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We are experiencing strong enrollment numbers this spring semester, which is encouraging given the economy. We have been very proactive in identifying financial aid solutions for current and incoming students. Our residential numbers are right on target. However, we also recognize that the families of our students are beginning to experience the impact of the recession.

Accordingly, next fall's tuition increase will be the lowest in the last nine years. Moreover, we most definitely realize that some employers are reducing their share of the tuition costs for their employees who are returning to school for undergraduate or graduate degrees. In order to be able to offer more financial aid for distressed families at all levels, we have many timely proposals under consideration to enhance our revenue through selected academic program expansion so as to sustain our enrollment growth and have additional funding for scholarship assistance. Furthermore, we are prudently controlling expenses, because there are still many uncertainties that likely will occur and which could further restrict our budgetary flexibility. We will be sure to spend carefully and strategically, with a view to offering more financial aid, building up further cash reserves as a safeguard for unforeseen eventualities, and laying the foundation for an even more positive future beyond this recession.

At the end of December, a good friend of the University provided us with a gift of \$500,000 for the purpose of further promoting our enrollment growth. Both projects presently under consideration are significant for the University and undoubtedly will be accomplished over time, although only one of the two will be funded through this specific gift. One relates to a major enhancement of the first floor of the Learning Resource Center so that it becomes a far more attractive, functional welcome center for prospective students. The other focuses on some much needed facility enhancements for the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Meanwhile, as we and everyone else wait to see when stability will finally return to the financial markets, we continue to work collaboratively on the design and cost estimates for an anticipated major upgrade and likely expansion of our Science Building. We currently are examining new science facilities at other universities and consulting with architects who specialize in science facilities. Another capital campaign project is the enhancement and expansion of the Oremus Fine Arts Center. We already have had several iterations of a wonderful design for that project and we are awaiting a third proposal. At the same time, we are doing preliminary planning for a much-needed upgrade and redesign of the interior of the Sancta Alberta Chapel and San Miguel Ministry Center.

Another area under preliminary consideration, although of a lower priority than the Science Building, is a long-awaited upgrade of our outdoor athletic and recreational facilities. The Campus Master Plan calls for the relocation of our outdoor track, which has deteriorated



considerably in recent years. The soccer field would also have to be moved (and possibly the tennis courts), to allow eventually for new construction in that area for academic and possibly residential purposes. We need an artificial surface playing field in a new facility that would be adaptable to various sports and to intramurals, as well as permanent lighting. It could also be used for other purposes, including entertainment and hosting external groups and events.

Meanwhile, the new administration of the Village of Romeoville has approached the University about the possibility of a collaborative undertaking that would be jointly financed, would be primarily for University purposes during the academic year, and could be used each year by the Village for youth sports and recreational activities from mid-May until mid-August. They understandably are interested in bringing in various outside groups and events that would provide patrons for area restaurants, motels and shops. The University's principal contribution would be to provide the necessary land and to pay for certain infrastructure costs. Most of the infrastructure expenses would be for what we will be putting in anyway for the excess land adjacent to campus (e.g. a new road from the south, water and sewer, some parking, etc.). In addition to the main athletic/recreation facility, there eventually could be a new baseball and softball complex and practice fields for our use during the school year, which plan also fits our Campus Master Plan. All of this could be phased in over a period of years and would be located somewhere to the south or southeast of the anticipated campus boundary line.

Much appreciation again for your enthusiastic support and generous contributions. Your investment in our students' education is particularly needed during this very difficult economic period. We will continue to exercise prudent and careful oversight of all expenditures, while also moving forward, remaining flexible, and taking advantage of opportunities for improved quality, service and competitive advantage. Undoubtedly, and this is in keeping with the exhortation of President Obama, we will all need to pull closely together and be willing to sacrifice as needed to ensure the continued enhancement of the high quality education that we provide for our students. I have every confidence that while this will be a challenging period of 12-18 months, Lewis will emerge a stronger, better and more Mission-focused University, serving a variety of communities with distinction and great efficacy. Thank you for helping to make this a reality, especially through your generous scholarship assistance for needy students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Br. James Gaffney". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Br. James Gaffney, FSC  
President

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On the cover, Lewis University graduate Alina Rivas (far right) stands in solidarity with the students and staff members of San Miguel School in Camden, New Jersey. Rivas is one of four participants in Lasallian Volunteers program. Lewis University supports several programs that follow in the footsteps of Saint John Baptist de La Salle—Lasallian Teacher Immersion Program, Lasallian Volunteers and scholarships to Bethlehem University graduates.

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# Following in the Footsteps of Saint John Baptist de La Salle

by Kathrynne Skonicki



In the year 1679, shortly after his ordination to the

priesthood, Saint John Baptist de La Salle opened a school for poor children in his city of birth, Rheims, France. The education was practical and directed toward bringing Christian values into the workplace. John Baptist De La Salle spent much of his time dedicated to teacher formation.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle soon opened other schools and brought his co-workers together as a religious congregation, known as the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the De La Salle Christian Brothers). The work of the Christian Schools flourished under his guidance and continues today through the educational efforts of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and their dedicated partners in the Lasallian schools.

The Christian Brothers continue the vision of their founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle as they share a tradition of Lasallian values with Lewis University.

## Preparing Educators

Following in the footsteps of their founder, the Christian Brothers are still preparing young men to enter the vocation of being educators. Specifically, the Lasallian Teacher Immersion Program (LTIP) is addressing the current critical shortage of male leaders in the American educational system.

“There is a real cry for male role-models in the lives of young people,” commented Brother Patrick Conway, FSC, Director of Vocations/Formation and Director of LTIP. Brother Patrick is a member of the Midwest District of Christian Brothers and pointed out that 21 percent of teachers in public schools are male and only 19 percent in Catholic schools are male.

The need for male role models in education is increased when one considers the students’ environments outside the classroom, added Brother Patrick, who has been involved in education for more than three decades. He pointed out

that 40 percent of children are living in a home without their biological father.

LTIP was established in 2005 and continues to be a collaborative effort involving Lewis University, Christian Brothers University in Memphis, and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona. Students attending the three institutions are eligible to participate in LTIP after they are accepted into the program.

In May 2009, the first group of LTIP students is expected to earn their bachelor's degrees. Albert Escanilla, a theology/psychology major from Cicero, Ill., is continuing to prepare to lead a classroom by pursuing a master's degree in theology.

While in college, LTIP students participate in two immersion programs that provide a new perspective on life and education. One immersion experience focuses on domestic needs and the other one addresses global concerns.

During the second semester of their first year, students live and study with other young men



*Prayer plays an important role in the spiritual formation of students in the Lasallian Teacher Immersion Program.*

who also are interested in becoming teachers. They reside in community with Christian Brothers and often times, live in the same neighborhoods as the economically-challenged individuals they are serving during the process.

Establishing relationships with the students and witnessing their lives beyond the classroom walls are expected to benefit the LTIP participants as they become educators. José Gonzalez, a sophomore English/elementary major at Lewis University, commented, “There’s always going to be kids with problems and you need to



*As part of the Lasallian Teacher Immersion Program in 2007, Lewis University student Albert Escanilla ministers to teens on a Christian Brothers College High School senior retreat at La Salle Center in Wildwood, Mo.*

know how to deal with those with compassion.”

Between the sophomore and junior years of college, LTIP students spend five weeks in Guatemala. The first three weeks are spent studying Spanish one-on-one and living with a Guatemalan family in Antigua. The remainder of the time is spent on a guided educational



*(From left to right) Lewis University student Andrew Knobbe, Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, and Lewis student Albert Escanilla pack hygiene products for the homeless at Holy Family Catholic Worker in Kansas City, Mo. The Lasallian Teacher Immersion Program students received assistance from several university representatives through visits, academic support and more.*

tour by Christian Brothers (from the United States) who have lived and worked in Guatemala for several decades. The immersion experience familiarizes LTIP students with the Lasallian global network, develops an appreciation for the people and culture of a developing country, and meets the needs of Spanish-speaking students and families in the United States.

Along with of the two immersion programs, LTIP students participate in additional Lasallian formation programs that enhance their educational experience and prepare them for the classroom.

Many educators, already in the profession, have acknowledged that their own teaching vocation has been affirmed through the enthusiasm of the LTIP students. Escanilla commented, “A lot of the teachers said they wished they had a program like LTIP that would’ve prepared them better for teaching.”

LTIP is serving as another way to attract new vocations for the Christian Brothers. “I believe it is a realistic approach for vocation discernment in today’s culture,” commented

Brother Patrick, who professed his first vows in 1977.

Andrew Knobbe, a junior theology/philosophy major at Lewis University, applauded LTIP for its introduction to religious life. The St. Louis, Mo. native, who attended high school at Christian Brothers College, acknowledged that he had considered a priestly vocation after college. After three years with LTIP, he is now discerning religious life as a Brother. He commented, “Since I joined the LTIP, I’ve been exposed to the Christian Brothers’ experience. It’s a lot more attractive now.”

Gonzalez has taken the initial steps toward exploration of a religious life. He and Knobbe are in agreement about their commitment to Lasallian values. Gonzalez said, “I’ll always value the Lasallian mission.”

More information about LTIP is available at [www.cbmidwest.org/ltip.html](http://www.cbmidwest.org/ltip.html).

## *Preparing Community Contributors*

Lewis University graduates and students are among the more than 350 men and women that have chosen to participate in the Lasallian Volunteers, an effort to serve with the Christian Brothers in their mission to respond to the educational needs of the poor. The program began in the early 1980s by the De La Salle Christian Brothers in the Midwest and elsewhere. Today, the Christian Brothers national office recruits, trains and supports the volunteers involved in the national movement that serve at Lasallian Missions in the United States and Mexico; such as Holy Family Catholic Worker House in Kansas City, Mo., Lasallian Educational Opportunities Center in Oakland, Calif., and Centro La Salle in Tijuana, Mexico.

“It is in the same model of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. We haven’t changed much in 200 years,” commented Martin Richard, coordinator of recruitment for Lasallian Volunteers. The program serves the greater community by the formation of teachers.

During the 2008-2009 academic year, there are 56 diverse volunteers serving their one-year commitment of creatively responding to the educational needs of the poor. The volunteers live in community with Christian Brothers and other Lasallian partners. The close interaction deepens the volunteer’s experience, enlivens the community, and enriches the service to the poor, noted Richard.

“Sometimes the service you intend to do is not always the

service you're needed to do," commented Jonathan Dackow, on campus representative for recruiting at Lewis University. He served as a Lasallian Volunteer from 2004-2007 at De La Salle North Catholic High School in Portland, Ore., and La Salle Academy in Manhattan, New York.

Dackow served as a primary driver for the Corporate Internship Program at De La Salle North Catholic High School, a co-educational Lasallian Cristo Rey school that serves low-income students. The internship program gives all students employment opportunities while they receive a college preparatory high school experience. The work program funds approximately 70 percent of the students' tuition. Each week, students work in the internship program one day and complete their schooling during the other four days.

"The school thrived on having volunteers transport the students," noted Dackow. Dackow, who is a current graduate assistant for Lewis University Ministry said he understood that he was performing an essential task for the students to gain meaningful experience and save valuable school resources for other means. Also during his service, he said he realized that crucial relationships can be formed during mundane tasks, such as driving.

Dackow's face still glowed when he was recalling his ability to assist the students at La Salle Academy. Dackow was one of the coordinators of the Academic Support Center, which provided students with additional resources. He said, "I loved working at the school."

More than 50 percent of the 450 students are considered to

be "at risk" youth, living in households that are below the federal poverty level. Despite the hardships, more than 95 percent of the students are accepted into colleges.

Dackow especially appreciated the community living experience with Lasallian Volunteers. He said the support he received from the Christian Brothers was invaluable as he worked at the various schools. He added, "I had 100 years of teaching experience sitting at the dinner table with me every night."

More information about Lasallian Volunteers is available at [www.lasallianvolunteers.org](http://www.lasallianvolunteers.org).

## Preparing Leaders Around the Globe

Since 1985, Lewis University and Bethlehem University have collaborated with each other to develop community leaders of Palestine. The relationship has provided full scholarships and support for several Bethlehem

University students that earned bachelor's or master's degrees from Lewis University.

"It was especially needed in the 1980s and 1990s because there was a complete lack of scholarship opportunities," commented Brother Neil Keefe, FSC, Director of Instructional Technology at Bethlehem University. The former Academic Vice President at Bethlehem University and Chair of the Aviation Maintenance Department at Lewis University was appreciative of other universities that have made contributions in recent years. However, he said, "No other university has done anything near what Lewis has done."

Brother Neil expressed gratitude for the gift of a quality education for the students on scholarship, but he also praised Lewis University for preparing community leaders. Each of the Bethlehem University students have contributed to the academic and local community after earning a Lewis University degree, he pointed out. Most of them return to become

*Lewis University graduate Denis Block of Tinley Park assists a student during his second year of the Lasallian Volunteers experience at LaSalle Academy, Philadelphia. Lewis University has had 12 graduates serve in the Lasallian Volunteer Program. Other current Lewis graduate participants include: Sophia Cartagena of Chicago serving her second year at Tides Family Services in Pawtucket, R.I., Alina Rivas of Berwyn, Ill., serving her first year at San Miguel School, Camden, N.J. and Michelle Hoffman of Florissant, Mo., serving her first year at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Brooklyn, N.Y.*





*(Left to right) Dr. Walid Mustafa, Bethlehem University Dean of Arts, Nancy Elias, Bethlehem University Dean of Education, and Brother David Scarpa, FSC, Bethlehem University Dean of Science, discuss learning opportunities. Elias is currently receiving a scholarship from Lewis for her doctoral studies.*

instructors at Bethlehem University, while others share their resources with the wider community, such as serving as hospital administrators.

Established by the Vatican in 1972, Bethlehem University is administered by the De La Salle Christian Brothers of the United States who also sponsor Lewis University. Both universities focus on Lasallian values, based on the teachings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. As the only Catholic university in Palestine, Bethlehem University has provided educational opportunity to students of both Christian and Muslim faiths. Despite having been temporarily closed during a period of conflict in the early 1990s, the University has generally flourished and served the Holy Land as a remarkable educational resource through times of harmony and of hostility.

Nancy Elias, Dean of the Bethlehem University Faculty of Education, is an example of the students who have enjoyed the benefits of the relationship between the two Lasallian institutions. She is currently a

### ***Bethlehem University graduates who have also graduated from Lewis University***

Jamil Koussa '85, MBA  
Wael Sha'er '88, MBA  
Hanna Sahar '90, MBA  
Fadi Kattan '92, MBA  
Hala Nassar '94, BA Theater  
Elia Sammour '94 '96 MBA\*  
Nabil Rishmawi '96, MBA  
Nancy Elias '97, MA Education

Issam Abu Ghallous '99, MBA  
Nadia Zayed '00, MBA  
Marwan Carmi '00, MBA  
Fuad Mukarker '00, MBA  
Antone Sabella '01, MBA  
Thabit Melhem '02, MSN  
Ra'id Shomali '03, MBA  
Jalil Hazboun '05, MBA

\* Not a Bethlehem University graduate, but received BA and MBA from Lewis

### ***Bethlehem University graduates who are currently enrolled at Lewis University***

Nancy Elias, Doctoral Program in Education  
Elias Mukarker, MBA Program

candidate for the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership for Teaching and Learning at Lewis University.

Although she won't have her degree in hand until 2011, she is already making plans on how her American experience can benefit thousands of people in her homeland, Palestine. She hopes to continue her work in assisting the special education students that fall in between the increasingly large gaps of a war-torn society. She said, "I'm gaining different perspectives, preparing ideas for research and questioning our curriculum."

Elias had become active in community initiatives after a scholarship from Lewis University enabled her to pursue a master's degree from 1995-97 in Romeoville. "The quality of education I received at Lewis has given me new and varied opportunities within the educational field," commented Elias.

She returned to Bethlehem in the fall of 1997 to teach education courses at the university and became the Dean of the Faculty of Education in 2005. Elias continued,

"Achieving a master's degree from Lewis allowed an expansion of my services to my home community in Palestine and to provide a consulting service for various schools."

Elias traveled around the country to offer her knowledge and resources in special education. She taught individuals how to work with students with learning disabilities, facilitated workshops for teachers and social workers, and served as a part-time counselor for a school for the hearing impaired. Elias also appeared in various media outlets presenting cases of children with special needs (learning disabilities, autism, hearing impairments, etc.) The effort increased awareness in the general population. Elias concluded, "Special education is desperately needed in Palestine and few people are qualified."

More information about Bethlehem University is available at [www.bethlehem.edu](http://www.bethlehem.edu).

# Awards & Recognition

## Langerts, Halloran Honored with Philanthropist of the Year Awards

Lewis University hosted its 13th annual President's Circle dinner on December 5. Nearly 200 guests enjoyed the celebration and the presentation of the annual Frank J. Lewis Philanthropist of the Year Awards.

Andrew and Candice Langert and Kathleen Halloran were recognized for their long-standing and generous support of Lewis and for their commitment to causes which benefit humanity. The awards are named for Frank J. Lewis, Chicago industrialist and major benefactor, who provided significant funding and support for the University from its founding in 1932 until his death in 1960.

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, commented on the support of the Langert family. He said, "They have shown exceptionally generous and



*(Left) Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, and (right) William Rybak '73, Chairman of Lewis University Board of Trustees, present Kathleen Halloran '74 with the 2008 Frank J. Lewis Philanthropist of the Year Award.*

faithful service and philanthropic support to Lewis University." Award recipients Andrew and Candice Langert have shown much commitment to improving society through generous support for teaching and learning. Andrew, a 1973 alumnus and member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees, is currently Managing Director at Polished Nickel Capital Management, LLC, and previously held several key senior financial and operating management positions at the Alberto-Culver Company, including Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Alberto-Culver Consumer Products Worldwide, before retiring from Alberto-Culver in 2007.

A Lewis University Trustee

since 2000, Kathleen Halloran '74 has consistently demonstrated her commitment to Catholic education through generous support to Lewis. Brother James presented the award to Halloran, commenting that she has been "leading the way for capable and competent women executives." Halloran, now retired, held many positions in her 30-year career at Nicor including CFO, Treasurer, and Corporate Secretary.

*Andrew and Candice Langert accept the 2008 Frank J. Lewis Philanthropist of the Year Award. (Far right) William Rybak '73, Chairman of Lewis University Board of Trustees presented the award on December 5 at Lewis University.*





## Honorary Degrees Conferred

Lewis University awarded honorary degrees to three distinguished professionals at its winter Commencement Ceremonies on December 13 and 14. Honorees included James Guyette, President and Chief Executive Officer, Rolls-Royce North America; Dr. Alice Bourke Hayes, President *Emerita* of the University of San Diego; and Robert O'Meara, Board Chairman, First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

James Guyette's long-established roots in the American West, together with his lifelong desire to explore new frontiers, naturally led him to airplanes and to the aviation industry. Always looking forward and progressing steadily, Guyette pursued a long and highly successful career with United Airlines before moving on to new opportunities and accomplishments at Rolls-Royce North America, where he is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer.

Prior to joining Rolls-Royce in 1997, Guyette spent more than 28 years with United

Airlines, excelling in various aspects of the company's management. As impressive as his various administrative achievements have been, it is his challenging but immensely successful work on the team that designed, developed, and launched the Boeing 777 that Guyette cites as "the most satisfying experience of [his] career" at United. In 1990, he joined colleagues at Boeing—first to envision the aircraft, and then to take it from the drawing board to the airways. A triumph of collaboration and vision, the Boeing 777 represented such a significant innovation in air travel that Guyette was honored with the *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine Laurels Award.

After more than 40 years of highly dedicated service and leadership in Catholic higher education, Dr. Alice Bourke Hayes is now President *Emerita* of the University of San Diego, a title that is a capstone to an extraordinary and expansive academic career based on an ethic of service leadership. Dr.

Hayes is an exemplary lifelong learner—as researcher, teacher, author, and leader—and a model for those who seek to integrate the values of Catholic higher education within a broad range of communities, including local and global, scientific, civic, cultural and corporate communities.

Highly distinguished for his exceptional career in banking, Robert O'Meara attributes his success to principles instilled by his family and his faith. Both parents advised him that, because he had been blessed in ways too numerous to count, he had a responsibility to enrich others with his time, talent, and treasure. Over the years, O'Meara followed their advice, with remarkable results: he ultimately became both a very well-regarded leader in the banking industry and is currently Chairman, First Midwest Bancorp, Inc., and a valued and effective participant in local and international community-service organizations.



*James Guyette*



*Dr. Alice Bourke Hayes*



*Robert O'Meara*



*Dr. Nan Russell Yancey*

## Faculty Speaker Provides Lasallian Message

Dr. Nan Russell Yancey, Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Professions and Director of Graduate Studies in Nursing, was chosen to be the faculty speaker for the winter 2008 graduate Commencement Ceremony. Although she had laryngitis, her speech was read to the graduates.

She said, "My prayer is that you will move onward from this day as more responsible citizens

of the world, who use this education you have been privileged to earn to create a more just world, a world where the voices of others are heard and differing views, diverse perspectives are respected. That you will move onward from this special day of change in your life to serve others and to make a difference in the world."

She continued, "To paraphrase Mother Teresa,

'Alone, we are limited in what we can accomplish, but if we each do small things with great love, there is no end to what we can do together.' Saint John Baptist de La Salle reminds us that no task is too small; that all work has meaning and importance."

She encouraged the graduates to make a difference in the world through small works done with great love.

## Alumni Achievement Awards

*The 2008 Distinguished Alumni, Alumni Achievement and Young Alumni Award Recipients. (From left to right): Dr. Gerald Bersano, Benjamin Billups, Rex Easton, Dr. Winifred Adams, Todd Russ, Mary Brenczewski, Charles Jones, Brother Michael Quirk, FSC.*



## Signum Fidei Honors Outstanding Leaders' Service and Faith

The *Signum Fidei* (Sign of Faith) Celebration supports the University's commitment to provide high quality educational opportunities to a growing and diverse student population. Last



fall Lewis University honored the co-founders of Ruettiger, Tonelli and Associates. Dennis Tonelli, a member of the Board of Trustees at Lewis University, and Terrence Ruettiger, active in the Lewis University Council of Regents, were honored for their distinguished careers as business, economic and civic leaders; their dedicated commitment to Lewis University, and their exceptional volunteer service in the community.

On September 12, 2009, William Rybak '73, Chair of the Lewis Board of Trustees, will be recognized for his exceptional commitment to the Lasallian mission, and his 25 years of service to the Board. The event will take place at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. Contact Julie Penner at [pennerju@lewisu.edu](mailto:pennerju@lewisu.edu), or at (815) 836-5667.



*William Rybak '73, will be the 2009 Signum Fidei honoree.*

*Terrence Ruettiger and Dennis Tonelli, founders of Ruettiger, Tonelli and Associates, were awarded the 2008 Signum Fidei Award at the Bolingbrook Golf Club on September 13. The event raised nearly \$130,000 for need-based scholarships for Lewis students.*

# *The Economy:* From Bulls to Bears

*by Michelle Fregoso*



Of the many newsmakers in 2008, arguably none have had the impact or number of headlines as the economy. Currently, we are experiencing a recession, as defined by two quarters of negative economic growth, and in the middle of a global economic slow-down. We have witnessed the demise of financial institutions and corporations, large and small, and many industries have been left crippled by the state of the economy—most notably the housing and auto industries.

What we read and hear about the economy through the media may be exaggerating the situation according to Lewis University alumnus and Trustee, Clifton Kelly '78, Vice President Senior Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch Global Private Client Group.

“The media has blown the financial situation out of proportion. We are in a



*Clifton Kelly*

global economic slowdown, not a depression. We have experienced many recessions since the Great Depression. Our last was in 2001-2002, on the end of the ‘dot-com’ bubble burst.” He continued, “This is a normal part of the business cycle. This recession might be deeper and longer than normal, but we’re not in a depression. We will experience slow global growth over the next few years.”

Edward Dollinger, Lewis University Council of Regents member and Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, also cautions



*Edward Dollinger*

about what you find in the news media concerning the economy. “It is important to not get caught up in the headlines—the truth is usually somewhere in the middle,” asserted Dollinger.

While many businesses are struggling, some are thriving in this economy. “We’re (Edward Jones) growing.

Financial Advisors are needed now more than ever. We tell our clients that it’s challenging and we give them the hard facts. We work to get our clients through this,” said Dollinger.

When asked what advice he gives his clients, Dollinger offered, “These are unprecedented, challenging times. Focus on what you can control. Life events have not changed and we still need to plan for them, like retirement.” He continued, “Diversify holdings into high-quality (financial) products. If you have time on

*“The programs began with good intentions, but the entrepreneurial spirit in America, ‘we can make money off this’ caused the situation. There was a real lack of control and restraint.”*



your side, this is an excellent time to be investing. It takes lots of patience and courage.

In the meantime, find a good hobby that doesn't cost too much and forget about your portfolio. You have to have fun!”

Kelly offered his take on the economic situation, “I believe, and I'll attribute this to my favorite professor from Lewis University, Larry Hill, that our recovery from this recession will be ‘U’ shaped rather than ‘V’ shaped. The last few recessions we have experienced were two quarters of negative growth then shot right back up. This ‘U’ shaped recovery will be evidenced by a prolonged slow-down, then slowly moving back up. We may experience three or four quarters of negative growth.”

Kelly continued, “We have to keep an eye on unemployment and housing. Housing was done-in by over speculation, and bad lending practices. This goes back a long way, there's no one person to point the finger at to lay blame. The housing bubble burst.”

Dollinger had similar thoughts about the housing situation. “The Carter Administration in 1979 decided that we needed more people to be homeowners and initiated programs to encourage this goal. The programs began with good intentions, but the entrepreneurial spirit in America, ‘we can make money off this’ caused the situation. There was a real lack of control and restraint,” he said.

## *The Economy's Effect on Higher Education*

Much also has been said about the economy's effect on higher education.

The market values of homes and most publicly traded stock have lost significant value over the past year. Parents and students may find themselves in a difficult economic situation due to a job loss or a foreclosure. This affects the way parents and students traditionally pay for college expenses. Appreciated home values and invested savings cannot be tapped into to cover expenses.

Additionally, the tightening credit market, as a result of the mortgage lending meltdown, has made private and government loans more difficult to come by and has affected the many institutions of higher education that rely on endowments to support their operations. With the volatility of the stock market, endowments have been shrinking and the availability of these funds has been limited. Colleges and universities of all sizes have been affected, especially those experiencing cuts in government funding and a reduction in gifts.

Lewis University, however, has not used any of its endowment to cover expenses, operating or capital. Responding to its expansion needs as it continues to benefit from six consecutive years of record-breaking growth, Lewis University is in the process of building a new residence hall. Where other institutions are cutting back, or experiencing declines in enrollment, Lewis is growing. The University practices solid fiscal responsibility.

Also, Lewis University as of the writing of this article, has not witnessed any situations where a student has applied for a federal loan (Stafford) or parent loan (PLUS) and has been unable to secure it.

The importance of education in our nation's economic future cannot be ignored. “If you're going to support a cause in these challenging economic times, support education. Education is the key to getting ourselves moving,” said Dollinger.

## *Lessons Learned*

There is a brighter side to the “economic crisis.” According to several financial publications and Kelly, America will learn to think long-term, perhaps save money and not focus on short-term gains. “This situation should teach us all—households, corporations, and the like—to clean up our balance sheets. We should all come out of this better if we do.”

Similarly, Dollinger stated, “We're in the middle of a massive deleveraging of America. We're paying down our debts and living within our means. The younger generation is learning that you can't borrow your lifestyle. You cannot pay for everything on credit. You have to pay it off.”

Will 2009 be better than 2008? “I expect that 2009 will be better than 2008.

Never before have we witnessed a coordinated global effort to help the economy. 126 nations, not including the United States, have cut interest rates in 2008. This will have a positive effect,” said Kelly.

“The United States will lead the world out of this situation. The Old World looks to us for leadership,” stated Dollinger. “The (economic situation) humbles all of us. We no longer are too confident. We'll question more and be a prudent investor. Work for what you earn,” he stressed.

When will the recession end? Both Dollinger and Kelly advised all to look at the stock market to watch for a change in the economy. Historically the stock market anticipates economic changes six months ahead.



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## *Will County Economy Mirrors Nation*

The Will County Center for Economic Development held its 8th Annual Economic Forecast on January 8 at Lewis University. Russ Smyth, President and CEO of H&R Block and Lewis University Trustee, presented the keynote address. Panel respondents included Robert Bach, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist for Grubb & Ellis, Mark Rueff, Vice President of Origination for Nicor Enerchange and Pat Thomas, Vice President of Corporate Public Affairs for UPS.

More than 500 area business people and elected officials

attended the event including State Senators Linda Holmes and A.J. Wilhelmi, State Representative Emily McCassey, a representative from U.S. Congresswoman Deborah Halverson's office and several local mayors among others.

Smyth, who had been fortunate enough to have conversations with the Obama transition team, touched upon President Obama's goals for improving the economy

and described the President as "impressive and smart, but facing many challenges ahead." Of the programs the Obama Administration plans to institute to help the economy, Smyth highlighted tax cuts, the expansion of unemployment benefits and food stamps, aid to state and local governments, incentives for business to hire more and cull layoffs, and "shovel ready" public works projects.

With regard to Obama's plans, Smyth emphasized, "Great execution is more important than great strategy" and offered this advice to the crowd, "Be flexible, be opportunistic, be creative," he said. "Tough times are Darwinian."

Smyth ended his forecast on an upbeat note, "Americans are at their best when times are the worst ... we'll come out of this stronger than before."



*Russ Smyth, Lewis University Trustee and President of H&R Block addressed participants at the Will County Economic Development Forecast held on the main campus.*

## *Life as an Economics Professor by Dr. Larry Hill*

In my 41 years as a full professor of economics, I can categorically state that it has never been any more exciting to teach the Principles of Macroeconomics than in the last few months.

As professors we teach how to set up and analyze supply and demand theories, what inductive and deductive reasoning are, monetary policy and so on. With this Nintendo Wii generation of students who are among the best and brightest we have ever seen the biggest problem is finding a place in their brains for the finer concepts of economics.

Getting their attention to focus and critically think about the economic theory as it relates to their lives competes with their love of the Cubs, Sox, music, friends, loves and all the other distractions of being an eighteen to twenty two year old.

In the past weeks though, they are truly focused and concerned about their future, both in the short and long run. Supply and demand is no longer a remote concept to be learned and stored but it now has "life" and is "useful" in determining

what happened to interest rates, prices of housing, determining the prime rate, and a host of other uses.

Fiscal and monetary policies are competing for "brain space" evenly with Kanye West and Linkin Park.

Struggling to find the "hook in their brain" that will relate the economic concept to something of interest to them is no longer a struggle. The financial crisis has their attention and exposed a multitude of "brain hooks" and the economic professor can delight in pouring the information onto such a fertile area.

As a seasoned economics professor, it is a joy to see the thirst of a scholar in so many young people. There are no drawbacks, negatives, or disappointments for an economics professor today. I have always loved what I do, but today the sun seems to be brighter and the days happier.

You just have to be smiling these days if you are an economics professor.



*Dr. Lawrence Hill*

# PROJECTS GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

## ROTC Program Active on Campus, in Community

The Lewis University Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) hosted "Veteran's Day: A Day of Remembrance" November 11 on the Romeoville Campus.

A brief ceremony featured many proud Americans from Lewis and the surrounding community. Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, offered remarks that honored all veterans. Lewis ROTC cadets presented the "Thirteen Folds of the Flag," a gravesite ceremony conducted for fallen soldiers. The ROTC color guard presided over a retreat ceremony for the American flag on campus. The flag was flown in 2005 in Afghanistan and donated by 2nd Lt. Adam Laurich of the Lewis University Army ROTC.

Three veterans from the Lewis University community—Reverend Daniel Torson, CPPS, University Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Theology, Steven Sherwin, Adjunct Professor of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies, and Dr. Calvin Edwards, Chair of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies—offered personal reflections on service to the country. Father Torson also offered a special benediction.

This event followed the Lewis University ROTC's success with coordinating Operation Good Time. The September event raised about \$2,000 to send packages to U.S. troops serving overseas. A multi-faceted program featured family-friendly activities on the



*ROTC cadets stand in formation as they prepare to engage in maneuvers.*

Romeoville campus and a Defending Freedom Motorcycle Ride to Wilmington, Ill.

## Radio Marathon Aids Children's Hospital

WLRA-FM, the Lewis all-digital radio station, recently raised \$5,325 to support the Lewis University Family

Assistance Fund at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, Ill. The WLRA "To Kill A DJ"

broadcast marathon consisted of nine days of 24-hour broadcasting, held November 15-23. More than 20 students took on six-hour radio shifts for the cause. Ryan Dybas and Josh Bowen each committed to a more than 30-hour stint on the radio.

According to John Carey '85, Director of Electronic Media, the "To Kill a DJ" effort raised \$1,520 in fall 2007 and \$2,361 in spring 2008. This fall's effort almost equaled the two campaigns together last academic year. WLRA was able to combine the funds last year with funds the College of Nursing and Health Professions raised to give a total of \$8,500 to the assistance fund last

academic year.

Mark Serratore, sophomore radio/television major, served as the chair of the fundraising effort this year. "It was his efforts that inspired such a phenomenal response from students and donors this year," commented Carey.

The donations are used to assist families of hospitalized children in their greatest time of need. Advocate Hope Children's Hospital is located on the campus of Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Ill. For more information or to give further support, please call WLRA radio at [wbra@lewisu.edu](mailto:wbra@lewisu.edu) or phone (815) 836-5214.



*The WLRA-FM student broadcasting marathon raised a new record donation for Hope Children's Hospital.*

## Math and Computer Science Students Donate Recycled Computers

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science is helping out its fellow community members in addition to saving space in landfills. It is transforming outdated computers into useful machines ready for use in such places as a financially-challenged Chicago school and hurricane-damaged communities in New Orleans. Three student organizations—Prometheon: Technology Club, Upsilon Pi Epsilon (a Computer Science honors society) and student members of the Association for Computing Machinery—are working with Dr. Ray Klump, Associate Professor, and Dr. Paul Kaiser, Professor *Emeritus*.

The clubs have been accepting old computer donations from faculty, staff, students and other community members. Lewis University Instructional Technology Service Organization is also recycling

older machines by donating them to the cause. The old monitors, keyboards and hard drives are then refurbished and donated to nonprofit organizations.

Most recently, the department faculty pieced together parts to restore eight machines. Veo Taylor, a first-year graduate student of Information Security, delivered the computers August 16 to Wendell Smith Elementary School in Chicago. The computers are expected to be used by eighth-grade algebra students to access programs and tools on the Internet.

A desire to plant seeds for the future prompted Taylor to suggest the donation to the school with many underprivileged families. The 39-year-old Bolingbrook resident commented, “The more children are involved with math and science, the more likely they



*Dr. Raymond Klump, Associate Professor of Computer Science, worked with three student organizations and faculty to rebuild and recycle computers.*

will become enthused about the subject matter and specialize in a technical area later in life.”

Meanwhile, Dr. Kaiser refurbished 25 machines over the summer and delivered them to New Orleans. The functional computers were donated to Churches Supporting Churches, an organization assisting at least 36 African American congregations in New Orleans, where Hurricane Katrina destroyed or seriously damaged their facilities. Kaiser’s relationship with the hurricane victims continues, and he hopes to donate as many as 40 computers from Lewis University in the coming months.

These donations are just the beginning, added Dr. Klump. The effort is now accepting donations from other organizations, such as Provena St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. Klump said he hopes to have students become more involved in collecting, evaluating and refurbishing the computers. He said, “I think with computer skills you have an amazing ability to help out other people; not too many people have these kinds of skills.” For more information about donating computer equipment, contact Ray Klump at [klumppra@lewisu.edu](mailto:klumppra@lewisu.edu) or by phone at (815) 836-5528.

## Nursing Students Provide Food, Nutrition Tips at Shelter

Nursing students recently gave clients of Catholic Charities’ Daybreak Center food for thought in addition to non-perishable food items. The center in Joliet provides emergency housing, food, supportive services and case management to individuals and families in Will County.

During an October 11 visit, the Lewis nursing students shared some of their knowledge from the classroom with the center’s clients. The juniors offered two educational health presentations for residents and administered blood pressure exams.

The donated food items were collected during a food drive by Lewis University students, faculty and staff. Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, an honor society of nursing, coordinated the effort.

## Alumni Support the Toys for Tots

More than 245 alumni, friends and family members joined together in the holiday giving spirit to support the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Lewis University hosted a Breakfast with Santa charity event December 7 on the main campus in Romeoville.

The event offered alumni a chance to collect new, unwrapped toys to distribute as Christmas gifts to needy children in the Chicagoland area. More than 100 new toys were donated towards the program during the event.

The charitable event started off with a continental breakfast as well as a chance for the children to take their photo with Santa. Nick Guiffre, a 1993 alumnus of Tinley Park, (a.k.a “Santa”), donated his morning to greet and take photos with the children. In addition to their photo, each child also received an advent calendar.

Cpl. John Tantiwongse from the Marines attended the event to help out and thank Lewis University on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps. Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, also offered his appreciation for the generosity of the alumni and families.

# LEARNING EXTENDS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



*(Left) Mediation team members share a relaxing moment before an upcoming tournament. (Right) Dr. James Houlihan, head of the Lewis Mock Trial Team and Mediation Team prepares for an upcoming competition by coaching the team with potential case strategies.*

## Mediation and Mock Trial Teams Participate in Competition

The Mediation Team ranked high in the American Mock Trial Association Eighth Annual Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament November 7-8 at the John Marshall Law School and American Bar Association Building in Chicago. The Lewis mediation teams earned 14th and 21st places while the attorney advocacy teams secured 10th and 13th places at the national championship.

Several Lewis students earned individual honors as All Americans. Joseph Volin and Ke’Nesha Williams were distinguished as All American Mediators. Emily Custardo, Joseph Volin and Maggie Witkowska were awarded the title of All American Attorney Advocates.

Meanwhile, the Mock Trial Team performed well at the November 7-9 Illinois State

University Mock Trial Invitational. The Lewis team placed in 12th and 21st place. Summer Hallaj and Kaitlyn Worst earned individual awards as Outstanding Attorneys. Summer Hallaj and Chezare Bingham earned honors as Outstanding Witness.

### Fantastic Flyer Invitational a Success

The verdict is in—the Second Annual Fantastic Flyer Invitational was a success. The event held November 15 and 16 at the Oak Brook Campus of Lewis University, included more than 200 collegiate students competing with 22 teams in the intellectual competition of trying cases. The tournament was co-hosted by Lewis

University and The Princeton Review.

“It was an extremely tough invitational,” commented Dr. James Houlihan, head of the Lewis Mock Trial Team, Mediation Team and the University’s Pre-Law program.

Top five finishing teams included: Northwestern University (team 1), University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University (team 2), Loyola University Chicago and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Lewis University teams finished in 9th and 14th places.

“The Fantastic Flyer Invitational is so important because it gives our team the opportunity to compete against some of the top teams in our region and as well as some of the top ranking schools in the nation,” commented Chezare

Bingham, Mock Trial team member and junior Lewis biology student.

Coaches of the teams include: Dr. James Houlihan, Professor and Advisor of Lewis Pre-Law Program, Brandi Sanders and John Senese.

Team members include: Breana Bingham, Chezare Bingham, Jon Butler, Ray Catala, Jack Catalano, Emily Custardo, Jackie Devitt, Rachel Engel, Troy Fleming, Summer Hallaj, Matt Kratky, Anthony Melendez, Michael Park, Jessica Schultz, Joseph Volin, Ke’Nesha Williams, Maggie Witkowska and Kaitlyn Worst.





*(Left to right) Samira Puskar, NBC Bureau Coordinator, Lee Cowan, NBC Network News correspondent, Catie Cryder, Lewis Broadcast Journalism Major, Rachel Burstein, Today Show Producer, and Mark Hudspeth, NBC Network News Producer on election night.*

## Students Provide Live Coverage of Presidential Election

Lewis University joined in on the historic day of Nov. 4 by creating a record of its own. A student-led effort produced the most comprehensive election coverage in the institution's history. WLRA-FM, the Lewis Television Network and [www.lewisu.edu](http://www.lewisu.edu), simulcasted live election coverage from 5-10 p.m.

Chelsea DeRose provided live updates from the celebration at Chicago's Grant Park. Meanwhile, Will County Executive Larry Walsh shared his jubilation with Lewis reporters as he celebrated with fellow Democrats at the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet.

"It's an experience not many college students get to have," commented Heidi Williquette, producer and director of the special broadcast. The junior broadcast journalism major supervised the project that included about 20 freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Live coverage was enhanced by segments that focused on Election Day issues. Experts shared insights on candidate and party positions on controversial issues such as same-sex marriage, abortion and gun control. Certain segments provided a deeper understanding of the election process, such as the Electoral College. John Carey '85, Director of Electronic Media, commented, "This large undertaking demonstrated the ambition and talent of our students. Their successful coverage of the historic moment is indicative of their future success.

Student Catie Cryder, senior broadcast journalism major, assisted in the production research and preparations for the historic broadcast. On election night, she was on the scene at the Grant Park festivities with NBC News as the assistant to the bureau chief. She recalled, "It was surreal. I was working in the middle of thousands of people being covered by media from all over the globe."

Lewis students also covered the historic inauguration. A four-person student crew reported from Washington, D.C. The D.C. crew consisted of Brett Mega, Heidi Williquette, Andrew Skweres, and Ryan Bulfin.



*Members of the Lewis University Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) tour the FedEx's Global Operations Center in Memphis, Tenn.*

## AAAE Students Visit FedEx Fleet

Members of the Lewis University Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) spent their fall break touring the FedEx's Global Operations Center in Memphis, Tenn. The trip served as a networking opportunity for students and provided insights on the efficient operation of the world's largest airline, in terms of fleet size. Students also experienced taking off and landing one of the world's largest cargo aircraft in MD11 Level D simulators, the same training modules used by FedEx pilots.

Beneficial professional relationships were established while meeting with managers from FedEx's Global Operations Center, Flight Operations Center and Maintenance Facility. James Gambino, president of the AAAE Lewis chapter, commented, "The connections we have made will allow us to keep in contact with existing professionals in the aviation field, which will allow us to receive exclusive insight as to how to give ourselves the best shot at landing our dream job that we all aspire to have in the aviation field."

The experience exceeded the students' expectations. The aviation flight management student continued, "Several people have offered to stay in touch with me, and that will prove to be of monumental importance when I go to apply for a job at some of the places where they have worked or are currently working."

The sincerity of the offer was supported by job hunting advice the students received from Dolores Pavletic, Airbus Captain, and June Viviano, MD11 Captain. "Dolores and June even had about an hour designated for personally looking over each and every student's resumé, pointing out pros and cons, and giving advice as to how to present one's self in the most vivid and professional manner — an invaluable experience for us students," commented Gambino.

Last year, the AAAE group received an exclusive tour of Boeing's main production facility in Seattle, where it witnessed the production of Boeing's various aircraft and received an exclusive look at the new 787 Dreamliner. In years past, the AAAE chapter traveled Dallas, Texas, for a tour of American Airlines Operations as well as Washington, D.C.



## Lewis University Now Tenth Largest

Lewis University has become the 10th largest private, not-for-profit university in Illinois, according to the Illinois Board of Higher Education 2008 fall enrollment data. Lewis University is also the third largest Catholic institution of higher education in the state behind DePaul University (the largest Catholic university in the country) and Loyola University Chicago.

"The Lewis community now has every reason to believe that we are evolving into a regional university of distinction," commented Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President. He continued, "We have very capable, competent and caring staff and faculty, who are appropriately held in high regard by our students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. They are appreciated for their genuine interest, availability, scholarship, exceptional teaching skills and approachability."

## Information Security Program Certified

The Information Assurance Courseware Evaluation (IACE) Program has certified that courses in Lewis University's Master of Science in Information Security, meet all of the elements of the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) National Training Standards for Information Systems Security (INFOSEC) Professionals.

The CNSS implements a process to systematically assess the degree to which the courseware from commercial, government and academic sources maps to the national standards. The IACE program provides consistency in training and education for critical information assurance skills. Lewis University's certification will be valid until June 2014.

## Si Se Puede Conference Attracts High School Students

On November 13, more than 200 high school students from across the Chicagoland area participated in Lewis University's *Si Se Puede* conference. The conference, which began in 2001, provides workshops on choosing a college, navigating the financial aid process and concludes with a motivational speaker and lunch.

High schools in attendance included: Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet Central High School, Thornton Township High School in Harvey, Gage Park High School in Chicago, San Miguel School in Chicago, Highland Park High School, Bremen High School in Midlothian and De La Salle Institute in Chicago.

In the spirit of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta who strongly believed in community empowerment, the *Si Se Puede* Conference serves as a beacon of hope for many Latina/o high school students who would otherwise feel a college degree is not attainable. It delivers the message that "*Si Se Puede*," (Yes You Can) get a college education.

The *Si Se Puede* Conference evolved from a short visit day to a whole conference. Since its inception in 2001, more than 1,300 students have participated. "The conference was inspiring not only for our high school visitors but for our Lewis students and staff," commented Carlos Fernández Serrato, Director Multicultural Student Services.

"As a result of *Si Se Puede*, many Latina/o high school students leave the conference inspired to achieve their educational goals and ultimately, their dreams of a better future for themselves and their families," added Martha Villegas-Miranda '98, Coordinator of University Ministry Outreach and Assistant to the Director of Multicultural Student Services.



*On November 13, more than 200 high school students from across the Chicagoland area participated in Lewis University's Si Se Puede conference. Motivational speaker Carlos Ojeda, Jr. interacts with conference participants.*

## Main Campus Wins Green Star Award

Lewis University's picturesque Romeoville campus recently earned national recognition with a Green Star Award from the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) in Baltimore,



Md. Lewis University earned the Honor Award in the Urban University Grounds category. The recognition is for outstanding individual professional accomplishment and excellence in grounds management.

"This award affirms our belief that our very capable and creative Grounds Department provides a truly welcoming environment for

our campus community," commented Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President. "We are proud and grateful to have quality individuals working very diligently in our Grounds Department, and we appreciate their tireless efforts in producing an award-winning and very uplifting atmosphere."

PGMS is a national professional development society for institutional grounds managers for such organizations as universities, municipalities, recreation facilities, housing complexes, cemeteries and theme parks. It promotes well managed landscapes throughout the country by challenging those responsible for the management of grounds to achieve a higher level of excellence.

"The ever-classic tulip greets students and guests as they enter who, once inside, are exposed to a delightful array of flowers and greenery. From meticulously sculpted meditation gardens and reflection pools to fountains, grottos and well-designed courtyards, Lewis has something to offer everyone," commented Erika Williams of PGMS.

Dwight DeVries, Grounds Superintendent, and his 15-person crew cultivate their own greenery in a greenhouse, maintain the campus and continually make enhancements. In the last two years, they have created a formal garden, new practice fields and an inner paver courtyard.

"This award is a real credit to my staff who work behind the scenes year-round to dig holes for brick pavers on hot summer days, plant bulbs on rainy fall days, plow the sidewalks in the midst of winter and plant thousands of fresh seedlings in the spring," commented DeVries.

PGMS distributed eight Grand Awards and 11 Honor Awards to institutions around the nation. Other honorees include Michigan State University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Tech University, San Diego State University, Ocean Edge Condos in Brewster, Mass., Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, Calif., Carroll College Nelson Stadium in Helena, Montana, Riverwalk Landing at Yorktown Waterfront in Yorktown, Va., and Abbott Park in Abbott Park, Ill.



*Mission Officers in attendance included: (Standing) Sr. Diane Kennedy (Dominican University), Lucien Roy (Loyola University Chicago), Rev. Ed Udovic (DePaul University), Sr. Sue Sanders (St. Xavier University), Dr. Alicia Tait (Benedictine University), Sr. Mary Ann Mueninghoff (Dominican University). (Seated) Sr. Sharon Frederick (University of St. Francis), Kurt Schackmuth (Lewis University).*

## Catholic University Mission Officers Meet at Oak Brook Campus

Eight mission officers representing the seven Chicagoland Catholic universities exchanged ideas and plans in an informal meeting on September 17 at Lewis University's Oak Brook Campus. This was the most recent in an occasional series of meetings held by the group. Kurt Schackmuth, Associate Vice President of Mission and Director of First Year Experience, represented Lewis University and organized the meeting.

Topics of discussion included sharing of best practices for orientation, hiring, publications and programs. The group also dialogued on issues of concern, such as maintaining a Catholic presence on campus through the laity since religious vocations have declined in recent years.

## Public Safety Administration Offered Online

The Master of Science degree in Public Safety Administration is now available online. Professionals preparing to manage police, fire, emergency medical and private law enforcement services can access classes at their convenience. The online degree also enables military personnel to earn their master's degrees while serving in any part of the world.

"This is a new venue, but it is exciting to accommodate people trying to advance their careers through these new learning opportunities," commented Dr. Calvin Edwards, Chair of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies. He continued, "It's a degree that teaches administration and leadership of public safety institutions." Courses in the curriculum include fiscal management for public safety administrators, critical thinking and decision-making, ethics, integrity and social responsibility, and labor relations in the public sector.

The new online program in Public Safety Administration is the latest program Lewis University has available on the Internet. Since the mid 1990s, Lewis University has successfully provided online learning opportunities for health professionals seeking their MSN. The programs provide convenience, flexibility, networking opportunities, lessons from practitioners in the field and immediate results in the current workplace.



*(Right to left) Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, enthusiastically presented Dr. Dennis H. Cremin, Director of Lewis University History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest and Assistant Professor of History, with a citation of the Center's charge.*

## History Center Launched

The Lewis University History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest, was officially launched Oct. 30 during a gathering of coordinating committee and advisory board members.

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, enthusiastically presented Dr. Dennis H. Cremin, Director of Lewis University History Center and Assistant Professor of History, with a citation of the Center's charge. He also recognized the hard work of John Lamb, Director of the Canal and Regional History Special Collection and Professor Emeritus.

"We expect this history center to become a nucleus for disciplinary and interdisciplinary academic work at Lewis and for mutually beneficial partnerships with private individuals, non-profit agencies, and state and local organizations in the community," commented Brother James.

The collection is one example of how the history center is expected to "unite academic scholars, students, and the public in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of materials linked to the history of the Upper Midwest as it relates to urban, cultural and Catholic history, with a special focus on the Illinois and Michigan Canal Corridor," commented Dr. Cremin. The center plans to preserve and promote the region's heritage through the collection of historic documents and materials and the promotion of research and activities involving core areas of public history—archives, oral history, historic preservation and museum studies.

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*Urban, Cultural and Catholic History  
of the Upper Midwest*

## Students Create Plans for Lincoln Landing

In preparation for the Lincoln bicentennial birthday celebration, Lewis University students in the History of Illinois course created lesson plans for Lockport's Lincoln Landing, dedicated on Feb. 12.

Dr. Dennis H. Cremin, Assistant Professor of History at Lewis University and Director of the History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest, was the course instructor. He commented, "This was a great opportunity for the students to learn about their state, but also apply their skills. Most of the students were planning on teaching in the future. They had already drafted lesson plans in other courses, so it was a natural to apply their skills to this project."

Cremin added, "The students brought so much energy and creativity to the project, for example, Steven Meyer created a board game for students based on information on the Lincoln Landing. He created PDF files with the hopes that some students might play the game and learn more about Lincoln, the canal, and Lockport."

During the class, the students worked in teams and shared ideas. The students had online access to the interpretive elements that are being installed in the park. They also spent time working with the mock-ups of some elements in class.

Jessica Van Asdlen, a history major noted, "In addition to learning about the state's history, we also became involved in learning about Abraham Lincoln and his connection to the Illinois and Michigan Canal. It was hard work, but it was fun too."

The students in the class were: Brian Clancy, Kellen Clawson, Michelle Cullen, Rachel Stawick, William Denham, Ashley Mucciante, Laura Drews, Anahi Godinez, Matthew Radziwon, Amanda Scherger, Laurie Klasen, Erin McElroy, Ryan Paymaster, Brad Tyzenhaus, Joshua Lindsay, Jonathan Ladniak, Steven Meyer, Sarah Niedospial, Katherine Sisto, Jessica Van Asdlen, and Mark Wolf.



*(From left to right) Matthew Radziwon, Anahi Godinez, Katherine Sisto, Michelle Cullen, Ryan Paymaster, Jessica Van Asdlen and Joshua Lindsay hold medallions from Lockport's Lincoln Landing.*

### Finance Professors Present Papers

In October, Dr. Frank Rose, Assistant Professor of Finance, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Illinois Economics Association held at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The paper, co-authored with Dr. Robert Atra, Professor and Chairperson of the Finance Department, is entitled, "Patterns of Fund Involvement in U.S. Commodity Futures Markets."

Dr. Robert Atra also presented a research paper at a special session of the Financial Management Association in Dallas this past October. The paper entitled, "The Fundamentals of Automated DCF Modeling" was co-authored with Rawley Thomas of LifeCycle Returns, Inc. The research demonstrated how investment firms can develop, evaluate and improve automated processes for identifying under- and overvalued securities.

### Political Science Professors Collaborate on Paper

Dr. Joseph Gaziano, Chair and Professor of Political Science and Dr. Laurette Liesen, Associate Professor of Political Science, as well as Jacquie Lewis of the Saybrook Graduate School and Research Center, had a paper titled "Developing Animal Rights Legislation: A Political Strategy for a Social Movement" published in the Spring 2008 edition of the *Illinois Political Science Review*.

### English Professor Publishes Third Book

Dr. Simone Muench, Assistant Professor of English, had her third book *Orange Crush* accepted by Sarabande Books for publication in 2010. The Sarabande editors said, "We have never read a book like this and we're very happy to publish it. . . You're a terrific poet."

### Music Professor's Work Performed in New York City

The work of Associate Professor of Music, Dr. Mike McFerron, "Henry's Trai(p)(f)(m)", has been performed around the world as part of Vox Novus' "60x60" project. Most recently, it was featured on a concert at the Winter Garden at the World Financial Center and at the Galapagos, both of which are in New York City. For these performances, dancers from "CatScratch Theatre" provided choreography.

### Communication Professor Receives Fellowship Award

Dr. Rey Rosales, Associate Professor of Communications, was named one of 20 national recipients of the 2008 Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (ATAS) Fellowship Award. He and the other faculty fellows traveled to Hollywood and participated in a five-day seminar hosted by the Television Academy (November 10-15, 2008). The seminar involved comprehensive discussions, presentations and interactions with major studios, production companies, and television networks, as well as their top production and programming staff. Faculty fellows visited sets, talked with actors, producers, and other members of the production crew, attended production meetings, learned about the latest digital entertainment and new media innovations and had a firsthand experience of the digital media production process.

### Business Professor Discusses Export Markets and Learning

Dr. Roberto Gamarra, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, presented a paper entitled "Cross-Functional Strategies for Export Development" at the Strategy Symposium at the Midwest Academy of Management Annual Conference, which was held in October in Saint Louis, Mo. The paper explores cross-functional strategies for technological learning through exporting to technologically sophisticated export markets. American exporters can benefit by learning the strategies identified in the study. The paper was published online in December 2008 in the *Proceedings of the Midwest Academy of Management*.

### Social Work Chair Publishes New Articles

Dr. Arthur Horton, Chair and Professor of Social Work and Human Services had two articles recently published: "America, the Economic Powerhouse and How We Got There: A More Plausible Story" in *The Global Studies Journal*, Volume 1, No. 3 and "Domestic Violence: The Untold Story," in *The Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, Volume 18, No. 1, 2008.

### Business Dean Presents Keynote in China

Dr. Rami Khasawneh, Dean of the College of Business, was the keynote speaker at the 2008 International Conference on Technical Barriers to Trade and Standardization at China Jiliang University in Hangzhou and also the 2008 International Forum on Tourism Management at Shandong University in Jinan. His presentation was titled "Sustaining Growth Through Corporate Social Responsibility." He discussed the challenges that are preventing corporations from being more responsible to their society, community and the environment. He also presented a strategic approach for companies that are interested in social responsibility but concerned about additional expenses and long-term impact. He demonstrated through examples how social responsibility helped some companies in sustaining their growth.

### ACA Elects Lewis Faculty to Delegate Assembly

Dr. Calvin Edwards, Associate Professor and Chair, Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies, was elected a member of the Delegate Assembly of the American Correctional Association (ACA) as a representative of Institutions of Higher Learning. An international organization that is the oldest and largest correctional association in the world, the ACA is noted for its professional development opportunities; conferences and exhibits; certification, standards and accreditation; networking and consulting; research, and publications.

### Biology Professors Donate Royalties

Dr. Jerry H. Kavouras, Assistant Professor of Biology, and Dr. James V. Rago, Assistant Professor of Biology, recently received royalties from penning the laboratory manual for nursing microbiology courses. They have donated the royalties to the Biology Department for the benefit of undergraduate research. The funds are helping to pay for materials for research projects.

# Travel Study Programs Expand



*College of Education travelers make the most of a photo opportunity near the highest point in Germany in the Bavarian Alps. The group spent 10 days traveling throughout Austria and Germany in July, 2008.*

## EDUCATION GROUP EXPLORES EUROPE

A mix of undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and associates of the University comprised a group of 18 trip participants to Austria and Germany from the College of Education. “We had an incredible group of students excited about the coursework as much as the trip,” added Dr. Jeanette Mines, Dean of the College, who co-directed the trip with Dr. Barbara Mackey, Chair of the English as a Second Language program.

Chris Majack, an elementary education major, described the experience of learning while abroad. She said, “As part of the travel study experience, we had classes in the back of the bus, in hotel meeting rooms, lounges, or wherever we could find a place to conjure up a discussion.”

The group traveled to several locations and shared intense, lively and thoughtful discussions about the history, culture and connection to today’s world. Basilicas, medieval villages, mountains and royal residences were highlights of daily outings to Innsbruck, Salzburg, Rattenburg, Swarovski, Zugspitze, Neuschwanstein, Chimsee and Munich.

“I had the opportunity to be immersed in a small town for a few days and this really gave me an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the day to day life there and how it differs from my own. I’m not sure I have ever learned so much in such a short period of time,” added Majack.

The most memorable part of the trip for many participants

was the visit to Dachau Concentration Camp. Dr. Mines recalled the intense discussions leading up to the visit as well as afterward. Trip participants had prepared for the experience by reading Elie Wiesel’s book, *Night*. Mines said, “We had a very somber, thoughtful and reflective experience.”

The trip’s journey is expected to continue as the students enter

the classroom as teacher and faculty return to prepare future educators. Majack concluded, “Through this, we were able to take a close look at the ways the European education system and our own developed differently and what impact that has had on each culture. Through this, I have gained some fantastic perspectives that I hope to carry over to my own classroom.”



*Dr. Jeanette Mines*



*Dr. Barbara Mackey*

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS PLANS TRIPS TO CHINA, INDIA

Following up on the successful travel study to Japan in May, the College of Business has announced two new Travel Study trips for 2009: Feb. 28-March 8 a trip to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates is planned, and June 17-30, students and faculty will visit China.

The trips are expected to continue the success of previous trips to Asia, Europe and Latin America as part of the College of Business' Travel Study program. The May 17-27 trip to Japan brought Lewis University students an opportunity to explore international business in practice, to expand their understanding and knowledge of Japan, and to learn more about doing business in one of the world's most sophisticated and highly developed economies.

During the 10-day excursion, 17 Lewis University students and two faculty members learned about Japanese business culture with visits to Merrill Lynch's Japan-based headquarters, the Tokyo Stock

Exchange, and the Osaka Chamber of Commerce. They also learned more about Japanese politics and the role of government in business from a senior representative of the Japanese government, who gave them a rare tour of the Diet (the Japanese parliament).

The group also visited Osaka Chamber of Commerce, which represents Japanese and American businesses in Osaka, Panasonic and the Yamazen Corp, a Japanese trading company, and discussed economic and international business issues with some of its local managers.

"I always had an infatuation with Japan, the Samurai, the culture, people, nature, and the language," said Roy Sanchez, a junior majoring in business administration. He said, "I was able to experience this firsthand as a result of this trip. I feel I was able to gain some critical information that would help me succeed. I learned many things



*Dr. Rami Khasawneh*

about business etiquette, how the Japanese go above and beyond for others, and how important relationships are and how they take time."

Jamie LaFevers, a senior psychology major, stated she cannot wait to return for both business and pleasure. "I'm definitely going back," she said. "I can't wait to see more cities and more sights and learn more Japanese for the next time I go. It was the greatest experience of my life and I'm so grateful for the chance I had to take it."

Wendy Schalmo, a senior international business major,



*Dr. Ian Gladding*

added, "I learned so much more by traveling to Japan and meeting with business leaders, visiting cultural events and historic sites and spending time with the Japanese than I could ever have gleaned from books. There is truly no substitute for the experience of being immersed in another culture."

"Through the College of Business Travel Study program, trips are planned to different parts of the world each year as a way to help prepare students for careers in international business and international relations, and to encourage them to become better informed global citizens," said Dr. Gladding. Japan is the second largest economy in the world and one of America's most important trading partners.

Alumni are welcome. For more information on the upcoming trip to Dubai, please contact Dean Rami Khasawneh via e-mail at [khawsara@lewisu.edu](mailto:khawsara@lewisu.edu) or call (815) 836-5308. For more information on the Travel Study program or the upcoming trip to China, e-mail Dr. Gladding at [gladdia@lewisu.edu](mailto:gladdia@lewisu.edu) or call (815) 836-5221.



*Lewis University students are briefed in May 2008 on Merrill Lynch worldwide operations focusing on their business in Japan at their Headquarters in Tokyo.*

# Gifts & Grants

## Lewis University Receives Grant from Lilly Fellows Network

This fall, Lewis University received a \$12,000 grant from the Lilly Fellows Network, part of the Lilly Fellows Program in the Humanities and the Arts, based at Valparaiso University in Indiana. The grant will fund a new *Mentoring for Mission* program, a joint initiative between the Office of Mission and University Faculty Development. The project, which will be launched during the 2009-2010 academic year, is in keeping with the University's strategic plan, *Vision 2011*, which calls for expansion, support, and development of mission-based formation and development for faculty and staff. In the past five years, 86 full-time faculty members have been hired at the University. The grant-funded project will fulfill a growing need to advance mission-focused orientation and development beyond the traditional new employee workshops and welcoming activities and to direct specific attention to the role of faculty members as Lasallian educators in a Christian community.

The primary focus of the *Mentoring for Mission* Program will be on practical applications of Lewis' Mission to the specific roles performed by each faculty member within the context of Lewis University's Mission value of Association. Approximately 20 new faculty members will be assigned to "mentoring teams" led by senior faculty mentors from across the University. Mentors will conduct one-on-one mentoring sessions, facilitate group discussions, and accompany participants to various program-related events throughout the year. The *Mentoring for Mission* Program will feature a blend of activities, events and newly-designed opportunities that focus on educational instruction in Lasallian history and charism, personal reflection, group discussion, and community-building social activities. The themes of the program include: Christian vocation, Lasallian pedagogy and spirituality, the Catholic intellectual tradition and excellence in teaching.

The *Mentoring for Mission* project will be co-directed by Dr. Susan Sheffer, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Chair of Faculty Development, and Kurt Schackmuth, Associate Vice President of Mission and Director of First Year Experience.

## Aircraft Donated for Teaching Purposes

Dr. Richard Burns of Downers Grove, Ill. recently donated a 1971 six-seater Beech Baron Aircraft to the University for use in flight training and as a teaching tool in the Aviation program. Dr. Burns is a Senior FAA Designated Medical Examiner, as well as a neurologist and long-time aviation enthusiast, and friend to Lewis University. We are grateful for this gift.

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## Rosiak-Maze / Sigma Delta Scholarship

Lewis University gratefully acknowledges gifts from John '79 and Michelle '80 Cassin, Nicholas A. Colletti '79, Mary (Kargol) DeGraw '79, and the late Br. Eugene Lappin, FSC to establish an endowment referred to as The Rosiak-Maze Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship has now merged with the Sigma Delta Scholarship in an effort to encourage more gifts from a broader group of Lewis constituents who might be interested in supporting both scholarships. This new endowed scholarship is now referred to as the Rosiak-Maze / Sigma Delta Scholarship. The Scholarship is intended to assist students who will be entering their junior year, renewable in the senior year if qualifying standards are maintained, in addition to the following qualification criteria: a spirit and determination exhibited by involvement in extracurricular activities; a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA; all other criteria being equal, the selection committee will give weighted consideration to a member of the Sigma Delta Fraternity; an application process, including letters of recommendation must be completed by March 1 for consideration for the following academic year.



## Schmitt Foundation Giving Tops One Million Dollars

The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation, one of Lewis University's most generous donors, has given more than \$1 million to fund scholarships during their 25 year relationship of support to the University. This year, ten scholarships were awarded to deserving Schmitt Scholar Lewis students. Five of the scholarships were awarded to doctoral students in education and five scholarships went to undergraduate students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to service and the values of the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation and the Mission of Lewis University.

"A very important element of these scholarships is that the student recipients have been asked to design and carry out a volunteer service project in the community," said Kurt Schackmuth, Associate Vice President of Mission and Director of First Year Experience. "I can think of no better way to foster a sense of giving back and show appreciation for the generosity of the Schmitt Foundation."

On November 10, representatives from the Schmitt Foundation, including Vice President Daniel Mayworm, attended a luncheon to present the Schmitt Scholars award to selected students. This annual gathering bringing together the Schmitt Scholars, University leaders and Foundation representatives provides a time to recognize the Foundation for its years of generous support and its commitment to a more vibrant and authentic future for Lewis University.

"The College of Education is so appreciative of the generosity



*Daniel Mayworm, Vice President of the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation, presents a Schmitt Scholar Award to Lewis student Graciela Renovato at the November 10 luncheon.*

of the Schmitt Foundation for the scholarships for our doctoral students. This funding will help ensure worthy doctoral students can continue their studies and their commitment to working for social justice for all in our schools," said Dr. Jeanette M. Mines, Dean of the College of Education.

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## Other Scholarship Gifts

Wight and Company, a partner in planning, development and construction on the Lewis University campus master plan, made a donation of \$25,000 as the premier sponsor for the 2008 *Signum Fidei* Celebration. Thanks to Wight for their partnership and leadership gift to this important event which raised nearly \$130,000 in scholarship funds for students.

The Lavin Family Foundation has made a generous gift to the Langert Family and Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is named in honor of Andrew Langert, 1973 alumnus and member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees, his wife Candice Langert and their family, and is also a tribute to the leadership of Brother James. The scholarship is designed to assist students who are in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class, reside in the Chicagoland area, and who are first generation college students who have demonstrated active leadership involvement at their high school level, either in or out of the classroom.

The First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. has provided a \$75,000 contribution to the Cheryl and John O'Meara Endowed Scholarship and other scholarships to assist well qualified students in need.

## FOREVER LEWIS

### Your Bequest and Lewis University

A time-honored method of supporting Lewis University is through a bequest. In its simplest form, your will provides that Lewis is to receive a specified sum of money, a specific piece of property, or a stated percentage of your estate.

Whatever the form of your bequest, you may want to state exactly how your bequest is to be used. A gift of \$25,000 or more can be used to establish an endowed scholarship in your name or a loved one's. Your gift can also be directed to support a specific program.

Your bequest may have an equally important practical side: to benefit Lewis and still provide full financial security for your family. You can actually increase the income available for your family's security by making a deferred bequest to Lewis through the use of appropriate gift planning vehicles.

Please let us know if you are planning to, or have included Lewis in your estate plans. This will allow us to recognize your generosity while you are living, and list you as a member of the Harold E. White Legacy Society. Knowledge of bequests also helps Lewis to plan for its future and enables us to record your wishes so that your gift is used accordingly.

Contact Len Bertolini, Senior Development Officer for Major and Planned Gifts at (815) 836-5267 or at [bertolle@lewisu.edu](mailto:bertolle@lewisu.edu) for notification purposes, or if you have any questions regarding how to include Lewis in your estate plans.

## Lewis Announces 2009 Inductees Into Athletics Hall of Fame

Esteemed local journalist Don Ladas (baseball, basketball) and Amy Stenholt (women's soccer) were both inducted into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame at halftime of the Flyers' men's basketball game against Saint Joseph's on February 14th.

The 1966 Lewis baseball team which placed second in the nation, has been inducted into the 'Ring of Honor'. This Flyers' squad was coached by local legend Gordie Gillespie.

All were inducted at halftime of the Lewis/Saint Joseph's men's basketball game on February 14th.

Ladas was recognized for his meritorious service to the Lewis Athletics Program as he has followed the Flyers for over 50 years both as a radio broadcaster for WJOL-AM and a writer for the *Joliet Herald News*. He is regarded as the Historian of Sports in the Joliet area and the dean of reporters in the industry.

Stenholt competed for the Lewis women's soccer team from 1987-90 averaged 1.62 goals and 3.56 points-per-game in her career which is the best in the Flyer record books. Overall, Stenholt is third in school history for career points (121), goals scored (55) and fourth overall with 0.32 assists-per-game.

The 1966 baseball team, led by NAIA First Team All-American Bob Miller and Second Team All-American John Lucenta, finished second overall in the nation and had a record of 34-6 (.850). That winning percentage of .850 still stands as the best in school history.

## Men's Soccer Advances To 'Sweet 16' of NCAA Tournament

It was a season to remember for the Lewis men's soccer team as the Flyers advanced to the 'Sweet 16' of the NCAA Tournament on their way to finishing 14-1-4 on the campaign, good for 12th in the nation. That finish was the highest by a Lewis squad since the 2001 Flyers placed 10th in the country.

Lewis senior midfielder Cory Mastey ended his career in style, as the Tinley Park, Illinois native was named to the NSCAA All-America First Team after scoring 10 goals and 24 points for the Flyers in 2008.



## Women's Volleyball Wins Third-Straight GLVC Championship

The 2008 Lewis women's volleyball team showed that winning a third straight Great Lakes Valley Conference championship is great, but doing so on your home court with all your family and friends cheering is even better. The Flyers finished the regular season at the top of the conference to earn the right to host the GLVC Tournament. Thanks to three rowdy GLVC Tournament crowds the Flyers not only won the GLVC title, they also finished the regular season a perfect 19-0 at home.

Simply by the numbers, the 2008 season was impressive. The Flyers set a new school record by winning 21 straight GLVC matches, a streak that started in 2007. Lewis finished with a 31-8 mark, winning 30 matches in back-to-back seasons for the first time in 20 years.

Individual honors followed the team's success as two Flyers were honored with all-region accolades. Junior middle hitter Sara deBuhr was named All-Midwest Region team by the American Volleyball Coaches Association and junior outside hitter.

Mastey was also named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference and both NSCAA and Daktronics All-Midwest Region First Team honors, while being named to the 2008 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-American Honorable Mention Team.

Flyers' netminder Anthony Szymel proved to be the best in the nation, as the Naperville native stoned 88.5% of the shots that he faced in 2008. For his efforts, Szymel earned Daktronics and NSCAA All-Midwest Region and All-GLVC Second team honors.

## Lewis Women's Soccer Surges in Koenig's Second Season

The Lewis women's soccer program continued to take steps forward during the 2008 campaign as the Flyers won four Great Lakes Valley Conference games for the second straight season, a feat previously

accomplished in 1997 and notching six overall victories for the second straight season, accomplished last in 2000.

The Flyers have improved dramatically during head coach Chris Koenig's first two seasons. In 2006 the Flyers allowed 376 shots and 56 goals. In 2008 Koenig's squad allowed only 186 shots and 23 goals, a 62 and 41 percent improvement, respectively.

The season was also highlighted by the success of sophomore goaltender Megan George. She recorded three total shutouts, helping the Flyers to victories over GLVC Tournament qualifiers Bellarmine and Missouri-St. Louis.

Junior Amy Foran led the Flyers in points (10) in 2008 and will return for a senior season in 2009. It will be a season the Flyers try to cap with a trip to the GLVC Tournament for the first time since 1997.

## Women's Cross Country Races To Impressive 2008 Campaign

As the only senior on the Lewis women's cross country squad, Becky Herbert had to lead by example.

Flyer sophomore Kathryn Hague not only followed Herbert's example, she ran with it, on her way to five top-10 finishes and three top-three finishes during the 2008 campaign.

For the season, Hague and Herbert both were named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference team, combined for eight top-ten finishes, and both finished in the top-20 at the NCAA Midwest Regional to close out the year.

Hague opened the campaign with a runner-up finish of 15:05 at the Elmhurst College Earlybird Invitational, while Herbert placed ninth overall (15:32). Two weeks later, Hague captured the Bradley University Open title with a winning time of 19:07, while Herbert was close behind with a fourth-place time of 19:32.

Following her performance in Peoria, Hague was named the GLVC Women's Runner of the Week.

Hague would continue her success the following week, placing fourth out of 97 runners, crossing the finish line in 18:49.65 at the Ferris State Bulldog Invitational.

Herbert was not to be outdone, as the Tinley Park, Ill., native earned a 25th-place finish of 23:50 at the highly prestigious Roy Griak Invitational in Minnesota. For her efforts, Herbert was named the GLVC Women's Runner of the Week.

Both Hague and Herbert proved they belonged with the best runners that the GLVC had to offer, as both placed in the top-10 to be named to the All-GLVC Cross Country team. Hague finished third overall (21:54.54), while Herbert earned an 8th-place mark of 22:29.43.

## Men's Cross Country Turns in a Pair of Second Place Finishes

The Lewis men's cross country squad set the tone early in the 2008 campaign, as the Flyers earned a pair of second-place finishes at both the Elmhurst College Early Bird Invitational and Bradley Open.

Sophomore Andy Lepkowski played a key role in Lewis' runner-up finish at the Elmhurst Early Bird Invite, with a second-place finish of his own, crossing the tape in

19:21. Lepkowski would later go on to win the Ferris State Bulldog invitational with a 1st-place time of 25:49.08. For each of those efforts, Lepkowski was named the GLVC Men's Runner of the Week.

## Swimming Going the Distance

The performance of sophomore Kevin Coates highlighted the 2008-09 Lewis swimming season. Coates started the season with a bang, finishing in seventh place with an NCAA 'A' time of 15:56.50 in the 1650 yard freestyle at the USA Swimming Minnesota Grand Prix. His dominance continued throughout the season, winning several races, including setting a Lewis pool record (9:45.49) in a 1000-yard freestyle victory against Ashland.

Coates, however, isn't the only Flyer to hit NCAA marks during the 2008-09 season. Junior Adam Olszeski swam several NCAA 'B' times in the 100 and 200 yard backstroke while classmate Jason Ament notched NCAA 'B' performances in the 500 yard freestyle.

On the women's side, sophomore Allie Henges set a new school record (2:10.45) in the 200 butterfly at the Grand Prix and set a pool record in the 200 butterfly (2:11.59) against Ashland.

## Turpel Making a Name For Herself

Sophomore Jenny Turpel is quickly making a name for herself not only at Lewis University, but also in the Great Lakes Valley Conference as she leads the Flyers in scoring in just her second season.

Her impressive totals are only a continuation of the promise she showed last year when she averaged 11.2 points per game as a freshman.

"The experience of one season has really helped," Turpel said. "I found out what it was like last year and have been able to step it up from there."

The increase in scoring has brought increased attention, in the form of double and triple teams from opposing squads.

"When I'm doubled, someone else is open," Turpel said. "The coaches let me

## Genova Sets School-Record For Three-Pointers

Lewis University senior men's basketball player Jason Genova became Lewis' all-time leading three-point shooter against Olivet Nazarene on December 18th, as he passed the previous school-record of 188, set by Rich Aigner from 1990-94.

While Aigner set the record in four seasons, Genova accomplished the feat in just three seasons after transferring from Saint Xavier following his freshman year.

"It's a nice accomplishment," Genova said of his three-point record. "To do it three years is nice because of the way that other teams in the conference guard me. I

owe a lot of that to my teammates getting me open looks, because that's the main thing with a three-point shooter. You're only as good as your teammates around you."

Now with over 200 career trifectas, Genova always knew that he had the ability to shoot from long range, but had to bring other aspects of his game to the table.

"When I first came here, I was more of a spot-up shooter and I had to learn to develop my game more," Genova said. "Teams can take away the shooter sometimes, so the ball was in my court to develop other parts of my game."

"When I first got to college, I pretty much knew right away that I was going to have to do more than shoot, otherwise I'd just be a role player."

Rapidly approaching Lewis' top-10 list for all-time scoring leaders, Genova has embraced a role and will certainly be a key factor in the Flyers' bid for a second-straight berth in the NCAA Tournament.



know where the double team is coming from and how best to deal with it. But I'm still getting used to it."

Turpel has had some of her best games against the best in the nation. She scored 23 points and grabbed 14 points against defending GLVC Champion Drury. The forward tallied 27 and 18 respectively against nationally ranked Tusculum and Quincy.

"It's a great feeling to play well but I don't look at the stats," Turpel said. "I just worry about the team and let the numbers fall where they may."

### Flyer Baseball Set To Take Off

The Lewis University baseball team finished the 2008 season with the most overall victories (18) and conference (11) wins since 2002. Now the task for the 2009



### Softball Picked To Win Great Lakes Valley Conference Title

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced that Lewis has been selected as the favorite to win the GLVC softball title in the annual preseason poll conducted by conference coaches.

The Flyers collected 142 overall points and 10 out of a possible 13 votes from opposing coaches. Indianapolis followed close behind with 133 points and three first-place votes.

Flyers head coach George DiMatteo returns the services of All-GLVC and All-Region selections Kelly Dianis (pictured above) and Courtney Lyons.

squad is to keep moving forward despite graduating 10 seniors last year.

The Flyers welcome nine freshmen and five junior transfers; meaning competition will be tight at many positions. The Flyers, however, are fortunate to return experience at several key positions.

Sophomore second baseman Mike Vucsko had an impressive first season at Lewis in 2008, batting .341 – which was second on the team, and stole 22 bases.

Senior catcher Chris McCall will be the Flyers' big bat. Last season he batted .293, knocked in 22 runs and slammed four home runs.

Junior Ryan McManaman returns to center field. He's started 96 games in two seasons and helps give the Flyers solid defense up the middle.

Senior Ryan Reynolds started 14 games at first last year and another seven at designated hitter. He batted .319, third on the team, and knocked in 12 runs.

The team's most experienced returning pitcher is Chris Brigham. He led the Flyers in appearances with 17, often entering the game in tight situations.

### Year of Experience Should Benefit Lewis Women's Track and Field Squad

In 2008, the Lewis University women's track and field team was comprised of mainly freshmen and sophomores and managed to claim 2nd in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor Championships and 3rd in the Outdoor Championships, led by national qualifiers Ashley Butler and Christine Kustra.

Butler and Kustra, now juniors, along with a solid crop of underclassmen, should provide a solid base for the Flyers to have a successful 2009 campaign.

Butler was a provisional qualifier in the indoor and outdoor long jump as well as the indoor 55-meter dash, while Kustra qualified in the heptathlon. Kustra is one of the more well-rounded athletes on the team as is one of the top jumpers as well as the best hurdler.

Sophomore Kathryn Hague, who was Lewis' top cross country runner this past fall, will help guide the incoming freshmen through the longer races they will endure at the collegiate level.

With SIU-Edwardsville making the move to Division I athletics, Lewis now has the opportunity to pick up the extra points that the Cougars left on the table.

### Men's Track Mixes Old With the New

The old saying is 'You can't teach an old dog new tricks.'

But you can certainly teach new dogs, old tricks.

In the case of the Lewis University men's track and field squad, the Flyers have a healthy dose of veterans that can lead the path for the newcomers towards a successful 2009 campaign.

Paving the way for the men's squad will be throwing specialists Scott Barnas and Dan Probst. Barnas, a junior, was a provisional qualifier in the indoor and outdoor shot put, while Probst, a senior, earned national qualifying marks in both the indoor weight throw and outdoor discus.

Other returning national qualifiers for the men include Randy Hinton, Chris Leibrand and Andy Lepkowski. Hinton and Leibrand both qualified as members of the 4x400 relay, while Lepkowski qualified in the indoor mile.

Lewis senior Jeff Zoellick should provide the Flyers with some clout in the newly formed Multi-Events, as the Schaumburg, Ill. native placed third in the GLVC decathlon last spring.

Zoellick, who hit a mark of 14'7 1/4" in the pole vault at the 2008 GLVC Outdoor Championships, will be joined by senior Chance Eiker and Matt Schultz in the event.

### Youth Movement Paves Way For Men's Tennis Team

The talent that comprises the 2009 Lewis University men's tennis team cannot be questioned.

The matter of bringing all that talent together at the same time will be the key to the season according to head coach Brett Bridel in his second full season with the Flyers.

Bridel leads a squad of ten student-athletes that features just two upperclassmen, while the other eight are competing at the Division II level for the first time in their careers.

Bridel is especially excited about the arrival of freshman Uno Lapimaa and sophomore Tonis Irdoja. Both turned in impressive performances in their fall debuts in 2008 as Lapimaa finished the autumn season ranked 8th in the Midwest Region.

## Women's Tennis Looks For Improvement In 2009

The Lewis women's tennis team went through some growing pains during the 2007-08 academic year.

The Flyers have drawn on last year's experience as positive, and combined with an impressive recruiting class, believe that the 2009 spring campaign could be a breakout season, according to second-year head coach Brett Bridel.

Bridel's upperclassmen include graduate student Melanie Sandberg, along with seniors Jordan Lynde, Agata Wojciechowska, and Michelle Wright.

Sandberg should move up to No. 1 singles, after competing at No. 2 singles in 2008. She battled injuries this past fall, but was able to pick up a 4-6, 6-0, 14-12 win over two-time ITA Central Region champion Marina Bugaenco.

Wojciechowska, Bridel's first recruit at Lewis, should pair up with Sandberg at No. 1 doubles and see action at No. 2 singles this spring. Lynde and Wright each saw time on the court last season and should provide valuable experience to the rest of their teammates.

Sophomore Clare Kessler competed primarily at No. 4 singles and No. 3 doubles in her rookie campaign last year. She along with freshman Maggie Novack will play a key role for Lewis this season, according to Bridel.

Bridel is looking forward to seeing freshmen Bayley Brown and Katie Hargrove in action. He believes that each can find a starting spot in the Flyer line-up.

## Men's Golf Tees Off Spring Campaign

Head men's golf coach Dennis Troy believes consistency is going to be the key to another top five finish in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in 2009.

Despite a slow finish the Flyers had all four returnees improve their stroke average by an average of 3.4 strokes from the previous season.

The Flyers feature only one senior, Greg Roderique from Aurora, Ill. Roderique had the lowest round of any Flyer during the fall semester, shooting a 68 at the NKU Invitational.

Junior Paul Dagys posted an average 6.1 strokes lower during the fall semester than he did during his freshman year. He had a busy summer, winning the Chicago Slam,



## Men's Volleyball Picked To Win MIVA

As unanimous favorites in the preseason coaches' poll to win the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, the expectations are high for head coach Dan Friend's Flyers as they opened the 2009 campaign ranked 10th in the nation.

Leading the way is senior Billy Sahagian, a 2008 All-MIVA second team selection. Last season, Sahagian finished with 229 kills and 110 blocks.

Sahagian will team up fellow with middle blocker Alex Vigansky to control the net for the Flyers. Last season Vigansky earned All-MIVA honors, ranking second on the team in hitting percentage (.396).

Outside hitter Drew Pickering is the go-to guy with the graduation of Jared Dayton. Pickering is a two-time all-conference performer and is one of the best servers in Lewis history.

Nick Perakes, who is on pace to set the all-time career digs mark, holds down the libero position for the fourth straight season.

Junior Mike Iandolo has grabbed the starting setter position. Last season he earned all-conference honors after averaging 11.86 assists per set.

Junior outside hitter Nathan Klaas is looking to take his game to the next level this year. The graduation of Jared Dayton opens up a spot for Klaas to make his mark at Lewis.

Naperville City Amateur and placing second at the Cook County Amateur.

Sophomore Logan Watts had an impressive freshman campaign, finishing tied for 15th at the GLVC Championship and tied for 24th at the Great Lakes Regional. In the summer he qualified and made the cut for the Indiana Open and the Indiana State Amateur. He carried that momentum to the fall to shoot a team best two 69s.

## Women's Golf Looks To Capitalize On Strong Fall Showing

The Lewis women's golf program's fall semester was filled with victories and individual honors.

All six Flyers finished in the top 20 to help Lewis win the North Central Cardinal Classic by 14 strokes at the Cress Creek Country Club on Sept. 9. Seniors Amy Sachs and Jamie Siedlaczek posted the best

two rounds of the one day tournament, shooting a 79 and 83 respectively.

Siedlaczek added an eighth-place finish of 153 (74-79) to help the Flyers to a third-place finish at the 13-school Triton and Bear Invitational on Oct. 6-7. Her 74 was the best round from a Flyer during the fall semester.

The Flyers will play eight tournaments during the spring semester, hitting warm locals like San Marcos, Calif. and Myrtle Beach, Fla. Local fans can head out to nearby Prairie Bluff in Lockport, Ill. on April 19-20 as the Flyers host some the Aviator Classic. The annual tournament features some of the best women's golf teams in the region. It's the final event before the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship on April 25 and 26 at Kokopelli Golf Club in Marion, Ill.

## College of Education Alumnus Honored

The College of Education honored alumnus James Driscoll '79 during a recognition ceremony for students on December 3. Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, and Dr. Jeanette Mines, Dean of the College of Education, presented the *Educationis Lumen* Award to James Driscoll, Chair of the Social Studies Department at Lemont High School. Driscoll has been a leader in the field of education for 30 years. The award recognized his outstanding dedication to the teaching profession and for his commitment to the finest Christian ideals of education. Driscoll is the first individual to receive the award since 1996.

Driscoll has served as an instructor for thousands of students in his career and is recognized by his peers for his excellence in the classroom. A strong voice for progressive education, Driscoll was at the forefront in developing the vision for and facilitating the implementation of the

Professional Learning Communities concept at Lemont High School. More than a decade ago, Driscoll led the initiative, as Committee Chair, to establish block scheduling, a practice that is now widely used throughout the country.



*Br. James Gaffney, FSC, Lewis University President and Dr. Jeanette Mines, Dean of the College of Education, present the Educationis Lumen Award to James Driscoll, Chair of the Social Studies Department at Lemont High School.*

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## Alumni Gatherings

Lewis alumni and friends have been quite busy the past few months attending sporting events, family gatherings and networking with other alumni. Join the fun by checking out the alumni events calendar at [www.alumni.lewisu.edu](http://www.alumni.lewisu.edu).

### Cubs Game/Reception (Milwaukee): 7/30/08



*Denise Widup '81 (Mathematics), Rose Palmersheim '83 (Nursing) and David Palmersheim.*



*Robert '68 (Accounting) and Marty Marra at the pre-game alumni reception.*

### DePaul Basketball Game/Reception: 11/7/08



*Brian Bishop '02 (Business Administration) and Tammy Eich enjoy the alumni reception before the Lewis vs. DePaul men's basketball game.*

### Chicago White Sox/Reception: 8/6/08



*Barbara (Porazinski) '74 (Speech) and Steven Eberhard, Bruce and Linda Tuntland, Keith White '77 (Speech).*



*Lewis alumni enjoy the fun at U.S. Cellular Field.*



*Tim Pajak '00 (Print Journalism) and Beth Brown enjoy the game.*



*Young alumni and friends gathered at a post game reception at McGee's Tavern.*

## Homecoming 2008



*Clockwise, from top left:*

- Reverend Daniel Torson blesses the Heritage Circle Bricks.
- Bob Pluth '76 (Accounting) performs with his band "The Buzz" at the Homecoming Reunion Rally
- Dave Forster '59 (Accounting) at Legendary Flyer Baseball Game
- Golden Flyers (class of '58 and prior) Seated: Michael Kulig, Dr. William Beran, Frances Meyer, Bill O'Donnell. Standing: Herman Barichello, William Kurzawski, Rollie Perruso, Jim McDonough, Jim O'Connell
- Irish O'Reilly (left) and Jason Furmaniak '00 (Business Administration)
- Brent Wadsworth (left), Suellen Cordano (center) and Donald Cordano (right) '56 (Accounting) at the special Heritage Circle Brick Dedication Mass







## Alumni in the News

**John Blaha '72** (Aviation Maintenance Management) was featured in the *Joliet Herald-News* and the *Itasca Press* for his role in being first on the scene of an airplane crash landing on September 18, 2008 at the Bolingbrook Clow International Airport. Blaha is the owner of A & M Maintenance Services, which operates at the airport, and heard the sound of an engine malfunctioning and immediately went to the scene of the crash near the airport and was able to quickly turn off the engine to avoid the possibility of a fire.

**Lisa Holder White '90** (Political Science) an associate judge since 2001, was profiled in the *Herald & Review* on August 28, 2008 for her appointment by the Illinois Supreme Court as a resident circuit judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit. White, is the Circuit's only African American judge and assumed her new post September 29, 2008. She graduated with high honors from Lewis and received her law degree from the University of Illinois in 1993. Prior to her appointment to the bench, White worked nearly two years as an assistant state's attorney and six years as an associate and partner in the firm of Brinkoetter Law Office, as well as an assistant public defender for Macon County.

**Daniel Forsythe '06** (Graduate Public Safety Administration) was featured in the *Lincoln Way Sun* on September 24, 2008 being sworn in as Fire Chief of Manhattan, Ill., and holds the distinction of being the first full-time employee for this 100-year-old volunteer department.

## Family Fun with Lewis Alumni

### Breakfast with Santa Photos



*Gary Altman '94 (Aviation Administration), Shawn Altman and their children Charles and Daniel enjoy Santa (Nick Guiffre '93, Aviation Administration).*



*Alyssa Hancock '07 (Criminal/Social Justice), Charles Tabor, attended '02-'05 (Communication Technology) and Aiden.*

### High School Musical Reception



*John Perona '97 (Graduate Criminal/Social Justice) and family.*



*Edith Harris '08 (MBA) and family.*



*(Pictured left, rear) Herman Walter '94 (Accounting) with friends at the Brewers/Cubs game.*

## Where are they now?

### 1950s



**George Braun** '59 (Business Administration) and his wife **Mary Lynn** (pictured left) live in Bremerton, Wash.

**Russell E. Grundy** '53 (Business Administration and History)

taught and coached for 23 years at Newman Catholic High School in Wausau, Wis. and raised seven children with wife Elaine, now deceased. He says, "We built a log cabin in the North Woods from scratch, cutting our own trees, etc. I've written four books, the last titled *My Days in the Catholic League*."

### 1960s



**Mike McKernan** '66 (Marketing) owns a commercial real estate company in Seattle and is shown here with Lewis University advancement staff member **Tom Kennedy** '62

(English) pictured left.

**Eugene 'Gene' Egizio** '67 (Accounting) retired after 30 years from the Valley View School District. He was the Director of Building Operations and Maintenance.

**Sheldon Latz** '69 (Business Administration) retired after 47 years of service to Will County. His last position was Will County engineer, which he held for 12 years.



**Thomas Rollins** '65 (Accounting and Management) submitted this photo of the 1964 Intramural Basketball team "All American Zoomer". Team members (top

row, left to right): Tom Rollins, Rich Kellner, Ed Kirk, Claude Raclaw. (kneeling): Joe Wright, Ken Raymond.

### 1970s



Many alumni may remember former Lewis staff member pictured left, **Craig Stewart**, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Life from 1969-1976. Craig is now

President of the Apex Foundation in Bellevue, Washington. Craig is shown here with **Tom Kennedy** '62 (English).

**William Bartelt** '70 (Pre-Medical) won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Scenic Design/Set Design/Art Direction. Bill was nominated for a "compilation entry", in which he was judged on a submission of two different productions. The first was a PBS/WTTW "American Song" and the second show was "In the Loop" with I Village, an NBC production, which was a talk/lifestyles show with website interactivity. Bartelt began his professional career as an art director and designer for stage, film and television. Over the years he nurtured his love of watercolor painting and studied with the late master Irving Shapiro, AWS, of the American Academy of Art. He provided MGM with Minnie Driver's watercolor paintings for her film "Return to Me" and his paintings have been seen in a number of other films and found an audience among collectors.



**John Caponera** '79 (Speech, Human Communications, Theatre) of Studio City, Cal., star of the 1994 NBC sitcom "The Good Life," appeared at the Zanies Comedy Night Club at

Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Ill. on Saturday, November 22. About 20 Lewis University alumni and staff were on hand to laugh at Caponera's humor which pokes fun at everyday life. Caponera was featured earlier this year in a series of Chicago area AT&T television commercials with his impression of beloved Chicago sports announcer Harry Caray. Among the alumni who attended his show were **Joe Falese** '78 (Spanish), '84 (Graduate Education), **Kristen Falese** '88 (Criminal/Social Justice), **Kevin Newquist** '78 (Elementary Education), **Jacqueline Newquist** '79 (Nursing) **John McIntire** '78 (Economics), **Patti McIntire** '79 (Social Work), **Bill Hartmann** '78

(Psychology), **Ken Kraft** '78 (Business Administration), **John Tumpane** '77 (Elementary Education), **Eileen Tumpane** '79 (Nursing) and **Tim Ferrarell** '79 (Art). Caponera reconnected with his classmates after the show, when he spent time talking with many of the alumni in attendance.

**John Boles** '70 (Sociology) was inducted into the Unum Portland Sea Dogs Hall of Fame.

**Robert Briski** '77 (Business Administration) has accepted a vice president and personal banker position at First Community Bank of Joliet.

**Garry Bryan** '77 (Liberal Arts) was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court as the DeWitt County's new circuit judge. He will serve in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

**Sheila Dyer** '75 (Speech) directed the production of *The Diviners*, which was hosted by The Drama Club of Joliet Catholic Academy.

**Richard Fonck** '77 (Business Administration) retired after 32 years of service to the Joliet Police Department. He will be taking on a new role as an instructor for the Tri-River Police Training Region.

**Joseph Houts** '78 (Law) has been selected to serve, along with 17 other Missourians, on the Missouri Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

**James Kowske** '71 (Marketing) was appointed President of Laser Cladding Services, Ltd. James will continue in his role as the Vice President of Gremada Industries, Inc.

**Brett Paulson** '77 (Mathematics and Computer Science) was named CEO and a member of the Board of Directors for Avadhi Finance and Technology, Inc.

**Michael Steelman** '78 (Law) was elected Chairman of the Illinois Bankers Association.

**Daniel "Ziggy" Zigulich** '79 (Athletics) was recently hired as the Executive Vice President, Director of Creative Production Services for Draftfcb Chicago. Daniel will be responsible for leading all the broadcast production, print production and studio efforts.

### 1980s

**Edward Baranowski** '82 (Aviation Maintenance Management) was promoted to the position of Managing Director of Maintenance for Air Wisconsin Airlines Corporation.

**Robert Earley** '87 (Business Administration) '94 (MBA) was recently promoted to General Manager of *The Elkhart Truth*.

**Daniel Franklin** '84 (Aviation Maintenance Management) became the Regional Manager, Compliance Services based in Indiana for Integrated Project Services (IPS).

**Barbara (Snyder) Gentile** '88 (MSN) has been named Chief Nursing Officer at Catskill Regional Medical Center.

**Arvid Johnson** '85 (Mathematics) has been appointed as Dean of the Brennan School of Business at Dominican University.

**Lori Paulson** '80 (Business Administration) has been selected to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for The Organization for Safety & Asepsis Procedures.

**Tim Philbin** '82 (English) performed the role of George in Edward Albee's American Classic, *Whose Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* at William Rainey Harper College in Palatine in July. Fellow cast mate Michael Bullaro, who played the part of Nick, felt that if anyone could perform the challenging role of George and do it with style, Philbin could. "Philbin is a terrific actor who has the ability and willingness to say yes to everything happening on stage," said Bullaro. "He has taught me to try anything once."

**Theodore Slowik** '87 (Journalism) is currently the Director of Media Relations for North Central College. Ted left his position as Managing Editor of *The Naperville Sun*.

**Michael Steininger** '81 (Accounting) serves as the new finance director for the town of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

## 1990s

**Robert Camillone** '96 (MBA) was recognized as a UFE Senior Member in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (Jan '08). He will become a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers in Jan '09. He continues to mentor college and college bound students in the area.

**Melissa Del Conte** '93 (Nursing) ran her first half marathon in January 2008 in Miami and is training for another in December.



**August Deuser** '98 (Graduate Educational Administration) will retire from the teaching profession in 2011 after 22 years. **Gindy**

(**Staskiewicz**) **Deuser** '87 his wife, is also a Lewis graduate. Their son, Augie is currently attending Lewis. Their youngest son, Luke, plans on attending Lewis in the future.

**Kay Cannon** '96 (Theatre) received an award from the Writers Guild of America for a show done in collaboration with the writers of NBC's "30 Rock". Kay is married to Saturday Night Live cast member/writer and former 30 Rock cast member, Jason Sudeikis. They have worked together at Boom Chicago in Amsterdam, The Second City in Las Vegas, and perform occasionally together at The Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in New York. In addition to being a writer for "30 Rock", Kay also has had small cameo roles on the series as well. She was thanked by Alec Baldwin at the Golden Globe awards during his acceptance speech for Best Actor in a Comedy Series on January 15, 2007.

**William Hermanson** '98 (Elementary Education) has been appointed as the interim principal at Grand Prairie Elementary School for the 2008-09 school year.

**Shelly Kruse** '95 (Aviation Maintenance Management) was named Vice President, Midwest Retail and Acquisitions for Growmark Inc. She joined in 1983 at Bureau County Service Co. and has served as Iowa regional manager and energy division manager.

**Dawn Leader-Peloso** '93 (Theatre) teaches drama for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

**Tim Nessel** '98 (Radio/TV Broadcasting) performed the role of Tony Kirby in the Joliet Drama Guild production of *You Can't Take It With You*. Since graduating from Lewis, Tim has appeared in or directed such shows as: *My Fair Lady*, *Bleacher Bums*, *Oklahoma*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Annie*. He has performed with Theatre on the Hill in Bolingbrook, Ill. and Acorn Community Theater in Warrenville, Ill.

**Debbie Wanner-Newhouse** '94 (Business Administration) was profiled in *Guerilla Marketing on the Front Lines: 35 World Class Marketing Coaches Reveal Their Inside Secrets To Send Your Profits Soaring*.

**Steve Pozgay** '99 (Theatre and Radio/TV Broadcasting) has been signed by a SAG and AFTRA franchised talent agency, and is featured in a southwestern regional commercial for Sonny's BBQ Restaurant. He is working full-time in the box office at the historic 1908 Arcade Theatre, home to the Florida Reparatory Company in Fort Myers, Fla. Recent performance roles include Victor Fleming in *Moonlight and Magnolias*, Ben in *The Secret Garden*, and Jonathan Brewster in the Naples Players (TNP) production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and he also appeared in a local television commercial for the TNP company.

**John Michael Quinn Jr.** '90 (Theatre) received his M.S. from National-Louis University and is currently employed full-time at the Maine Center in Park Ridge, Ill. He will keep his full-time position while he opens a private practice in Lombard, Ill. In June, he began seeing patients in his private practice as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. He specializes in Substance Abuse and LGBTQ related issues.

**Johnny Russler** '99 (Radio/TV Broadcasting) played with his band, Beach Bum Band, at "The Island" kickoff party for WLRA-FM 88.1.

**Tim Vollmer** '94 (Theatre) assisted **Sheila Dyer** '74 (Speech) in the production of *The Diviners*, which was hosted by The Drama Club of Joliet Catholic Academy.

## 2000s

**Darcee (Schmidt) Baney** '07 (Elementary Education) accepted a position to coach Belvidere's girls basketball team.

**Stephan Bolt** '08 (Sport Management) will be playing professional basketball for SVD 49 Dortmund in Dortmund, Germany.



**Sergio Bueno** '02 (Criminal/ Social Justice) '04 (Graduate Public Safety Administration) currently works for Homeland Security in Texas. While at Lewis, Sergio was very

involved with LASO and student employee of the year. His father, Carlos, is the artist of the Chavez, King and De La Salle portraits on campus.

**Janelle Coats** '05 (Theatre) performed in Chicago's Corn Productions' *Aunt Nancy and Her Stories*.

**Peter Colarelli** '06 (Graduate Organizational Leadership) has accepted a public relations position at Citigo in Romeoville.

**Melissa Culbertson** '07 (English) recently published her poetry and will be appearing in *Flyway: A Literary Review*, *Windows*, *Pebble Lake Review*, *Barn Owl Review*, *Wicked Alice and Blood Pudding Press*. Her first chapbook, *the fire-wife*, was published in August 2008 by dancing girl press.

**Brian Dommer** '07 (Business Administration) was highlighted in the *Joliet Herald News* on July 3, 2008 for graduating basic infantry training. Army Spec. Brian Dommer has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

**Jeffrey Getz** '02 (Athletic Training) has accepted a volleyball coaching position at Miami University.

**Sarah Grady** '06 (Sport Management) currently works as the Events and Entertainment Manager for the Peoria Chiefs.

**Guinevere Grana** '08 (Psychology and Theatre) appeared in the Piper Alley's production of *Tony and Tina's Wedding*.

**Rena Habenschuss** '08 (Social Work and Human Services) has a poem titled "Attention Walgreen Shoppers" that appears in the summer 2008 issue of *blossombones*. Rena's interests include art, writing and photography. Rena's poetry has been published in *Windows Fine Arts Magazine* and *blossombones*.

**Michael Hopkins** '07 (Aviation Administration) graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

**Lydia Kellogg** '00 (Aviation Administration) works as Senior Manager, Public Safety and Security, for Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA). She fosters industry and government partnerships and identifies internal and external politics that impact or could impact the work of airports individually or the industry on the whole regarding airport public safety and security policy, procedures, measures, systems and programs.

**Renee Kozio** '08 (Graduate School Counseling and Guidance) participated in the Chicago Marathon in October 2008. Earlier this year, Renee participated in the Boston Marathon as well.

**Jill Leahy** '01 (Journalism) '03 (MBA) ran the Chicago Half Marathon with her brother **Matt Leahy**, attended 1999-2003 (History), in September 2008.

**Cathleen Lehocky** '08 (Social Work and Human Services) spent two weeks in July volunteering in Sucre, Bolivia.

**Kevin Ludden** '02 (Marketing) '05 (MBA) is a campaign specialist for OfficeMax and is currently working on the cause marketing program "A Day Made Better."

**Lindsay Main** '04 (Print Journalism) is currently employed by Heartland Opportunity Center, a non-profit organization that works with developmentally disabled adults.

**Paul (PJ) Malin** '02 (Music) became new full-time pastor of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in June 2008.

**Michael McGowan** '03 (Graduate Educational Leadership) was hired as supervisor of technical support for Lincoln Elementary District 156.

**Alfonso Montero** '02, (Aviation) recently received an internship with the U.S. in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His main project is to update the Human Rights Report for the country. Alfonso has traveled to over 40 countries, was in the Peace Corps in Paraguay for 27 months and is a graduate student at New York University in Global Affairs.

**Christine (Peloguin) Mullin** attended 2003 (Graduate Education) accepted the position of Interim Assistant Principal at Chelsea Intermediate School in Frankfort.

**Jodie Needham** '01 (Graduate Leadership Studies) was promoted to Assistant Dean for Academic Services at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. A 20-year employee, Needham has worked in that department as recorder, assistant registrar and director of academic services.

**Toni Roth** '04 (Computer Graphic Design) became self-employed in January 2008, as Streamline LLC.

**Jennifer Scudero** '06 (Graduate School Counseling & Guidance) has been a counselor at Washington Elementary School in Sterling for the past three years.

**Susan Slaviero** '07 (English) published a poem "The wife of swords inventories buried items" in the new issue of *Blood Orange Review*. Recently she was the featured poet at the Guild of Outsider Writers. Her work has appeared in *Fourteen Hills*, *Wicked Alice*, *Arsenic Lobster*, *Thieves Jargon*, *YELLOW MAMA*, *Zygote in My Coffee*. Her first chapbook, *Apocrypha*, will be published in January 2009 by dancing girl press.

**Jeff Soler** '05 (Criminal/Social Justice and Psychology) named Head Girls Volleyball Coach at Boca Raton High School.

**Phillip Taylor** '03 (Sociology) has been named the new coach of the Morton Girls Basketball Team in Hessville, Ind.

**Kelly Thomason** '04 (Business Administration) has accepted the manager of the Capitola branch for the Bay Federal Credit Union.

**Sherilynn Weston-Bush** '07 (Psychology) currently works for Teen Living Program, a nonprofit organization that provides services to homeless youth ages 13-21 in the Chicagoland area.

**Laura Wisniewski** '07 (Theatre) appeared in the Moraine Valley Community College Theatre Department's production of the musical, *Grease*. She performed the role of Patty Simcox and was a dance captain for the production.



**Mike Clennon** '04 (Aviation Administration) and **Amanda Theis** '03 (English) and **Jacob Theis** '03 (Marketing) live in the Seattle area and are shown here with Lewis University Provost, **Dr. Stephany Schlachter**.

Two Lewis alumni, **Alina Rivas** '07 (Special Education) and **Michelle Hoffman** '08 (Theology) joined the Lasallian volunteers. They join **Denis Block** '07 (Accounting) and **Sophia Cartagena** '07 (Criminal/ Social Justice) who decided to continue working as Lasallian Volunteers for a second year. Lewis is proud to have four of our alumni furthering the Lasallian tradition of service.

## Weddings

**Candice (Guevara) Boehm** '98 (Elementary Education) married David Boehm on May 17, 2008 in Chicago.

**Emily (Kadar) Brzycki** '08 (History) married **Jeremy Brzycki** '06 (Aviation Maintenance Management) on October 3, 2008. The couple met during the PLT production of *The American Clock*, and most recently appeared onstage together in *An Experiment with an Air Pump*.

**Adam Crabb** '05 (Aviation Management) '08 (MBA) won a \$27,000 Dream Wedding from Star 96.7. Adam married his high school sweetheart, Dayna Dixon on October 17, 2008.

**Felix-Albert Desmangles** '95 (Aviation Flight Management) and his wife, Kristen Elaine married on October 20, 2007. They are expecting their first child in December 2008.

**Silvano Gomez** attended 91-93 (Radio/TV Broadcasting) married Jennifer Palasik on October 11, 2008.

**Kelly (Marsik) Grannes** '03 (Theatre) married Bill Grannes on June 7, 2008.



**Angela Gebert '01** (Nursing) will marry Cody George in April 2010, pictured left.

**Rosemarie (Adamaitis) Janousek '03** (Psychology) married Charles Janousek, Jr. in Las Vegas, Nev. on March 25, 2008. Rosemarie is currently working at a financial institution and Charles is a school bus driver for a local company in the community.

**Tracey (Drzal) Miller '04** (Psychology) married **Peter Miller '04** (Aviation Flight Management) on October 4, 2008 at Lewis University in the Sancta Alberta Chapel.

**William Scholtes '07** (Aviation Flight Management) married Ann Goley on July 19, 2008 at the Country Mansion in Dwight, Ill. He is employed at the Minooka Fire Department as a contract firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician. Ann is employed as the Marketing Coordinator for Pontiac Bancorp.

**Joel Stava '78** (Business Administration) and his wife **Debra (Baron) Stava '78** (Elementary Education) celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Anne Michele to Sean Christopher Murray on June 28, 2008.

## Future Flyers



**Lynn (Boravicka) Andrews '97** (Nursing) and her husband **Rich Andrews '96** (Marketing) celebrated the birth of their son Richie Jr. in October 2008. Richie has a

proud big sister Reese, age 2.

**Carolyn Brodnicki '99** (Psychology and Theatre) '02 (Graduate Counseling Psychology) and her partner **Kate Serdar '97** (Nursing) celebrated the birth of their second daughter Elizabeth Rose in August 2008. Elizabeth has a proud big sister Anne, age 4.

**Katherine (Schaefer) Choudhary '03** (History) and her husband **Mujahid 'Mushtaq' Choudhary, '02** (Management Information Systems) '04 (MBA) celebrated the birth of their first child, Anthony Nicholas in December 2008.

**Shannon Egan-Fisher '98** (Criminal/Social Justice and Psychology) and her husband, Joseph celebrated the birth of their son Mychal Ryan (named after Father Mychal, who is a judge of the WTC). Mychal's big sister is Jolie, age 3. Joseph Fisher is a NYPD officer as well as an Emergency Medical Technician with the USAF. Both just returned from their deployment to Tel-Aviv, Israel.

**Kimberly (Spuehler) Hartman '89** (Radio/TV Broadcasting) and husband Kurt celebrated the birth of their daughter, Katrina Ann in July 2008.

**John Havlick '96** (Biology) and his wife, Melodie adopted their son, Andrew Joseph born in July 2008.

**Ryan Hill '00** (Aviation Flight Management) and his wife, Kristine celebrated the birth of daughter, Natalie Renee in August 2008. Natalie was welcomed home by big brother Hayden Andrew, age 1.

**Jacob "Jay" Johnson '98** (Computer Science) '07 (Graduate Information Security) and his wife, April (Sass) celebrated the birth of their first baby, Andrew Thomas in July 2008.

**Kristine (Szaradowski) Kwiatkowski '00** (Elementary Education) and husband **Matt Kwiatkowski, '00** (Aviation Maintenance Management) '06 (Graduate Information Security) celebrated the birth of their son, Lukas Alexander in May 2008.

**Pam (Williamson) McInnis '95** (Criminal/Social Justice) and husband Kevin celebrated the birth of their second child, Kaylee Elizabeth in May 2008. Kaylee joins her big brother Hunter, age 3.

**Panchakumar Nadarajah '02** (Aviation Maintenance Management) and his wife, Rukshana celebrated the birth of their son, Ahil in August 2008.

**Juline (Coats) Schumacher '01** (Graduate School Counseling and Guidance) and husband Matt had a baby boy, Grant Matthew in August 2008. Grant has a big sister Savannah, age 4, and big brother Parker, age 2.

**Phillip Schumaker '02** (History) and wife Nikki celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Abigail Teresa in October 2008. Abigail joins big sister Nora, age 2.

## In Memoriam

**Howard Adelmann.** Long-time Lewis University benefactor, Howard "Bunny" Adelmann, passed away on October 22, 2008. He was a recipient of the De La Salle Award in 1995. Bunny was extremely active in the Lockport and Will County communities for many years. He was a leader in efforts to preserve historic buildings and open areas in the region.

His son, Jerry Adelmann, has been the Chair of the Canal and Regional History Special Collection Advisory Board for many years. Jerry received an Honorary Doctoral Degree from Lewis in 1986, and also received the De La Salle Award in 1998. He is also a former member of the Council of Regents.

**Nicholas Bonacci, Sr. '54** (Philosophy) October 28, 2008. Nicholas was a professor and Chairman of the Aviation Department of Lewis University until his retirement in 1991. He served as a deacon at Cathedral of St. Raymond from 2001 until his death.

**John Arnold '39** (Pre-Veterinary) Nov. 2007.

**Michelle (Malyszek) Chlebek '00** (Graduate Education) July 9, 2008.

**David Drinane '75** (Business Administration) May 20, 2008.

**Thomas Patrick Fitzsimons '76** (Liberal Arts) November 16, 2008.

**Frederick J. Leonard '76** (Criminal/Social Justice) June 24, 2008.

**Carlos Martinez '05** (Graduate Criminal/Social Justice) October 17, 2008.

**John O'Meara,** age 62, Chairman and CEO of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. and longtime friend to Lewis University, died September 13, 2008.

**Michael Riley '72** (Accounting) Oct. 8, 2008.

**John Titre '63** (Theatre) October 19, 2008.

**Edward Walls '90** (Business Administration) July 19, 2008.

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- Government
- Accounting
- Finance
- Engineering
- Information Technology
- Sales

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2. Utilize sites like lewisjobnet.net and LinkedIn to connect to people who are hiring or know of others hiring.
3. Be prepared to discuss examples of how you have and will add value to an organization. Your past accomplishments may indicate your potential for future achievements.
4. Polish your branding tools such as your resumé, cover letters, and your ability to communicate your strengths.
5. Remain realistic and optimistic. A positive attitude toward your search and the economic times will help you push forward with determination.



### What's new

in your life that you would like to share with your fellow alumni? It may not seem like news to you, but your former classmates at Lewis would like to hear about you. Take a little time to let us know – we'll see that your news gets into the Class Notes section of *The Magazine of Lewis University* as space permits. Photos are welcome, but due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee publication. **Please fill in the information below, or logon to [www.alumni.lewisu.edu](http://www.alumni.lewisu.edu) and submit your class notes online.**

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# HOLLYWOOD ARMS

APRIL 17-19, 23-26  
Philip Lynch Theatre

Carol Burnett co-wrote the play with her late daughter, Carrie Hamilton, based on Burnett’s 1986 memoir, “One More Time.” Set in California in 1941 and 1951, *Hollywood Arms*, is the funny and moving story of three generations of women living on welfare in a one-room apartment, one block north of Hollywood Boulevard.

The cast of characters includes a tough, funny, yet tender pill-popping grandmother; a beautiful, wide-eyed and distant mother who is struggling to be a writer, only to drown her ambitions in a bottle; a loving but absent and alcoholic father; and a young girl whose only escape is up on the roof of their rundown apartment house where she creates her own magical world at the foot of the Hollywood Hills. It is a story about shattered hopes and realized dreams. Ticket Prices: Adult (\$10), Senior/student (\$9)

April 17-18	8 PM	April 23-24	8 PM
April 19	2:30 PM	April 25	4 PM, 8 PM
		April 26	2:30 PM

# ARTS & IDEAS

25 YEARS AT LEWIS  
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*Arts&Ideas is a program at Lewis University that presents unique cultural, artistic, and entertainment events on campus. Founded in 1984 by Br. Paul French, FSC, and Chet Kondratowicz, Arts&Ideas has grown immensely from offering only a handful of events at its beginning to currently over 100 events each semester. Faculty from virtually every department at Lewis University have participated in presenting programs. Please contact artsandideas@lewisu.edu for further information.*

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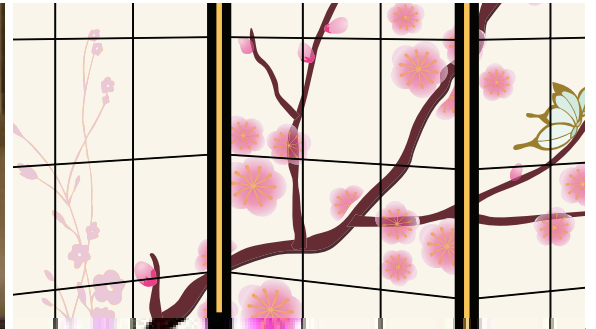
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## ***Signum Fidei* Celebration**

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

The 2009 *Signum Fidei* Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. Join us for a wonderful evening with other friends of Lewis to raise scholarship funds for deserving students and to honor the 2009 *Signum Fidei* Award recipient William Rybak '73 (Accounting). Rybak is currently Chair of the Lewis University Board of Trustees, and retired Executive Vice President and CFO of Van Kampen Investments. Lewis University will be celebrating Rybak's 25 years of service to the Board at the *Signum Fidei* Celebration. For more information, please contact Julie Penner at [pennerju@lewisu.edu](mailto:pennerju@lewisu.edu) or (815) 836-5667.



## **Arts Gala**

**Saturday, March 7, 2009**

Featuring an award ceremony, cocktail reception, silent auction, gourmet dinner and entertainment. This year the St. Genesius Award will be presented to the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra. For more information contact Carol Wassberg at (815) 836-5935 or [wassbeca@lewisu.edu](mailto:wassbeca@lewisu.edu).