

THE DISTINGUISHED **ALUMNA AWARD**

For Her Support of Lacordaire Academy
And Legacy of Community Service



NOREEN MORGAN PETRAITIS '83

A 1983 graduate of Lacordaire Academy, Noreen graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in accounting. After practicing for a few years as a certified public accountant, Noreen decided to return to her first loves of reading and writing and received a Master's Degree in English from The Catholic University of America.

She ultimately became a certified high school teacher of English and Accounting at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Newark, where she taught for 6 years. There she was actively involved with student extracurricular activities, helping to resurrect and moderate the school newspaper and literary magazine and serving as a volleyball coach.

Noreen married fellow Georgetown alum Marty Petraitis in 1993. In 2000 they adopted their son Stephen from South Korea. He was followed by daughter Kate and son Thomas. Noreen has had the privilege to be a stay at home mom since then.

Noreen has been active in the school community as a Girl Scout leader, elementary school art docent and Home School Association Treasurer. She and her husband are parishioners at St. Catharine Church in Glen Rock, where they help with the Baptism program. Noreen has also taught CCD on and off over her children's years in the CCD program.

“When I look back, I realize that the opportunity to become involved in multiple extracurricular activities at Lacordaire, kicked off a life time of being involved in professional and community volunteer endeavors. In addition to the lifelong friendships I took away from high school, this is one of the greatest gifts Lacordaire gave me.”

“Lacordaire creates a community that extends beyond a student's four years there. It is always a pleasure to see in person, hear about, read about (often on facebook) the women whom I engaged with every day for those years.”

We are proud to honor Noreen Morgan Petraitis '83 with the Distinguished Alumna Award for her support of Lacordaire and legacy of community service.