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#### ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to everyone who returned to Thompson for this year's Alumni Weekend. To view photos from the weekend, please click <u>here</u>.

### Like Father, Like Son



At this year's Baccalaureate Mass, graduating senior Alexander Boligan was awarded the Theology Medal. Thirty-one years ago, his father Kevin Boligan '88 was awarded the same medal, then called the Religion Medal. Alex's mother, Darlene (Bley) Boligan is also a graduate of the class of 1988.

#### **Class of 2019 Commencement**



On Sunday, June 2, Marianapolis graduated 123 seniors in its 93rd commencement ceremony. Viewed as the official transition from student to alumni, several Marianapolis graduates were involved in the ceremony to welcome the Class of 2019 to their ranks.

Atty. Alyson Aleman '89 delivered the commencement address. Atty. Aleman has served on the Trinity Foundation Board of Directors since 2005 and has been instrumental in helping to secure the physical future of the School through her legal work. She spoke to the graduates about how it is now their turn to take on the challenges of the generations before them and to face these challenges head-on. She said, "You must not allow fear to impede action. You must not allow pessimism to cloud your vision of what is possible, and you must not feel despair at the enormity of the challenges that confront you. Instead, you must always remember that the antidote to pessimism is optimism; the antidote to fear is courage; the antidote to despair is hope."

Adrienne Dunne '86, President of the Alumni Association Board, presented the Marianapolis Alumni Merit Award to senior Samuel Roy as part of the presentation of the Silver Bowl Honors. The award is given every year to the graduate whose dependability, integrity, and character best exemplify the ideals of Marianapolis.

As has become tradition, alumni are invited to lead the procession of graduates first to ring the Victory Bell and then into the ceremony. Paul Lango '68 has been leading the graduates for several years and continued this year, along with Tom Dodge '73. Both Lango and Dodge have served on the Alumni Association Board with Lango as the Board's first president. Dodge is also a Trinity Foundation Board of Directors member.



2007

2010

Save the date for the 40th annual Golf Tournament on **Tuesday**, **September 10** at Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam, CT.

Registration will open soon!

#### Alumni Survey Follow-up College Placement

Thank you again for taking the time to fill out the alumni survey. If you indicated that you were interested in either representing your college/university at Marianapolis' college fair, speaking to students about your experience in higher education or your career field, please read below for more information.

The College Placement Office hosts "Lunch & Learns" for current students to hear from professionals about their careers. Lunch & Learn sessions are offered in a discussion style format during the school day lunch periods, where guests offer information and students are able to ask questions. Past alumni Lunch & Learns include Matt McGarry '82 - ABC News (Emmy award-winning) Producer, Jose Silva '85 - Partner at a tax firm in Mexico City and President of the Board at "Together with Children," Carla Faucher '84 - Physical Therapist, and Colin Duethorn '11 - Actuarial Sciences. If we are looking for a speaker in a discipline you work we will be in touch.

In addition, the annual college fair at Marianapolis is held every October. We typically host 90-100 national colleges and universities and families have the opportunity to engage with admission office representatives who are responsible for working with Marianapolis students. If you are interested in representing your alma mater at the college fair, you must contact the admission office of your college/university and let them know. Specifically, please request to attend the Marianapolis fair. In addition, if a student would like to speak to you about your alma mater, we will be in touch.

If you indicated that you would like more information on getting involved with other alumni, either as a class agent, local representative, or hosting an alumni reception, someone will be following up with you directly.



#### Introducing

The Alumni & Development Office is happy to welcome Karen Carter as the Development & Alumni Affairs Officer. Karen will be focusing on increasing participation in the Marianapolis Fund, donor relations, and working closely with our parent ambassadors and alumni.

Although new to the department, Karen is not new to Marianapolis, having previously worked in the Admission Office for 13 years. Karen has also taught English and theology, served as a dorm parent, and as a junior and freshman advisor during her time at Marianapolis. She already has many wonderful relationships with our students, parents, and alumni, particularly our international constituents as she was the Associate Director of International Admission.

Karen is excited to grow and expand upon these relationships and hopes to strengthen the School's bond with our international alumni. "I'm really looking forward to continuing to get to know our current families and remaining connected after they have left our campus. I want to increase awareness of the Marianapolis Fund and the impact giving can have on the School. I am also looking forward to being a resource to our alumni and welcoming them home whether it's been one year or 50 years since they've been back."

Karen is a graduate herself of a Catholic boarding school and has remained involved in education throughout her career. She graduated from Tufts University in 1991 and received her Master's Degree in Theology from Washington Theological Union. She has previously worked in development and public relations at the Washington Theological Union.



It's almost New Year's Eve for the Marianapolis Fund. The fiscal year is closing on June 30 and we need your help as alumni to end the year strong! Your support of the MFund supported the opening of our new Innovation Lab and the School's inaugural field hockey program during the 2018-2019 school year. Your financial contributions allow for the continued growth in such educational and extracurricular programming for our students.



#### **Submit Your Class Notes**

Have you recently gotten married, had a child, changed jobs, or celebrated another life

milestone? We want to hear about it! Email your class note to <u>alumni@marianapolis.org</u> to be included in the next Marianapolis Magazine. Photos are a big plus!

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