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STAND TOGETHER

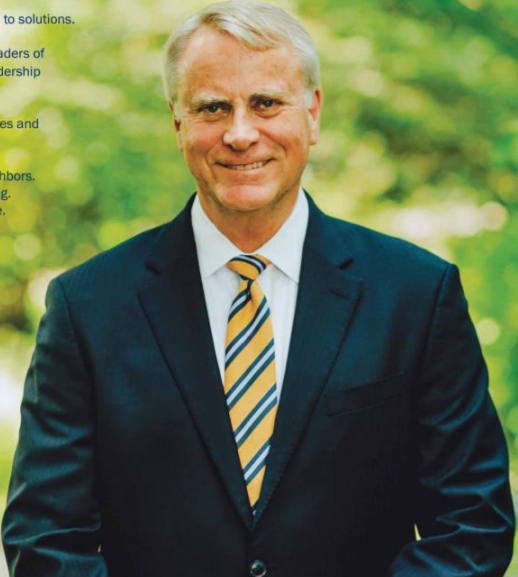
Stand with Marian University and join a community dedicated to solutions.

Stand with us and become part of our mission to forge the leaders of tomorrow—outstanding leaders who understand that true leadership requires more than just standing out.

Stand with us and witness how our students look to themselves and to each other for the solutions.
Watch them stand up to injustice.
Watch them stand by their faith, their values, and their neighbors.
Watch them uncover their strengths, their power, their calling.
Watch them discover what they stand for—who they truly are.

Stand with us and boldly join the conversations, create opportunities, inspire innovation, and spark change—just like the Marian students, faculty, staff, alumni, and donors featured on these pages.

When you find that Marian person, project, or program you feel called to stand behind, join us. **Together, we can forge leaders who can change the world.**



Daniel J. Elsenner
DANIEL J. ELSENER
President

“The special people at Saint Joe Indy and Marian fully support my college journey. It feels good to know I’m already having an impact by speaking at events to high school students. I want to be a mentor and leader for my co-workers and look forward to someday being the one making the big decisions.”

LEO ORTIZ
Business Administration Major
21st Century Scholar
Student Ambassador, Saint Joseph’s College of Marian University
First-Place Winner, Conexus Indiana Business Simulation Competition
Logistics Intern, Allison Transmission



SYRLI HERNANDEZ '23
Psychology Major
San Damiano Scholar
Roving Reporter, National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)
“I never dreamed I’d end up at Marian—or that I’d find myself on stage at the 2019 NCYC hyping 20,000 teenagers who, like me, love their Catholic faith. I can’t wait to see where else my faith and Marian take me.”



On the cover...
LUCY WAHNSIEDLER '22
Communications Major
San Damiano Scholar
Presidential Ambassador
American Sign Language Interpreter
Lucy Wahnsiedler '22 organized Marian’s first-ever deaf awareness event, which was attended by over 200 students and faculty and inspired them to understand and advocate for the deaf community.



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STANDOUT

“Simply recruiting students of color is not enough. It is critical to equip all our future teachers to be culturally responsive.”

CATHI CORNELIUS, ED.D.
 Director of Applied Educational Studies
 Associate Professor and Coordinator of Multicultural Education
 Fred S. Kilpsch Educators College

As a young teacher, Dr. Cathi Cornelius instinctively created a family environment in her classroom and understood the difference between achievement gaps and opportunity gaps. In order to prepare its future teachers to understand and respect all students, the Kilpsch Educators College has added science to instinct with a six-course sequence on cultural responsiveness.

“You can be an expert in subject matter, but if you can’t connect with the kids and community, it’s going to be an uphill battle. Our teachers are forming authentic relationships with their students, parents, and communities and setting the example for tomorrow’s leaders by teaching the principles of common ground, respect, and love.”

Your support prepares teachers to build stronger communities.



TREANNA MCKINNEY '23
 EDU 190 Intro to Service
 Learning student
 Elementary Education Major
 21st Century Scholar
 Black Student Union

“My EDU 190 Introduction to Service Learning course opened my eyes to common misconceptions and hidden biases toward African American students. Now I’m even more excited about the positive impact I will have in the classroom.”

MEGAN GARCIA '23
 Secondary Education Major
 21st Century Scholars
 Student Organization for Latinos

“Participation in Marian’s many multicultural student organizations is teaching me how to build unity by becoming an advocate and ally for other races, not just my own.”

HANNAH WILSON '23
 Elementary Education Major
 Marian Competitive Cheer Team
 Black Student Union

“Learning about stereotypes, micro-aggressions, and culturally relevant teaching has helped me identify my own biases.”



ARTURO RODRIGUEZ
 Newcomer School Principal
 Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership, Cohort 6

As a principal, Rodriguez plays an impactful role in developing a professional community of leaders who guide one another in improving instruction.



ETHAN HOFFMAN '18
 Secondary Math Teacher, Newcomer School
 2019 Indianapolis Public Schools Teacher of the Year
 Master of Arts in Teaching, Marian University

“Marian equipped me with the skills and perspective required to faithfully serve in challenging environments, enhancing my service to the immigrant and refugee students in the Newcomer program.”

FORGING LEADERS WHO

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“It’s nice to know that the Marian University family can extend into the communities around us.”

ISAIAH MIZELL '22
 Sociology and Social Work Major
 Peace and Justice Studies Minor
 National Society of Leadership and Success
 Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Cadet
 San Damiano Scholar

Isaiah Mizell '22 is a non-Catholic Christian San Damiano Scholar who has found the core Franciscan sponsorship values at Marian to be a powerful common denominator for all on campus. He had always planned to pursue a career in law enforcement, and, while working with the Homeland Security Bureau is certainly a unique experience, Mizell's eyes were truly opened during his San Damiano sophomore service project, Shalom.

“One Saturday a month, we distribute care packages to the homeless in downtown Indianapolis. I discovered that by listening, I could learn their personal stories and that through conversation we can connect as people, regardless of our different circumstances. It's nice to know that the Marian family can extend into the communities around us.”

Your support empowers Marian student leaders who stand for social justice.





“I’ve learned that I can help others who realize I can relate to them. Leading the Urban Plunge retreat my freshman year built my confidence. Then an internship with Exodus Refugee, Inc. revealed to me that my translation abilities surpass language barriers because I understand and respect different cultures.”

ARLETTE-MARIE MUNYANKINDI '21
 Psychology Major
 Pastoral Ministry Minor
 San Damiano Scholar
 Dorothy Day House Resident
 Multi-Lingual

MARK LATTA
 Assistant Professor of English
 Director of the Writing Center

From conversations on the porches of Marian’s neighbors in Public Action Writing to collaboration with the Prison Writer’s Workshop in Line Editing, Mark Latta’s classes are challenging stereotypes and bringing people together through storytelling.

DEEB KITCHEN, PH.D.
 Assistant Professor in Sociology
 Director of Peace and Justice Studies Program

“What is really rewarding is watching our students in action, building community on campus and engaging the world around us in meaningful ways. Regardless of their majors, so many have done really important work long before they graduate. And that’s the beauty of learning through doing.”





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TOGETHER, WE WILL **FORGE LEADERS**
WHO CHANGE THE WORLD.



PHIL AND BRIGITT CAITO
Former Marian Trustees
Marian Honorary Doctor of
Business Degree, 2018

"Marian makes a difference. It is always growing, attracting people, young and old, to be what God wants them to be. We chose to make the lead gift for Caito-Wagner Hall, because the lives it touches will make a difference."



FRED S. AND JUDY KLIPSCH
Former Owner of Klipsch
Audio Technologies
Marian Board of Trustees

"All children, regardless of where they live or what their parents' income is, deserve access to a really good education. I'm proud to put my name behind this program, because what Marian University is doing for education is needed and special."



MARIANNE GLICK
Chairman, Glick Foundation
Board of Directors
TeenWorks, Board President

"I am proud to support a university that isn't afraid to tackle areas in our communities where there are really challenges and no easy solutions."



FRANK D. AND JANE WALKER
Walker Family Foundation
Chairman Emeritus, Walker Information

"When looking for a partner for a new ethics center, it was apparent that Marian University has been committed to values and ethics since its inception. We are excited to begin building a more ethical world right here in Indianapolis with the Walker Center for Applied Ethics at Marian University."



"Our donors are our partners in forging leaders who can—and will—change the world. Beyond the scholarships, facilities, and innovative programs that are being funded, Marian University leads the way in bringing a transformational pivot to higher education. Many schools can claim to produce leaders, but Marian proves it by graduating young women and men who are not just skilled, but also inquisitive, trustworthy, and healthy in mind, body, and spirit.

There are few investments that will yield the return that Marian University will. When you join me in supporting Marian University, your contribution to human flourishing is immeasurable."

DENISE BRENNAN FESER '77
Chair, Marian University Board of Trustees

Co-Founders, Near West Outreach Clinic (NWOC)

The Marian College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) is increasing access to medical care throughout Indiana and beyond. But why stop there? MU-COM students answered the call to serve nearby patients in need by founding the Near West Outreach Clinic (NWOC)—in their spare time, for free.

JUSTIN STALEY, DO '20 (left)
Emergency Medicine Resident at
Mercy Health, Muskegon, Michigan

"Through the NWOC, MU-COM students gain an understanding of barriers to health in these communities while also forming relationships with their patients, who simultaneously learn the importance of nutrition and healthcare maintenance."

KATHERYNN TAYLOR GREVE, DO '20 (center)
Pediatric Resident at Ascension St. Vincent,
Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana

"We have made a significant difference in the lives of our campus neighbors. It has been an empowering experience for all, and I've entered my residency confident and excited."

BRYCE BUENTE, DO '20 (right)
Family Medicine Resident Physician at
Ascension St. Vincent, Indianapolis, Indiana

"Patients we've connected with keep coming back for follow-ups and medication refills. This speaks to the success we've had building patient trust."

FORGING LEADERS WHO

STANDUP



Your support produces transformational leaders who impact lives every day.



ELIZABETH OLIVAS VALDES '16
Nurse at Level One Trauma Center of Eskenazi Health
21st Century Scholar
Co-Founder, Marian University Student Organization of Latinos (SOL)

Elizabeth Olivas Valdes '16 credits her success and happiness at Marian to Leighton School of Nursing faculty, The Exchange, and the caring people, like Sr. Norma Rocklage, Ph.D., OSF '60. A first-generation college student, she especially appreciated the 21st Century Scholars program, which provided a family-like environment of support and empowerment. This awareness of strength in numbers compelled her and a friend to create an organization for the Latino community on campus as a place to unify, discuss hardships, and recognize excellence.





HOLLY HAMMOND PELS '09
President, Marian University Alumni Association (MUAA)
Marketing Director, Casted
Byrum School of Business Graduate
Women's Soccer Team

"A few years ago, I attended the Gala and was blown away by all that Marian was doing for its students and the community. I immediately got back involved. Marian is always ahead of the trends and creating an environment that produces exceptional leaders, lifelong learners, and passionate citizens of our state. One of my proudest moments was my Byrum School of Business A Team class experience, working with classmates to create a tangible solution for a real business. I'm proud that my alma mater continues to make problem-solving in the real world around us its everyday priority."

ADAIRIUS GARDNER '02
Director of Government Affairs, Indiana University Health
2018 Indianapolis Business Journal 40 Under 40
Marian University Board of Trustees
Institutional Advancement Committee
Student Affairs Committee

When Adairius Gardner '02, a small-town boy from Georgia, found his way to Marian University to run track, a whole new world opened up to him—as did the arms of the people at Marian who supported him along his educational path. Now, recognized for his knack for problem-solving in the Indianapolis community, he gets his chance to return the favor as a member of Marian's Board of Trustees.

"As members of the Marian community, we must continue our broader community focus and push for high expectations and high levels of support. It's not just the president's job. We all have a role to play in it. The financial support I provide now and my time on the board are the least I can do."

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“Everyone at Marian will support you, but they will also hold you accountable to achieve your goals and be a better person. My parents really appreciate that.”

– SAM GUYMON

PATRICK GUYMON '22 (left)

Men's Golf Team
Knowledge Services Marketing Intern

SAM GUYMON '21 (right)

Men's Basketball Team
Peer Tutor
EY Assurance Intern

Steve and Kari Guymon were impressed during the athletic recruiting process when coaches shared how Franciscan sponsorship values would be emphasized in athletics and academics. They were also impressed by the total value. A degree from Marian provided everything they wanted for sons Sam and Patrick—individual attention and exposure to local business contacts, employment upon graduation, and a continuation of their faith journey.



“We are proud to support the Walker Center for Applied Ethics, just another way Marian promotes strong leadership for our community and our sons.”

STEVE GUYMON
Senior Advisor, Ethics and Compliance,
Eli Lilly and Company
Ethics Bowl Judge

KARI GUYMON
Former C.P.A.
Stay-At-Home Mom for 20 Years
Marian Family Engagement
Advisory Board

Become part of our family.





“Marian provides an entire support network for each student. I am proud of the passion, resourcefulness, ingenuity, and teamwork approach with which we problem-solve together to further the mission of Marian University.”

– MAY CHENG
Director of Academic Engagement

ROBERT RICHARDSON
Marian University Police Chief

KAREN MCNULTY CANDLISH '12
Dean of Students

MAY CHENG
Director of Academic Engagement

TYLER PAUL
Assistant Director, First-Year Experience

KEIRSTEN ROATH
Staff Counselor

KARMA
Marian University Therapy Dog
@Karma_Korner on Instagram

DAVYD HALL
Director of Unity Center
Assistant Director of
21st Century Scholars


ADEDAYO ADENIYI
Current Marian Parent
Director of Leadership and Organizational Development, Purdue University
Marian Family Engagement Council

“Marian has provided a level of academic rigor both in the classroom and through applied real-world experience to place my daughter on track for national and global leadership. Our family has placed our trust in Marian University leadership, faculty, and staff and Marian University has by far exceeded our expectations.”

OLUWABANWO (BAMI) ADENIYI '21
Patient Care Assistant, IU Health University Hospital
President, Student Nurses Association
Vice President, Student Government Association
Presidential Ambassador
Peer Tutor

Bami Adeniyi '21 (Bami) comes from a family of nurses, including her grandmother, Margaret, who also attended Marian. Inspired by her grandmother's work ethic and dedication to the profession, Bami has continued her legacy as a student leader, thriving under the personal attention and Franciscan sponsorship values-focused education.

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“Whatever you become involved with at Marian University, you will find yourself. And you will be unstoppable.”

RACHEL MONING '20
Lacrosse Team
Honors Academy
Dean's Council
Orr Fellow at Lev

It was the confidence and curiosity fostered by the Byrum School of Business curriculum that inspired Rachel Moning '20 to pursue a prestigious Orr Fellowship and led her team to place fifth in the nation in the 2020 National Student Advertising Competition.

“Our course projects force us to think out of the box and to analyze motivation and collaboration techniques which equips us well to problem-solve and overcome. Whatever you become involved with at Marian, you will find yourself. And you will be unstoppable.”

Help us solve the world's problems.



MARIAN UNIVERSITY
FORGING LEADERS
the legacy we're made for

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WHAT YOU STAND FOR.

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VISION

To provide an education distinguished in its ability to prepare transformative leaders for service to the world. As the result of an extensive year-long visioning process, the Marian University Board of Trustees has affirmed our focus on transformational leadership. We will provide every student with the tools necessary to become a leader in his or her chosen profession—business, education, healthcare, science, public service, or church ministry.

MISSION

To be a great Catholic university dedicated to providing students with excellent teaching and learning in the Franciscan and liberal arts tradition. A foundation in the liberal arts greatly enhances the specialized and technical training that students receive in professional schools. Further, our value-laden Catholic Franciscan education provides students from all religious backgrounds with opportunities to develop a strong character and a commitment to personal and professional ethics.

VALUES

To reflect prayerfully on the Gospels to determine the ways we can advance: dignity of the individual; peace and justice; reconciliation; and responsible stewardship.

FIVE POWER GOALS | Academic Quality | Enrollment Growth | Leadership | Mission and Identity | Resource Expansion



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