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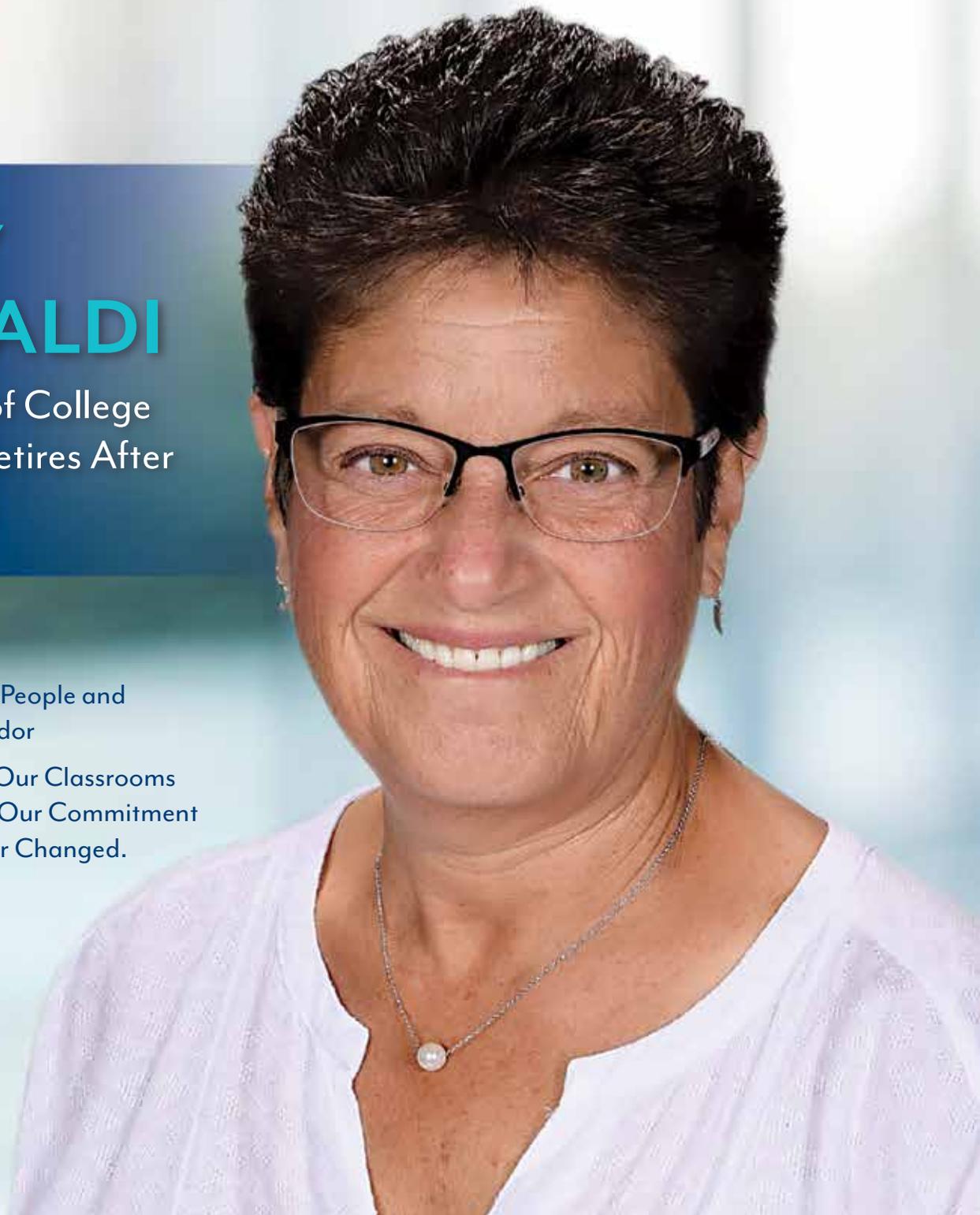
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Message from the President



*“Beaumont has long been a school comprised of a diverse student body and we champion **diversity, equity and inclusion.**”*

Dear Alumnae and Friends,

I hope this latest edition of Beaumont News finds you and your loved ones safe and well. It has been challenging as we transitioned to virtual learning, working from home and ensuring the ongoing operations of Beaumont School in the midst of a pandemic, economic upheaval and protests.

The social unrest that we've seen across the country hit us deeply. Beaumont has long been a school comprised of a diverse student body and we champion diversity, equity and inclusion. We've got a lot of work to do, but we believe it is the work of our lifetime. Read our statement on the mission section of our website.

COVID-19's impact is felt across much of this issue. While we were able to pivot quickly, some things necessarily had to change. We were forced to cancel our Summer Soiree fundraiser, which was a tough but important decision that impacts our revenue. We are so grateful to all who supported our annual fund. With your support we exceeded our goal.

The work we did in the weeks leading up to school closure in March and our partnership with our Board of Directors and our professional advisers has helped us to make some good decisions that will ensure Beaumont's ability to weather the storm, including our COVID-19 Tuition Relief Fund to assist those families hit financially by the pandemic.

The Ursuline educational value of being a lifelong learner is coming in handy as we figure out how to do so many things differently – from graduation to virtual open houses. Our task over the summer is to develop a comprehensive health and safety plan that enables us to open in-person later in August. You can read more about our work beginning on page 14.

We are so proud of our many alums who are working on the frontlines of the pandemic. Thank you for your incredible service. You can read about the work of one such alum, Karen McHenry '84 on page 18.

Sadly, we are saying farewell to Mary Grimaldi, who is retiring as director of college counseling after 40 years at Beaumont. It was not the farewell we envisioned, but we promise that Mary isn't quite done with Beaumont yet. We look forward to celebrating her lifetime of dedication to Beaumont when we can once again come together. Read about Mary's impact on page 10.

This issue of Beaumont News features my reflections on a trip to El Salvador on pages 8-9. Those of you who have visited or worked in El Salvador know well the beauty and spirit of its people. While our student mission trip was canceled this past June due to COVID, we look forward to restarting next summer.

Finally, we're going a bit deeper with content in this issue. Look for information about the Beaumont News Podcast to hear interviews and more about the people featured in this issue. As always, I love to hear from you. Let us know how we're doing. Send me an email to whoke@beaumontschool.org or call me at 216.325.7324.

Yours in St. Angela,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy A. Hoke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy A. Hoke
President

NEWS AND NOTES FROM NORTH PARK



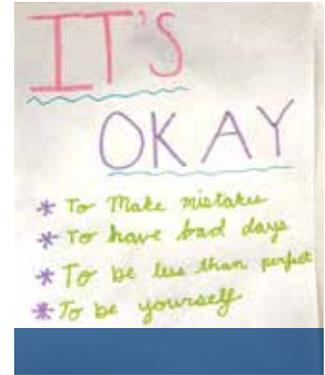
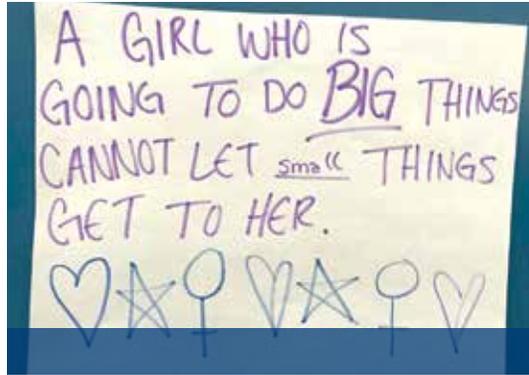
▲ TANZANIA VISITS

Beaumont welcomed Saint Ignatius High School and St. Peter Claver High School from Dodoma, Tanzania to campus for a day in December.



▲ VOICES OF HARMONY

Voices of Harmony performed at Our Lady of Peace in December along with the Chamber and Jazz Orchestras as one of many performances our talented students do each year.



▲ EMPOWERING WOMEN

The Women's Empowerment Club shared powerful messages of encouragement throughout the halls of Beaumont.



▲ COUNTY POET LAUREATE

Cuyahoga County Poet Laureate **Honey Bell-Bey** joined our F.A.M.E. students at our Spoken Word Café with a hot cocoa bar for Black History Month.

▲ ONÉ RESPÉ

Beaumont welcomed Oné Respé participants to our school this year. Oné Respé was developed by University School Junior, **Karson Baldwin**, to cultivate friendships and respect for immigrants and refugees. In addition to our Beaumont representatives, we had students from University School and Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy with us for team building activities and workshops.



▲ HOODIES UP!

We all know hoodies aren't allowed at school, but **Mrs. Bernot** allowed Hoodies Up for ONE TIME ONLY during our At Home Spirit Week.

#GOBLUESTREAKS

Highlights from some of our Beaumont Blue Streaks. Follow our sports teams on social media with hashtag #gobluestreaks, @BeaumontAD, and online at beaumontathletics.org.



We hosted our first NCAA signing ceremony of the school year in November. Student-athletes signed commitment letters to run Cross Country and Track: **Addison Ciecierski '20** (left) to Duquesne University and **Mia Mlynek '20** (right) to The Ohio State University.



Above photo—The Blue Streaks swim team under the leadership of Coach **Tania Younkin** went 10-2 this season. Inset photo—They were represented at the State Meet for the first time since 2013 with the 200 free relay team of **Mateja Rudmann '22**, **Ella Lisac '21**, **Camryn Koonce '22**, and **Ellie Hanna '22** placing 20th in the state.





Top left photo—The Beaumont basketball team finished the year at 15-10 and split the North Coast League (NCL) White Division title with Cleveland Central Catholic. For the second consecutive year, the Blue Streaks advanced to the district semifinals. **Carly Perusek '20** (top right photo and bottom left photo) repeated as the NCL Defensive Player of the Year in her division and **Lydia Gattozzi '21** (bottom left and right photos) was NCL White Division Co-Player of the Year. Gattozzi is the fourth player in program history to reach the 1,000-point milestone, joining **Eileen Wittman '99**, **Annie Bova '11** and senior teammate **Carly Perusek '20**. Coach **Derrick Russell**, was also honored as White Division Co-Coach of the Year. Also on first team were **Tamya Edwards '21**, **Elissa Letterio '21** and **Ally Ziegler '21**. **Mia Mlynek '20** and **Kendall Toppin '20** earned second team honors and **Sophia Boes '23** earned honorable mention status.



SPRING SPORTS

All spring sports were cut short due to Governor Mike DeWine's closure of all K-12 schools in Ohio in an effort to minimize spread of the coronavirus. Due to these cancellations, our senior student-athletes were unable to compete this spring, but were honored with profiles on beaumontathletics.org. We can't wait to see Club Crew and our Lacrosse, Softball, and Track & Field teams back in action next spring.

Reflections on the people and beauty of EL SALVADOR

By Wendy Hoke



Sister Cheryl Mentkowski and Wendy Hoke

My knowledge of Central America in general and El Salvador in particular was filtered through my experience of growing up in the Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan years. The policies and events that led to the death of four American churchwomen were a mystery to me. But I remember vividly how shocked I was by the news of their deaths. It seemed impossible to my 13-year-old brain that anyone would have been threatened by the work of these holy women.

It wasn't until I picked up Ursuline Sister Cynthia Glavec's biography, "In the Fullness of Life," over Thanksgiving two years ago that I learned about Sister Dorothy Kazel's calling to serve the people of El Salvador. Her example moved me deeply and with her connection to Beaumont, was one that I felt must be taught and shared.

Over the past school year, students, faculty and staff dove deeply into the life and legacy of Sister Dorothy, reading her biography, learning firsthand from those who knew her

best, reflecting on who she was as a person. It was also time to restart our mission trip to El Salvador and get to know the people who were so important to Sister Dorothy.

Last November, Sister Cheryl Mentkowski, OSU, Director of Mission Integration, and I made our first trip to El Salvador with a group from the Church of St. Dominic, which has a robust mission in the mountain town of Chiltiupan. This was the parish's "relational" trip, perfect for our Ursuline experience.

We left Cleveland on a chilly November morning and arrived in San Salvador to a blast of heat, humidity and sun. "Bienvenidos," greeted us from a giant billboard along with tropical greenery and the hundreds of Salvadorans that lined the sidewalk scanning the new arrivals for their loved ones.

Within minutes of stepping outside, we were greeted by our guides and interpreters – Aine, Jesus, Herbert and Aristides – whom we would come to know and love in short

order. With windows open in our bus we pulled onto the streets, past steers and horses, banana palms and sugar cane fields.

I had spent the weeks leading up to the trip filling my notebook with what I didn't know about El Salvador – its history, people, culture, religion, economy. The journalist in me wanted to record everything. But I was overwhelmed and instead closed my eyes, felt the wind and took in the sounds and smells.

Our first stop was the Chapel of the American Churchwomen in Santiago Nonualco, some distance from the airport and our hotel. As we approached the chapel, I found myself wondering what it must have looked like to those four women on December 2, 1980. Did they know what was about to happen?

The chapel is just off the now-paved road, next to a large meadow and under the shadow of an enormous tree. I found it equal parts haunting and peaceful. What has this tree witnessed? Sister Cheryl is overcome with emotion as she touches the marker describing how the women "gave over their lives" nearly 40 years ago. I held her as she wept.

During the first of our daily masses, with roosters crowing outside, we are asked to keep our eyes and hearts open. *Mira.* (Look)

This was a trip to build relationships. We would spend the vast majority of our time on top of the mountain in the canton of Chiltiupan. On the long drive up the mountain, we bond with our fellow travelers and especially our guides. They sing and play guitar and make an amazing effort to get to know everyone beyond just a surface level. The conversations are deep, faith-filled, personal, funny, tragic and hopeful.

In Chiltiupan, we pile into the back of pickup trucks. For more than an hour we make our way through dirt trails, some of which were being cleared following the end of the rainy



Natalia and her younger sister Maria Jose.



Sister Cheryl takes a moment to pray for Sister Dorothy Kazel.



President Hoke and Patty Hollis '82 meet with college students from Chiltiupan.

We are asked to keep our eyes and hearts open. *Mira*

season. The sky was a deep blue, what Aristides called a “fresh” day.

On our way to Cuervo Abajo School we pass bamboo stands and cypress, and the brilliant red of coffee beans and massive poinsettia trees. All the while, we are learning about El Salvador – its crops, healing plants, its people. When we arrive at this remote school, we are greeted by a marching band and students anxious to welcome us. We learn how far these young people travel just to go to school. Later we meet a college student from this remote school, hearing firsthand how dedicated he was to getting his education.

My many years of Spanish return in strange bursts. “*Como se dice*, can I take your photograph?” With my Nikon, I am enchanted by the faces, the children. Their smiles are infectious. In her book, “What You Have Heard is True,” writer Carolyn Forché describes the Salvadoran people as lit from within. And that is indeed true.

But life is hard. Poverty in Chiltiupan is unlike anything I’ve seen in the States. In the cantons, we come upon homes made of mud floors and walls (if they have them), open fires for cooking and lamina for roofing. No running

water or electricity. Pigs, chickens, parakeets and goats wander in and out of houses. The stories we hear are powerful. Despite the conditions, families work hard to create a better life for their children.

I was struck by simple things that moved me as a parent. Children’s backpacks hanging outside a door to a two-room home with mud floors and walls. Or the use of paper towel and toilet paper tubes that nailed high on a wooden beam safely hold toothbrushes and toothpaste.

We met many families, but one that stands out for me was the family of Maria Jose. She is a young girl with muscular dystrophy. Her mom works as a live-in housekeeper in San Salvador. Maria is cared for by her *abuela* (grandmother) and her 13-year-old sister, Natalia.

Maria Jose is a joy-filled girl who runs and dances and cries when she’s happy. She loves to give hugs (*abrazos*) and kisses (*bezos*). But I was taken with Natalia. She was quick to show her report card; she was clearly very bright and so proud of her grades.

Later I asked if she would be able to continue

with school. As long as her *abuela* could manage, Natalia could stay in school. My fear is she will likely not finish high school. I want our students to meet Maria Jose and Natalia.

As I write these reflections, I see so many faces: the mischievous boys hiding up in a tree and the girls who give hugs so freely, especially when there’s candy in your pocket. And the women, who will clear a bench and invite you to sit in their home, with such grace, honored by our presence, when in fact they honor us by inviting strangers into their homes. And Raul who’s deep faith and beautiful prayers sustained us all.

My first trip to El Salvador feels big and momentous. It stimulates the senses: the smell of wood cooking fires and burning trash; the enchanting sight of being led through a mountain pass by a kaleidoscope of Monarch and Blue Morpho butterflies; the taste of grilled corn tortillas filled with beans and cheese; the majesty of the ceiba, cypress and bamboo trees; the warm hugs (*abrazos*) of our new friends; and the soul-stirring sounds of the Spanish music.

But it is also incomplete. I have questions. I want to know more and I can’t wait to go back with our students, to see the people and the country through their eyes. Our June trip was cancelled due to COVID-19, but we look forward to returning next summer.

Hear President Wendy Hoke and Sister Cheryl talk about their trip on the Beaumont News podcast on the website.

MARY GRIMALDI

The “Dean” of College Counselors Retires After 41 Years

41
YEARS



Mary Grimaldi with fellow Beaumont staff, Alicia McLean, Director of Guidance and Sue Barnett, Intervention Specialist.

After 41 years and working in 17 different roles while at Beaumont School, Mary Grimaldi completed yet one more novel task before retirement, doing something she never imagined she would be doing... organizing a drive-in graduation during a pandemic.

“It was fun and just what we needed at this point in quarantine, but I missed the traditional Beaumont graduation ceremony because it is so beautiful,” says Mary. “But maybe this was God saving me a little bit too. I don’t know if I could have led the class into, and out of, the ceremony as I usually do without getting emotional, knowing this was my last time.”

As the Director of College Counseling, Mary has been finding the right college fit for Beaumont students for decades. However Mary’s greatest gift to those she has counseled has been helping them to understand and believe that their self-worth and all they have accomplished remains the same regardless of college acceptance or not.

“I am no longer afraid to get an answer wrong, act on what I believe, and reach for the stars...because I am capable of anything! And that is what Beaumont is all about. Thank you, Ms. Grimaldi, you have helped me to know this throughout my college research process.” — *Elizabeth Carvajal '20*

“A student should not be minimized by unfavorable college admission decisions. I try to help them develop a tough skin if not admitted, and to accept the fact that whatever college they attend they will be a star and accomplish great things,” says Mary.

Mary started as a physical education and health teacher at Sister John Mary’s request to join Beaumont in 1980. Soon she discovered she loved talking to the students and helping them with their problems. She went back to school for a counseling degree and has been in the Guidance Department ever since.

During her 41 years at Beaumont, Mary has touched the lives of over half of all of our 7,000 living alumnae, making a real

and lasting difference in their lives. She recalls one student in particular: “A few years back I worked with a student who was bright, but was not working to her potential because of personal issues. She wanted to attend Ohio State but was not admissible. I contacted Ohio State to inform them of the situation and assured them she would be a successful student if admitted. They heeded my recommendation and admitted her. Upon graduation this student assured me she would make the most of her opportunity to attend Ohio State. In December, this student came to visit me at Beaumont and gave me a Christmas gift. Inside the gift box was her first semester Ohio State report card. She had made the Dean’s List.”

Another alumna's mother credits Mary for helping her daughter find exactly the right path, and Beaumont for preparing her as she graduates this year with a BA in Dance and Minor in IT. The alumna will start her first job as a professional dancer on Norwegian Cruise Lines, traveling through the Hawaiian Islands. "Because you took time to know my daughter and what would be best for her, she is starting her dream job."

Recent graduate **Elizabeth Carvajal '20** sums it up best: "Beaumont has established fearlessness in my learning, behavior and mental state. I am no longer afraid to get an answer wrong, act on what I believe, and reach for the stars...because I am capable of anything! And that is what Beaumont is all about. Thank you, Ms. Grimaldi. You have helped me to know this throughout my college research process."

While students and alumnae have felt Mary's love and dedication, so too, have faculty and staff.

Alicia McLean, Director of Guidance, 11/12 Counselor has worked with Mary for more than 11 years. "Working with Mary has been one of the greatest parts of my career. She epitomizes what Beaumont stands for, and why I also have committed to this special place."

Sister Cheryl Mentkowski, Director of Mission Integration, says "Mary is the 'dean' of college counselors. Her experience and her vast

"Mary is the 'dean' of college counselors. Her experience and her vast network of contacts at the colleges and among her fellow counselors have provided invaluable help to Beaumont seniors for decades."

—Sister Cheryl Mentkowski, OSU



Mary Grimaldi (far right) enjoying one of many Beaumont golf outings with her foursome.

network of contacts at the colleges and among her fellow counselors have provided invaluable help to Beaumont seniors for decades. She is a big part of the heart of Beaumont. She will be missed in so many ways."

When you ask Mary what she plans to do with her time now, she doesn't hesitate with her answer, her love and passion: "Golf,

golf, golf." But she won't readily forget what has also been her love and passion for 41 years, and what she'll miss most: "The Beaumont community – the people who make Beaumont so special."

As Mrs. McLean says, "Mary Grimaldi has been the face of Beaumont for many decades and her legacy will live on for many more."



MARY DURKALSKI-INA '07 INCOMING DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING

"While Mary leaves behind big shoes to fill, I feel well prepared having learned from the best – her! I am eager to get to work in supporting all Beaumont students achieve their college goals," says **Mary Durkalski-Ina '07**, a Beaumont graduate who will step into the role of Director of College Counseling as Mary Grimaldi retires. After completing her practicum under Mary Grimaldi's supervision, Mary was inspired by her ability to reach and empower students throughout the college process, and solidified her passion for school counseling. Prior to completing her Masters in Education in School Counseling from Cleveland State University, Mary has been the Director of Recruitment and Admissions and most recently a Spanish teacher at Beaumont School.

Believe in Beaumont Scholarship Raffle **EXCEEDS GOAL BY 20%**



Ohio Supreme Court Justice Melody Stewart '80



Sophia Vitantonio '23 and Ally Ziegler '21

For six weeks this past winter, Beaumont students drove the inaugural fundraising Believe in Beaumont Scholarship Raffle. The Believe in Beaumont raffle exceeded the school goal of \$50,000 by more than 20%, selling \$60,300 in raffle tickets.

Ohio Supreme Court Justice **Melody Stewart '80** returned to campus to pull the winning tickets during the Believe in Beaumont drawing pep rally.

WINNERS INCLUDED:

Ally Ziegler '21: Top seller with 132 tickets, raising \$1,320

Sophia Vitantonio '23: Second place selling 102 tickets, raising \$1,020

The Class of 2022: Exceeded their ticket quota by 130% and will receive a food truck lunch as their prize.

The entire Beaumont School community: Received a day off of school for their outstanding efforts.



BEAUMONT DAY OF GIVING Breaks Online Giving Day Record

On January 31, the Beaumont Day of Giving was the most successful online giving day in our history. Beaumont's Board of Directors, faculty and staff secured 100% participation. Our students were asked to meet our goal for them of raising \$1,000 and they surpassed it. Total giving for this important annual event was more than \$25,000 this year, a true testament to the Beaumont community and its mission.

Gifts to Beaumont Day of Giving support every great thing that happens at Beaumont, including scholarships, special programs, athletics, travel, and capital projects. We are truly grateful for all the generous donations we received this year and are hoping for another record-breaking Beaumont Day of Giving in January 2021.



REUNION MERICI CHALLENGE 2019 RAISES MORE THAN \$100,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Peter and **Rita Murphy Carfagna**'71 approached us last year with an exciting challenge for the 2019 reunion classes. The Reunion Merici Challenge was born last year when the Carfagna's pledged \$50,000 encouraging a matching campaign to raise an additional \$50,000 from the classes celebrating reunions in 2019. Our alumnae did not disappoint. Through the generosity of our reunion classes and the Carfagnas, more than \$100,000 was raised for Beaumont scholarships.

The Carfagnas have pledged \$50,000 once again, asking for matching donations from the reunion classes ending in 5s and 0s this year. You can help us raise \$100,000 to support our Beaumont students, even if you cannot attend your reunion. You can still support our students and we hope you will consider making a gift at www.beaumontschool.org/merici. (Please note as recently announced, reunions for classes ending in '5s and '0s have been postponed until 6/2021.)



Sister Ann Wojnar Innovation Lab (SAIL) Opens

The Sister Ann Wojnar Innovation Lab opened in January 2020 and quickly became a popular spot for students before, during and after school. The renovation of the SAIL was fully funded by the generous attendees of the 2019 Summer Soirée and construction took place through the fall of 2019. The lead gift was from an anonymous donor who named the space after Sister Ann who has been the Chair of our Computer Science Department for 30 years. The SAIL includes collaborative workspaces, charging stations and new computers, a podcast studio and a video editing suite. To read more about it, see our Donor Impact Report at www.beaumontschool.org/donorreport.

VIRTUAL LEARNING: Our Classrooms Looked Different. Our Commitment to Education Never Changed.

With just two days to move from in-class instruction to total online learning on March 19, Beaumont School went fully virtual after Ohio Governor Mike DeWine closed all schools due to coronavirus.

“During this time, Beaumont School focused on continuing delivery of our rigorous curriculum with an understanding of the changing needs of students and families during the pandemic. We have focused on best practices through synchronous (teacher and students are engaged together at the same point in time) and asynchronous (the teacher posts classroom materials and lessons and students contribute on their own time) delivery of content and pedagogy,” says Ann Hoelzel, Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs.

READY FOR ANY SCENARIO

If we were doing pandemic learning last year, going forward Beaumont will be fully flexible to do in-class, virtual, or blended learning as needed. The plan is to be in the classroom in the fall, and to adjust as needed based on Ohio Department of Health directives. As they do every summer, our teachers are training but this summer with more emphasis on virtual learning.

In addition to preparing academically, our Return to School Committee has worked this summer on a Health and Safety Plan to determine necessary steps for sanitizing, distancing, and scheduling for the safety of students, faculty, and staff while in the building.

BUILD COMMUNITY WHEREVER WE GO

“I think it is hard to imagine something that is more antithetical to our belief in a community than being abruptly separated,” says Principal Nick Beyer. “However, our response was an illustration of how much we valued and missed one another.”

Beaumont lived out St. Angela’s 5th Counsel, “Build community wherever you go,”



maintaining our connections even if we didn’t see each other in person. We held morning announcements, Sister Cheryl sent a daily prayer, teachers checked in on students, administrators visited homes, and coaches had teams do drills with teammates online.

TEACHERS TEACH VIRTUALLY

While all of our teachers kept their classes student-focused, they approached their teaching in a way that worked best for their class.

» KRISTEN LOPRESTI,

Visual Arts Department Chair

“In the classroom setting, the art-making process is very relational. Working virtually calls for some ingenuity so that I can still be a part of the students’ daily working process,” says Mrs. LoPresti. “The resources provided by Google Classroom, particularly Google Forms, made this very possible. My freshmen in Studio Art I worked on a self-portrait drawing from start to finish throughout our season of distance learning. I used Google Meet to pre-record guidelines, lessons and tips on a weekly basis, while using Google Hangout as a way for the class to ‘gather’ and show and tell their working progress to each other. These were great tools that helped keep our relationship and connection

vibrant during their creative process at home. All of these tools were helpful in showing real-time learning and, I believe, gave the students an opportunity to grow in their confidence and independence.”

» ANNA BOBBY, *English Teacher*

“I prefer to hold more live sessions and do discussion board type questions rather than recorded lessons,” says Ms. Bobby who teaches 9th grade English. “But I have found that recording instructions for the assessments and allowing students to do the test within a specified time period is a great fit.”

» STEPHANIE MORAN,

Math Department Chair

“It can be tough to teach complex math without showing the work behind it even in a classroom setting,” says Beaumont School’s math teacher and department chair, Stephanie Moran. To solve this in a virtual setting, Mrs. Moran recorded problems being written out as she explained what she was doing via Screencastify. “Posting in slides alone would have been akin to handing students a textbook. This allows me to give them more information than they would get if they were just reading,” says Mrs. Moran.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

In April our in-person Spring Open House was cancelled due to the coronavirus. The Admissions and Marketing teams worked to revamp the format and create a new way to reach our prospective families with a Virtual Open House. Faculty, staff, and student ambassadors created videos and media, including more than 32 videos showcasing Beaumont's academic departments, athletics, art, music, theater, IB, and 5 Reasons to Choose Beaumont.



STUDENT Q&A

The Admissions team hosted an online, live Q & A in May for prospective students. Local grade school students asked our Beaumont Ambassadors and President Hoke questions about Beaumont.



ENRICHMENT UPDATE

OUR ENRICHMENT CAMPS WENT VIRTUAL THIS SUMMER!

During the month of July, we hosted a three-week camp with themes including BeauArtz, Culinary and Athletics. Each week we hosted live chat sessions along with pre-recorded how-to videos produced by Beaumont teachers, staff and Beaumont Ambassadors.



CYO VOLLEYBALL, CULINARY, CALLIGRAPHY, AND DRAMA

This past year, Beaumont Spirit Club hosted our CYO volleyball and basketball nights. Our enrichment workshops included a three-part culinary workshop hosted by Beaumont teacher John Michael Langa; a Valentine calligraphy workshop hosted by Hilary Mauro of Yellow Hand Letter, and a drama workshop led by our Beaumont Drama Club moderator, Kathryn Bernardo.





*Congrats to our
2020 graduates!*

BEAUMONT BY THE NUMBERS

2020 Beaumont Graduates

100%
Graduation
Rate

100%
College
Acceptance

\$10 million
in merit-based
scholarships earned

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE



25% out of state
75% in state

29%
private college

71%
public college

84% average graduation
rate from college in 4 years
(National Average: **41%**)

TOP INDUSTRIES OF BEAUMONT GRADS

Business | Medicine | Law | Education | Arts



8,465
Service hours
completed in 2020

*Results through 3rd Quarter 2020 as the totals were affected by coronavirus and Ohio school closures.



More Than 100
Scholastic Art and
Art Competition Awards



325 students
16 average class size

More Than 150



Student-
Athletes

11
Varsity
Sports

30
Extracurricular
Clubs

83% of Faculty with advanced degrees
9% with doctorate degrees

50% IB trained
and certified

Average teacher
tenure: **17 years**



Bridget Popelka Class of 2020 Valedictorian,
The Ohio State University



Helen Hoover Class of 2020 Salutatorian,
Saint Louis University



Nyomi Morris Class of 2020 Phi Beta Kappa,
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

THE CLASS OF 2020

DRIVE-IN GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Class of 2020 drive-in graduation ceremony was held on Sunday, June 7 at Landerhaven and aired via Livestream. For more senior tributes, go to www.beaumontschool.org/seniors.



LOOK FOR THE HELPERS:

Karen McHenry '84 IS ONE YOU CAN'T MISS



Fred Rogers' famous quote reminds us to "look for the helpers" when things are scary or unpredictable. Many of Beaumont's alumnae fit the description of helpers, working in healthcare and many frontline professions, making a powerful impact on the world. One such alumna is **Karen McHenry '84**, Program Director, Homeless and Missing Youth Programs at Bellefaire JCB, who has been serving at-risk youth for more than 30 years.



After Karen graduated Beaumont in 1984, she earned her undergraduate degree in Administrative Psychology from Kent State University and went on to earn her Masters in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University. This led her to intern at Bellefaire, where she got her first job and where she has worked ever since.

On a typical day, Karen and her team start by checking the missing youth list in Cleveland and surrounding communities. They then go out on the streets to help these youth: sharing what resources are available to them, serving them meals, and trying to get them off the streets. She also works tirelessly to ensure her staff doesn't fall to the trauma of the work they are doing.

"This is a difficult job helping vulnerable teens who are struggling with homelessness and who are vulnerable to abuse. These kids just want to belong, be loved, and are looking for a stable, safe place. They need structure in their lives and they need love and acceptance," says Karen.

As of June 15, there were 190 kids known to be on the streets of Cleveland. Coronavirus has exasperated the youth crisis and has made Karen's difficult work even more challenging.

"Typically safe places for students are closed – schools and other services that may offer help. Wi-Fi is gone for most right now too because libraries and fast food locations are closed where these kids used to get online for free. They feel isolated and vulnerable. They aren't as focused on staying six feet apart when they are just hungry and waiting in line for food."

AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD

Karen's expertise in training is sought on the topic of homelessness by law enforcement, community partners, and young people. Additionally, she collaborates with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services to develop safety plans for at-risk teens. She is one of a small group of trained professionals by Family and Youth Services Bureau in the area of human trafficking.



Beaumont Class of 1984 Reunion Group

She has been recognized by the FBI as the recipient of the Childcare Worker of the Year Award, and has received the National Direct Service Worker Merit Award from Child Welfare League of America.

AN “ALL IN” APPROACH THAT SAVES LIVES

Sister Erin Zubal, OSU, has been working with Karen for the last two years to help students that are struggling. “I admire Karen’s ‘all in’ approach to the ministry,” says Sister Erin. “For Karen, helping youth who are experiencing homelessness is exactly that – it is a ministry for her, a way of life. Karen makes life possible for the youth of our city when they do not think it is possible. Whether it is passing out flyers of homeless and missing youth, a ride to the laundry mat, a bus ticket, an in-person visit at their school or a quick meal ... Karen does the small things that lead to the big things that help youth survive. Karen is quite literally saving lives.”

Sister Erin continues, “Karen is living the Gospel in a very tangible way, every day. Her actions and witness are a living prayer. She prays with her hands and feet, walking the streets of Cleveland, counseling, feeding, clothing and caring for every youth she serves. It is a privilege to serve with Karen. We are proud to count her among the thousands of Ursuline educated women as a daughter of Saint Angela.”

BEAUMONT LAYS THE FOUNDATION

Karen shares what she thinks is necessary for this important work. “You have to have an open heart. I am grateful when a youth shares their life story filled with pain and trauma as a gift. I listen with an open mind and respect. The little things mean a lot to these youth. Getting a good grade, making a connection with a parent who asks for help. These are important steps to move towards success.”



BEAUMONT ALUMNAE CONTRIBUTED THEIR TALENTS AND COLLECTIVELY MADE OVER 700 MASKS FOR CLEVELAND CLINIC GUESTS:

Sue Hrynik Leonor '87, Ann Elliott Whitney '73, Georgia Krane Hannah '76, Diane Kytle Cowles '91, Kate Catanese '95

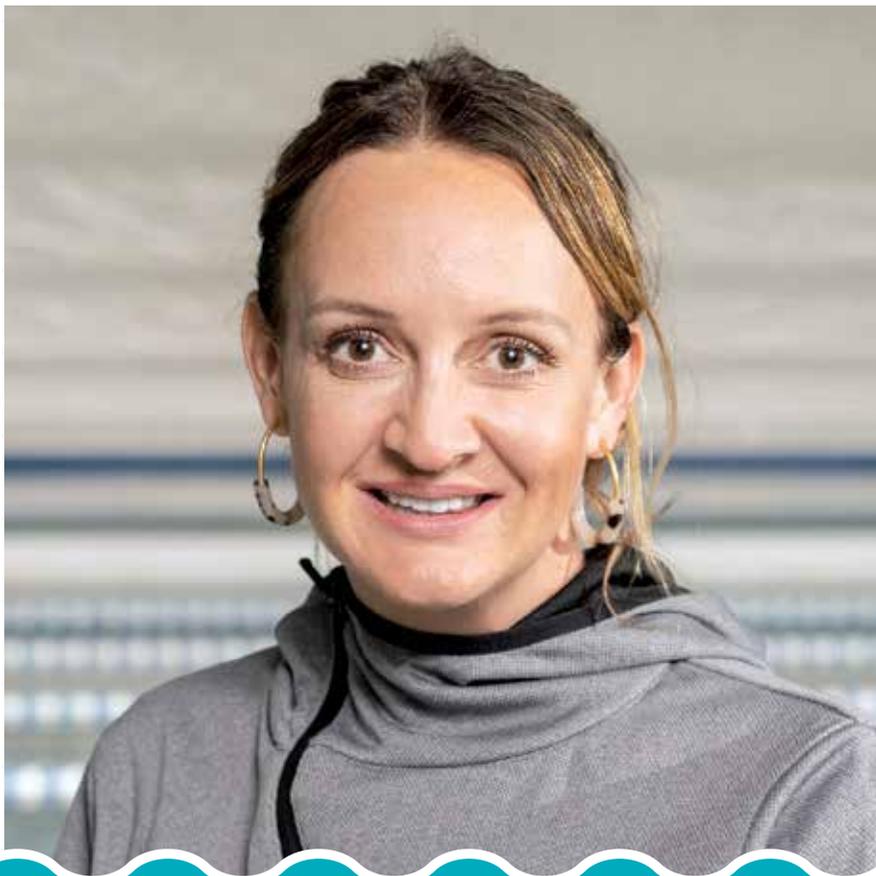
CCF was extremely grateful for all of the help from our alums making a difference in our communities in these uncertain times. “The alums’ response and willingness to help reminds me of how, at the core, we still represent Beaumont’s guiding principles even after we have long departed the walls.”—**Kimberley (Gilyard) Davenport '99.**

She acknowledges Beaumont in her approach to life. “Beaumont taught me to respect others, to be the best person you can be and to care for others in need.”

She recalls when her Class of 1984 Reunion met at The Gathering Place, an organization in Cleveland that supports families and individuals coping with the impact of cancer. “Because we have sadly lost so many of our classmates to cancer, we wanted to support each other and honor them so we had our reunion there. It was powerful and reminded me of how connected we are and how much we care about one another.”

Karen’s advice for today’s young people and Beaumont students? “Check in on each other. Don’t judge but instead be compassionate and accepting. Your classmate may not be late because they are lazy or overslept. You don’t know what some kids are going through so we need to be forgiving, show grace and have an open heart.”

Karen is the proud aunt of Josephine '21 and Patricia O’Neill '22 who attend Beaumont currently.



TANIA YOUNKIN

BEAUMONT HEAD SWIM COACH

Beaumont School's head swimming coach, Tania Younkin, jokes that much to the dismay of Clevelanders, she grew up loving former Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway. Younkin attended Poudre High School, located about one hour north of Denver. Elway, a two-time Super Bowl champion, was of course known for preventing the Cleveland Browns from reaching the Super Bowl twice in the late 1980s.

He ended his career enshrined alongside the game's immortals in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Tania hopes to visit Canton every February, not to see Elway, but to attend the Ohio High School Athletic Association Swimming and Diving Championships at the C.T. Branin Natatorium.

She was there this past February as **Ella Lisac '21, Ellie Hanna '22, Camryn Koonce '22** and **Mateja Rudmann '22** qualified for the state meet in the 200 yard freestyle relay. That quartet finished 20th in the state after they clocked in at 1:43.34, just off the school record time of 1:43.23 they swam at the Northeast District's

Division II Meet held the week prior at Cleveland State University.

This trip marked the first time Beaumont had been represented at the state meet in seven years. The last time a Beaumont relay team advanced to the state meet was back in 2007.

The plan is to get back to Canton this February with all four swimmers returning. Ella Lisac is a rising senior while Ellie Hanna, Camryn Koonce and Mateja Rudmann will all be juniors when school resumes this fall. Camryn is Tania's daughter, which made the trip a little bit more special.

Ella, who was named to the *News-Herald's* Honor Roll, after the 2019-20 season, gives a lot of credit to Tania.

"Coach has made a world of a difference in my swimming career. I started swimming my sophomore year without any previous experience. I'm quite certain that I wouldn't be at the level I am today without her," Ella says. "In just one season, she taught me how to swim a proper freestyle stroke, do a flip turn and dive off the blocks. Now, only two seasons after being coached by her and I have made it to districts and have my name on the school record board."

Ella's story is an incredible one, but also believable, according to Assistant Coach **Margaret Eppright Casey '07**, who was an accomplished swimmer in her own right, having swam collegiately at the University of Missouri and later Miami University.

"Tania takes the time to get to know each of her athletes and then develops an individualized program designed to create optimal performance," Margaret says. "She is constantly looking for ways to improve the program and is the master of swimming technique, transforming swimmers' strokes almost overnight."

Tania learned from some good coaches herself during her decorated competitive career.



Camryn Koonce '22, Mateja Rudmann '22, Ella Lisac '21, and Ellie Hanna '22 at their send off for the state meet in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

She was a big part of a Poudre High School's lone girls swimming state championship team in 1992-93 as she won the state title in the 100 yard butterfly event. After graduation, she went on to swim collegiately at the University of North Dakota.

Tania won the Division II 100 yard butterfly in 1997 and the following year was a member of the national champion 200 yard medley relay team. The 16-time All-American was one of just four Bison swimmers in program history to earn the Grace Rhonemus Award, extended annually to UND's top female student-athlete.

While juggling the demands of high level swimming, Tania graduated from UND with a degree in chemical engineering.

"I began my career as a chemical engineer doing battery design for Energizer and moving through the ranks of middle management," Younkin says. "While there, I earned my MBA with a marketing concentration from Case Western Reserve University and later moved away from batteries and corporate America into marketing and nonprofit work."

She now works as the Director of Marketing for the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. It's a part-time role that allows her the flexibility to coach swimming, but also to be a mother and meet the needs of her family.

Tania has been married to Andrew Koonce for 18 years and the couple has three children: Camryn (16), Elsie (13) and Magnolia (7).

"I couldn't coach without my husband's support," Tania says. "He is the best girl dad ever and keeps our family supported and calm during the hectic season when I am coaching."

Tania hopes that next year's hectic season ends in late February back in Canton, Ohio.

MARGARET EPPRIGHT CASEY '07 ASSISTANT SWIM COACH



Margaret Eppright Casey '07 has been a part of the Beaumont community for nearly 20 years as a student, athlete and a coach. Margaret has always been drawn to Beaumont, empowering young women to excel in life, leadership and service. In her role as a

swim coach, she encourages Beaumont women to dream, to dare to speak, and to express themselves.

As a student swimmer herself at Beaumont, 2006-2007 swim season was a standout season for Margaret. That year she broke the school record in both the 50 and 100 freestyle events. The team won two qualifying relays and four qualifying individual events for states. The State Team included: **Margaret, Rebecca Ussai '07, Bridget McMurray '08, Rachael Libertin '10, Caitlin Azman '07.** Margaret qualified in the 50 and 100 freestyle, Rebecca qualified in the 200 IM and 100 fly; and the team qualified in the 400 free relay and the 200 medley relay.

Currently Margaret has led our Beaumont Swim Team for the fourth year in a row to the Ohio State Meet with swimmers taking individual qualifiers.

Margaret has this advice for all Beaumont students: "Go after your dreams no matter how big or small. Look for what you find interesting and get involved. Take advantage of the opportunity to form strong relationships with your coaches, teachers and fellow students; relationships matter."

Margaret credits Beaumont with the inspiration to live her life with compassion and respect for others and what they do; and with the understanding that we are all in this together.

She is currently a first grade teacher at Gesu Elementary School in University Heights, Ohio, and lives in Lyndhurst with her husband and two sons.

NEWS AND NOTES ALUMNAE



Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland installed its new leadership team, including Beaumont past President and current board member **Sister Ritamary Welsh '63** (President, center), (Left to right) **Sister Diana Stano, Sister Maureen Doyle, Sister Maureen Grady** and **Sister Laura Bregar**.



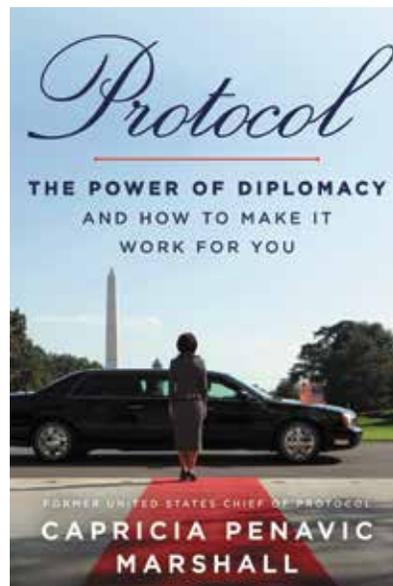
Dorothy Russo Moulthrop, PhD '91 was named CEO of Open Doors Academy. Open Doors Academy is a youth development model committed to breaking the cycle of multi-generational poverty located in Cleveland, Ohio. Dorothy serves on the Beaumont Board of Directors.



Beaumont alumna **Judge Nancy A. Fuerst '69** was inducted into the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Hall of Fame. Judge Fuerst has been on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas bench since 1997 and has been re-elected every term since.



Beaumont alumna, **Ava Greenfield '92**, (right) is a talent agent for ICM Partners and pictured with her client Matthew Cherry. Cherry wrote and directed the film *Hair Love* which won the Oscar for Best Animated Short at the 2020 Academy Awards.



Congratulations to **Capricia Penavic Marshall '82** on her recent book publication. In her new book, "Protocol: The Power of Diplomacy and How to Make It Work for You," President Obama's former United States Chief of Protocol looks at why diplomacy and etiquette matter—from the international stage to everyday life.



Alumnae Contribute to Senior Gifts
 President Hoke, Principal Beyer, Assistant Principal Bernot, Ms. Hoelzel, Ms. Grimaldi, and Mr. Pettek made special deliveries to all of our seniors, placing yard signs and leaving gift bags filled with goodies from Beaumont and Beaumont alums. Thank you

to **Bridget Cavanaugh Thibeault '91**, Owner, Luna Bakery and Café, **Suzanne DeGaetano '75**, Owner, Mac's Backs-Books on Coventry, and **Laurie Klopper '88**, Owner, Blush Boutique for your generous and thoughtful gifts for our seniors.



This past winter, the Beaumont School Culinary Club welcomed **Pastry Chef Kyle Hammer '11**. Kyle is a cake decorator at Casa Dolce in Mayfield, Ohio, specializing in wedding, birthday, and graduation cakes for the past 9 years. During Kyle's visit, our students

learned to make croque-en-bouche, a traditional French and Italian holiday dessert, consisting of small pastry cream filled puffs held together by and decorated with spun sugar.

CLASS NOTES

Please find Class Notes online at beaumontschool.org/beaumontnews. Moving notes online helps us be good stewards of both the environment and your generous contributions. We encourage you to continue to share any recent life events through your class rep so we may share your news online in future Class Notes.

IN MEMORIAM

Rita Hart Flanagan
 (Ursuline Academy) '39
 Kathleen Reid Creadon '41
 Coletta Boylan Hayes '46
 Elaine Balogh Marria '47
 Martha Durbin Moore '47
 Maureen Dempsey Lombardo '50
 Michele Fenlon Tomazic '51

Ann Murphy Trivisonno '51
 Dianne Ottman Buran '53
 Norma Wahl Stenger '53
 Clare Kirchner Schuele '54
 Theresa Cerrito Burke '55
 Ann Mishler Hutzel '56
 Mary Kay Thomas Damian '59
 Betsy Queen Hines '60

Phyllis Sepeta Wissmann '63
 Cassie B. Hunter '65
 Kathleen Mills '66
 Susan Recko '75
 Christine Reilly Novinc '80
 Beverly Eafford '83
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Classes
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Make a gift today to assist us in our mission to educate young women for life, leadership, and service.

Last year's reunion classes helped raise more than \$50,000 for scholarships, which was generously matched by Peter and **Rita Murphy Carfagna '71**, allowing Beaumont to award more than \$100,000 in scholarships.

The Carfagnas are offering to match your donations again this year. Help us reach our goal!

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