

OLMA *Overview*



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Alumnae Spotlight Maureen Morrin

The OLMA Journalism iBlock was recently given the opportunity to interview Dr. Maureen Morrin, an OLMA graduate of the class of 1978. Dr. Morrin is an impressive and accomplished role model for all OLMA students.

Dr. Morrin grew up in Ventnor, spent her high school years here in Newfield, studied economics at Georgetown University, received a Master of Business Administration from Thunderbird (now part of Arizona State University), and furthered her education at New York University where she studied

marketing and psychology. She began her career in advertising and eventually moved on to teach marketing. Over the years, she has received multiple accolades and has written numerous journal articles. She was a professor at Boston University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Temple University. Her last position was as a professor at Rutgers University in the School of Business Marketing where she focused on how the senses influence the decision process of consumers. Since then, she has officially retired.

Dr. Morrin enjoys connecting with her students, making an impact, and learning from them as well. She cares about teaching them skills that will help them throughout their careers. When asked what skills and values she admires most in her colleagues, peers, and students, she responded with integrity, trust, and hard work. Dr. Morrin particularly enjoyed mentoring doctoral students, which includes a commitment of about 5 to 6 years of working with a student.

Next, we asked Dr. Morrin about her time at OLMA. She said that OLMA helped form her confidence, who she is, what she wants to be, and taught her that at the end of the day, everything will be okay. She will tackle anything and is never afraid to try new things. Though there may be someone who is better, she always feels that she can do it, too. Dr. Morrin also stated that her time at OLMA taught her how to connect with people, especially now with social media, or what she calls "anti-social media." She learned how to relate to others which contributed to the development of her analytical skills. Looking back on her time at OLMA, she appreciates the friends and teachers who cared for her. She specifically remembers Sister Matthew, an outstanding math teacher, who made acquiring difficult knowledge very easy. We asked her if the school still felt the same, and while she said that the class sizes have grown, the supportive sisterhood has stayed. Listening to her talk about her high school experience confirmed that the school has kept the same positive, encouraging atmosphere for years.

When asked about what her greatest accomplishment was and what she is the proudest of, Dr. Morrin answered with her family- her husband and her 23-year-old daughter. The best piece of advice she has received is to simply "be kind," and as she looks back on her career, she acknowledges that kindness truly does matter. Her words of wisdom to the current OLMA students are to "make good friends" and to "not discount your faith." She reminds students that school is not all about grades; it is about getting involved and meeting new people.

As Dr. Morrin's time at OLMA was only four years, the impact the school made on her has carried on. She consistently looks back at her time here and expresses how Our Lady of Mercy Academy has taught her how to effectively communicate with and relate to others, allowing her to be successful in multiple different career fields. OLMA was privileged to have Dr. Maureen Morris, a wonderful OLMA alum, come back on campus, share her experiences, and pass on important advice!

Interviewed and Written By: Evangeline Catanese '26 and Erin McGonigle '26

Student Leadership 2024-2025

Please join us in congratulating the following students who will represent OLMA as Leadership Representatives and Council Members for the 2024-2025 school year! We would also like to acknowledge their bravery, leadership and dedication to leading positive change!

Senior Leadership Council:

Summer Baylock, Lauren Terista, Sara Weiss

Junior Leadership Council:

Evangeline Catanese, Erin McGonigle, Holly Salmon

Sophomore Leadership Representatives:

Ava-Jo Driscoll, Meagan Howard, Sadie Seabrook



Sisterhood Mass

Our Sisterhood Mass and Ceremony took place earlier this semester officially welcoming our new students into the OLMA community and marking the beginning of their journey in our sisterhood. Big Sisters presented their Little Sisters with a special gift, symbolizing the bonds of friendship and support. We are so blessed to have these wonderful young women join us!



Academic All Stars

The Academic Awards Celebration was held to honor the achievements of the 2023-2024 academic year, recognizing our students for their dedication, hard work, and academic excellence. Great job, Villagers!



OLMAPalooza

Another great OLMAPalooza event! The girls had a blast spending time together, enjoying food, games, and inflatables! Many even headed out to support the Prep football game afterward.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and OLMA was proud to show its support with a series of events that highlighted awareness. Throughout the month, OLMA students and staff held daily prayers and special intentions dedicated to those affected by breast cancer, fostering a spirit of compassion and unity on campus.

A highlight of the month was OLMA's Pink-Out Dress Down Day, where students were encouraged to wear pink to raise awareness and funds. From hats and wigs to face paint and glasses, the school was a sea of pink as girls proudly sported their pink-out attire. The day concluded with after school Pink-Out athletic games, where students, faculty, and families gathered to cheer on their teams while supporting the cause.

All proceeds from OLMA's Pink-Out events were donated to *Unite for HER*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting those impacted by breast cancer. Thank you to everyone who participated, showing that together, we can make a difference.



8th Grade Group Shadow Day

On Tuesday, October 15th, we had the pleasure of welcoming 80 8th graders to campus for our annual 8th Grade Group Shadow Day! They experienced a few academic classes, a campus scavenger hunt, a prayer service in our beautiful chapel, and a Q&A session with our OLMA Ambassadors. Loved seeing the future Villagers on campus!

Open House 2024



Open House 2024 was a tremendous success!

Thank you to our dedicated student volunteers, faculty, and staff, and to all our wonderful guests who made the day unforgettable. We loved sharing our campus, our values, and our programs with future families. Ready to take the next step? Start your application by clicking the link below!

Don't forget—Early Admissions applications are due by December 1st.

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Celebrated Student Athletes

This fall, the following students were recognized by the Cape Atlantic League for excelling in their respective sports. **Congratulations to our celebrated student athletes!**

CAPE ATLANTIC LEAGUE ALL-STARS

FIRST TEAM

Lauren King - Field Hockey
Emma Eddis - Volleyball
Addison Mello - Soccer
Savannah Fries - Soccer
Caity Ramsi - Soccer
Sara Weiss - Tennis
Reese Hetzer - Tennis

HONORABLE MENTION

Alex Sirakides - Field Hockey
Evangeline Catanese - Tennis
Vienna Fries - Soccer
Kaitlyn Rambo - Volleyball



Super 50/50 Raffle

with
total cash
prizes of

\$40,000

Saturday, February 22, 2025, 6pm

\$200 per ticket

Only 400 tickets will be sold.

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Alumnae shout out

Class of 2015 graduate, Tiara Campbell, received the 2023-24 Teacher of the Year Award at her school, Aggie Academy, in Greensboro, NC. Congrats, Tiara!

**Have Alumnae News,
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2024-2025 Business Partnership Program

A.J's Auto Repairs
Al's Shoes
Ambient Comfort
B.F. Plumbing
Grungo Law

High Exposure
Jessco Construction
My Therapy Connection
Newfield Bank

Sheridan Services
Surfing Pig
Tony Campana Plumbing
Vineland Syrup
Wolfe Painting

Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE!

Soiree for the Sisterhood

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025

Details on purchasing dinner tickets for the event to follow!



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