

Rochester College Presents
**Partnership
Dinner**

XXXIII

An Evening with

Mary Lou Retton

May 1, 2004

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Welcome



Michael W. Westerfield
Interim President,
Rochester College

I am always pleased to join with so many friends of the College as we gather to celebrate over forty plus years of partnership with our good friends and churches. Your participation is so important for us because it renews our sense of mission as Rochester College.

Tonight you will hear several tributes – tributes to long-time friends now gone and tributes to new friends. The bond we share is the desire to serve young people through a Christian academic community.

We at Rochester College are a blessed people. We are blessed through our alumni, students, employees, business and corporate partners, churches, and donors. All of you have a part in this exciting adventure we call Rochester College.

Enjoy your evening! Thanks from all of us for your faithful support and your encouragement as we move to the next level as an institution of higher education.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael W. Westerfield". The signature is fluid and matches the printed name below it.

Michael W. Westerfield, Ph.D.
Interim President

Mary Lou Retton



Mary Lou Retton catapulted to international fame by winning the All-Around Gold Medal in women's gymnastics at the 1984 Olympic

Games in Los Angeles, becoming the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics. She also won silver medals for Team and Vault, and bronze medals for Uneven Bars and Floor Exercise. Her five medals were the most won by any athlete at the 1984 Olympics. To this day, she remains the only American ever to win the Olympic All-Around title.

Today she continues to touch the lives of millions. A national sports survey found

Mary Lou to be the most popular athlete in America. She is in great demand as a motivational speaker and corporate spokesperson and also travels the world as a "Fitness Ambassador" promoting the benefits of proper nutrition and regular exercise. Mary Lou serves as national chairperson and sits on the Board of Governors of the Children's Miracle Network. She was a commentator for NBC at the 1988 Olympic Games and wrote a daily column for USA Today at the 1992 and 1996 Olympics. At the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Mary Lou also served as an on-air reporter for Gannett Broadcasting's NBC affiliates, the largest NBC affiliate group in the United States. She also co-hosted the weekly television series "Road to Olympic Gold".

Countless awards and honors have been bestowed on Mary Lou, including: 1984 *Sports Illustrated* Sportswoman of the Year; 1984 Associated Press Amateur Athlete of the Year; the first gymnast

and the youngest inductee into the USOC Olympic Hall of Fame; the first woman to appear on the Wheaties box; and one of America's Top Ten "Most Admired" public figures. In 1994, the U.S. Olympic Committee established the annual Mary Lou Retton Award for athletic excellence. In 1995, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton presented Mary Lou with the Flo Hyman Award in recognition of her spirit, dignity and commitment to excellence. She was also selected a member of the official White House Delegation representing the President at both the 1992 and 1998 Olympic Games.

Mary Lou and Shannon Kelley, an investment broker with Wunderlich Sec., were married on December 29, 1990 and live in Houston, Texas with their four girls; Shayla Rae, McKenna Lane, Skyla Brae and Emma Jean.

Our Mission

"The mission of Rochester College is to engage students in a vigorous liberal arts education within a Christian community for a life of study and service."

approximately 231 full and part-time personnel serve the college community.

Rochester College provides academic programs that are designed to help enrollees make the most of their lives, not just their careers. The College seeks to produce graduates who value people above things; who value community more than self. The threads of character, integrity, and morality are carefully woven into the entire campus culture, with a goal of cultivating the qualities of responsibility, justice, and compassion in the

lives of graduates. In an age of mass-production, Rochester College remains committed to a personalized learning experience. Students are taught by professors and instructors whose academic preparation, value system, and life-style are consistent with the high standards of the College.

Rochester College is dedicated to meeting the challenge of extending its academic and Christian mission to meet the needs of the working adult student. We are now in an era where the number of non-traditional students exceeds the number of traditional students



Rochester College is situated on 83 acres of prime real estate in north Oakland County, and presently has about 163,500 square feet of space in thirteen buildings. The College currently employs 75 faculty members. Approximately 40% of these faculty members hold doctoral degrees, and another 20% are at various active stages in college-funded doctoral programs. In addition, a staff of 79 full-time employees provides administrative leadership and support. In total,

on college campuses. The needs of working adults are different, and therefore academic programs must be built to serve this unique audience. Their schedules require class times during evenings and weekends, through varied delivery models and, when necessary, at off-site locations.

Rochester College is a liberal arts college with strong professional programs. The College is moving forward in the establishment of a strong education program and seeking approval for its first graduate degree. The following degrees and majors are currently offered:

- **Bachelor of Arts**
Communication; English;
History, Interdisciplinary

Studies; Music

- **Bachelor of Science**
Communication; English;
History; Interdisciplinary
Studies; Music; Behavioral
Science; Psychology;
Biblical Studies; Christian
Ministry; Youth and
Family Ministry; Integrated
Science; Business
Communication; Early
Childhood; Counseling;
Psychology; Computer
Systems Management;
Mass Communication

- **Bachelor of Business Administration**
Accounting; Computer
Systems Management;
Management; Marketing;
Sports Management

Rochester College prepares for

the future. The new Richardson Academic Center will provide additional space to house a research lab, science labs, faculty and executive offices, a psychology classroom/lab, a multi-form theater and an Academic Center for Excellence.

Rochester College is proud of its heritage and thankful for the strong relationships with congregations, alumni, and friends. Since 1959, thousands of benefactors have made investments in the lives of students. Both the students and the benefactors have chosen Rochester College because they identify with its vision of producing for the community and the world capable leaders who have integrity and Christian character.

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Program

Welcome	Pat Kirby, Chairman Rochester College Board of Trustees
Invocation	Warren Whitelaw Lincoln Park Church of Christ
Dinner	
Devotion in Song	Joe Bentley Associate Professor of Music
Musical Performance	Rochester College A Cappella Chorus Directed by Joe Bentley
Introduction of Speaker	Kalai Reddick McHan Hudson, Ohio
Guest Speaker	Mary Lou Retton
Special Recognition	Candace Cain Associate Vice President of Student Services/Dean of Students
Tributes	Dr. Michael Westerfield Interim President
Closing Remarks	
Alma Mater	
Benediction	Bob Jones Parkside Church of Christ

Menu

Green Salad with Peppercorn Dressing

Rolls & Butter

Chicken Nona

Roasted Red Skin Potatoes

Vegetable

Strawberry Cloud or Black Forest Cake

Coffee/Decaf/Tea

~ Vegetarian option available upon request ~



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