Notable Saint Mary’s Alumnae*

Marjorie Bryan Buckley – Class of 1965 junior college - led the effort to establish North Carolina Outward Bound

Marie Watters Colton – Class of 1941 junior college – first female speaker pro tempore of the North Carolina House, North Carolina Women’s Hall of Fame

Dr. Mary Hinton – Class of 1988 high school - president, College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn.; native of Henderson, N.C.; author

Laurel Holloman – Class of 1986 high school – actor, known for roles in The L Word, Boogie Nights

Betty Debnam Hunt – class of 1947 high school and 1949 junior college - founder of The Mini Page, distinguished journalist

Jeanne Jolly – Class of 1997 high school - singer, songwriter

Sarah Graham Kenan – Class of 1893 – philanthropist


Nell Battle Lewis – attended 1910-1911 – journalist (N&O column, Incidentally); feminist, suffragist, author

Betty Ray McCain – Saint Mary’s Class of 1950 junior college - former N.C. Secretary of Cultural Resources; first female chair of the N.C. Democratic Party

Bevin Prince – Class of 2000 high school - actor, best known for role on television’s One Tree Hill

Frances Schultz – Classes of 1976 high school and 1978 junior college - author, contributing editor for House Beautiful, television host and personality


Eleanor “Nell” Wilson McAdoo – attended early 1900s – daughter of President Woodrow Wilson, national head of the Women’s Liberty Loan Committees, and head of Washington’s largest Red Cross auxiliary

Sarah Yarborough – Class of 1999 high school – founder, designer, Raleigh Denim

*This is a sampling of some of Saint Mary’s most notable alumnae, but not intended as a complete listing of the many accomplished graduates.