

Alumnae NEWS & NOTES



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Monica Murphy Hizer '41 celebrated her 95th birthday in November. She wrote a note to St. Kate's, mentioning happy memories from her years as a student, lifetime friendships made between Katies and stops to the St. Paul campus over the years. She resides in Cincinnati, Ohio, and enjoys time with her children and grandchildren.

1960-69

Norita Dittberner-Jax '66 completed her fourth collection of poetry, *Stopping for Breath*, published by Nodin Press.

Gretchen Hintz Wronka '66 received the William G. Asp Distinguished Career Award at the Minnesota Library Association 2014 Annual Conference. The award recognizes distinguished service to the profession as well as active and innovative leadership in the development of libraries and the improvement of library services. She has been employed at the Hennepin County Library since 1981.

Mary Lou Gerdes Logsdon '69, MAT'05 is the chair for the Spiritual Directors International Leadership Institute in 2015. The theme for the 2015 leadership conference is "Leading with Integrity and Compassion."

1970-79

Elizabeth (Betty) Weiners Canavati '75 was inaugurated as president of the Indiana State Medical Association Alliance.

Julie Leighton Zumpano '79 and her daughter **Sophia Zumpano '08** are team teaching a third-grade class at Custer Elementary School in Custer, South Dakota, located in the Black Hills.

1980-89

Julie Thalhuber Bendel '88 is serving as the interim director of Newman Catholic Campus Ministry to the University of Wisconsin-Stout for the 2014-15 academic year. She has also served on the board of Stepping Stones of Dunn County, a local nonprofit that provides food, shelter and support to area residents. In addition, she helped launch Winter Haven, an emergency shelter for those in need during the winter months.

1990-99

Kristina Hash '90 has been appointed director of interprofessional education with the West Virginia Geriatric Education Center. She co-authored the book *Aging in Rural Places: Programs, Policies, and Professional Teams* (Springer Publishing) in fall 2014.

Kristin Kalstad Cummings '91 was hired as the director of marketing and communications at St. Catherine University. Previously, she was chief operating officer and founder of Simple Interest Communications.

Chris Hanson MAOL'91 is CEO of thedatabank. In 2014, he was elected board president of the Twin Cities Metro Independent Business Alliance (MetroIBA).

Linda Hutchinson MAT'93 wrote a book *Laugh Yourself Happy: Kids Say Delightful Things*. She compiled and selected anecdotes, one-liners and fun quotes, along with photos of children laughing. The book is the first in a *Laugh Yourself Happy* series.

Cheryl Alton Hawkins '96 started a new business — Cheryl Hawkins Tax and Accounting — in Jordan, Minnesota.

2000-09

Baya Clare, CSJ, MAT'02 is an artist working in photography, drawing, printmaking and fiber. She has shown her work at three solo shows in the past year, and had several works in juried group shows. In addition to her work as an artist, she teaches at the federal women's prison in Waseca, Minnesota.

Katie Thiry MAOL'04 was promoted to program chair for the Master of Arts in Organizational Management Program at Forbes School of Business at Ashford University.

Deidre Lindstrom King '05, DPT '07 was awarded the 2014 Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award from St. Kate's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. The award recognizes excellence in clinical teaching. She also received "The Firestarters" award at the University of Minnesota Medical Center for demonstrating an exceptional patient care experience.

Mary Beth Stein St. Hilaire '05, MAT'07 is a board member of the Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and traveled to Rome in October 2014 to attend the Forum on the Family. The forum was an international gathering of Catholic reform groups called together to focus on concerns for sexuality, marriage and family.

Cabrini Jablon MAOL'06 was recently named vice president of the board for the Howe Community Resource Center, which provides programs that connect families to resources and empower people toward self-sufficiency. She is also the associate director of admission at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin.

Shunu Shrestha '07 was honored as an emerging leader at the YWCA Women of Distinction Awards in Duluth, Minnesota. The award recognizes and honors women who make significant contributions to the Duluth community.

Rondi Pacheco Cross '08 earned a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 2014.

Gina Kellogg-Soleil MAOL'08 wrote a book *Fuel Your Business: How To Energize People, Ignite Action and Drive Profits* (Career Press).

Stephanie Rosckes McCluskey '08 was hired as the director of annual giving at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. She began her duties at St. Olaf in October 2014.

Sarah Millerbernd Welle '09 earned a master's degree in healthcare informatics at Duke University in 2014.

2010–present

Katherine Millerbernd Nelson '10 joined the alumnae relations staff at St. Catherine University as office coordinator.

Rebecca Zenefski '10 is an assistant volleyball coach at Champlin Park (Minnesota)

High School. She helped lead the Rebels to the Northwest Suburban Conference Championship, Section 5AAA Championship and 3AAA State Consolation Championship. She was awarded the Section 5AAA Assistant Coach of the Year award.

Caitlin Mans '11 earned a certificate in museum management from the University of South Carolina. She is currently working as a curatorial assistant at the Aurora History Museum in Aurora, Colorado.

Emily Seidl Niswanger '11 earned a Master of Science in Nutrition and a certificate in Transdisciplinary Childhood Obesity Prevention from South Dakota State University. Her thesis focus was on the correlation between food deserts and childhood obesity in South Dakota. She is currently working as a clinical dietitian at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Martha West MAT'11 joined Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality as marketing and

communications manager. She is also a community relations associate at Sarah's... an Oasis for Women. Both are programs of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province.

Kelsey Johnson MAOL'12 recently accepted the position of director of state affairs for the Grocery Manufacturers Association. The association represents 300 leading food, beverage and consumer products manufacturers.

Charlene Peterson MAT'13 finished her clinical pastoral education residency as a hospital chaplain at Gundersen Health System in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Natalie Reynolds MLIS'13 is now an engineering librarian at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.

Mai Nhia Xiong-Chan MAOL'13 is the new director of undergraduate admissions at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

>> DO TELL!

Let us know about a professional or personal accomplishment, or other news in your life.

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In memory of...

Family and friends remember loved ones.

To celebrate the 80th birthday of **Rose Maida Palen '54**, her seven children and husband, Richard, bought her an elegant stone bench on the St. Paul campus.

"My mom had a great deal of fondness for St. Kate's," says Mimi Palen–Clare. Palen, who passed away in 1998, at age 65, was an accomplished potter, a nurse and the co-owner of a religious art store on Grand Avenue in St. Paul. She was active in church, as well as education and social service organizations.

The Rose Palen Memorial Bench sits by the west steps to Our Lady of Victory Chapel. The views — of the Chapel and Dew Drop

Pond — are "pretty spectacular," notes Palen–Clare. Her mother, who majored in nursing and was a President's Forum member, would have been impressed.

Vera Chester, CSJ '52, Professor Emerita of Theology, was scheduled to teach a class at Reunion 2012, but died suddenly two months prior. Her friends Ann O'Neill, CSJ; Mary Jo Ryan Richardson '52; Judy O'Malley Catton '52 and Mary Louise May Klas '52 rallied to keep her legacy alive.

The Vera Chester CSJ Memorial at St. Kate's was inspired after Sister Ann's discussion about the Tekakwitha Conference, an annual gathering of Native American Catholics. Sister Vera was active on the CSJ's Native

American Awareness Task Force of the Justice Commission and advocated the sainthood of Kateri (Catherine) Tekakwitha, who was canonized in 2012.

Letters to fund the memorial were sent to Sister Vera's classmates, friends, colleagues and relatives. The result: scholarships for Rachel Thompson '14, Comfort Dondo-Dewey '15 and Rebecca Roepke '11 to attend the 75th Tekakwitha Conference in North Dakota.

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REUNION: *it's what's in fashion*

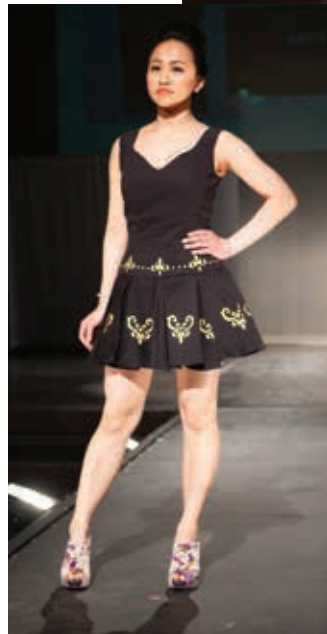
Reunion 2015, scheduled for June 12-13, will celebrate St. Catherine University graduates from years ending in 5 or 0, former student-athletes (all years), and science and math graduates (all years). The Reunion planning committee and Alumnae Relations staff have been working to put together a weekend rich with social, educational and spiritual activities.

This year, Reunion will feature a fashion show from students in the University's apparel merchandising and design program. More than 20 designs, focused on sustainability, will be showcased. Alumnae will learn more about how St. Kate's students are using innovative design and materials while learning sustainable practices to keep up with eco-design trends.

"Sustainable design and thinking is part of our curriculum; every student in the program studies it," explains Anupama Pasricha, chair of the Department of Apparel, Merchandising and Design. "In addition, some students may choose sustainability as their primary design strategy."

The science behind sustainable design will be shared while both students and alumnae model the apparel.

"We often hear from alumnae that they enjoy opportunities to connect with students," says Karen Jochen MAOL'06, director of Alumnae



PHOTOS BY ASHLEY DE LOS REYES '15



KATWALK 2014
Designs by
Xee Vang '15
Megan Buysse '15
Pachia Vang '14



Relations. "The fashion show will be a fun way to make connections between Katies past and present."

Reunion 2015 will include favorite activities from past weekends, such as the campus garden tour, beer and cheese tasting, art exhibit and cooking classes. It will also offer alumnae some new events. The Class of 2010, for example, is planning a bicycle maintenance class followed by a neighborhood bike ride. The student-athletes are hosting a fitness class in Butler Center's new state-of-the-art addition. A painting class is in the works for the more artistic types.

Get the latest Reunion information online: stkate.edu/reunion



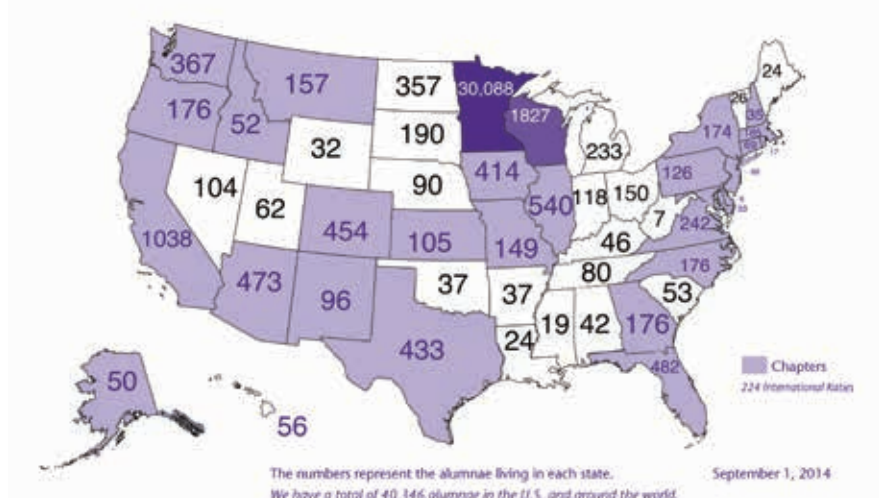
Members of the class of 1974 recreate a photo from their college days during Reunion 2014.

PHOTO BY REBECCA ZENEFSKI '10

CALLING ALUMNAE ARTISTS

- Works of art by alumnae artists will be displayed during Reunion in the alumnae art exhibit; artists celebrating Reunion this year are encouraged to participate.
- Artists may submit their work using the online form at stkate.edu/reunion.

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT



Calling all alumnae

Check out these new ways to connect Katis to one another and the University!

Live stream campus events to alumnae in chapters. Live stream is an easy and convenient way for alumnae across the country to stay connected to the University by attending campus events via computer.

Upcoming live streaming event you won't want to miss!

■ Alumnae Evening with the President, Monday, May 11, 2015.

Katis following along with the live stream will have the chance to ask questions of St. Catherine University President Andrea Lee, IHM or her cabinet. We will email the link to the livestream in early May. Have a new email address? Update us by filling out our online form at stkate.edu/updateinfo.

Quarterly webinars featuring guest speakers and topics that help alumnae in chapters stay connected to the University and one another. Last year, we hosted webinars with University administrators on topics such as alumnae engagement trends and using LinkedIn. We plan to host more webinars in 2015. Check the alumnae chapters website at stkate.edu/alumnaechapters to find out about the next webinar.

Chapter pages on the Alumnae Relations website feature chapter events, chapter contacts and links to chapters on Facebook. The alumnae website hosts a wealth of information on how you can stay connected. Go to stkate.edu/alumnaechapters.

To participate in any of these activities, contact Kelly Povo '09 at kapovo@stkate.edu or 651-690-6063.

A special thanks to the Chapter Management Committee of the Alumnae Council, which provides these resources and strategies for alumnae in chapters throughout the United States.



Mary Chesney '75 honored for accomplishments in nursing

The American Academy of Nursing selected 168 nurse leaders for induction as fellows in October 2014. Among the four from Minnesota was Mary Hipwell Chesney '75, PhD, RN, CNP.

Selection criteria included evidence of significant contributions to nursing and healthcare, sponsorship by two current Academy fellows and the extent the nominee's nursing career has influenced health policies.

Chesney is director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing and president-elect of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. She is also president of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Coalition for the state of Minnesota.

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FALL EVENTS 2014

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St. Kate's

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KatieFest

1. Nicholas Novacek Bundt, Hilary Novacek Bundt '08, Jessica DiPasquale, Amy Jacobson and David DiPasquale
2. Nikki Burg Dockendorff '09, Joe Dockendorff and their daughter, Ruby
3. Jessica Wilkens-Dehncke '93 and Ellen Whitted '93



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Citizen Katie

4. Claudia Huot '79, Joe Taylor, Mary Jean Kappel Burch '79 and Meg Otte '81
5. Laurel Trimbo '61 and Barbara Brandt '12
6. Katies past and present at St. Joseph's Home for Children, one of 15 Twin Cities nonprofits served on the this day of service.

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Myser Lecture

- 7. Amata Miller, IHM, director of the Myser Initiative in Catholic Identity; Joan Chittister, OSB, 2014 Myser Lecture speaker; and Patricia O'Connor Myser '56
- 8. Marybeth Lorbiecki '81; Jane McDonald, CSJ; Sharon Fitzgerald '62; Catherine McNamee, CSJ, former St. Kate's president; Jean Wincek, CSJ '62, vice chair, Board of Trustees; and Mari Ann Graham
- 9. Mary Dolan Delaney '58; Anne Otterson '55, Trustee Emerita; Joan Chittister, OSB; and John Delaney

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Home for the Holidays

- 10. Marcie Spencer Moody '07, Brian Moody and their son, Michael
- 11. Dolores Pleiss Dresen '66 and Mary L. Ryan '66
- 12. Theresa Wollan Stickler '84, Kate Wollan '86, Tom Kocon, Barbara Probst Wollan '58, Anne Wollan Kocon '82, Tim Quigley 2M'90 and Mary Wollan Quigley '82



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In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of the following graduates, faculty members and trustees:

Marguerite (Peggy) Derry, St. Catherine staff, 1967–91, on November 11, 2014.

Leona Mary Kedrowski, mother-in-law of trustee Mark Chronister, on October 19, 2014; grandmother of Henrietta Schmoll School of Health staff member Angela Chronister.

Barbara Le Vailodash, adjunct faculty, in October.

John Mullen on October 15, 2014; father-in-law of trustee Joanne Jirik Mullen '83, brother of Rosemary Mullen Krawczyk '59.

Chris Dennis Olson, MLIS adjunct faculty since 2007 on September 28, 2014.

Mayme Hunziker Sabaka '35 on September 27, 2014; sister of Mildred Hunziker '39.

Dolores Lenz Gilles '37 on October 17, 2014.

Allie Ann Christman Evans J'38 in August 2014.

Patricia Malloy Chatterton '38 on September 5, 2014; sister of Kathleen Malloy Ellenbecker '33.

Genevieve Ozark Leverone '39 on October 29, 2014; mother of Mary Ann Leverone MacGillivray '69 and Monica Leverone Keough '76.

Florence Willson Carlson Anderson J'39 on August 13, 2014.

Cecilia Zaig Turbak '39 on April 1, 2014; mother of Andrea Turbak, OSF '88 and grandmother of graduate student Elizabeth M. Turbak.

Renee Rosenberger Kreilkamp M'40 on August 31, 2014.

Mary Elizabeth McDonald Ryan '41 on August 29, 2014.

Phyllis C. Lahn '42 on November 4, 2014.

Dorothy Melicec Donohue '42 on October 18, 2014; mother of Margaret Donohue Bruggeman '74.

Mary Catherine Dwyer '43 on November 14, 2014.

Bernice Belair Sisson '44 on September 18, 2014.

Mary Jo Curtis Hawkinson J'44 on September 19, 2014.

Ann Denise Sullivan, CSJ '44 on November 18, 2014; sister of Mary Sullivan Steffen J'54.

Dorothy Mae Anderson Larson M'45 on August 30, 2014.

Laura Vielleux McGinnity '45 on November 26, 2013.

Constance Clark Wamsley '46 on July 23, 2014; sister-in-law of Mary Wamsley '46.

Margaret Coyle Snell J'47 on September 20, 2014.

Mary Louise Herriges Vetter J'47 and Pastoral Min. Cert. '84 on August 16, 2014; mother of Cheryl Vetter Ustipak '84.

Barbara Kos Charlton '47 on September 19, 2014.

Phyllis Swanson Kilgore '47 on July 6, 2014.

Mary Jeanne Brickley Pavlik '48 on September 24, 2014.

Dorothy Wyant, CSJ '48, on August 31, 2014.

Doris Kresl Norell '50 on September 18, 2014; mother of Elizabeth Norell Schneider '85 and Susan Norell Courteau '76; sister of Rita Kresl Michaletz '57.

Florence Ruhland '50, past nursing faculty, on August 27, 2014; great-aunt of Anna Marie Mollner Ruhland '12 and aunt of Margret Ruhland Benasutti ANP Cert '90.

Florence Lenihan McHugh '51 on August 22, 2014; great-granddaughter of St. Catherine benefactor Hugh Derham; sister of Mary Derham Lenihan McCarthy '54, sister-in-law of Patricia McHugh '50 and cousin of Mary Derham Eginton Metz '57.

Mary Ann Valentine Mueller J'51 on October 16, 2014.

Joan Sipe, CSJ '52 on October 14, 2014; sister of Rose Sipe Tures '76 and Elizabeth Sipe Mcginty '76.

Patricia Stahlman Monson '52 on October 29, 2014.

Mary Lou Bunting Eoloff '53 on October 11, 2014.

Norma Falteisek Knight J'54 on October 31, 2014.

E. Katherine Spaeth Molyneaux '55 on August 24, 2014; mother of Mary Catherine Molyneaux Brain '80; sister of Helen Spaeth Vanni '46 and Terese Spaeth Nobis '49; aunt of Amy Hanson Burgoyne '85, Anne Dougherty Deahl '81, Angela Vanni-Bozza '75 and Eda Hanson M'77.

Gayle Barrett Wickenhauser Matthys J'56 on July 23, 2014; mother of Lori Wickenhauser Bergstrom M'82.

M. Joanne Daly Devine '56 on September 24, 2014; mother of Mary Devine Unmacht '84 and Ann Devine Strey '85; sister of Jean Marie Daly Martinson '61 and Elizabeth Daly Hiniker '57.

Kathleen Sammon Wade '58 on November 7, 2014.

Judith Ann Gusack '62 on October 1, 2014.

Mary Jen Baltes '64 on August 24, 2014; sister of Margaret Ann Baltes Martin '70.

Claire Ann Matthews Winker Ph.D., '66 on October 12, 2014.

Frieda Kalenze, CSJ '66, on November 6, 2014; trustee 2000–05.

Cheryl Tornell Noren M'68 on November 7, 2014.

Mary Margaret Disser McCrea '70 on May 27, 2014.

Jane Winkel Stassen '72 on October 21, 2014; sister-in-law of Marian Stassen Peiffer '64 and Carol Stassen Taylor '66.

Jeremiah Simington M'73 on November 2, 2014.

Jennifer Schanno Fogg '75 on October 7, 2014; sister of Marianne Schanno Masciopinto '77.

Del M. Yurick M'75 on August 21, 2014.

Lynn Van Osdale M'84 on August 3, 2014.

Kathleen Frederick Kramer '85 on November 8, 2014.

Dana Harnish Tinsley MAED'03 on November 5, 2014.

Theresa Anne Mariana '03 on August 9, 2014.

Cynthia McNamara Poletes Baily '06 on September 11, 2014.

Please Be in Touch

If you have news to share about a death in your family, please call Alumnae Liaison Ruth Haag Brombach SP'60 at 651-690-8665.

In memory of Peter Lupori (page 12)

"He was charming, personable, creative. He led many of us into the luminous world of clay sculpture."

—Artist Helen Griffin Hartley '69

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WEDDINGS

Marie Terhaar Miller '93 on August 22, 2014.

Amy Underhill Barrett '96 on July 20, 2013.

Deborah Monn Bifulk '03, MLIS'07 on August 15, 2014.

Diedre Lindstrom King '05 on April 5, 2014.

Nicole Anderson Davis '07 on June 14, 2014.

Laura Deshler Lambert '07 on November 22, 2014.

Kristen Kaufmann Freeman '08 on October 24, 2014.

Kathryn Spies Hall MSW'08 on September 26, 2014.

Emily Paige King-Kosel '08 on November 21, 2014.

Bria Hilgers Gustafson '09 on October 11, 2014.

Katrina Eisele Julie '09 on August 23, 2014.

Sarah Millerbernd Welle '09 on August 16, 2014.

Emily Hofmeister Leatherman '10 on August 23, 2014.

Melinda Hauer McKay '10 on September 13, 2014.

Deanna Schuweiler Roering '10 on October 18, 2014.

Lindsay DeRosia Sporer MAOL'10, Post-Bac Cert '10
on November 14, 2014.

Kayla Engel Ragborg '11 on November 1, 2014.

Julia Conlin Dolan '12 on September 6, 2014.

Holly Schwarzbauer Drag '12 on September 20, 2014.

Misha Hyman Simons '13 on October 17, 2014.



BIRTHS

Greta Sebald '88 welcomed son Samuel Mateo Sebald, born in September 2008 and adopted in October 2014.

Amy Underhill Barrett '96 welcomed son Michael Patrick Barrett in October 2014.

Ann Nemitz-Gooijer '97 welcomed daughter Hazel Elizabeth Gooijer in December 2013.

Bridget Rach '01 welcomed daughter Stella Violet Pease in August 2014.

Erica Christoffer '02 welcomed son Soren Henry Christoffer Hanken in October 2014.

Elizabeth Kratochwill '09 welcomed daughter Marguerite Kay Lease in September 2014.

Shannon McCarthy Kozubik MAT'09 welcomed son Benedict Harold Kozubik in August 2014.

Stephanie Huppert Street '10 welcomed daughter Kalea Rae Street in August 2014.

Laura McBeth Vetter '12 welcomed daughter Luna Kristi Marie Vetter in July 2014.

