

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

MOUNT PROFILE

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Favorite Career Memory at the Mount: Initially interviewed for the Mount position at Charles DeGaulle Airport in Paris in 1990.

Place of childhood and Education Backgrounds: Cuba, Florida, Spain and North Carolina.

Started college in Switzerland, but finished B.A. at Duke, M.A., American University and Ph.D. at Carolina.

Favorite Book: "Poems of Donne" by John Donne.

Most Influential Persons in your Life: My father taught me the importance of self-sacrifice for liberty and family. My wife has taught me patience. My son is teaching me to believe in the future.

Advice for Seeking Personal Vocation: Find a quiet place in which to reflect on your talents and dreams. The Spirit speaks to your heart in those quiet moments, beckoning you to your calling.

Thoughts on Mount St. Mary's: The Mount is a place that has blessed me with friends, community, and learning while challenging me to keep dreaming.



On a recent trip to Costa Rica, students in Rodriguez's class "Democratization and Development in Central America," gathered to debate the pros and cons of the polemical Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) with the United States.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Student Orientation

August 21-23

Hypnotist and Mentalist Michael C. Anthony

Monday, August 22
Knott Aud., 7-8:30 p.m.

Michael C. Anthony is recognized as one of the most successful stage hypnotists/mentalists in the world today. He has been on ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX.

Classes Begin/Fall Convocation

August 24

The Urban Sophisticates

Wednesday, August 24
Behind the AC, 7-8:30 p.m.

They are founded on faith and family. Their lyrics are described as poetic, spiritual and catchy. Horns are blended to make hip-hop unlike any other. They have shared the stage with acts such as Sixpence None the Richer and Switchfoot.

Oval Opus

Saturday, September 3
College Avenue (in front of the Library), 10 p.m.

Oval Opus was born on the campus of Miami University in Oxford, OH in 1997. Their debut CD "Wagon Wheel" earned them "Cincinnati's Best New Artist" award at the Cincinnati Entertainment Awards. The band continues to tour, sharing the stage with such acts as Sister Hazel, Edwin McCain, Jason Mraz, Maroon 5, Vertical Horizon, The Pat McGee Band and Rusted Root.

Family Weekend

September 23-25

Lecture "Promoting Civility, Building Community"

Wednesday, September 14
7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium

Dr. P.M. Forni, co-founder of John Hopkins University Civility Project and author of "Choosing Civility: The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct," will explore what is required of us to speak, act and live from a perspective of civility in our daily encounter with each other in order to foster a community in unity. According to Dr. Forni, civility is key to learning how to live well with others.

Multimedia Presentation: "Red, White, and Purple - Art and the Latino Religious Experience"

Wednesday, September 28
7:30 p.m., Laughlin Auditorium

In the spirit of the 2005 National Hispanic Heritage Month theme "Hispanic Americans: Strong & Colorful threads in the American Fabric," Dr. Peter Casserella, an expert in Hispanic/Latino theology from Catholic University, will discuss how the encounter of indigenous peoples of the Americas, Africa, and Europe gave birth to a Mestizaje cultural blending of Hispanic/Latino traditions. This blending of cultural traditions is manifested in the Hispanic/Latino religious experiences and images such as the Black Christ, famous images of Mary, such as the Virgin of Guadalupe and the Lady of Charity in Havana Cuba.

"Meditation and Contemplation—Union With God Through Prayer"

December 2-4
Seton Retreat Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland
Directed by Father Jack Lombardi.

MARYLAND'S NEW SECRETARY OF STATE A MOUNT ALUMNA—Mary Kane, C'84

Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich appointed Mary Kane, C'84, as secretary of state on August 2, making her the fourth woman to be appointed to the position in the 167-year history of that office.

Kane, who is the wife of John Kane, C'84, a member of the Mount's Board of Trustees and head of the state Republican party, has served as the deputy secretary of state and chief legal counsel since March 2003.

She replaces R. Karl Aumann, who stepped down as secretary of state to be named to the Maryland Worker's Compensation Commission.

Appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, the secretary of state is responsible for the oversight and registration of charitable organizations within the state, special police commissions and the extradition process. It is my pleasure to appoint Mary Kane to this important position," Gov. Ehrlich said in a prepared statement. "She is a committed public servant."

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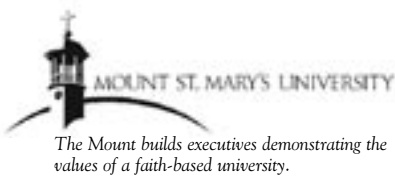
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