

VINCENT TUSCANO
Marist College
Poughkeepsie, NY
For the Marist College Archives and Special Collections
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Project Name: Marist Heritage Project

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Summary: Yes

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Name of Interviewee: Vincent Tuscano

Main Topics: The following interview occurs with Dr. Vincent Tuscano, a former History professor and administrator at Marist College. The interview begins with Dr. Vincent Tuscano's educational background and his transition into teaching at Marist. Dr. Tuscano reflects on his years teaching and his positions as Dean of Learning Resources and Special Academic Programs and Assistant Academic Vice-President, as well as former colleagues. The interview ends with Dr. Tuscano's hopes for the future of Marist College as well as his take on the importance of the Core in a liberal studies education.

Others present?: No

Interviewed by: Gus Nolan

Interview Date: 10 October 2002

Location of Interview: Archives and Special Collections Reading Room at Marist College

Recorder model and type: Marantz PMD 690

Length of interview: 59 minutes, 23 seconds

Number of disks: 1

Recording medium/format: Microdrive

Brand of disks: IBM 1GB Microdrive

Archival copy made: Burned to a gold alloy CD (MAM) and is held in the Marist College Archives and Special Collections. Saved as a .wav file at the highest resolution possible. CD copy is available for researchers.

Quality of original recording: Good

Restrictions on interview access or use: None

Transcribed or summarized by: Erin Kelly

Brief summary of interview context and recording contents: This interview was held in the Cannavino Library on the Marist College campus.

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<u>Time (00:00.00 ~ in hrs./mins./seconds)</u>	<u>Summary</u>
00:00.03 – 00:05.43	Vincent talks about his personal history, where he was born and raised, his parents and siblings, where he grew up, his education from grammar school all the way through his doctorate, what his first teaching job was, his wife and children, and finally how he ultimately ended up working at Marist.
00:05.44 – 00:11.16	Vincent discusses his early years at Marist. He talks about his first responsibilities, some of the early committees he participated in, and his switch from teaching education to teaching history. He talks about his thoughts on the creation of the core program, and reflects on some of the people he worked with who were in administrative roles.
00:11.17 – 00:19.25	Vincent describes the work that he did in various administrative roles and his eventual transition back to a full-time faculty member. He talks about the benefits and the drawbacks of administrative work, however his true love was always teaching.
00:19.26 – 00:28.46	Vincent discusses on the development of Marist College. First he focuses on the development of staff and faculty with committees such as the Rank and Tenure committee, and the changes that Middle States brought to the college as well. Vincent then moves on to discussing the physical development of the college.
00:28.47 – 00:36.26	Vincent reflects on what he considers to be Marist’s best assets. He also talks about the role that distance learning could play in the future for the college. Overall he thinks the college is very strong and will continue to be very successful, however he does reflect on some of the areas he feels the college needs to work on as well.
00:36.27 – 00:41.08	Vincent compares today’s students at Marist College with the students he began teaching years ago. For the most part he finds that the students are the same, but they perhaps need a little bit more guidance now than they used to.

- 00:41.09 – 00:46.49 Vincent also talks about and compares the administrations of Linus Foy and Dennis Murray, both of whom he feels did an excellent job and were the right men for the job at the time that they were each president of the college.
- 00:46.50 – 00:51.39 Vincent reflects on his personal contributions to the college over the years, the greatest of which he feels was his teaching and the difference he made in students' lives. He reminisces about some of the memorable people he met while working at Marist College and the impact they had on him and his life.
- 00:51.40 – 00:59.26 Vincent discusses his disappointment that the administration did not support the cluster programs he was working on and make them an integral part of the core and curriculum. He talks about how wonderful it has been for him to work at Marist over the years and how glad he is to have been a part of creating such a great institution.