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and small.*”

Robots in Plaid

UA Robotics Club had a breakout season in 2011-2012

You've seen it on students walking the halls of UA, and even on a bear or two, but the latest fashion plate to model the Ursuline green plaid is none other than a robot. Ursuline's Robotics Club, nicknamed the Robots in Plaid, put some of that well-loved green plaid on their robot, and it brought them luck in their 2012 competitions. Not only did they qualify for the state tournament for the first time, but they also took their robot all the way to the semi-finals of the competition and came home with the "Motivation Award" Trophy.

The Robots in Plaid compete against teams from area schools as part of the FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) Tech Challenge. "We designed and built the robot from scratch," said *Haley Curtin '14*, one of the founding members of the club. "Then we programed software so the robot can complete tasks, like knocking crates over or tossing balls, for our competitions."

Their achievements at the state tournament are all the more impressive because the club was only in its second year in 2012. They started small but grew to an enthusiastic 18-member group. This enthusiasm was definitely on display at the state tournament last March, because the "Motivation Award" Trophy is presented to the team who exemplifies the most team spirit and enthusiasm, as well as makes a collective effort to teach their school and surrounding community about robotics.

In addition to the many hours spent building and fine-tuning their robot, the girls also volunteered to teach other students about robotics. They showcased their robot at Ursuline's Accepted Students Reception last spring and during a presentation for the elementary school students at St. Mary of the Hills School in Milton.

Alex Wolfe '14, another founding member of the Robots in Plaid, enjoys how robotics gives her practical experience for the future. "This is what I want to do in college, and as a profession," she said. "And nothing gives you experience like robotics does."

"I hope that by being in Robotics Club the girls can find applied uses for the concepts they are learning in school," said *Dr. Michael Ricard P '15*, one of the moderators of the club and an engineer at Draper Lab in Cambridge. Two of *Dr. Ricard's* colleagues at Draper Lab, *Eric Nelson* and *Emily Vincent*, also assist with UA robotics. The girls in the club attribute much of this year's growth and success to the influence of these three Draper volunteers.

"We were very excited that we got to work with the Draper team," said *Catherine Ashbur '12*, another founding member. "Our robot was much more sophisticated, and I attribute that to the Draper team's help in taking our concepts and making them happen by guiding us with the right questions."

While the Ursuline girls are very grateful for their new mentors, *Dr. Ricard* sees benefits for both groups. "Eric and Emily provide a different type of role model to the girls than a parent, and I also think it's important for them to have female engineers like Emily as role models," he said. "And I can't tell you how many times Eric and Emily have told me, 'Thank you for getting me involved in this!'"



Team photo courtesy of *Dr. Ricard*

The Robots in Plaid get ready to take on the competition at the state tournament with the UA Bear there to cheer them on!



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Ursuline Academy welcomes our three newest members to the Board of Trustees:

Peter Dolan P '11

Ann Gioioso P '13, '15

Megan Golden Hobson '85

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from the president



Dear Friends of Ursuline,

In August 2012, I celebrated my fifth anniversary as President of Ursuline Academy. I continue to marvel at all that is accomplished here at UA and thank God for the opportunity to lead this wonderful institution. The Ursuline Academy faculty and staff work tirelessly to provide an optimum educational environment for our students. Without their continued dedication, none of the work could have been accomplished. My focus continues to be on the advancement of the academy from all aspects: educational, physical and financial.

Upon my initial visit to Dedham in 2007, I was truly impressed with the school, the staff and the community that the Ursuline Sisters had created on Lowder Street. I was moved by the students who spoke so passionately about their school, impressed by the quality of the education that they received and humbled by their profound gratitude for the faculty and staff. As I considered this change in my career path, I reflected upon the opportunity to strengthen and advance the mission of Ursuline Academy while guiding the professionals who inspire young women to lead through education and service.

Life on Lowder Street has been busy these past five years. Thanks to our trustees, faculty, staff, parents, alumnae, students, grandparents, neighbors, local businesses and friends, we have been able to accomplish many things. In 2008-2009 over seventy volunteers came together to create a new strategic

plan which serves as the blueprint for the school's future. Aptly titled *Imagine the Possibilities*, the plan defines strategies for improvement at UA. Significant progress has been made in these areas: Mission Integrity, Academics, Student Life, Athletics, Arts and Extracurricular Activities, Technology and Facilities. We have added new courses, strengthened and expanded our technology infrastructure, grown our athletic and extracurricular programs and renovated facilities to meet the needs of students and faculty.

Our Facilities Master Plan, developed in 2010, identifies facility issues and concerns as well as programmatic and space needs. As we look forward to the next five years, we will develop our campus and facilities to accommodate the changing needs of our students while remaining faithful to the mission to educate young women of purpose and integrity.

Ursuline is positioned for a strong future. We are grateful for the gift of this beautiful institution built so lovingly by the Ursuline Sisters. We often sing the words of Joyce Johnson Rouse's poem:

*I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me
I am stronger for their courage, I am wiser for their words
I am lifted by their longing for a fair and brighter future
I am grateful for their vision, for their toiling on this Earth....*

*They lift me higher than I could ever fly
Carrying my burdens away
I imagine our world if they hadn't tried
We wouldn't be here celebrating today*

Whether you are an alumna, a current student, a parent, grandparent or friend, I invite you to continue the journey to advance the mission of this amazing institution.

Gratefully,

Rosann M. Whiting

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President

Progress Report

Strategic Plan 2009: *Imagine the Possibilities*

Initiative #1: Mission Effectiveness

- Strengthened Peer Ministry program and initiated student-led prayer services.
- Collaborated with brother/sister schools for social service, such as the Purple and White Game, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and the Dig Pink game.
- Incorporated the study of the school mission and core values into religion curriculum.

Initiative #2: Academics

- Expanded curriculum to include new AP courses, special programs such as Facing History and Ourselves and new language courses in Greek and Arabic.
- Contracted with educational consultants Research for Better Teaching to work with faculty to insure that methodologies and teaching practices are current.
- Hired a full-time Curriculum Integration Specialist to work with teachers on adapting lesson plans for use on interactive white boards and other technology.
- Lengthened the school day to allow for more academic time.

Initiative #3: Student Life

- Enhanced communication between school and families by updating website and Edline. Created weekly e-newsletter, *Bear Essentials*.
- Encouraged students to become actively involved in their school through student government, clubs and activities.
- Remodeled the locker room and library and created the Bear Cave wellness area to provide students with friendly environments where they can study and socialize.
- Offered students in grades 10 through 12 the opportunity to participate in international travel experiences.

Initiative #5: Arts and Extracurricular

- Added Chamber Ensemble.
- Created *Lowder News*, a student news group reporting world, current and UA events.
- Added a student-created band, *Psalm 98*.
- Created Robotics teams for high school and middle school students.

Initiative #6: Technology

- Improved technology program by installing interactive white boards in all classrooms
- Hired full-time Director of Technology as well as a Curriculum Integration Specialist to work with faculty on adapting course work for classroom technology and incorporate interactive tools in the classroom.
- Improved communication with parents via Edline and BlackboardConnect.
- Enabled juniors and seniors to improve the college search process with the Naviance program.
- Created easier registration for activities such as Parent-Teacher conferences and special events with online registration systems.

ANNUAL FUND GROWTH

2007-2008	\$271,137
2008-2009	\$280,820
2009-2010	\$331,965
2010-2011	\$389,143
2011-2012	\$400,938

Initiative #4: Athletics

- Expanded athletic program with new sports including Lacrosse, Field Hockey and Skiing.
- Increased use of outdoor facilities, including the track at Northeastern University's Dedham Campus.
- Updated the gym/auditorium with new lighting, scoreboard and resurfaced playing floor.
- Added several assistant coaching positions and athletic trainers to increase safety.

Initiative #7: Facilities

- Renovated locker room, created the Bear Cave Wellness facility, and refurbished the Library.
- Purchased new sound system for auditorium and Tea Room.
- Acquired a bus for athletics, field trips and clubs.
- Expanded and refurbished the Guidance Office.
- Renovated the gym / auditorium with new lighting, window treatments, scoreboard, seating, risers, stage curtains and refurbished floor.

academics

Shadowing a Surgeon

UA Juniors receive opportunity to observe an MGH surgeon in action

For most high school students, junior year is the time to delve into college brochures, study for the SAT and explore future career options. Last year, in the midst of all these preparations, two UA juniors got a firsthand glimpse of one potential career when they observed a surgery procedure at Massachusetts General Hospital last March.

Dr. David Ryan and Mrs. Carol Ryan P '14 '16 organized the opportunity for two Ursuline juniors to shadow Dr. Cristina Ferrone, a gastrointestinal surgeon and oncology researcher at MGH and a colleague of Dr. Ryan. *Meghan Grela '13* and *Shalagh Canning '13* have excelled in their science classes at Ursuline and expressed an interest in entering the medical field after college, so they were the perfect students to shadow Dr. Ferrone. Shalagh was thrilled at the opportunity because, as she said, "Lately I've really been thinking more about careers and paths to take after Ursuline."

Meghan and Shalagh arrived at MGH on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, eager to learn and a little nervous about the pancreas surgery they were about to observe. But by the time their day was over, the nerves had faded completely. "I have a friend whose mom is an assistant surgeon and has invited me to watch surgeries, but I was always afraid," Shalagh said. "Now I want to go to learn more!"

Meghan and Shalagh suited up in scrubs and met with Dr. Ferrone prior to the surgery, where she explained that she would be removing cysts from the patient's pancreas. The cysts had to be removed to prevent them from spreading and becoming cancerous later in the patient's life. During the four-hour surgery, Meghan and Shalagh observed as Dr. Ferrone and her team performed the lathoscopic procedure that removed the cysts from the pancreas. Once they were removed, the surgeons took the cysts to the lab for study, where Meghan and Shalagh were able to look at them under a microscope.

The UA students also spent some time before the surgery asking Dr. Ferrone about life as a physician. "What stuck with me is that Dr. Ferrone said she loves her job because she is their doctor for life," said Meghan. "She likes working with her patients because they have perspective and realize what is important in life, because they have cancer."

Both girls emphasized how grateful they were to Dr. Ferrone, Dr. and Mrs. Ryan and Ursuline for the shadowing opportunity. And whether they enter the medical field or not, the advice they received from Dr. Ferrone will be invaluable during their college application process, as Meghan recounted: "She said to pursue what interests you and to go to a college that you connect with."

Above: Shalagh (left) and Meghan suit up in scrubs for a day in the OR. Photos courtesy of Meghan Grela



Brainy Bears

The numbers don't lie: Ursuline students scored big on the National Latin Exam in 2012. The exam is a rigorous test of grammar, translation and classical culture sponsored by the American Classics League and National Junior Classics League.

Over 136,000 students in 15 countries across Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and North America took the exam. Among all those students, only 1,111 earned perfect scores, including three Latin scholars from Ursuline Academy: *Mallory Whalen '15*, *Eileen McAleer '15* and *Michaela Chipman '15*.

Congratulations to each of them and the 55 other Ursuline students who won prizes with their scores on the exam!



arts



Celebrating the Arts at Ursuline

If you take a walk down the hallway after school on a typical afternoon at Ursuline, you'll hear the Chamber Ensemble tuning up for rehearsal, and notice the student artwork adorning walls and bulletin boards. Farther down the hallway, you will hear the voices of a choir raised in harmony, with the students gathered around the piano on the stage. You'll see liturgical dancers twirling and leaping around the gym.

Art of all types is ingrained in student life at UA, and in the spring of 2012 the Ursuline community gathered together to celebrate all these groups on one night at the Festival of the Arts.

The event celebrated the talents of the wonderful musicians, dancers and artists at Ursuline. Both singing groups—the Glee Club and the Choral Group—and the instrumental Chamber Ensemble performed musical selections they had been practicing throughout the school year. Students from all grades sing in the Glee Club, while the Choral Group is made up of students in Grades 9-12, along with **Principal Mary Jo Keaney '82**.

Among the many songs performed, the Ursuline standard "Flying Free" was the crowd favorite. Two special dance performances were also part of the program. The Liturgical Dancers moved the audience with their dance set to "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban. *Megan Wheeler '12*, the moderator of the Liturgical Dancers, also performed a special ballet solo to "Hernando's Hideaway" and wowed the crowd with her skills in toe shoes.

Once the performances concluded, the audience enjoyed an Art Show presented by the 31 Studio Art students from the Class of 2012. The impressive pieces on display ranged from translations of a masterpiece from the Museum of Fine Arts onto a piece of furniture, watercolors of the Ursuline campus, paper-mache fish, still-life paintings and charcoal drawings.

Look for this event on the Ursuline calendar for many years to come!



Photos courtesy of O'Connor Studios

athletics



UA's indoor track team celebrates their second place finish at the Division IV State Championships.

UA Bears Make History

Soccer, Cross Country & Track Reach New Heights in 2011-2012

by Mike Sarro, Associate Director of Advancement

The 2011-2012 school year was another successful one for the Ursuline Bears, with the soccer, cross-country and indoor track teams all reaching new heights. For the first time in the school's history, the soccer team reached the South Sectional Semifinals of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) state tournament.

Led by co-captains *Alicia McNally '12* and *Stephanie Klaubert '12*, the team finished the regular season with a 10-6-1 mark, good for the No. 11 seed in the tournament. The Bears traveled to Abington to open the postseason and hung a 4-2 loss on the Green Wave in the first round. That was followed up by another 4-2 win, this time over Norfolk County Agricultural School, that gave Ursuline its first trip to the semifinals.

Despite a solid effort, the postseason run by **Coach John Forte's** team would end against Norwell, as it fell 1-0 in an exciting match. "This was a great season for the soccer team," said **Athletic Director Mike O'Connor P '03 '08**. "The girls competed well and played as a solid unit, bringing the program to a new level in reaching the South Sectional Semifinals."

The cross country team posted a 3-1 league record and **Coach Tom Shaw's** runners won the Catholic Conference Invitational for the first time ever. This led to further success when the team finished 3rd out of 27 in the Division IV Championships and qualified for All-States for the first time in Ursuline's history. The team was led by the strong running of *Norah Griffin '12*, who was named the Catholic Conference Individual Champion, and *Meghan Grela '13*, who finished as runner-up.

The strong play of the fall teams rolled into the winter season as all of Ursuline's varsity teams qualified for the state tournament, with the indoor track team capturing a second place finish at the Division IV State Championships.

The 4 x 400 relay team of *Meghan Grela '13*, *Norah Griffin '12*, *Maddie Wolfe '13* and *Merissa Wright '14*, who earned a Division IV State Championship in the event, led the club. These four then went on to the All State Championships, where they set a new school record of 4:03.85 and qualified for the New England Meet. "I am so happy and proud of the success these girls reached," said O'Connor. "They spent a lot of time working to improve themselves individually and as a team."

Finally, three Ursuline student-athletes earned All-Scholastic recognition. *Meghan Grela '13* was honored by *The Boston Globe* and *The Boston Herald* in Track and Field. **Coach Tom Shaw** was named Division IV Coach of the Year. In golf, *Monica Doyle '13* got the nod from *The Boston Globe*, while both the *Globe* and the *Herald* honored *Stephanie Klaubert '12*.



The 2012 Division IV State Champions in the 4 x 400 Relay, left to right: Meghan Grela '13, Merissa Wright '14, Maddie Wolfe '13 and Norah Griffin '12



Stephanie Klaubert '12



Monica Doyle '13 and Meghan Grela '13



FOUR LACROSSE TEAMS
THREE DAYS
ONE URSULINE SISTERHOOD

The **SISTERHOOD** of the **TRAVELING STICKS**

The Ursuline Sister Schools Lacrosse Tournament is not your typical lacrosse tournament. Yes, there are round-robin lacrosse games and a winner is crowned after the final whistle blows, but what happens off the field makes this tournament special.

For three days, lacrosse players from Ursuline schools across the U.S. come together in celebration of both the sport they love and their Ursuline educations. The tournament first took place in 2007 at Ursuline Academy in St. Louis and has been an annual event ever since, with at least three Ursuline schools participating each year. When UA added a lacrosse team to our Athletics Program in 2010, the Bears from Dedham put the UA Sisters Tournament on their game schedule.

A different school hosts each year and puts its own spin on the event, but the tournament always includes spending a day attending classes at the host school. "All the players get to really appreciate what an Ursuline education is all about, and they also realize that *Serviam* is something that is practiced in all the schools," said **Athletic Director Mike O'Connor P '03 '08**. "Not only is it practiced, but it is a major component of what it means to be an Ursuline girl."

Caroline Sullivan '14 plays defensive wing for the Bears and has participated in the tournament for the past three years. "I think the best part is spending a day at the Ursuline that is hosting," she said. "I love seeing how all the schools compare to each other and how similar we are in so many ways."

In April of 2012, 18 members of the UA Bears lacrosse team traveled to Wilmington, Delaware for the 6th Annual Ursuline Sister Schools Lacrosse Tournament. After a six-hour bus ride and a pit stop to see some sights in Philadelphia, the Bears arrived in Wilmington, where their Ursuline Sisters greeted them with cheers, hugs and every girl's favorite, cookies. The next day the Dedham team joined the Ursuline girls from St. Louis, Missouri and New Rochelle, New York to attend classes at UA Wilmington, which is co-ed from pre-school to 3rd grade and all-girls from 3rd grade to 12th grade. Two days of lacrosse, dinner at one of Delaware's famed DuPont Mansions, a Mass and closing dinner at UA Wilmington followed, and the weekend was over before they knew it.

As they made their way back to the bus after the closing dinner, there were audible sighs and a few observations of how sad it was to say goodbye to their new friends. This year, The Ursuline School in New Rochelle will host the tournament, and Caroline and her teammates are already looking forward to it. There is a reason the girls love playing in this tournament year after year, and Caroline put it best: "I think what makes this tournament so different from other tournaments is how much fun the girls have together and how close everyone becomes throughout the weekend, but on the field the games are still so competitive. There are girls from each school that I keep in touch with all year and I am so excited to see them every year at the tournament!"



The Bears of Dedham pose before their first game of the tournament.

Watch a video recap of the tournament on Ursuline's YouTube channel!

Visit this link:
<http://bit.ly/Qz2XRU>

Top: The lacrosse teams from Ursuline Dedham, Ursuline Academy in St. Louis, Ursuline Academy in Wilmington and The Ursuline School in New Rochelle. Photo courtesy of UA Wilmington Office of Admissions & Marketing Communications

on campus...

Women in Leadership SYMPOSIUM

Annual event brings alumnae back to Ursuline to mentor current students

The alumnae speakers at Ursuline Academy's 15th Annual Women in Leadership Symposium on March 2, 2012 followed three divergent paths after graduating from Ursuline: one entered the world of finance, another psychology and the other, publishing.

But they all had one thing in common, aside from being proud Ursuline girls. Each speaker emphasized the importance of seeking mentors and the advice of others, no matter what career path one takes.

The Women in Leadership Symposium is an opportunity for current Ursuline students to do just that: connect with and learn from alumnae. Three impressive alumnae spoke to students in Grades 9-12 about their professional and personal journeys since leaving the halls of Ursuline Academy.

Jane King '61 is the president of her own investment firm, Fairfield Financial Advisers, Ltd., and was named one of America's Best Financial Advisors by *Worth Magazine*. Her determined spirit has brought her great success in the male-dominated business world. King said she was often the only woman at conferences when she first started working in the investment business, but that did not deter her from forging her own path. She urged the girls to take opportunities, and learn as much as they can along the way.

"I'm going to offer you advice, and I do so with a great deal of humility," King said. "In the world of working, show up every day...find and develop mentors, stay in touch and run your career choices or life choices by them, and then third, always be professional. Dress the part...and be professional always in your manners."

Mary Beth O'Leary '05 began her speech by recalling the first time she thought about her future career options: when she was in the seventh grade at Ursuline Academy. As a student in Mrs. Anderson's math class, O'Leary crafted an imaginary budget for her future 22-year-old self: she would graduate from the College of the Holy Cross, move to beachfront property in Miami with her best friend and be an elementary school teacher.

"Let me tell you which of these things came true," she said. "I did go to the College of the Holy Cross...but if you couldn't tell from my lack of a tan, I don't live in Miami. Instead, I live with my two best friends from Ursuline in Boston." O'Leary is a Marketing/Publicity Coordinator

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Jane King '61, Mary Beth O'Leary '05, Dr. Suellen Walsh Rother '85 and Academy President Rosann Whiting

at Cell Press, Elsevier, the world's second-largest publishing company, which publishes one third of the world's scientific, technical and medical content. O'Leary advised her fellow Ursuline girls to embrace and learn from new experiences, even if they are unanticipated. O'Leary's future did not follow her seventh grade plan, and her career path has also taken some unexpected turns. As an English major in college, she never expected to be working in the science field, but she said that she has never been happier. The secret to her success is advice that a mentor once gave her:

"She told me that often in your career it is as much about the experience as the goal. If I let myself make the most of the new position I had and the diverse experiences it offered me, rather than fixating on what my next step was going to be, the rest would take care of itself."

Dr. Suellen Walsh Rother '85, a clinical psychologist, took the UA students on a journey through her life after Ursuline. She even brought along a travel bag, which she packed with her advice for the future. She weaved the advice into anecdotes from her life as an undergraduate and Ph.D student at Fordham University and then as a clinical psychologist.

When Dr. Rother first arrived at Fordham, she thought she wanted to be a pediatrician, but it was with the help of one of her mentors that she realized psychology better suited her interests and personality.

"Always remember to consult with others," she said, as she pulled a sheet of paper out of her travel bag with those words on it. "It is important that you have people that you trust and respect to go to and talk to." She also told the girls that being flexible and open to new experiences was another important item to pack in your suitcase for the journey of life. But she ended with the most important piece of luggage: "Have fun while you're on this amazing journey!"



Jane King '61



Dr. Suellen Walsh Rother '85



Mary Beth O'Leary '05

Watch the video highlights from each guest speaker on Ursuline's YouTube Channel!

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& around the world

"My love for serving and volunteering came from Ursuline. That's where it all started."

Making Connections in the Middle East

Nina Angeles '10 spent 7 months volunteering in Aman, Jordan

Ever since she volunteered at an orphanage in the Philippines for her Ursuline Senior Service project, *Nina Angeles '10* knew that she wanted to study abroad and immerse herself in another culture. When she learned that she could do her Northeastern University co-op in a foreign country, she jumped at the chance to work in Jordan, in the Middle East.

"I'm really interested in languages," said Nina, a junior at Northeastern. "I love to meet new kinds of people, learn about their religions and customs and am very open to new experiences." She spent January to July of 2012 in Aman, the capital of Jordan, working for the Jordan River Foundation. The foundation is a nonprofit nongovernmental organization (NGO) founded by Queen Rania Al Abdullah that aims to empower the disadvantaged. Nina worked at a community center and a residential center for children removed from abusive situations.

She taught English and music to mothers and children, and they helped her with her Arabic. "It was a little hard in the beginning, because even though I had taken three semesters of standard Arabic at Northeastern, everyone in the Middle East speaks their own colloquial street language," Nina said. "The moms I worked with knew enough English that we could teach each other English and Arabic." There was true cultural exchange between Nina and her new friends at the Jordan River Foundation. She taught the children the "Hokey Pokey," so they taught her a traditional Arabic wedding dance. And by the end of her time in Jordan, she knew Arabic well enough to teach them a song in their native tongue.

As a dual major in international affairs and human services with a minor in social entrepreneurship, Nina is required to do either a co-op or a semester abroad. However, not many Northeastern students choose to venture outside the United States for their first co-op experience. "It's generally unique for your first co-op to be international," she said. "I kind of did the opposite of most people and just went for it."

Nina's concentration within her major is the Middle East, and she often wishes she could change the perception of the region. "You often see radicals in the Middle East on television and everyone assumes all of the Middle East is like that," she said. "Jordan is not that way at all, it's a very warm and embracing culture. I think people should be more educated about the language, cultures and people of the Middle East."

In the future, Nina hopes to do research and work with nonprofit nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) abroad. "I want to study the disconnect between the initial zeal of international nongovernmental organization volunteers and the fact that many of these NGOs do not reach their full potential for success." Nina's own experiences and research, as well as the experiences of other international volunteers she has met, indicate that the structures of NGOs are often too corporate-like or politicized to retain long-term volunteers. She credits the *Serviam* community service program with igniting this passion for volunteerism: "My love for serving and volunteering came from Ursuline. That's where it all started."



Above: Nina (center, without scarf) surrounded by her English pupils.

Below: Nina teaching English to women at a community center in Aman, Jordan



Photos courtesy of Nina Angeles

UA Travel Adventures

Ursuline girls traveled far and wide from Lowder Street in 2012!



Jumping for joy in Paris!

Paris and Madrid

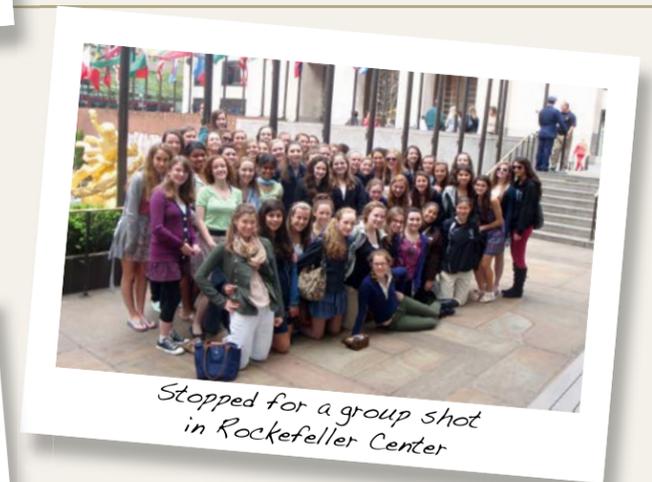
President Whiting, Principal Keaney '82, Dr. Radwan, Sra. Levin and Mrs. Benjamin joined a group of 28 juniors and seniors on an eight-day trip to Paris, France and Madrid, Spain over April vacation!



Enjoying the historic city of Toledo, Spain

"Start spreading the news..."

that the sophomore class had a great time on the annual Grade 10 trip to New York City!



Stopped for a group shot in Rockefeller Center



They ran into "Taylor Swift" at Madame Tussaud's!

Washington D.C.

The 8th grade had a blast exploring history in the nation's capital, Washington, DC over February vacation!



Enjoying the illuminated Lincoln Memorial during their tour of the monuments by night.

In the 1500s in Italy, St. Angela Merici, founder of the Ursuline Sisters, advised her Sisters: "Live in harmony, united together, all of one heart and one will."

In 2012, across the United States and around the world, schools sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters are still dedicated to the mission and values of St. Angela. And just as she advised her Sisters so long ago, these schools often unite to share advice, experiences and camaraderie.

Ursuline Hearts Unite!

In Dedham

Ursuline Educational Services works to foster collaboration among educational institutions affiliated with the Ursuline Sisters, and sponsors several annual events for these schools. During the 2011-2012 school year, two of these events were held here at UA Dedham!

2011 Ursuline Educational Services Administrators' Dialogue

In October 2011, 42 administrators and educators from 13 different Ursuline schools across the U.S. gathered in Dedham for a two-day conference on Philanthropy and Engagement of Alumnae. Participants attended breakout sessions on topics ranging from social media to fundraising to the mission of the Ursuline Sisters, and took advantage of opportunities to network and consult with their counterparts on best practices and tips. They also took some time out for fun, enjoying spectacular views of the Boston skyline at sunset on a Harbor Cruise!



Attendees at the 2011 UES Administrators' Dialogue posed before they headed off to their Harbor Cruise!

2012 Ursuline Educational Services Student Leadership Conference

by Stephanie Gioioso '13, Senior Class President

In June 2012, Ursuline Academy Dedham hosted 36 girls from 12 different Ursuline schools across the country for the Ursuline Educational Services Student Leadership Conference. **Caitlyn Karol '13**, **Jacqueline Rioux '13**, **Jaclynne Nader '14** and I attended the conference as representatives from Ursuline Dedham, along with Ursuline students from the Bronx, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Louisville, New Orleans, New Rochelle, St. Louis, Toledo and Wilmington. The four-day conference was held at Regis College and included trips to Ursuline Dedham and a tour of Boston.



Give me a U! The girls at the conference show their Ursuline unity.

Throughout the weekend, we all grew as leaders and became quick friends as we bonded over our different uniforms. On our trip to Ursuline, we were visited by a real-life Ursuline bear that had wandered into suburban Boston from the wild, and alumna **Denise Donovan '77**, who gave an incredible leadership presentation by showing us how she has put leadership into action since her days at Ursuline. The Conference taught me that despite being from different areas of the country, we all share the same Ursuline values of *Serviam* and by working together, we can accomplish anything.

Visit from Gr. 8 Students at St. Ursula Academy in Toledo, OH

The 8th graders of St. Ursula Academy in Toledo, Ohio stopped by UA for a visit in April 2012! The visit was part of a class trip to Boston, and after months of corresponding online, the students were excited to meet in person. The Dedham 8th graders gave their new friends a tour of campus and brought them to a class. At lunchtime, they reconvened to enjoy some pizza and compare notes on life as 8th graders at Ursuline schools in different parts of the country. The verdict from one of the UA Dedham students: "They're just like us in different uniforms!"



In New York City

Alexandra Sulu '02 hosted the New York Chapter of the Ursuline Alumnae Association for an evening of wonderful food, drinks and conversation in New York City in February. The group gathered at Gravy, a restaurant in NYC's Flatiron District where Sulu is the General Manager. But it wasn't just Dedham alumnae at the event: Ursuline graduates of UA in Wilmington, Delaware, UA in Dallas, Texas and The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, New York also joined in the fun!



As College Roommates

Events with our sister Ursuline schools create friendships among students from around the country, and a few have even been known to introduce future college roommates!

Jill Lawler '11 attended the UES Student Leadership Conference the summer before her senior year at UA and became friends with students from Ursuline Academy in Cincinnati. When she decided to go to Boston College, her friends from Cincinnati immediately put her in touch with their classmate Grace Olscamp, who was also heading to BC.

These two Ursuline girls were roommates for their freshman year, and when the time came to choose roommates for their sophomore suite, Ursuline sisterhood prevailed. This year they are living in an 8-person suite, and two of their roommates are UA Dedham grads **Paige Marino '11** and **Christina Murray '11**.

For these BC Eagles, there is a sense of comfort and acceptance that comes with their Ursuline sisterhood. Paige compared their dorm room to the Senior Lounge at Ursuline, and Jill couldn't have agreed more. "The things we could do in the Senior Lounge, we do in our dorm room without worrying about the judgment of others. We have lots of dance parties!"

Much like the UES Leadership Conference, the UA Sisters Lacrosse Tournament introduced two future Georgetown roommates. **Katie Day '11** met Emily Berg, a graduate of the Class of 2011 from Ursuline Academy in Wilmington, DE, when Emily traveled to Dedham to play in the 2011 tournament. Katie wasn't playing in the tournament, but she was giving tours of UA to the visiting lacrosse players. When she discovered that Emily was also a future Hoya, they exchanged phone numbers and met up at an Accepted Students weekend at Georgetown later that spring. "It was nice going into freshman year knowing that I already had a friend," Katie said.

When Katie and Emily arrived at school in the fall of 2011, they discovered that their dorm rooms were two doors down from each other. Several girls from Ursuline New Rochelle ended up in the same building and the group dubbed the "Serviam Sweethearts" was born. "A lot of our floor turned out to be girls from all-girls high schools, so as a result I am friends with a lot of confident, down to earth, smart, social ladies," Katie said. "It was nice to be able to bond over that, coming from a high school experience like mine." The bonding will continue this year, because Katie and Emily will be suitemates for their sophomore year!



Above: BC-UA roommates (from L to R) **Christina Murray**, **Jill Lawler**, **Grace Olscamp** and **Paige Marino**, along with their suitemate **Tesia Mancosky** (second from left). Photo courtesy of **Paige Marino**

Below: **Katie Day** (on right) and her roommate **Emily** show their dual UA-Georgetown pride! Photo courtesy of **Katie Day**



Did you room with a fellow Ursuline girl in college? We'd love to hear your roommate story! Email alumnae@ursulineacademy.net.



(Above) Plaid, pink & proud: UA students filming their Pink Glove Dance

(Top Right) Walking for a cure: Members of Team UA at the 2011 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

Plaid Goes Pink

Ursuline Academy increases breast cancer awareness with Pink Glove Dance

by Mike Sarro, Associate Director of Advancement

There are a lot of people in this world who like to dance. There are also many people who are afraid to dance, especially in public. But they'll do it privately at home, or in the car rocking out to their favorite song, or if it's for a great cause - like increasing breast cancer awareness.

Drawing inspiration from the 2009 "Pink Glove Dance" video produced by the staff of Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Oregon, former Ursuline Director of Communications *Patrice Howard '04* set out to create a Lowder Street mix of the viral YouTube sensation. Set to the music of Katy Perry's, "Firework," the video features over 100 students plus 30 faculty and staff members dancing around in pink latex gloves - by themselves, in groups, choreographed and freestyle - in different locations within the school and around the campus.

"I could not help but watch the original Pink Glove Dance on repeat. To see a community gather together and so creatively support a cause was inspiring and truly put a smile on my face. My first thought was: Ursuline needs to dance," said Howard, who set up her video camera, turned up the tunes and watched as the Ursuline community brought out its best moves.

The "plaid" version of the Pink Glove Dance demonstrated Ursuline's commitment to the breast cancer cause and also became a fundraising tool for the school's participation in the American Cancer Society's 2011 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk "High School Challenge." Over 100 Ursuline students, faculty and staff participated in the Oct. 2 walk and raised \$18,700 to support the fight against breast cancer. "Ursuline participates in the walk in keeping with our school's mission, *Serviam*," said **Principal Mary Jo Keaney '82**. "Their collective efforts contribute to finding a solution for breast cancer, a disease that has devastated too many lives."

Howard's efforts on the video again paid dividends this past June when it was recognized by Massachusetts General Hospital at its annual "The One Hundred" gala. This event, hosted by MGH's Cancer Center, honors 100 individuals and groups for their diverse contributions to the fight against cancer. It was an additional treat to hear Academy Award-winner Matt Damon highlight Ursuline as part of his remarks at the gala.

This video production will not be the last of Howard's work. Having moved on from her role at Ursuline, she is currently pursuing her Masters degree in Broadcast Journalism at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in New York. All of us in the school community wish her much success as she embarks on this new challenge.

Closer to home, Ursuline students participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk for the fourth consecutive year at the Hatch Shell in Boston on Sunday, October 14, 2012. Some of them were dancing. Were you?

Watch Ursuline's Pink Glove Dance and hear Matt Damon give UA a shout-out in these videos on our YouTube Channel!

Scan the QR codes below, or visit:

<http://bit.ly/PxoBXD>
(Pink Glove)

and <http://bit.ly/V9EdCw>
(Matt Damon)



Pink Glove Dance



Matt Damon

Inspiring a Generation of Ursuline Girls

Mrs. Marge Costa P '79 '86 GP '12 steps aside from full-time Campus Minister role after 33 years but remains an integral part of prayer life at UA

by Patrice Howard '04

It may have been divine intervention that brought Marge Costa to Ursuline Academy. It may have been fate. It almost wasn't meant to be, but Marge has spent the past 33 years inspiring young women at Ursuline to carry their candles and light their worlds.

Marge Costa is known for her grace under pressure. However, when her husband Mike was forced to relocate the family from Tiverton, Rhode Island to Massachusetts in 1978, everyday pressure seemed unremarkable compared to the task of getting their eldest teenage daughter into a Catholic school for her senior year. As active members in the Church and supporters of Catholic education, the Costas became desperate to find a place for Debbi, who only had one year to go before college. They searched high and low, they talked to principals, administrators—even the nuns turned them down! That is, until their second phone call with Sister Dorothy Doyle from Ursuline Academy, who decided to give their daughter a chance. "Maybe God allowed that to happen," they thought.

A year after Debbi graduated, Ursuline welcomed Marge's youngest daughter Donna to the seventh grade. As Donna moved up through the grades, Marge transitioned from a volunteer to a religion teacher, and ultimately took over the Peer Ministry program, which she now refers to as "her pet." Though a program catering to the spiritual development of older students was in place when she arrived at Ursuline, the energy, spirit and dedication she put in each day helped to transform a weekly club into a unique opportunity of self-discovery for students of all ages.

True to the spirit of St. Angela, who encouraged her company to lead with passion, Marge works tirelessly with a dedicated group of seniors each year to develop a series of retreats for younger students, who are just discovering their faith. Though planning and praying with her Peer Ministers is a year-long commitment, there is one special day in October that requires her complete and utter attention: Mission Day. For students, it is a chance to let loose, get their face painted or buy candy with their babysitting money. For Marge, it is a special undertaking. "We are working to collect money for people who have too little. No matter how much time I put into it, it never feels like enough," she says. Mission Day is always a success, as you can't go wrong collecting money to support a local charity. In the past several years, Mission Day has supported groups like My Brother's Keeper and Flying Kites Global, a nonprofit children's home in Kenya.

On January 27, 2004, Marge Costa received Ursuline's most coveted honor, the *Serviam Award*, for her generosity and unwavering dedication to the spiritual development of Ursuline students. Though she started as a part-time volunteer, Marge has successfully transformed the very meaning of religious education and ministry at the school. In addition to being an honoree at the 2010 Brescia Ball, she was also recognized by the Archdiocese of Boston's Office for the New Evangelization of Youth & Young Adults in May 2012. Marge received the *Elizabeth Ann Seton Award* in recognition of her service to the young women of Ursuline. The award is presented to a recipient who exemplifies the qualities of Elizabeth Ann Seton by showing faith, selflessness and service to others, especially the young. The Ursuline community is incredibly grateful for her service for the past 33 years, and we honor her dedication to our students.

Though Marge has stepped aside from full-time duties as Ursuline Campus Minister, she is still an active part of Campus Ministry and prayer life at UA. *Mary-Kate Tracy '94* has assumed the role of Campus Minister after many years as an alumnae retreat leader and religion teacher at Ursuline.



Donna Costa Wheeler '86, Mike Costa, Marge Costa, and Debra Costa '79

All Creatures Great & Small

The heart of an Ursuline education is service, and most Ursuline girls will tell you that they learned the value and importance of serving those in need during their years on Lowder Street. They take those lessons with them to careers and lives where they put the needs of others before their own. For the Ursuline girls who are animal lovers, shelter workers and veterinarians, "others" doesn't only mean their fellow people: it includes all creatures, great and small.

Ursuline Veterinarians, Present & Future

Dr. Terry Taylor '74, DVM

Where is she now? Terry works in animal pathology, diagnosing diseases and issues in all types of animals from biopsies, which are samples of cell or tissues. For the past 16 years, she has also served as a member of the Admissions Committee at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, her alma mater.

Living Serviam: Terry has been involved with Massachusetts 4-H, a nonprofit youth development organization, for many years. 4-H is a national organization dedicated to developing good citizens and leaders through service to their communities and many of their programs are associated with animals, so it was a natural fit for Terry. Her 18-year-old son, Tucker, joined his first 4-H group when he was six, and Terry soon became his group leader. Her involvement grew from there and led to her current position as the vice-chair of the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, which raises funds to support MA 4-H clubs and programs.

Why Veterinary Medicine? "I got a B.S. in Medical Technology at Northeastern and worked in microbiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, then decided to get a master's degree in Public Health at Boston University because I was interested in infectious diseases," Terry said. "Many of the people around me were pursuing medical school, but that didn't interest me, so I pursued veterinary medicine. My relatives are dairy farmers, so I grew up around cows, which got me thinking about animals and exposure to disease. It all clicked when I was in graduate school, and I decided to become a vet and combine my interest in animals and disease. My path isn't one that a lot of people take, but I really enjoy it."

Favorite Memories of UA: "It all really started at Ursuline at the end of my senior year when I did an externship at Norwood Hospital in the microbiology lab," Terry said. "That set me on the path towards microbiology, and then I became interested in transmission of diseases from animals to humans, and that's how I made the connection to veterinary medicine."



Terry in her home office, where she reads animal biopsies. Photo courtesy of Terry Taylor

Dr. Alyson Bishop '04, DVM

Where is she now? Alyson works at Bolton Veterinary Hospital, in Bolton, Connecticut, the very same hospital she was at while an undergrad student in patho-biology and veterinary/animal science at the University of Connecticut. Alyson treats cats and dogs, as well as farm animals: cows, goats, sheep, alpacas and llamas.

Living Serviam: After her second year of vet school, in the summer of 2010, Alyson traveled to Medina Del Campo, Spain to volunteer at the Scooby Galgo Rescue animal shelter, the largest shelter in Spain. Alyson and her fellow volunteers spent a week spaying, neutering and caring for the animals in the shelter.

Why Veterinary Medicine? "I've always wanted to be a vet; it's the only career I've ever wanted," said Alyson. "My mom often pulls out this book I wrote in when I was nine or ten, and I wrote that I wanted to be a vet and work with animals on farms. I really like treating the animals and then giving them back to their owner healed. It's nice when you have the knowledge base to recognize a problem, come up with a solution and then see how happy you've made the owner by healing their animal."

Favorite Memories of UA: "The best part was the friendships I made, because we all went through the same things, had the same teachers and we could all relate to one another. There was a lot of camaraderie and there are just so many good memories!"



Alyson helping one of the animals at the shelter in Medina Del Campo, Spain. Photo courtesy of Alyson Bishop

Jessie Pulling '13, Animal Lover and Future DVM



Jessie guides Daisy during the Mission Day pony rides this past fall.

At the Barn: Jessie has been riding horses since the age of 3, and most days of the week you can find her at the barn with her pony, Daisy. On the weekends Jessie and Daisy compete in dressage—which is side to side movements with the horse—and hunter paces—an 8-10 mile race through the woods—with dreams of riding in these events in the Olympics someday. Jessie has been training Daisy for 11 years, and says they have a sister-like bond.

Living Serviam: "When I couldn't ride [because of an injury], I started giving lessons, to a few troubled children and to some of the kids at my barn," Jessie said. Her barn has primarily abused, abandoned or off the track thoroughbreds, so she also spends many hours patiently rehabbing abused horses. Jessie has also shadowed her horse's vet, which led her to a farm where she wants to do her Senior Service project in the

spring of her senior year. "It is a farm that has emus, donkeys, goats and sheep," she said. "When I was there shadowing the vet, I had to tackle a sheep to give it shots. It was so fun!"

Why Veterinary Medicine? "I would help my horse trainer take care of animals and it was a ton of fun. At that point in time, I started thinking about becoming a vet... It's always come naturally for me to be around animals, particularly horses," Jessie said. "I enjoy science and always wanted to help people in my career, but animals are really important to me, too. So [being a vet] combines my passions. Animals are really important to people, so by caring for them, I am helping them both."

Animals at UA: Jessie says she is always looking for ways to incorporate her love of animals into school projects and her life at UA. In the fall of 2012, she even brought Daisy to campus and gave pony rides for Mission Day! The newest Mission Day activity was a big hit among the UA girls.



Photos courtesy of Alana Mahoney

Animal Angel

Alana Mahoney '02 has been dedicated to animal rescue since her days at UA

If you stop by *Alana Mahoney's* office at the Animal Rescue League in Boston, odds are you'll find a dog or a cat keeping her company while she organizes intake and care for the animals at the shelter.

As the person in charge of the animals that the shelter takes in, Alana '02 likes to keep an eye on any animals that are nervous or having trouble adjusting. A lifelong animal lover, she has always been able to sense when animals are in need or in distress.

When she was a student at Ursuline, she fostered rabbits and their babies so frequently that her teacher Mrs. Tomase always asked her how the bunnies were doing. Then when the time came to do her Senior Service project, Alana, a dedicated competitive horseback rider, rehabbed injured horses at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) in Methuen.

When she decided to pursue a graduate degree, Alana enrolled in the Masters of Science in Animals and Public Policy program at Tufts University, which focuses on animal laws and how the public treats animals. Three years ago, she took that degree with her to the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL). "My job deals with people as much as the animals," Alana said. "I'm talking to people who are giving up their pets, deciding what's best for the pet and trying to balance the kinds of animals we have in the shelter." The ARL takes in pets that families are no longer able to care for, as well as stray cats and dogs. She estimates that the shelter is able to save 90% of dogs and 80% of cats.

But unfortunately, all the animals can't be saved. "One of the hardest things is realizing that you can't save them all," Alana said. "Sometimes you have to say, 'I can't help that one today.'"

But that doesn't mean that she will stop trying. Alana even started her own nonprofit organization to rescue, foster and set up adoptions for stray dogs. The Pet Union Project was born when Alana moved to South Carolina after college; she had just graduated from Boston College and had moved south to continue her horseback riding training. "They have a big issue with stray dogs and overpopulation in South Carolina, because they don't really spay or neuter," she said. "I worked with shelters down

there to transport dogs that were going to be put to sleep up to Massachusetts."

Rather than see the dogs put to sleep in South Carolina, Alana found a way to save them. She set up a kennel in the garage of her parents' house in Massachusetts and got permission from the US Department of Agriculture to transport the dogs. "I would use the website petfinder.com and usually, before the dogs even got to Massachusetts, I had a waiting list ten people long [to adopt the dogs]," she said. So far, the Pet Union Project has rescued 215 dogs and settled them with loving families here in Massachusetts.

Whether they are leaving the Animal Rescue League or the kennels of the Pet Union Project, Alana says that the best part is seeing these animals placed in a new, loving home. "My favorite part is getting to see them leave the shelter. I'm so happy to see them adopted and with a good family."



Photo left: Carolyn (left) and Nina on their graduation day from UA in 1990.



Photo right: Nina (left) and Carolyn in Florida during their Senior Service project at The Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary.



Photos courtesy of Carolyn Thorne Ziska

"A Once in a Lifetime Friendship"

Alumnae veterinarians and best friends Carolyn Thorne Ziska '90 and Nina Schmergel Owens '90 first bonded in the halls of UA over their love of animals

It was early in the fall of 1986 when Sister Ursula Binnette, O.S.U. asked ninth grader Carolyn Thorne if she was friends with classmate Nina Schmergel.

"I remember her saying, 'You two should talk, because you both have those pet rats,'" *Dr. Carolyn Thorne Ziska '90, DVM* recounts. "And I just thought, 'Wow, there's someone else like me out there!'"

A lifelong friendship was born from Sister Ursula's simple suggestion, and to this day both Carolyn and classmate *Dr. Nina Schmergel Owens '90, DVM* credit their Ursuline Latin teacher with initiating their lasting friendship.

Both Carolyn and Nina had beloved pet rats, and knew, even in the ninth grade, that they wanted to work as veterinarians someday. "Nina asked me if I wanted to come over after school sometime and meet her rat, Yvonne," Carolyn said. "And our friendship just took off from there. I went over to her house and met her rat and her dog and found out that she wanted to be a vet, too."

"What brought us together is our love of animals," said Nina. "And now, whenever we talk we just pick up right where we left off. It's a once in a lifetime friendship."

These days, there is less time to talk than there used to be. Nina practiced veterinary medicine for many years in Cincinnati, Ohio, and now lives and practices in San Francisco with her husband and two children. Carolyn, who lives in Norwood with her husband and daughter, works at Norwood Animal Hospital, where she once had a part-time, after-school job.

Carolyn was 8 years old when she decided she wanted to be a vet. "My aunt, who is also an Ursuline grad, had given me a guinea pig for my birthday and we took her to the vet for a checkup," Carolyn said. "I was so impressed, and I wanted to take care of people's guinea pigs and help them when they were sick. It just hit me that that's what I wanted to do." Similarly, caring for people's pets is what appealed to Nina about veterinary medicine. "It's experiencing that human-animal bond, which is second to people's bond with their children and one of the most powerful bonds out there," said Nina. "It's just a beautiful thing to be able to assist people with that bond."

The bond of friendship is another powerful one, and Carolyn and Nina's has been going strong since their days at UA. Once they became fast friends at Sister Ursula's urging, four years of great memories followed. One that stands out is their Senior Service project in the spring of 1990. They traveled to Sarasota, Florida to volunteer at an organization that rescued injured birds. "It was called The Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary, they helped injured birds with an emphasis on pelicans," Carolyn said. "So of course we wrote letters and found out if we could volunteer for a month and they said sure, and it was a really neat experience."

And it all started with a conversation about rats in the hallway at Ursuline!

Ursuline's Newest Alumnae the Class of 2012

alumnae notes



Commencement Speaker
Michaela McMahon Popeo '89



Valedictorian
Norah Griffin



Salutatorian
Gabriella Santone

Award Winners

Serviam Award: Shannon Lydon

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: Mary Joseph

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: Rachel Sulmonte

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.

"The world needs young women like you, women who are going to go out into the world and show their God-given talents... Make them shine so brightly that my three daughters will look up and one day know that they too can accomplish great things." - Michaela McMahon Popeo '89

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Congratulations to all our alumnae, and thank you for sharing your good news with UA! Read more about what your classmates and former teachers are up to in the 2011-2012 Annual Report.



The *Class of 1962* had such a great time at Reunion on April 28, 2012, that they decided to get together again for a reunion luncheon! *Fran Morgan '62* planned the get-together and all the ladies had a great time reminiscing about their Ursuline days and catching up on all the exciting events since. (Photo at left)

Congratulations to *Darlene Luccio Jordan '85*, who received the 2012 Fordham Founder's Award, a prestigious award presented to Fordham University

alumni whose personal and professional lives reflect the University's tradition of learning in the service of others. Jordan graduated from Fordham in 1989 and is a member of the University's Board of Trustees, as well as an active philanthropist and executive director of the nonprofit Gerald R. Jordan Foundation, which supports the arts, education and health and youth services.

Life is good for the alumnae of the 2000's! *Rachel Linso '03* received her Master's in Education from UMass Boston in December 2011 and was thrilled to begin her new teaching career at St. Jerome School in Weymouth. She teaches middle school social studies and 8th grade religion and language arts.

It was a big year for the Class of 2004! *Sharon Babcock '04*, former president of her class at UA, graduated from Wake Forest Medical School and is currently an orthopedic surgical resident at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. *Alyson Bishop '04* graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from The Ohio State University. *Kelly McCormack '04* currently lives in Washington, DC where she works for the government. She earned her Master's degree in Justice, Law & Society from American University.

After graduating from Georgetown University, *Carolyn Henry '07* enrolled in the nurse practitioner program at Massachusetts General Hospital and started working at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Carolyn's sister *Rosie Henry '10* spent the summer of 2012 as an intern in the tax department at Time Warner in New York City and traveled to Kenya in January.



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Then & Now

The Ursuline Academy Library

The Ursuline Academy library got a major upgrade in the summer of 2011, thanks to the proceeds from the 2010 Brescia Ball. The renovated library includes more study space, new computers and an interactive whiteboard.

