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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy 2019! It is amazing that we are already two months into the new year. 2018 was a year of hard work and wonderful blessings for your AASH Board. Just about a year ago, it started with a trip to the AMASC Conference in Merida, Mexico - those fortunate enough to attend are still talking about the hospitality and charism of the Sacred Heart that we experienced. I was honored to represent you at the AMASC Extraordinary Meeting held in Joigny, France, in October. Walking along the same streets and through the home where St. Madeline Sophie Barat lived was inspiring. Later, we were able to join together in St. Charles for our Regional Meetings in November. For many in attendance it was their first visit to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, where St. Philippine Duchesne lived and now the location of her Shrine. Our thanks go out to Alum Director Lisa Tebbe (ASH St. Charles '80), Charla Dziedzic (ASH St. Charles '75), Julie Vetter (ASH St. Charles '85) and the rest of the amazing ASH team for hosting us and providing the use of the school facilities. We could not have done it without their help and support. Finishing off with the Bicentennial Mass at the St. Louis Cathedral humbled each alum in attendance, and reminded us of how blessed we are to be children of the Sacred Heart. There were many other alumni events that your AASH Board members participated in - it was a very busy year!

It is with much happiness that I share with you that two of our members, Rhonda Raffi Meegan (Newton Country Day '71/ Newton College '75) and Dede Sheehan Brunetti (Villa Duchesne '81) have been elected to the AMASC Board. The AASH relationship with AMASC is important – and a living example of St. Madeline Sophie's vision for an international organization. The service of past AASH members on the AMASC Board, along with our future participation, will continue to sustain and strengthen this bond. Please join me in congratulating Rhonda and Dede.

I hope you're all making plans to attend the 42nd AASH National Conference April 26-27 in New Orleans. The National Conference will be a great party, celebrating everything that's good – and fun – about being a Sacred Heart alum. We'll recognize the four brilliant Cor Unum winners, Virginia Kratage Antakli, (Bloomfield 1956/Manhattanville 1960); Catherine Ronan Karrels (Stone Ridge 1986); Patricia Dalferes Martin (Grand Coteau 1947/ Maryville 1951); and Pamela Moore Snyder (USD College for Women 1967/Lone Mountain 1969). We'll drink cocktails around the magnificent fountain in the Rosary courtyard and we'll eat some of the most delicious food New Orleans has to offer.

Speaking of the conference, I need to mention how excited and grateful we are to the Rosary for their above and beyond help. Melanie Guste, RSCJ, Head of School at the Rosary, graciously welcomed AASH and agreed to hold the entire event at the school. Then she and Alum Director Megan Kepper and her wonderful team of volunteers immediately swung into action, devising a wonderful Round Robin of sessions on everything from global education to financial literacy for attendees. They're also working hard on the Cor Unum Mass and so many other things to help us make sure this is a conference to remember.



Jodie Hannaman Thorne, President

Lastly, it is hard for me to believe that my time on the AASH Board will be coming to an end soon. As I shared with you at the start of this journey, our theme for this biennium has been "Engagement." We have tried to engage more alumni by improving our communication, enhancing our website, hosting events, attending local association events and providing any support requested to connect alumni. I am proud of all of the work each member of the 2017-19 AASH Board, along with that of our National Office, the dedicated Maggie Sieger Kaspura (Duchesne Houston'85) and ever cheerful Elizabeth Gibson, have done to support this theme.

I can't wait to see you all in New Orleans in April. Until we meet again, *Laissez les bons temps rouler!* With love,

Jodie

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Back Row (left to right) Rhonda Meegan, Kathleen Feeney, Roselie Posselius, Andrea Ferris, Maggie Kaspura, Kate Sawyer Front Row (left to right) Colleen Curran, Jodie Thorne, Deborah Dunham, Linzeee LaGrange

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On the front cover:

Students from The Rosary in New Orleans are looking forward to a visit from AASH!

On the back cover:

Teams from Atherton and Greenwich are ready for the Global Day of Service on September 15, 2018.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Jesuit saying, "Be men and women for others," comes from St. Ignatius Loyola, encouraging all of us to turn outwards and consider how to help those around us, rather than obsess on ourselves. Given that two Jesuits helped and encouraged St. Madeleine Sophie Barat to found the Society of the Sacred Heart, it's no surprise that Loyola's philosophy of generosity and compassion seeped into our own Goals and Criteria.

Pat Winkler Browne (Newton College '60), took that call to action seriously. She spent a decade working on a project to help others, just because it was the right thing to do. A scholarship for deserving Newton College students was among the assets left with Boston College when the institutions merged in 1974. When the last Newton College student finished at BC, the scholarship languished into the new century.

Enter Pat. She knew the scholarship was out there, potentially available to help more Sacred Heart students. It took more than 10 years of tireless effort, but in the fall of 2018, Pat finally was able to announce that the Newton College Scholarship to Boston College is now the Sacred Heart Scholarship. Seniors with demonstrated financial need admitted to BC from any Sacred Heart school are eligible. Already, two students benefited in the 2018-2019 school year.

AASH Southern Regional Director Deborah Dunham (Grand Couteau '62/ Duchesne Houston '70) is another alum who took off – literally – because she saw a need. The Shrine of Old St. Ferdinand in Florissant, MO, struggles every year to raise enough money to keep going. The shrine is where St. Rose Philippine Duchesne founded a convent and welcomed the first American Religious to the Society. In honor of the Bicentennial, Deb volunteered to ride her bike 330 miles from St. Charles, MO, to Sugar Creek, KS (retracing Philippine's own long journey), to raise money for Old St. Ferdinand. She rode for five days, raising more than \$20,000 along the way. Deb presented the check to the OSF board in January at the shrine's annual gala, where she received a five-minute standing ovation.



Pat Winkler Browne



Sr. Margaret Munch, RSCJ, waves a white hankie as Deb departs on her 330-mile ride to Sugar Creek.

All I can say is, Très Bien Pat and Deb! Yours is the work of True Children of the Sacred Heart. These are just two examples of Sacred Heart alums reaching out to help others simply because they felt impelled to action. We have many more in this issue of the Esprit, from the Global Day of Service to our new slate of AASH Board members, who have agreed to give the next two years in service to our alums. Finally, we have our 2019 Cor Unum winners, who will be recognized at the AASH National Conference April 26-27, in New Orleans (more on that on page 6). They are living examples of the desire to be "women for others." Check out their profiles, and lots of photos of our Sacred Heart family in action, starting on page 5 (Global Day of Service) and page 8 (Cor Unum Winners).

I hope to see you in New Orleans! In the Heart,





Connect with Us

We hear dozens of stories of how alums recognize each other by their class rings or randomly meet at work or on college campuses. The Sacred Heart Alum Network is more than 40,000 members strong and can help you find others. We'd love to hear how you met other Sacred Heart alums. Email editor@aash.org to share your story.

Not sure we have your latest email address? Contact us at NationalOffice@aash.org or call 314-569-3948.

Visit our website www.aash.org and connect with us on Facebook (AASH-Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart), Twitter (@AASH) and LinkedIn (AASH-Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart).

FIRST PERSON: LIVING THE GOALS Reinterpreting Ancient History

By Emma Buckingham Duchesne Houston 2006

I was introduced to the ancient world while visiting Greece a few years before I entered my freshman year at Duchesne Academy. From that trip, I became enamored by works such as the Odyssey and the Oresteia. So it seems fitting that one of my earliest ancient history encounters at Duchesne involved my 9th grade English class. I walked into the classroom and was immediately met with a sea of posters lining the walls, each featuring a different ancient theme - the Greek theater, ancient Athens, the Parthenon. My nervousness at starting high school immediately evaporated: I had walked into a welcoming environment. Throughout the course of the year, I was exposed to many more pieces of classical literature and shown how early Greek and Roman texts informed many later writers and much of later history.

That English class, and many others that I took throughout high school, instilled a deep respect for intellectual values and sparked an intellectual curiosity that compelled me to enter graduate school in a field that truly captivated me – Mediterranean archaeology. The writing ethic that I developed in those formative years continues to inform my own academic goals and the principles of research I was taught became second nature. Duchesne's emphasis on personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom encouraged me, later on in my academic career, to implement a good work ethic in order to research, synthesize and write my dissertation on early Greek colonization in Sicily.

I now continue to implement this practice with my Fulbright grant in Greece, where I look at how discovered artifacts shed light on the process of settlement and trade in the western Mediterranean. The Fulbright Program, established in 1946, offers grants each year to scholars in an effort to encourage cultural and knowledge exchanges between the United States and other countries.

I have a deep interest in ancient colonization — and also in questioning whether some "facts" are actually true. Those interests led me to apply for the fellowship to widen my initial focus. I'm reassessing how, and even if, colonies existed at all in the ancient Greek world or if we should be reconsidering the



terminology we use. As an archaeologist, I primarily look at material culture – the objects left behind by groups and individuals who produced things, traded them, dedicated them in sanctuaries and deposited them in tombs. Moreover, I'm interested in looking at networks of objects and practices. I trace where certain types of things appear and how they are used. From that, we can gain some insight into how people interacted, what kinds of identities they wished to advertise and what certain practices can tell us about the identity of a community.

We have texts from Greek historians such as Herodotus and Thucydides which provide insight on the process of founding new cities in the ancient Greek world. But they were written several hundred years later, and often are biased due to the political and social climate of the times. Archaeology promises a less biased view of the historical record. It also can tell us about the lives of average individuals, those who were the first from a certain region to establish and populate a new settlement. These new settlers came from emerging cities, not nations, kingdoms or even city-states. As part of my Fulbright, I am interested in investigating the nature of these emerging collective identities. Many of these early settlements developed into large, independent cities, but in the early period that I am studying they are more vaguely defined population centers, not organized towns with distinct cultural identities.

While completing my PhD, and now having embarked on post-doctoral work, I endeavor to maintain the principles I acquired in high school — especially the commitment to personal and intellectual growth which compelled me to apply for the Fulbright grant. Being surrounded by a community of academics has allowed me to discuss and share my work. And ultimately, by excavating in the field and reanalyzing what has already been dug up, I hope to make an impact on interpretations of the phenomenon of Greek colonization — and rethink how we approach it.

REGIONAL MEETINGS RECAP

Celebrating the finale of the Bicentennial Year of Saint Philippine Duchesne's arrival in the Americas, the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles, Missouri welcomed alumnae and alumni from the four AASH regions to conduct their Regional Meetings jointly. Alums from California to Massachusetts and Canada to Texas gathered on Philippine's Feast Day, Nov. 18th, to worship at the inaugural celebration of Fr. Michael Joncas' Mass in her honor. Father Joncas, composer of the hymn "On Eagle's Wings," was commissioned to create the beautiful mass for the Bicentennial by the Society of the Sacred Heart. A day earlier, attendees were treated to a talk by "Sophie's Fire" author Constance Solari. Connie talked about the close bond between Philippine and Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat and how their friendship still echoes throughout the lives of children of the Sacred Heart everywhere. She graciously donated proceeds from her book sales over the weekend to the Shrine of Old St. Ferdinand, the nearby site of a convent erected by Philippine, where her work was blessed when Mary Ann Layton took her vows, becoming the first American Religious of the Sacred Heart. Also, Philippine resided at St. Ferdinand from 1819 to 1827 and 1834 to 1840.



AASH President Jodie Hannaman Thorne opens the All Regional Meeting at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles, MO.



Connie Solari, author of "Sophie's Fire," speaking about the bonds of friendship between St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and St. Madeleine Sophie Barat.



There was some unplanned excitement at the Regional when a small fire broke out in the school office. Attendees took a quick break in the cool sunshine before the fire department gave the all clear and they returned to the meeting.



Members of the AASH Board pose with St. Philippine.

See more photos from the regional meetings on the inside back cover.



GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE



Sacred Heart alums, students, Religious, parents and friends joined together worldwide in September for the Sacred Heart family's first ever Global Day of Service. A live-streamed sunrise prayer service in New Zealand began a day which continued around the world. Participants joined to support the homeless, help single mothers and at-risk youth and make blankets for the sick and needy. Among these and many other projects, they did some urban gardening, cleaned up after floods, worked to build affordable housing and picked up trash. We asked for photos of their contributions. Here's what we received:



Duchesne Houston



91st Street



Broadway



Greenwich



Quebec





2019 AASH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

It's time for the 42nd AASH National Conference!

The National Conference will be April 26-27 at the Academy of the Sacred Heart (the Rosary) in New Orleans.

Rosary Campus: 4521 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans LA, 70115

Registration: \$250 register online at www.aash.org/nationalconference

Keynote Speaker *Meredith Walker*

Meredith Walker and her partner, actor and producer Amy Poehler, co-founded "Amy Pohler's Smart Girls" (AmyPoehlersSmartGirls.com). On the site, young women and men can express their concerns in a safe space, while the Call to Action Campaigns encourage members to volunteer.

These days, as part of her work with Smart Girls, Meredith travels the world on a mission to combat "the barrage of messaging being marketed to young people on the internet."

Meredith is a graduate of The University of the South and she attended Duchesne Houston for several years before her family moved. Her older sister, Megan Walker Miles (Duchesne Houston 1985), is a classmate of AASH President Jodie Thorne and AASH Western Regional Director Colleen Curran.



Meredith Walker



Schedule

Friday April 26

1:00 p.m. — Cor Unum Mass Rehearsal

1:30 p.m. — Registration Open

2:30 p.m. — Conference Welcome: Jodie Thorne, Sheila Hammond (All attendees)

3:00 p.m. — Innovation in Education Session: Overview with Sr. Melanie Guste, rscj

3:15 p.m. — Session Round Robin: 9 content session choices, attendees select 3; Three 20-minutes rounds with 3 concurrent sessions and 10 minutes in between for a 90 minute session

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Alumnae Director Meeting

4:30 p.m. — Guided campus tours

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. — Shelagh O'Dwyer Cocktail Party around the Fountain

Saturday April 27

9:00 a.m. — AASH Business Meeting (All Attendees)

10:00 a.m. — Election of 2019-2021 AASH Board

10:30 a.m. — Keynote Speaker: Meredith Walker, Co-founder, Amy Poehler's Smart Girls

12:00 p.m. — Cor Unum Luncheon

2:45 p.m. — History of Sacred Heart Education in New Orleans

3:30 p.m. — Cor Unum Mass and Awards

5:00 p.m. — Dismissal

TOP SHELF Books by Sacred Heart Authors

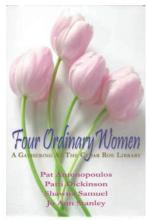
Four Ordinary Women

Patricia Shea Dickinson Duchesne Houston '71

Patti Shea Dickinson calls herself "an ordinary woman." She is one of four women who met twice monthly for years at Cedar Roe Library in Johnson County, KS, to explore friendship, family, happiness and struggle. They realized their discussions "made us more introspective, more thoughtful, searching for an exactness that doesn't happen in normal conversation," Patti says. Eventually their process yielded two dozen short essays from each of the four, covering past hurts, fractured sleep, conflict, marriage, parenting and all the rest of life in a book that became "Four Ordinary Women." It is filled with true stories, rich in memories, moral questions and reflections both soulful and joyous. Four voices, at times elegant, humorous, colloquial or didactic, engage the reader in a conversation about life as it's actually encountered and the profound questions usually hidden beneath its surface. Patti has been married to her husband, Wood, for 45 years, and together they raised eight children and now enjoy 11 grandchildren.



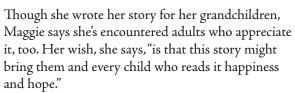
Patricia Shea Dickinson



Annie's Castle/El Castillo De Annie

Marguerite Jones (Sagrado Corazon, Mexico City 1968)

Marguerite "Maggie" Jones became a first time author with the publication of her bi-lingual book, "Annie's Castle/El Castillo De Annie." The story, about a little girl named Annie whose best friend moves away, was initially crafted for Maggie's four grandchildren. The Annie of the book is Maggie's granddaughter, whose family moved several times while she was young. With each move, Annie faced the challenge of finding new friends and adapting to new environments. Left lonely and very sad, the book's Annie visits the beach with her mother, where she encounters a sandcastle, beautifully constructed and occupied, it turns out, by tiny people eager to reach out to Annie and engage her. She spends her summer embraced in their friendship. As her new school year begins, her sense of loss is replaced with openness to the promise of each sunrise, including the willingness to embrace, and be embraced by, new friends. Annie finds herself happy in the midst of these new relationships and her loneliness a thing of the past. Eager to share with her sandcastle friends the news of this success, she goes to the beach with her father, only to find the sandcastle gone and her tiny friends departed. It is then that she recalls them saying "While you are sad, we will be here for you." The enchantment of her summer is replaced by a reality she can count on for the future.







Marguerite Jones



If you have a book you'd like to share with our Sacred Heart alums in Top Shelf, please contact the National Office at NationalOffice@aash.org or 314-569-3948.

COR UNUM AWARD WINNERS

Eastern Region

Catherine Ronan Karrels

Stone Ridge 1986



Catherine Ronan Karrels became the founding president and principal of San Francisco's De Marillac Academy in 2001, drawing students from one of the nation's poorest neighborhoods. She helped the school grow from the original class of 19 sixth graders to a student body of 119 in grades four through eight. While attending Boston College, Catherine developed an interest in teaching that led her to the Jesuit Volunteer Corp for a year of teaching

disadvantaged students. San Francisco State University followed, for a Masters Degree in Education. After several years teaching in a Catholic school, Catherine accepted the challenge of starting De Marillac Academy. She finally returned to Stone Ridge as its first lay Head of School. Catherine has worked with the Network of Sacred Heart Schools in restructuring the Conference of Sacred Heart Education and serves on the Network Board. Her passion for excellence in education, social justice, spirituality and community have been lauded at every step of her career. Catherine has been awarded the Boston College Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Education, the Saint Francis Hospital Community Hero Award, the District of San Francisco Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award and the John Carroll Society Medal for her work "play[ing] a critical role in building the Church."



Central Region

Virginia Kratage Antakli

Convent of the Sacred Heart 1956/ Manhattanville College 1960



In the late 60s, Virginia Kratage Antakli married the love of her life, Nick Antakli, and moved to Beirut in time to endure three wars. She nursed the wounded in her home and helped found the Christian Council for Peace and Justice in the

Middle East to teach archdiocesan school children the Christian aspects of problems in the Middle East. From her time at Manhattanville to the present, Virginia has given her spiritual life the highest priority. She encourages her friends' participation with her in the Children of Mary Sodality, lectors during mass at Bloomfield Hills and makes it a point to attend the All-School Liturgies.

Virginia served as a Bloomfield Hills room mother, taught at the school and served as a member of the Board of Trustees. She chaired a capital campaign, raising more than \$3 million and still writes to graduating students as part of the school's Prize Day tradition.

Virginia received her MA from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1963. Because of her enriching experiences as a Sacred Heart student, Virginia not only enrolled her daughters and granddaughters in school at Bloomfield Hills, but also continues to be a strong ambassador for Sacred Heart education. The breadth and depth of her influence are the hallmarks of a strong representative of all things Sacred Heart in the global community.

COR UNUM AWARD WINNERS

Southern Region

Patricia Dalferes Martin

Grand Coteau 1947/Maryville 1951



Patricia Dalferes Martin, "Patsy of the joyful heart," as she's known to one friend, ministers. She has taught new parents the meaning of their infants' baptisms, taken care that elder members of her spiritual communities are

accommodated, visited with her former teachers and retired Religious, housed a homeless refugee family, guided the young and underprivileged into the beauty of music, shown Girl Scouts the glories of God's outdoors, supported empowerment of the abandoned in the U.S. and across the world and blessed the efforts of the Religious of the Sacred Heart constantly for seven decades. Hand in glove with her practice of ministry, Patsy has a long and accomplished relationship with the women's community known as Theresians, a group that seeks to empower women to be present to the world in ministry. Patsy served as program leader and as president of Day 1, her Theresian small community in Houston, and headed the movement's national leadership team. She also has been an advocate for the Cenacle Retreat House, a women's retreat center. Patricia graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, married her beloved Woods, and made her home in Houston, where she joined the efforts of other Sacred Heart alumnae to found Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. As a lay person with particular appreciation of the Sacred Heart charism, she was an invited delegate to the Provincial Assembly in 2001, attended the 2013 Summer Forum on essayist and poet Janet Erskine Stuart, RSCJ, and traveled to Rome to mark the canonization of Rose Philippine Duchesne.

Western Region

Pamela Moore Snyder

USD College for Women 1967/Lone Mountain 1969



The breadth of Pamela Moore Snyder's heartfelt involvement in service includes her work with San Diego's Kraemer Foundation, the St. Madeleine Sophie Center, a facility serving adults with developmental disabilities, and the Japanese Culture Club of Arizona, a nonprofit organization which promotes goodwill through cultural exchange between Japan and Arizona. She is an active member of the Phoenix Chapter of Maryknoll Associates, a group devoted to

mission and social justice. She has served as a University of San Diego Alumni Board member, class correspondent for her class and, in her parish for several years, as an RCIA teacher, Girl Scout leader, swim teacher and parish liturgy coordinator. Pam is also in her second term on the board of the Vatican Observatory Foundation, a Tucson philanthropy involved with the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope, or VATT, at the University of Arizona's Steward Observatory. Subsequently, she has been designated to serve as a Vatican Observatory Ambassador. Pam served twice as president of the Arizona AASH and as recording secretary for the AASH National Board. She designed a medal memorializing St. Philippine Duchesne's canonization and organized the effort to market it on behalf of AASH. Pam served as AMASC President from 2010 to 2014 and presently serves as AASH and AMASC Representative for the Arizona AASH.

The Cor Unum Award recognizes excellence in one's work, loyalty to Sacred Heart values and the gift of self in service to others. One outstanding person residing in each of the four regions is honored.

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Clifton



Greenwich



Duchesne College



Villa Duchesne



Newton Country Day



Duchesne Omaha

WOMAN OF CONSCIENCE



Sharon Karam, RSCJ Grand Coteau 1962/Maryville 1968

Between her sophomore and junior year at Grand Coteau, Sharon Karam, RSCJ, attended a three-day retreat where she watched a Religious go by in deep conversation with a student and found herself "so moved by the relationship and the care the nun showed for the student." It was then that she determined she had a calling to religious life. But her discussion with the superior, Marjorie Erskine, RSCJ, didn't go well because Sharon was only 16. She was told to continue to pray — and come back when she'd graduated.

Sharon never lost "the deep sense of peace and call" and entered the convent in September, 1962. It was there that she discovered two academic loves: literature and theology. She has taught in both areas and says her "very favorite part is watching a student grow in her ability to express herself, find her voice and feel confident that she has something unique to say."

One busy year at Rosary in New Orleans, Sharon chaired both the English and Social Studies departments, while also teaching history, theology and English. She didn't find it overwhelming as long as she was in the classroom. Sharon says she has always "loved the interaction with the students, and the chance to show the reality of what we were learning in the classroom by doing social awareness activities with them."

She founded a service club called "Sophie's Bunch," taking the girls to visit the elderly, work on social issues and work in the poorest part of the New Orleans.

She also worked alongside Sr. Helen Prejean, before she got involved in death-row issues.

Sharon says to this day, working with students on various service projects, including Angela House, a local ministry which serves women exiting prison, is one of the most enjoyable parts of her work. "We bring dinner, play a few rounds of bingo and converse with the women who look forward to our monthly visits with real eagerness," she says. "I love this part of my ministry.

Sharon has taught and been an administrator in the following schools: Villa Duchesne, ASH New Orleans, ASH Grand Coteau, Greenwich, Duchesne Houston and Josephinum. She served on the RSCJ Provincial Team from 1996 to 1999, and on the Network of Sacred Heart Schools Formation to Mission Committee from 2001 to 2015. No longer in the classroom, she spends her time working for justice for women coming out of prison and for immigration reform, while also subbing at Duchesne Houston and serving as a member of the board at Regis.

MARYLIZ WINNER Gabriella Almeida, Greenwich 2007



Gabriella Almeida, Greenwich 2007

"Gabriella's involvement with and impact on Sacred Heart Greenwich since she has graduated has been immeasurable," says Head of School Pam Juan Hayes (Greenwich'64). Gabriella cofounded Greenwich's Young Alumnae Council in the Fall of 2017, working to increase engagement with the school and each other among young alums. Under her leadership, Greenwich doubled its young alum engagement in less than a year. Gabriela also played an integral part in planning and executing Greenwich's first ever "Day of Giving," raising \$10,000 for financial aid in 24 hours. Gabriella joined the Greenwich Alumnae Board in 2014 as its youngest member and "quickly made an impact on the school and alumnae communities," says Pam. "She has demonstrated very strong interpersonal skills and brought thoughtful, strategic direction to her volunteer roles." On the alumnae board for only five years, the school's Board of Trustees invited Gabriela's participation as a non-trustee on its Finance Committee, which oversees the finances and budget of the school. She is the only young alumna to serve in such capacity. As an Alumnae Board member, Gabriella works with alumnae programming, networking and outreach. "Gabriella brings her strong relationship and leadership skills to this role and is an asset to the committee," Pam says. "I am very proud to call her an alumna and friend."



The Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award recognizes a young alumna or alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding support of and loyalty to their alum association.

SACRED HEART CONNECTIONS







From Summer Camp to Forever Friends

Martha Key Altvater, Villa Duchesne '75

We four "Sacred Heart girls" met at Camp Green Cove in Tuxedo, NC, in the summer of 1973; and we have remained close friends all this time. Our friendship started at the eight-week camp – along with our interest in rock climbing and white water canoeing. While there was always a personal challenge to climb the most difficult rock or paddle the most dangerous rapid, we always had each other for encouragement. Ours is a lasting friendship, anchored by a love of nature and the spirit that we are people with "a magnet in our hearts and a compass in our heads." We've outgrown summer camp, but still meet every year to celebrate our friendship and our Sacred Heart roots. Our most recent celebration was in Caesar's Head, South Carolina. We have remained friends... because we are sisters. We are Bunny Deas (Grand Coteau '77), Debbie Snyder Noonan (Carrollton, '77), Elise Foster Lander (Grand Coteau '75), and me, Martha Key Altvater (Villa Duchesne '75).

AMASC EXTRAORDINARY MEETING



At the AMASC Extraordinary Meeting in October, Rhonda Raffi Meegan (Newton Country Day '71/ Newton College '75) and Dede Sheehan Brunettti (Villa Duchesne '81) were formally installed as AMASC board members. Pictured at St. Madeleine Sophie Barar's shrine in Paris are meeting attendees (L-R) Alicia Moreyra (Cuba), Maureen Elliott (Point Grey '67), Rhonda, AASH President Jodie Hannaman Thorne (Duchesne Houston '85), former AMASC President Pamela Snyder (Univ. of San Diego/College for Women '67/Lone Mountain '69) and Colleen Curran (Duchesne Houston '85).

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Roselie Bellanca Posselius, President, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mi.

An alumna of the Sacred Heart in both Grosse Pointe (1973) and Bloomfield Hills (1977), Roselie Bellanca Posselius has had the unusual job of building and activating consensus among two alum groups, from ASH and Grosse Pointe Academy. She organizes congés and history days for students, continues as president of its alumnae/i board and at graduation welcomes new graduates into their alumni association. Roselie ranks her Sacred Heart experience among the greatest blessings of her life. It was of utmost importance to her parents, she notes, that they provide her a Sacred Heart education. "It has provided me with very clear and simple guidelines that offer endless possibilities for living a meaningful life," she says. "I have felt valued and supported by countless role models." She is excited to take on the role of AASH president and continue the modernization begun in the current biennium. "I am revitalized, inspired and always aware of God's love for us through AASH," she says. As President, Roselie hopes "to let my fellow alums, young and old, know that we are needed more than ever to carry our timeless mission into the future."



Rhonda Raffi Meegan, Vice President, Silver Spring, Md.

Rhonda has served the AASH membership at various times as Eastern Regional Director, Recording Secretary, AASH Representative for Newton College and as AASH Representative for the Boston Alumnae Association of the Sacred Heart. She served as a Director of the BAASH and carried the Sacred Heart torch as a Director of the Boston College Alumni Association. She recently was elected to the AMASC Board as North American liaison. Her local activism on behalf of her Sacred Heart schools includes serving as founding member and Board Secretary of the Greater DC Area AASH and chairing a Boston AASH "Friend Raiser" event. Rhonda also was a member of the Boston AASH National Conference planning committee. For 10 years Rhonda has served on the Board of Jazz'd4Life, a U.S. and international philanthropy focused on quality of life issues confronting marginalized populations. At various periods, her experience included associations with a pioneer in nutritional supplements, an enterprise involved in developing energy conversion technologies essential to renewable energy industries and a laboratory studying various technologies applicable to aviation and aeronautics.



Kate Devers Sawyer, Treasurer, Los Angeles, Ca.

Kate Devers Sawyer has served as Western Regional Director and, this biennium, as Treasurer. She says, "AASH is making new friends that I have known my whole life." She attended the 2012 Western Regional Conference in Seattle, the 2013 National Conference in Omaha, the 2014 AMASC Congress in Scottsdale, the 2015 National Conference in Boston, the 2017 National Conference in San Francisco and the 2018 AMASC Congress in Mexico. At home in Los Angeles, Kate has served as Member of the AASHLA Board since its reactivation in 2006. She's been the AASH Representative for various biennia and held the positions of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Vice President and, from 2011 to 2013, President. She served AASHLA as the Tour Chair for AASH National Conference in 2009. Kate's been a Big Sister with the Catholic Big Brothers and Sisters Community for more than a decade. She has been Captain of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team for five years.



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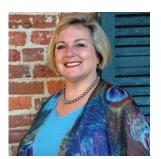
Stephanie Chaczyk Recording Secretary, Sterling Heights, Mi.

Michigan State graduate and "Spirited Detroiter," Stephanie Chaczyk majored in nutritional science. She continued at Wayne State University, studying urban planning, and learned the basics of small business administration as a back office every woman to a pediatric practice. Stephanie is now proudly employed in business development with an enterprise in business since 1908. Stephanie has remained active with Project Term, Bloomfield Hills' experiential learning initiative, which sent Upper School students to South America in 2018 to participate with Ekoamazon, a program which connects rural Peruvians to vital educational opportunities. She also participates in Community in Action Day, when every student is presented the opportunity to see hands on service as a way of life. As illustrated by her continuing, granular service at alumni events, leading by example is critical to Stephanie. Accordingly, anticipating her role with the AASH Board, she says, "I'm excited to be a part of this community, continue tradition, and keep the integrity of the mission strong."



Linzee Evans Lagrange, Corresponding Secretary, Grand Coteau, La.

Linzee Lagrange is an active social media poster in her job in Grand Coteau, Louisiana as Director of Alumnae/i for the Schools of the Sacred Heart. As such, she is a natural fit for the position of AASH Corresponding Secretary. Social media, she says, "is a great tool to reconnect with alumnae/i throughout the world," adding "[it's] also very helpful with spreading the word" among a busy, busy audience. That urge to connect makes social media more than just a way to alert alums about upcoming events, Linzee says. "Through social media, I have reconnected with so many alumnae around the world. It makes me happy that I can share current activities with them, which brings back memories of their time spent at Sacred Heart." A graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Linzee spent most of her career in the Louisiana oilfields, while remaining very active with the ASH Alumnae Board. "One of her favorite occasions is Alumnae Weekend, when alums come back to Grand Coteau, maybe for the first time in many years. "I love to share in their happiness of just being back on our beautiful, holy campus," Linzee says.



Christine Ahern, Central Regional Director, Chicago, Il.

Christine Ahern is the 2017 winner of AASH's Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award. She is a past president of Sheridan Road's Alumni Association and remains an active ex-officio member "providing exceptional input," according to current officers. In these capacities, she has prioritized outreach to younger alumni and been successful in increasing their involvement in the Sheridan Road community. Of her nomination for Central Regional Director, she says "I'm looking forward to bringing alums from the Central Region together ... to spark new friendships and connect with fellow alums by sharing their [Sacred Heart] experiences." Christine has headed her association's Committee for Service, acting as liaison to various constituent service organizations. She also assists in fundraising for pediatric cancer research and event planning for patients and their families through the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation. She serves as a director on the board of the Junior League of Chicago.



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Maria Asteinza, Eastern Regional Director, Forest Hills, NY

91st Street's Maria Asteinza has been its representative to AASH since 2015. She has been a regular attendee at National Conferences and AMASC congresses. She is committed "to paying back for all that her Sacred Heart education gave to her." Following her education at Williams College, Maria has been involved in an eclectic array of enterprises in education and the arts, including New York's Alliance for the Arts and CBS Sports' 1992 Winter Olympics advance and broadcast teams. Beyond the Sacred Heart orbit, but within its Goals, Maria's community contributions have included service as a Reach the World Advisory Board Member, mentoring a non-profit on the use of technology to bring the world into under served New York public schools. For two decades she has assisted preservationist organizations, the Dyckman Farmhouse Museum and the King Manor Museum. "It is an honor to serve on the AASH board," Maria says. "I attended my first AASH conference in 2009 and, over the last decade, have established bonds with Sacred Heart alumnae from all over the world. I look forward to strengthening these bonds and forging new ones."



Patricia Murret, Southern Regional Director, New Orleans, La.

Patricia's classmates emphasize her reverence for ASH, a place she calls a "House of Love," where she learned to "lead with conscience and faith." They laud her, also, for her volunteering spirit and reliable attendance at her association's events. Patricia attended Georgetown University and then devoted 11 years as a consultant in labor-management relations before beginning graduate studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. While working toward a journalism degree, she was a regular freelance reporter for numerous outlets, including the Washington Post, and published routinely for the Merrill College of Journalism's Capital News Service. After obtaining her degree, she continued as a regular contributor to publications of the Washington Post Company and other notable national and local news outlets. Since returning to New Orleans, Patricia served three years in the University of New Orleans' Public Relations Department before joining Loyola University in 2015. There, she represents Loyola before numerous public constituencies and serves on the university's Emergency Response Team and Community Engagement Task Force.



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Marcia Tufarolo, Western, Regional Director, Seattle, Wa.

Marcia Tufarolo is National President of the American Singles Golf Association, overseeing about 40 chapters throughout the U.S. She is lauded as an outstanding mentor and tutor of enrollees in Year Up, an innovative program giving urban young adults increased opportunities to succeed in college and real careers. She also is active in her Seattle parish. Twice a member of the Forest Ridge Alumnae Board, she became her Class Agent, working to maintain class members' contact with the school and among themselves, and has been active in reunion coordination and fundraising. Her attendance at the AASH National Conference in 2017 induced her to serve since then as Forest Ridge AASH representative. "As I begin my work with the AASH Board", Marcy says, "I am looking forward to networking with Sacred Heart alumnae and alumni groups. We continue our journeys with fun, adventure and purpose as we live the Sacred Heart values and share our common backgrounds and affiliations."



Deborah Newhouse Dunham, AASH Ambassador, Annandale, Va.

For decades, the late Ester Kmetty was an informal resource to AASH and AMASC as a known contact with Sacred Heart friends overseas. With Ester's passing, the Board is again acknowledging the Cor Unum winner's contribution by formalizing the liaison role she played in the new position of "AASH Ambassador." Current Southern Regional Director Deb Dunham has agreed to accept an interim Presidential appointment as Ambassador and non-voting member of the Board. Currently, the Board anticipates asking for a membership vote formally creating the position as a full, voting member at the 2021 National Conference. Deb Dunham is well suited to serve as Ambassador to AMASC and AASH members as well. "The importance of the AASH is to keep the Sacred Heart connections alive and current," she said. Through the years she has had a variety of professions which allowed her to serve on international, national and community boards of directors. "My parents wanted me to have the best education Houston offered," Deb said. "The Sacred Heart is still my moral compass and a large part of who I am, for which I am grateful and lucky!"





MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES

This list was inadvertently omitted from the Fall 2018 issue of the Esprit.

In Memory of:

Suzanne's Teachers at Prince Street Suzanne Frank

Deceased Alums of Atherton Class of 1961 Pauline Mifsud

Frances "Francie" Anhut Carol Dwyer Ward

Clara Bardenheier Helen B. Williams

Corinne Lapeyre Barry Sheldon Lykes

Georginna "Georgie" Blaeser, RSCI Herlinda Belcher

Col. William F. Brennan, USA, Retired Helen Brennan

Mary Blish, RSCI Rosina Carter

Theresa Dollard Broussard Elizabeth Wright

Loni Brown Terry Moyer

Mary Fenner Brummel Kathleen B. O'Regan

Alice D. Burns Alice J. Burns

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Sr. Mary Bush, RSCI Terry Moyer

Nancy Butler Margaret (Pegi) Scully Dr. Richard Cannon Mariah Echele

May Mac Neal Cardone Sheila Labrecque

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Marie Louise Clarkson, Anonymous

Helen Condon, RSCI Ioan Binder

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Lillian Schwarz Corriea Florence Cardoza

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Suzanne Finch DeBlaze Nina Weissert

Carmen DeMoya Mary Rice

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Deeley Donna Deeley

Joe Dwyer Carol Dwyer Ward

Mary Frances Healy Fallon Dorothy Wurzelbacher

Dave Feeney Kathleen Feeney

Sr. Maggie Fisher Ann Kittle

Sr. Mary Lou "Tippi" Guillory, RSCJ Shirley Griffin

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Sr. Helen Hammack, RSCI Louise Wen

Muriel Heide, RSCI Constance Sullivan

Miss Catherine D. Hinsberg Mary K. Vimmerstedt

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Catherine Maguire, RSCJ Barbara Villano

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Elizabeth White, RSCI Barbara Villano

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Jean Kaufmann Linda Kraus Linda McBain

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Mary Murphy Janet O'Connor

Jeanne Burke O'Fallon Neale Rebman

Amy Richardson Elin Schriver Kathleen Schwarz

Margaret Scully Ricki Steele

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Melissa Weiksnar

Susan Whalen Elizabeth Wright

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Bridget Bearss, RSCJ Andrea Briefs Ferris

Peggy Brown, RSCJ Valerie O'Keeffe

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Martha Curry, RSCJ Martha Wolters

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Frances Gimber, RSCJ Joanne Higgins-Leslie Joan Wehner

Betsy Hartson, RSCJ Tissie Bean

Sheila Hammond, RSCJ Susan VanVuren

Sharon Karam, RSCJ Allison Michalek

Bonnie Kearney, RSCJ Helen Ryan

Nancy Kilgore William Travis

Mary "Be" Mardel,† RSCJ on her 100th Birthday Susan Tierney Maureen Aggeler Patricia McInerny Barbara Wiggin

Rev. Mother Jane McKinley Marianne McDonald

Catherine Maguire, RSCJ June Davison

Shirley Miller, RSCJ Carolyn J. Smith

The Morgan Family Mary McKell

Mary Jo Mueller-Coffey Mary "Francie" Conrad

Jennifer O'Neal Michelle O'Neal

Chris O'Neal Michelle O'Neal

Patricia Conway Putkey, Happy Birthday Mary Conway Zodrow

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Esther Ann Whalen, RSCJ Mary Bricker-Jenkins Claire- Marie Hart

Paule Yon, RSCJ Monica Williams



REGIONAL MEETINGS GALLERY



Central Regional Director Andrea Breifs Ferris and her buddy, Flat Philippine, arrive at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis ahead of the inaugural Mass in honor of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne.



(L-R) AASH Corresponding Secretary, Linzee Evans LaGrange (Grand Coteau '79), and AASH President Jodie Hannaman Thorne (Duchesne Houston '85) at the Bicentennial Reception.



(L-R) Sheila Hammond, RSCJ (Sheridan Road '61/ Manhattanville '65), provincial of the U.S.-Canada Province, and Donna Collins, RSCJ (Australia), provincial leadership team member, are all smiles as they await the beginning of the new Mass for St. Philippine. Members of the Society of the Sacred Heart wore special red scarves and processed as a group into St. Louis Cathedral at the start of Mass. The Religious received a spontaneous standing ovation as they exited after the service from the rest of the congregation.



AASH Southern Regional Director Deborah Dunham (Grand Coteau '62/Duchesne Houston '71) with Potawatomi tribe members Bob Pearl and his daughter, Janet, from Kansas. St. Philippine taught Bob's great-grandmother how to pray during her time at the Sugar Creek Mission in Kansas. The Pearls attended St. Philippine's new Mass in November.



Margaret Munch, RSCJ (Duchesne Omaha '54/ Duchesne College '58), receives a birthday present from a representative of the Duchesne Family. A large group of descendants of St. Philippine's family came from France to celebrate the Bicentennial. They joined AASH at the Regional meeting, and took a moment just before the reception to present their gift to Sr. Munch. All the Regional attendees were thrilled to wish her "Happy Birthday" - in song, of course.



Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ, (Newton College '63) chair of the Society's Bicentennial Committee, inside St. Louis Cathedral just before the start of the new Mass honoring St. Philippine with fellow Newton alums, Nancy Brouillard McKenzie (Newton College '72), Toni Walsh Curry (Newton Country Day '68), Anne Brescia (Newton College '72) and AASH Recording Secretary Rhonda Raffi Meegan (Newton Country Day '71/Newton College '75). Sr. Hughes is wearing the specially designed red scarf that identified wears as Religious of the Society of the Sacred Heart at the Mass.



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