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Celebrating *85 Years* of Catholic Education

"Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow."

— Helen Keller



In its 85 years, the College of Our Lady of the Elms has had a staggering impact on the world. Once a student body predominantly of locals, we now have students from 16 different countries. Starting with two athletic teams in 1981, we've grown to 15. Students, faculty, and staff have responded to community needs with 28 different service projects in the last year alone. Even our campus has expanded to six different sites across the state.

We continue to construct new buildings, upgrade our facilities, and increase enrollment. Our growing academic offerings attract both domestic and international students. Campus renovations improve the classroom experience and elicit the interest of students looking for a private, personalized, Catholic education.

Now is the time to stop for a moment and celebrate.

We celebrate the work, service, support, camaraderie, and goodwill that our thousands of alumni have contributed into making the College of Our Lady of the Elms into what it is today. We celebrate the students, faculty, staff, and Sisters of St. Joseph who have come and gone. We celebrate those who have made gifts that make a private education affordable. We celebrate our Catholic education. We celebrate the Elms experience that has transcended generations and continues to educate principled students.

An education from the College of Our Lady of the Elms requires a rigorous exercise in altruism–a deep concern for the life and dignity of each person. The college motto Via Veritatis Elegi means "I have chosen the way of truth." Your path may not have been easy, but your reward is the way of truth; a life of principle, community, reflection, and leadership. Your degree is proof of this, and for that we celebrate.

Mary Reap, IHM, Ph.D.
President

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2012 Hall of Fame Class Honored

A pair of two-sport athletes and the school's winningest coach had what it takes to be inducted into the Elms College Hall of Fame. Field hockey and softball player Kristin Tassey '03, soccer and softball player Jennifer LeDoux '07, and Softball Coach Cheryl Condon were inducted on September 28. As a member of the softball team, Tassey is ranked as the program's all-time leader in walks, third in stolen bases, and third in runs scored. In soccer, LeDoux is ranked fourth all-time in goals scored and fourth all-time in points and is the softball program's fourth all-time leader in stolen bases. Other than the program's first year, Cheryl has been at the helm of the softball team for each season, and celebrated 27 years of service to the college. ■



Kristin Tassey, Cheryl Condon, and Jen LeDoux.

Lecture Series Brings Social Justice to Campus and Community

The Elms College Center for Law and Justice was created to spread the Catholic social justice traditions to the greater community. Catholic social teaching is based on an understanding of human life and dignity, and here at Elms, we believe everyone deserves the right to justice. Three prominent legal professionals came to campus this semester, and spoke on topics widely publicized in the media as well as throughout their respective industries. Retired Massachusetts State Police Colonel Thomas Foley discussed the investigation that led to murder and racketeering charges against James "Whitey" Bulger; an investigation in which Foley played a major role. Attorney Jan Schlichtmann represented Woburn, Massachusetts families in the Anderson v. Cryovac case, which was chronicled in the book and film, "A Civil Action," starring John Travolta as Schlichtmann. U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts Carmen Ortiz, the first Latina and woman to hold that position, spoke about her unique path to success. ■

Sr. Judy Kappenman Retires from Irish Cultural Center

The Irish Cultural Center at Elms College was established in 1999 to preserve and share the many aspects of Irish culture to Americans of all backgrounds. Judy Kappenman, SSJ was one of three directors of the center during its 13-year existence, leading it for nine years. In that time, Sr. Judy brought to the center numerous Irish poets, artists, authors, historians, and politicians, including then-President of Ireland, Mary McAleese. The board of directors of the Irish Cultural Center at Elms College honored Sr. Judy with a retirement gala on November 17.

Santa's Little Helpers

While the rest of the student body spent their Sunday morning working on their second helping of french toast, studying, going to work, or—in all likelihood—sleeping, several students were volunteering at an alumni event in the dining hall.



Tom Engel and Katherine Himmelman with one of Santa's fans.

Breakfast with Santa is an event open to alumni, faculty, and staff that features a breakfast buffet, a special reading from the college president, and a visit from Santa. Sara Edwards '15, Tom Engel '14, Dan Ferguson '15, Katherine Himmelman '13, Yanisha Perez '14, and Katherine Rice '15 played the part of Santa's elves and lead craft activities with the children at the event. ■

New Cheerleading Squad Spells F-U-N



Elms College students have been cheering the Blazers for years, but during the fall 2013 semester, the rustle of pom-pons was added to the spirited noise. Although the college has had a dance team for years, there was no insurance clearance for an activity that was a little more acrobatic. As the new assistant residence director, Ashlee McNamee '09 became eligible to advise a student organization and wasted no time gauging the interest for starting a cheerleading squad. She formed a team of 16, including one male student, and ranging from first years to seniors. The squad became a regular fixture at men's and women's home basketball games. ■

Care for Chicopee's Most Vulnerable Goes Mobile

Michael Duffy, OFM, Elms College coordinator of the accelerated second degree in nursing program and an assistant clinical professor,



is a Franciscan Friar completing his Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Regis College. As part of the degree requirements, Br. Michael developed a mobile health services program for the homeless population in Chicopee. With the blessing of Mayor Michael Bissonnette and generous donations from Peter Pan Bus Lines and the Franciscan Friars, he purchased an RV that was later retrofitted with a blood pressure and blood draw station, exam table, and counseling area. The caRe vaN—as it is known—parks at the former CVS location on Exchange Street in Chicopee from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday, and at Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Br. Michael and nursing students provide health services and can refer patients for follow-up care. ■



Flash Mob Breaks Out in Dining Hall

You've seen videos of flash mobs in busy spots like train stations and shopping malls, but Elms College experienced its very own flash mob on a cold day in February. A group of students, mostly seniors and athletes, began rehearsing before the winter break to a medley of Michael Jackson hits. When the big day arrived, other students, faculty, and staff were eating lunch when a hush fell over the crowd and the regular dining hall music was suddenly replaced with the King of Pop's "Man in the Mirror." It only took three minutes for the entire performance, but by the end, everyone in the dining hall knew all about the upcoming Winter Madness and Pink Out events, which were held February 12. ■

See this and other campus videos on your YouTube channel at *www.youtube.com/elmscollegevideo*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Fellow Alumni,

It is hard to believe it has been almost two years since I became president of the Alumni Association at the College of Our Lady of the Elms. In my first letter to the Alumni Association, I outlined several goals the board hoped to accomplish during my two-year term. I am happy to report in my final letter to you that the board has accomplished each of these goals through streamlining the board committee structure, and increasing both student engagement and alumni participation in the annual fund.

We have strengthened the board's connection to our students by sponsoring events such as the Senior Class Toast, and by offering matching challenge grants to the Senior Class Giving Program. We have also connected alumni and students at several networking events, with more planned for the future.

Our involvement has grown alumni attendance at campus events, from Reunion Weekend to Homecoming and more. This has also been reflected in greater involvement in annual and endowment giving. We continue to be excellent role models for today's students.

As I prepare to transition out of the role as president of the board (my term ends June 30, 2013), I do so with a great deal of optimism for the future of the Alumni Association. Your next president, Meg Beturne '99, is extremely focused and energetic, and full of ideas for deepening our connection to the college and one another.

I encourage you to attend and participate in the Alumni Association annual meeting during reunion. At the meeting you will vote on slates for new Alumni Board members and officers and nominating and governance committee members. I look forward to seeing you all in June!

Best wishes,

Patrick Carpenter '02
President, Alumni Association





Alumni Events 2013

Experience Red Sox Nation at Fenway Park

July 20 against the New York Yankees • **August 4** against the Arizona Diamondbacks

Enjoy an evening with Vince Gill

July 7 at Tanglewood

Join us for a luncheon at Cape Cod

August 6

Homecoming and Family Weekend

September 20 - 21

For the most up-to-date information on our events, visit www.elms.edu/alumnievents or subscribe to our email newsletter.

Celebrate Good Times... Come back through our doors.

Planning for Reunion 2013 is well under way and there is a lot to **celebrate**!

We can ***celebrate*** the work of our amazing alumni highlighted in our e-newsletter throughout the year

We can ***celebrate*** the soon-to-be open new state-of-the-art Center for Natural and Health Sciences and its ripple effect—from the increase in Elms students to dynamic new degree programs to the regional and national impact of our next generation of alumni

We can ***celebrate*** the first graduating class of MBA students

We can ***celebrate*** 85 of years of catholic higher education

And so much more!

What better way to ***celebrate*** our alma mater's 85th birthday than at this year's reunion? There will be sumptuous food prepared by our award winning dinning services. We can ***celebrate*** with wine. Jane Rosso '81 will be hosting a wine and chocolate tasting in the Borgia Art Gallery. There will be a dynamic presentation of our new criminal justice program by Elms College faculty.

Class of '63 will receive their Golden Blazer scarves at their induction ceremony in Our Lady's Chapel and class of '03 will relive memories of college fun at the Rumbleseat.

So, come back through our doors. We welcome you. We are planning for you. And, we'll hold the door for you.





Best,

Valerie Bonatakis '10

Director of Constituent Relations

For those interested in staying on campus for the weekend, there will be rooms available in Rose William dormitory at $30 a night which includes bedding and a continental breakfast.



At Mount Wachusett Community College, Elms now offers an RN-BS nursing program as well as a degree completion program in psychology (42).

On our main campus, we began offering an RN-BS nursing program in 1984 (43) as well as part-time, and weekend college programs in 1987 (44).

45. The Division of Business.

The business major was created 1978 by Eileen Rosenberg. For a small school, Elms College has a great history of placing accounting majors in the Big 4 firms. Just recently, Kyle LaPlante '13 began working at KPMG (46). Accounting students annually prepare taxes for low-income citizens through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (47). Brendan Reed '13 helped Sal's Bakery in Springfield host a speaker forum series, booking state politicians as well as MGM Grand and Penn National Gaming to pitch their plans for a casino (48). In 2011, the Division of Business launched a Master of Business Administration program based on input from local community business leaders (49).



50. The Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Starting in 1978, more than 200 students have graduated with a degree in CSD. Job placement for students seeking speech-language pathology assistant positions is more than 90 percent (51). For those not immediately entering the workforce, the rest of the students venture on to master's and doctoral programs (52). In 2008, we began offering the first master of science in autism spectrum disorders, the first in New England (53).

>90%

54. The Division of Nursing. In 1978, Nora Harrington, SSJ, established the nursing program. Since then, more than 1,600 nursing majors have worked in hospitals, clinics, and healthcare centers. In 2008, Elms College began offering a master of nursing graduate program to address the emerging roles in healthcare (55). Last year, a group of students in the senior capstone course designed a fitness program for the residents of the Soldier's Home in Holyoke. For residents in the Pioneer Valley, the likelihood that an Elms nurse treated someone you know is almost a certainty (56).

57. Athletics. Established in 1980, athletics brought a new level of competitiveness and excellence to Elms College. A new population of students, now identified as student-athletes, balance commitment and teamwork on the court and in the classroom. Each semester, numerous athletes from all sports make the All-Academic list (58).

Each team has gone to great lengths to reach out to the community. Teams donated various items to victims of Hurricane Sandy (59), raised over $1,000 for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts (60) and $1,300 for Special Olympics (61), held a food drive in support of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Gray House (62), distributed sandwiches at St. Stanislaus Church (63), and raised money for Pinch Hit for Haiti (64).

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee annually sends representatives to participate in a Special Olympics clinic hosted by Mitchell College (65). The Field Hockey team donated fleece blankets to US troops in Afghanistan (66). The softball team donated to the Toys for Tots program at a local fire station and participated in 20 Angels in the Outfield charity tournament in honor of the Sandy Hook Elementary victims (67).

68. Eileen Theroux '12. Since 1990 the master of arts in applied theology program has been enriching the lives of hundreds of students from different walks of life. As a registered nurse at Baystate Medical Hospital, Eileen became interested in exploring her spirituality. She enrolled in the master of arts in applied theology program and found that it challenged her thinking and encouraged her own growth, both personally and professionally.

> "It has deepened an understanding of my own values and beliefs as a Christian and broadened my perspective of other faith traditions. As a nurse, I have become increasingly aware of the strong connection between spirituality and health and ways to integrate this knowledge into nursing practice," she said.

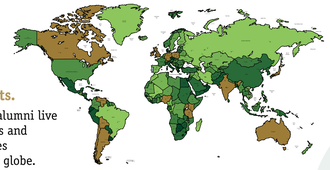
69. Maguire Center. The opening of Maguire Center in 1995 changed student life at Elms College, providing the space for championship-level Division III sports. Even now, the Blazer spirit continues to grow with both cheerleading and dance teams added to the mix and filling the Maguire Center with energy (70). Not only has Partyka Natatorium brought successful men's and women's swim teams to Elms College, it has provided a community venue for water aerobics for senior citizens (71). Maguire Center doesn't quiet down in the summer. Coaches host annual summer camps for kids (72).

73. Timothy J. Leary Field, recently renovated with artificial turf in 2008, has brought championship-level soccer to Elms College, with two NCAA appearances in the last two years.

74. Condon Field, renovated in 2008, has seen two championships in the last seven years for the Elms softball team, its winningest athletics program.

75. Our alumni have spread their roots.

Our 9,800 alumni live in 48 states and 23 countries around the globe.



76. Andrew Melendez '10. Andrew was recently awarded a fellowship to study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Department of Urban Studies. The fellowship program, called Transitional Leadership, will help Andrew in his new role as Holyoke's early literacy coordinator.

77. Careers in healthcare. Carly Muniz '13 and Matt Kele '13 were both admitted to a very competitive physician assistant graduate program.

After high school, Matt joined the army and fought in Iraq for nearly ten years. He came to admire the medic in his squad and the rewarding work he did. When he returned home and decided to put his GI bill to use, he wanted to look at a career path in healthcare.

> "When looking at colleges, I wanted one with a pre-med track that included all the sciences. It makes you more marketable," Matt said. "When my interviewers called me and I got accepted, that was one of the things they mentioned. They liked the fact that I was able to think critically. That has a lot to do with my course load."

Carly became a certified nursing associate (CNA) her junior year of high school. After she graduated, she began working full-time while taking classes full-time at Elms. Four years and several Dean's List appearances later, she is the first person in her family to graduate from college.

78. The savory taste of freedom. Last semester, history professors Laura McNeil, Ph.D., and Damien Murray, Ph.D., began offering a course called A Taste of Freedom. The course examined several different cultures and the immigration challenges they faced coming to the United States. There was one unique caveat; every several weeks the students would sample food from the culture they were studying in Laura and Damien's home, located within walking distance of campus.

79. Our growing presence abroad. In 1959, Elms was approved to accept international students and has educated countless learners from across the globe since then. In 1998, Jola Stryjczak '00 came to Elms College for a semester from Warsaw, Poland. She ended up staying for two years and graduating as a Blazer. Jola now works for Huawei, a Chinese-owned company based in Warsaw (80). Also from Poland is Mariusz Kostowski '01. Like Jola, Mariusz had only intended to stay a year but ended up graduating from Elms and returned to Warsaw to work for Adobe (81).

In 2006, Australian-native Chris Hartmann '10 came for the basketball and stayed for the academics. Chris graduated with a degree in accounting and management and returned to Australia to work for IBM (82).

In 2002, Darlington Abanulo '06 arrived at the Elms campus after a long trip from his hometown in Ivory Coast. After graduation, Darlington earned his Ph.D. in nanoscience from the University of Connecticut and now works as an engineer for Intel in Oregon (83).

Currently, there are two students in the autism spectrum disorders master's program from overseas. Jasmine Saini '13, a native of India, began looking at colleges in the United States to become a board certified behavior analyst (BCBA). She found Elms College to be the right fit and plans to return to India to open her own school for children with disabilities (84).

Born in Egypt and later naturalized as a United States citizen, Tarek Ascar '13 was working at a center in Egypt for children with special needs, including many kids with autism. When he began looking at programs with BCBA-approved course sequences, he found that Elms College was one of the few that offered a master's in autism spectrum disorders (85).

1928 - 2013

Eighty-Five Years of Faith, Community, Justice, and Excellence

Much has changed in the course of our 85-year history—new buildings, new programs, and many new faces. Our community has changed as factory jobs have disappeared and healthcare has grown. Our world has changed; becoming smaller, faster, and more complex. What has not changed is the unyielding spirit of our students and alumni.

As a Catholic college, our core values have always guided us. Our Catholic faith remains a cornerstone of the curriculum. We have strengthened our communities through our volunteer efforts. Our students seek justice through our service trips. We have always set our sights on excellence, providing the tools for student achievement whether it is by adding graduate programs for students to continue their studies or flexible programs for non-traditional students looking to complete their undergraduate education. As we celebrate our 85th anniversary, we look back on 85 ways we have stayed true to those core values.



1. Helping women. Elms College was founded to provide careers for women at a time when there were not many choices for them. The institution's presence not only facilitated the preparation of quality teachers but also provided a place where women can have career opportunities in spite of financial limitations.

2. Expanding Catholic Education. When the College of Our Lady of the Elms became a baccalaureate-granting institution in 1928, the only other college in the Diocese of Springfield was Holy Cross, an all-male college.

3. Educating first-generation students. Most of the students in the charter class of 1932 were the first in their family to go to college. Even today, more than half of our students identify as first-generation college students.

57%

4. Elms Night Our oldest tradition is still an annual event taking place in the same rotunda in the same Berchmans Hall that was completed in 1931.

5. Sacrificing for our troops. During World War II, students donated their class rings because they contained an important element needed for the war effort. In 1944 Beaven Hall and St. Thomas Hall housed cadet nurses for World War II soldiers.

6. Architecture: mixing the old with the new. Our oldest building, Spaulding House, was built in 1890 and is still used today to house the Office of Admission. Starting in September, our newest building, the Center for Natural and Health Sciences, will provide the necessary space and technology for classes in the natural sciences, nursing, and computer information technology.

1890

7. The Division of Education. Although, Elms College became a degree-granting institution in 1928, it wasn't until 1937 that a new curriculum was introduced that featured areas of concentration, allowing students to choose a specific major and to minor in education. In 1987, Elms began offering a master of arts in teaching degree and in 1993 a master of education degree (8). For the last 23 years, our students and faculty have run a successful summer reading program for community youth (9). Since our inception, we have graduated thousands of education majors who have taught tens of thousands of students everywhere. In fact, Margaret Scanlon '52 taught Elms College Chaplain Fr. Mark Stelzer, Ph.D., when he was in kindergarten (10).

11. The Division of Humanities and Fine Arts. Starting in 1937, students could major in history, English, or a foreign language. Language, history, theology, and philosophy have always been a part of the core curriculum. In 1966, students could major in fine arts. At the time, Elms was the only college in the area to have a gallery open to its students as well as area artists. During the 1970s, the major included courses in music, dance, and film.

Today, through the student-run magazine, *Bloom*, students have the opportunity to manage the process of producing a publication (12). Religious Studies has helped students explore their spirituality and study the rich history of Christianity (13). The Elms College Theatre for Social Justice presents an artistic way of examining the ethical issues we face today (14).

15. The Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Technology. The first major in the division, chemistry, was first offered in 1944. In recent years, students in the natural sciences have benefitted from research opportunities with biology professors Nina Theis, Ph.D., and Mary Lou Wright, SSJ, Ph.D., Both the post-baccalaureate pre-medical program and the pre-health/pre-medicine program have sent students to top medical schools (16). The launching of the Computer Information Technology (CIT) program brought technology to Elms College through graphic design and programming courses. Huong Nguyen '08, a CIT major, is now a graphic production designer for Pottery Barn Teen (17). Recently, students and faculty in the CIT program participated in an Extra-Life marathon to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network (18).

19. The Division of Social Sciences. Sociology, the first major in this division, was introduced in 1948 by John Martha Joyce, SSJ. Over the years social sciences has supplied public and private institutions with social workers, clinicians, counselors, and educators. The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies has educated hundreds of current law and legal professionals. David Kelly '11 represented clients facing eviction through the Massachusetts Justice Project (20). Students participate in Wills for Local Heroes, by creating wills for local first responders (21). Students in the Civil Torts class work with students in local high schools on a mock trial, an end of the year project (22).

Last year, we launched a new major, criminal justice, that focuses on bringing respect and justice to the law system (23). The Center for Law and Justice Lecture Series brings nationally known attorneys and federal investigators to campus (24).

25. Mary Dooley College Center. Built in 1965, the college center gave birth to the Borgia Gallery (26), which, for the past 20 years, has brought regional artists, traveling exhibits, and displayed student artwork in a centralized location on campus. Our café now serves Starbucks (27), the computer lab (28) is always full, and the cafeteria (29) is awesome. On a typical night, students may choose from a mushroom and Swiss burger, mu shu tofu, southwest fajitas, four bean salad, and cream cheese marble brownies among a litany of other options.

30. Alumnae Library. Opened in 1972, the library not only allowed for the expansion of the college's collection of books, journals, magazines, and archives, it's unique design–full of quiet corners, tucked-away faculty offices, and plenty of natural light–provides ample room for studying away from the dormitories. The vacant space that housed the old library allowed for the Irish Cultural Center to have a home on our campus.

31. Campus Ministry. Started in 1975 by Carol Wren, SSJ, the Office of Campus Ministry has enabled students to live out their service to others with mission trips to Jamaica, Honduras, and New Orleans, and others , volunteering at the Gray House and other local organizations (33), organizing seasonal fundraisers like Dollars for Gobblers, and managing the Dorothy Day program (34). Each year students, faculty, and staff celebrate the sacraments of baptism, communion, and confirmation in Our Lady's Chapel during the Rites of Confirmation (35). The Soup and Substance speaker series gives faculty and staff a venue for sharing their spiritual journey (36). The Deanery Scholarship Program, gives a multitude of students an affordable private education through a very generous scholarship (37).

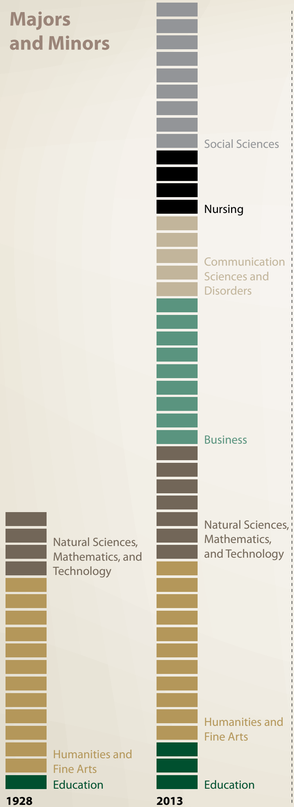
38. Continuing Education. Since 1977, Elms College has made great strides in providing an accessible path to a degree for non-traditional students. In 2010, Elms College partnered with Holyoke Community College to create a joint bachelor's degree program (39). The following year, Elms established a similar program with Springfield Technical Community College (40). In the Berkshires, Elms has an RN-BS nursing program and now offers a degree in social work at a satellite campus (41).



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STILL BLAZING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

Majors and Minors

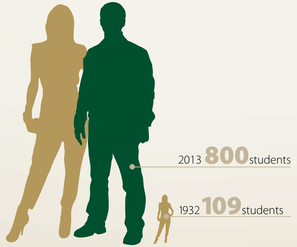


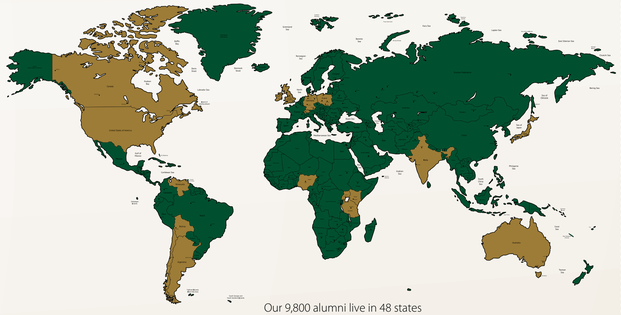


Elms has graduated 1,600 nurses, enough to staff Baystate Medical Center 1.5 times.



Accounting students worked with Springfield Partners for Community Action to file more than 2,000 federal taxes and return more than $3 million in tax returns.

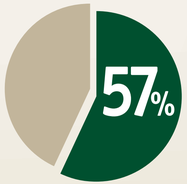




Our 9,800 alumni live in 48 states and 23 countries around the globe



Since 1980, Elms has won 15 league championships



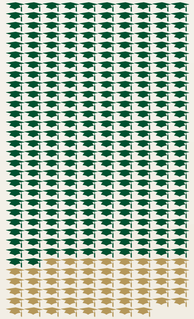
57% of current Elms College students are first-generation



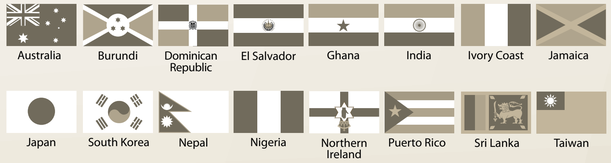
In **1932**, we had 24 graduates.



In **2002**, the first year men graduated, we had 16 men and 128 women.

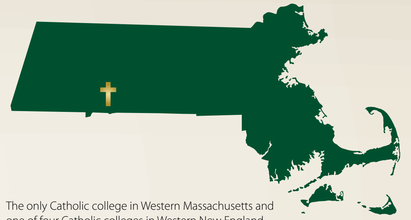


In **2012**, we graduated 56 men and 262 women.



Countries and territories of current students outside of the U.S.





The only Catholic college in Western Massachusetts and one of four Catholic colleges in Western New England.

Recent Elms College graduates working full time **74.8%**

National average graduates working full time **51%**

34 local, national, and global service trips

588 total students participated

1360 hours of service worked

A look at the last ten years of community service



Thomas Cerasulo, Ph.D., associate professor of English, was selected to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute *Making Modernism: Literature and Culture in Twentieth-Century Chicago, 1893-1955*.



Daniel Chelotti, MFA, assistant professor of English, is on a nation-wide book tour to promote his recent publication *x*, a collection of poems.



Craig Cowles was named New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) 2012 Men's Golf Coach of the Year.



Sheila Gisbrecht was named NECC 2012 Men's Volleyball Coach of the Year.



Laura Habacker was named NECC 2011-12 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year.



Megan Kielty, director of student activities, was accepted to the New Professionals Mentoring Institute as part of Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education or NASPA (formerly the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators).

Through the program Megan will travel to other schools within the region as part of a group of new professionals.



Eileen Kirk, assistant director of campus ministry, was elected to the board for Genesis Spiritual Life Center in Westfield, Massachusetts.



Ashlee McNamee, assistant residence life director, has also been hired as an adjunct professor in the Division of Nursing. Additionally, she is the advisor and coach of the newly formed Elms cheerleading squad.



Ann Ryan, SND, Ph.D., assistant professor of religious studies, has retired from Elms College. Since 2004, Sr. Ann Ryan brought many attributes, passions and skills with a touch of the skeptic and wry humor to the Elms campus. She also taught the RN-BS program in the Berkshires. Her students uncovered a new and deeper level of discovery that went far beyond simple data or pious practice. Sr. Ann Ryan will be remembered for her love of Dunkin Donuts Coffee and cars. When she could not be found at home or on campus, there was and still is a pretty good chance that you could find her at Dunkin Donuts, probably reading theology.



Fr. Warren Savage, M.Div., lecturer in religious studies, co-wrote *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter and Hopeful Meditations* with Mary Ann McSweeney.



Kathleen Scoble, Ed.D. chair and director of the Division of Nursing, co-authored a chapter in *Fostering Nurse-led Care: Professional Practice for the Bedside Leader from Massachusetts General Hospital*, titled "International nursing leadership: Impact at the bedside." The chapter highlights multiple programmatic opportunities worldwide to advance professional practice at the bedside.



Teresa Winters-Dunn, associate dean of students, has been appointed to the board of directors of Homework House of Holyoke. Homework House provides free after-school tutoring and mentoring for children in Holyoke.

Class Notes

Everyone at Elms College shares great pride in the accomplishments of our alumni. We'd like to tell you about the good works, honors, lives, and achievements of some of our notable graduates.

We'd love to hear about your life and accomplishments, from career news and engagements to awards and retirements. Please email your information and/or photos to alumni@elms.edu, or mail them to: Marketing Editor, Elms College, 291 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013

You may also email information to any of the class agents listed on the website at www.elms.edu/classagents.

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Births

Cyril Seamus Myhaver, grandnephew of ***Doreen O'Brien '83***, was born on December 7, 2013.



Cyril Seamus Myhaver

Tara Garvey '93 gave birth to Colm Charles Wilson, on December 8, 2011. "He is a wonderful little boy who is growing up so fast!"

Maria (Cardaropoli) Morrill '01 gave birth to Frank Emmet Morrill on November 21, 2012. He was 8 lbs, 12 oz. and 22 inches long.



Frank Emmet Morrill

Ashley Mahoney '06 and her husband Sean recently welcomed a daughter to their family. Siobhan Gallagher Mahoney was born on April 7,2012. Siobhan is also the granddaughter of Carol Gallagher Lincoln, '76.

Francine Miller '08 gave birth to her first son Evan Lee Miller. He was born on October 17, 2012. His weight was 6 lbs. 8 oz and his was 20 inches long.



Evan Lee Miller

Engagements

Jennifer Dube '07 recently became engaged to Robert Dout. They both grew up and still reside in Chicopee. An October 2014 wedding is planned.

Tiffany Lissa Tranghese '10 and Nicholas Brendan Frazier are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.



Tiffany is the sister of Bridget Russell and Richard Nawrocki. She graduated from the College of Our Lady of the Elms with a B.S. in nursing. She is employed full time at Community Nurse and Hospice as a hospice nurse, as well as Infusion Resource as a home infusion and intravenous nurse.

Nicholas is the son of Thomas and ***Valerie Frazier '95***. He graduated from Westfield State University in 2010 with a B.S. in criminal justice with a minor in political science. Nicholas is currently completing his third year at University of Massachusetts School of Law, while interning at Bristol County's District Attorney's office. The wedding will be held on the South Shore of Massachusetts during September of 2013.

Katie Roy '11 will be getting married to her fiancé Nicholas Murphy, on November 2, 2013.

Weddings

Beth (Murdock) Dennis '04 was recently married to James Dennis, on August 4, 2012, at Blessed Kateri Church in Schenectady, NY. Beth and James enjoyed their honeymoon in Punta Cana, Mexico.



Tara Garvey '93 married her longtime partner James Wilson after being engaged for two years. "I am looking forward to my 20th reunion this coming June, and hope to see many fellow Elmites!"

Melaney Austin Houle '10 was recently married to Brandon Houle on May 19, 2012. Currently, Melaney is working towards a Masters degree in Social Work at Westfield State University.



Janice Vassar '80 and Ellen "Frankie" Potter were married on August 1, 2012 in a private ceremony in Stamford, Vermont.

Alumni Updates

Gail Ireland '59 published her first book *Come Pray With Me*, in addition to several CDs of imaging prayer experiences. She will be on the faculty of the University Series sponsored during Lent by ten local parishes. "Greetings to my fellow alumni!"

Marie O'Shaughnessy '66 now has 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. "I lost my sister and brother this past year within 4 months but with the great-grandchildren we now have five living generations!"



Ann Mottley '78 recently completed a master's degree in education. She said it "was the most challenging effort of my life after being out of school for 30+ years. The results of my research opened a new door to my new career: working in tourism with people who have disabilities."

Marie Chabot '70 released her first CD of original songs on the Tate Music Group label on June 19, 2012.



Nina S Pozgar '70 has Systemic Sclerosis (Scleroderma), a rare degenerative disease which attacks all of the internal organs and the muscular skeletal system. Her niece, Shannon Broderick, participates in the Annual Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Walk held in Westfield, MA each year. She would love to get some support from Elms students at the walk and in donations.

Marilyn Breuer '85 recently retired from American International College, where she was an Associate Professor of Nursing. Marilyn and will now spend her time caring for her husband who has Parkinson's. Marilyn is thankful for her years at the Elms, and for all the faculty here that inspired her love of learning.

Joan Ryan Lamar '85 is working as a communications specialist for the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community, after spending more than five years in communications at Providence College. Joan is also doing graduate theology work and has nearly completed a master's degree in theological studies from Providence College. She and her husband and three children live in Providence.

Jennifer Hamel '01, '06 wrote a lesson plan that has been published in the February/ March 2013 issue of the magazine *The Mailbox* (preschool edition). Eight more will also be published in future issues.

Margaret Sullivan '05 teaches at Elias Brooking Elementary School in Springfield, Massachusetts. "The school was destroyed in the June 2011 tornado and teachers have been in modular classrooms set up in the field behind the original school since then.

Student population is among the poorest in the city and many families have been devastated. The teachers I work with are by far the most dedicated professionals I have ever known! We will have a brand new school built by 2014."

Madeleine Taylor '11 published an autobiography called Living in Two Separate Worlds: *The Good and Bad of Being Born Different*. It's only available through Amazon. She is also currently working on a master's degree in rehabilitation and counseling at Springfield College.

REMEMBRANCE

In Memoriam

Thanks to all who made gifts to Elms College in memory of their deceased loved ones.

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Jane Cullen Bailey '33
Helen Auth '38
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Sr. Louise Marie (Agnes) Assad '50
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Marguerite Slattery Strain '52
Joan Bereswill '55
Elaine (Sullivan) Emery '55
Juanita Carmen Naranjo '55
Sarah "Teri" Goonan O'Brien '55
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Dr. Lisa Howard '89

Mother-in-Law of:
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Kathy Szczur – staff
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Stephanie Allan '14
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Eileen (Fenton) Jacques '54
Isabelle Travaglini '58
Mary Jane (Cameron) Sheehan '61
Linda (Coughtry) Mansfield '77

Daughter of:
Marjorie (Fiorentino) Van Houten '62

Sister of:
Carol Korcasz '55
Sr. Jane Morrissey '62

Brother of:
Carol Allan, SSJ – staff

Aunt of:
Mary Pat Ashe '85
Maura Donohue '95

Grandfather of:
Brandon Flynn '13





"I feel that I owe so much to Elms. It gave me so much and made me feel like I was a part of a family.

"Sr. Mary Lou Wright, Sr. Margaret James, and Sr. Nora Harrington had such love and enthusiasm for the sciences. They were such great mentors and the reason why my favorite place on campus was in the laboratories."

Sharon Fowlston '69 graduated with a degree in biology and went on to work as a research biologist in the Department of Veterans Affairs. To ensure that quality science programs will be available to future students, Sharon left a legacy gift to the Center for Natural and Health Sciences.

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