

MARYMOUNT INSIDE

IN THE SPOTLIGHT Fashion Design Students' Work Featured In *USA Today*, MSNBC

Marymount University's Fashion Design program received significant national attention during the Christmas break.

Eight Marymount students were invited by *USA Today* to create possible Inauguration Day outfits for Michelle Obama and her daughters. **Tim Gunn** of *Project Runway* judged the sketches and *USA Today* ran a two-page color spread on Dec. 31 with a photo of the students, their designs, and Gunn's verdicts.

Gunn's first-place picks for the new first lady were a stunning wool coat with red belt by senior **Silvia Huezo** of Germantown, Md., and a golden ball gown by junior **Kathryn Sich** of Baltimore, Md. For Malia and Sasha Obama, Gunn picked elegant designs by senior **Iwona Karcia-Paila** of Vienna, Va.

On Jan. 2, Huezo and Sich were interviewed about the project on MSNBC.

To see all the MU students' designs, go to www.life.usatoday.com, and scroll down to "Inaugural Fashion" in the left column.

FYI University Business Program Wins Reaccreditation from CAHME

Marymount University's Master of Science in Health Care Management has been reaccredited for three years by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME), an interdisciplinary group of educational, professional, clinical, and commercial organizations devoted to accountability and quality improvement in the education of health care management and administration professionals.

Don Lavanty, Business professor and program director, oversaw the reaccreditation effort. He observes that this reaccreditation reflects "the quality and efficacy of Marymount's Health Care Management program."

Designer of the Year Announced

Marymount University will recognize **Peter Som** as its 2009 Designer of the Year at the annual student fashion show, *Portfolio in Motion*, on April 24.

Mr. Som's sketch of a possible inaugural ball gown for Michelle Obama was among those of several up-and-coming professional designers featured in a Dec. 21 *Washington Post* Style article.

Mr. Som's aesthetic of unstudied elegance and refined sensuality provides a fresh point of view to modern American fashion, and his designs are favored by a younger set of stylish celebrities, including Scarlett Johansson, Claire Danes, and Maggie Gyllenhaal.

While at Parsons School of Design, he apprenticed with two of America's most respected designers – Marymount's 2007 Designer of the Year Michael Kors and Calvin Klein. Mr. Som later honed his skills under the legendary Bill Blass.

Mr. Som was a semi-finalist in the prestigious Vogue/CFDA Fashion Fund in 2004, and was among three finalists nominated in 2006 for the Cooper Hewitt National Design Award for Fashion Design.

At the conclusion of *Portfolio in Motion*, Som will review the senior Fashion Design students' portfolios.

Save the Date

University Assembly

Friday, January 23

10:30 a.m.
Recreational Gym

Lunch follows
in the Gerard Dining Hall

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.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Seeks Graduate Scholarship Program Nominees

Faculty, do you know a student aspiring to graduate school who could use financial assistance?

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will award approximately 30 scholarships to outstanding students who will begin their first graduate or professional degree in fall 2009. Each award will cover a portion of educational expenses, including tuition, living expenses, and other required fees, for the length of the approved graduate degree program, up to six years.

Candidates must be nominated by their undergraduate institution, currently hold senior class status, have a cumulative GPA of 3.5, and plan to begin graduate studies in fall 2009. Nominations are due to **Dr. Robert Otten**, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, by Monday, Feb. 2. E-mail your nomination to robert.otten@marymount.edu

MLK Day Celebration

Singer/songwriter **Mary Ann Redmond**, described as “an exciting vocal talent” by *Billboard* magazine, will be featured as the special guest performer at this year’s Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. in the Lee Center Atrium. A reception will follow and admission is free. For more information, contact **Vincent Stovall**, director of Student Activities.

Barry Gallery Exhibit to Open on Friday

Form and Function – Paintings and Mixed Media by *Van Nguyen* will open on Friday, Jan. 16, in the Barry Gallery.

The artist’s opening reception will be that evening from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

Cheers for the Winners!

This year’s Faculty/Staff Christmas party featured the first giveaway of prize baskets – each valued at \$250 – designed by the offices of the five vice presidents of the University. The winners were ...

- **Dipti Gandhi** of the Business Office, who walked away with the Academic Affairs basket, with items representing the four Schools and Library and Learning Services,
- **Matt Zorch** of Academic Affairs, who will enjoy the “evening under the stars at Wolftrap” picnic basket from University Communications,
- **Eric Hols** of Campus Safety, who won a Virginia-themed edibles basket from the Office of Development,
- **Dr. Wayne Lesko** of Education and Human Services, who won the Italian-themed basket prepared by Enrollment and Student Services, and
- **Julia Hols**, a guest at the dinner and formerly of the Office of Human Resource Services, who won a construction-themed gift basket from the Financial Affairs team.

Winners of the annual Campus Fund prize drawing were **Margot Bardan**, **Dr. Cathy Elrod**, and **Laurie Callahan**, all of whom won reserved on-campus parking for one month; **Katherine Absher**, **Dr. Shelly Haser**, **Dr. Wayne Lesko**, and **Dr. Rita Wong**, all of whom won gift cards; and **Dr. Jeffrey Breese**, who won tickets to a Washington Wizards game.

PLAUDITS

Janice Ellinwood, chair of Fine and Applied Arts, and Assistant Professor **Jaya Halepete** published cases in *Concepts and Cases in Retail Merchandise Management*, second edition, Fairchild Books (New York) 2008.

MILESTONES

Caroline and Sean Tynan, Cross Country coaches, have a new addition to their family. **Liam John Tynan** was born Dec. 9, 2008. Congratulations!

PEOPLE Welcome

Pamela Klobukowski, director, Professional Development Schools program, Education and Human Services, ext. 5775.

Milton Boyd, assistant manager, University Center, ext. 6942.

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mr. John Gioia**, a member of Marymount’s Board of Trustees, who died on Dec. 26.

EVENTS

Jan. 17 — Women’s and men’s basketball vs. Stevenson, Verizon Sports Arena. Women’s game: 6 p.m.; men’s game, 8 p.m.

Jan. 19 — Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday. University closed.

Jan. 20 — Inauguration Day. University closed.

Jan. 21 — Women’s and men’s basketball vs. Salisbury, Verizon Sports Arena. Women’s game: 6 p.m.; men’s game: 8 p.m.

Jan. 24 — Women’s and men’s basketball vs. York, Verizon Sports Arena. Women’s game: 2 p.m.; men’s game: 4 p.m.

Jan. 21 -23, Jan. 26-27 — Library and Learning Services will be holding orientation sessions on the use of electronic resources, at 5 p.m. at the Reinsch Library. One session will be at the Ballston Center on **Jan. 22** at 5 p.m. For more information, please contact the Library at ext. 1649, e-mail library@marymount.edu, or IM: AskMULibrary.