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“Every time I walk into a classroom or sign in to WebTycho, I face an extraordinary group of individuals — UMUC students. During my thirty plus years of university teaching, I have also taught traditional students, but it is my UMUC students who have shaped me as a real teacher,” said Pauline Fry, who has taught literature, writing, speech, and bibliographical research since 1974.

When Ms. Fry first began teaching with UMUC Europe, she traveled every eight to sixteen weeks to different teaching assignments in U.S. military communities in Greece, Holland, Iran, Italy, and Turkey. She taught in Korea and Japan for one year, and afterwards began teaching in Naples, Italy.

In her classes, she focuses on helping students relax and enjoy learning. “Building trust, generating energy, and showing students the joys of a topic bring a class to life,” she said. To Ms. Fry, teaching is much more than just a profession — it’s evolved into her calling. She enjoys the magic of witnessing a student first open up and respond in class, or build the confidence to give a speech. “No lights go off, no bells peal, but something dramatic takes place each time,” she said.

Ms. Fry also teaches field study courses, leading her students through Italy and France in the footsteps of famous writers’ works. “We read texts, and then we can ‘walk’ them,” she said, “For many students this brings literature and historical periods to life.” Actively involved in the UMUC community, she serves as a field study peer, working with her colleagues to develop and plan new courses.

Ms. Fry received an MAT concentrating on literature from Kent State University, and a BA in English from the University of Oregon. She currently lives in Rome, assists and guest lectures for “The City of Rome” course offered by Yale Summer School, and is a Master’s Rowing Champion.