THE COUNTDOWN TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR has officially begun. Members of the incoming Class of 2020 have completed their summer Orientation sessions at the Mount’s Chalon and Doheny campuses.

The events were organized by the Women’s Leadership and Student Involvement team with support from staff, faculty and returning students. Alums also welcomed the newest generation of Athenians by hosting a mixer that featured an alum “mugging” — ice cream floats in mugs adorned with handwritten notes of encouragement from alumnae.

Move-In Weekend is Aug. 20-21 and Welcome Week kicks off the fall semester Aug. 22-28.
ROY ADAPTATION MODEL, 50 YEARS LATER

The Mount community congratulates alumna Sister Callista Roy, CSJ, ’63, former chair of nursing, on the 50th anniversary of the Roy Adaptation Model, now an internationally recognized standard of holistic patient care.

“The Roy Model is more than just a model. It’s a way of thinking, it’s a way of believing, it’s a way of acting,” says Marsha Sato ’77, director of Mount Saint Mary’s Master of Science in Nursing program. “Her model is the foundation of our curriculum.”

In addition to teaching at the Mount, Sister Callista served as chair of nursing for a decade over the 1970s and 1980s. She still works as a teacher, researcher and writer. She is currently a professor and nurse theorist at Boston College’s William F. Connell School of Nursing. The school hosted a celebration of Sister Callista on June 10 that brought colleagues and healthcare professionals from across the United States, the National Institutes of Health, Columbia, Japan, Mexico and Panama.

Read more about Sister Callista here.

UNIVERSITY WELCOMES NEW PROVOST

Mount Saint Mary’s welcomes our new provost, Robert Perrins, PhD, who brings with him a wealth of experience in higher education over the past three decades.

Perrins comes to the Mount from Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, one of Canada’s oldest and most respected liberal arts universities. There, he worked in a variety of academic and administrative roles, dating back to 1995. Perrins taught in the school’s Department of History and Classics, Department of Politics and Department of Chinese Studies. He also served as the school’s dean of the faculty of Arts from 2006 to 2014 and most recently helped lead Acadia as its acting academic vice president.

SAVE THE DATE

AUG. 18: CONVOCATION. The fall semester’s convocation will be in the Doheny Campus’ Rose Hills Auditorium. Registration beings at 8 a.m. and faculty workshops will be held from 1:15 to 3 p.m.

SEPT. 13: MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. For the first time, the Chalon and Doheny Campuses will celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit together as a community. The Mass will be held in the St. Vincent’s Church near the Doheny Campus, followed by a lunch on campus.

SEPT. 17: WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. Speakers for this year’s event include Janice Kaplan, former editor in chief of Parade magazine, and New York Times bestselling author Liza Munday. For more info, go to msumu.edu/wlc.

OCT. 1-2: LATINO WRITERS CONFERENCE. A gathering of aspiring and established writers, presented by the MFA in Creative Writing program in partnership with the MFA in Film & Television.
COMMISSION ON WOMEN

The City of Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women now includes a representative from L.A.’s only women’s university.

Jackie Filla, PhD, associate professor of political science, was sworn in as the City’s newest commissioner this summer. She will help the Commission collect data that all City departments can use to craft specific gender-equity plans for their areas. Results will be shared with the public.

Filla’s passion for getting women involved in public service is evident beyond the classroom. She directs Mount Saint Mary’s annual Ready to Run campaign-training program for women. And her research on women’s representation in public office and policymaking have prepared her for the Commission work ahead.

ACCOLADES

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Madeleine Bruning, EdD, associate professor of nursing, co-organized the “The Forgotten Wounds of War,” an interdisciplinary, international colloquium on healing the wounds of moral injury, with USC assistant professor Carl Castro, PhD. The event was held June 12-15 in Missilac, France.

Charles Bunce, assistant professor of Film, Media and Communication, taught Introduction to Film Studies at Richmond, the American International University in London, this summer for the inaugural faculty exchange coordinated by the Mount’s Center for Global Initiatives. An associate professor from Richmond, John Chua, came to Los Angeles to teach Documentary Filmmaking to Weekend/Evening College students.

Leah Fitzgerald, Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair of Nursing, will serve as dean of the nursing department starting Sept. 1.

Robin Gordon, PhD, director of the Education department’s secondary education program, presented a paper on transitions for women in science titled “The Archetype of the Whore: The Challenge for Women in Science” at the Eighth Joint Meeting of the British Society for the History of Science, the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, and the History of Science Society (United States) that took place in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on June 22-26.

Sr. Darlene Kawulok, CSJ, D.Min., chair of Religious Studies, is the first CSJ Institute research grant recipient. Her project will engage an undergraduate research assistant in archival research of the Mount’s 90-year history to uncover the untold stories and achievements of many of our sisters. Results of the project will be on display at the academic symposium in the spring semester.

Sasha Rarang, PhD, RN, adjunct faculty in the ABSN program, presented a poster session at the QSEN (Quality and Safety Education for Nurses) Conference in San Antonio, Texas, May 25-27 entitled “Measuring Beginning Nursing Students’ Knowledge, Skills and Attitudes toward Patient Safety: A Study of the Effects of Scenario Based High-Fidelity Simulation.”

Diane Vines, PhD, associate professor and dean of nursing, will present her poster on “Childbearing Practices of Women who are Trafficked or Prostituted” at the American Psychiatric Nurses Association’s 30th Annual Conference in October in Hartford, Conn.