1970s

Sr. Marguerite O’Beirne, OSF, B.A., ‘70, Neumann University Vice President for Mission and Ministry was recently named to the Inaugural Irish Education 100, a listing of the leading figures in education across North America generated by the Irish Voice newspaper.

Sr. Marcella Francis Milhouse, OSF, B.A., ‘71, died May 9, 2009 in Wilmington, DE. Born Carolyn Milhouse in Chester, she resided in Media and was a former member of Nativity BVM Church. She was a 1963 graduate of Notre Dame High School in Moylan. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Neumann College and master’s degrees from Millersville University and Loyola University in New Orleans.

She was a professed member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for 43 years and ministered in education both on elementary and secondary levels, and in parish ministry. In her leisure time, Sister Marcella enjoyed studying and all kinds of outdoor activities, as well as dancing and singing.

Mary McLane, B.S., ‘76, was installed as the 75th president of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science at the annual meeting in Chicago on July 25, 2009. She is the first Neumann graduate, as well as the first Delaware native, to have this position. Her term will end in July 2010 when she will preside at the ASCLS annual meeting in Anaheim, CA. She represents more than 10,000 clinical lab professionals who design, perform and maintain the quality assurance for the billions of diagnostic tests performed in the United States each year. Dr. McLane’s focus this year will be on efforts to increase the visibility of clinical laboratory professionals throughout this country, emphasizing their critical contribution to patient diagnosis and treatment.

1990s

Barbara (Cartieri) Timony, B.S., ‘90, has accepted a position as assistant director of curriculum development at Immaculata University.

Lori Simons-Goldner, Ph.D., ’91, was a celebrated nominee of the Fitz Dixon Innovation in Teaching Award at the Widener University 2009 Faculty Awards Banquet.

Dr. Simons teaches courses in educational psychology, multicultural psychology, test and measurement, and counseling and psychotherapy. During her tenure at Widener, her research has focused on four broad areas: the value of service-learning for student and community participants; the impact of cultural-based service-learning on student development; an examination of multicultural skills and civic engagement among students enrolled in service- and experiential-based courses; and the use of empirically-based treatment in addiction counseling.

Peter Postiglione, B.A., ’93, has been nominated for an Emmy Award. The nomination is for the NBCNo television series, DigPhilly TV. He was the host of this local primetime series that highlighted hot spots in Philadelphia and surrounding areas.

Laura Dechant, B.S., ’94, obtained her MSN in 2008 from Widener University and was promoted to clinical nurse specialist at Christiana Care in Wilmington, DE.

Lisa (McCullum) Fusco, B.S., ‘96, has been named as president of a new business-to-business networking chapter, LeTip of Media, PA. She is also president and founder of the Harbour Insurance Group, 106 W. Front Street, Media, PA. Fusco’s career path that ultimately led to running her own business began as an undergradate at Neumann University, followed by attaining her MBA in finance from Temple University. LeTip of Media is currently accepting new applications. However, time is of the essence since only one representative per industry field is permitted to avoid conflicts of interest. Informational meetings will be held at the Coffee Club, 214 W. State Street, Media, PA. For more information go to www.letip.com or email rsfelver@letip.com.

Natalie Dziobczynski, B.A., ‘98, announces the opening of her law firm at 2 South Orange Street, Suite 200, Media, PA 19063.

Kathleen Chominski, B.A., ‘99, is teaching at Middletown Montessori School for the 2009-10 school year. She lives in Wallingford with her husband and two young daughters and dog Gus. Her son is married and her oldest daughter is a teacher working in Florida. She is continuing her education in early childhood and Montessori philosophy.

James Connor, B.A. ‘99, has been hired to be the ninth-grade vice principal and athletic director at Avon Grove High School in Chester County, PA.

2000s

Megan (McGowan) Lewandowski, B.A., ’00, and her husband Keith welcomed their second child on May 21, 2009. Erin Grace was 8lbs. 6oz. and 21in. She is adored by her big sister Keira.

Robert Cook, B.S., ’02, was announced as the Northeast Regional Sales Director for EVO Merchant Services in June.

Robert Cook, B.S., ’02, is engaged to Amy Menzella of Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. A September 2010 wedding is planned at Clarks Landing Yacht Club in Point Pleasant, NJ.

Kristen (Snyder) Snyder-Gallagher, M.S., ’03, ’05, married John Anthony Gallagher, below, on July 18, 2009 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, DE. The couple honeymooned in Key West and in the Caribbean. John works for Penn State Berks and Kristen works for Kutztown University. The couple resides in West Reading, PA.

John Camero, M.S., ’04, is a Garnet Valley School Board Director and has taken a new career position as vice president, Chester County senior relationship manager for Univest National Bank and Trust Company. He has also been appointed GOP Chair of Bethel Township.


Cathleen (Condon) Kokolus, M.S., ’07, has been appointed vice president for information services and assessment for St. Charles Seminary. She will continue to oversee operations of the Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua Theology Research Center at the Ryan Memorial Library and monitor all administrative and program assessments at the seminary. Mrs. Kokolus has a master’s degree in library science from Catholic University, a master’s degree in Catholic theology from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and a master’s degree in pastoral care and counseling from Neumann University.

Marc Hill, B.A., ’07, was recently deployed to the Middle East. He is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division. Lt. Hill was previously stationed at Fort Stewart in Georgia where he served as a military intelligence officer.

Jeffrey Vermeulen, M.S., ’07, was named to the board of Mercy Catholic Medical Center, the two-campus teaching hospitals of Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Darby, and Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia.

Laura (Margolis) Navo, B.A., ’08, recently got married and started teaching Pre-K at an early learning center, and bought another dog. She and her husband have been working very hard to fix up their home. She finds her position as a Pre-K teacher to be very rewarding and a wonderful first teaching experience, however she is looking to branch out. She plans to return to Neumann University in order to obtain a master’s degree in education.

Stefanie (Kralle) Fitzgerald, B.S., ’09, and Joseph Henry Fitzgerald, B.A., ’09, were married on July 4, 2009 and had Fr. Jude Michael Krill OFM, Conv., University Chaplain and Dr. Yukiko Ishida, associate professor of music involved in the ceremony.

Jesse Cole, B.S., ’09, was welcomed by the Columbus Cottonmouths Hockey Team for his first professional season. A native of Stratford, Ontario, Cole played four seasons with Neumann University, and was a member of their 2008-09 NCAA Division-III national championship team. Cole registered two goals in the NCAA championship game, including the game-winner. In four seasons with Neumann, the 6’2, 195-lb right winger registered 80 points in 98 games.

Maura (Shea) Turner, B.S., ’09, has been inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society.

Lincoln Schrock, B.A., ’09, rookie ice hockey player for the Fort Wayne Komets knows he can’t do anything but embrace his new nickname. It’s so good, he’s stuck with it. In his first exhibition game, Schrock got into two fights in the first period, and Fort Wayne fans immediately loved him. One of them even tagged him Schrocky Balboa on The News-Sentinel blog after watching him fight several guys that had him outsized. It seemed he was always outmatched in fights, but heart, speed and determination helped him overcome the size differential. After the Knights won the Division III national title last spring, they ran the steps at the Philadelphia Museum of Art just like Sylvester Stallone. The Komets public address announcer Larry Schmitt played the “Rocky” theme during Schrock’s fight with Muskegon’s Matt Cody at a recent game.