

Ursuline Connect

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Global Conference for Ursuline Educators

We have known for a long time how fortunate Ursuline Academy is to be part of a large network of Ursuline schools. It all came together in a new way in early June when Ursuline Educational Services (UES) sponsored a global conference for Ursuline educators at the College of New Rochelle in New York. Teachers and Administrators came from over twenty countries around the world: Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Germany, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Mexico, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Taiwan in the Republic of China, Thailand, the United States and Venezuela.

Eight of our faculty and staff participated in the week-long conference, and all

were impacted by it. We heard talks on empowering young women to be advocates for those on the margins of society, following in the footsteps of St. Angela, the value of a liberal arts education and others. My favorite was Ann Garrido, author of *Redeeming Administration*. She spoke about the spirituality of administration, where she encouraged us to find spirituality in the interruptions of the day and to experience our administrative work as a crucial ministry of the Church.

The real value came from the time we spent together in small groups, talking and learning from each other, and at meals and social time comparing our similarities and our differences. We prayed together in many different languages. It was clear there was a yearning to continue connecting with each other - and now, with the personal

connections we made, we are committed to do so.

South Africa agreed to host the next Global Conference in 2017. There was a feeling of relief knowing that this new beginning that everyone enjoyed so thoroughly – the first-ever worldwide conference of Ursuline educators - would continue.

Most of all, what came from it was a prevailing sense of awe that Angela Merici, a woman who lived in the 1500's, created a mission so powerful that thousands of people are still carrying it on. We, at Ursuline Academy Wilmington, are part of it.



Cathie Field Lloyd '70
President, Ursuline Academy

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Following the Footsteps of St. Angela



Celebrate the heritage of Ursuline Academy with a special pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Angela Merici.

July 17, 2015 - July 25, 2015

Rome, Assisi, Florence,
Desenzano, Brescia and Venice

For more information, please visit:
<https://eatours.com/active-tours/215146/>

This trip is sponsored by
Ursuline Educational Services.

Announcing Our Exclusive Alumnae App!

On December 1st we will be releasing our **free** alumnae App for iPhone and Android. With it, you will be able to securely access the information of old friends and classmates. A few of the features include:



- Connect safely with alumnae around the corner and around the world.
- Contribute memorable pictures and keep everyone up to date.
- Network with classmates through the built-in LinkedIn integration.

Your contact information will appear on the app. This includes name, address, phone number, email, education, and place of employment. If you **wish to opt out** and not have your information available for others to see, please contact Suzie Smith at ssmith@ursuline.org or call (302) 658-7158 ext. 6257 before Dec. 1st.

THAT'S AN URSULINE GIRL FOR YOU!

"Go outside of your comfort zone" is advice that Sarah Parks would offer today's current UA students. This is certainly something she has done! Since graduation in 1998, Sarah has pursued her passions through her undergraduate work in Psychology from Colgate University and doctoral studies in Ecological Economics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Sarah is the President and founder of Amala Consulting, an interdisciplinary consulting company that provides expertise in multiple fields: economics, environmental and social. In addition to having served as a consultant to the United Nations Development Programme in Thailand, she has worked with the U.S. Forest Service and the Vineyard Conservation Society, to name just a few of her projects. While her work provides her with much professional stimulation, Sarah finds time to give back through serving as guest lecturer at Rensselaer and as mentor to a Burmese refugee family living in the Albany area.

While attending Ursuline, Sarah was passionate about athletics and was also a leader both on and off the court. Those leadership skills were not without some laughs, especially in her French class. However, encouraged by her French teacher to stop the shenanigans, Sarah embraced her leadership skills and became a classmate respected by her fellow peers and underclassmen. To this day, Sarah still cherishes the close relationships she formed while here at school. But don't think that Sarah's days were all work and no play. She remembers fondly the camaraderie of game day locker decorating and wishes that she had a locker in her house today that could be decorated in the same spirit of celebration when she hands in a grant report.

When asked how she felt about being prepared to meet the challenges she would find once she left Ursuline, Sarah readily credits the discipline and focus required to succeed both in the classroom and on the playing fields. Now as she works as an independent consultant, those skills are essential for professional success. Balancing academics, athletics and a social life while a student at Ursuline was challenging, but definitely prepared her for college and life beyond.

During a recent interview with Sarah, she said, "Going outside your comfort zone won't always be easy, but it will be rewarding. In going outside of your comfort zone, you will inevitably be challenged, but you will grow as an individual in innumerable and immeasurable ways."

We at Ursuline are so proud of Sarah and the roads she has taken; not easy ones, but personally rewarding ones for her. That is an Ursuline girl for you!



Dr. Sarah Parks, PhD '98

Ursuline Academy Announces the Establishment of the Athletic Hall of Fame Inaugural class to be inducted in Spring 2015



*Athletic Hall of Fame
Nominations
Now Being Accepted*

HallofFame@ursuline.org

For more Hall of Fame information and
nomination form, please visit
www.ursuline.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat	10/25	Homecoming Dance
Wed	10/29	Parenting Seminar
Fri	10/31	LS Halloween Parade
Fri	10/31	8th Grade Fair
Mon	11/03	Faculty In-service - No Classes
Sun	11/09	Middle & Upper School Open House
Sat	11/15	Denim & Diamonds Casino Night
Sun	11/16	Lower School Open House
Fri	11/21	3rd Grade Play
Wed	11/26-11/28	Thanksgiving Break - No Classes
Mon	12/1	Parent Conferences - No Classes
Tues	12/2	Classes Resume
Mon	12/8	Feast of Immaculate Conception Liturgy
Fri	12/12	Middle School Fun Night
Sun	12/14	US/MS Christmas Concert
Tues	12/16	LS Christmas Concert

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