

2011 Student and Faculty Awards

Each year, Student Senate recognizes individuals who have exemplified Marian's core values.

Student of the Year
Nicole Wasner '11

Spirit of Marian Award
Elizabeth Stafford '11

Student Athlete of the Year
Anthony Porcino '11, baseball
Kim Knesse '11, soccer

Resident Assistant of the Year
Jordan Geidel '11

Greek Organization of the Year
Phi Sigma Kappa

Sr. Marie Scott Award
Nikki Kramer

Faculty and staff awards also recognize those who have provided outstanding service and continued commitment to students both in and out of the classroom.

James R. Underkofler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
Dr. Abbey Rosen
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

Graduate Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. J. Randall Koetting
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, GRADUATE PROGRAM

Academic Advising Excellence Award
Sue Fuerbinger
OFFICE FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND EXCELLENCE

Service Learning Award
Bill Albrecht
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



Marian Annual Student Leadership Conference

On March 26, more than 200 students participated in the sixth annual leadership conference on campus. This year's keynote speaker was Troy Stende, whose presentation focused on "Be the Change." This presentation encouraged students to discover their full potential and turn that potential into reality by helping them move from where they are to where they are meant to be.

During the conference, students were able to take part in developing leadership skills and learning how involvement on campus and in the community benefits their personal growth through a variety of sessions focused on exploring values, leadership abilities, personality traits, ways to reduce stress and more.

The conference also featured a special session with Congressman Tom Petri co-presenting with Ashley Garner, director of Career and Graduate Services at Marian. They focused on "Your World — Your Chance to Make It Better" and the impact that AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps has on the world.



Alumni Spotlight: Billy Friess '98

More than an interest; more than a favorite pastime — the game of baseball has inspired a nation and shaped American culture.



One Marian University alumnus helps fans get into the stands to cheer on Wisconsin's beloved Brewers. As director of season ticket sales for the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, Billy Friess '98 leads a staff focused on providing Brewers fans with the ultimate baseball experience. Through hard work, Friess and his staff obtained a franchise record in season ticket base sales for the 2011 season.

"We have a phenomenal staff," said Friess. "The team-oriented culture and youthful energy throughout this organization is simply one of the many reasons the Milwaukee Brewers organization is as successful as it is today."

Through an intensive sales training program, Friess focuses on providing his staff with the support and resources they need to be successful. He also understands that employees are expected to create their own opportunities and exceed the expectations placed upon them. "I value self-motivation, and I expect my staff to determine what they have to do to succeed in their careers," he said. "If you are passionate about an opportunity, then you need to go the extra mile."

One of the first graduates in the Sport and Recreation Management program, Friess interned with the Wisconsin

Timber Rattlers and then became a telephone sales representative for the Brewers. He followed his own passion for sports through numerous promotions and opportunities to expand his expertise in the field of sport and recreation management.

Before embarking on his career, Friess established himself as a dedicated student and a hardworking athlete. He credits his academic advisor, former Marian instructor Ron Dick, for preparing him to enter the professional environment.

"Today, interviewers receive hundreds of applications, and it is up to you to find a way to distinguish yourself from the crowd and make your competencies known," explained Friess, who applied this message to his own employment search. He passes the wisdom along to current Marian students, taking the time to share his story and encourage young professionals to make the most of their own career opportunities.

While at Marian, Friess was a pivotal member of the baseball team under the direction of Head Coach Brian Gillogly and Assistant Coach Ron Herr. Although he explains that "a good infielder can play every position," Friess is proud of his role as shortstop. He recalls the camaraderie found in athletics as memorable as the competition itself.

"If I wasn't in the classroom, I was in the gym or on the field," said Friess, with a smile. "Even today, I remain close with many of my teammates — now lifelong friends."

"I never imagined that I would be where I am today," said Friess, who married his Marian sweetheart, Amy Ashe, and is the father of two young daughters, Lucy and Ruby. "Yet, I understand that my past experiences have allowed me to continually strive for excellence and encourage others to do the same."

His four years at Marian gave him the experiences, advice and support that remain with him and can be summed up in one word: Fundamentals.

"A teaching style stressed by Coach Gillogly — the concept of fundamentals — pertains to baseball and to real life," explained Friess. "Even today, I live by fundamentals. I do what I need to do to get my staff to where they need to be. I am not afraid of hard work and I understand that each day is filled with opportunities and the chance to far exceed all expectations." ■

— Kara East '09