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A LETTER FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

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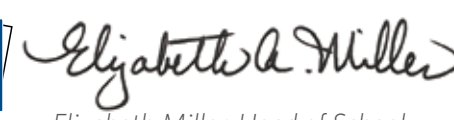
Dear Friends of Luralton,

On behalf of Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall, it is my privilege as your Head of School to welcome you to this XXXI presentation of the Claven Awards. Like this room that we will dine in together this evening these—our most prestigious—awards are named for Mother Mary Augustine Claven who founded our School in 1905 on this beautiful, now historic campus.

Over the past forty years Luralton has bestowed these awards to the most select women and men of those nominated. These honorees have lived lives that advance the Mercy Mission of our School while embodying the values that we strive to instill in all of our students. This year at our first Claven Awards ceremony in nearly a decade we are honoring ten extraordinary individuals. They have distinguished themselves as Mercy educators, as servant leaders, as professionals, as parents. Luralton is distinguished by their affiliation.

On behalf of the entire Luralton community, I thank you for being present this evening to witness the presentation of our most prestigious awards.

In Mercy,


Elizabeth Miller, Head of School

PROGRAM

Welcome

Paul Fama P’17, Chair, Board of Trustees
Advance Vocal Ensemble, directed by Margaret Sargent, Fine Arts Department Chair

Introduction of Past Award Recipients

Elizabeth Miller, Head of School

Invocation

Erin DaCosta, Religion Dept. Chair & Director of Campus Ministry, Luralton Hall

Dinner

Music by Mr. Peter DeMarco

Presentation of Awards

Paul Fama P’17, Chair, Board of Trustees
Elizabeth Miller, Head of School

The Reverend Cornelius J. Doherty Distinguished Service Award

Honoree	Presenter
Patricia F. Doerr P’13	Elizabeth Miller
Corinne M. Chace	Regina Moller, Ph. D.

The Reverend Peter H. McClean Award Recipient

Honoree	Presenter
Patrick J. McNeela P’13	Elizabeth Miller
Gerald T. Sargent, Jr. GP’16, GP’18	Kathleen Spencer Sargent ’58, GP’16, GP’18; 1993 Claven Honoree

The Mother Mary Augustine Claven Award Recipients

Honoree	Presenter
Mary Kate Curran ’81	Lily Murphy ’24
Linda Franco Giordano ’68	Karin Devine Mayhew ’68; 2015 Claven Honoree
Kara Krysynski Justo ’89, P’15, P’18	Dana Krysynski Christos ’95
Deirdre M. Walsh ’96	Sumner M. Menchero ’96
Dawn Russo Crotty ’70, posthumously	Joyce Kulhawik, 1970; 1983 Claven Honoree
	Accepting: Thomas Crotty, Michael Crotty
Patricia Ford Money ’79, posthumously	presented by Michael Money
	Accepting: Ann Ford Roach ’81

Closing Remarks

Elizabeth Miller, Head of School

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY,
LAURALTON HALL’S MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by the Mercy Tradition, Luralton Hall empowers young women to pursue their highest potential through lifelong learning, compassionate service, and responsible leadership in a global society.

Our Core Values are the hallmarks of a Mercy Education. These are the ideals we stand up for and strive to live up to. We hold ourselves to these standards as an institution, as a community and as individuals. Each value is interconnected and necessary as we take Mercy into the world.



MOTHER MARY AUGUSTINE CLAVEN AWARD
 HONOREE: MARY KATE CURRAN '81



Philanthropist. Fundraiser. Agent for change. Champion of the underserved. Kate has earned all these laudable monikers and more.

Growing up in Bridgeport, Kate became the third of four sisters to graduate from Luralton Hall. She earned her B.A. in English in 1985 from the College of the Holy Cross, which in 2019 presented Kate with its Sanctae Crucis Award for her unwavering belief in the power of every individual to make the world a better place, her commitment to creating a culture that enlivens this belief, and her tireless efforts to empower those less fortunate. In 1994, she graduated summa cum laude from the Quinnipiac University School of Law, clerked in the U.S. District Court with the Honorable Ellen B. Burns and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second District with the Honorable Thomas J. Meskill.

Eventually recruited by General Electric, Kate served in a series of roles of increasing responsibility as an attorney and executive. She designed GE's first large Community Reinvestment Program, overseeing more than a staggering \$100 million in community development investments and grants. She also led government relations initiatives that generated more than \$10 million in annual revenue and \$30,000 in cost savings.

Throughout her life, Kate has benefited from the profound influence of her parents: her mother, who put her husband, children, and family at the heart of her life, and her father, the Honorable Hugh C. Curran, a Luralton Trustee, Superior Court Judge and three term Mayor of Bridgeport. After suffering the profound loss of the deaths of her parents and

her brother, Kate resigned from General Electric and decided to travel the world devoting time to contemplating her own definition of living a great life.

A year and four continents later, she decided to follow a rising passion—to bring quality education to the world's poorest children. School the World, the international education organization she founded, serves nearly 12,000 children in Central America. Now in its 11th year, School the World has built 106 schools and 56 playgrounds, stocked 519 classroom libraries, trained more than 3,200 teachers and empowered close to 7,000 parents to be their child's "first educators."

In 2013 Kate brought 13 Luralton Hall students and two teachers to Guatemala for a transformative experience. When another trip was offered in 2014, nearly 30 students signed up within the first 48 hours of the announcement. Kate plans to empower the next generation of change agents through her World Changers program that's already enabled 700+ U.S. high school students to participate in life-changing experiences.

Her career and her actions confirm the message behind one of Kate's favorite quotations, one from Martin Luther King, Jr.: *"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"* For all these achievements and qualities, the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall, enthusiastically celebrates the life, work, and character of M. Kate Curran by granting her the Mother Mary Augustine Claven Award.

MOTHER MARY AUGUSTINE CLAVEN AWARD
 HONOREE: LINDA FRANCO GIORDANO '68



"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith." So begins the Prayer of St. Francis, one of the most meaningful prayers for Linda and one that Linda, with her many contributions, spiritual care, and service to community well represents.

During her Luralton career, Linda participated in Choral Club, Jesters, and Sodality. More importantly, she learned, and built strong relationships and lifelong friendships. "Many of us took the train from New Haven or Bridgeport, some came by bus and others lived in Milford," she recalls. "Somehow when we were in school we all studied, laughed, and enjoyed each other. There was a feeling of inclusiveness."

Linda was introduced to her husband, Vincent S. Giordano, Jr., whom she married in 1973, by dear friend, classmate and fellow train rider Karin Devine Mayhew. The Giordanos have two children: Vincent III (and daughter-in-law Wendy) and Elena Ann, along with two grandchildren, Aliza Rose and Gavin Vincent Giordano.

After graduating from Luralton Hall, Linda earned a Bachelor of Arts, Education from Annhurst College, at that time, a private women's Catholic college in South Woodstock, Connecticut, founded and administered by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit; in 1977, she earned a Master's in Reading from Southern Connecticut State University. Over

the years, Linda has taught nursery school, sixth grade, and co-owned and managed The Office Network, a shared office environment.

Community service has always been a priority and passion for Linda. Many community organizations, namely the Catholic Charity League, the Branford Women's Club, East Shore Region Adult Continuing Education, Literacy Volunteers, St. Therese Church in Branford, and Yale New Haven Hospital where she provided spiritual care as a Eucharistic minister, have all benefited from Linda's leadership, energy, spirit, and talents. She continues to prepare and serve lunch every week at the Community Dining Room in Branford and tutors students in reading.

Linda's life brims over with ever more examples of her tireless efforts in service and support. She provides everyone who knows her with a great role model. She's continually sharing her many God-given talents in teaching, spiritual care, and leadership. For these reasons and more, Linda deserves recognition as a Mother Mary Augustine Claven recipient.

But rather than end with words about herself, Linda would probably prefer to remind us to serve and care and pray. She might remind us of the passion and truth found in another section of that prayer she loves, the Prayer of St. Francis. The lines read, *"O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love."*

MOTHER MARY AUGUSTINE CLAVEN AWARD
 HONOREE: KARA KRYSYNSKI JUSTO '89



Compassion, service, educational excellence, and spiritual growth are all key aspects of the women who earn the Mother Mary Augustine Claven Award. Those ideals are also abundantly exemplified by Kara.

Kara's career has centered on the emotional, social, and educational needs of young children. After graduating from Luralton Hall in 1989, she enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University and earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree. At Fordham University in 1996, she earned her Masters of Social Work. Kara rose steadily in her profession from a patient discharge facilitator to a social worker, to Dean of Students--caring for the social and emotional needs of pre-kindergarten to eighth grade students at St. Andrew Academy in Bridgeport.

At Luralton, Kara learned Mercy values and built her belief that Catholics are called to serve others. She attributes her high energy and devotion to service to her love for the causes she participates in and to her Luralton education.

As an alumna, Kara was active in the McAuley Parents Association, has presented multiple times at Career Day, has served six years on the Alumnae Executive Board, and was indispensable in her volunteer work over the years at Homecoming & Reunions, Christmas in the Mansion, the Annual Fund Phone-a-thon, Irish Night, and the Alumnae Freshman Cookie Project.

Whether it's The Midnight Run (collecting men's winter coats for a New Haven men's shelter) or

raising funds for World Youth Day Pilgrimage, or another good and godly cause, Kara jumps in with spirit, energy, and selflessness. Kara says, "I feel that working for religious institutions, like Luralton Hall and my church, enhances my spiritual growth-they show that God is truly guiding our lives."

Along with her accomplishments and service Kara has also experienced trials. At age 43, Kara had open heart surgery to repair a severely leaking mitral valve. After surgery, she required life support, additional surgeries, and a month-long hospitalization. She made a long but full recovery, emerging with greater appreciation of life's fragility. "I truly believe in miracles because my doctors could not understand how I survived," Kara says. Prayers from family and friends helped pull her through.

Educational excellence and dedication to Catholic instruction run in Kara's family. Kara's parents, Donald and Helen Krysynski, are Luralton parents twice over- Kara's sister, Dana Krysynski Christos is a member of the class of '95, and grandparents twice over--Kara's daughters, Amelia ('15), Alexandra ('18) are graduates. Kara's father also served on Luralton's Board of Trustees.

Kara's life journey and her acts of service and teaching are among the reasons she is the epitome of Mother Mary Augustine Claven Award recipients. Jesus spoke about women like Kara when He said, *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16)

MOTHER MARY AUGUSTINE CLAVEN AWARD
 HONOREE: DEIRDRE M. WALSH '96



After years of service in national security, Deirdre Walsh continues her devotion to leadership in the United States intelligence community. "Deirdre is a respected executive leader with an impeccable record of solving complex challenges," said Rob Strain, president of Ball Aerospace and Technology Corporation, Deirdre's employer since May 2020.

Deirdre attributes much of her success to her education, including her four years at Luralton Hall. At Luralton she learned a most valuable lesson—that her mind and her voice are her defining features. Her educational experiences taught her to feel confident, even fearless, when facing challenges.

Outside of the classroom at Luralton and then at the University of Scranton, she spent much of her time on the basketball court, learning and developing critical life lessons like teamwork and time management. Deirdre gives credit to her college basketball coach, Mike Strong, for helping her hone her propensity for intelligence work. Mike always told Deirdre to "use her head for the elements of defense."

Family has also played a huge role in her success. Her mother, Denise Walsh, is an endless source of inspiration for Dierdre, her father, brother, and sisters. Denise was a nurse for 20+ years, founded an organization that provides health care to third world countries, and spent two years rebuilding the healthcare system in Liberia after a civil war. "My mother often says her kids are going to 'save the world,' but I think we all know she's already doing that," Deirdre said.

In her career in national security, she's often been the only woman in the room. Seated with national leaders, Deirdre has found the factors that have led to her success include diligent preparation, communication skills, self-confidence, and personal integrity. "Whether it's the halls of Congress, the White House, a foreign capital city, or the many other places I've been honored to work," she said, "the confidence that has its foundation in my Luralton education is what grounds me."

Today, Deirdre serves as Vice President, Strategic Operations at the Ball Corporation in Washington D.C. Prior to this position, she served more than ten years at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, a senior-level federal government agency that provides oversight to the nation's intelligence community.

All her many professional roles, responsibilities, and recognitions are a testament to her trademark integrity, industry, and commitment to excellence in public service.

Throughout high school, college, and her career, she has been a woman whose life has reflected one of Catherine McAuley's most famous quotations, *"The simplest and most practical lesson I know ... is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow."*

Deirdre's career achievements and her character are exceptional. The positive effect she has on all those around her and the expertise she brings to every task clearly distinguish her as an outstanding example of all the Claven Award represents.

MOTHER MARY AUGUSTINE CLAVEN AWARD

HONOREE: DAWN RUSSO CROTTY '70, POSTHUMOUSLY



Heaven held a celebratory reception when Dawn entered its gates February 11, 2017. The valedictorian of Lauralton's Class of 1970, Dawn conducted her life with grace, intelligence, humility, and kindness. In her character, she epitomized the Mercy Tradition that values compassion, respect, integrity, justice, hope, and joy.

Dawn attained success everywhere. At Boston College, she was honored with membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. At Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Dawn earned her Master's degree in Statistics/Operations Research. For 18 years she was an administrator at North Carolina State University in their National Initiative for Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness program.

Dawn's superior academic achievement in high school and college did not lead her immediately to a profession. Instead, she felt drawn to mission work. Before starting her family and career, she lived in Davenport, Iowa working as a volunteer at the Catholic Worker House, joining others to alleviate the suffering of the impoverished, infirm, elderly, and homeless. At the Catholic Worker House, Dawn also met her husband-to-be, Tom Crotty.

Throughout Dawn's life, volunteerism remained a priority. Whether as a Eucharistic Minister, a marriage preparation and religious education counselor at her parish, or as an active member of the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle in Raleigh, she gave her time and talent to serve others.

She lived a God-inspired life. She exemplified love, faith, patience, and giving back to Church and community. Dawn passed those qualities and values on to Michael, Kevin, and Matt, her three sons.

Travel and music were among Dawn's passions. An accomplished pianist and flutist, she instilled her love of music in her sons. After Tom, her husband, retired, the two of them indulged in their love of travel, hiking through many national parks. She so loved any mountain and every beach.

Her avocations seemed endless. She always read. Her needlework pieces displayed perfection. But her biggest interest was her family, who returned the love and devotion she so generously and graciously gave them.

Dawn faced the illness that eventually took her life with courage and faith. She didn't want to leave this world, but she never asked, "Why me?" Her Catholic faith sustained her and still sustains the many who mourn her loss, her husband, her sons and daughters-in-law, seven grandchildren, and her brother and sister.

2 Timothy 1:7 says *God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline*. God certainly gave Dawn power to get the most out of her talents and interests, deep love for her family and friends and all in need, and the self-discipline and soundness of mind to serve others first. We're honored to have Dawn join the list of deserving Mother Mary Augustine Claven Award recipients.



Engaging, caring, and a lifelong learner, Tricia was a dynamic woman who selflessly gave of herself. She desired to help others—especially by sharing her God-given talent in educating and her love for singing.

"She was empathetic to the highest degree," said Tricia's sister, Jane Shaw '86. "If Tricia thought you needed something, she would not hesitate to help—even if she did not know you.

Tricia filled her life with moments of mercy and kindness: Helping families who lost their belongings in a fire, giving rides to neighbors needing to see a doctor, becoming a friend to a person who needed companionship.

Born in Bridgeport, Tricia was a proud graduate of Lauralton and St. Bonaventure University. An accounting major, she worked for Phillips Medical as an internal auditor. But Tricia realized how much she liked working with people, especially children. She earned a Master's degree in Education from the University of Bridgeport, and taught elementary school at Dunbar School in Bridgeport.

After years spent in the Texas sun, in 2001, Tricia and her family settled close to family and friends in Fairfield where she became active as a parent volunteer in the Fairfield Public Schools. She gave of her time as a member of the Stratfield School PTA and as president of the Roger Ludlow Middle School PTA. Her wonderful blend of teaching and love of nature and science made her an ideal volunteer with the Fairfield Public School's Mill River Lab program. Rain or shine, she was happiest on the banks of the river, engaging the minds of young students.

Hers was a life of community connections. Tricia served as a Monarch Butterfly Conservation

Specialist; volunteered for LH reunions, Christmas in the Mansion, and Irish Night; and sang in the Our Lady of Assumption Resurrection Choir. She was an active member of the Gaelic American and the S.S. Norden Clubs.

Her contributions have been acknowledged through many posthumous honors. The Town of Fairfield dedicated a butterfly garden in her name along the banks of the Mill River. The Fairfield PTA now presents an annual award, named after Tricia, spotlighting a volunteer who brings focus and enthusiasm to an issue. One Fairfield High School graduate who has a specific interest in nature receives a college scholarship in her name.

A lover of Irish music, Tricia sang everywhere. She could bring people to tears with her rendition of "The Fields of Athenry." She sang with a perpetual choir—a volunteer group that performs at funerals when families want music but do not have the money to pay musicians.

Her love of singing, music, and her Catholic faith brings to mind Psalm 95:1, "*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*"

But even more than singing and teaching, Tricia valued her family—especially her husband, Michael F. Money, and her children Michael, William (Billy), and Rose. She loved nothing more than being surrounded by extended family and friends, sharing a good Irish song and a heartfelt laugh.

For her dedication to others, her commitment to family, her passion for educating children, and her warm spirit of friendship, Tricia is a worthy recipient of the Mother Mary Augustine Claven Award.

REVEREND PETER H. MCCLEAN AWARD
 HONOREE: PATRICK J. MCNEELA P'13



Pat McNeela is a man of integrity that leads by example. A grandson of a naval admiral and son of a career Navy father and accomplished musician mother, he and his siblings lived many places growing up. In high school Pat was an accomplished swimmer and then matriculated to The University of Virginia. After college he became a United States Marine, where he rose to the rank of Captain, and served as Marine Corps Fighter Pilot working abroad in Japan. Later, he returned to the University of Virginia Darden School of Business where he met his gracious wife of 40 years, Sally L. McNeela. After Business School, Pat came to Connecticut to work for GE Capital and his made his home here ever since—even during overseas assignments for GE in Hong Kong. After returning to Connecticut Pat and Sally welcomed their daughters Catherine and Annie. Pat became involved with Luralton after his wife Sally and he chose Luralton for their oldest daughter Catherine, Class of 2013. Catherine has since completed her graduate work in school counseling at Vanderbilt and Annie is a student at Elon College.

On Pat's first day of "retirement" from his successful career at GE, he became the Board Chair at Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall—just as Luralton's president and Head of School Elizabeth Miller joined Luralton. It is no exaggeration to say that without Pat's integrity, strong leadership, partnership with Elizabeth, and

leading by example, Luralton would likely not be in existence today. For two years he deferred his own well-deserved retirement and worked assiduously, even including 3 am phone calls, to make sure the School returned to financial stability and is now, indeed, thriving. While a no-nonsense man of integrity, Pat is also a thoughtful and supportive gentleman. In January of 2019 when Mark and Elizabeth's son went permanently deaf in one ear and then his brain tumor was discovered, it was Pat that helped repeatedly plan strategically for Luralton's success while she could continue her work as Head of School. Upon completing his six years of service on the Board, Pat was awarded the President's Medal at his final board meeting in June of 2019.

Even once Luralton got "back on her feet again" in 2017-2018 Pat and Sally McNeela have repeatedly supported Luralton to make possible the success of the Sikorsky STEM Engineering Team, the establishment of our Math Center, the retrofit of our historical elevator, and so many other worthwhile projects. After his six year tenure on the Board, including the two final years as Board Chair, he remains a trusted mentor and adviser.

While Elizabeth cannot claim to be his best friend, she feels honored to call him a true friend to Luralton and to her family. Pat McNeela remains a trusted mentor and advisor, a man we laud tonight for his inherent integrity and proudly bestow the Reverend Peter H. McClean Award.

REVEREND PETER H. MCCLEAN AWARD
 HONOREE: GERALD T. SARGENT, JR.



On December 31, 1956, Gerald Thomas Sargent, Jr. -proud son of Honoria Philomena Oliver, of County Mayo, Ireland, and Gerald Thomas Sargent, attended a New Year's Eve party at his best friend's house. When two young ladies required transportation, Jerry volunteered to drive them home. One of the young women, a tall red-head, was Luralton junior Kathleen Spencer. That first meeting ended with Mass at St. Augustine's, where Jerry and his older brother Joseph had attended school and where Jerry first connected with the Sisters of Mercy. Three years later, Kathleen and Jerry were married.

Once graduated from Fairfield Prep in 1957 and Fairfield University in 1961, Jerry began his career as a management trainee at Guardian Life Insurance Company, New York City, and quickly rose through the ranks. After attaining the position of Assistant Director of Health Insurance Sales and following the birth of his fourth son, Jerry wanted to end his long daily commute into the city. He accepted a personnel position with Vitramon in Monroe, CT, eventually achieving the Director of Human Resources position in 1989. He chose an early retirement in 2001 to spend more time with his expanding family.

Jerry and Kathleen are blessed with four outstanding sons: Gerald Thomas, III, Michael Manning, Jeffrey Spencer, and Gregory Oliver. Their blessings continue in their nine grandchildren.

Service and volunteerism are in Jerry's blood. His lifetime membership in the Knights of Columbus is a testament to his principle of putting his Catholic faith into action. He served the business community on the Greater Bridgeport Personnel Association, YMCA Industrial Management Council, Barnum

Festival Board of Directors, and the International Institute for Immigrants Board of Directors. While working with the institute, he established a workplace-centered English as a Second Language program for Southeast Asian refugees.

The family ties to Luralton run deep. Kathleen, Class of 1958, earned the Claven Award in 1993. Jerry and Kathleen's daughter-in-law, Margy Sargent, is the Chair of Luralton's Fine Arts Department. Margy and son Jeff's daughters are alumna-Elizabeth Sargent '16 and Caroline Sargent '18. Sheilagh Reidy Sargent '59 and several nieces and great nieces of Kathleen and Jerry have also added to the Sargent legacy.

For decades, Jerry's been an example of giving time, talent, and treasure to Luralton. From the earliest days of his associations with Luralton, Jerry has valued and contributed to the School's God-centered environment. With Kathleen's devotion to Luralton, it was only natural that Jerry was at her side also volunteering for homecomings, Christmas in the Mansion, Irish Night, and so many other events. The two of them have often been among the first to arrive and the last to leave at a function's conclusion-- his support of our Mission and the Mercy values and traditions is steadfast and admirable.

Jerry is a genuine family man who keeps faith and family first, the perfect recipient of the Irish blessing: *May peace and plenty bless your world with a joy that long endures and may all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.* Gerald Thomas Sargent, Jr. heartily deserves the Reverend Peter H. McClean Award.

REVEREND CORNELIUS J. DOHERTY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
 HONOREE: PATRICIA F. DOERR P'07



Beloved, long-serving faculty member Pat Doerr conducted her long teaching career in a way that expressed the philosophy in a favorite quotation by Mahatma Gandhi who said, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Pat’s service to her discipline, to Luralton students, parents, and staff reflect that ideal.

Amanda Doerr Mottola, Pat’s daughter and 2007 Luralton alumna, credits her mother’s enthusiasm and creativity for her achievement as a beloved educator. In every one of the many countries Pat has visited and studied in--Spain, Mexico, Paraguay, Guatemala, Malawi—she challenged herself and her students to engage in every way with the culture and the people. Luralton students remember fondly Mrs. Doerr arriving to class in a shawl and dark wig, carrying vibrant flowers and sporting a prominent uni-brow, to present the biography and artwork of Frida Kahlo.

The words of Thomas Jefferson have also influenced Pat. He said, “I believe that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good for another.” One way Pat has lived the essence of Jefferson’s belief is shown through Amanda’s story. In 1972, Pat participated in a work-study program in the Yucatan region of México. The program was sponsored by the Catholic Church and associated with Edinboro University. During the 5-week program, Pat attended classes and volunteered at an orphanage for girls.

The nuns who sponsored the orphanage could only house the girls until they reached age 12. Then each girl went to live with a wealthy family to work as

a cook or maid. The limitations on these young women affected Pat deeply. In response, to make a positive impact on one girl’s life, Pat vowed to one day adopt a child from an underdeveloped country. Sixteen years later she traveled to Asunción, Paraguay to complete the adoption of then 13-month-old Amanda.

For Pat, teaching is not an occupation but a calling. With her own children and with Luralton students, Pat always sought to provide the education and skills necessary for successful careers, but her ultimate goal was for them to become good people. Her commitment to service is reflected in another quotation—this one from Aristotle—that Pat loves: *“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”*

In myriad ways, Pat has deepened and enriched life at Luralton Hall for students, through immersion trips, the World Language Honor Society, the Spanish Club, and the Sewing Club, and for colleagues through her generosity and warmth in welcoming and training new teachers, and her good humor and selflessness in sharing her wisdom and experience.

Her kindness, calmness, encouragement, empathy, and love are among the ways God shines through Pat.

For her dedication to excellent academic instruction and her emphasis on helping every student become a caring, positive, good woman, Pat Doerr has earned the Reverend Cornelius J. Doherty Distinguished Service Award.

REVEREND CORNELIUS J. DOHERTY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
 HONOREE: CORINNE M. CHACE



Corinne’s accomplishments and achievements as a student of French began well before she joined the Luralton faculty as a teacher of French, starting what would become a successful 30-year career.

Madame Chace taught more than the French language; she taught French history and French art and French customs to all four high school levels. Her students benefited from international and New York trips that immersed them in French culture. Through French Club, Corinne introduced hundreds of students to French food, French movies, and French style. She encouraged an appreciation and love for all things of la République.

Corinne’s teaching approach, her encouragement of students to develop the habits of life-long learners, and her abundant contributions deepened and enriched life at Luralton for everyone. From the beginning, Corinne was integral to the spirit of Luralton-she not only led but embodied Luralton Sunshine, a faculty group that celebrates birthdays, and holidays, and commemorates all sorts of life events and occasions. For the school’s annual fundraiser, Christmas in the Mansion, she organized and ran the fresh greens booth, making hundreds of beautiful Christmas wreaths. Corinne earned the honorary title of Luralton “Bowologist” for her years of making expert bows for wreaths, doors, raffle baskets, church pews, and more. She also served as Wedding Coordinator for alumnae weddings and still helps as a sub if she is needed.

At Luralton, no one ever called Corinne shy. At any

occasion that required some enthusiasm –pep rallies and spirit days, a faculty skit (especially one with costumes), the Halloween parade, the Christmas “Around the World” sing-along, you’d find Corinne in the middle of the fun. If you needed a volunteer or help with a project, a call to Corinne always proved fruitful. She also loved to attend Homecoming every year to reconnect with her former students. Even after retiring, Corinne remained active in school life, serving as a substitute in Luralton’s main office.

Beyond her active Luralton life, Corinne has given her time and talent to many other interests. For 30 years she served as the Wallingford World Language Summer Camp Coordinator, was active with community service groups and professional organizations, chaired the Wallingford committee that oversaw school renovations to improve handicap accessibility, and hosted adolescents from France through the Nacel Open Door program and through personal acquaintances.

Corinne has been married to her husband, Robert, for more than 50 years. Together they raised four children: Robert, Erica, Cynthia, and Alison. They’re also now proud grandparents to eight.

For her overwhelming support of students, parents, and the school, for outstanding academic instruction in the classroom and in the outside world, and for providing a great role model for everyone around her, Corinne has earned the Reverend Cornelius J. Doherty Distinguished Service Award.

MOTHER MARY AUGUSTINE CLAVEN AWARD

1980

Betty J. Gerner ’63
Edna Waters Miller ’41
M. Herman Joseph Moore, RSM, ’18
The Honorable Ella T. Grasso
Elizabeth M. Kelly, Ph.D., ’15

1981

Margaret Fagan Casey ’32
Winifred Maher Corbally ’31
Gail M. Fitzpatrick, OSCO ’56
Barbara Dondero Quinn ’52

1982

Margaret Stuart Boynton ’26
Mildred Mooney Davey ’50
The Honorable Barbara B. Kennelly

1983

Mary Aubert Cafferty, RSM ’20
Mary Sedensky Koehm ’46
Joyce Kulhawik ’70

1984

Monica Kamykowski Costantini ’61
Edith Vioni Sullivan ’65
Rita Sullivan Summ ’35

1985

Mary Louise Foerth ’46
Joan Neverdousky Roach ’53
M. Amanda Taylor, RSM ’26

1986

Jeanne Gildea Brannelly ’47
Mary Alexine McCullough, RSM, ’27
Eileen Guerin Pendagast ’51

1987

Alyson J. Brennan
Mary Jolson Kelly ’49
Wendy Bosak Montanaro ’65

1988

Marjorie Goodwin Judge
Dolores Liptak, RSM, Ph.D., ’49
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1990

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1992

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1993

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1994

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1995

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Arlene M. Ronan

1996

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Mary Pat Elwood ’75
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1997

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Margaret “Mimi” Koehm, M.D., ’76
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1998

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1999

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2000

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2001

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2002

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2003

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2004

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2005

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2007

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2009

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2011

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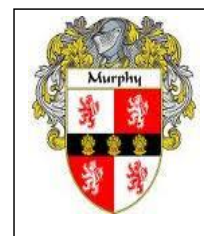
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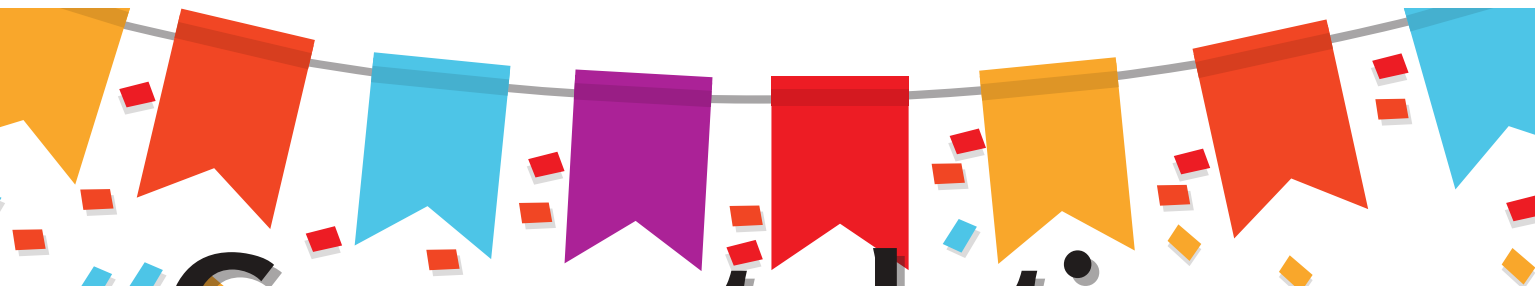


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