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Alumnae Award recipients are announced.
Dear Sister Alumnae,

My years as a student here at MSM were pivotal in forming my faith and moving me from an isolated, immature understanding of God and my place in creation to a living, breathing vibrant faith that would affect and direct my life’s path. This is a gift I credit in great part to the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur for the opportunities they not only presented to me but encouraged me to embrace.

At the Mount, I had many opportunities to grow in my faith. I was part of the Sodality Club and God’s Peace Corps. Through school, I taught “CCD” to 4th graders at St. Francis of Assisi in Tonawanda. My activities helped me to see the face of God in each person I encountered and understand that whatever I did to the least of my brothers and sisters I did for God. This faith called me to respond personally and to reach out to others. It was the gift I received from Mount St. Mary Academy and what I feel we are charged with gifting to the young women in our care.

To model the importance of faith formation here, I teach all freshman Religion classes. You see, my path to principal went through Religious Education. I worked in school settings before my children were born and for a bit after they were grown. I returned to the work world as a Coordinator and eventually Director of Religious Education in various parishes in the Diocese of Buffalo. When I first joined MSM, it was as Dean of Students and freshman Religion teacher. Four years ago, I stepped back into the classroom and have been teaching our freshman Religion classes ever since.

As a Catholic school, we are charged by the Vatican Document on the Religious Dimension of Education in A Catholic School, to “make visible the distinctive found in … the educational climate, … the personal development of each student, … the relationship established between culture and the Gospel … and the illumination of all knowledge with the light of faith…” That is exactly how our mission statement, which guides all we do, focuses us. We are to be “guided by our Catholic tradition, and rooted in Gospel values.” This is the heart and soul of Mount St. Mary Academy.

Our freshmen are introduced to a Catholic study of God’s Word focusing on the Old Testament as a living source of God’s revelation to us. Sophomores continue this Catholic study of God’s Word focusing on the New Testament and examining more deeply the mystery of Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God. Juniors focus on understanding the living source of God’s Revelation to us through traditions in the study of the Church, the Creed, and Catholic morality. Seniors explore the big questions of life through the lens of our Catholic faith and have the opportunity to additionally study World Religions as a Niagara University course.

We regularly celebrate Mass together with our beloved chaplain, Monsignor Francis Weldgen. Though we are too big of a community to celebrate our school liturgies in the beautiful MSM Chapel, this space is central to who we are. Every student has an opportunity to experience our Chapel as a sacred center when celebrating class masses. We teach our students to depend on their faith and on each other by sharing a class retreat each year at Camp Pioneer.

Though Sodality Club and God’s Peace Corps aren’t a part of today’s school life, our students still incorporate time for God and the world around them in their daily lives. Students actively participate in our Z-Club (an after school volunteer club) and Words and Deeds Bible Study group.

Every Mount St. Mary student is required to perform community service, and we find that the majority of our students far surpass their requirement. Last year, over one third of our student body performed more than 100 hours of community service. One student even performed over 500 hours of community service last year alone.

In all first and foremost, we assist each student in understanding the richness of the Catholic Christian tradition and in deepening her commitment to Gospel values. Ultimately, we are working to encourage students to develop spiritually.

Sincerely,

Dawn Hurley Riggie ’71
Principal
Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to present to you our first Focus magazine. This publication will continue to provide the news you love—full of school updates, alumnae happenings and ways you can be active at the Mount—but in an exciting new format.

We are very thankful to the Telesco Creative Group for designing our new magazine, the revamped MSM website and more. We are very excited about our new look.

We would also like to thank our alumnae and faculty who have contributed to this edition. Tim O’Shei, whose article on STEAM updates you on one of the many recent changes at the school, has launched MSM’s new journalism program, “Live! Starring… You!”

To tell you about our recent Alumnae Award recipients, we turned to the people who know them best. Marcella Forde Uhlman ’54 and Lisa Murray-Roselli ’84 helped us to explain why our award recipients are such wonderful people. We’d also like to thank Peg O’Brian Simons ’78, our new STEAM Coordinator, for presenting the Distinguished Educator award posthumously to beloved former teacher, Mrs. Joanne Champion Granger. Her presentation is included on page 10.

We will be publishing two editions of Focus each year. Our annual report will be available online at our website www.MSMacademy.org in late January.

For those of you interested in more news of the school, we also publish a monthly Alumnae Update e-newsletter. If you have not received the Alumnae Update and would like to subscribe, please register your email address at www.MSMacademy.org/alumnae/update-contact-information.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of the magazine and choose to take part in some of our upcoming alumnae events. Be sure to check out the back cover for more details. We look forward to seeing you in “our fair halls” again soon!

Warmest Regards,

Alexandra Kogler Fussell ’96
Coordinator of Alumnae and Public Relations
Run-down buildings are an issue in Buffalo, and most sizable cities, but Amanda McNulty and her sophomore classmates at Mount St. Mary Academy think they can do something about it.

Clustered comfortably around a computer in the school’s new STEAM Lab, Amanda and her peers are planning the creation of an app. “Buffalonian Builders,” people can use to snap a picture of a deteriorating building, pinpoint its location, and then fund volunteers to rescue, restore and beautify it.

At the same time, other groups of students are researching, developing and refining ideas for apps that will aid people who aren’t feeling well, provide waiting times for local emergency rooms, point users to the nearest organic food stores and locate nearby parks and nature centers.

All this debate, discussion and problem-solving are part of Mount St. Mary’s new STEAM program, which is housed in a new state-of-the-art computer lab and funded by a $40,000 grant from the John R. Oishei Foundation.

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Put another way, Mrs. Champion Granger subtly but consistently showed her young students that you can simultaneously be feminine and a scientific powerhouse.

“Look at STEM as a tool chest our students can reach into to solve problems for the rest of their lives,” Simons says. “We want them to feel comfortable using tools such as math, technology and engineering.”

Mount St. Mary’s STEAM program is poised to grow in the coming years. The first step was implementing classes for sophomores, which give students the opportunity to embrace the sciences early enough in their high school career to choose more advanced classes and perhaps pursue a STEAM-related college major.

But it’s not happening—nor yet, at least—in computer programming or the sciences. Colebeck recalls his graduating class of 25 physics students including only two women.

Simons has a similar story. Before returning to Mount St. Mary Academy this year to teach the sophomore STEAM program, Simons enjoyed a long and successful business career that started with her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in engineering.

Throughout her business career, Simons heard from young female engineers that they were the only woman in, say, a class of 30, which is what sparked her interest in promoting the sciences to girls.

“My passion is to have young women feel confident in the fields of science and math,” says Simons, who herself was inspired by her MSM chemistry teacher, Mrs. Joanne Champion Granger. Simons remembers Mrs. Champion Granger “wearing pearls to teach chemistry,” and challenging her students to struggle—and ultimately succeed—while wrestling with difficult problems.

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If women consist of 50 percent of the users, it seems only natural that women should make up more than 12 percent of the creators.
The Sophia Award honors a Mount St. Mary graduate who has shown great wisdom and dedication in her life’s work. The award was originally bestowed upon Sr. Mary Robert Thompson, Class of 1945. This year’s recipient, Susan Genco, Class of 1984, has demonstrated these attributes in the pursuit and cultivation of her exceptional career in the music industry.

It was in the halls of MSM that this career had its genesis.

“I have been fortunate to work in the music industry since graduating from Harvard Law School in 1993, and it all started at the Mount,” Susan says. “Music taught me about politics, love, and community. With the support of the school, we brought music to MSM—hosting the first rock concert at MSM in decades.”

Susan says that music inspired her and the Mount gave her the courage to pursue that passion.

“I thank my teachers and fellow students at the Mount for inspiring me and giving me the foundation to pursue a career that brings me joy every day,” she continued.

Susan received a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and a B.A., Summa Cum Laude/Phi Beta Kappa, in Economics from Wellesley College, where her studies included one year at the London School of Economics. Following her graduation from Harvard Law, Susan faced many naysayers who told her that finding work in the music business would be nearly impossible. Undeterred, Susan pushed forward, building her path one stepping stone at a time. Speaking of the tenacity and spirit this pilgrimage required, she says, “the basic tenets I learned at MSM—community, values, and passion” provided her with a strong foundation.

Susan began her career in the music business at Arista Records as an attorney, quickly rising through the ranks under the tutelage of Clive Davis to become Vice President, Business & Legal. She and her family relocated to California when she was offered a joint position as Senior Vice President, Business Affairs for EMI Records, North America and Senior Vice President, Operations for Capitol Records. Continuing to pursue opportunities, Susan accepted the role of Senior Vice President of Business Affairs at Warner Bros. Records Inc., where she was a member of the senior management team, overseeing all business and legal affairs, as well as A&R administration, for Warner Bros. Records and its affiliated labels (including Reprise, Sire, Word and Warner Nashville).

Currently, Susan is an adjunct professor at UCLA School of Law teaching “Music and the Law” and a business affairs and business development consultant in the music and media industries. In addition, Susan is a member of the Wellesley Business Leadership Council, an Executive Committee member for the USO Entertainment Advisory Council, Executive Committee and Advisory Board of Entertainment Law Initiative; and serves on the MusiCares Board.

Mount St. Mary is proud to count Susan among our sister Mounties. Her wisdom, determination, and leadership serve as a beacon of the bright light of possibility.

Lisa Murray-Roselli and Susan Genco coauthored the column Soundwaves for the “Blue Light” and interviewed Tom Calderone, former station manager of New Music Radio.
On Alumnae Sunday, Mount St. Mary Academy paid special tribute to Joanne Champion Granger. Joined by Mrs. Granger’s husband, Dr. Carl Granger, and her daughter, Janis, the MSM alumnae recognized Mrs. Granger for her excellence in teaching and her influence on so many students’ lives. The Distinguished Educator Award was presented by Peg O’Brien Simons ’78, an environmental engineer and STEAM Coordinator at Mount St. Mary Academy.

For those unable to attend the presentation, Peg’s speech appears below.

We are here today to honor Mrs. Joanne Champion Granger, who was a beloved science teacher at Mount St. Mary during the 1970s, ’80s and early ’90s. There is so much depth beyond this simple statement.

Ms. Champion, as we in the classes from the ’70s knew and loved her, was at the forefront of her time. She was the first “Ms.” we ever knew. She epitomized a strong woman who could undertake any task and still come out with her hair perfectly in place without ever raising her voice. She was a woman who taught chemistry – chemistry in pearls.

Ms. Champion’s approach to Chemistry was that this information was as essential to us as knowing not to wear white shoes after Labor Day. In her classroom, knowing the difference between a mole and a molecule was explained as if we could understand it innately.

And there were those of us who were buoyed by her approach to it and began the rest of our education secure in the fact that everything was understandable to us. Why? Because Ms. Champion said so.

The fruit of her efforts is distributed across the US in hospitals as doctors, anesthesiologists, nurse practitioners and physical therapists. She sent many a young lady into the engineering world, secure in the angle between the oxygen and hydrogen atoms in a water molecule. She helped create chemists and biologists who work to save the natural world. And she set the bar for many science teachers who came out of MSM.

The greatest gift that I think Ms. Champion gave me, though, is that we can serve as springboards for others who set out on this journey. We can blow upon the spark which lies in so many young ladies and set them on their way to do good in the world.

“I hope young people will develop a real excitement for life and for the marvels around and within them. This type of excitement can only come with the ability to see, to judge, and to respond to the world, its natural phenomenon, its people and its needs. I hope to encourage my students to take pride in their minds, to enjoy their thinking, to be curious and to take pride in the type of written, oral and mental statements they make concerning the world in which they live.”

— Joanne Champion Granger

Peg O’Brien Simons ’78 presented the 2014 Distinguished Educator Award to Janis Champion, in memory of her mother, Joanne Champion Granger.

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How can I help Mount St. Mary?

It’s a question I get often from alumnae and friends of the Mount, and it’s one I love to answer. Let’s face it, not all of us can afford to write the $1 million check we’d really love. There are lots of ways the rest of us can support our alma mater, though.

1. **Financial donations** in all amounts help us in so many ways. They provide scholarships and financial aid to students who need assistance, equipment for our science labs, new technology for student use and much, much more. We send our alumnae written appeals for support three times a year, but you can donate anytime on our website at MSMacademy.org.

2. **Leaving a gift to Mount St. Mary in your will** is a way to ensure your support for years to come.

3. **In-kind contributions** such as carpet, furniture, landscaping and more all allow us to make improvements to our campus and, ultimately, for our students. Donations you make personally, through your business or by asking a business owner you know are all valuable to us.

4. **Designate Mount St. Mary to receive your United Way contributions.** If you live in Erie County, you can use the Designated Donor Program.

5. **Does your company offer to match your charitable gift?** If so, please take advantage of this. We currently receive donations from alumnae and their companies all over the country — and the best part is that your donation doubles!

If none of these ideas works for you or your situation, I invite you to contact me anytime at jwojick@msmacademy.org to talk about ways you can give back to our alma mater.

6. **Make Mount St. Mary Academy your charity of choice through programs with Target, AmazonSmile and Tops Markets.** These options are easy — all you do is sign up and buy the products you normally would, and the Mount benefits.

7. **You may not wear your MSM class ring anymore, but there is a Mountie who would love to.** Each year we are blessed to be able to offer an “heirloom” ring to a student who would, otherwise, not be able to afford one.

8. **Be a Mountie Ambassador!** Tell your friends and family about all the good things going on at MSM and help us spread the word. Visit our website for a refresher on the many things we have to brag about.

9. **Give us your time!** Local alumnae (and those who visit regularly) can get involved in a variety of ways. Whether you’d like to get involved with our Alumnae Board and help with the great projects they are spearheading or attend one of our many special events (see back cover), we’d love to have you back!

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I’d love to help you help Mount St. Mary!

Best wishes,

Julie Rosenecker Wojick ’85
Assistant Principal for Institutional Advancement

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Celebrating our alumnae.

On September 14, Mount St. Mary Academy celebrated Alumnae Sunday with over 150 alumnae in attendance. The day began with Mass in our auditorium, celebrated by Msgr. Francis Weldgen, our school’s chaplain.

Our annual alumnae awards were presented at the conclusion of Mass to Susan Genco ’84, Sophia Award recipient, and Mary Theresa Furfari Colson ’54, Alumna of the Year (read more about this amazing alumna on page 16). Joanne Champion Granger was honored as our Distinguished Educator with her family in attendance (page 10).

The classes of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, and 1984 gathered at Mass and the brunch that followed as part of their reunion festivities. Reunion classes had the opportunity to tour the school, reliving past glories and moments of mischief.

Alumnae Sunday will be held next year on September 13, 2015.

All alumnae are welcome to attend!

Thank you!

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to the following alumnae whose donations were inadvertently omitted from our 2013 annual report.

1955
Dolores Bolewski Brasicak
Margaret Sherry Burns
Judith Murphy Collins
Nancy Laughlin Dowey
Clare Sigel Carlsten Hunt
Geraldine Kogler
Elaine Patry
Gail DePasquale Schmichel
Cecelia Wheelan
Joan Foley Whiteman
Gail Thomson Zorn

1956
Patricia Vorburger Harvey
Mary Bowman Herkey
Virginia Grimmer MacKay
Maureen Hites Meyer
Carolyn Neina
Camille Aversano Passarella
Kathleen Crowdy Patterson
Beverly Britton Simms
Sally Schmidt Shangler

1957
Sheila Glaser Bultmann
Donna Carlin Cederman
Mary Lake Desjardins
Joan Dufort
Valerie Bast Guenther
Shirley Zorn Kenney
Teressa Dolan Lombardi
Carol Wolf Pope
Kathryn Worzczek Wood

1958
Kathleen Dolan Clements
Kathleen Flynn Clune
Suzanne Herbert Corbett
Carol Cordon Dubel
Daryl Batchly Farrell
Geraldine Miosa Gaffney
Mary Warrordorf Johnson
Barbara Bajorek McCarthy
Patricia McNally
Maureen Raymond Miller
Mary Jane Bird Mohr
Barbara Neble Mostesano
Rosemary Knopp Murray

1959
Sandra Payaj Becker
Anne Feltham Cameron
Linda Dunn
Sally Sheridan Grady
Susan Grobe
Mary Ann Kudia Hargrave
Carol Drenth Joach
Virginia Topolski Kinsky
Patricia Fries Lavallo
April McMahon
Judith Laskowski Pastoor
Yvonne Bouvet Pohlman
Jean MacKay Reddy
Sharon Gould Reynolds
Christine Genewick Stravino
Patricia Nosek Smuczerski

1960
Joan Coe Frary ’55 moved to Pensacola, Florida in June 2012 and is still teaching part time.


Paula Cavitt Hennessey ’74 is a licensed alcohol drug counselor working as a psychotherapist in private practice in Connecticut. She has been a therapist for over 25 years.

Denise Ball Grandits ’83, a teacher at St. Amelia School in Tonawanda, was just awarded the 2014 National Council of Teachers of English Media Literacy Award. Denise is currently finishing her PhD in Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning with a focus in English Education at the University at Buffalo.

Amber Nissan Hartman ’93 was selected as one of Buffalo Business First’s 40 Under 40, Class of 2014.

Jessa Gorski ’03 and Kimberly Langanbruch ’05 were featured in Buffalo Business First’s 30 under 30, Class of 2014. The award is given to young leaders who have achieved professional success and made significant contributions to our community.

Julia Zenger ’06 graduated from Canisius College with a BA in Art History in 2010 and received a Masters in Arts Management from the University at Buffalo in 2014. She is now the Assistant Sales Manager for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mary Kate Thielman ’09 entered the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia on the Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15, 2014. She started a time of initial formation dedicated to learning about the life of the order through prayer and study, and for the first year, she will be called a postulant. The congregation is based in Nashville, Tennessee. After her time of initial formation, Mary Kate looks forward to taking part in their apostolate of Catholic education, teaching in one of the community’s schools.
Mary Theresa “Terri” Furfari started as a freshman at MSM in September of 1950. Unlike most of her peers who arrived at the Mount by bus, Terri simply had to cross over Ferndale Avenue and enter the school grounds. She lived there with her mother and father and her two younger sisters. Besides her immediate family Terri had, in the greater Buffalo area, about 30 aunts and uncles and 45 first cousins. Talk about family! And so she learned early on how to get along with others, to respect each person, to help out and to lead the younger ones by good example.

Although Terri was the first of her very large family to attend MSM, in the years after her graduation, she was followed by her two younger sisters, her two daughters and by her mother and father and her two younger sisters. Terri herself will tell you how much she valued the all-girls environment of the Mount which helped her to develop the leadership skills that have marked her adult life.

All of the teachers at MSM that time were Sisters of St. Mary, and they nurtured that spirit of scholarship which served Terri so well after graduation when she moved on to Sisters Hospital in Buffalo for her training as a nurse. After receiving her R.N. in 1957, she worked at Sisters for two years at which time she met Jim Colson who was then a doctoral student in Chemistry at Canisius College. A couple of years later, they married and began raising their family of five.

Jim and Terri eventually became grandparents to 15 grandchildren. Sadly, they lost a grandson to PLE (Protein Losing Enteropathy), a devastating side-effect of the many heart surgeries he had to have as an infant.

Once Colin was diagnosed, Terri and many of her family and friends committed themselves to fundraising for medical research concerning PLE. Although it did not save their own grandson, the work has continued in the hope that other children may be saved. At this time she was also asked to join the Institutional Review Board at Women and Children’s Hospital in order to review new protocols for pediatric medical research. Terri served for many years on this Board.

There are three attributes that are very characteristic of Terri: hospitality, industriousness and leadership. They flow from her true interest and concern for people. She is most loyal to all her family, faithful to her friends and embracing of all. To her children, grandchildren and young people in general, Mary Theresa is a real role model, to Mount St. Mary Academy, she is an ideal “Alumna of the Year” and to her fellow classmates, she makes it an honor to call her a peer.

Kristen Tiglio ’03 married Nick Cortese on July 20, 2013. Bridesmaids were fellow alumnae Lisa Mullane DeBuds ’03 and Christina Serio ’03.

Emily Warne ’07 married Frank Mazzarelli on October 4, 2014, in Washington, DC. Amanda Mooney ’07 and Elizabeth Via ’07 were bridesmaids.

Kathleen Grimes ’08 married Philip Colson, grandson of Mary Theresa Furfari Colson ’54, on August 16, 2014. (Back row left to right) Julie Zirnheld ’08, Courtney Talarico ’08, Liz Caputi ’08, Christine Colson ’12, Kari Colson Nelly ’82, Kathleen Colson ’78, (front row left to right) Rose Carol Furfari Bussaglia ’60, Mary Theresa Furfari Colson ’54, Mary Kosinski ’13, Katie Grimes Colson ’08, Maid of Honor Amy Grimes ’10, Haley Jarmusz ’08, Rachel Lombardo ’08, Melissa Furfari Wenzel ’58, Michelle Reinkind ’80, and Cute Cousins ’14.

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- Katie Cole Landolt ’00 and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their son, Dylan, born on September 9, 2014.
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### Alumnae Updates
- Erin Donohue Brough ’02 and husband Todd announce the birth of their son, Aidan.
- Katie Stubbe Brick ’02 and her husband, Gwylm, welcomed their first son, Gwylm Evans Brick III, on September 23, 2014. He is the nephew of Bridget Brick Janovese ’95 and Beth Stubbe ’05, and great nephew of Joanna Kamiński Vlahos ’83.
- Beth Manganello Ceckowski ’03 and her husband, Keith, welcomed their first child, Courtney Elizabeth. Proud aunt is Amy Manganello Rosenberg ’02.

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In Memoriam

- Judy Tilaak Barone ’59, sister of Joan Tilaak ’57, sister in law of Penny Barone Bromley ’57, mother of Bonnie Barone Hamme & ’82, aunt of Lori Bromley Lenyo ’82, Molly Bagley Miller ’97, Kate Bagley ’92, Megan Bagley ’05, and Kelly Lenyo ’12.
- Joan Denzak, February 26, 2014, father of Marquisha Muldrow Mushat ’00.
- Edward Burke, March 18, 2014, husband of Kathleen Neuler Tasker ’57.
- Mary O. Schaab, March 7, 2014, mother of Susie Schaab Zach ’64. During the mid-60s, Mary was the president of the MSM Parent Organization. She chartered many Mount dances and proms, dancing the night away.
- Frank Styka, April 18, 2014, father of Mary Anne Styka Wyke ’71 and Laurie Styka Bloom ’76.
- Rev. William Tuyn, April 5, 2014, brother of Geraldine Tuyn Brick ’59, Alina Tuyn ’68, Rosemary Tuyn Schuh ’73, Julie Tuyn Watham ’76, uncle of Mary Anne Brick ’79, and great uncle of Laura Brick ’11.

Kathleen Joines Willis ’50, September 14, 2014.

In 1950, we graduated from Mount St. Mary Academy with lots of hope, optimism and excitement. We were a little scared but were nurturing a few seeds of courage. Our wonderful teachers had instilled in us a thirst for knowledge, a sense of what brings true happiness, a desire to dedicate our lives to making a positive impact on the world and the need to be flexible. We knew we had inherent value because we were truly beloved children of God – what a major boost to confidence and self-esteem that was!

Today in my Catholic school in Denver, Colorado, we have a sign that says, “Catholic schools – preparing students for a world we cannot predict.” So, it appears that in sixty-four years, the purpose of education has not changed – for who, in 1950, would have predicted color TV, computers, smartphones, bypass surgery, artificial knees and hips, moon landings – and all those new words – tweet, software, Facebook, etc… And as those wonderful teachers told us, we met this new world and we thrived.

So here we are, sixty four years later, and those values we absorbed in our academic classes of so long ago, have the same relevance today as they did then. Therefore, to all present and future Mounties – you go, girls! Get out there and change the world.

You are well equipped with the MSM spirit.

— Kathleen Jones Willis ’50
March 11, 1933 – September 13, 2014.

This passage was written for Kathleen’s classmates for their recent reunion.
Upcoming Events

Wine and Chocolate Gift Gathering Party
February 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Mount St. Mary Academy Student Dining Hall

Movies at the Mount: Great Gatsby (1974)
February 22 at 2:00 p.m.
Mount St. Mary Academy Auditorium

Chrysalis Auction and Dinner
March 14 at 5:00 p.m.
Mount St. Mary Academy Auditorium

Sweets and Treats Band Concert
March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Mount St. Mary Academy Auditorium

Movies at the Mount: Great Gatsby (2013)
March 29 at 2:00 p.m.
Mount St. Mary Academy Auditorium

Spring Drama, Jane Austen’s Emma
April 25 at 7:00 p.m. and April 26 at 2:00 p.m.
Mount St. Mary Academy Auditorium

Alumnae Golf Tournament
May 15 at 12:30 p.m.
Chestnut Hill Country Club

Alumnae Association Pancake Breakfast
May 17 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Applebee's Restaurant (Niagara Falls Blvd.)