

Even before the official anniversary kick-off, students exemplified the University's mission. More than 300 students performed over 1,000 hours of community service during Orientation and welcome events, Aug. 28–Sept. 5, in collaboration with the Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac. "We live the mission and core values of community, learning, service, social justice and spiritual traditions," Candee said. "It's engrained in the fabric of what we do here."

Events planned

The diamond anniversary Founders Day began with a coffee hour on campus and continued with events intended to bring students into the celebration. Cake, ice cream, lawn games, Marian trivia, music and a 75th anniversary photo session allowed students to celebrate their personal connection to the campus. Cupcakes, treats and informational materials, including anniversary videos, also were provided at the campus outreach sites in Appleton and West Allis.

Founders Day culminated with a ribbon cutting at the newly remodeled Horning Student Center Dining Room, followed by the annual Founders Day Mass. The Fond du Lac community was invited to gather in the Dorcas Chapel as Bishop Richard J. Skiba of



Milwaukee officiated the 5 p.m. service.

A private dinner honoring the Sisters of St. Agnes featured a special hand-crafted glass diamond award, presented in recognition of the congregation's ongoing support of the University. Sisters continue to serve on the University's faculty and Board of Trustees. Anniversary events and the University's history also were chronicled in a special September insert in *The Reporter* newspaper.

"A key word is 'transformation,'" said Candee, reflecting on the decades of influence Marian has had on students and the community. "We prepare students for the world of work with applied liberal arts. We do an exceptional job preparing students for service in education, nursing, business, social work, criminal justice and healthcare. I have witnessed that transformation many times."

Just as carbon transforms over time into diamonds, the University fittingly marks its diamond anniversary as a transformative educational presence in Fond du Lac.

Additional details about Marian University's 75th anniversary can be found on our website: www.marianuniversity.edu/75anniversary

The anniversary celebration continues...

- Student Life will present an "Inspired on the 15th" activity on the eighth day of each month. Campus events — including films, karaoke, trivia, scavenger hunts and live music — will focus on themes such as service, athletics and spirituality.
- The **Diamond Lecture Series** will feature seven award-winning undergraduate instructors sharing inspirational wisdom in talks open to both Marian and the Fond du Lac Community. Over the course of the 2011–12 academic year, these Underbaker Awardees will discuss their teaching and learning philosophies.
- The **Chamber Singers** will perform in Dorcas Chapel at a special Diamond Anniversary event slated for 12:15 p.m. on Dec. 1.
- The year of celebration wraps up with the next **Founders Day Mass**, led by Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listocki, on Sept. 8, 2012.

Education partnership offers benefits to Marian and SMSA families

On Aug. 2, representatives of Marian University and St. Mary's Springs Academy (SMSA) signed a partnership agreement that increases Catholic education opportunities for professionals, families and students enrolled in preschool through graduate degree programs in Fond du Lac and beyond. The partnership is the first of its kind in the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

This innovative partnership was created to celebrate the institutions' joint heritage, better serve the Fond du Lac and surrounding communities, and advance the shared goal of providing Catholic educational excellence in the area. The relationship will focus on providing educational discounts to faculty, staff and students served by SMSA and Marian.

The relationship serves to benefit the joint systems through educational enhancement, cost saving measures, servant leadership development and strengthening Catholic identity.

The partnership is designed in two phases. The initial phase, known as the St. Judith Schmidt, CSA, Benefit Program, began immediately for the 2011–12 academic year. Tuition discounts of 50 percent are granted to SMSA faculty and staff to attend classes at Marian University, and the discount applies to dependent children of Marian employees who attend SMSA. Graduates of SMS High School will also be eligible for an annual 50 percent tuition discount to attend Marian University, provided they meet certain academic standards.

Phase two of the partnership begins in fall 2011, and focuses on collaborative efforts to strengthen both institutions and make a greater impact on the Fond du Lac community. Catholic stewardship will be reflected in community service projects endorsed by both entities.

The initial phase of the partnership is named after St. Judith Schmidt, CSA, who has been instrumental at both institutions. St. Judith served at Marian University for more than 20 years in a variety of capacities, from professor to vice president, and as SMSA president from 2008–2011. She also graduated from Marian University's teacher education program in 1962.

For more information, contact Marian's Office of Admission at (920) 923-7650 or the St. Mary's Springs Academy Development Office at (920) 322-8006.



From l. to r., Doug Olig, head principal of SMSA; Kevin Slow, president of SMSA; St. Judith Schmidt, CSA, past president of SMSA; Dr. Steven DiSalvo, president of Marian University; and Stacey Akoy '90/96, vice president of enrollment management at Marian University.