

# ALUMNAE NEWS



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"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."

- Edith Sitwell

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*Dame Edith's short reflection on January reminds me of this very situation we are all experiencing but with a positive view...Happy New Year! May this month be filled with comfort, good food, and warmth!*

*Once again Fontbonne is back in full swing from our holiday break. The week of January 4th was full-remote to ensure that everyone was healthy and able to return to school. Cohort A has been on campus for the week of January 11th all has been good!*

## WHAT'S NEW?

Our students have been working with **Cold Spring Harbor** scientists and are working on a project looking into the COVID-19 virus! Such sophisticated work for high school students...Thank you again to those of you who contributed to our Call-to-Action to help make this collaboration with Cold Spring Harbor Labs possible.



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The English Department has entered students into the national **Poetry Out Loud** which is a national scholastic program celebrating the poetic arts competition. Fontbonne held an internal competition. Nearly 30 students participated in this competition. Congratulations to the winners, juniors **Armani Meza** and **Anastasia Morris**!

They will represent Fontbonne by submitting digital recitals for the regional competition.



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**Reunion** plans are underway for the years ending in the **0's and 5's**. Watch for an email from your class reps to determine how we will plan. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we had to postpone the October celebrations and we are hoping that we can celebrate you in the Spring or whenever gatherings are permitted. More to come.



*\*\*Alumnae Relations is also beginning to plan the October 2021 reunion for the 1's and 6's. Class representatives will be receiving information during the first weeks of February.*



## SHOPPING ANYONE?

Fontbonne's school store, ApparelNow, is having a new year's 20% off sale..have fun!

[SHOP NOW](#)



## DAILY RETREAT

During this time of civil unrest in our nation, the pandemic, and just dealing with all the stress that you maybe feeling, we thought it might be useful to have access to the Loyola Press 3-minute retreat.

[RETREAT](#)

## ALUM RESPONDS TO ARTICLE

The 2020 edition of *The Fountain*, the annual alumnae magazine, should have arrived at your home by now. I would like to thank **Elena Corie Marchisotto '63** for writing in and offering her reaction to **Joyce Thomas's '64** article, "Why an Old Alum Prefers the New Fontbonne" and submitted this response.

*"It was with some sadness that I read Joyce Thomas's essay describing her education at Fontbonne Hall in the 1960s. My experience at the Academy was indeed not at all what she described. The message I consistently heard during my four years (1959-1963) in attendance was that "I can". Indeed, I was encouraged to pursue mathematics at a time when women were barely visible in the field, and, even more importantly, to develop skills that enabled me to become a life-long learner. My education at Fontbonne prepared me for a career, as well as for life. I graduated from Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart with a major in mathematics, earned a Ph.D. from New York University, and worked as a professor and researcher in the field for decades. I am now an emerita professor, still pursuing my research. I also continue to appreciate music, literature, art, history, and the life sciences, thankful for the exposure to them at Fontbonne in the 60s.*

*While I believe it was not the author's intention, I am concerned that her essay does a disservice to the reputation of the school and to all those who graduated from it. I am certain that there are many alumnae, like myself, who believe that their education at Fontbonne Hall Academy was indeed one that empowered them, and one of which the school should continue to be proud."*

Dr. Elena Anne Corie Marchisotto  
Emerita Professor of Mathematics

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### Maxim of the Month

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*"God knows you fully."*

*...until next time!*



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