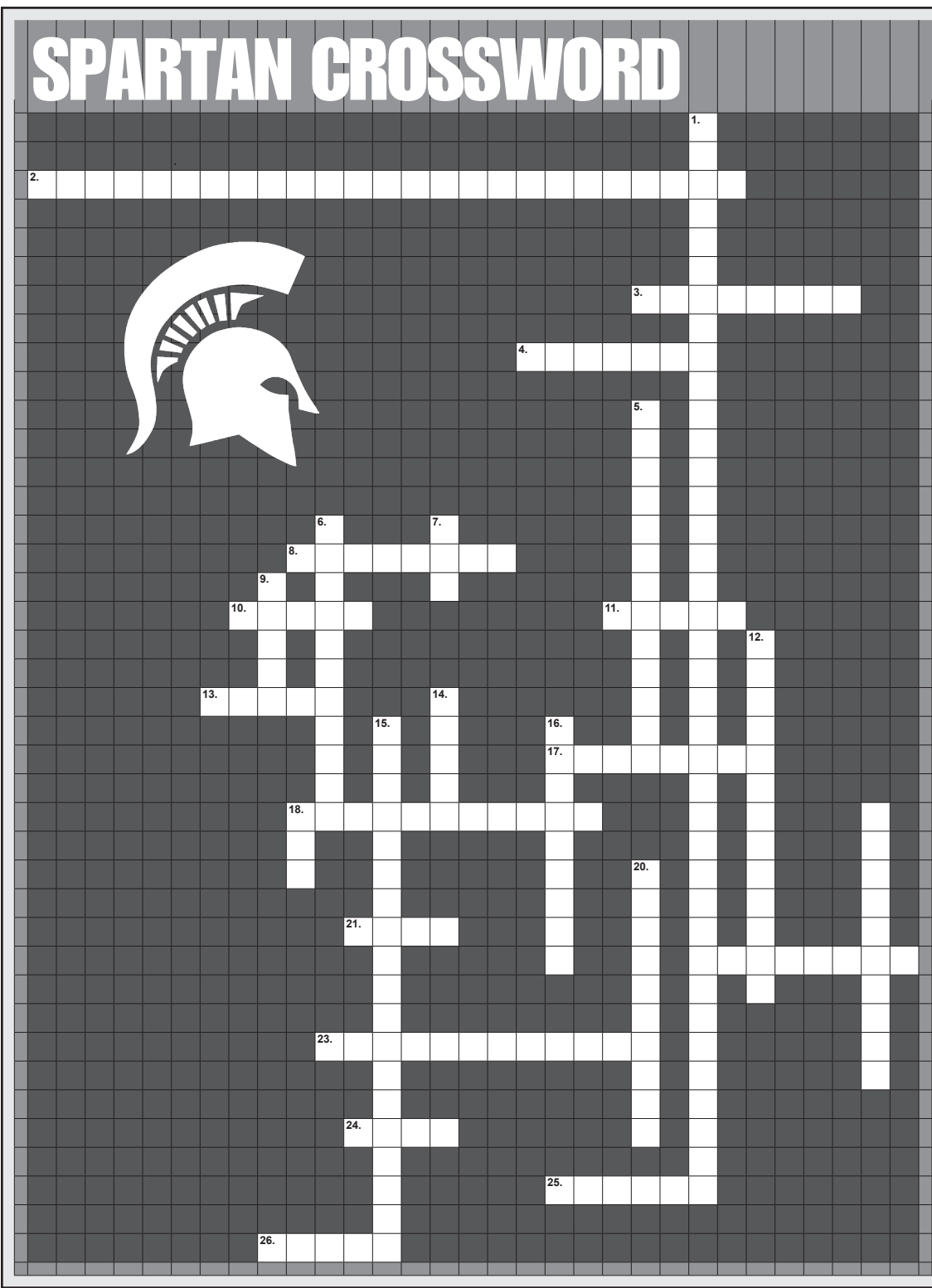
**As someone who is dress-coded year round, my best advice is to do some bike shorts, leggings, or dad-jorts to stay cool.**

## HOT TAKES

By Elizabeth Tucker

- Lasagna is gross. Period.
- Uggs are overrated.
- I just don't get the hype around "The Office." It's not good.
- The Oreo cookie is better than the cream.
- Sunsets are more captivating than sunrises; evening beauty beats morning tranquility.
- Belly in "The Summer I Turned Pretty" should be with Conrad.

## SPARTAN CROSSWORD

- DOWN**
1. What does FLIS stand for?
  5. Who is the one staff member who graduated from Marist and has a Ph.D.?
  6. The first lay principal at this school took charge in 19\_\_
  7. What is the speed limit in the Marist parking lot?
  9. What school is now in the building that St Francis High School originally used?
  12. Who is the 2024-25 ASB president?
  14. St Francis High School opened in 19\_\_
  15. Who started the Marist Brothers?
  16. What is the full name of the 2023-2024 ASB president?
  18. There are over \_\_ hundred Marist Brother secondary schools in the world.
  19. Marist High School opened in 19\_\_
  20. What is the doctor's full name who taught Spanish for one year at Marist?
- ACROSS**
2. What was the original name of the grade school that was run by the Sisters of the Holy Names?
  3. What road is our campus located on?
  4. What food "... is gross. Period.?"
  8. The first catholic high school program in Eugene started in 19\_\_
  10. How many Marist staff members have a doctorate?
  11. What article of clothing from your dad will help you stay within the dress code in warm weather?
  13. Eighteen different seniors have won a \_\_ title?
  17. Ten seniors signed on May 5 to continue their \_\_ career at the next level.
  18. What is the name of the assistant principal who will soon be the Director of Marist Ministries for the Marist Brothers USA after being at Marist High School for 22 years?
  21. The first catholic grade school was started in Eugene in 188\_\_
  22. What is the total when you add the month to the day of the Founders Day Mass? (Example today is May 31 so 5+31=36)
  23. What is the name of this newspaper?
  24. Marist Brothers was formerly known as the Little Brothers of \_\_
  25. What is the name of the Marist Mascot?
  26. How many Marist Graduates are currently on the Marist staff?



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# TENNIS

*Marist Tennis brings home both tennis state team titles, one singles, and one doubles title.*

Last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, both the boys and girls won the OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A State Championships at Oregon State University after both winning their districts the week before. The girls team won for the first time since 2021, and the boys, who were the defending State Champions, won the big trophy again. The boys scored 38.5 points and the runner-up, Oregon Episcopal School, had just 24. The girls team scored 20.5 points and there was a four-way tie for second place with 10 points.

Outstanding performances by the boys at state include sophomore EJ Roedl who won the

state singles title and sophomore Alexander Ricketts who took down the No. 4 seed before losing in the quarterfinals.

In the doubles competition, seniors Peyton Tyner and Andrew Forsyth won the boys doubles state title in a three-set championship match. Juniors Will Barsotti and Burkeley Knight-Sheen finished as state semifinalists. Junior Cohen Agüero and sophomore Eli Mildren fought off nine match points to complete the biggest comeback of the tournament that advanced them to the quarterfinals where they lost to the No. 1 seed.

Senior Asher Pellegrini and

freshman Griffin Scoble battled their way through the consolation bracket before losing to St. Mary's in the semifinals.

On the girls side, freshman Whitney Hedden, the #3 seed of the singles bracket, ended up beating Bailey Bell of Philomath to win 3rd place in state. Sophomore twins Phoebe and Stella Larson were also very successful in the doubles bracket and placed 3rd overall. Senior Haley Ross and Talia Tyner were semifinalists for girls doubles.

During their seasons, the boys only lost one match and the girls were undefeated.



# TRACK AND FIELD

*Three school records broken in one season*

Freshman Corbin Sage & junior Conor Thompson



The OSAA 4A State Championship meet took place at Hayward Field on May 17-18. Eighteen Marist athletes ran, jumped, and threw for a combined 12 different events.

Clotine Chase was the lone spartan to win a state title and at the same time she set a new school record in the long jump with a distance of 18-2.25.

Chase was also a part of the girls 4x100m team that took 2nd along with juniors Piper Van Buskirk, Kate Firth, and Bella Gubrud. The four runners set a new Marist school record at state with a time of 49.44, which was one whole second faster than their previous first place finish at state two years ago.

Bella Gubrud and sophomore Alice Lavoué both competed in the 100m. Gubrud took 4th in finals with a time of 12.77 and Lavoué just ran in the prelims. Gubrud also ran in the 200m and finished 5th with a time of 26.07.

Freshman Tori Sherman competed in the 800m and ran a 2:23.09 that placed 5th in finals. Junior Ella Braunger and freshman Cheryl Kfoevsinyuy both competed in the 400m prelims.

The girls 4x400 team earned 7th place in finals. The team consisted of Braunger, junior Emma Hart, Kfoevsinyuy and Sherman. The boys 4x400 team, which included senior Dennis Jackson Jr. and freshmen Coen Rushton, Drew Grenade, and Conner Harvey finished 7th in finals but moved to 6th when one team was disqualified.

Three athletes competed in the 3000m. Junior Conor Thompson placed 5th and freshman Corbin Sage placed 8th in the boys race. Freshman Lucy Shah placed 5th in the girls race.

Field event competitors included seniors Kaylynn Guevara who took 11th place in the javelin and Zakiya Newman who placed 10th in discus and 11th in the shot put. Prior to state, Newman broke the Marist shot put school record in a meet at Jesuit High School with a throw of 39-6.5.

The athletes qualified for state based on their performance at the Sky-Em District Meet, which took place at North Bend on May 10-11. The top two in each event districts automatically qualify for state and others earned a wildcard spot based on their times or distance at districts.



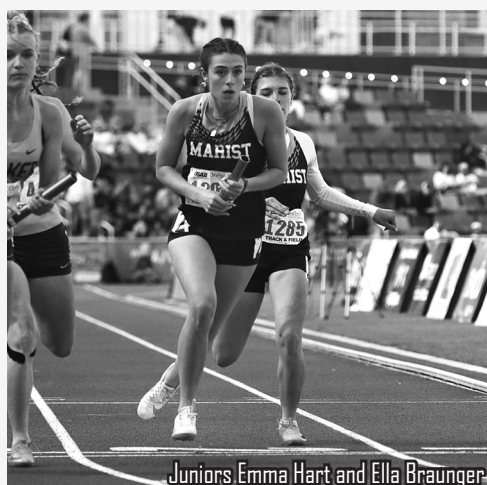
Senior Clotine Chase



Senior Kaylynn Guevara



Senior Brady Bidwell





# GOLF

Senior Esha Reddy



Senior Ashlyn Thomas



Junior Christian Guerrero



## In full swing

The Marist boys golf team took home the 4A Boys State Championship on May 13-14 after being disqualified from the competition the year before. Coached by Marist grad Jack Pennington '09, the team shot a collective score of 659 at the Emerald Valley Golf Club, narrowly defeating Baker High School by just four strokes to earn first.

Individually, junior Christian Guerrero placed 4th, shooting a 158 over two rounds and junior Nick Hudson placed 9th with a score of 164. Senior Anthony Angelastro, junior Jaxen Mazur, and junior Logan Phillips shot 165, 172, and 202 strokes respectively.

Guerrero shone in the first round, leading the team with 80 strokes, only 8 over par, while senior Anthony Angelastro set the pace for the second round with an impressive 77 strokes.

Coached by Marist grad Ryan Henderson '97, the girls team placed sixth with a score of 793 strokes at the 4A/3A/2A/1A Girls State Championship held at Tokatee Golf Club also on May 13-14.

Individually, senior Esha Reddy placed 4th overall shooting 159 through two rounds and senior Ashlyn Thomas tied for 8th with a score of 179. Freshman Bailey Gutke, senior Paige Onstad, and freshman Emily Warner shot 225, 230, and 270 respectively.

Reddy and Thomas were also key components of the team's success during their journey to the state championship. At the 4A/3A/2A/1A special district 3 tournament, Reddy was crowned the district champion and Thomas placed 3rd.



State Champions in Boys Golf

# LACROSSE

## Young and Fast

The Marist boys lacrosse team finished their season with a record of 4-11 and made it to the first round of playoffs in the Cascade Cup, an achievement the Marist lacrosse team has consistently been able to do for many seasons. The young and fast team has a bright future. Sophomore Kyler Bernards led the team with 25 goals and 62 assists while sophomore CJ Giustina had the highest ground ball's picked up with 39. The Marist boys goalie, junior Jonathan Hinson, saved 183 goals with a save percentage of 48.6%. The boys lacrosse team will be losing one senior this year, Bryan Valvidares. "The team had a lot of chemistry. We were tight-knit. Even on bus rides home from a loss we'd have fun together," said sophomore team captain and long-stick midfielder, Declan Pellegrini.



Boys Lacrosse Team



Sophomore Rowan De Lee & Dani Chavez

## A golden season for the girls

The Marist girls lacrosse team had their best season yet. This is the first year, since the girls lacrosse program began at Marist in 2006, that the team had made it into the gold bracket of the state playoffs of the Oregon Girls Lacrosse Association. This association includes all high schools in Oregon no matter their size. They finished their season in the South League with a 16-0 record and were ranked 12th in state going into the playoffs. They traveled to Buckman Field Park in Portland on May 14 to play the No. 5 ranked St. Mary's Academy and lost 8-19 in a well-played game.

Throughout the season, the girls accumulated some impressive stats. The top scorer was sophomore Rowan De Lee with 72 goals and the next top scorer was sophomore South All-League Player of the Year Kegan De Lee with 57 goals. The team outscored their opponents 267-98 and had a shooting percentage of 53%. Senior goalie Emma Bridgens had an impressive save percentage of 56.6% and junior McKenna De Lee led the team with 106 draws won.



Girls Lacrosse Team

# BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

## An outstanding run at state

Spartan Baseball has had a very successful season going 9-3 in league and had an overall season record of \*19-9 going into the semifinals of the 4A State Tournament. And they couldn't have done it without head baseball coach and math teacher Noah Breslaw and the catching skills of senior Aiden Hazen, the hitting and outfielding of senior Peyton Tyner, and the pitching of senior Drew Wooten and junior Niko Leyba.

The No. 4 ranked Spartans started off strong in the playoffs with two

home wins against Warrenton High School and the Pendleton Buckaroos to advance to the semifinals for the first time since 2006. \*Last Tuesday, they were scheduled to play their semifinal game at Klamath Falls against the #1 seed, the Henley Hornets.

Henley, while being the No. 1 seed, hadn't been tested against any of the other three top teams in 4A prior to the state tournament. But as Breslaw noted, it comes down to how well the team pitches or hits on any given day.

\*As of printing time on May 28.

## Working overtime

In the longest season since Marist's 5A days, the Spartans finished the season after playing 29 games ranked No.13 in the 4A with a 14-15 overall record and a 6-9 league record. They lost to Astoria 6-16 in the first round of the state playoffs but got there after a very exciting OSAA play-in game on May 17 against Baker City at home where they came back from a x-run deficit to defeat the Bulldogs in overtime 14-13. Of special note, the team was awarded the OSAA 4A Academic All-State award with an average GPA of 3.72. "I am very proud of this 2024 team.

When you consider players lost from last year, the new starters, and how we started our first few games, we came together as a team and improved statistically on offense, defense, and pitching and catching throughout the season. I love that we finished strong, winning 5 of our last 7 games and making state playoffs for the 11th consecutive year. Most importantly, it's about making great memories. I am honored & humbled to have coached this 2024 team & I wish our six awesome seniors well upon graduation and beyond," coach Stefan Schroffner said.



Junior Tanner Mullens



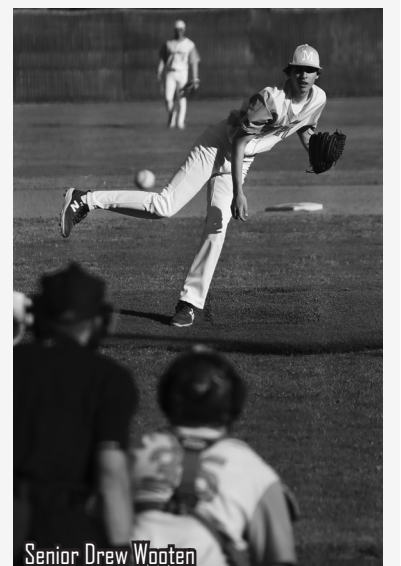
Junior Alexa Henderson



Sophomore Gianni Lombardi



Senior Kellie Schroffner



Senior Drew Wooten



# STUDENTS of the ISSUE

## FRESHMEN

ISAAC ATKERSON

What would be your food of choice in a food fight and why?

"Cinnamon rolls, good to throw and would make a mess."

Would you rather have to walk on your hands or walk backwards for the rest of your life?

"Walk backwards."

What song will you never forget the lyrics to?

"Starships by Nicki Minaji."

Would you rather run from a bull or ride one?

"Run from one."

EVELYN TENBUSCH

What would be your food of choice in a food fight and why?

"Mac and Cheese because it's messy."

Would you rather have to walk on your hands or walk backwards for the rest of your life?

"Walk backwards."

What song will you never forget the lyrics to?

"The Lion King intro song."

Would you rather run from a bull or ride one?

"Ride one."



## SOPHOMORES

CJ GIUSTINA

What's your favorite letter of the alphabet and why?

"C because it's the first letter of my name."

What was your favorite childhood show?

"Spongebob because I like Patrick."

Would you rather play the hero or the villain in a movie?

"The hero so I can be celebrated."

Would you rather sing or yell everything you say?

"Sing because what if you're at a funeral?"

FINLEY SCHWEIGERT

What's your favorite letter of the alphabet and why?

"Z because it doesn't get enough love."

What was your favorite childhood show?

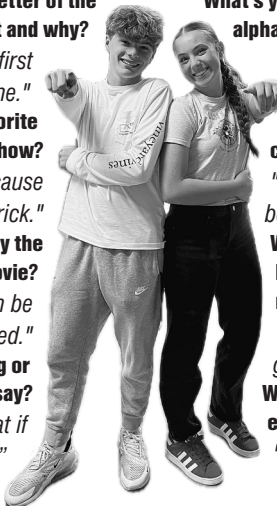
"Austin & Ally because Ross Lynch is hot."

Would you rather play the hero or the villain in a movie?

"Villain because I would get away with everything."

Would you rather sing or yell everything you say?

"Sing."



## JUNIORS

ALEX ATKERSON

If you were a potato product, what would you be?

"A curly fry."

What song, movie, show or book would you want to experience again for the first time?

"Travis Scott Fortnite event."

What do you think the tooth fairy does with all the teeth?

"It makes a statue of LeBron out of teeth."

What word would be a good name but already has a meaning?

"Sigma."

LILY JARVIS

If you were a potato product, what would you be?

"Mash potatoes. 100%."

What song, movie, show or book would you want to experience again for the first time?

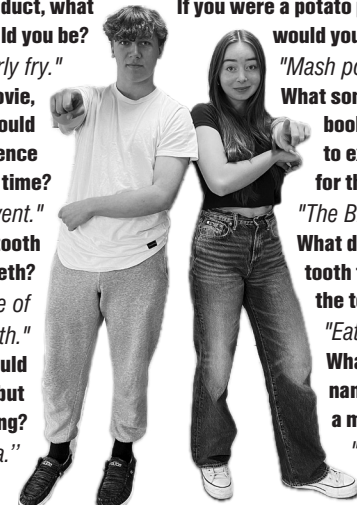
"The Bible."

What do you think the tooth fairy does with all the teeth?

"Eats them."

What would be a good name but already has a meaning?

"Waffles."



## STAFF

RANDY DERRICK

If you could teach a dog one human thing what would it be?

"How to prepare taxes."

If peanut butter wasn't called peanut butter what would it be called?

"Smooth peanut spread."

If you were in a circus what act would you be?

"Ring master."

If you could spend the day with any senior who would it be?

"All of them because each brings something unique and special."

McCALL SHERROD

If you could teach a dog one human thing what would it be?

"To use the restroom — no more picking up poop!"

If peanut butter wasn't called peanut butter what would it be called??

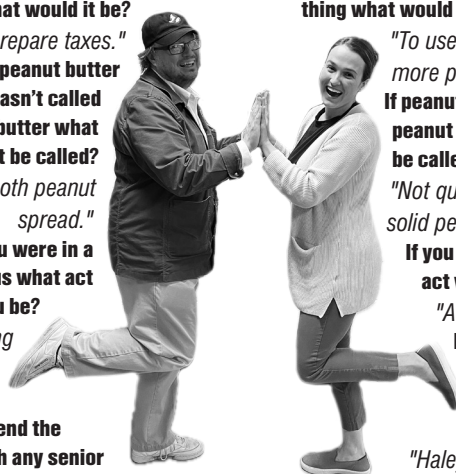
"Not quite liquid, not quite solid peanuts.."

If you were in a circus what act would you be??

"Acrobat."

If you could spend the day with any senior who would it be?

"Haley Ross because we can talk about all things Real Housewives and Bravo TV!"



# THE SPARTAN SANDAL "A Chronic Caricature"



Written and Illustrated by Asher Pellegrini & Rory Yasenchak



## LETTERS to the EDITORS

Dear Rory,  
Can I eat my Himalayan Salt Lamp?  
-Curious Muncher

Dear Curious Muncher,  
Although they look tasty, they are surprisingly expensive and extremely salty.  
-Rory

Dear Brady,  
What is 'updawg'?  
-Buttov D. Joak

Dear Buttov D. Joak,  
This word has no definition in any language. It's used in the English language as a set up for a joke relating to the common phrase "what's up?" and the referral to a person as "dawg."  
-Brady

Dear Jimmy,  
If you could merge two different animals to create the ultimate animal, what would it be?  
-Interested Experimenter

Dear Interested Experimenter,  
A gray fox and a red hawk - a flying, fuzzy little monster to wreak mischief.  
-Jimmy

Dear Hailey,  
If I spin really fast, will I turn into a tornado?  
-Spinit Fidger

Dear Spinit Fidger,  
You spin me right 'round, baby, right 'round like a record, baby, right 'round, 'round, 'round.  
-Hailey

Dear Elizabeth,  
What is something still left on your bucket list?  
-Pale Pail

Dear Pale Pail,  
Well, the seeing the Northern Lights was on my bucket list, but I missed that last week, so that's still there. But my top bucket list item is to go to Paris.  
Sincerely,  
Elizabeth

Dear Kaylynn,  
Are there real birds in Canada?  
-Worried Watcher

Dear Worried Watcher,  
The real question is, is "Canada" real?  
-Kaylynn

Dear Asher,  
Why did they name him Donkey Kong if he's a monkey and not a donkey?  
-Nintendo Enthusiast

Dear Nintendo Enthusiast,  
The creator of Donkey Kong, Miyamoto, wanted to convey to his audience a "stubborn ape" reflected in the words donkey, a representation of stubbornness, as well as kong, meaning "large ape."  
-Asher

Dear Ava,  
How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?  
-Chuckling Chuckster

Dear Chuckling Chuckster,  
A woodchuck would chuck as much wood as a woodchuck could chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood. Provided the woodchuck's name was chuck.  
-Ava