

MARIST

**ON
THE
RISE**



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
2022-2023**

Cover: As part of their spring Social-Ecological Systems course, students traveled to Iceland to study the dynamic relationship between environmental systems and human impact.



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AN EXCITING TIME TO BE AT MARIST!

I am pleased to present you with this annual report, a comprehensive overview of our activities, initiatives, and impact during the 2022–2023 academic year at Marist College. As you can tell, Marist is not only a vibrant institution, it is also one on the rise. As I enter my third year as President, I am excited to continue working with our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends to build upon the College's historical strengths and traditions while also pursuing bold new directions. In these pages, we will share all that has been happening here on Marist's campuses in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Florence, Italy, and around the world.

Even as we pause to reflect upon the past year, we are looking ahead to an exciting future. We recently launched *Marist 100*, an ambitious strategic plan that aims to position Marist to "Improve the World through Education" through a simple yet impactful focus on three core pillars: Academic Vibrancy, Student Centrality, and Expansive Community. The plan's title is a nod to our upcoming centennial celebration in 2029, and the execution of the plan will enable us to close out a successful first century as we lay the foundation for an even more successful second century. I look forward to sharing our progress in future annual President's Reports.

I want to express my deep appreciation to everyone in the Marist community. My favorite part of this job is spending time with Marist students and seeing them make the very most of all this College has to offer, in and outside of the classroom. They inspire me every day with their thirst for knowledge, research and creative activities, music and theatre performances, athletic prowess, and service and citizenship. Special thanks to our faculty and staff, who are tirelessly dedicated to Marist's educational mission and supporting the development of our students as scholars and as people. Finally, I thank our alumni who care deeply about Marist and its future, and provide forms of support that make possible all we do today and in the years to come.

I hope you enjoy reading about Marist College ... where we've been and where we are going. It is an exciting time to be a Red Fox!

Sincerely,

Kevin Weinman
President

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding several vibrant, multi-colored bell peppers (orange, yellow, and red). The person is wearing a red t-shirt with the word "MARIST" printed in white, stylized letters across the chest. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting like a garden or farm. The overall mood is bright and fresh.

VIBRANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

Throughout the 2022–23 academic year, Marist buzzed with energy, as the intellectual pursuits of students and faculty included mentored research, top-ranked study abroad opportunities, state-of-the-art learning facilities, and much more. Academic vibrancy was not confined to the classroom, nor were students' studies limited by their major. Marist uniquely understands the power of "and": how blending the best of liberal arts education and pre-professional training creates tremendous possibilities for achievement and personal growth. Provost Dr. Catherine Kodat, who joined Marist in May, laid the groundwork for what academic vibrancy looks like. With an emphasis on innovative curriculum, high-impact learning practices, and a dynamic intellectual community of teacher-scholars, Marist continued to accelerate student achievement and set learners on a path to success.



STATE-OF-THE-ART DYSON CENTER ADVANCES **EXPERIENTIAL** LEARNING

A well-designed learning facility is not just a physical space; it is a catalyst for inspiration, collaboration, and transformative education. On track to open in summer 2024, Marist's largest capital project in recent years, the Dyson Center, will go beyond classroom boundaries and foster real-world, hands-on experiences.

The \$60 million project includes a lead gift from the Dyson Foundation. The center will transform how students in the Schools of Management and Social Behavioral Sciences learn.

The new facility will build upon the strong reputation of Marist's management programs, said Dr. Will Lamb, Dean of the School of Management.

"With the coming transformation of the Dyson Center, our students will have world-class resources at their fingertips to grow and succeed in their future endeavors," he said.

Simulated learning will give students a place to build confidence, master skills, and apply theoretical concepts to real-life scenarios before they graduate.

Bella Ayala '25, a psychology and childhood education major, is excited for the student resource room where she can build classroom instructional materials, "which will be extremely helpful during student teaching," she said.

Dyson is an example of how Marist is building a culture of engagement, experimentation, and creativity through the activation of indoor spaces where students can perform, collaborate, and work independently on projects and ideas.

DYSON FEATURES

- A student investment center with a professional trading floor
- Mock courtroom
- Emergency management command center
- Smart, high-tech spaces to facilitate brainstorming ideas
- A student-managed café
- A 155-seat event space



MARIST RANKED

#10

AMONG THE TOP UNIVERSITIES
IN THE NORTH REGION,
AS REPORTED BY
U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT
(FROM #11)



MARIST RANKED

2ND

IN BEST UNDERGRADUATE
TEACHING IN
THE NORTH REGION, PER
U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT
(FROM 16TH)



MONEY RANKED MARIST
AMONG THE NATION'S

BEST

CITING QUALITY OF
EDUCATION, AFFORDABILITY,
AND STUDENT SUCCESS
(NEW)



MARIST WAS THE

4TH

MOST INNOVATIVE SCHOOL
IN THE REGION, ACCORDING TO
U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT
(RETAINED)



FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH IGNITES PASSIONS

It's well known that undergraduate research elevates and expands student educational experiences and the impact of classroom instruction. It also makes them more attractive to employers.

The Council on Undergraduate Research recently noted that 87 percent of employers prefer job candidates who have research experience and find value in skills learned during that process, like critical thinking, motivation, persistence, and confidence.

Marist held its 20th annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity showcase in April. A vibrant display of the depth of undergraduate research, nearly 100 students across all majors presented their year-long research projects. Still other Schools sent cohorts across the country to present their months' worth of work.

Here's a sampling of students' impressive research:

SCIENCE

- Environmental science student-athlete, Avalon Johnson '24, explored the relationships between natural processes, living things, and **stream water** in Idaho over the summer. She hiked mountains, sampled water, and spent time in a laboratory—experiences made possible by a \$1.5 million National Science Foundation award for STEM majors.
- Carli Piretra '23 and alumna Emma Butzler '22 **bridged environmental science** and how to influence **government policy changes**, which earned their way into Scholars Transforming Through Research of the Council for Undergraduate Research.

PSYCHOLOGY

- 20 psychology students presented at the annual Eastern Psychological Association conference in March. Topics ranged from the **influence of fake news to long-distance-relationship "jet lag"** in undergraduates, and from **racial essentialism** to kindergarten **mindfulness-based intervention**.
- Assistant Professor of Psychology, Dr. Kris Dovgan, and her undergraduate research assistant, Olivia Kick '24, presented at the 55th Gatlinburg Conference on **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**, in Kansas City, MO.

COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY

- Marist/IBM Joint Study students Elizabeth Herrera '23, Luke Jacobs '23, and Lillian McPadden '25 partnered with Marist faculty and industry experts on cutting-edge technology research projects, such as **quantum computing, cybersecurity, internet of things, enterprise computing, and artificial intelligence**. They presented their research at tech conferences from Vancouver to New Orleans, and took part in career and technology exploration field trips to IBM.
- 11 students presented at the April New York Celebration of **Women in Computing** (NYCWIC'23) student conference in Lake George, N.Y.

SPORTS ANALYTICS AND AI

- Andrew Hard '23 had **gender equity** research published in the International Journal of Sport Communication with Sports Communications Professor Dr. Zachary Arth. Their research found that the 2020 Tokyo Olympics saw women athletes at the forefront of the NBC agenda as they received more **broadcast coverage** than men.
- Data science and analytics student Christian Sarmiento '25 teamed up with Dr. Amanda Damiano, Assistant Professor of Communication, to analyze the **ethics of Artificial Intelligence** use by students. Sarmiento, president of the Marist Analytics Community, also organized a Generative AI panel discussion featuring experts from CashApp and IBM.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES BRING MARIST TO THE WORLD AND THE WORLD TO MARIST

Marist has long provided expansive study abroad opportunities to students, with more than 75 international experiences in 35 countries. About half of students spend time abroad before graduation. That's nearly five times that of the national collegiate average of 11 percent, reported by an Open Doors report. Through exploration of the world and of ourselves, Marist Study Abroad is one the most experiential learning opportunities that adds value for students. Now though, the breadth and depth of international offerings are even greater.

Unique First-Year Programs

64 students enrolled in First-Year Florence Experience and First-Year Dublin Experience programs for the 2023-24 academic year, an increase of 21 percent from the previous year. Marist is one of only a few colleges or universities to offer full-year abroad programs for students in their first year of college.



New Bachelor's Degree in Italy

In a partnership with the Lorenzo de' Medici Institute, Marist launched a new bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising at our campus in Florence, Italy. Fashion students have begun pursuing this exciting degree in a city steeped in fashion history, through unique academic experiences, hands-on global learning, and expansive career opportunities.

Ghana PA Clinical Rotations

In collaboration with the School of Science, Marist now offers students in the Physician Assistant master's program the chance to spend five weeks in Ghana to complete their clinical work.

Fulbright Faculty in France

A 2022-23 Fulbright U.S. International Educator Award recipient, Marist's Vice Provost and Senior International Officer, Dr. John Peters, is working in Paris and Nantes, France, to develop relationships between U.S. and French educational institutions.

Iceland's Eco-Human Dynamics

The Social-Ecological Systems course traveled to Iceland, a short-term summer trip about the dynamic relationship between environmental systems and human impact. Students got hands-on learning while hiking volcanoes, sailing on glacial lagoons, soaking in geyser-fed hot springs, and visiting iconic waterfalls, black sand beaches, and national parks.



Legal Studies of the Netherlands

The Criminal Justice Ethics and International Law and Organization courses visited the Netherlands for short-term study this summer, where students learned in tandem in some of the world's most compelling environments for their academic interest. During visits to notable locations like the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the International Criminal Court, and the Anne Frank House, students delved into topics such as human rights, immigration, legalization of cannabis, and subversive crime.

OPEN DOORS
RANKED MARIST

#1

FOR BOTH FULL-YEAR
AND SEMESTER-LONG STUDY
ABROAD PROGRAMS
AMONG SIMILAR U.S.
INSTITUTIONS

Study abroad opportunities are not exclusive to those who can afford to learn abroad. The Presidential Fund for Equity in the Marist Experience helps financial need students take full advantage of study abroad opportunities. In the spring, nearly 50 students accessed short-term study abroad awards, for a total of about \$150,000.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS EVOLVE WITH STUDENT INTEREST, JOB MARKET NEEDS

Marist is always looking ahead, to innovate, adapt, and evolve to serve the ever-changing needs of a complex world. The College recently added new academic offerings and pathways to equip students with a strong educational foundation and extensive practical experience necessary for professional and personal success.

- A new Master's Degree in Athletic Training
- A new Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies
- A new Department of Accounting within the School of Management
- A 14-month MBA accelerated program launched early in the academic year
- A new 18-credit interdisciplinary Social Justice Minor
- A Master's Degree in Public Administration that was recently re-accredited by the gold standard in public service education: the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration



MARIST ATTRACTS TOP FACULTY TALENT

Faculty contributions help elevate and expand the educational experience for students and the impact of the College's teaching and research, so recruitment is a key initiative that supports vibrant academics.

The largest new cohort in College history, 37 full-time faculty joined Marist for the 2023–24 academic year. Of those, nine were valued part-time or visiting roles that moved into longer-term appointments and 25 were newcomers to campus. An additional 68 part-time faculty joined, including 57 who were new to the College community.

The College's faculty recruitment goal, according to Dr. Addrain Conyers, Assistant Provost for Faculty Development "is to foster an environment where their knowledge, experience, and expertise seamlessly converge with Marist's reputation for academic excellence. These are accomplished experts in their respective fields, and we firmly believe that Marist students will thrive as a result."

MARIST EARNS FULL, UNCONDITIONAL INSTITUTION-WIDE ACCREDITATION

After a two-year college-wide evaluation, Marist received re-accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in June—a reflection that Marist adheres to the Commission's standards of higher education excellence.

The Commission re-affirmed the College's accreditation without recommendation, suggestion, or any action, indicating the strong health of the institution. The independent review team called out exemplary aspects of the College's academic, co-curricular, and international programs as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. The next accreditation review will begin in 2030.

NEW LEARNING PLATFORM FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY



Marist recently transitioned to a modern online learning platform called Brightspace, where students can access course content, turn in assignments, interact with their professors, take quizzes, and view grades. This simpler-to-use system offers expanded abilities, including more visual elements, drag-and-drop capabilities for files, automation, and intuitive navigation. The mobile app function was ranked by faculty and staff as the top feature they wanted in a new digital tool. Also, Brightspace was voted the best student mobile app, according to Apple store ratings.



THE PAST YEAR HAS WITNESSED AN ARRAY OF NOTABLE SUCCESSES THAT FURTHER UNDERScore MARIST'S COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

SCHOLARS

- Shivani Patel '22 was selected as a 2022–23 Fulbright U.S. student grant recipient, giving her an opportunity to study youth volunteerism within the palliative care sector in India (October).
- From the School of Computer Science and Mathematics, Dr. Elizabeth Reid was a presenter at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Boston—the largest mathematics conference in the world (January).
- Marist launched a new Cybersecurity Honor Society Induction Ceremony with 30 student honorees (April).
- Political science professor Dr. Juris Pupcenoks was one of 12 people selected for an Academy of International Affairs Fellowship. Based in Germany for six months, he is researching responses to Russian strategic narratives and disinformation in Eastern Europe (April).
- History Professor Dr. David Woolner received the 2023–24 Fulbright Danish Distinguished Scholar Award in American Studies. As a scholar-in-residence at the University of Southern Denmark, he will study president Franklin D. Roosevelt's World War II leadership (April).

RECOGNITIONS

- Tracey Niemotko, Associate Professor of Accounting, was named in *Accounting Today's* Top 100 Most Influential list (December).
- Marist was named a Top School for Game Design by the *Princeton Review* (April).
- Dr. Henry Pratt published a book, *The Philosophy of Comics*, with Oxford University Press (April).
- 52 Physician Assistant students were honored for making the mid-point of their academic journey during a White Coat Ceremony (May).
- The Emerging Leaders Program and National Society of Leadership and Success Ceremony honored a historic number of student members at its year-end ceremony (May).
- President Kevin Weinman represented Marist at the American Talent Initiative conference for college presidents, which seeks to expand access and opportunity for talented, low- and moderate-income students at institutions with high graduation rates (June).

DISTINCTIVE STUDENT LIFE



MPorium, an entrepreneurial boutique operated by fashion merchandising students

Marist is the perfect size—large enough to offer major university-level experiences, but small enough for the high touch and attention of a liberal arts college. The campus on the banks of the Hudson River is regarded as a beautiful setting and a center of student life that is enhanced by a campus in Florence and hubs in Dublin and Manhattan. We create an atmosphere that allows each student to flourish, one that is friendly with a civic-minded student body. Students benefit from world-class facilities, services, and a wide variety of clubs that help develop the whole person and their overall success as we deliver a residential college experience packed with opportunity 24/7, 32 weeks a year.



MARIST RANKS AMONG THE

TOP 25

IN THE NATION ACROSS STUDENT
SATISFACTION, STUDENT HAPPINESS,
AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE IN
THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S GUIDE
FOR THE BEST 389 COLLEGES
FOR 2024.



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LEARNING THAT EXTENDS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Experiential learning puts students in a position to gain as much practice and real-world experience as possible and makes them desirable candidates for employers. Here are some distinctive ways students combined their classroom instruction with relevant exposure to the professional world:

1. FASHION SHOW AND RETAIL STORE

Marist's top-ranked Fashion Program offered hands-on experiences, from the 37th Silver Needle runway show—with record attendance and \$31,000 in proceeds benefiting a scholarship fund—to the MPorium student-run boutique, which gave them the opportunity to delve into nuances required for jobs in the competitive fashion industry.

2. BROADWAY COMES TO MARIST

The inaugural summer season for New York Stage and Film's exclusive Marist partnership gave six students and recent graduates coveted access to theater production, talent, and programming you'd normally find on Broadway. Thanks to this partnership, several works from Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Beth Henley and a solo show by Laurence Fishburne debuted on campus.

3. MARIST POLL

Marking its 300th podcast this summer, The Marist Institute for Public Opinion, which leads the Marist Poll, incorporated students into all aspects of production, from planning topics to multimedia editing to on-air presentations. Founded in 1978, the Institute was the first college-based research center to include undergraduates in conducting survey research. The Marist Poll has more than 400 students on its team.

Marist
Poll[™]

4. RED FOX REPORT

In its second year, the Red Fox Report on ESPN+ entailed students leading the way in creating quality broadcasts and gaining key professional experience. The student-led, live-to-tape sports broadcast is part of Marist game broadcasts on ESPN+.

5. TARVER COMMUNITY INTERNSHIPS

In the summer, seven Tarver Interns volunteered in the Poughkeepsie community at libraries or with nonprofits offering social work assistance, thanks to an endowment created in honor of civil rights pioneers, Marie and Rupert Tarver. This is one of the most impactful programs operated by the Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership, which connects students to their community through a variety of opportunities.

6. INSIDERS AT STATE CAPITOL

Ten students took part in the summer Albany Internship Program, which enabled them to gain an insider's perspective on political communications, politics, and public policy in New York State's capital city.

7. STUDENT PR FIRM GOES GLOBAL

North Road Communication expanded to include a branch "office" in Florence, Italy. The College's nationally recognized student-run public relations firm even caught the attention of some New York City employers looking to recruit young and talented PR staff with industry experience. North Road grew from 64 students in the fall to 88 students in the spring—a 37 percent increase.



CAMPUS DINING IS REIMAGINED

A high-quality dining experience promotes student well-being, a sense of belonging, and fuel for academic success. Marist's new partner, Gourmet Dining, has elevated food quality, cultural variety, and overall dining experience on campus.

Gourmet's arrival in the summer followed an extensive, student-focused review of the College's dining services and the needs of the campus community.

Benjamin Cook '26, Business Entrepreneurship student, said Gourmet has brought "great changes and great food," including a Grubhub-based food ordering system that eliminated waiting for food orders as well as more variety across campus.

"They've been very engaged with the students and willing to make changes," said the Allentown, Pa., native. "They've been doing a great job on campus, for Marist, for students, and I know a lot of students feel that way."

Gourmet's long-term enhancements will be extensive, with integrated partnerships with local eateries, food trucks, and farmers markets on campus; enhanced allergy-friendly food; and a hands-on teaching kitchen.

"I'm excited to be a part of all these amazing changes... especially with Gourmet's dedication to giving more options to those on a plant-based diet or struggling with food allergies," said Chef Jay Misasi.



'WIMPY KID' AUTHOR, SECURITY EXPERT GIVE COMMENCEMENT TALK

One of *Time* magazine's most influential people—*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series author Jeff Kinney—was Marist's 77th Commencement speaker. Marist alumnus Jerome Pickett '98/'22M gave the Graduate and Adult Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony address. With lengthy records of impressive accomplishments, their life stories resonated with the Class of 2023—nearly 2,300 students.

Kinney is a No. 1 *New York Times* best-selling author. Pickett served for 17 years as a special agent within the United States Secret Service, participated in search and rescue operations at Ground Zero, and served on the protective details for Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. Pickett later served as executive vice president and chief security officer for the National Basketball Association.



"We know that the accomplishments you've racked up here will pale in comparison to what you achieve in the future."

—Jeff Kinney, best-selling author

FLORENCE COMMENCEMENT

Wrapping up Commencement events, President Kevin Weinman presented 12 graduates with their degrees at Florence, Italy's Palazzo Budini Gattai. Nearly all of the students completed their entire four-year program in Florence, where Marist has a branch campus in partnership with the Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM) Institute. The Commencement also honored the College's nearly 20-year partnership with LdM.





A SERVICE MINDSET LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT “DO GOOD”

Marist places great emphasis on philanthropic engagement in alignment with the College’s values of a sense of community and a commitment to service, giving students personal fulfillment and a greater sense of purpose. This is reinforced through the Department for Spiritual Life and Service, the Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership, and other student clubs and academic programs. Here are some volunteer efforts where student learned to see the world in a different way:

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

November marked Hunger Awareness Month and featured a student-led Hunger Walk, which raised money for local food pantries. At the start of the academic year, Marist English Professor Tommy Zurhellen debuted a new community service project called Marist Shelter Meal, partnering with Hudson River Housing to provide food at the Dutchess County, N.Y., homeless shelter.

BUILDING HOMES

As part of Habitat for Humanity’s Collegiate Challenge, 10 students and their Counseling Services advisors spent their spring break building homes near New Orleans, Louisiana. They had the opportunity to hear more about New Orleans culture, taste some of the local food, and learn more about the devastating impacts of Hurricane Katrina that can still be felt in the area.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND SENIORS

In December, the Marist community Giving Tree project provided more than 30 local families in need with holiday gifts mostly purchased and donated by students. Also, a group of 134 Department of Spiritual Life and Service

students spent 2,680 hours in three local schools. They offered in-class, recess, and after-school support as well as companionship to elderly assisted living residents.

FALL KILL CLEANUP

A group of Class of 2024 environmental science students held a community cleanup of the Fall Kill Creek, a polluted Hudson River tributary that runs through the City of Poughkeepsie.

HELPING THE PLANET

The Center of Compassion in Dover Plains received more than 3,000 pounds—about two vans full—of donated clothing after a campus Sweep Out event, which keeps lightly used dorm items out of the landfill.

In summary, as Marist faculty and staff continue to inspire students to make a positive impact, that legacy of compassion and giving back will undoubtedly continue to not only shape the communities the College serves, but also improve the world.



ACTIVE CAMPUS LIFE BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR LEARNING AND FUN

On any given day last academic year, there was a lot happening on campus. With more than 90 clubs and organizations to choose from, students fulfilled personal passions, met new friends, built their on-campus support system, and boosted their professional skills.

From ski trips to \$25 Broadway shows, and open mic nights to major motion pictures on the Campus Green, the past year did not disappoint. More than 4,000 student events were held—giving students continual ways to gather and uniquely experience all that Marist has to offer. Read below for a sample of talks, trips, and other entertainment:

THE ARTS AND STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT

- Student Activities hosted a trip to see the musical *Chicago* on Broadway in New York City (February).
- Comedian Kevin Bozeman performed in the Nelly Goletti Theatre (February).
- Marist Theatre produced four shows of Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* in the Nelly Goletti Theatre (March/April).
- The largest club on campus, the Dance Ensemble produced its annual showcase *Illuminate*, with 23 performances from Irish step, contemporary, hip hop, and jazz (May).
- Bringing the school together, the Spring concert returned to Marist with special guests The Driver Era & Flipp Dinero. The Driver Era's Ross Lynch starred in a Disney TV show "Austin & Ally." Flipp Dinero is a rapper known for his song "Leave Me Alone," which went 4x Platinum (May).
- Summer season of New York Stage and Film brought Hollywood and Broadway headliners to campus, like Laurence Fishburne, Joe Iconis and Family, and Princess Lockeroo, as well as emerging theater like the musical *A Wrinkle in Time* (July–August).

4,000+
STUDENT EVENTS
ANNUALLY

2,000+
STUDENTS IN
INTRAMURALS

550+
STUDENTS IN
19 CLUB SPORTS

5,000+
STUDENT CLUB
MEMBERS

FASHION

- The largest production on campus, the 37th Annual Silver Needle Runway featured garments designed by 40 senior fashion students. The sold-out show drew hundreds of attendees from the community at-large and from the fashion industry (May).
- *Fashion on Fifth*, Marist's new New York City-based series, kicked off with fashion designers Willy Chavarria and Hillary Taymour, and was moderated by *New York Times* fashion critic Vanessa Friedman (May).

SPORTS, MEDIA, AND RECREATION

- Blacklight mini golf transformed the River Rooms into an arcade-like atmosphere for some cold-weather indoor fun (March).
- Senior Manager for Social Media at the New York Jets, Perry Mattern, visited Marist to discuss careers in sports communications (April).
- Marist held a panel focusing on careers in media at the NFL's new west coast headquarters in Inglewood, Calif. The panel featured speakers from Fox Sports and Sony Pictures Entertainment (June).

POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

- Marist hosted Spectrum News 1's New York Congressional District 18 debate with Republican candidate Colin Schmitt and Democratic candidate Pat Ryan (October).
- Key advisor to four U.S. presidents and CNN Senior Political analyst, David Gergen, visited Marist and discussed leadership and public service. Gergen has served in the Nixon, Ford, Reagan, and Clinton administrations (November).
- More than 30 students across majors attended a Washington D.C.-based Public Service Career Trip during their spring break to learn more about public service fields (March).

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

- Marist hosted the 2nd Annual Hudson Valley Cybersecurity Summit, attracting 250 participants from local government and schools across the Hudson Valley, and featured retired Brigadier General Jeffrey G. Smith as the keynote speaker (January).
- The 11th Mid-Hudson Regional Business Plan Competition was hosted at Marist, and encourages students to learn to compete and think like an entrepreneur (March).
- The Center for Career Services first-ever Internship Showcase attracted 200 students who networked with their peers to learn about their internship experiences (April).
- The Office of College Advancement and School of Management's Conversations on Investment Strategies New York City event featured two of Wall Street's most highly rated market analysts (June).
- The 15th Annual Enterprise Computing Conference was hosted by Marist and featured distinguished speakers from IBM Expert Labs and Baylor University (June).





ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS



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ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

For the 22nd consecutive year, Marist led the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) in selections to the conference's Academic Honor Roll. A total of 356 student-athletes were honored for finishing the year with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.2. Marist set a conference record for the highest total of honorees. The Red Foxes honored come from 25 different states and 12 countries. Additionally, six programs—men's tennis, softball, women's cross country, women's lacrosse, women's rowing, and women's track and field—earned a perfect score of 1,000 in the latest NCAA's multi-year Academic Progress Rates (APR).

MAAC CHAMPIONS

Two programs captured MAAC championships. On May 6, men's lacrosse captured its fourth conference title in school history and third under head coach Keegan Wilkinson with a triumph over Siena, which capped a six-game winning streak. This was a record-setting MAAC championship, with 60 goals in three games.

Seven days later, softball won its fourth MAAC crown. The Red Foxes won four games in four days as they earned their third championship in head coach Joe Ausanio's tenure. Their NCAA championship trip to Florida meant missing Commencement, so the seven graduating softball players were thrown a personal Commencement in the Cornell Boathouse that was presided over by President Kevin Weinman and Provost Dr. Catherine Kodat, and covered by ABC News 7.

POUGHKEEPSIE TO THE PROS

The Marist name continued to grow in the professional ranks. Jason Myers '13, who is the Seattle Seahawks placekicker, was selected to his second Pro Bowl. He then signed a multi-year contract extension with the Seahawks in the offseason. Patrick Gardner '23 played for the Miami Heat's NBA Summer League team and then signed a contract with the Brooklyn Nets.

CLUB SPORTS INCREASES OFFERINGS

The desire to be active and compete in a favorite sport has fueled rapid growth in the College's club sports offerings. An average of about 550 students actively participated in a total of 18 club sports, enabling them to sustain their athletic engagement without the time commitments and prerequisites associated with Division I Athletics. What sets Marist apart was the extensive offerings—from dance team to fencing or cheerleading to golf—as well as travel experiences that mirror varsity programs.

KEY MOMENTS IN ATHLETICS

1. After 21 years of excellence in women's basketball that included 463 wins and 11 MAAC championships, Brian Giorgis retired following the conclusion of the 2022–23 season. His career was celebrated in a ceremony at McCann Arena following his final home game on Feb. 25. Erin Doughty, who played for Giorgis for three seasons and coached at Marist the last 18 years was named the new head coach.
2. During a late-season surge, men's basketball reached the final of the MAAC Championship for the first time in program history.
3. Both basketball programs competed overseas in the fall of 2022. Women's basketball went 2–0 in the MAAC/ASUN Challenge in Dublin. The Red Foxes were cheered on by band, dance, and cheerleading in Ireland. Men's basketball earned a thrilling victory over Maine in the Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase.
4. A total of 12 student-athletes plus four staff members attended the Black Student-Athlete Summit in Los Angeles from May 21–24.
5. Josh Balcarcel '24 had a strong showing for Team Puerto Rico at the World Lacrosse Championship. He tallied seven goals, including a game-winner against Ireland.
6. In Esports, the Overwatch and Valorant teams advanced to the MAAC Championship and earned its third consecutive Program of the Year honor.
7. Men's rugby went undefeated in the regular season, won the conference championship, and advanced to the National Collegiate Rugby National Championship Tournament.
8. Equestrian Rory Woods '26 earned the title of Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association National Reserve Champion.
9. Women's club lacrosse earned an at-large bid to compete at the national championships.
10. Skiing repeated as league champion.



EXPANDING OUR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

The Marist community is made up of people from all over the country and the world, from different backgrounds and walks of life, and from all perspectives and experiences. This diversity makes Marist stronger. The past year was one where Marist doubled down on fostering a campus climate that is welcoming to all, grounded in mutual respect, nurtured by open dialogue, and characterized by civil interaction. We also bring Marist to the world, through our students' many talents. Together, we continue to shine brightly, united by our shared values and dedication to making the world a better place.



BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE, DIVERSE, INTERCONNECTED COMMUNITY REFLECTING ON INAUGURAL YEAR OF DEI VICE PRESIDENT

Becoming a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive institution, where every member of our community feels not only a deep sense of belonging, but that Marist is their college as much as anyone else's, is not just an important part of Marist's mission. The College's ongoing viability and success depend on it, especially in a rapidly changing world.

Appointed the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on Sept. 1, 2022, Dr. Edward Antonio's work since has been to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging into College programs, policies, and practices. Dr. Antonio led faculty and staff Implicit Biased Training, served as an advisor on recruitment committees, and spoke as the keynote at campus events, such as the Honors ceremony during Commencement. He also served as an advisor to President Weinman, during pivotal moments, such as when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned affirmative action in college admissions.

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion collaborated with other departments throughout the year on racial and cultural observances, as well as educational seminars. The office worked with Athletics, Academic Affairs, and the Marist Center for Student-Athlete Enhancement to send a group of 12 student-athletes and four staff members to the annual

Black Student-Athlete Summit at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. This was the largest cohort Marist has ever sent to the event.

The four-day LA summit served as a platform for student-athletes and influential figures in college sports, with networking, intimate sessions, and engaging forums on the mental health of coaches, the experiences of black student-athletes at elite institutions, the power of faith, community activism, and career development.

In celebration of the achievements of Black Americans, as well as a legacy of perseverance, leadership, and character through adversity, a Black History Month Alumni Panel about Life After Marist was hosted by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The panel was moderated by Dr. Antonio and featured five alumni from a range of industries including sports communication, finance, social work, life sciences, and marketing, with the aim to help students of color see themselves represented within a variety of career fields.

Additional Black History Month activities included: A True Black History Museum in the Murray Student Center and the Kofi-Sankofa Drum and Dance Ensemble in the Cabaret, as well as a Black History Dinner.

FOSTERING UNITY AND EMPOWERING VOICES

From thought-provoking discussions to cultural celebrations, these Marist events embodied our dedication to creating a welcoming and inclusive space for all, ensuring that everyone's voice was heard and valued:

1. LGBTQ+ PANEL EMPHASIZES ALLYSHIP

The LGBTQ+ subcommittee of the Diversity Council held a Speaking OUT panel with queer and transgender students, faculty, and staff to share their personal experiences and allyship outside of the LGBTQ+ community. Speaking OUT taught the attendees that whether it's making an effort to discuss and recognize pronouns, taking the time to listen, or getting involved in inclusion efforts, the message was loud and clear: Allies play a significant role in making Marist a more accepting campus.

2. DIVERSE VOICES IN FOCUS

The Autumn Lecture Series, sponsored by Academic Affairs, featured varied topics and presenters, including an Explorations in Social Justice Conference on Health Disparities Past and Present by keynote speaker Sarah Schulman. She wrote *Let The Record Show: A Political History of ACT UP, New York 1987-1993*—a *New York Times* Notable Book and *New York Times* Editor's Choice.



3. FIRST YEAR SEMINAR EXPLORES SLAVERY

First Year Seminar lecturer Clint Smith discussed his book, *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America*. This No. 1 *New York Times* best-selling book was also the Common Read, which is incorporated into Marist students' first-year experience. Students complete the same nonfiction book and write an essay in their First Year Seminar, as part of the College's assessment of the Core/Liberal Studies curriculum.

4. RACE IN THE HUDSON VALLEY'S 19TH CENTURY

A talk was held on Race and Reckoning in the Hudson River Valley about Black life in the 19th century. The event featured Philip Dray, the author of *A Lynching at Port Jervis: Race and Reckoning in the Gilded Age* (2022) and past Pulitzer Prize finalist.

5. BLACK COMICS FESTIVAL NYC TRIP

In April, a group of 12 undergraduates was joined by six students from the Liberty Partnership Program along with faculty and staff coordinators to attend the Black Comic Book Festival in New York City, which featured the work of comic creators, scholars, and activists.

6. FASHION STUDENTS SHOWCASE ADAPTIVE CLOTHING EXHIBIT

Earlier in the spring semester, fashion students led the curation and production of The Runway of Dreams Adaptive Exhibit at the Steel Plant Gallery on campus. The exhibit showcased the concept of fashionable, functional, and accessible adaptive clothing that is specially designed for people with disabilities. The exhibit promoted the mission of the Runway of Dreams organization, which empowers people with disabilities through fashion inclusion.

7. TRIBUTES TO VETERANS

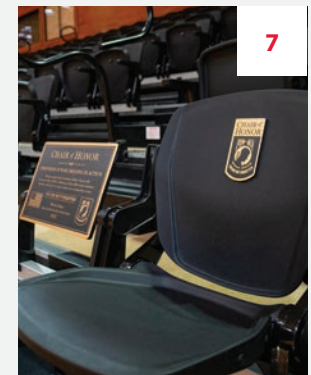
In a touching National Veterans Month ceremony, Marist unveiled the POW/MIA Chair of Honor at McCann Arena, as a permanent reminder of those Americans who have served as Prisoners of War and those who have not come home. The chair was unveiled at a women's basketball game on Nov. 27. Also in November, Marist participated in #OperationGreenLight, a statewide initiative to show support for veterans, raise awareness about the challenges veterans face, and the resources available to assist them and their families. Finally, more than 200 walkers attended the first annual Anthony's Walk on Family Weekend in September to raise awareness around challenges facing veterans locally and across the country.



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MEET THE CLASS OF 2027

Marist prepared to welcome about 1,300 first-year students to begin their journey as Red Foxes. The 2027 Class was one of the largest and most diverse in College history. Kent Rinehart, Dean of Admissions, said: "The Class of 2027 have used their time, abilities, and education to make an impactful change in their own communities. We are looking forward to seeing them grow into exceptional students and leaders who serve and mentor those around them."

1,287
STUDENTS

26%
IDENTIFY AS STUDENTS
OF COLOR

7
AVERAGE NUMBER OF
HIGH SCHOOL HONORS
CLASSES TAKEN

57%
FEMALE

52
COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED
IN THE OVERALL STUDENT BODY

4
AVERAGE NUMBER OF
AP/IB/COLLEGE COURSES
COMPLETED IN HIGH SCHOOL

19%
ARE FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS

92.6
AVERAGE GPA

12
NATIONAL SCIENCE
FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

56%
COME FROM OUTSIDE
OF NEW YORK STATE

1278
AVERAGE SAT SCORE

4
GILDER LEHRMAN
INSTITUTE SCHOLARS

64
FIRST-YEAR ABROAD STUDENTS

27.7
AVERAGE ACT SCORE

MINOR IN SOCIAL JUSTICE GAINS MOMENTUM

STUDENTS RECOGNIZE ROLE IN SHAPING A MORE EQUITABLE SOCIETY

In the fall, Marist launched a new interdisciplinary minor around social justice, which focuses on the goal and process of achieving equal rights and opportunities for all members of society. The curriculum emphasizes marginalized identities, social structure, and social change; the distribution of power, resources, and opportunities; and appropriate individual and collective remedies for social inequities.

Open to all students of any major, they are given the opportunity to explore cross-disciplines. Social Justice learning is co-chaired by Dr. Addrain Conyers, Assistant Provost for Faculty Development and Criminal Justice Associate Professor, and Dr. Steven Garabedian, Associate Professor of History.



MARIST CELEBRATES HUDSON VALLEY CHAMPIONS AT 53RD PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



Marist's 53rd annual President's Community Breakfast recognizes those who make the Hudson Valley a better, more vibrant, and more equitable place. Recipients of the 2022 President's Awards for Community Service included:

- **Brian Doyle '73/'90MPA** was the CEO of Family Services and has deep connections to Marist that span more than five decades.
- **Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt** is the Executive Director of The Art Effect, an organization that introduces local youth to visual arts and media by giving them the opportunity to develop their voice and their futures.
- **Freddimir Garcia '09/'14MBA** is the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer at Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, Inc.

MARIST SECURES FIVE-YEAR FUNDING FOR LIBERTY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Thanks to renewed funding, Marist's longtime and impactful work with the Poughkeepsie City School District students through its Liberty Partnership Program will continue for years to come. The State Education Department grant that was announced in October allows Marist to remain working with youth in the area, as it has for more than 30 years. This round of state grant funding covers the cost of the program for the next five years.

The Marist Liberty Partnership Program began in 1990 with a mission to provide services to City of Poughkeepsie students to meet their academic, social, emotional, and career needs. Marist provides leadership and resources to prepare students to successfully graduate from high school, handle the rigors of college, and then be competitive in the workforce.

STUDENTS TAKE THE LEAD IN SUSTAINABILITY

A YEAR OF GREEN INITIATIVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

At the forefront of the College's sustainability efforts, students led several environmentally focused initiatives both on and off campus.

1. FASHION SUSTAINABILITY

Marist Fashion celebrated its 37th Annual Silver Needle Runway event, themed [RE]ACTION, which delved deep into the actions being taken within our community and beyond, to catalyze change, and pave the way for a brighter future. The 2023 [RE]ACTION Designer of the Year Award was bestowed upon Aleena Brown '23. Brown's remarkable collection stood as a testament to her dedication to sustainable and ethical fashion practices, as it was entirely crafted from upcycled materials and post-graduation, she planned to continue her advocacy.

2. EV CHARGERS

Marist installed its first electric vehicle charging stations in several locations in lots across campus. The installation of these 16 EV charging stations was part of the College's commitment to sustainability and environmentally responsible operations.

3. SOLAR PANELS

Over the summer, solar panels were installed on the roof of Midrise Hall, supplying sustainable energy directly to the campus electricity supply. A number of recent renovations on campus have also transitioned roofing to "green roofs," which collect run-off water. Marist has also long participated in electronic recycling programs for students, with faculty and staff to appropriately dispose of electronic waste.

4. GREEN BUILDING

The Dyson Center, which will create a new home for the Schools of Management and Social and Behavioral Sciences when construction is completed next year, includes a number of environmentally sustainable initiatives, including the adaptive reuse of existing foundation and structure, highly insulated walls, a high-efficiency HVAC system, a roof featuring living vegetation installed on top, and enhanced air filtration.

5. EARTH WEEK

Members of the Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee organized a two-day Earth Expo, with student cleanups, e-bike demonstrations, composting instruction, and more. Students Carli Piretra '23, Nasra Ngururu '23, Jonathan Kittredge '23, and John Mesaros '23 also organized a community cleanup of the Fall Kill Creek as part of their capstone project on trash management in the City of Poughkeepsie.

6. SCIENCE RESEARCH

Marist's BA program in Environmental Earth Science involves student research opportunities that address environmental issues in the Hudson Valley. Through these efforts and others, Marist will continue to empower students to drive positive change for a greener future.

In conclusion, Marist's future viability depends on our commitment to sustainability, including a responsible stewardship not only of our own resources, but of the impact we have on the world around us.



"With the forces of climate change ever present, educating people about environmental issues is the first step towards long-lasting change, both here at Marist and across the globe."

—Emma Denes '25
SGA Sustainability Committee





IMPACT OF GIVING

Each year, thousands of Marist alumni, parents, and friends partner with the College to support the next generation of Red Foxes. From gifts to the Marist Fund that enhance all aspects of the student experience and scholarships that make a Marist education more accessible, to support for faculty-mentored research and improvements to our world-class campus—all gifts impact our students and strengthen the Marist community. They transform lives and shape a brighter future for our students and our institution. For all the support our donors have given Marist, the College is eternally grateful. Here are some ways donors impacted Marist during the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

PRESIDENTIAL FUND EMPOWERS STUDENTS' POTENTIAL



Marist is laser focused on becoming an even more equitable and inclusive college and on how to enhance the ability of every student to get the very most out of their Marist experience.

To widen access to a range of meaningful academic activities, a fund was launched by President Kevin Weinman and his wife, Beth, that has grown in size and its impact. The Presidential Fund for Equity in the Marist Experience supports short-term study abroad experiences each spring and provides help with internship costs.

HOW PRESIDENTIAL FUNDS WERE SPENT:

29 students received support of \$65,401 for unpaid or underpaid internships and 47 students received support of \$145,000 for spring attachments. A one-time award of \$2,698 went to 34 students for tutoring.

Awards are given to students enrolled in an undergraduate, degree-seeking program who demonstrate significant financial need and where financial constraints are a barrier to their participation in these activities.

The Weinmans established the fund in December 2021 with an initial pledge of \$250,000. Since then, about 70 other donors, including 100 percent of the College's Board of Trustees, have added generously to the fund.

A gift was made by Emily Saland and her husband, Jesse, in the fall of 2022. Emily is vice president of strategic initiatives and chief of staff at Marist.

Due to high student need, funding requires continual support. Learn more at marist.edu/presidentsfund

LOUIS GREENSPAN ENDOWED FUND FOR EQUITY IN THE MARIST EXPERIENCE

The College is grateful for the establishment of a new endowed fund made possible through the Louis Greenspan Charitable Trust to support these important objectives on an ongoing basis. Special thanks to Dan Curtin and Gary Koch, Greenspan Trustees.

HEAR FROM PRESIDENTIAL FUND RECIPIENTS

LEARNING LAW IN EASTERN DISTRICT COURT OF NEW YORK

"Over the past two months, I have been able to conduct research, sit in on federal proceedings of every kind before numerous judges, participate in moot court, and even write opinions for ongoing cases. There is no doubt in my mind that these experiences are ones I will look back on for years to come as the roots of a career I hope to one day grow."

—James Hickman '24, Paralegal Studies

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES IN ICELAND

"During my time abroad [in Iceland], I saw incredible sights that I never thought that I would get to experience in person, and I applied the content that I had learned in my Environmental Science courses to our class discussions. I also incorporated knowledge from my minors in French and in Global Studies, in addition to knowledge from my next steps in the field of Global Public Health...I learned so much."

—Alexandra Bova '23, Environmental Science major

EXPLORING EDUCATION IN HAWAII

"From our visits to 10 schools, cultural and historical sites, and exploration of the local communities, I gained valuable insight that will enhance my effectiveness as a future teacher. The memories, friendships, and appreciation for other cultures that I gained from this attachment program will stay with me forever!"

—Tara Kenna '24, Psychology and Education major

NONPROFIT FASHION INTERNSHIP

"I have been able to successfully complete my internship at Unshattered and learn so much more about the fashion industry as a whole. This scholarship has allowed me to truly thrive and grow tremendously within my personal and professional life; one small step for me, one big step toward my dreams."

—Sadira Hayes '24, Fashion Merchandising major

URGENT CARE INTERNSHIP

"The Presidential Equity Fund scholarship allowed me to fully enjoy every hour at my internship [at PM Pediatric Urgent Care], as I did not have to worry about paying for gas, groceries, or internship clothes for the first time. I cannot thank Marist enough for providing me with endless opportunities, despite my family's socioeconomic status, which will help me endlessly in my future career."

—Julianna Lindquist '23, Biomedical Sciences major

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

FORMER MARIST LACROSSE CAPTAIN'S SIX-FIGURE DONATION ESTABLISHES NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR RECRUITS

A generous six-figure donation from former Marist student and four-year lacrosse player, C. James Taylor, enabled Marist to establish a new scholarship program to provide financial support for future student-athletes recruited to play on the men's lacrosse team.

"I am continually humbled by the amazing generosity of our Marist Lacrosse Alumni Group," said Keegan Wilkinson, Head Coach of Lacrosse. "This commitment will help our staff greatly in our mission to bring the best student-athletes to Marist College as members of our lacrosse program. All of us are incredibly grateful to James for his continued commitment to our program."

A pledge from Taylor, who recently became a Marist Board of Trustee, will enable scholarship support for four first-year students with demonstrated financial need. The donation comes on the heels of the men's lacrosse team being crowned MAAC champions and earning a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

A native of Brewster, N.Y., Taylor excelled on the lacrosse team at Marist, where he was a team captain and was also named to the All-MAAC Second Team in 2008 and 2009. He is now a Senior Vice President at Morgan Stanley.

One new recipient will be awarded each of the next four years. The scholarships are renewable for three additional years provided recipients continue to meet the awarding criteria.



RALPH LAUREN'S \$100,000 SCHOLARSHIP PAVES THE WAY FOR DIVERSITY AND ACCESS IN MARIST'S FASHION EDUCATION

Thanks to Ralph Lauren, Marist can use a \$100,000 four-year scholarship to increase educational opportunities for underrepresented students in the fashion industry.

The Ralph Lauren Design Scholars Program is focused on providing opportunities and access for underrepresented students at the College, creating pathways to creative careers.

Starting with the 2024-25 academic year, the scholarship will include mentorship and development opportunities as part of the summer internship program held at Ralph Lauren's corporate offices.

"This scholarship opportunity represents two important things: access to a Marist education and a significant step toward creating a more equitable and diverse fashion industry," said Dr. Edward Antonio, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This builds upon a previous collaboration between Marist and Ralph Lauren, which allowed underrepresented high school students to take college classes over the summer, called pre-college.



Marist's Fashion Program prepares students for a wide range of fashion careers, including merchandising, product development, retailing, operations, fashion promotion, event production, and more.



Through an endowed scholarship fund, a donor can not only make a contribution to the future of Marist that will stand in perpetuity, but also generate funds that can make the difference between a student enrolling and staying at Marist or attending a school that won't provide as fulfilling a collegiate experience. Marist is grateful to all those donors who have enabled talented students to realize their dreams of a Marist education.

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS DEAN'S LEGACY



After 42 years of teaching, service, and academic leadership, Dr. Roger Norton left such an impression on colleagues, alumni, and friends that they were inspired to endow a scholarship in his honor. To date, more than \$100,000 has been committed to establish the *Roger Norton Technology Scholarship*.

The scholarship will be awarded to high-achieving first-year students with significant financial need with computer science and information technology and systems majors. Preference will be given to students from historically underrepresented groups.

During his 20-plus years as Dean of Computer Science and Mathematics, Dr. Norton oversaw the development of signature undergraduate and graduate programs, strengthened opportunities for faculty and students by building internationally recognized partnerships with IBM and others, and witnessed the emergence of the College's Computer Science and Technology programs as among the most respected in the country.

As Dean, he oversaw the development of new undergraduate majors, including Applied Mathematics, Games and

Emerging Media, Cybersecurity, and Data Science, as well as multiple minors and certificates. At the graduate level, he oversaw the implementation of an Advanced Certificate in Business Analytics as well as multiple concentrations in the master's programs.

The reputation of technology programs and the College more generally were significantly enhanced under his leadership. The Computer Science program was awarded multiple National Science Foundation and New York state grants totaling several million dollars. These funds helped to create:

- The nationally recognized Institute for Data Center Professionals, which offers programming—much of it co-branded with IBM—to help working professionals advance in their careers.
- The NYS Cloud Computing and Analytics Center—a NYS-designated Center of Excellence, funded by a \$3 million NYS ESD grant with substantial additional support from the IBM Corporation.
- The Enterprise Computing Community to develop a national community to reinvigorate the study of enterprise computing in the undergraduate curriculum and organize our annual ECC National Conference held at Marist.

After a long and distinguished career, Dr. Norton retired in the spring of 2023, but will return to teach in the 2024–25 academic year following a sabbatical. For information about how to expand the value and impact of this scholarship, contact the Office of College Advancement.

MARIST BROTHER'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY MARKED WITH NEW SCHOLARSHIP

A member of the Marist College Board of Trustees and alumnus, John Klein, will mark his 60th anniversary of dedicated service as a Marist Brother in 2026. To celebrate this significant milestone, his family recently made a generous pledge to endow a scholarship.

John's brother, Thomas Klein, and his wife, Maryann, established the *Brother John Klein, FMS '70 Endowed Scholarship*, as a tribute to Bro. Klein's deep faith, considerable accomplishments as a scholar and educator, and lifelong commitment to serving others. For example, he served two terms as the Provincial of the former Marist Brothers Esopus Province and became the first Provincial of the Province of the United States in 2003.

In 2009, he was elected as a member of the Marist Brothers General Council in Rome. From 1997 to 1999, he was the

President of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men in the United States. Bro. Klein graduated from Marist in 1970 and went on to earn his doctorate degree in American History at Fordham University.



Beginning in the 2026–27 academic year, the scholarship will be awarded to an academically talented first-year student with demonstrated financial need, strong leadership skills, and a commitment to service. First preference will be given to a graduate of a Marist Brothers high school. Scholarship awards will be renewable for three additional years if the recipient is in good academic standing.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS DONOR RECOGNITION

- **Patricia Billen '88**, a former Marist volleyball player, established the *Billen Family Volleyball Scholarship* in honor of her mother.
- **Genine and Michael McCormick '88/P'16** made a gift through the McCormick Family Foundation to name a *Marist-Gilder Lehrman Institute Scholarship* in President Kevin Weinman's honor, and support top high school history students, in addition to their Presidential Equity Fund support.
- **Liu Shiming Art Foundation** funded a new scholarship to support full-time undergraduate students at Marist's campus in Florence, Italy pursuing a degree in Studio Arts, Fine Arts, or Conservation Studies. The recipient will demonstrate financial need and show promise in the field of art as well as history and multi-cultural studies. Shiming was a revered Chinese sculptor, whose works have made a distinct impact on the course of modern Chinese sculpture art. The foundation's goals are to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of Asian art forms within a global purview.
- **Lou and Barbara Zuccarello** established the *Dr. Louis and Barbara Zuccarello Family Scholarship*, supporting talented Marist students from the Bronx with demonstrated financial need. Dr. Zuccarello led the creation of the Marist Criminal Justice department. A Marist Brother helped Lou—a straight-As student from the Bronx—navigate his way to a full scholarship and recruited him to join as College faculty in 1966.
- **Fall 2022 School of Management Golf Outing** at the Saint Andrew's Golf Club in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., secured \$55,000 for the School of Management Term Scholarship Fund. The support will provide eight term scholarships of \$5,000 each for graduating seniors with financial need to reduce the burden of their student loans. The balance will go to the *School of Management Advisory Board Endowed Scholarship* that exists in perpetuity and will benefit deserving management students for generations to come.

THE MAJESTICS PAY IT FORWARD: GIFT EMPOWERS FUTURE GRADUATES

A Gardiner, N.Y., native, George W. Majestic '71 had to earn his own way to college. After four years in the Navy, he worked at IBM while attending Marist in the evening as an adult student.

His wife, Carol Lahey Majestic, was one of nine children, and entered the workforce after high school, as a secretary at IBM. Now retired, they set up the *George W. Majestic '71 and Carol Lahey Majestic Scholarship* to help aspiring college students from the mid-Hudson Valley be able to afford an excellent education.

George led development projects in Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess counties under the banner of his excavation company, Majestic Underground, making his living close to home. Carol stayed with IBM almost six years. A TWA ad recruiting flight attendants caught her attention, leading to a new career that lasted 33 years.

"It's a nice feeling to be able to share our good fortune. We just feel like we're helping someone who needs help, and we're happy to share," George said.

MARIST *fund*

Philanthropy helps Marist provide students with an enhanced living and learning experience and improved outcomes beyond what would be possible through tuition dollars alone. Gifts make an immediate impact in areas of greatest need from scholarship and financial aid, to funds allocated for student success, and parent funds. Marist thanks our Marist Fund supporters whose donations help ensure that our students and faculty have access to the very best facilities, leading-edge technology, and educational tools and resources.

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DONORS CONTRIBUTED
A TOTAL OF

\$1.38M

TO THE MARIST FUND
IN FISCAL YEAR 2023

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A GIFT TO
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SPECIAL GIFTS

DYSON CENTER STEM-TEACHING METHODS LAB NAMED IN **TRIBUTE** TO EDUCATOR EVELYN DAVIES

The College received a generous pledge from the Evelyn M. Davies Charitable Trust to name the STEM-Teaching Methods Lab in the Dyson Center. The lab, outfitted with running water, gas, and other essentials for demonstrating science concepts, will support not only STEM teacher candidates, but also teachers in the areas of social studies, language arts, and special needs.

The College would like to recognize Mark Dennis, longtime member of the Marist Board of Trustees and Trustee of the Evelyn M. Davies Charitable Trust, for his exceptional support and advocacy. Mark directed this gift to recognize and honor Evelyn Davies, who was an elementary school teacher in the Arlington Central School District for 35 years. Mark has made an enormous impact on the College through his thoughtful stewardship of the Evelyn Davies Trust and previously of the Jeannette F. Schlobach Charitable Trust, of which he was also a Trustee. Dennis is a prominent certified public accountant in the Hudson Valley and has served on Marist's board since 2004.



DYSON CENTER GIFT LEADS TO COURTROOM NAMING HONOR FOR THE PICKETTS



Building on a legacy of philanthropy, Marist Trustee and Commencement Speaker, Jerome Pickett '98/'22M, announced a pledge during the 2023 graduation ceremony. Thanks to his support of the Dyson Center, the mock courtroom will be named after Pickett, acknowledging his longstanding career in criminal justice, as well as his wife, Tina.

The V.P. and Global Chief Security and Intelligence Officer for McDonald's Corporation had a 17-year career in the Secret Service and was a former executive vice president and chief security officer for the NBA. Previously, he set up the *Doreen Pickett Memorial Scholarship* to help deserving students pursuing a career in health care. Mrs. Pickett was a registered nurse for more than 40 years.

SPECIAL GIFTS

NEW SUPPORT FOR STUDENT RESEARCH

Dr. Sam and Gail Simon created the Simon Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, which was awarded for the first time in summer 2023. The funding supports a talented rising junior or senior studying biology, biomedical sciences, or a related subject. Dr. Simon is a retired orthopedic surgeon and the founder of dairy co-op Hudson Valley Fresh. He also serves on the School of Science Advisory Board. The College is most grateful for this leadership and support that will change the lives of students.



MARIST LEGACY SOCIETY EXPANDS

The Marist College Legacy Society is a valued circle of charitably minded individuals who are remembering Marist in their long-term plans.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS:

FREDERICK W. '64 AND KATHERINE WEISS

DERRIK R. '87/'92M AND ALLISON WYNKOOP

SCOTT '04 & LISA SWEENEY

LARRY MAGILL '67

Members become part of the Society when the College is notified that Marist is the beneficiary of a planned gift, estate provision, or income-producing arrangement during a donor's lifetime. Learn more at marist.giftplans.org

OTHER SPECIAL GIFT DONORS

- **The Campilii family** has made a generous pledge to name the Physical Therapy Suite in the McCann Center in honor of the late Anthony V. Campilii '62/'79M, Marist's longtime and much-beloved Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO. Tony was a pillar of the Marist community and he, his wife Ginny, and their three children—Susan Willis, Chris Campilii, and Allison Sapp '91—have stayed closely engaged and involved in the life of the College over the years. In fact, Chris is a member of the School of Science Advisory Board and maintains a presence on campus as owner and operator of the Center for Physical Therapy. The College is grateful for their wonderful generosity and thoughtfulness.
- **Joseph and Anne Benanti P'22** named an Art Studio in the Steel Plant. Jay and Anne are grateful parents of a member of the Class of 2022 and were inspired to recognize Professor Ed Smith for the profound impact he had on their son, Joseph.



SHOWCASING A COLLECTIVE SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE AND SUPPORT, FIND OUR FULL LIST OF JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023 DONORS HERE



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George '71 & Carol Majestic (R)

Joseph & Cristina Maltais (R)

Ross '80 (T) and Barbara Mauri (R, P)

The McCormick Family Foundation (R)

Genine '88 (T) & Michael '88 McCormick (R, P)

Dirk C. '82 (T) & Wendy McMahon (R)

Dr. Dennis J. Murray & Marilyn Murray (R, P)

Dr. Roger L. Norton & Cheryl Norton (R)

Anthony & Kristin '91 (T) Noto

The Ohl Family (R)

Maureen A. O'Rourke '85 (T) & James Molloy (R)

John P. O'Shea (LT, R, P)

Matthew Pagliaro '10

Jerome Pickett '98/'22M (T) and Tina Pickett (R)

Ralph Lauren Polo Corporation

Redl Properties LLC

Kelley Redl-Hardisty

Michael & Patricia Roberts (P)

Rosco Laboratories Inc.

Emily & Jesse Saland (R)

Wayne F. Schmidt, Jr. '80 (R)

Robert '83 (T) & Heather Shanahan (R)

Liu Shiming Art Foundation

Gail and Sam Simon

The Taylor Foundation

C. James Taylor (T)

David L. Thomas (R)

Dr. Edwin A. Ulrich Charitable Trust (R)

The Vanech Family Foundation (R)

Dean and Denise (T) Vanech (R, P)

Thomas J. Ward '69 (LT) & Mary Walker Ward (R)

Kevin & Beth Weinman (R)

Dr. & Mrs. Louis Zuccarello (R, P)

*Fiscal year is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. (T) Member of the Marist Board of Trustees; (LT) Life Trustee; (R) Member of the Reynard Circle: honors donors who have made gifts of any size to Marist for three or more consecutive years; (P) Parent of a Marist student or alumnus/a.



FINANCIALS

Marist College continued its longstanding track record of closing the fiscal year in a stronger financial position than where it started, despite headwinds stemming from demographic and competitive pressures, inflation, a tight labor market, and turbulent investment markets.

For the second year in a row after pandemic-related disruptions, the College exceeded its first-year enrollment target, bringing in a talented class of about 1,300 first-year, full-time students. This strong enrollment coupled with continued expense discipline contributed to healthy operating results, as demonstrated by a \$13.9 million growth in net assets from operating activities. We achieved this all while sustaining a high level of investment in our community, by:

- filling faculty and staff vacancies,
- reigniting study abroad opportunities in Florence and beyond,
- maintaining market competitive salaries and benefits, and
- supporting our students with more than \$100 million in financial aid and scholarships.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES (FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
OPERATING REVENUES					
Tuition, fees, room and board	\$305,295,333	\$288,467,078	\$272,668,651	\$278,442,755	\$273,803,488
Scholarships and financial assistance	(102,060,990)	(94,608,831)	(87,617,604)	(82,649,645)	(72,474,902)
Net tuition, fees, room and board	203,234,343	193,858,247	185,051,047	195,793,110	201,328,586
Grants, contracts, and contributions	10,407,514	19,633,961	14,840,818	13,007,263	14,261,449
Endowment Support and investment Income	10,585,777	6,070,489	5,285,811	5,647,301	5,296,535
Other income	4,421,689	3,969,689	2,787,930	5,413,543	6,107,416
Total operating revenue	\$228,649,323	\$223,532,386	\$207,965,606	\$219,861,217	\$226,993,986
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Instructional and academic support	\$103,297,635	\$95,985,992	\$87,776,965	\$99,427,252	\$100,232,359
Student services	45,366,014	42,088,265	36,725,296	39,426,546	39,062,864
Auxiliary enterprises	41,037,633	38,837,051	38,381,021	36,366,936	38,536,393
Institutional support	23,579,086	20,112,456	18,006,313	21,451,600	24,002,466
Research and public service	902,193	652,084	658,601	713,116	1,466,151
Scholarships and fellowships	577,664	5,064,341	2,418,943	1,602,703	372,721
Total operating expenses	\$214,760,225	\$202,740,189	\$183,967,139	\$198,988,153	\$203,672,954
Changes in net assets from operating activities	\$13,889,098	\$20,792,197	\$23,998,467	\$20,873,064	\$23,321,032
NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Net investment return in excess of amounts designated for operations	\$31,896,705	\$(44,358,740)	\$99,137,320	\$7,776,969	\$14,514,502
Other nonoperating activities	(2,270,053)	(340,992)	1,468,155	(2,496,815)	(1,516,092)
Changes in net assets from nonoperating activities	29,626,652	(44,699,732)	100,605,475	5,280,154	12,998,410
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$43,515,750	\$(23,907,535)	\$124,603,942	\$26,153,218	\$36,319,442

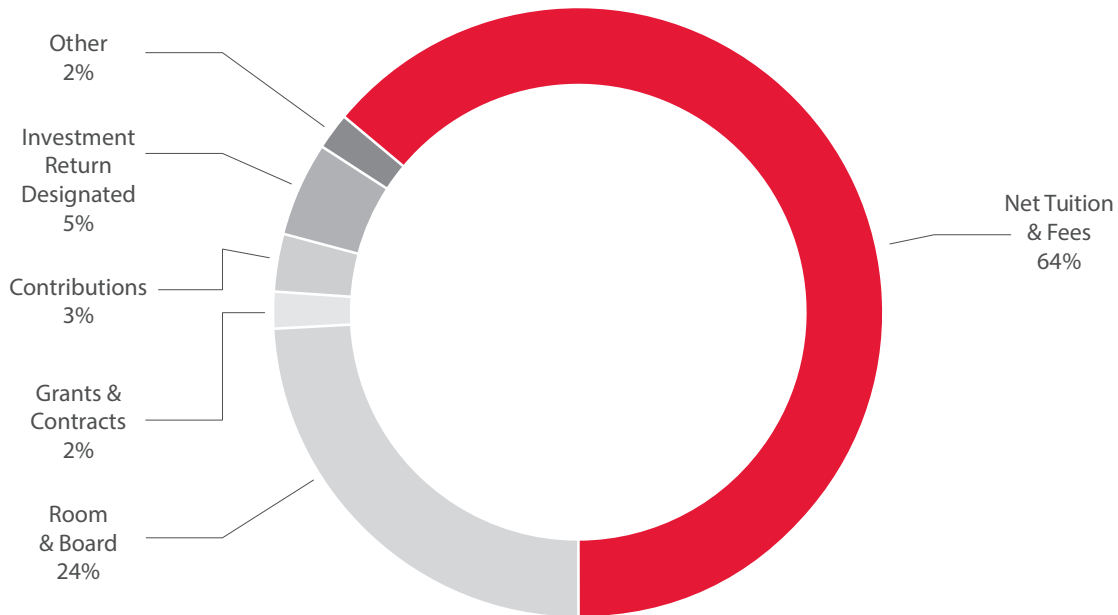
The College's long-term investment portfolio also contributed to growth in net assets with a 9.2% return for the year. The market value of the investment pool now stands at \$464.6 million, up more than 56% since 2019, reflecting both market returns and donors' contributions to the portfolio. Permanently endowed funds in the portfolio are used in accordance with the terms of the original gifts for scholarships, faculty chairs, support for the Hudson River Valley Institute, and other donor defined purposes. In addition, the College established a \$50 million Strategic Reserve, by investing funds alongside the endowment that had been previously held in short-term investments. This approach will allow Marist to enhance long-term returns on these funds and provide a potential source of seed funding for key elements of the Marist 100 strategic plan.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (AS OF JUNE 30)

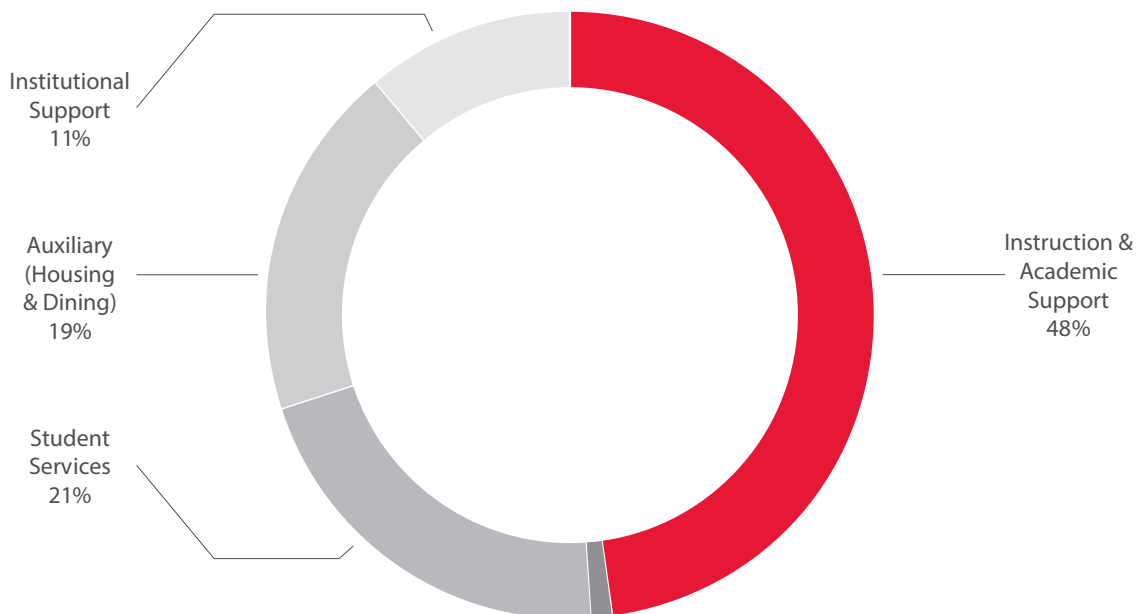
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
ASSETS					
Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments	\$83,184,036	\$106,416,499	\$86,948,266	\$58,606,869	\$45,221,953
Investments	464,624,041	378,088,443	416,457,408	312,536,578	296,734,550
Fixed Assets, Construction, and Deposits with Bond Trustees	473,777,696	484,462,847	445,962,485	461,456,371	493,737,080
Other assets	13,497,501	14,181,951	15,429,748	17,231,954	19,998,023
Total assets	\$1,035,083,274	\$983,149,740	\$964,797,907	\$849,831,772	\$855,691,606
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$28,338,888	\$20,718,212	\$25,990,972	\$28,341,848	\$29,978,188
Bonds payable, and interest rate swap obligation, net	224,295,819	237,255,429	189,084,708	198,587,653	204,201,777
Other liabilities	20,845,195	22,713,477	27,227,070	27,614,914	30,273,644
Total liabilities	\$273,479,902	\$280,687,118	\$242,302,750	\$254,544,415	\$264,453,609
NET ASSETS					
Total net assets	\$761,603,372	\$718,087,622	\$741,995,157	\$617,391,215	\$591,237,997
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,035,083,274	\$998,774,740	\$984,297,907	\$871,935,630	\$855,691,606

Maintaining our beautiful Hudson Valley campus, which continues to be a significant factor in supporting new student recruitment efforts, remains a major priority. After a pause on major new projects during the pandemic, in fiscal 2023 we were able to commence the long-awaited Dyson Center expansion. This \$60 million project will double the building's footprint to 110,000 square feet, providing cutting-edge learning spaces for the School of Management and School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. With its soaring atrium, modern labs and collaboration spaces, café & lounge, and space for a reimagined Career Center, we expect this facility will also serve as a central gathering space for students, faculty, and staff from all disciplines when it opens in Fall 2024.

Operating Revenue = \$228.6 million



Operating Expenses = \$214.8 million



Endowment & Long-Term Investments





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