

# INSIDE

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### University's Strategic Plan Being Updated and Expanded

The Strategic Planning Committee has been holding conversations with the Marymount community to gather input and develop a set of shared priorities, as part of its process to update and expand the University's Strategic Plan.

**Dr. Sherri Lind Hughes**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, notes that the plan will be used to guide the University's budgeting, programming, and operation and will serve as a foundation for a new Campus Facilities Master Plan. The updated plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees at its May meeting.

The committee asks faculty and staff to attend a session to provide input into this important plan. No RSVP is necessary. The remaining scheduled sessions are on Monday, April 6, at noon in the Gerard Dining Hall, and at 4 p.m. in the Ballston Conference Center; and on Tuesday, April 7, at 8:30 a.m. in Bernie's, and at noon in the Gerard Dining Hall.

There is also an opportunity to comment on the plan electronically at [vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/2a5eg3c347](http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/2a5eg3c347).

You can review the plan's most recent draft by visiting [www.marymount.edu/planning/sp\\_architecture\\_032509.pdf](http://www.marymount.edu/planning/sp_architecture_032509.pdf).

## FYI

### PBS *NewsHour* Producer Will Be Speaker At McLaughlin Lecture

**Kathleen McCleery**, deputy executive producer for *The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer*, will be the featured speaker at the 2008-09 Marya McLaughlin Lecture in Media Communications.

This endowed lectureship was established at Marymount University in honor of Marya McLaughlin, a well-

known CBS News radio and television correspondent. Ms. McLaughlin, an alumna of Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York, taught Mathematics at Marymount University in the 1950s.

The lecture series serves as an ongoing reminder of Ms. McLaughlin's important contributions to broadcast journalism and provides opportunities for the Marymount community to learn from outstanding journalists.

This year's presentation, entitled *A Day in the Life of The NewsHour*, is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 in the Reinsch Library Auditorium. A reception will follow the program.

### Employees Notified of Changes In Income Tax Withholding

**Roy Riley**, Payroll supervisor, notifies Marymount employees that new federal withholding tables that became effective April 1, 2009 may reduce the amount of income tax withheld from your wages as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

You do not have to submit a Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, to get the automatic withholding change. But if you do not want to have the withholding reduced (because, for example, you have more than one job, or you are married and your combined incomes place you in a higher tax bracket), you may want to fill out a new W-4 form.

For additional information, visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and use the Withholding Calculator. Please discuss with your tax advisor how these changes may affect you.

Mr. Riley can be reached at ext. 1485 or [roy.riley@marymount.edu](mailto:roy.riley@marymount.edu).

*Inside MU* is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

To submit items for consideration in *Inside MU*, e-mail: [insidemu@marymount.edu](mailto:insidemu@marymount.edu) or send via campus mail to University Communications, Rowley Hall, Room 89.

## Tickets Available for Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Event

The fourth annual Marymount Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 2. Five inductees have been selected.

Entering the Hall of Fame are: **Candice Brown '02** (women's basketball); **Pablo Coto '93** (men's basketball); **Justin Epstein '02** (men's lacrosse); and **Marlene Grimes '90** (women's basketball). In addition, **Dr. Linda McMahon** will be honored this year, becoming the second person inducted into Marymount's Athletics Hall of Friends.

Tickets for the reception, dinner, and ceremony are \$60 per person and can be obtained by contacting **Judy Finney** at ext. 3838 or [jfinney@marymount.edu](mailto:jfinney@marymount.edu).

## Free Pizza Party, Gift Cards: Prizes For Timely Book Orders

Barnes & Noble Bookstore Manager **Theresa Kuron** is offering a free pizza party to any Marymount department that submits at least half of its fall 2009 book order by Monday, April 13.

Ms. Kuron is also offering a \$25 gift certificate to each administrative secretary who submits at least 80 percent of a department's fall book order by May 15.

Timely book orders help the bookstore offer lower textbook prices to students.

A five-minute video that answers commonly asked questions about the ordering process can be viewed at [www.bncollege.com/facultyvideo1](http://www.bncollege.com/facultyvideo1).

## Summer Software Requests For Computer Labs, e-Classrooms

Faculty that will be teaching a

course in an e-learning classroom or one of the computer labs this summer are being asked to let Information Technology Services know in advance about any needs for special software, to ensure that the software will be installed on time.

The deadline for submitting requests for new software is Friday, April 17.

Please contact ITS with requests or concerns at ext. 6990 or e-mail [its@marymount.edu](mailto:its@marymount.edu).

## Wade Into Deeper Waters

Read up in preparation for the next meeting of the discussion group Deeper Waters. The group will discuss the book *The Way of Perfection* by Saint Teresa of Avila, translated by Kieran Kavanaugh, OCD.

The group will meet on Friday April 17, at 1 p.m. in The Lodge. For questions, please call Campus Ministry at ext. 1607.

## Marymount To Host Gathering on Peacemaking, Diversity

The Marymount community is invited to take part in the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Student Conference on Peacemaking, Diversity, and Social Change, part of the Capital Area Association for Peace Studies.

The conference is open to the Marymount community and members of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

The all-day event, which will be held on Main Campus on Saturday, April 18, will include roundtable discussions, presentation of papers, and workshops.

For more details of the program, please contact **Dr. Michael Boylan**, professor of Philosophy, Theology, and Religious Studies, at ext. 1558 or [michael.boylan@marymount.edu](mailto:michael.boylan@marymount.edu).

## Society for Professional Journalists Meets at Ballston

More than 100 journalists, educators and students from 10 universities in the mid-Atlantic region attended the Society for Professional Journalists day-long Region 2 Conference at Marymount's Ballston Center on Saturday, March 28.

**Paul Byers**, MU associate professor and chair of Communications, helped organize and host the event. National officers of SPJ as well as journalism professionals from around the country participated in a plenary session, and six break-out panels focused on journalism's future.

## PLAUDITS

**Bridget May**, professor of Interior Design, was instrumental in obtaining a \$12,000 grant from the Interior Design Educators Council to develop three courses designed to facilitate entry of interior design practitioners into education and aid junior faculty in advancing their careers. The grant, given in recognition of a critical shortage of Interior Design educators, was awarded to IDEC Academy, which is chaired by Ms. May.

## EVENTS

**April 6** — Penance Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation; Main Chapel, 9 p.m.

**April 15** — Art therapy program; Reinsch Auditorium, 5-6 p.m.; visit [www.graffitiarttherapy.com](http://www.graffitiarttherapy.com).

**April 17** — Mass honoring the memory of Sister Majella Berg, RSHM; Main Chapel, 7:30 a.m. RSVP to Leanne Cardwell, ext. 1542 or [leanne.cardwell@marymount.edu](mailto:leanne.cardwell@marymount.edu).

**Through April 24** — Annual *Student Art & Design Exhibition*, Barry Gallery, Reinsch Library, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.