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Dear Alumni, Friends, and Benefactors:

Enclosed you will find information regarding the State of the University as part of the annual report for the Fiscal Year 2022. It is an exciting time for Lewis, and I am happy to share the good news with you. While many Universities, specifically smaller private schools, are facing challenging times with enrollment and finances, Lewis University is on a steady path forward.



of our new *Strategic Plan: Students at the Center... for a Better World*. Among many exciting new initiatives, we are especially excited about our new doctoral program in Physical Therapy that is slated to open in January of 2025, and for which new construction and renovation of South Hall will begin this coming spring. It is central to our Mission to continue to find ways to provide high-quality

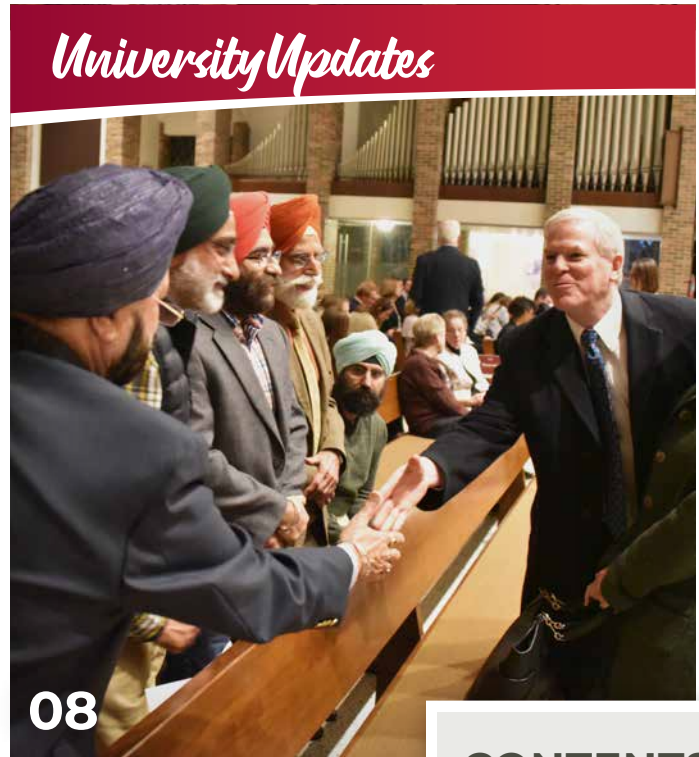
educational experiences that are affordable for students. The generosity of our benefactors allows us to do this.

We must continue to be an institution that offers competitive programs, quality student-life experiences, and individualized educational support without having all the cost fall to our students and their families - this is where philanthropy plays a critical role in our Mission. Thank you for your generous support both financially and with your time!

I hope you will enjoy the content within and that I will see you on campus soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Livingston". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Dr. David J. Livingston
President, Lewis University



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Brother Michael Quirk, FSC

2022 Signum Fidei Award Recipient

Brother Michael Quirk, FSC, Ed.D. '75 '79 was recently honored with the *Signum Fidei* award.

Brother Michael retired on August 31 as president and CEO of Christian Brothers Services (CBS), a position he held since 2008. CB Services administers consulting, risk management, health benefits and pension benefits for more than 150,000 people at 4,500 Catholic organizations in the USA, including schools, universities, religious institutes and dioceses. Under Brother Michael's tenure, the organization experienced member growth (both in locations and beneficiaries) in the Trusts and Plans administered. Consulting services were added to the company's portfolio through the acquisition of Catholic School Management (2014) and BMT Financial Services (2017) and instituting Mission Advancement Consulting (2018).

Raised in Harvey, Ill., Brother Michael graduated from Marian Catholic High School and Thornton Community College before enrolling at Lewis University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management in 1975, and a Master of Business Administration in 1979. He earned his doctorate in education (Ed.D.) from De Paul University in 2010.

On reflecting about his time at Lewis he said, "I still think Lewis today has the same qualities that we had: personal relationships with people on and off campus; professors who know your name; faculty who will meet with you anytime. I remember some great teachers, obviously Professor

Hill who's still with us, Brother Paul French, FSC and Isidore Vizulis. It was a very tight knit campus – everybody knew everybody else and looked out for each other."

Brother Michael served 24 years at De La Salle Institute of Chicago, beginning as Business Manager and became the President in 1989. The school saw enhancements in enrollment, in the physical plant and in the school's endowment. In 1991 Brother Michael, with the help of the school's board and administration opened the Tolton Education Center, which provided adult literacy, family literacy, employability skills, as well as child services in low-income communities in the Chicagoland area. The program began with two teachers and four students and by 2007 had seven locations serving 900 people annually.

During his presidency, he invited the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis to collaborate in the creation of the Lourdes Hall Campus of De La Salle Institute for girls in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood. This inspired initiative transformed a traditionally "all boys" high school into a highly respected co-institutional college-preparatory institution

in 2002, one of the few high schools in the nation to offer a high-quality education to both young men and young women in separate single-gender environments.

With Brother Michael's strong encouragement, Lewis University established a site at De La Salle Institute in 2007, providing Lasallian higher education opportunities for students who work and/or reside in the city. In recognition of his visionary leadership, in 2008 Brother Michael was named President *Emeritus* at De La Salle.

He served for twenty years as a Lewis University Trustee two occasions from 1997 through 2022. His other board work over the years included membership on the boards of Montini HS (Lombard), San Miguel School (Chicago), Christian Brothers University (Memphis), St. Mary's University Regents (Minneapolis), College of Santa Fe (Santa Fe), CSJ Initiatives (La Grange), St. John Vianney Center (Philadelphia), Catholic United Investment Trust (New York), Extollo Educational Foundation (Chicago), St. Mary's Press (Winona), The Church Alliance (Washington) and the FSC International

Finance Council (Rome). He currently serves on the Midwest District Finance Committee (Burr Ridge), the FEC Foundation (Chicago) and Big Shoulders Northwest Indiana Advisory Council (Hammond).

Inspired by the life and traditions of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Brother Michael has been recognized for his extraordinary commitment to Catholic secondary education, as

well as to his community and the Archdiocese of Chicago. He has received the National Catholic Education Association Secondary Schools Department Award, the Spirit of Marian Award, the De La Salle Institute Great Futures Founders Award, the Community Educator Award from Illinois Institute of Technology, and Lewis University's De La Salle Medallion and Distinguished Alumni Award.

Brother Michael's zeal for his vocation, his exceptional dedication to education, and his compassionate concern for the less fortunate, reflect extraordinarily well our Lasallian heritage. In describing what it means to be Lasallian, he said, "In the 17th century when De La Salle founded the Institute, he chose the word "Brother", and he chose for Brothers not to be ordained as priests. He chose the word "Brother" because he wanted the teachers not to stand above the students, but to stand beside them and to help them...If people read the history of De La Salle's life and of the early Brothers, it's practical. Lasallian institutions need to keep that."

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LEWIS EXPERIENCES STRONG GROWTH IN ENROLLMENT AND DIVERSITY

With 6,500 students enrolled this fall, Lewis University has grown by 240 students over the previous year which is a 4 percent increase. **Not only has Lewis University grown in number, but the richness of its diverse student body is reflected in that 51 percent of Lewis University's students identify as students of color. Contributing to the growing ethnic and geographic diversity is a record number of more than 1,100 international students who have chosen to study at Lewis University.**

"This historic diversity on our campus enhances our university's ability to be a place where all students can learn and grow. Our hope is that our students take advantage of this unique global experience on our Illinois campus to expand awareness, welcome multiple perspectives, and help build social skills," said Ashley Skidmore, vice president of enrollment management.

More than 600 first-year students from high school, 400 new transfer students, and 700 new graduate students contributed to this strong enrollment performance. The increase returns the Romeoville-based university to almost record-high, pre-pandemic enrollment levels.

"As a Lasallian university in the Catholic tradition, this growth in students of color fosters an environment where we seek to acknowledge, value, and celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion at Lewis University in all our programs, classrooms, experiential learning settings, and virtual spaces," added Dr. David Livingston, president.

Aviation Programs Soaring



Lewis University has been named to **The 10 Best Aviation Mechanics Schools in the US*** by *College Gazette*



Flying Magazine's Flight School Guide ranked Lewis University in the **Top-15 flight programs nationally****

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Kiwibots Join the Lewis Campus

Dining on campus took on a new level of technology this fall with the introduction of **Kiwibots** around campus. The Bots are available to deliver meals to 12 different locations on campus including office buildings as well as residence halls.

Esports Lounge Re-Opens



The Esports Lounge hosted a grand re-opening in De La Salle Hall this fall. The Esports Lounge is the **place to game casually or competitively on campus**. The Lewis University competitive teams practice and compete in the lounge, and students gather together to play informally. Lewis is a Tespa chapter with active status at the rare tier.



Public Health Degree

Public Health, B.S. was **offered for the first time this fall** in response to the increased awareness for public health professionals in our society.



Strategic Plan 2022-27

Students at the Center... For a Better World

Strategic Plan Highlights Focus on Student Needs

In spring 2022 the Lewis University Board of Trustees approved our new Strategic Plan titled; *Students at the Center...For a Better World*. This approval came after more than a year of work by the Lewis community.

More than ever, successful higher education institutions must place **students at the center** and meet them where they are. The days of a “one-size fits all” approach to

their education have long passed. The growing diversity and complexity of the lives of our students necessitate a progressive and responsive approach to ensure continued access to the benefits of a Lewis education.

Our new Strategic Plan was boldly constructed and charts a course that is visionary, ambitious and most importantly... achievable. Built upon a nearly 350-year tradition of Lasallian education and 90-year legacy since our founding, we will conclude this plan as a more inclusive, significant, impactful, and life-changing institution for the students we serve.

Our immersive educational experience, whether in-person, hybrid or virtual, will distinguish us from other institutions as we carve out a unique niche within higher education for Lewis to stand upon. We will be increasingly recognized for offering a vertical range of market-responsive



degrees, certificates and badges, complemented by a distributed approach firmly grounded in our physical campus and augmented by an expanding range of virtual spaces.

Lewis graduates will be known for their compassion, concern, hands-on experience and professional expertise as they move forward to lives of significance and impact...

for a better world. We will

prepare them to lead in a future that will be highly impacted by digital transformation and increasingly complex societal issues. We will accomplish this while also building a financial foundation that will allow for continued investment in their experience and success.

Since our founding during the Depression Era when visionaries anticipated the need for aviation professionals, through the arrival of the De La Salle Christian Brothers with their student-centered and values-based philosophy of education and now during our collective navigation brought on by the challenges of the global pandemic, the Lewis community has demonstrated ambition, resilience, grit, determination, and inno-

vation. We will continue to draw upon these qualities to advance Lewis forward to an even more promising and hopeful future.

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Pictured (left to right) President Emeritus Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Dr. Kristi Kelly, President Dr. David Livingston, Justice Lisa Holder White '90, Dr. Laurette Liesen, Dr. Steven Nawara, Dr. Justin Delacour, Provost Dr. Christopher Sindt.

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Presents an Overview of Illinois Courts

On October 11 and 12, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lisa Holder White '90 returned to the Main Campus, talking to students and the University community about the Illinois Court system and her experiences as a judge. The Lewis University alumna is the first African American woman to be appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Throughout her two-day visit, Justice Holder White talked with political science and prelaw students about her legal career and how she became a judge. On October 11, she gave a formal presentation "An Overview of the Illinois Courts," explaining the appointment of judges, how and when they hear cases, and the many duties beyond writing legal opinions. She discussed her experiences in retention elections at the circuit and appellate levels.

Justice Lisa Holder White began her career as an Assistant State's Attorney for Macon County before going into private practice while also serving as an Assistant Public Defender for Macon County. In 2001, Justice Holder White was sworn in as an Associate Judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the first Black Judge in the circuit. In 2008, she became a Circuit Judge, having been appointed to the position by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill a retirement vacancy, and in 2010, was elected to the position. Judge White was sworn in on January 14, 2013, as the first Black Justice on the Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District. In 2014, she was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District.

Justice Holder White was a Political Science major and a Philosophy minor during her time at Lewis. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, *magna cum laude*. After graduation, she attended the University of Illinois Law School and returned to her hometown of Decatur, Ill., to work as a prosecutor and eventually went into private practice as a defense attorney. She was appointed to her local Illinois Circuit Court after practicing law for eight years, and then appointed to the 4th Appellate Court District in Illinois. On July 7, she was sworn in as the Illinois Supreme Court Justice from the 4th District.



Postcard from Bethlehem University

In August, we received a photo and message from Narmeen Qumsieh '19, a faculty member at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land. Narmeen is one of over two dozen individuals who have studied at Lewis since 1985 in pursuit of advanced degrees as part of our *Bethlehem Fellows Program*. Upon completion of their degrees, these alums typically return to Bethlehem University for a period of time to serve on the faculty or in some other professional capacity.

Narmeen wrote, "We were all together at the Bethlehem University commencement ceremony last week and were pleased to see each other wearing our Lewis cap, gown, and hood. We are still reminiscing about the good old times, the great experiences we had, and the amazing people we have met. We all received scholarships to study at Lewis University, and feel grateful for the education and experiences we gained. Lewis gave us not only a degree but also the required skills to serve at Bethlehem University, Palestine. Starting our postgraduate studies at Lewis has set us on the right path to continue advancing in our specialties, getting our Ph.D's, and advancing in research. We aspire to continue teaching and innovating at Bethlehem University to serve its mission of educating the Palestinian community. Thank you, Lewis University!"

Bethlehem University is one of 65 colleges and universities sponsored worldwide by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Bethlehem University's mission is to provide quality higher education to the people of Palestine. Learn more at bethlehem.edu.



Pictured (left to right) are Narmeen Qumsieh '19 (MSN), Rawan Gedeon '13 (MSc), Raed Handal '12 (MBA), and Elias Mukarker '09 (MBA). All four currently serve on the faculty at Bethlehem University.

St. Isaac Jogues Principal Wins Bishop Kaffer Award

Carol Burlinski, principal of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School in Hinsdale, was named the 2022 recipient of the Bishop Roger L. Kaffer Outstanding Principal Award by Lewis University's Institute for the Advancement of Catholic and Lasallian Education.

The annual award recognizes a Catholic school principal in the Diocese of Joliet for visionary leadership based on a nomination from his/her pastor and recommendations from peers. The award celebrates the legacy of Bishop Kaffer, who served as rector of the former St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Romeoville for five years, and principal of what is now known as Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox for 15 years. He also served as an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Joliet from 1985 until his retirement in 2002. He was bishop *emeritus* until his death in 2009.

"Carol is a dynamic advocate for Catholic education," said Michael J. Boyle, Ph.D., who serves as superintendent of Catholic schools of the Diocese of Joliet.

Several nominators commended Burlinski's commitment to strengthening Catholic identity at the school, noting she has added several devotions – Eucharistic adoration, the rosary and Stations of the Cross – to complement weekly Mass and confession.

"She does a phenomenal job of making sure that Jesus, our Catholic faith, and our Catholic values are at the forefront of the priorities," said Rev. Burke Masters, pastor of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church and School.



Burlinski was surprised with the award on October 14 when a Mass was celebrated in her honor at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. Lewis representatives include Dr. David Livingston, president; Dr. Christopher Sindt, provost; Dr. Christopher Kline, dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences; and Dr. Jennifer Buss, director, Institute for the Advancement of Catholic and Lasallian Education.

Parents and fellow educators applauded Burlinski's dedication to increasing academic opportunity for her students, pointing to the expansion of foreign languages offered to include Spanish, French and Latin; the implementation of a STEM curriculum across all grades; and access to a speech therapist and occupational therapist to serve the needs of all students.

"She has made it a goal for the school to acquire the most up-to-date instructional materials, and that the curriculum taught to students at every grade level is guaranteed and viable," said Donielle Jarzen, vice principal and eighth-grade social studies teacher.

Burlinski previously served as principal and associate principal of curriculum and instruction at Buffalo Grove High School in Buffalo Grove; division chair of social studies/world languages/English language learner and history teacher at John Hershey High School in Arlington Heights; supervisor of the cooperative teacher education program at the University of Illinois and District 214 in Buffalo Grove; and as a junior high social studies teacher at St. Juliana School in Chicago. She earned a master's degree from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago and a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.



Si Se Puede Helps Answer Questions for Latino Students

Lewis held its annual Si Se Puede (Yes You Can!) conference for Latino students on October 15. A keynote was given by Elizabeth Vivanco, principal of Brady Elementary School in Aurora. Participants were then able to select from four information sessions designed specifically for their educational goals. The sessions included: information on majors in nursing, chemistry, and criminal justice; college scholarships and financial aid; and an overview of the admission process.



Szczepaniak Lecture Focuses on the History of the U.S. and Segregation of Suburbs

“Segregated suburbs reconfigured American politics, culture, and society,” stated Dr. Paige Glotzer, assistant professor of the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The national expert presented “Segregated Suburbs and the History of the United States” on October 18.

Dr. Glotzer traced the history of segregated suburbs beginning in the late 19th century and explored how early financial connections to slavery and empires shaped the imperatives of developers to turn to segregation. These developers experimented with planning and forged relationships with officials who codified these decisions into enduring policies, such as redlining. The legacy of redlining—as well as the lasting popularity of suburbs—continues to impact

lives not just in the United States but around the world.

Glotzer, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, has spent much of her professional career studying the history of housing segregation in the 19th and 20th centuries. In 2020, she published *How the Suburbs Were Segregated: Developers and the Business of Exclusionary Housing, 1890-1960*. The book “charts how the real estate industry shaped residential segregation, from the emergence of large-scale suburban development in the 1890s to the postwar housing boom.” Glotzer’s work has been featured in the *Journal of Urban History*, *Public Seminar*, *The CityLab*, and *Time*.

(Top left, pictured left to right) Provost Dr. Christopher Sindt, Dr. Paige Glotzer, Fran Naal-Szczepaniak, President Dr. David Livingston. (Above) Dr. Dennis H. Cremin with Glotzer.

The legacy of Jim and Mary Clare Szczepaniak lives on through scholarships, Lewis University enhancements and now, the James P. '60 and Mary C. Szczepaniak Lecture Series presented by the Lewis University History Department. Visit alumni.lewisu.edu/Szczepaniak for more information about Jim Szczepaniak.



Rev. Spiess Lecture on Business and Ethics Features Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumni Award winner Cheryl G. Murer, '75 J.D., C.R.A., CEO of CGM Advisory Group LLC returned to campus on October 26 and shared stories from her professional and philanthropic experiences, filled with powerful insights in business and ethics. Murer drew upon her three decades-long career as an active voice in the advancement of quality, cost-effective healthcare and higher education. In these areas, she represented large multi-hospital healthcare systems to academic medical centers with a focus on strategic positioning, operational and governance restructuring, consolidations and acquisitions, regulatory compliance and financial management. In addition, Ms. Murer has extensive experience in civic leadership within the arts and has authored seven books and has written more than 200 articles for industry and business publications, as well as frequently serving in notable speaking engagements.



5th Annual Peace Teach-In Focuses on Revolutionary Love

The 5th Annual Peace Teach-In took place on October 19 and 20. With a theme of “See No Stranger, Discern Truth, Embody Justice,” teach-in sessions focused on dismantling racism and building bridges through revolutionary love across religious, cultural and other forms of human distinction. Recognizing that one major contributor to human, ideological, religious and political division is the presently elusive search for truth, also one of the Lewis Mission values, we held sessions specifically designed to illuminate where truth actually lies, and to stand in that truth so as to discern the path toward greater justice for all persons. Several sessions focused on media literacy and dismantling false information.

Inspired by the seminal vision of Brother Jeffery Gros, FSC, that all people need to work for understanding and unity among varied religious perspectives, the Gros Institute hosts an annual memorial event to explore dimensions of interfaith and intercultural leadership focused on the common good. This year’s keynote event featured Valarie Kaur presenting “*SEE NO STRANGER: REVOLUTIONARY LOVE AS THE CALL OF OUR TIMES*.”

Kaur is a renowned civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, innovator, and author of the #1 *LA Times* Bestseller *SEE NO STRANGER*. She is the founder of the Revolutionary Love Project, recognized by President Biden as a healing force for America. Kaur burst into global consciousness when her 2016 Watch Night Service address went viral with 40 million views worldwide. Her question “Is this the darkness of the tomb – or the darkness of the womb?” reframes the historical moment and is now a mantra for people fighting for change.



More than 300 people registered to hear her presentation offered virtually and at St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall. Many community members attended representing people of various faiths. Over 50 students from Prospect High School’s World Religions classes attended the event. They came with their teacher, John Camardella, who was invited to introduce Valarie due to their previous curricular collaboration during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kaur defined Revolutionary Love as a revolution of the heart – a call to labor for others, for opponents, and for ourselves. Revolutionary Love calls us to see our interconnectedness and dependence on others in the world. She presented the

Valarie Kaur presents “Revolutionary Love” to more than 300 guests.

Revolutionary Love Compass as a tool that everyone can use.

On Friday, October 21, Kaur spent the day with students, faculty and staff conducting more in-depth and hands-on sessions to discuss and explore the concepts around Revolutionary Love and its potential to transform our Lewis community and create a better world for all.



Lewis University Serves as Regional Host for CIC Multi-Year Project

Activists, artists, practitioners, scholars, students, as well as formerly incarcerated and others convened on October 21 and 22 at Lewis for “Confines of Place: The Intersections of Race, Place, Migration and Mass Incarceration as Legacies of American Slavery.”

The gathering illuminated lived experiences, research, visual art, music, and other creative practices on race, place, migration and mass incarceration, as well as wellness and healing as they relate to those seeking justice.

In addition, MacArthur “Genius Grant” Fellow and University of Chicago sociologist Dr. Reuben Jonathon Miller served as a keynote presenter. Miller is the author of *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*, a “persuasive and essential” (Dr. Matthew Desmond, *Evicted*) book that offers a “stunning, and deeply painful reckoning with our nation’s carceral system” (Heather Ann Thompson). As a chaplain at the Cook County Jail in Chicago and as a sociologist studying mass incarceration, he has spent years alongside prisoners, formerly incarcerated people, their families, and their friends to understand the lifelong burden that even a single arrest can entail. What his work reveals is a simple, if overlooked truth: life after incarceration is its own form of prison.

Lewis University is currently examining many enduring legacies of enslavement present in policies and practices that have created and continue to sustain racial exclusion through contemporary realities of segregation, redlining, criminalization, and incarceration that disproportionately affect African American communities near the nation’s third largest city.

This event is part of Lewis University’s work as a Regional Collaboration Partner for the Council of Independent Colleges’ multi-year project, “Legacies of American Slavery: Reckoning with the Past.” Lewis University’s focus is on race, place and migration with mass incarceration as a secondary theme. Dr. Tennille Allen, professor and chair of the Lewis University Department of Sociology, program director of Lewis University African American Studies, and program director of Lewis University Ethnic and Cultural Studies, is co-directing the Lewis University multidisciplinary effort with Dr. Christopher Sindt, provost.

The entire project is generously supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation with supplemental funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The overall work of Lewis University funded by this grant will revolve around Fairmont, Lockport, and Joliet as well as the Old Joliet prison and Statesville. It will feature faculty research, practice and performance in addition to expanding upon partnerships with local organizations.

grants

Homeland Security Awards Another Grant to How2INFORM Project

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) awarded a \$157,707 grant to the Justice, Law, and Public Safety Studies (JLPSS) Department for its media literacy and online critical thinking initiative, How2INFORM. JLPSS received previous DHS funding for the Lewis University student project, How2INFORM.

The TVTP grant will fund the continued work of How2INFORM as it works with Illinois educators to provide media literacy training in their classrooms. How2INFORM regularly re-evaluates materials and resources, which currently consist of videos, websites, publications, and podcasts helpful in combating misinformation. The team also plans to develop an educator’s toolkit that can be accessed through in-person training or online modules. Free tools and resources will be provided equitably to communities within the state to help combat online misinformation.

Dr. Vesna Markovic, professor and chair of JLPSS mentored the students working on the How2INFORM project. In December 2021, she and Kimberley Skubic, M.S., partnered with Nicole Pieranunzi, director of Special Education Services at West40, to develop the statewide distribution of H2I materials and training

for Illinois educators. Outreach includes presenting H2I materials at conferences and training at regional offices of education, districts, and schools throughout the state.



In February 2022, Markovic and Skubic traveled to Springfield, Ill., to conduct in-person H2I training and materials to West40 coaches from seven Illinois school district hubs. Coaches returned to their home regions to conduct H2I training and education throughout the 2022-23 school years, reaching students in more than 30 school districts statewide.

Students Present Research at Conferences

Occupational Therapy Students Present at ILOTA Conference

Several Lewis University Occupational Therapy Students presented their research during the Poster Session at the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association's Annual Conference in October. Congratulations to these students and to their faculty research advisor, Dr. Allison Richardson.

"Perceived Supports and Barriers at an Independent Living Facility and Their Impact on Occupational Engagement" was presented by: Elizabeth Carignan, OTS; Ally Kellerman, OTS; Zoe Monks, OTS; Mirna Olague, OTS with contributing author: Allison Richardson, OTD, OTR/L.

"Supports and Barriers in Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) via Photovoice Methodology" was presented by: Yumin Kao, OTS; Taylor Covert, OTS; Brianna Uribe, OTS; James Lucia, OTS with contributing author: Allison Richardson, OTD, OTR/L.

"Impact of Community-Based Programming on Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQOL) for Community Dwelling Older Adults" was presented by: Jorie Brottman, OTS; Rachel Bernicky, OTS; Leslie Garcia, OTS; Nicole Santillo, OTS with contributing author: Allison Richardson, OTD, OTR/L.

"Coping Mechanisms in Infants, Comparing Pacifier Use and Thumb Sucking" was presented by: Emili Mikolajczyk, OTS; Taylor Covert, OTS; Kaitlyn Pieler, OTS with contributing author: Allison Richardson, OTD, OTR/L.

Chemistry Students Present at Electrochemical Society Meeting

Several Lewis University Chemistry students presented their research during a poster session at the 242nd Electrochemical Society Meeting in Atlanta. Dr. Jason Keleher, professor and chair of chemistry, mentored the students.

- Low Shear Force Defect Removal from SiC Using Megasonic Enhanced Cleaning M. M. Miliauskas, J. J. Keleher, and A. T. Caridi (Lewis University)
- Development of Slurry Formulations for Molybdenum-Chemical Mechanical Planarization (Mo-CMP) A. L. Dudek and J. J. Keleher (Lewis University)
- Development of Responsive Polymeric Nanocomposites for Enhanced CeO₂ Removal in Post-Chemical Mechanical Planarization (p-CMP) K. Wu, A. T. Caridi, R. J. Gentile, J. L. Powell, and J. J. Keleher (Lewis University)
- Development of "Tunable" Gallium Nitride (GaN) Chemical Mechanical Planarization (CMP) Slurry Formulations K. A. Cahue and J. J. Keleher (Lewis University)
- Biomimetic Adsorptive Composites for Redox Remediation of Organic Pollutants C. J. Shanahan and J. J. Keleher (Lewis University)
- The Significance of Organometallic Complexes in the Photochemical Reduction of Cu²⁺ Onto Semiconductor Scaffolds C. E. Rogers III, K. M. Sheets, and J. J. Keleher (Lewis University)

An oral presentation of "Enhancing Electron Transfer in a Biomimetic Nanocomposite Electrode for Microbial Fuel Cell Applications" also was presented by Ian Deninger, Ashna K. Sran, and Keleher.

Students Honored by the Mathematical Association of America

Five students were honored for their research presentations at the national mathematics conference MAA MathFest 2022 in August.

Senior computer science major and mathematics minor Max Lewis' research, "An Agent-Based Model of Environmental Transmission of *C. difficile* in Healthcare Settings," was awarded the Outstanding Poster Award and also the Janet Andersen Award for Undergraduate Research in Mathematical or Computational Biology. This research was mentored by Drs. Brittany Stephenson and Cara Sulyok and funded by the Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research.

Junior mathematics and secondary education major Dayanna Sanchez was awarded one of the Outstanding Poster Awards for her research, "Analyzing the Impact of Alternate Assessment on Growth Mindset in Mathematics Courses." This research was funded by the Lasallian Scholars Research Grant and Dayanna was mentored by Professor Michael Smith.

Senior mathematics and computer science major Jakob London and North Central computer science major Leobardo Rodriguez's research, "Analyzing High-Pressure Moments in Tennis and Competitive Esports" was named one of the Honorable Mentions for the Outstanding Poster Award. This research was mentored by Dr. Amanda Harsy and funded by the Lewis University SURE and PUMA STEM Summer Research programs.

Junior mathematics and data science major, Austin Kind's poster presentation, "An Agent-Based Model of COVID-19 Transmission at Lewis University," was also named one of the Honorable Mentions for the Outstanding Poster Award. This research was funded by Lewis University's SURE program and mentored by Dr. Brittany Stephenson.



Students Learning in Our Communities

History Students, Faculty Work is Featured in *Times Weekly*

The *Times Weekly* recently featured the work of Lewis students and faculty led by Morgan Jennings, Kathleen W. Bolden Trailblazer Scholarship recipient and student coordinator for “Reclaiming the Narrative: Restoring Black Voices to the Story of Joliet,” and Dr. Dennis H. Cremin, history professor and director of the Lewis University History Center.

“Joliet Black History Project is ‘Reclaiming the Narrative’” spotlights the research grant initiative funded by the Chicago-based Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation. The students have been visiting churches and organizations on Joliet’s south side and listening to Black elders tell the untold stories of the local Black community.

The Lewis University team is working with partners, Second Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Warren-Sharpe Community Center, and National Hookup of Black Women (Joliet Chapter). Preliminarily, the students are involved in asking the partners what stories they would like to share about themselves. The students are then working on-site to digitize documents and images. These materials will be made available through digital collections at the Lewis University Library.

JLPSS Students and Faculty Team Up on Reentry Mentoring Program

Dr. Morris Jenkins, associate professor, is leading a group of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies students and faculty who are providing expertise to programs in Kankakee County. Tammy Thurman, associate professor, and Huma Zia, associate professor, along with criminal justice student Sofia Marcelli and paralegal student Janelle Sonney are evaluating the Kankakee County Renewed Opportunity: Project Renew (RENEW) Reentry Mentoring Program as part of a recently awarded grant.

This project led to a joint project (Center for Community Research and Education, Stockard Consulting and Gibson Recovery Center) evaluation and capacity-building grant. Faculty and students from the College of Education and Social Sciences will be involved with the SWOT analysis and community scan.

Mayslake Village Health Care Provider Fair Gets Some Help from Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Students

Lewis University Speech-Language Pathology graduate students participated in the Mayslake Village Health Care Provider Fair on October 6 in Oak Brook.

Since 2020, the specialty clinic has serviced the residents of the Westmont area independent living community, providing the students with instruction and experience in working with adults in a professional arena. Areas of focus include assessment and treatment of memory, word finding, speech articulation, aural rehabilitation, as well as teaching and training in the use of personal technology (smartphones, tablets) for communication purposes. Services are rendered by the graduate students in 1:1 hourly sessions and supervised by two licensed and certified faculty speech-language pathologists.

The students also plan and facilitate two well-attended group sessions weekly - a sign language class, and a “brain boosters” class, both of which have enthusiastic and loyal residents who enjoy learning all the students have to offer while making new connections in their independent living community.

Roberts Presents Research with Clemson Colleague at NAAHP Conference

Dr. Jennifer Roberts (Professor, Biology) along with Harolynn Williams from Clemson University presented research entitled, “Examples of Cultural Competencies and Ethics Training for Pre-Health Students” at the bi-annual meeting of the National Association of Advisors in the Health Professions (NAAHP) in Denver from June 15-19. Dr. Roberts serves on the Community College subcommittee for NAAHP and works with the group to help ensure all students across the country have access to health professions career advising.

Klein Presents Research in Stockholm

Dr. Hannah Klein (Assistant Professor, Justice, Law, and Public Safety) traveled to Sweden to present her research at the Stockholm Criminology Symposium, one of the most prestigious conferences in the field, from June 13-15. She presented on gang typologies and targeted programs to assist with desistance from crime.

Muench Participates in Printer’s Row Lit Fest and Publishes Essay

Dr. Simone Muench (Professor, English Studies) presented at the 37th Annual Printer’s Row Literary Festival in Chicago on September 10-11. She was in conversation with Harvard Radcliffe Institute Fellow Roger Reeves about his new book *Best Barbarian*. Also, her creative nonfiction essay “Monsters, Murders, & Suitcases” appeared in the Summer 2022 edition of *North American Review*.

Klappa and Former Students Publish Article in Patient Care Journal

On August 15, **Dr. Susan Klappa** (Professor, Doctor of Physical Therapy) published an article with former students in the *Journal of Patient Care Experience*. The article is entitled, “Quality of Life, Social, & Emotional Aspects of Being Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis: What’s Grit Got to Do with It?”

Associate Professors of Chemistry and Alumni Co-Author Research Article

On August 29, **Drs. Kari Stone** (Associate Professor, Chemistry) and **Daniel Kissel** (Associate Professor, Chemistry) published a research article in the journal *Catalysts* entitled “Immobilization of a Bienzymatic System via Crosslinking to a Metal-Organic Framework.” This study features two Lewis undergraduate alumni, **Raneem Ahmad** and **Sydney Rizaldo**, as coauthors on the paper. Both students had been supported by the Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research.

McFerron’s Composition Selected for Inclusion in Society of Composers Volume Series

Dr. Mike McFerron’s (Professor and Chair, Music) electroacoustic fixed media music composition, “Transition and Apotheosis”, was selected through a peer-juried process for inclusion on the Society of Composers, Inc. (SCI) 35th Volume CD Series, distributed by PARMA Recordings. McFerron’s composition, written in memory of a friend, was completed in 2020 and uses seemingly disparate musical elements including data sonification, Balinese Gamelan music, and cyclical harmonic progressions, all of which interact with one another and transform to generate a clear musical shape. This composition was made possible by a generous Lewis University Faculty Scholar Award.

Collaborations Between Muench and White Appear in Various Media

Dr. Simone Muench (Professor, English Studies), in collaboration with **Jackie K. White** (Professor Emerita, English Studies) had recent poems appear in *Zone 3 Literary Journal*, Arizona State University’s *Zócalo Public Square*, a web anthology of poetry called *Verse Daily*, and *Crazyhorse Literary Magazine*.

Sherry and Nursing Leaders Publish Article about Faculty Mentoring Program

On July 8, **Dr. Daisy Sherry** (Associate Professor & Associate Dean, Nursing) published an article in the journal *Nurse Educator* with a team of nationally renowned nursing leaders. Their publication was entitled, “A Faculty Practice Mentoring Program: Lessons Learned.”

Davis Invited to Speak at North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics

Dr. Karen Davis (Assistant Professor, Philosophy) was an invited speaker at the annual conference for the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics in September 22-24 in Irving, Texas, where she presented a paper titled “Ritual, Festival, Theater: Gadamer and the Work of Ritual in Shakespeare Behind Bars.”

Burciaga Publishes a Chapter in Counseling Strategies Book

Dr. Liliana Burciaga (Assistant Professor, Psychology) published the chapter “Trauma-engaged and culturally responsive schools: Changing the school-to-prison pipeline” in Kenya Johns’ book entitled *Counseling Strategies for Children and Families Impacted by Incarceration*. This chapter addresses the issue of schools creating healing learning environments. There is little direction in the literature about why or how creating trauma-responsive schools should happen from a culturally affirming lens and social justice perspective, since it is minoritized students that are more likely to feed the school-to-prison pipeline. Therefore, this chapter aims to provide an overview on creating trauma-engaged and culturally responsive schools to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline.

Gharoie Ahangar's Paper Accepted and Chapter Published

Dr. Reza Gharoie Ahangar's (Assistant Professor, Business Analytics) paper entitled "Inflation-Vaccine Ratio and Macroeconomic Factors of Global Economy" was accepted by the Decision Sciences Institute's 53rd Annual Conference from November 19-21 in Dallas, Texas. Gharoie Ahangar also had a chapter entitled "How Can Advancement in Information Technology Help College Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic?: Evidence From the Video Game Industry" published in the book *Using Information Technology Advancements to Adapt to Global Pandemics* in May 2022.

Kavouras and Lasallian Colleague from Bogotá Collaborate on Study Aboard Workshop

Dr. Jerry Kavouras (Professor, Biology) and **Dr. Rosalina Gonzalez**, Professor of Environmental and Sanitary Engineering from Universidad De La Salle in Bogotá, Colombia, collaborated in a study abroad experience that brought four students from Universidad De La Salle together with eight Lewis students on the Romeoville Campus for a weeklong workshop entitled "Microbial Community Analysis of Soil Samples."

Markovic and Alumna Receive Grant from Department of Homeland Security

Dr. Vesna Markovic (Professor and Chair, Justice, Law, and Public Safety) and Lewis alumna **Kimberley Skubic**, MS '21 received a \$157,707 Department of Homeland Security Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant to establish and enhance capabilities to prevent targeted violence. They are continuing their work on How2INFORM (H2i.info) which provides media literacy training and other tools to help facilitate critical thinking in youth to help inoculate them against dangerous content that is prevalent online.

Allen Participates in Panel and Convenes Legacies of American Slavery Event

Dr. Tennille Nicole Allen (Professor and Chair, Sociology) was a panelist in the session entitled *Looking All Along for a Friend: Black Utopias, Blackness, and Black Sociality* at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association held November 3-6 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Martinez and Team Present Paper in Sweden

Dr. Gina Martinez (Associate Professor, Computer Engineering) presented a paper at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) "Frontier's in Education" (FIE) Conference in Uppsala, Sweden on Oct. 11. The conference focused on addressing grand challenges in engineering education. The paper in collaboration with her colleagues is titled "A Classroom Activity Ontology and Knowledge-Based Assessment Approach" and introduces a novel approach to assessing socio-technical student outcomes that are difficult to assess using traditional methods. The team developed an ontology model to digitally represent actions performed by students during a class activity and developed several queries to express assessments.

Davis Collett Presents Paper at Pop Culture National Conference

Dr. Maryellen Davis Collett (Associate Professor, Theology) presented at the Popular Culture Association Virtual National Conference on April 15, in a panel focused on the theme of secular religion. Her paper, "Netflix's *Midnight Mass*: The Contagion of Faith and the Holiness of Reason in the Era of COVID-19," explored the dynamic relationship between faith and reason and other presumed polarities in this recent limited series in the horror genre.



Dr. Eveann Lovero Remembered

Dr. Eveann Lovero, former dean of the College of Business and professor of Business Administration, passed away on October 18.

Dr. George Klemic, professor of Business Administration, provided comments on Eveann's professional life. Asked to speak at her retirement years ago, he said,

"My experience with Dr. Lovero, Eveann has been wonderful, but certainly not unique. Other COB faculty have related similar stories to mine. I first met Eveann when she was visiting her son, Chris, in Northern California in the early 2000's. Eveann and I had a lot in common, and struck a business acquaintanceship right away. A few years later I found myself seeking a position in Illinois and was pleasantly surprised to find a vacancy at Lewis. The social capital literature tells us that the most likely source of a good job is through a business acquaintance, that certainly proved to be true in my case.

Jim Krejci (Current Chair Business Administration) tells me that he met Eveann over 26 years ago when they both started classes in their doctoral program. Eveann was always upbeat and helpful in the "ways of the academic world" since his experiences all came from the real-world of manufacturing. As they neared the end of the courses, Eveann asked Jim if he would be interested in teaching at Lewis and said she knew Father Harkabus was looking for someone to teach operations. Introductions were made, and the rest is history. Again the social capital literature is accurate, and all of us in this room might say instead that the spirit of Association has always been strong with Eveann.

Eveann achieved because she is a smart, persevering, dedicated person, who lives Lewis' Mission. While we will certainly miss her dedication and effort, we,.....I will miss most her warmth and friendship."

Eveann earned her BA from Northeastern, MBA from DePaul, and DBA from NOVA Southeastern University. She served as a full-time faculty member from 1986 – 2016 and as Dean of the College of Business from 2000 – 2004. After returning to the ranks of faculty, she served as Chair of the Business Administration Department. She was a Visiting Professor in Brazil in 1998 and in China in 2003. She was instrumental in moving the College of Business from Benilde Hall to St. Charles Borromeo.



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY NAMED NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

The NCAA Division II Men's Cross Country Committee announced the participants for the 2022 NCAA Division II Men's Cross Country Championships. The Lewis men's cross country team received an at-large bid for the championships hosted by Seattle Pacific University.

There were 34 teams selected to participate in each championship and the top three, seven person teams automatically qualified from each of the eight regions for a total of 24 teams. Ten additional teams were selected at-large with Lewis getting one of the additional berths.

The team finished their 2022 season at the NCAA Division II National Championships after placing in 29th place Friday, Dec. 2. The 10 kilometer race featured snowy conditions which took place at Chambers Creek Regional Park in University Park, Wash. where the Flyers finished with 703 points.

Leading the way for Lewis was sophomore Charlie Wirth (Greenville, Wis./Hortonville) who finished the 10K race with a time of 31:50.3. Junior Sean Ryan (Independence, Ky./Saint Henry) was the next Flyer to cross the finish line after recording a time of 31:57.3.

Senior Daniel Arimi (Ashland, Ohio/Ashland) was not too far behind Ryan as he finished with a time of 32:00.7. Senior Ricardo Del Toro (Aurora, Ill./Aurora East) crossed the finish line next for Lewis after recording the time of 32:09.2.

Junior Evan Jamrozy (Worth, Ill./Loras College) was right behind Del Toro after finishing the race with a time of 32:10.5. Next up for Lewis was junior Jacob Hinchley (Homer Glen, Ill./Lockport Township), who had a time of 33:48.7.

Patrick Hennessey (Williamsport, Ind./Seeger) finished next for the Flyers after the junior crossed the finish line with a time of 33:58.3.



#19 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CAPTURES GLVC TITLE AT GLVC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Lewis University women's cross country team won the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship title at Principia College Cross Country Course hosted by McKendree University. The team finished with 44 points, 18 points over runner up Southwest Baptist who scored 62. The Flyers had 7 runners place in the top 16 and earn all GLVC Honors.

Anna Kozak (Lockport, Ill./Lockport Township) and Caroline Pacer (Wheaton, Ill./West Chicago) lead the way for the Flyers with 3rd and 5th place finishes overall at 22:26 and 22:34 respectively. Rachael Morrison (Huntley, Ill.) was the third Flyer across the line in 9th with her time of 22:54.

After that, a foursome of Flyers finished in a row, in 13th Abbey Kozak (Lockport, Ill./Lockport Township), 14th Sydney Wolf (Ellwood City, PEN.), 15th Naylah Allen (Oswego, Ill./Oswego East), and 16th Jade Miller (Dixon, Ill./Dixon) to round out the scoring for the Flyers and all finish with All-GLVC Honors. The Flyers win their first title since 1997 and 4th GLVC crown overall.

At the conclusion of the meet Lewis head coach James Kearney was named 2022 GLVC coach of the year in a vote by his peers, his first such honor on the women's side.

Senior Grace Girard (Collins, Iowa/West Marshall) was also named the James R. Spalding Sportsmanship honoree, which is an honor awarded to an athlete from each institution who has distinguished themselves through sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

Girard will now be eligible to become one of Lewis' two Spalding Sportsmanship award winners, which will be announced at the end of the academic year.

ATHLETICS BRANDING

The University has contracted with Enliven, an athletic branding firm, to develop a modern look for our NCAA DII athletics. A survey was sent to alumni and more than 300 responses were received. Additionally, students, faculty and staff have been surveyed. It is our hope that the new athletic look will appear next fall on team uniforms.



The College Sports Communicators (CSC) have announced their 2022 Academic All-District® teams. In order to qualify for this award, you must have a 3.5+ GPA and play in over half of the matches your team participated in this year. This award combines performance on the field and in the classroom.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The 2022 Academic All-District® Women's Soccer team included six members of Lewis women's soccer team.

Alex Dennis (Tinley Park, Ill./Victor J. Andrew), Abby Gustafson (Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield North), Melisa Hadzic (Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South), Kenedi Jones (Cary, Ill./Cary-Grove), Faith Lewis (Corunna, Ind./DeKalb) and Olivia Zediker (Rockford, Ill./Guilford) have been named All-District.

Dennis, a special/elementary education major, saw action in all 17 matches while starting in all of them. The senior was the Lewis women's soccer nominee for the James R. Spalding Sportsmanship Award. She scored one goal and assisted on another one.

Gustafson, who is pursuing an MBA, played in and started all 17 matches for Lewis this season.

Gustafson, a defender, helped Lewis to a 9-6-2 record and a trip to the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament and was named to the All-GLVC First Team.

Hadzic, an elementary education major, started in 12 out of the 17 matches for the Flyers during her sophomore season. She scored two goals while recording three assists.

Jones, an elementary education major, also played and started all 17 contests for Lewis women's soccer this year. The sophomore assisted on one goal this season.

Lewis, who is also pursuing an MBA, played in all 17 matches for the Flyers while making 11 starts.

Zediker, a nursing major, played in every match for Lewis this season while starting in 15 of those.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The 2022 Academic All-District® Women's Volleyball team included three members of Lewis women's volleyball team.

Ally Hickey (Granger, Ind./Penn), Bella Ray (Plainfield, Ill./Joliet Catholic) and Juliana Van Loo (Burbank, Calif./John Burroughs) were all awarded with this honor.

Hickey is a business analytics major who saw action in 16 matches for Lewis this season and recorded 149 digs.

Ray is a middle level education major who saw action in all 31 matches while leading the teams in

kills (361), hitting percentage (.288) and total blocks (155). Ray was also named All-Great Lakes Valley Conference First Team honors.

Van Loo is a biology major who saw the court in 29 matches for the Flyers this season. The junior was third on the team in kills (324), second in hitting percentage (.284) and fourth in blocks (63) which led her to All-GLVC First Team honors.

MEN'S SOCCER

The 2022 Academic All-District® Men's Soccer team included five members of Lewis men's soccer team.

Matthew Beaulieu (South Elgin, Ill./St. Charles North), Charles Carlback (Karlskrona, Sweden/FK Karlskrona), Sebastian Doppelhofer (Liebmannweg, Austria/Kapfenburg), Arturs Gorodnickis (Riga, Latvia/Riga) and Jose Mendoza (Lockport, Ill./Lockport Township) have all been named All-District.

Beaulieu, a computer science major, played in 18 games for Lewis this season while starting in six. The senior was also named the James R. Spalding Sportsmanship Award nominee for Lewis.

Carlback, a sport management major, played and started in 18 matches for the Flyers this season while receiving All-GLVC Second Team Honors. The sophomore recorded two goals this season as a defender.

Doppelhofer, a sport management major, saw action in 16 matches, starting in all of them and was awarded GLVC Co-Defensive Player of the Year, All-GLVC Second Team. The sophomore goalkeeper only allowed 12 goals, recorded 55 saves and 0.75 goals against average.

Gorodnickis, a finance major, played in 18 games with 17 starts for Lewis in 2022 and was named All-GLVC Second Team. The sophomore scored two goals and assisted on two as well.

Mendoza, a psychology major, saw action in 13 matches with two starts during the season for the Flyers.



GLVC CHAMPIONS! (4) LEWIS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CAPTURES GLVC CHAMPIONSHIP BY DEFEATING (3) ROCKHURST SATURDAY

The Lewis University women's volleyball team won the GLVC Tournament Championship for the second straight season after defeating Rockhurst on November 12.

This marks 20th season that the Lewis women's volleyball team made it to the NCAA Tournament and 15 under current Head Coach Lorelee Smith.

The women's volleyball team went 22-9 this season and went to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year and earned the No. 2 seed in the Midwest Region Bracket.

Lewis women's volleyball has made it to the NCAA Tournament every year under Smith except the 2020 season which was the COVID year.

Bella Ray, Lauren Stenman, Juliana Van Loo, Andrea Zeiser were all named to the All-GLVC First Team.

Megan Schlechte was awarded All-GLVC Second Team honors.

Ray was also awarded All-American Volleyball Coaches Association Second Team while Van Loo earned Honorable Mention Honors.



LEWIS MEN'S SOCCER QUALIFIES FOR NCAA TOURNAMENT FOR 10TH TIME

The Lewis Men's Soccer team were qualifiers for the 2022 NCAA Division II Men's Soccer National Tournament as the team received an at-large bid.

This marks the 10th time that the Lewis Men's Soccer team made it to the NCAA Division II Men's Soccer National Tournament all under head coach Evan Fiffles.

The team went 11-5-3 overall this season and earned the No. 6 seed in the Midwest Region, after receiving a first round bye. The Flyers took on No. 3 seed Maryville after both teams met up in the GLVC Tournament Championship.

Lewis had six members of the men's soccer team receive All-GLVC Honors, including Cristian Perez, who was named All-GLVC First Team; Charles Carlback, Sebastian Doppelhofer, Arturs Gorodnickis were awarded All-GLVC Second Team; Justin Darlage and Zahkar Shkidchenko were named All-GLVC Third Team while Doppelhofer was also named Co-Defensive Player of the Year in the conference.

The team also produced three All-United Soccer Coaches Association All-Midwest Region Team. Doppelhofer and Perez were First Team while Carlback was named Second Team.

DREW KASK DRAFTED BY VANCOUVER IN FIFTH ROUND; LEWIS MEN'S LACROSSE FIRST EVER PLAYER SELECTED

Senior Drew Kask (Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada/Dr. Charles Best Secondary School) became the first-ever Lewis University men's lacrosse player to be drafted in the National Lacrosse League as the Vancouver Warriors used their fifth round, 85th pick to select the attackmen from Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada.

"We are very proud of Drew for being selected in the NLL draft and to be given the opportunity to compete at the professional level," Lewis men's lacrosse head coach Joe Perruzzi said. "Drew was critical to developing a winning culture at Lewis since our inaugural year in 2020. He is an incredibly skilled box player who is an even better teammate. We are looking forward to supporting him in the next chapter of his career."



Kask played three years for Lewis as an attackmen from 2020-2022, playing in 33 games for the Flyers, recording 53 goals, 30 assists and 30 ground balls. Kask helped lead the Flyers to their first Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament during his junior season.



ANNUAL REPORT


2022

Statement of Financial Position (thousands)

	6/30/22	6/30/21
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$17,759	\$7,216
Investments	105,050	109,613
Receivables, prepaid expenses and other assets	16,568	16,994
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	134,885	138,204
Total assets	274,262	272,027
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Payables, accrued expenses and other liabilities	22,207	23,409
Long-term debt, net of unamortized debt issuance costs	72,207	73,847
Total liabilities	94,414	97,255
Net assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions	147,523	139,731
With Donor Restrictions	32,325	35,041
Total net assets	179,848	174,772
Total liabilities and net assets	\$274,262	\$272,027

Statement of Activities, With and Without Donor Restrictions (thousands)

	Year ended 6/30/22	6/30/21
Revenue, Income, and Other Support		
Tuition and fees, net	\$100,132	\$91,402
Contributions	4,823	5,092
Government Grants and contracts	13,407	8,876
Other Income & investment return designated for operations	3,003	8,442
Auxiliary enterprises	10,404	9,304
Total revenue, income, and other support	131,769	123,115
Expenses		
Total expenses	119,888	110,264
Change in Net Assets Before Other Activities	11,880	12,852
Other Activities		
Investment return less amounts designated for operations	(6,804)	14,475
Change in Net Assets	5,077	27,327
Net assets, Beginning of Year	174,772	147,445
Net Assets, End of Year	\$179,848	\$174,772

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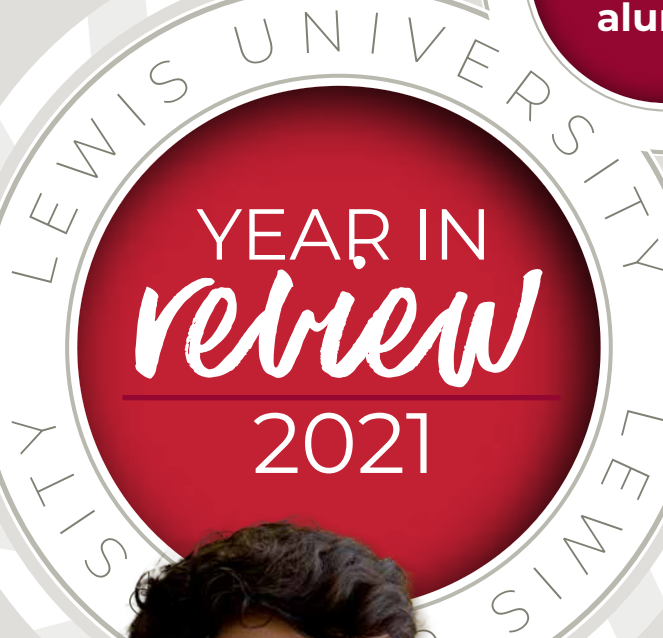
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Anthony Marsico and the Men's Soccer Endowment

Anthony Marsico attended Lewis University from 2004-2008. He was a four-year starter on the men's soccer team and majored in business administration. He recently became a lead champion of the Lewis men's soccer program by helping the men's soccer endowment grow to \$42,000 with a \$25,000 donation. Marsico stated, "Many of my teammates, as well as myself feel like Lewis Men's Soccer has helped shape who they are today in one way or another." He continued, "Men's soccer, along with Evan Fiffles have had a profound impact on my life and who I am today. Now I feel like I have an opportunity to give back and hopefully many other alumni will join this movement."

Marsico wants to highlight a culture of giving revolving around the men's soccer program. He feels that the Lewis soccer players give everything they have to the program to win games, become better players, and in turn become better people. When these dedicated athletes graduate, Marsico thinks the majority of the Lewis men's soccer players would agree that soccer added something to who they were as a person and hope alumni, once established in careers, would be willing to give something back.

Marsico has been a serial entrepreneur for most of his adult life. Directly after college he played professional poker, and has went on to invest in several different startups and projects, most notably Verano Holdings where he is now the executive vice president.

"My Lewis business background has helped me tremendously in a variety of different ways on a daily basis, and men's soccer taught me to push myself to the limit and know that anything is possible."

"No donation is too small," Marsico stated. "The Men's Soccer Endowment already has received a ton of support at all levels from \$10 through \$25,000. What is unique about an endowment is that the money will always remain in the fund and accrue interest to be used for the future need of the program."

"By making a donation and joining our movement, you are investing in the men's soccer program forever. Make a recurring gift to support Anthony's Marsico Men's Soccer Endowment at alumni.lewisu.edu/Soccer.



Left to right Dr. Stephen Sherwin, Ian Talquenca, Kyle Toledo and Ashley Larson

WLRA 50th Anniversary

Founded in 1973, the Lewis University WLRA radio station is fast approaching its 50th anniversary. **As this historic milestone grows closer, WLRA hopes to reach their goal of raising \$100,000 for the Lewis University WLRA Radio Endowment by October 2023.** WLRA remains committed to using this funding to foster innovation and success for all Lewis University students.

Thanks to the generous support of the WLRA Radio Endowment, including the \$25,000 charitable grant from the Yawkey Foundation, the broadcasting program has been able to make significant additions and upgrades for student use during 2022. One of these additions was the creation of an on-campus podcast studio. The podcast studio has allowed students to create unique radio shows that they can share with WLRA listeners. The studio is available for everyone at Lewis to book and use, regardless of their background or major. During the fall semester, the podcast studio has been utilized by Criminal Justice majors as part of their academic curriculum. The criminal justice course utilized the podcast studio to discuss the cases of George Floyd and Philando Castile. Students wrote about various topics pertaining to the investigation and outcome, and put together an interactive debate debunking various theories.

WLRA is eager to continue offering an environment that meets the changing needs of today's generation of students. Reaching their \$100,000 goal will allow for technology upgrades and remodeling of the Radio and TV studio. These efforts help continue an almost 50-year legacy of WLRA making a positive impact on past, current, and future Flyers.

To learn more about this endowment or make a gift, visit alumni.lewisu.edu/WLRAQueue.



ABC 7 Donates News Van

ABC7 Chicago (WLS-TV) recently donated another news van to the Radio/TV Broadcasting program at Lewis University. It is a Nissan ENG Van manufactured by Frontline Communications.

The news van will be used for instruction in television/video production, video productions of events, and recruitment of future broadcasters to Lewis University.



CBS Names Walz Scholarship Recipients

Thanks to a robust scholarship fund, Christian Brothers Services (CBS), awarded two Lewis University students with a Brother William L. Walz, FSC Endowed Scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic school year.

In 2010, Christian Brothers Services established the scholarship in memory of Brother William Walz (1941-2010), honoring him for his years of service and dedication to CBS. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Lewis University senior in Computer Science or the College of Business who has a GPA of 2.75+, and has demonstrated leadership activities during their college career.

Jack Blitstein and Wefqui Odeh, both from the Orland/Tinley Park area, also share a similar drive for excellence, both holding a near 4.0 GPA, while maintaining leadership roles in extracurricular areas and a genuine desire to give back to the community after graduation.

CBS holds long-standing ties with Lewis University where the company was located for many years, as well as the strong relationship Brother William maintained with the school. Brother William received his MBA from Lewis University and served as its bursar for four years before being named president/CEO of CBS.

Sigma Delta Celebrates 50th Anniversary

On November 1, Sigma Delta celebrated their 50th anniversary. To commemorate the occasion, the fraternity created an initiative to raise \$50,000 to support the Rosiak-Maze/Sigma Delta Endowed Scholarship.

The inaugural scholarship was created by Sigma Delta member Nicholas Colletti and Brother Eugene Lappin, FSC. Formed after the passing of highly esteemed members Brother John A. Maze and Mike Rosiak, the group hoped that it would benefit well-qualified students that showed as much pride and spirit for Lewis University as those two did.

Since its inception the scholarship has given out over \$50,000 to deserving and grateful students.

This endowment ensures that Sigma Delta will live on through the years as an active force on the Lewis University campus. More importantly, it will provide financial assistance to those students who show drive, determination and dedication as all the members have.



To make a gift to support this initiative, scan the QR code, or visit tinyurl.com/sigma50delta.



Girls Who Create Music Camp

Lewis University hosted the inaugural Girls Who Create Music Camp on July 25-29. **Seven female campers (age 12-18) developed basic music theory skills and learned about the contributions of women to popular music and culture of the 20th and 21st centuries.** By the end of the camp, the girls had accomplished creating and producing seven original tracks.

The mission of the camp is to contribute to the ongoing efforts to address gender disparity in the music industry by providing arts education that emphasizes representation and



inclusivity. Dr. Mike McFerron, chair of Music and camp co-director stated, "We want to inspire and educate female musicians, so they see working in the music industry as a viable career path. We hope to shape the next generation of music producers."

This year's camp allowed seven girls to immerse themselves in all that is music. The camp hopes to grow from seven campers to sixteen. The camp will remain free of charge, so those in underrepresented areas have access to the world of music. A special thank you to the generous sponsors of this year's camp, who made it possible for this program to be offered to families at no cost! Sponsors for this year's camp were the DuPage Foundation, Sweetwater, and Yamaha. Thank you for supporting the next generation of great musicians. If you would like to make a gift to support this program, please visit alumni.lewisu.edu/22music.



James Sefcik Scholarship

Freshman Alexandra Goldman spent time at a meet and greet lunch with James R. Sefcik '69. Alexandra was the recipient of the James R. Sefcik Endowed Scholarship. Alexandra is majoring in biology minoring in Spanish, with the hopes of attending medical school to become a doctor/neurosurgeon. **James Sefcik created the scholarship to benefit students majoring in biology in 2015.** Sefcik also has three other scholarships: James R. Sefcik Annual Scholarship for Athletics, James R. Sefcik Annual Aviation Scholarship and the James R. Sefcik Annual Nursing Scholarship.



Schmitt Scholars

The 2021-2022 Schmitt Leadership Scholars met with Carla Slawson and Judge Robert Dow of the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation on April 27. The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation has been a longtime supporter of scholarships for students who are interested in developing their leadership capabilities and has awarded 28 students with scholarships for their studies. **The Foundation's most recent gift of \$65,000 supports a cohort of 13 Schmitt Leadership Scholars for the 2022-2023 academic year at Lewis University.**

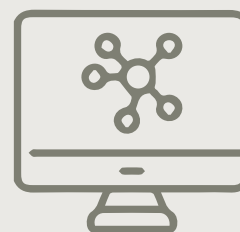


Hollywood Casino Joliet Gives Back to the Community

To celebrate its 30th anniversary and to grow their community partnerships, Hollywood Casino Joliet created a \$7,500 annual scholarship at Lewis University. On May 16 Hollywood Casino Joliet met with Karl Watson, Jr., scholarship recipient, and presented his award. It was also an opportunity for Karl to network with professionals and receive valuable career advice.

"Thank you all so very much for this scholarship award! It has humbled me

tremendously as a student and as a person. This motivated me to continue to do well in my course classes and always strive for optimal excellence, productivity, and God given morals," stated Watson, **Junior Business Administration major.** Scholarships are essential to the success of our students, thank you Hollywood Casino Joliet for providing funding to our Flyers.



AT&T Foundation Funds Computer Science Scholarships

The AT&T Foundation awarded Lewis University a grant of \$25,000 to support the success of undergraduate computer science students from underrepresented backgrounds. The grant is part of the AT&T Foundation's efforts to narrow the digital divide. **Funds received from the grant, will be awarded as scholarships to five underrepresented computer science students who are also engaged in undergraduate research.**



Signum Fidei [remix]

The House of Blues welcomed 327 attendees for our *Signum Fidei* [Remix] Celebration on Saturday, September 24. It was inspiring to see our Lewis supporters celebrating in association with one another, all together again.

Turn up the Impact. Amplify Change.

Event attendees enjoyed entertainment from the Blues Brothers and Chicago native band, Final Say. Thanks to our Lewis Community and the generous sponsors of this year's event, **\$352,862.95** was raised to support the Mission Fund! All proceeds from the event help provide critical assistance to students experiencing unprecedented financial hardships. "In addition to the lives we transform because of the funds raised at this event, it is an opportunity to celebrate our Mission's impact," stated Colleen Ahearn, vice president of University Advancement. The support our Flyers receive impacts their lives and allows them to amplify change in the world!

Save the Date for the 2023 *Signum Fidei* event! Join us on October 21, 2023 at the House of Blues and take part in the celebration!

For questions, contact Colleen Ahearn at cahearn@lewisu.edu or call (815) 836-5475.

Winner. Winner.



Diamond Sponsors, Guy and Sharon Wiebking, and their guests meeting the Blues Brothers.

A special thank you to Guy and Sharon Wiebking who graciously donated their winnings from the 50/50 raffle back to the Lewis University Mission Fund. "A big thank you to everyone who planned and implemented this amazing event in support of the Mission Fund. As first-generation college graduates in our respective families, we fully appreciate the value the Mission Fund provides. We look forward to continuing our support for this unique event," stated Wiebking.

Thank You To our Sponsors

A generous 43 sponsors helped support the evening. Their support for Lewis University's Mission Fund enables Lewis University students to receive the financial assistance needed to continue to pursue their dreams.

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Special Shoutout



Congratulations again to the event honoree, Brother Michael Quirk, FSC. Brother Michael was presented the Rising Star award for his exceptional dedication to Lewis University and his generosity in ensuring that students have

access and the opportunity to obtain a Lewis education.

Read more about his contributions in the article featured on page 2.

Alumna Spotlight



Alumna Archie Mari De La Cruz '22, explained how the Mission Fund made her "dreams come true." Archie came to Lewis as an international student from the Philippines. She planned to stay for a semester until the

pandemic derailed those plans. De La Cruz was "blessed" with the support of the Mission Fund and was able to pursue her degree at Lewis University. Her mission now is to "teach minds, to touch hearts and to transform lives."

Student Spotlights



Senior Finance major, George Welch shared how the Mission Fund "rescued" his education. Welch became "an unexpected recipient of the Mission Fund scholarship" due to the "unfortunate and sudden" death of his

father. "Everything in my world came to a screeching halt in those days and in those moments afterward. I would not have been able to finish my junior year here at Lewis University without the Mission Fund scholarship. I would not have been able to make tuition payments, pay for books, or my everyday needs. So, the Mission fund saved my education, my graduation, and it saved my future!"



Junior Secondary Education major, Ashley O'Malley expressed her gratitude for receiving the Mission Fund and how it has allowed her to pursue her dreams. After tragically losing her father at 14 years old, O'Malley

understood her "whole existence and family dynamic was going to forever be changed." At 16 years old, O'Malley got a job and started supporting her family. During her breaks at work, she would write scholarship essays. Much to her delight, she received a "wonderful financial aid package from Lewis." O'Malley aspires to be a teacher who explains the importance of giving back and the power of imagination. She hopes to inspire and cultivate young minds. O'Malley exemplifies how our Flyers better the world for others.

To view highlights and hear the inspiring stories of students whose lives have been transformed because of the Mission Fund visit youtube.com/user/LewisUAlumni.

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Events & Opportunities



A Farewell to FITZ

On May 14, 2022, the Lewis community bid Fitzpatrick Hall a farewell.

As a part of our Alumni Day, we hosted a party for the residence hall. The alums who attended got to revisit their room and say goodbye. As a fun way to celebrate, alums spray painted the interior rooms of the building.

Over the years, Fitzpatrick Hall was a popular residence hall and housed thousands of students. It was originally built in anticipation of an upswing in enrollment. The U-shaped building housed 21 apartments, was three stories high and included verandas overlooking the courtyard.

Fitzpatrick Hall was named in memory of the late Frances and Michael Fitzpatrick, who were members of a pioneer Lockport Township family. In the late 1920s, the Fitzpatrick's donated 160 acres of land to Lewis University, formerly known as Lewis Holy Name Technical School. Fitzpatrick Hall was a part of a \$1.5 million expansion and included two additional buildings: Trinity Hall and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Gymnasium. On June 18, 1964, Lewis held a dedication ceremony for the buildings and the completion of this project.

Thousands of students called Fitzpatrick Hall home throughout the years. Abigail Gustafson '22 was a part of the last class to call Fitz home. "I am so happy I got the opportunity to live in Fitzpatrick Hall for most of my time at Lewis. Fitzpatrick Hall was one of the oldest dorms at Lewis, and I am grateful I got to be a small part of its history on campus," stated Gustafson. From late-night study sessions to hanging out in the courtyard, Fitzpatrick Hall created lasting friendships and memories for all. "During my time at Fitzpatrick Hall I was able to meet some of my best friends and create lifelong memories with them," added Gustafson.

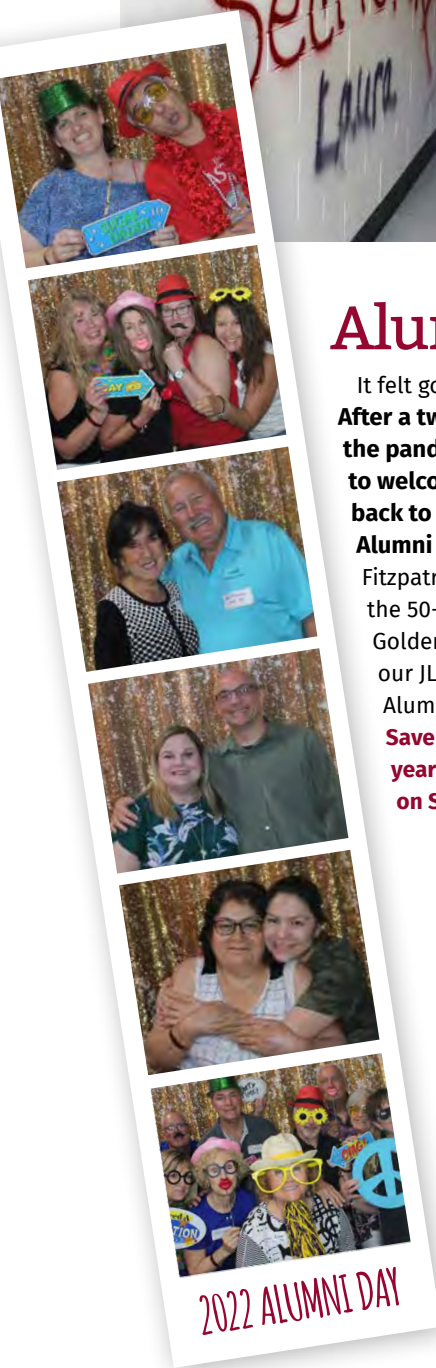
The area created by the removal of Fitzpatrick will provide for a greatly expanded outdoor space to enhance the core of the campus as envisioned in the Campus Master Plan. Demolition work concluded in October.

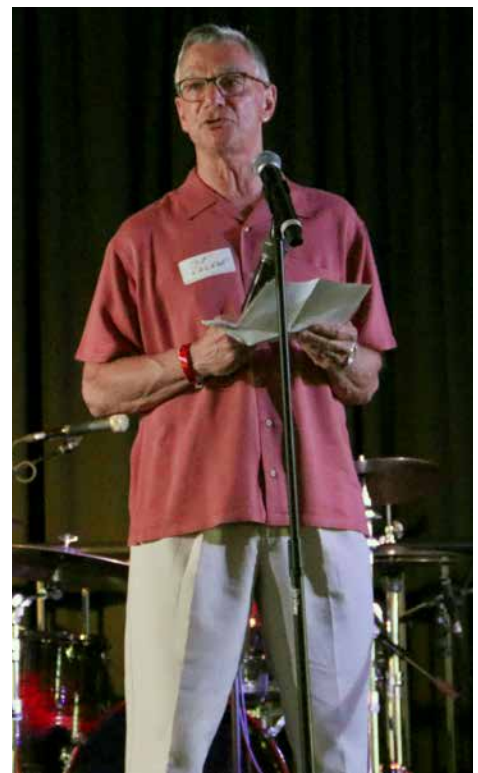


Alumni Day

It felt good to be #TogetherAgain! **After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we were excited to welcome Lewis alumni back to campus for the 2022 Alumni Day.** From a farewell to Fitzpatrick Hall to celebrating the 50-year reunions for our Golden Flyers, Sigma Delta, and our JLPSS alums, this year's Alumni Day was memorable.

Save the date for next year's homecoming event on September 30, 2023.





Honoring a Flyer

Joe Falese '78 '84 was honored during Alumni Day for 42 years of service at Lewis. He served in many capacities over the years. He has transformed his passion for working with students into a true vocation within the Lasallian tradition.

“Forever a Flyer” is a statement Joe Falese embodies. As he approached retirement, Joe and his family decided to create a Falese family legacy by establishing an endowed scholarship, Falese Family Endowed Scholarship, to pay forward their gratitude to Lewis and all the opportunities it provided him and his family. Even in his retirement, he volunteers his time back to the University focusing on Athletics and Alumni affairs. “I will always be grateful for the opportunities Lewis gave me as a student and an administrator. I am grateful for all the colleagues I have worked with, and most importantly, the Christian Brothers and their dedication to their mission and Lasallian education,” stated Falese.

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Event

Each summer, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh welcomes aviation enthusiasts from around the globe to gather for a week of celebration. On July 30 Lewis hosted the EAA AirVenture Alumni Event. **The event greeted 84 alumni and many from Lewis' Aviation Department, who made the trip**

to rekindle friendships and celebrate flight. Attendees enjoyed a fun night of food, drinks, and entertainment in the form of a crowd-thrilling, show-stopping Air Show. Lewis aviation enthusiasts got to appreciate various aircraft, from vintage to homebuilt throughout the event.



Missed the Fun This Year?
Save the date for next summer on July 29, 2023.



SURE Summer Research Program

Lewis undergraduate students had the opportunity to work on collaborative research across multiple STEM disciplines through the Dr. James Girard Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE). Initiated in 2010, 15 students participated during the Summer 2022 program. During the 10-week program, students from Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics,

Engineering, Physics, and Nursing/Health Sciences are exposed to an experiential learning environment that rapidly increases their research skills.

"In addition to the typical research activities, this year's program involved a

cookout with faculty and students along with a Virtual Reality Day in the new Thomas "Fly Guy" Likens Virtual Reality Lab. Students really enjoyed the time to build community with both each other and their faculty mentors! It was a great time to check-in with each other and share our experiences," stated Dr. Brittany Stephenson, director of SURE.

Students have had great success from the SURE program, with students sharing their accomplishments at conferences, publications and at the research symposium hosted by Lewis University at the conclusion of the program.

The Summer Undergraduate Research Experience would not be possible without the generous support of the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation, Russ and Dawn Smyth, Dr. James Girard, and Ed and Jody Sanchez. Developing students in STEM and laying the foundation for their success is more important than ever, as these students prepare for the careers of today and tomorrow. To learn more about the program, visit lewisu.edu/sure.



Calling All Volunteers

Interested in giving back your time or talent to make your mark at Lewis University? From classroom speakers and career advisors to social media ambassadors and event hosts, there is something for everyone! Check out all opportunities and access the form at alumni.lewisu.edu/VolunteerOpportunities. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact director of communications and alumni engagement, Krysten McGee, at kmcgee2@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5882.



Penske Alums Volunteer

Lewis was happy to welcome back alumni from Penske Truck Leasing on Move-in Day during Welcome Week. These alums were eager to volunteer to assist freshman students moving into Sheil Hall for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Penske helped create a fun and stress-free environment on an important day for so many new Flyers and their families. Their generous assistance ensured that students had the support and resources to make their move to campus trouble-free.

Penske consistently works with Career Services to stay connected with the Lewis University community and to provide future career opportunities for students.

Thank you to the Penske alumni and friends: Hillary Cooper '14, Alicia Ward, Morgan Vogt, Hannah Stoicheff, Arij Najeeb, Armando Angeles '21, Bradley Hinkleman '22, Dave Thonn '13.



JLPSS Career Day

On October 12, the Department of Justice, Law, and Public Safety Studies partnered with the Office of Career Services to host a Career Day focused on Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation. Over 15 employers were present including the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the United States Secret Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Lewis University alumni, Officer Alexandra Wyss '21 and Deputy Chief Sherrie Blackburn '20 from the Joliet Police Department attended the Career Day. They had the opportunity to connect with and talk to current Lewis students about career paths and opportunities available within their organization.

ALUMNI FEATURES



AN ALUMNA INSPIRES

As a little girl, **Ariel Delgado '12** was always a bit shy but always had large dreams. However, the shyness went away when she started her studies at Lewis University, and her dreams were within reach. The moment Ariel stepped foot on campus for her campus tour, she was immediately attracted to the layout thinking “it wasn’t too big, nor too small - it was just right.”

Delgado was a first-generation student at Lewis University who sought higher education with

much excitement. Delgado stated, “It was a huge accomplishment for my family to see me get a bachelor’s degree. My mom was a single parent, and she was obviously overwhelmed seeing her only child get a degree.”

Originally from Mexico, Delgado and her mother moved to the United States when she was just a year old. Her heritage always has been a part of her; she participated in LASO, Latin American Student Organization, during her time at Lewis. She credits the confidence she gained in her involvement with LASO and the University’s Mission to provide justice for providing her with the “foundation and empowerment to stand up for others who need advocacy.”

After Lewis, Delgado explored different career opportunities until eventually deciding to pursue a graduate degree in Social Work from Dominican University. In 2021, Delgado graduated from her graduate program and started work at a nonprofit that helps at-risk homeless veterans and homeless veterans. Her job as a social worker is to aid in providing these individuals with housing and resources, such as employment, healthcare, clothing and food.

Delgado was inspired by her fiancé of five years who was a combat veteran. During their relationship Delgado witnessed the struggles veterans returning home face. Tragically, her fiancé passed away after a battle with leukemia. “Working at the nonprofit and with the veterans helped me through the healing process,” added Delgado. She found comfort in helping others who served just like her fiancé had.

Through her work, dedication and advocacy to serving others, Delgado exemplifies Lewis University’s Mission and what it means to inspire others. Thank you, Ariel for being a Flyer who betters our world. Have an inspiring story you’d like to share? Email us at alumni@lewisu.edu.



IHSA AWARD WINNER PAT DISABATO

IHSA Announces Lewis alum Pat Disabato '90, as a Distinguished Media Service Award Winner

After a two-year hiatus created by the pandemic, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) is proud to announce its eighth class of recipients of the IHSA Distinguished Media Service Award. The 2022-23 honorees include Lewis alum and legendary Chicagoland sportswriter Pat Disabato.

The IHSA Distinguished Media Service Award was created to recognize media members who have covered high school sports and activities in Illinois for a significant period of time, while



maintaining perspective on the amateur events they report on. Disabato was a staple of South Suburban and Chicago high school sports coverage for over 30 years.

Disabato says that by the age of five he knew he wanted to be a professional baseball player or sportswriter. He was fortunate to realize both dreams. Disabato starred on the diamond at

Eisenhower High School in Blue Island and then at Lewis University, before being drafted by the New York Mets.

After his playing days ended, he embarked on a 31-year career as a sportswriter for *The Star Newspapers*, the *Southtown Star*, and *Daily Southtown*. Disabato stepped away from sportswriting in 2021, but he continues to host a local prep sports TV show called “The Coach’s Corner”, a gig he has held for 18 years.

Disabato is quick to recognize the role his personal and professional support system plays in his success, starting with his wife Erin and daughter Josie. “I have an incredibly supportive wife, which was a must in this crazy industry. I grew up in a very supportive family and wonderful community that set a path for me to achieve a worthwhile career. I also had wonderful colleagues and mentors who brought the best out of my writing skills through the years.”

CLASS NOTES



Maurice Campbell '15 and **Brittney Campbell '19** welcomed their first daughter, Autumn Rose Campbell on August 1.



Mary Hefferon, '18 '22 received the 2021 Air Force Manpower and Personnel Civilian Specialist/Program Manager of the Year award from the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, headquartered in Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. Hefferon is the deputy operations officer for surety and certification in the center's Nuclear Technology and Integration Directorate.

Nicole Jones '22 accepted a new position to teach Special Needs Pre-K, is getting married in January 2023, and also keeps busy coaching color guard.



David '09 and Megan **Kelnhofer** welcomed daughter Madison Marie Kelnhofer into the world on October 3. Their dog Lewis got a new best friend!

Ariel Diamond '14 and **Daniel Kolanko '11** were married in the Sancta Alberta Chapel on May 14 (Alumni Day). The wedding weekend included the rehearsal dinner on campus and Nuptial Mass celebrated by Rev. Dennis G. Lewandowski. Alumni present at the wedding gathered for a photo in front of the chapel before continuing the joyful day with a reception in Oswego, Ill. The couple resides in Minooka, Ill., where Ariel teaches at Minooka Jr. High and Daniel works remotely for AON as an account specialist.

Victoria Strid '12 celebrated the birth of her new child on June 29.



David Laurich '15 '19 and **Katherine (Sisto) Laurich '11 '15** who were married on October 19, 2019, recently welcomed their son Joshua Anthony on May 29.

Joseph Preston '13 and wife Rebecca welcomed daughter Gemma Lupe Preston and July 1. On August 1, Preston assumed the role of Vice President for Mission and Identity at Christian Brothers University (CBU). Now in his 6th year at CBU, he has served as the Director of Campus Ministry and, more recently, as the AVP for Mission and Identity. A dedicated and committed Lasallian Partner, Preston brings a wealth of experience as a skilled administrator possessing the gifts and talents to ensure the manifestation of the Lasallian heritage.



James Weissensel '16 married Gianna Torres on Friday, June 24, 2022.

Natalie Palm '18 passed the National Counselor Exam (NCE) and is now a Licensed Professional Counselor in Illinois.



Benjamin Thomas was born on June 23, 2022 to **Chris Stevens '12, '16, '19, and '22** and **Betsy Stevens** (expected class of 2025). Benjamin weighed in at 8 lbs. 13 oz. Son Jack loves being a big brother.

Samantha Rodriguez '12 was honored by the Illinois Nurses Foundation as a 2022 "40 under 40 Emerging Nurse Leaders Award" winner. This award was established in 2015 by the Illinois Nurses Foundation to highlight and celebrate young nurse leaders. It celebrates those who are impacting health care and the nursing profession today and who will undoubtedly shape the future of the profession in Illinois! She was honored for teaching, healing, and inspiring those around her every day. Her passion, skill, and knowledge advance health care, the nursing profession, her work environment and in her community. An event honoring the award winners occurred on September 22. Rodriguez is employed by Edward-Elmhurst Health.

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