

MARYMOUNT

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Save the Date:

University Assembly — January 25

All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the spring University Assembly on Friday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the Recreational Gym of the Lee Center.

Topics to be covered at the assembly include the University's FY09 budget and the SACS reaffirmation of accreditation process, including a summary of the findings of the Off-Site Review Committee and some information about what to expect when the On-Site Committee visits Marymount in February. In addition, awards will be presented to those faculty and staff who are celebrating milestone years of service at Marymount University.

Lunch will be provided in the Gerard Dining Hall following the assembly.

Celebrating the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — January 22

Marymount's annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will take place on Tuesday, January 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the Lee Center atrium.

The event will include the recitation of special writings and poetry, as well as songs, performed by members of the Marymount community.

The presentation is free. Please plan to attend!

FYI

Congratulations...and Thanks!

The Office of Development extends its thanks to all faculty and staff who supported the Campus Fund with generous gifts in the past year.

The names of all those who made a gift were entered into a prize drawing, with winners announced at the annual Christmas party. Congratulations to the prize winners:

Sumana Chatterjee, Office of Development – P.F. Chang's gift card

Chris Domes, Enrollment and Student Services – Home Depot gift card

Preston Godfrey, Campus Safety and Transportation – April reserved parking

Andria Jason, International Student Services – February reserved parking

Pamela Moreno, School of Health Professions – Starbucks gift card

Diane White, Student Health Services – Target gift card

Jane Zopf, Office of Development – March reserved parking

Please know that, thanks to everyone's generosity, two incoming freshmen will be awarded a Faculty/Staff Scholarship in fall 2008.

Spring Semester Hours and Services Reminders

Parking

Staff who normally park at Mt. Olivet Church may continue to park in the garage on Main Campus and in the 26th Street lot through Friday, January 11.

Shuttle

Regular shuttle service resumes on Monday, January 14.

Dining Services

Bernie's Café (Sandella's, Jazzman's, and the C-Store) will reopen on Monday, January 14.

Tummy Growling?

Wonder what's being served in the Gerard Dining Hall? The answer is just a click away. Availability of the online menu will resume this week. Access it by visiting www.marymount.edu/dining.

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

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

Faculty Works to Be Exhibited in Barry Gallery

The next Barry Gallery exhibit will feature the talents of our very own! Full-time and adjunct faculty representing Fine Arts, Graphic Design, and Interior Design will exhibit their work in the coming weeks.

The exhibit's opening reception will take place on Friday, January 18, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The entire University community is invited to attend.

The exhibition will run from January 18 through February 28.

Alumna Book Signing and Presentation

You are invited to a book signing and presentation celebrating the release of *It's Not a Glass Ceiling, It's a Sticky Floor* by Marymount alumna **Rebecca Shambaugh**. The event will take place on Tuesday, January 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Truland Auditorium of the Ballston Center.

Ms. Shambaugh graduated from Marymount in 1999 with an M.A. in Organization Development. She is president and CEO of SHAMBAUGH, a firm specializing in leadership development for women. Her book reveals the "sticky floors" – seven limiting behaviors that hold women back from reaching their career aspirations. Ms. Shambaugh's book shows readers how to break through fears, obstacles, and assumptions to embrace their own power.

Books will be available for purchase and signature. To attend this free event, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, ext. 1541, to make a reservation.

What's Happening?

InsideMU, the biweekly faculty/staff newsletter, invites you to share timely news and information of broad interest to the University community. We also welcome news about your professional accomplishments and personal milestones, including marriages and births.

To submit an item for consideration, send details via e-mail to insidemu@marymount.edu or via campus mail to *InsideMU* editor, University Communications, Rowley Hall. Be sure to include your name, phone number, and e-mail address with your submission.

Spring semester issues will be published on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 22

Monday, February 4

Monday, February 18

Monday, March 3

Monday, March 17

Monday, March 31

Monday, April 14

Monday, April 28

Monday, May 12

Please note that deadlines for each issue are the Monday *prior to* the publication date.

The *InsideMU* publication schedule also can be found online at www.marymount.edu/facultystaff/insidemu.html.

MU in the News

Dr. Linda Gulyn, associate professor of Psychology, appeared on NewsChannel 8's afternoon *NewsTalk* program on December 17 to discuss how parents could manage the expectations and stress experienced by children over the holidays.

PEOPLE

Welcome

Dennis Orita, registration and records assistant, Office of the Registrar (ext. 6945; dennis.orita@marymount.edu)

Kimberly Sutton, administrative assistant, School of Business Administration (ext. 5914; kimberly.sutton@marymount.edu)

Welcome Back

Terry Lowe-Edwards, writer/editor, University Communications (ext. 1547; terry.lowe-edwards@marymount.edu)

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rear Admiral (Select) William M. Ostapenko, USN Ret.**, husband of **Rose Benté Lee**, a member of Marymount University's Board of Trustees.

EVENTS

January 9 — Men's and women's basketball vs. Hood, Verizon Sports Arena; women at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m.

January 14 — Spring semester classes begin

January 16 — Men's and women's basketball vs. Mary Washington, Verizon Sports Arena; women at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m.



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THE DISCOVER PROGRAM

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Quality Enhancement Plan Submitted to SACS-COC

This is part one of a four-part series on DISCOVER, Marymount's Quality Enhancement Plan.

Part I: What is Marymount's QEP and why is it important?

By now, all Marymount employees should have heard something about the University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Marymount's QEP is a program called DISCOVER. In the next several issues of *InsideMU*, this program and its importance will be explained more fully, and we will try to provide answers to some frequently asked questions, such as...

• What is a QEP and how was Marymount's program chosen?

A QEP is a five-year plan that seeks to improve student learning in a significant way. It is required by SACS as part of our reaffirmation of accreditation. Marymount's QEP is called DISCOVER. It focuses on increasing student participation in inquiry learning and research, both in the classroom and in independent settings. This topic was chosen after an intensive selection process. You probably participated in one or more of the focus groups, surveys, or town meetings that were held last year to gather ideas about possible QEP topics. From that broad input, five possible topics were developed by a committee of faculty and staff. The SACS Leadership Team reviewed these five concepts and selected "Promoting Scholarly Inquiry" as the program that best fit Marymount's institutional goals and values.

• Why is it important?

Marymount's QEP will be reviewed by the SACS On-Site Committee in February, and it must be approved by the committee in order for the University's reaffirmation of accreditation to be complete. As part of the evaluation process, the SACS On-Site Committee members may ask you questions about the QEP to make sure that everyone on campus is aware of the DISCOVER program and its importance. It is vital that everyone at Marymount understands how our QEP meets the following SACS criteria:

- a clear focus that benefits students and the institution
- a clear, reasonable implementation plan and adequate resources (funding and personnel)
- a comprehensive assessment program to ensure that the program is meeting its goals
- broad knowledge of the QEP among faculty, staff, and students, and involvement by the University community in the planning and implementation of the program.

Future installments of this series will address these points so that you understand how Marymount's program meets these criteria and how you may be involved in DISCOVER.

Next issue: The components of the DISCOVER program