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from the president

Dear Friends of Ursuline,

Over the past six months, our faculty, staff and administration have been working to refresh the Ursuline Academy mission statement to make sure that it will serve as a strong guiding light as we move deeper into the 21st century. I am pleased to share with you the results of that work. While our mission has always revolved around the seven guiding values communicated directly to us by St. Angela, the new mission statement puts those values at the very heart of how we define ourselves as a school.



Ursuline Academy is an independent Catholic school that educates young women for a life that reaches toward the Light and the Good.

The seven stars on our shield represent our guiding values:

- 1 Soul: We base our identity in the writings of our foundress, St. Angela Merici, in the Ursuline tradition, and in our connections with the global Ursuline community.
- 2 Scholarship: We emphasize the dual values of academic achievement and intellectual curiosity for its own sake.
- 3 Spirituality: We gather for prayer, liturgies, and retreats to direct ourselves toward the goodness of God.
- 4 Sharing our Light: We sing, dance, write, play, paint and program, always celebrating our diverse backgrounds and gifts.
- 5 Sportsmanship: We compete enthusiastically and conscientiously, and to give glory to God alone (Soli Deo Gloria).
- 6 Solidarity: We are a welcoming community that fosters respect for every human being and for all of God's creation.
- 7 Serviam: We seek to be a generous people who live the motto, "I will serve."

This refreshed mission statement will serve as a springboard for our NEASC reaccreditation, a process that occurs every ten years. The first phase of the reaccreditation is a self-study that focuses on thirteen key areas: Administration, Enrollment, Communication, Evaluation and Assessment, Governance, Faculty, Health and Safety, Infrastructure, Mission, Program, Resources, Experience and Accreditation Process. Faculty and staff are currently actively engaged in studying our strengths and areas for improvement. The self-study will be followed by a series of site visits by the NEASC Accreditation Team in the Spring of 2015.

The goal of both the mission statement and the reaccreditation process is not to set a new direction, but to continue the bold path we are on in providing a rigorous education that develops the mind, body and spirit of each and every girl in our care. In the pages of *Serviam Magazine*, you will hear alumnae from the past seven decades talk about how the Ursuline experience helped to shape the girl who walked these halls into a woman who walks boldly in the world. Some of them may be your classmates or even close friends, and others you have never met. But when you consider the common threads that run through the Ursuline experience from 1947 to the present, I think you will agree that none of these amazing women are strangers – only friends you haven't met yet.

Many blessings,

Rosann M. Muting Rosann M. Whiting President

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On the cover:

The front and back covers depict graduation dresses from nearly every Ursuline class dating back to the 1940's. Can you pick out your dress, or that of your daughter, sister or friend? You can find the answer key at UrsulineAcademy.net/commonthreads.

Please note we did not have photos for a few graduating classes. Those years are: 1947, 1953, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1975 and 1977. If you have a photo from one of these years, send it to us at communications@ursulineacademy.net!

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Uncommon Results: 67 Years of Empowering Women

Like the dresses depicted on the cover of this issue of *Serviam Magazine*, every graduate of Ursuline bears some similarity to those that came before and those that follow her. Whether it is her sense of confidence, her devotion to her classmates, or her willingness to serve, there is a common thread that binds these women together. In this story, we profile graduates from each decade since Ursuline Academy was founded in 1947 through present day.

See if there are any threads you identify with!

by Elaine Fazekas, Director of Communications

1940's



Jeannette Twitchell Maher '47

Where she is now: Millbury, Massachusetts

What choices were available after UA: Although choices for girls of this era were fairly limited, Jeannette considered going to medical school for a while.

Her path: All three graduates in the Ursuline Class of 1947 had completed high school elsewhere, and came to the newly founded Ursuline Academy for a "post-grad" year at the invitation of Cardinal Cushing. Jeannette commuted to the Arlington Street campus from Swampscott, riding a train, a subway, and a bus, all while dressed in her green uniform, complete with a hat. All three graduates continued on to Emmanuel College. After graduating with a biology degree, Jeannette worked as a hematology technician until her first child was born. When her children were older, she became a teacher at schools in the Worcester area and an assistant principal in Milford.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? "The education was excellent, and helped me get into college.... And commuting to Ursuline from Swampscott also prepared me for commuting to Emmanuel!"

Notable quote: "The care and kindness of the nuns had a lot to do with the success we had. I always wanted to send my girls to Ursuline, but it was just too far from Hopedale, Mass."

"The care and kindness of the nuns had a lot to do with the success we had."



Denise Keeler '57

Where she is now: Grosse Isle, Michigan (an island south of Detroit)

What choices were available after UA: "In my day, women could become homemakers, secretaries, teachers, or nurses. . . We were expected to go to college and then marry."

Her path: After seven years as a teacher, Denise made a career as a mother and an "executive's wife." She made the choice between pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Psychology or motherhood – which was the norm for the day. She was also an award winning writer within the Coast Guard Auxiliary and later edited a Power Squadron Advanced Navigation Textbook.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? "At Ursuline (which was on Arlington Street in Boston at the time) we learned to be socially adept. At Afternoon Tea we learned the techniques for gracious conversation, how to properly hold a teacup and plate,

and generally speaking how to behave like ladies." Denise has also embodied *Serviam* throughout her

life. "I have been a volunteer First Aid Instructor at the Red Cross, worked in hospitals as a volunteer in the Emergency Room helping the nurses and doctors...and have been a Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Commander doing Search and Rescue work on Lake Erie. There are other things as well, but those were the most fun! And we gave serious help to people who needed it."

Notable quote: "When we were in college, the women's revolution began. During World War II, our mothers had gotten a taste of what it was like to work outside of the home. They taught us we could do anything if we wanted to badly enough. My generation and following generations were responsible for the attitude changes and choices now available to women."



– Linda Gray MacKay '57

Linda Gray MacKay '57

Where she is now: Working part-time as a chaplain at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and living in Milton, MA.

What choices were available after UA: "When I was growing up, the emphasis for women was on finding a husband, and not a career." Linda's path through life, however, wove together traditional roles with some groundbreaking work on human rights and international education.

Her path: After attending Ursuline's Arlington Street campus and Newton College of the Sacred Heart, Linda taught in the Boston Public Schools for three years. In the aftermath of President Kennedy's assassination, she began thinking about joining the Peace Corps, having been interested in developing countries since she was a child. She went to El Salvador with the Peace Corps to work on grass roots organizing in 1965. After her time there, she went on to the University of Washington in Seattle where she received a Masters in Public Administration. There she met her husband, and they decided to move back to Boston in 1970. In the early 80's she began working for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, an international human rights organization. During the fifteen years that she worked there, she produced study programs and videos that were used across the country including Journey to Understanding, a six session study program on Central America and Gender Justice: Women's Rights Are Human Rights among other works.

In 1999, she began working at Boston College where she was the administrator and academic advisor for the newly created



International Studies major. She also started a very popular Globalization and Inequality lecture series. During her time there she fulfilled both teaching and administrative duties and received a Masters in Pastoral Ministry. She also pursued Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Brighton.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? Linda recalls the influence of all the Ursuline Sisters, who were "really committed human beings" as well as brilliant women. Mother Agnes Hoy, in particular, was a terrific English teacher who always told us, "You learn to write by writing." Ursuline was a community that gave you the feeling that "you were important and loved. The nuns were committed to creating that environment for each one of us."

Notable quote: "Thinking back, most of my career has revolved around educating people about the need to bring about each person's right to peace, justice and freedom."





Maria Coffey '61

Where she is now: New York City

What choices were available after UA: "When I graduated from college, choices were just starting to open up for women. Companies were talking about equal opportunities, but women were really not on an equal footing in the work

place. Some of the behavior towards women simply would not be tolerated now."

Her path: Maria attended the Arlington Street campus for two years, until the move to the Dedham Campus. She had a "double dose" of Ursuline, as she attended the College of New Rochelle after Ursuline Academy. Being uninterested in the traditional path of being a teacher, she pursued a career in business – writing, editing, and managing corporate training functions. She also founded a training consulting business which she conducted for over 20 years. Ironically, she turned to teaching as a "retirement career," earning a Masters in Teaching English as a Second Language and starting a language-focused consulting business for businesspeople from around the globe. Although semi-retired, she continues to teach English and business culture to foreign students.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? "The all-girls' setting was a great gift. I had eight solid years of feeling that I could do whatever I put my mind to. In the corporate world [in the 1960's], women were treated in ways that would not even be believed today. I had an innate confidence to deal with all this, in a large part because of my Ursuline foundation and training."

Notable quote: "The nuns had a great influence on me. They were strong, intelligent models for all of us – absolutely fearless. I have tremendous love for Ursuline Academy."

"Ursuline gave me the confidence to succeed and compete."

- Maria Pino '77

Maureen Newman '66

Where she is now: Vice President at Merrill Lynch, New York City

What choices were available after UA: "When I graduated, girls could become a teacher, a nurse, a secretary, or a nun."

Her path: Maureen attended Dean College for two years to study Secretarial Science, and then went to New York to seek work. She worked as a secretary at Goodbody and Co., a financial firm acquired by Merrill Lynch, working her way up and eventually moving into sales. Sales proved to be a good fit for Maureen; she has been successfully managing money and advising her clients with their financial decisions for the past thirty-five years.



How did your Ursuline education influence you? The all-girls' environment was a formative influence on

Maureen, clearly contributing to her willingness to speak up and point out inequities. While working as a secretary, Maureen one day realized that she was doing the same work her boss did, and asked to be considered for a sales job. She was hired, but at half the pay of her male counterparts, who were married. When she asked why they were paid more, she was told "they have families to support." She forged ahead in the competitive world of New York City financial services, and now has a track record that speaks for itself.

Notable quote: "If not for Ursuline, I would not have had the gumption to speak up in class. We weren't afraid to be ridiculed, since we weren't in class with that boy we wanted to take to the prom."

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1970's



Susan Leonard Repetti '73

Where she is now: Partner at Nutter McClennen and Fish, Boston

What choices were available after UA: Choices available to women had broadened substantially

from those of previous decades, as witnessed by Susan's education and career path. Even while at Ursuline, girls were encouraged to consider graduate school and careers like law. By the time she attended BC Law School, women students were in equal numbers to the male students.

Her path: After UA, Susan attended Wellesley College and Boston College Law School, and has practiced law ever since, now focusing on trust and estate law.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? Susan credits her UA experience with preparing her well academically for college and graduate school. Her daughter (profiled on page 7) also attended Ursuline, graduating in 2004. She notes that though many things have changed from 1973 to 2004 – like the increase in lay teachers, the science wing, student services such as a full-time nurse, and more extra-curriculars – the school still retains its focus on Christian values, and offers the same small, supportive community that it always has.

Notable quote: "The Sisters really modelled how educated women conduct themselves – with dignity and self-confidence."



Maria Pino '77

Where she is now: State Street Global Advisors, Boston

Her path: From Ursuline, Maria attended Providence College, where she majored in Accounting. While working at the Massachusetts State Treasurer's office early in her career, she became interested in money management. She subsequently

received her Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, an MBA and an MA in Economics. She currently manages enhanced cash portfolios for institutions such as pension and endowment funds.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? After two years at Girls Latin, Maria was lost in a large school, and felt that she was not achieving up to her full potential. She and her parents decided it was "time to leave," and came to Dedham to take the test for Ursuline. From then on, the nuns kept a watchful eye on Maria – both academically and socially – and she began to thrive. The smaller classes and the close attention of the teachers made all the difference. In her words, "Ursuline saved me."

Notable quote: "Ursuline gave me the confidence to succeed and compete. Working in a field that is very male-dominated, this has made a huge difference. I had never thought of myself as 'a girl,' just as Maria."





Kati Raffa Osterman '83

Where she is now: Living in Scituate, MA with her husband and daughter.

Her path: Kati attended Boston College's Lynch School of Education, and taught in the Scituate schools. After getting married, she moved to London for several years when her husband's job brought him there.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? "While living in London, I was looking for a way to contribute, since I wasn't working at the time. Having lived Serviam, it was second nature to volunteer, so I started teaching at St. Mary of the Angels, an underserved school in a poor part of London. These very tough inner-city kids had a thirst for answers to their questions about religion. Even though I had not studied it for many years, I found that the theology I had learned at Ursuline had really stuck with me. The kids were fascinated by 'real' answers to their questions, and it was very gratifying."

Notable quote: "When I was in college, we were preparing a room for a meeting, and some of the other girls went to get the guys when it was time to move some tables around. At that point, I said 'No, it's not a big deal. We can move the tables around.""

"Ursuline Academy gave me the self-knowledge and the skills to create the question

Dr. Suellen Walsh Rother '85

Where she is now: Working as a clinical psychologist at Valley Medical Group in Western Massachusetts.

Her path: Suellen received both an undergraduate degree and a Ph.D. from Fordham University, spending many years in graduate school while also being the parent of young children. She now works in a primary care practice, consulting with patients on issues ranging from the management of stress, dealing with chronic illness, and coping with anxiety and depression.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? Suellen firmly believes that the all-girls' environment at Ursuline gave students the confidence and freedom to do anything, since all leadership positions were held by the girls. She found more camaraderie and cohesion than one would find in a coed school. Like many alumnae, she has a core group of friends from her Ursuline years, noting that "the absence of males allowed us to bond in a different way." She especially recalls the influence of Sister Ursula, who showed "strength, determination, and conviction."



Notable quote: "I wasn't aware of it at the time, but this idea of service as a way to look at the world was very formative. Ursuline Academy gave me the self-knowledge and the skills to create the question 'how will I best serve the world?' and the ability to respond to that question."

19905



Kathleen Hegarty Palenscar '99

Where she is now: Living in Dedham with her husband and two children, and working at Foley & Palenscar Insurance.

Her path: Upon coming to Ursuline in the seventh grade, Kathleen was at first not enamored of the idea of an all-girls' school, but grew to love the close relationship with classmates and quickly found a group of best

friends. After high school, she attended Regis College and studied psychology. She then went into the insurance industry, now owning an agency in Norwood with her husband.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? "Two aspects of the experience really influenced me. First, there is the all-girls' factor. Now that I'm a parent of girls, I appreciate having had an environment where I wasn't distracted with how I looked, or with competition over boys. It built my confidence a lot. And the service part has stayed with me. I bring my girls to the Dedham Food Pantry every other week so that they can learn the same thing." She especially remembers the influence of history teacher Sister Connie, and religion teacher Ellen Lytle.

Notable quote: "At Ursuline you don't have to strive for perfection. It's even okay to have a few flaws. Everyone is celebrated for her own individual gifts in academics, sports, the arts, etc. Individuality is encouraged and makes for a fun unique experience."

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- Dr. Suellen Walsh Rother '85

2000's

Jane Repetti '04

Where she is now: Working as a Digital Marketing Content Specialist at Mt. Ida College.

Her path: Like her mother Susan '73 (profiled on page 5), Jane is a "six-year survivor" at Ursuline, and went from Lowder Street to Wellesley College for her undergraduate studies. After earning a degree in Sociology, she went to work for Education Development Center, developing websites and publications about positive school climate. She now works in the Marketing and Communications Office at Mt. Ida College.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? "I was most grateful for the academic rigor and supportive environment. Ursuline had a very strong writing program that helped me in college and professionally. I felt extremely well-prepared for college. Mrs. McCann's English class was a wonderful experience. She set a great example for the girls, and inspired a love of literature that has stayed with me to this day."



Notable quote: "I made lifelong friends at UA, friendships that I really value. My best friend from Ursuline now works in the same field that I do – her friendship has been a great gift."

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- Jane Repetti '04

2010's



Nina Angeles '10

Where she is now: Pursuing a double major in International Affairs and Human Services at Northeastern University.

Her path: After a family trip to her native Phillipines, Nina was inspired to do her Ursuline Senior Service project there, tutoring and mentoring children in an orphanage. This dual love for travel and social justice has taken her literally to the Middle East and back for her co-ops, Northeastern's experiential learning program. She did one co-op in Amman, the capital of Jordan, and is now interning at Root Capital, a nonprofit that lends capital to rural small and growing businesses in both Latin America and Africa.

How did your Ursuline education influence you? "The idea of Serviam was the

most influential part of my Ursuline experience. I had always been raised to do service, but Ursuline gave me a very supportive community that allowed me to develop this interest. It was a very welcoming community."

Notable quote: "I just know I want to change the world somehow, hopefully in a big way."

Ursuline Hearts Unite in Service to Their Country

Ursuline alumnae are known for the multitude of ways that they live our motto of *Serviam* long after their days on Lowder Street. Meet three who share this spirit of service in the United States Armed Forces. Visit UrsulineAcademy.net/alumnae and click on "Where in the World" for the full story on these amazing women.

by Maura K. Sullivan



Denise Donovan '77Intelligence Officer and Russia/Eurasia Foreign Area Officer in the United States Army

Denise Donovan credits her parents and the Ursuline Sisters for showing her how to make Serviam a way of life.

"It was at Ursuline that I began to develop the leadership skills, confidence and courage to face challenges beyond which I thought I was capable of handling, from earning jump wings at airborne school and a private pilot's license, to negotiating diplomatic agreements with foreign governments and implementing U.S. foreign policy overseas," she said.

Denise served in the Army for 23 years, 13 of which she spent overseas. "I learned different languages and got to know other people and cultures," Denise said. "I now have a greater appreciation for all we have as Americans and have an even greater desire to give back, having seen the challenges and poverty of so many."

Denise's military career has taken her far from the comforts of Lowder Street, but she is always eager to return home, where she serves as one of the dedicated members of the Ursuline Academy Board of Trustees.

Joan Oldmixon '85 Supply Corps Captain in the United States Navy

With a mother and father who served in the U.S. Navy, it was not surprising when Joan Oldmixon followed in her parents' footsteps by enrolling at the U.S. Naval Academy. Almost 24 years later, she is still on active duty in the Navy.

"If you had asked me at Ursuline graduation, I did not think for one second I would be in the Navy for so long," she said. "But I love what I do. It is a great privilege to serve and to lead the young men and women who are the future of our great nation."

Joan's four years at Ursuline not only shaped her as a person, but also greatly influenced her military career. "The same values that are taught at Ursuline are the foundations of the Navy core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment," she said.





Molly McFadden '11Army ROTC, Harvard University

At 14 years old, Molly McFadden already knew that she wanted to join the Army. With that in mind, she sought assistance from the Guidance Department and worked hard during her six years at Ursuline, earning a prestigious Army ROTC Scholarship to Harvard University in 2011.

"My experience at Ursuline really made me value a sense of community, which was a big part of why I wanted to join the military," she said. "The discipline, loyalty, and leadership I've developed in ROTC all have their foundations in my time at Ursuline. It also prepared me to wear a uniform three times a week!"

Are you an alumna who has served her country in the armed forces? Let us know! Email development@ursulineacademy.net. Thank you for your service.

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Summer Engineering Camp

It's a bird...it's a plane...it's the Ursuline quad-copter

by Maura K. Sullivan



Sheila Orechia '14 and Grace Ryan '14

The mysterious black object flying high above the field behind 85 Lowder last summer wasn't a strange-looking bird or a UFO. It was a quad-copter, or a miniature helicopter, programmed by students at Ursuline's second annual Summer Engineering Camp.

Dr. Michael Ricard P'15, an engineer at Draper Lab in Cambridge, created the camp and tailored it specifically for Ursuline students. "This camp sets UA apart in terms of STEM-related topics," Dr. Ricard said. "We are exposing the girls to real-life applications of engineering." This is the second year that Ursuline has offered the Summer Engineering Camp, with students broken up into Year 1 and Year 2 teams during the two-week camp.

Amy Ashur Kline '08, another Draper Lab employee, was thrilled to return to her alma mater and instruct the Year 1 students in the "Intro to Physics and Aerodynamics" curriculum. Kline and the six Year 1 students built countdown timers and rocket launchers.

"This time a year ago, none of these girls knew how to write a software program. But now they are programming a quad-copter."

- Dr. Michael Ricard

The five Year 2 students returned after a successful inaugural engineering camp during the summer of 2012. The Year 2 program is less curriculum-driven and based more upon problem solving. "We want to take the mystery out of engineering and break complex problems down to small problems," said Dr. Ricard. The students took apart a blender to investigate how motors work, programmed the quad-copter and even tested out an underwater microphone in the Ursuline pond.

"This time a year ago, none of these girls knew how to write a software program," said Dr. Ricard. "But now they are programming a quad-copter."

The camp also involved guest speakers in the engineering field and field trips – one to nearby Olin College of Engineering and another on a tour of the labs at Wellesley College.

"It's really cool because we are exposed to a lot of different things that we wouldn't learn in our classes at school," said *Sheila Orechia '14*, a Year 2 student. "We've heard really cool speakers talk about their jobs in engineering."

Several Ursuline parents in addition to Dr. Ricard participated in this portion of the camp: Dr. Mary Lou Ashur P '08 '12, an internist, and Susan McDonald P '15, a human factors engineer, addressed the students. Other guest speakers included an Air Force flight test engineer, a math professor from Tufts University and a former computer science professor from Boston College.

A third summer engineering camp is already on the calendar for 2014, with hopes to expand and include more students. "The students need this," said Dr. Ricard. "And we couldn't find a better way to spend our summer vacation than with these girls!"

Three Seniors Named Commended Scholars in 2014 National Merit Program

This year, three Ursuline seniors were named Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.
The students are Casey Lynch '14, Mary Kate Nolan '14 and Sheila Orechia '14.

Commended Students placed among the top 5% of the more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 competition by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). This year, approximately 34,000 students across the country have been recognized as Commended Students for their exceptional academic promise.

The Ursuline Academy community congratulates Casey, Mary Kate and Sheila on their achievement!

Ursuline Girls Excel in *Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards*

Four students win total of eight awards

by Megan Walsh, Advancement Assistant



Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards winners, left to right, Lindsay March '14, Madison O'Donnell '14, Isabella Orup '18, and Celine Xu '19

For the past 91 years, students in grades 7-12 have had the opportunity to submit original pieces of art and writing to the *Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards*. The judges look for works of art that exemplify "originality, technical skill, and emergence of personal voice or vision" and award students with Gold Keys, Silver Keys and Honorable mentions.

This year, under the guidance of English teacher Michael Mayer and Art teacher Caroline Rufo, four talented Ursuline girls won a combined eight awards! Lindsay March '14 won in two categories: an honorable mention for her poems Grace, Crumpled Receipt, Two Hands, Icarus, and Better and a Silver Key for a ceramics and glass project; Madison O'Donnell '14 received an honorable mention for her painting Scattered Skittles From A Jar; Isabella Orup '18 won an honorable mention for her painting Golden Wolf; and Celine Xu '19 received three Silver Keys and one honorable mention for her photographs The Easter Bunny is Coming!, Beijing Hutong, The Wall and The Human And the Crab.

Check the Campus Life/Life on Lowder Street blog section on UrsulineAcademy.net to see photos of the artwork.

Speech Team Members Qualify for Nationals

Ursuline speech team competes at the National Catholic Forensic League Qualifier; two members head to nationals

by Megan Walsh, Advancement Assistant

On February 8, three members of the Ursuline Speech Team, *Michaela Chipman* '15, *Maggie Chipman* '17 and *Meg Johnson* '17, competed at the National Catholic Forensic League Qualifier competition in the Dramatic Performance category. Sisters Michaela and Maggie Chipman both individually qualified to compete at the Grand National Tournament in Chicago this May. They represent two of the six slots that are allotted for the Diocese of Boston.

The Speech Team has been in existence for many years as a small but dedicated group. The nineteen members of this year's team meet every week to perform for each other and peer critique. "They work really hard, doing the majority of the preparation on their own. They are highly motivated, dedicated and most of all really enjoy what they are doing," says **Dean Calusdian**, Moderator of the Speech Team. Ursuline girls compete in a variety of categories including Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Play Reading, Prose Reading, Duo Interpretation, Multiple Reading, Poetry Reading, Declamation, and Children's Literature. "I enjoy the days spent performing and making connections in the speech community with students from other teams," says Michaela Chipman.



Michaela '15 and Maggie Chipman '17

UA Athletics Reach New Heights

Bears soccer, volleyball and basketball teams compete in postseason play

by Michael Sarro, Associate Director of Advancement



The UA soccer team, pictured left, had another strong season in 2013, reaching the postseason for the fourth year in a row and the sixth time in the last nine years. Led by captains *Courtney Sepe '14* and *Brianna Consigli '14*, the team finished 13-4-4 and won the Div. IV South Sectional in the MIAA state tournament. In the South Final, Ursuline played East Bridgewater in Taunton and won a thrilling game 1-0 on a penalty kick. Hard work, practice, sacrifice, leadership, teamwork and John Forte's coaching all factored into the team's success.

The volleyball team also reached the postseason after finishing at 13-6. Led by senior captains *Casey Lynch*, *Jackie Nader* and *Julia Goyette*, the Bears were the 7th seed in the MIAA Division III South tournament. In the first round, they beat Bishop Connolly 3-0 but then fell 3-0 to Fairhaven in the quarterfinals.

Basketball had another solid year, posting an 11-9 mark and qualifying for the MIAA state playoffs. Led by first-year coach *Caitlin Murphy-Valair '03*, the team has demonstrated grit and hustle. As the 10th seed in the Division III South tournament, the Bears notched two road wins, defeating Wareham by a score of 45-34 and then Abington 39-26. The postseason run came to an end though when the Bears fell to Coyle-Cassidy, 56-28 in the South Sectional semifinals.

The season also included the first-ever all-Ursuline schools basketball tournament, modeled after the Ursuline Sisters Lacrosse Tournament. Held at the College of New Rochelle in New York, six Ursuline schools competed from as far away as St. Louis. "I wanted the girls to have an opportunity, like the lacrosse team, to meet and compete against other Ursuline sponsored schools," said Athletic Director Mike O'Connor.



Welcome, Kim Leverone

In November 2012, **Kim Leverone** joined Ursuline's athletic department as Assistant Athletic Director. Her responsibilities include serving as team trainer, as well as scheduling and coordinating tryouts, practices and games, managing equipment and uniforms, serving as the site coordinator at home games and tracking all of the athletics paperwork.

"I enjoy being able to work with such wonderful student athletes at UA," said Leverone. "Being a part of the Ursuline athletic teams during times as simple as a player returning to the field after a tough injury to exciting

rivalry games and tournament play are a few of the exciting perks of my job."

With a degree in Athletic Training/Sports Medicine from Quinnipiac University and certification as an Athletic Trainer, Leverone oversees care and prevention of injuries as well as evaluation and rehabilitation of any injuries athletes may face.

"Kim has been a wonderful addition to the program," said AD Mike O'Connor. "As we play more competitive teams, we increase our chance of injuries. The girls feel very comfortable going to Kim with their concerns about injuries and ailments."



Winter Track Wins Second Consecutive State Championship

On Saturday, February 22, the 29th Annual MIAA Indoor Track & Field All-State Championship was held in Boston, and the winter track team captured its second consecutive state championship taking home the title for Division V. Solid performances by many of the Bears helped bring home the trophy, including those of Kathryn Brady '16, Lindsey Baryluk '14, Katherine Cavanaugh '15, Brianna Consigli '14, Erin Grela '16, Elizabeth Joseph '15, Camille Kelley '15, Sheila Orechia '14, Maeve O'Sullivan '15, Amy Piccolo '15, Delia Ryan '16 and Merissa Wright '14.

This marks the fourth state championship in cross-country and track and field since the fall of 2012, as the teams took home a championship in each season in 2012-13. After the season, Amy Piccolo '15 and first-year Coach Dave Swanson were named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic team – Amy for her efforts in the 600, and Coach Swanson was named Division 5 Coach of the Year.

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Professional Development on Campus 2013-2014

For a midwinter refresher in February, Professor Theo Theoharis, known to many Ursuline faculty for his involvement in the program Teachers as Scholars, hosted a roundtable discussion on *Pride and Prejudice*. Faculty members from across the spectrum of academic disciplines attended and discussed why and how *Pride and Prejudice* is still beloved today for its sparkling wit, its social realism, and for the moral reckoning and processes of growth that the protagonists undergo.

In March, Rachel Dayanim, a consultant on issues relating to ADHD and executive function disorders, led a workshop on how faculty members, guidance counselors and administrators can best support students who struggle to succeed academically because of neurological differences. Ms. Dayanim, whose credentials include degrees from Columbia University and Yeshiva University, brings a wealth of experience to these topics. Our guiding value of Solidarity, of finding ways to stand with and for each other, means that we at Ursuline will always seek ways to ensure that all members of our community are valued, included and celebrated.

Meet the Faculty

Life-long learners have a zeal for sharing their experiences with students

by Catherine Muldoon, Assistant Principal

Ursuline's faculty and staff are life-long learners whose zeal for sharing their love of their subject matter with students is the hallmark of an Ursuline education. Many of our teachers seek out the opportunity to be students as well as teachers. Our teachers have been up to many activities outside their own classes this year, oftentimes with the sponsorship of the school. Here are just a few:



Jennifer Manning

Jennifer Manning, a second year Religion teacher at UA, earned her B.A. in Theology at Boston College and her M.T.S. at Yale Divinity School. Mrs. Manning recently returned to BC to take a course entitled "The Philosophy of Human Sexuality" with Dr. Peter Kreeft. The course examines the works of such philosophers and theologians as Socrates, Sigmund Freud, and C.S. Lewis (to name a few). Since the 11th grade curriculum covers Theology of the Body and Catholic sexual morality, this course enables Mrs. Manning to enrich the curriculum with the work of these influential thinkers to make a more dynamic class.



Caitlin Chipman

Caitlin Chipman, a member of the Math Department, is currently working on a Masters of Education Leading to Initial Licensure for Mathematics, grades 8-12, at Cambridge College. Her program of studies includes a three semester Independent Learning Project as well as courses in Calculus, History of Math and Applied Mathematics. Each course has a thorough review of the topic's content along with a strong component of pedagogy. Ms. Chipman has found ways to incorporate insights from her master's program into her own teaching practices every day. In addition to her teaching duties, Ms. Chipman coaches field hockey, track and lacrosse and recently helped found the Math Club.



Dr. Walter W. Kasinskas

Dr. Walter W. Kasinskas has recently been awarded Harvard University's Lowell Scholarship. The scholarship has enabled Dr. Kasinskas to study the first six books of Vergil's *Aeneid* with Professor Richard Thomas, a noted Vergil scholar. In addition to translation, the course examines rhetorical devices, dactylic hexameter, and the place of Vergil's work in the canon of Western literature. Dr. Kasinskas' credentials include a bachelors degree (*magna cum laude*) from the University of Notre Dame, an M.T.S. from Harvard Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from Boston College, where he produced a critical edition and translation of St. Jerome's *Adversus Helvidium*. Presently, Dr. Kasinskas is writing a Latin reader which recounts the adventures of the doomed prophetess Cassandra before the Trojan War.

New Biotechnology and Statistics Class Enabled by Grant from Blue Hills Bank

by Taryn Surabian '03

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Blue Hills Bank Charitable Foundation, Ursuline will offer a Biotechnology and Statistics class beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year. Science teachers *Taryn Surabian '03*, Jennifer Brown, and Lisa Collins, along with math teacher Sheila Leonard, were the driving forces behind designing the class and pursuing the grant funding. Funds from the grant will be used to purchase lab equipment, such as DNA gel boxes, a thermo cycler, a centrifuge, and other equipment. Through use of this equipment, the students will be exposed to cutting edge lab techniques and will learn valuable data analysis skills that will prepare them for jobs in the Biotech field.

This new class, which will take place before school every morning, will be offered to juniors and seniors and will be taught by a team

of teachers from the science and math departments. During the first three terms, students will be exposed to a number of different lab techniques, including DNA purification, gel electrophoresis, bacterial cloning, protein expression and protein purification. Students will also learn statistics and data analysis. During the fourth term, they will use their newly acquired skills and knowledge to create an experiment that they will work on independently. Teachers and members of the Ursuline community in the biotech field will mentor the girls throughout the year, especially during the last term's experimentation.

Interested in being a mentor for this exciting new class? Contact alumnae@ursulineacademy.net.

A Conversation with Mary-Kate Tracy, Campus Minister

It has been just over a year since *Mary-Kate Tracy '94* stepped into the role of Campus Minister, following in the footsteps of Marge Costa P'79, '86. Mary-Kate took a few moments to meet with *Serviam Magazine* and reflect on her inaugural year.

What have been the biggest highlights of the past year?

The biggest highlight of the past year has been to witness the enormous growth of Campus Ministry in the halls of Ursuline. With the addition of new team member *Colleen Peters '95* and increased resources with the gift of the mini-bus from the Flatley foundation, we have been able to significantly increase our service opportunities this year.

Are you looking to expand the school's service program in any way?

With every single service opportunity filled to the brim with eager students, we are excited to expand outreach in every way. Saint Angela's servant heart would overflow with joy to see her legacy embraced with such enthusiasm among our present student body.

What is the most fun part of your ministry?

The fun in our day almost always involves candy on our desks and an endless stream of faculty and students who arrive in our office for treats but often stay much longer for discussion and community sharing. It's an honor to be included in the lives of our community members: to be asked to pray for the success of students on their Anatomy test, to have staff members confide their family needs and challenges, to have ideas about ministry shared so openly and positively. Every day is a wonderful surprise. In the Ursuline Campus Ministry Office, we have a sign which reads, 'You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.' This motto reminds us every day that ministry isn't only about the things that you do regularly, it's about how we live and



Colleen Peters and Mary-Kate Tracy

what we share with others both inside and outside of our Ursuline community.

What is the most challenging?

The greatest challenge is acknowledging that there are limitations of funding and time for the Campus Ministry office. We have such an active and generous community at Ursuline that there are requests for new service opportunities or trips on our desk literally every day. With so many worthy causes to support, we try to do as much as possible for others. Sometimes though, the reality sets in that our willing spirits aren't enough to accomplish everything set before us. In these moments, we are reliant upon the prayers of our Ursuline Sisters for perseverance in our mission.

Reunion 2013

Alumnae from the classes of 1963 and 2008 and every fifth year in between gathered at the Ursuline convent to share hugs, laughs and memories, and to catch up on the years that seem to pass faster than the days. Close to 230 women travelled back to Lowder Street to join in the festivities on April 27, 2013.







We would like to acknowledge all the reunion volunteers who help to track down classmates and encourage them to attend. Reunion would not happen without them:

Mary Ellen Haley O'Dea '63
Regina Sullivan '78
Sarah Newman O'Donnell '78
Catherine Raffa Osterman '83
Elizabeth Cogliano Young '88
Deirdre Kirby Lydon '98
Kara McGann '03
Charlotte Harrison '08





Is your reunion coming up? Reunion 2014, for graduates from years ending in '4' and '9,' is happening this May! Stay in touch with us at www.UrsulineAcademy. net/alumnae so we can notify you about upcoming events.







Ursuline's Newest Alumnae the Class of 2013



Award Winners

Serviam Award: Stephanie Gioioso

In Ursuline schools throughout the world, the Serviam Award is a great honor. It seeks to reward outstanding traits of leadership in service, awareness of others, acceptance of responsibility and academic achievement.

Principal's Award: Caroline Gailius

The Principal's Award is given to a student in recognition of her appreciation of the benefits of her Christian education, her leadership on behalf of her class and her willingness to serve others.

Sister Mercedes Videira Medal: Alessandra Santone

Established in 2009, this special award is presented to the student who best embodies the qualities of an Ursuline woman as modeled by Sister Mercedes herself: integrity, humility, generosity and concern for others, coupled with a deep love for the Academy.

"Destiny is not always a destination, but rather a path to becoming your best self." – Darlene Luccio Jordan '85, 2013 Commencement Speaker



Commencement Speaker Darlene Luccio Jordan '85

Sarah Cahill Bent Laura Sylve Borodic Amelia Jane Bradley Shalagh Quincy Canning Chantal Genevieve Chammas Jillian Marie Craven Kara Hope Dailey Courtney Mary DeSisto Christina Maureen Doran Claudia Renee Downey Monica Lee Doyle Marina Nicola Fagone Maria Loretta Fantozzi Meredith Elizabeth Farrell Doris Ann Fearnley Caroline Mary Gailius Sarah Louise Galvin

Stephanie Grace Gioioso Meghan Marie Grela Danielle Marie Harn Taylor Siobhan Hartley Alexandra Elizabeth Hawkins Jessica Marie Hernandez Meghan Ann Hesketh Kristen Elizabeth Hickey Kathryn Aleine Hicks Emma Katherine Hodges Lauren Kathleen Johnston Morgan Kimberly Jones Abigail Marie Kahler Caitlyn Grace Karol Christyn Barbara Karol Caroline Rose Kerressey Christina Meuwly Lawler

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Olivia Catherine Rouse
Megan Elizabeth Russell
Alessandra Anna Maria Santone
Alexandra Danielle Sissons
Kirsten Beverly Stratton
Abigail Morse Sullivan
Lydia Marie Susi
Christine Olivia Wetzel
Danielle Nichole Whalen
Kelly Susan White
Madison Wolfe



Co-Valedictorians Chantal Chammas and Meghan Grela

alumnae notes



Karen Corcoran '81 and Roger Tauchman



Sean Patrick Cashen, Jr.



Samuel Paul Hankins



Brenna Anne Clark



Rebecca Teehan '00 and Jason Linton

The Class of '63 at a 50th summer reunion lunch at Susan Kenney Donovan's house in Harwich, 2013.



Luisa Tosi Claeys '63 visited the Teatro Colon opera house in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where her grandmother Luisa Ardizzoni-Tosi performed with Enrico Caruso in Italian operas between 1915-25.

Maureen O'Keefe Doran '65 is married to Kip, and works as a Nurse Practitioner in Denver. She had a stint in the Peace Corps in 2009-11.

Jill Byron Wilson '66 is living in Mystic, CT and Shelter Island, NY. She is now teaching yoga and meditation after a career in finance.

Marna Monahan Abessinio '67' is married with three daughters and living in Wilmington, DE. She is Office Manager at her husband's optometry practice.

Joan Ryan Parker '71 is operating a retirement business, Future Projections LLC, with her husband, Robin.

Marian Walsh '72 published a book last fall titled Run: Your Personal Guide to Winning Public Office. She is currently working as a public affairs consultant and leadership coach, and teaches leadership on the higher ed level.

Karen Corcoran '81 was married on September 29th, 2012 to Roger Tauchman. The couple lives in Chicago, IL.

Mary Beth Roche '81 was recently named President and Publisher of Macmillan Audio. She continues to oversee Macmillan's podcast and Web Site business, QDT, as well as the Macmillan Speakers Bureau.

Danielle St. Germain-Gordon '87 left Arena Stage in Washington, DC in July 2013 and moved to Minneapolis to serve as Director of Development at the Guthrie Theater.

Olivia Durant '94 married her partner of 15 years, Sabrina Beach, on April 3, 2012. They honeymooned in Ireland in September 2013.

James and *Gisela Damm Manna '94* announce the birth of their twin babies, Gino and Angelina, born on September 29, 2013.

Erin Cashen '95 had a baby boy, Sean Patrick Jr., weighing in at 9 lbs. 13 oz. on January 18, 2012.

Kerry Breen Capodilupo '96 and her husband had a baby boy, Matthew Daniel, on June 26, 2013. He joins older brother Christopher.

Sarah Klingmeyer Hankins '98 and her husband, John, became parents of a baby boy, Samuel Paul Hankins, on October 18th, 2012.



Bride Jessica Hildreth with UA '04 alums: Shannon Dwyer, Alyson Bishop, Jessica Coliflores, and Meaghan McGree

Rebecca Teehan '00 married Jason Linton of Framingham, MA at The Little White Chapel in Las Vegas, NV on Sept. 15, 2013.

Mary Long '02 married Jeremy Holtz on September 18, 2011 at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA.

Beth Sheehan Collins '02 married Matthew Collins at Assumption College on June 1, 2013. In attendance were Ursuline alums from the class of 2002: Theresa Cooney O'Hara, Denise Donoghue, Sandra Furgason Makhlouta, Melissa Kenslea, Erin O'Connor, and Nicole Sullivan.

Jillian Tuleja Joseph '02 graduated from MCPHS with a Masters in Physician Assistant Studies, and is working in Family Practice and Emergency Medicine. She and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Ellie, on April 15, 2013.

Kelly Clark Clark '03 had a baby, Brenna Anne, on November 13, 2012. Kelly is an Autism Strand Specialist in the Boston Public Schools and still continues to teach dance.

Kara McGann Cafasso '03 and her husband Frank welcomed their first child, Olivia Grace Cafasso, on January 21, 2014.

Courtney Butters '04' married her college sweetheart from Emory University, Dr. Mark Joseph, on October 6, 2012 in Charleston, SC.



Ellie Joseph



Olivia Grace Cafasso

Kara Hadge '04 is now living in Brookline and working in advertising at Hill Holliday in Boston.



Mary Long Holtz '02 with (left to right) Mary Devlin Murphy '70, Sarah Long '04, Elizabeth Devlin '72, Kathleen Giordano Holtz '02, Sheila Schaeffer Giordano '72, Fran DiPerna '02, Lindsay Dewan '02 and Kristine Dudley '02. Photograph taken by Dan Brown, Xaverian '02, of Kapitol Photography.



Beth Sheehan Collins '02 with Class of '02 members Theresa Cooney O'Hara, Denise Donoghue, Sandra Furgason Makhlouta, Melissa Kenslea, Erin O'Connor, and Nicole Sullivan.

Jessica Hildreth '04 was married on June 1, 2013 to Mark Ursino, XBHS '04 at Holy Name Church in West Roxbury.

Nicole Sullivan '04 was promoted to Post-Production Supervisor at Shed Media US. She is also engaged to Michael Vanderlinde.

Kendra Butters '05 recently accepted a position at Boston College as the Communications Specialist for the Lynch School of Education.



Christine Judge '05 is now the Senior Technical Support Supervisor at Mimio Educational Technology.

Maura Lydon '05 and Mark Fitzgerald celebrated their wedding on December 16, 2012 at Lakeview Pavilion in Foxboro, MA. Pictured left to right with Maura are classmates Meghan O'Connor, Elisabeth Sexton, Michelle Hunt, Marie Solman, and Stephanie Lepardo. Caitlin Perry was also in attendance.

Danielle Pourbaix '05 is currently working for the Ouimet Fund in event communications and fundraising. She recently became a contributing writer for The Sports Business Exchange (TBSX) in conjunction with The George Washington University's Sports Philanthropy Graduate Program.

Cynthia Richter '07 is living in Fredericksburg, Virginia and working as the Education Director and orchestra teacher of South Stafford Christian, a small Christian school.

Gina Viscariello '07 will be attending Suffolk University Law School in the Fall to earn a JD in Business Law and Finance.

Carolyn Arnish '08 and Kelly Saccone '08 will be graduating from MCPHS University on May 10, 2014 with their Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Amanda Bent '08 is teaching kindergarten at Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, SD.

Caitlin Burchill '08 was promoted in December and now has an anchoring position in Bangor, Maine on TV-5, a CBS affiliate.

Erin Costello '09 graduated from Emmanuel College in 2013 and is teaching fourth grade at Saint Catherine of Siena School in Norwood.

Arielle Monaghan Staal '09 and her husband John Kyle (Xaverian '08) both graduated from U. Mass. Amherst in May 2013. Arielle has been working as a maternity nurse with The Baby Grove Boston since August 2013.

Gillian Daly '10 accepted a position as Financial Analyst I at Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems, and will start after her graduation from Providence College.

Casey Curtin '12 is playing lacrosse at St. Michael's College in Vermont, and attributes this accomplishment to the great coaches she had at Ursuline.

Jillian Craven '13 was one of three freshmen at James Madison University chosen to speak at a conference regarding South Asian studies.

In Memoriam

Alumnae

Janet Shanly '51 / April 26, 2013

Janet Merriam '62 / May 26, 2013

Christine David Abboud '63 / June 22, 2013

Lisa Agrippino Trojano '64 / July 13, 2013

Cecilia Escalante '72 / June 12, 2013

Janet Clancy-Padayhag '76 / May 11, 2013

Helen Wilds '88 / January 15, 2013

Sally White / (former member of the Class of 2009), February 22, 2014

Relatives & Friends

Theresa A. Stenholm / Mother of Christina (Nina) Stenholm O'Leary '68, July 25, 2012

Theodore D'Andrea / Father of *Juliet (Jill) D'Andrea Fischmann '81* December 13, 2012

Mildred "Millie" O'Connor / Former School Secretary and mother of *Julie O'Connor-Viera* '73, *Patricia O'Connor* '74, *Kathleen David* '78, January 30, 2013

Patricia Donovan Tobin / *Mother of Patty Tobin Ambriano '79*, February 4, 2013

Elizabeth Rubini / Mother of *Lisa A. Rubini* '79, December 24, 2013

Richard J.Fogarty / Brother of *Patricia Lovering Fogarty '73*, January 20, 2014

Marie McManus / Mother of *Elizabeth McManus Howard '76* and Peter McManus
P'00 facilities manager, February 12, 2014

Robert Burchard / Father of *Abigail '17*, February 14, 2014

Sheila Becker-Gailius / Mother of *Caroline '13* and *Jeanna '19*, March 9, 2014



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