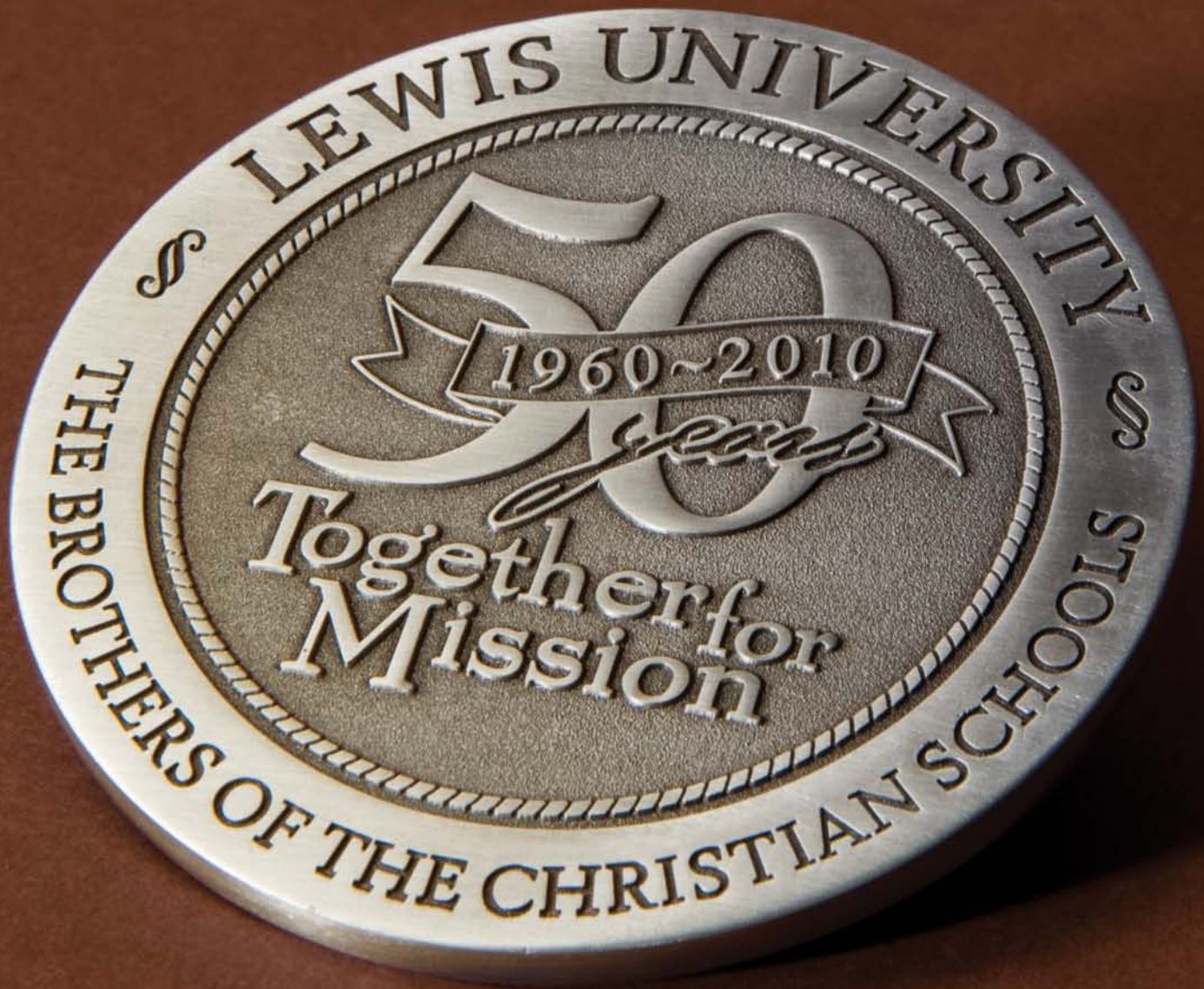


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## Celebrating 50 Years of the De La Salle Christian Brothers AT LEWIS

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

We have just concluded another remarkably successful academic year, some highlights for which are presented in this issue of the *Magazine for Lewis University*. Our major construction project was the extraordinary transformation of the academic building of the College of Nursing and Health Professions. It is so well redesigned, remodeled and expanded that a recent visitor to campus inquired if it is an entirely new facility. Because the College of Nursing has grown so rapidly to the point where we have the largest undergraduate nursing program in Illinois, we have had to cap the enrollment. The major remodeling and expansion project will not only allow for the gradual growth in the number of nursing students, but also further enhance the already excellent quality of nursing education by providing state-of-the-art instructional facilities.

Mid-May saw the largest Commencement Exercises in the history of the University. It was a glorious weekend as we conferred graduate and undergraduate degrees on more than 800 students. Our graduates are imbued with the attitudes, insights and values characteristic of a Lewis University education and well-prepared for their careers, graduate school and, for some, volunteer service programs such as the Peace Corps and the Lasallian Volunteer Program. Meanwhile, all indications for next fall's enrollment are encouraging. Lewis increasingly and quite properly is being recognized as a high quality university where one can be engaged in a variety of distinctive learning opportunities.

During 2010 we are also celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Lasallian sponsorship of the University by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. More than 100 Brothers have served here in a variety of ministries and responsibilities during those five decades. Remarkably, one of the first seven Brothers to

be assigned here, Brother Raymond McManaman, FSC, continues teaching theology on a full-time basis. The Brothers have served in numerous roles, with most as teachers, counselors, campus ministers, librarians, administrators and student services staff members. We are blessed to still have 16 Brothers at Lewis. However, the Brothers have suggested "Together for Mission" as the theme of the commemoration, because their focus continues to be on the shared vision and mission embraced by hundreds of dedicated lay women and men here at the University.

This issue of the magazine abounds with numerous other encouraging updates. A number of alumni gatherings have occurred and are captured in photos throughout this publication. Various faculty research projects, scholarly publications and presentations are mentioned, as are student service learning initiatives, student research projects and testimonies to the impact of their education in the light of their career choices. Throughout the year, a variety of individuals are given special recognition by the University, and a few of these are highlighted herein. Finally, there have been many successes in athletics, mock trial team competition, flight team national contests, student volunteer programs and much more.

Also of special interest in this issue is the coverage of a pattern of significant investments in the Mission and academic programs of the University by alumni, corporations and foundations. We are very grateful for all such expressions of confidence in our quality, our dedicated and very capable faculty and the significance of our Mission. This continues to be the case as we focus during the next 12-18 months on seeking major and broad support for the vital project of building a new Science Center to keep up with our rapidly increasing enrollment in the life sciences, physical sciences, Mathematics and computer science. The same can be said of the priority of the expansion of our Fine Arts Center and the securing of endowed funds for scholarships. Thank you for your excitement, generosity and belief in the great meaningfulness of a high quality Lewis University education and our vision for the future.

Sincerely,

Brother James Gaffney, FSC  
President

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# Together for Mission

*Celebrating 50 Years of the  
De La Salle Christian Brothers  
at Lewis University*

*by Kurt Schackmuth '98 & '02  
Associate Vice President for Mission*

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Christian Brothers sponsorship of Lewis University. In celebrating this important milestone, we recall with great pride and satisfaction the humble beginnings of their arrival at what was then known as Lewis College of Science and Technology, as well as the significant growth and transformation that Lewis University has experienced since the arrival of the Brothers five decades ago.

The year 1949 is considered a pivotal moment in the history of Lewis University. It was in this year that the Diocese of Joliet was formed and Lewis College of Science and Technology, which, until this point, had been part of the Archdiocese of Chicago, became part of this new Diocese. This transition was gradual, however. According to sources in the Lewis University archives, "By special dispensation, the 620 acres comprising the college was retained as part of the Chicago Archdiocese for a period of ten years, and the college continued to be operated financially under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Spiritually, it was placed under the Joliet Diocese." During this period, Lewis College was the only lay-administered Catholic college in the United States. This was remarkable – as most Catholic colleges and universities at this time were sponsored by religious congregations.

Ten years later, Most Reverend Martin D. McNamara, D.D., Bishop of Joliet, announced that the De La Salle Christian

Brothers would assume direction of Lewis College of Science and Technology beginning with the 1960-61 school term. The Christian Brothers were very well known in the Chicago area and elsewhere in the country. At the time, they were teaching 8,000 high school boys at six institutions in the Chicago area alone. The Brothers were noted for their outstanding teaching and administrative capabilities and, for years, had been considering starting a college in the Chicago area. The invitation from the Bishop presented a significant opportunity for the Brothers to extend their mission to countless young men in search of a college education in the Chicago area.

Shortly after the announcement was made to the approximately 600 members of the student body of 1960, *The Shield*, Lewis' student-run newspaper declared that, "No immediate plans for changing the curriculum or complexion of the college have been announced except that co-education will be discontinued." At the time, the *Rule*, the guidelines that the Christian Brothers followed, stipulated that the Brothers could only teach male students. *The Shield* article went on to explain that females who were already enrolled at the time the Brothers arrived would be allowed to complete their studies, but that no new female students would be allowed to enroll. Some years later, this restriction in the *Rule* was lifted

to allow women in the classroom and back to Lewis College.

Seven Christian Brothers arrived during the summer of 1960 to prepare for the return of students in the fall. Those seven men were: Br. Henry Ernest Archambeault, FSC, Br. Arthur Bertling, FSC, Br. Justus Philip Lynch, FSC, Br. Luke Raymond McManaman, FSC, Br. Louis de La Salle Seiler, FSC, Br. Lambert Robert Shannon, FSC, and Br. Leander Paul McGinnis, FSC, who served as the first Christian Brother President of the College.

One of those first Brothers to arrive on campus, Brother Raymond McManaman, FSC, who today still teaches a full schedule of courses in the Theology department, reminisced about his first impression of the campus in a 2003 videotaped interview for the Lewis archives, "It was not much of a campus when we got here. There were a lot of trees on campus – very beautiful American elm trees. The existing buildings were hanging together. The classrooms were located in what is now the Oremus Fine Arts Center and an airplane hangar still occupied what is now the theatre. What is now the dining hall was the administration building. The library actually occupied



the old gymnasium, which is now the Student Union.”

The Brothers were heartily welcomed by both the students and the faculty.

The Brothers worked side by side with the talented lay faculty employed at the College prior to their arrival. The Brothers saw their work as a partnership – and together the Brothers and lay faculty implemented a series of campus and curricular improvements that would have lasting impact.

By the end of the first year of operation by the Brothers, the enrollment at Lewis had risen to 700 students. A reflection by the student staff of the Lewis yearbook, *The Beacon*, proclaimed at the end of the 1960-61 academic year: “The administration of the college is now in the capable hands of the Christian Brothers, who are finishing the foundation laid down by the previous administration. In their first year at Lewis, the Brothers have influenced the life of every member of the student body.”

This impact on the students was evidenced by the great respect they had for the Brothers and for their school. Tom Kennedy '62, who studied English at Lewis, from 1958-1962, remembers well the transition that took place when the Christian Brothers first arrived. “In a very short amount of time, we students

felt like we had a lot of class. The Brothers brought to Lewis an added level of credibility. These guys really knew what they were doing.”

*The Beacon* yearbook reflection continued: “The Brothers have already mapped out the future of the College. An extensive building program is underway, which will increase the facilities of the college.” Indeed, the Brothers wasted no time upgrading the campus and enhancing it in numerous ways. During the first several years, they led construction of new classroom facilities, residence halls and other spaces that would directly impact student teaching and learning. In fact, they delayed the construction of a permanent residence for themselves, living instead in cramped quarters for over 30 years so that funds could be invested in residence halls and classroom facilities instead. The dramatic improvements, however, were not restricted to the area of campus facilities.

Peter Seiler, whose uncle was Brother Louis de La Salle Seiler, FSC, (one of those first seven Christian Brothers to arrive on the campus and the first Dean of the College) recalled the important academic role his uncle had at Lewis College during this crucial period of time. “When Brother Louis came to Lewis, he was asked to

review the curriculum that the college was offering. He also had to quickly learn about aeronautics... Brother Louis set out to review all the curricular offerings and to find new ways to improve the program majors to make Lewis a viable and attractive Christian choice for high school graduates.”

### Brother Louis de La Salle Seiler



Perhaps Brother Louis' greatest accomplishment during the early years of the Christian Brothers' leadership was his work to achieve

North Central Association accreditation for Lewis College in 1963. His self-study report was so outstanding that the North Central Association designated it a model for other colleges and universities to emulate. His colleague, Brother Philip Lynch, FSC, quoted from a collection of stories and memories about the Brothers, remembered, “His mind was deep, logical, and imaginative. Not only did he know mathematics and science thoroughly, but he was aware of the best in the humanities. Brother Louis was a liberally educated man, a blessing to his school and to his community.” It was with this same fondness and affection that students remembered many of the Brothers who had an impact on them during their time at Lewis.

### Brother Philip Lynch, FSC



Brother Philip himself was often recalled as a favorite communications professor by students of the early 1960s. Tom Kennedy recalls

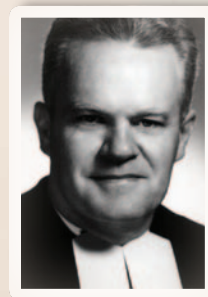
being “mesmerized” by Brother Philip's lectures, specifically on the literary giant James Joyce. “He was one of the most



*Brother James Cantwell, FSC (next page) greets a carload of students as they arrive on campus. Brother James, as Director of Admissions for several years, often told prospective students that Lewis College was only one stoplight from the City of Chicago. He was correct at the time!*

enthusiastic, articulate people I have ever seen in the classroom.” Robert Sullivan, Professor *Emeritus* of Theatre, once said of Brother Philip, “He was...an excellent classical orator and oral interpreter who could quote from the Roman speakers in either Latin or English. He became a model to those in the speech field.” Brother Philip was named the second Dean of the College in 1967 when Brother Louis decided to return to the classroom to pursue his passion - teaching mathematics.

### Brother Leander Paul, FSC



Kennedy also recalls his impression of Brother Leander Paul, FSC, the first Brother President of Lewis College. “He was stern, tall and looked the

part. He epitomized college leadership.” In his crucial role as president, Brother Leander Paul was charged with overseeing the transformation of the college during its first pivotal years under the leadership of the Brothers. Known as “the builder,” Brother Leander Paul focused his efforts on instituting a five-year expansion plan for the campus. During his seven-year term, he oversaw the construction of the John F. Kennedy gymnasium, the Academic/Science building, Fitzpatrick Hall, the remodeling and expansion of dining facilities, and the massive South Campus construction project.

By the time Brother Leander Paul’s term as President came to an end, enrollment stood at approximately 1,600 students. The 1966-1967 annual report of the college, published at the end of Brother Leander Paul’s term, proclaimed, “A ‘college in transition’ is, perhaps the best description of Lewis College in 1967. An extremely significant period of the college’s 37-year history was reached when Brother Paul French, FSC, was inaugurated as the fifth President of the college. Brother Paul French, FSC, is following in the footsteps of a

giant. Brother Leander Paul, FSC, Past President, served with distinction in his seven-year term of office and laid a solid foundation upon which to build a truly great institution.”

Under the leadership of Brother Paul French, FSC, Lewis College continued to prosper. By 1970, enrollment had skyrocketed to over 2,700 students. This massive increase in enrollment necessitated the need for additional faculty and staff, many of whom were Christian Brothers who left an incredible impact on the institution and the students they served. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni recalled some of those great men...

### Brother James Cantwell, FSC

Peter “Bongo” Longo ’73, a Sociology and Education major who attended Lewis College from 1969-1973, still remembers the particular Christian Brother who recruited him to attend Lewis. “Brother James Cantwell came out to LaSalle Academy on the east coast where I attended high school. He was a very effervescent man. In his efforts to encourage me to attend Lewis, he mentioned that the College was only three stoplights from Chicago. He hadn’t misrepresented anything; he just failed to mention that there were 30 miles between Lewis and the city limits!” Brother James’ recruiting techniques were legendary. Many graduates of this era also recall being told by Brother James that a train ran through campus on a regular basis. What he didn’t mention was that the train was not a passenger train, but actually a small series of freight cars filled with gravel from the nearby Material Service facility that quarried property on the other side of the Lewis campus!

### Brother Ambrose Groble, FSC

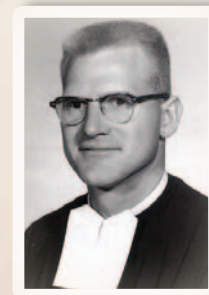


George Black ’68, who attended Lewis College in the late 1960s, remembers most fondly Brother Ambrose Groble, FSC. Brother Ambrose first

came to Lewis College in 1964, after serving several years as President of Saint Mary’s College in Winona, Minn. According to Black, “Like all Christian Brothers, Brother Ambrose was a teacher at heart. He taught rhetoric, among several subjects, and was a master teacher. He always promoted a vigorous discussion in class... and that experience really paid off for me in life.” Black is currently a practicing attorney.

Like many Christian Brothers, Brother Ambrose exhibited talents outside the classroom. Among his hobbies, which included campus landscaping projects, Brother Ambrose also founded the Lewis University Archives. “He was a perfectionist and he pursued details with great energy. He was tailor-made for the job,” recalls Black. Brother Ambrose’s role as the founder of the archives and as archivist from 1982 until June of 1993 is one of the most significant developments in the history of Lewis University. Brother Ambrose, who was later named Director *Emeritus* of the Archives in June of 1993 when he retired, was responsible for collecting, organizing, protecting and making available thousands of photos, historical documents, small collections of memorabilia and many other objects that are housed in the archives are named in his memory.

### Brother Vincent Neil Kieffe, FSC



Brother Vincent Neil Kieffe, FSC arrived at Lewis in August of 1962. While at Lewis, Brother Neil taught in the Aviation

Department, served as the Department’s Chair, and held the position of Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for a brief period of time. Under the leadership of Brother Neil, the Aviation program at Lewis flourished. In addition to his teaching duties and other scholarly work, he also oversaw construction of a new aviation-related classroom building and



*Thanks to Brother Neil Kieffe's very capable leadership, the aviation program flourished during the 1960s (and still does to this day). He was also responsible for overseeing construction of a new aviation-related classroom building and hangar in 1975. In this photo, Brother Neil instructs students in the intricacies of engine instruments.*

hangar facility in 1975. He held various leadership roles outside of the academic arena as well, serving both as Acting Vice President and Acting President of Lewis for a brief time. After leaving Lewis, he served at St. Patrick's High School in Chicago, and since 1991, has served as a faculty member and administrator at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

### Brother David Delahanty, FSC



Many Lewis graduates recall the 1970s and early 1980s as a somewhat tumultuous time in the history of Lewis. There were both periods of

great pride and excitement as well as several challenges and setbacks. On July 1, 1973, Lewis College became Lewis University, reflecting growth in enrollment and a new organizational structure of colleges. In 1974, the Lewis Flyers won the first of three NAIA National Championships in baseball. During that same time period, enrollment at Lewis topped 4,000 students. These landmark events were tempered in the

late 1970s and early 1980s by a sense that Lewis University lacked vision and focus for the future, a feeling that was brought on by two lay presidents who seemed to have lost sight of the Mission of the University.

This low morale among faculty and staff, and the confusion about the future direction of the institution was diminished greatly when Brother David Delahanty, FSC, was named Lewis University President in 1982 at the age of 46. Brother David guided the University through substantial growth during his presidency and is most remembered for effectively establishing and maintaining high faculty morale, for stabilizing finances and for his strong sense of organization.

Joseph Falese, who graduated in 1978 and returned in 1979 as Director of Student Life and Housing, served as the Dean of Student Affairs during Brother David's administration and recalled, "By the late 1970s and 1980s the presence of the Christian Brothers on campus was still very evident, but not in major leadership positions. This institution really lacked a sense of self-confidence prior to the time that Brother David first arrived on campus. I remember him quite well. He

was kind, scholarly, had an engaging personality and was a visionary."

Indeed, the campus that greeted Brother David in the early 1980s was tired and somewhat neglected, enrollment was not what it could be, and the institution's identity as a Christian Brothers University had faded and needed strengthening.

### Brother Eugene Lappin, FSC,



In collaboration with Brother Eugene Lappin, FSC, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Brother David rebuilt the morale of Lewis

University. "Brother David and Brother Eugene were a great team," Falese recalled. "They were seen as a very strong partnership. Brother David was especially student-focused. He was calming, had great confidence and vision for the future of Lewis University and worked very closely with other administrators on campus to restore sound fiscal management. He and Brother Eugene also worked very closely with the faculty."

Dr. Gail Gehrig, a faculty member in the Sociology Department recalled, "When [Brother David] assumed his position, the faculty felt a sense of stability and optimism was restored... He was very honest, respectful and reassuring that he would provide sound leadership for the continuance of Lewis' traditions – not to forge Lewis into something it was not."

Brother David's vision for the future of Lewis University was cut short by his tragic and untimely death from cancer on October 13, 1987. There was an overwhelming sense of grief expressed by faculty, staff and students when Brother David passed away. "People were concerned that our momentum as a fine university would be interrupted," Falese explained. But that didn't happen. In fact, faculty, staff and administrators were encouraged by the increased sense of morale, the renewed sense of mission and the overall atmosphere of trust that Brother David instilled during his brief tenure as President.

Dr. Gehrig, who today serves as the Chair of the Sociology Department also recalled, "...I think [Brother David] was instrumental in Lewis getting back on the path that we are now following...He was a very good man and a valuable presence at a crucial time."

## Thank You Christian Brothers

The 50th Anniversary of the Christian Brothers at Lewis University is a significant celebratory milestone that offers time to reflect and express gratitude for their continued dedication to all aspects of University life. The Christian Brothers have influenced thousands of students through their lives of service, and they continue to do so by their commitment to service, social justice, and education.

An additional and sometimes overlooked aspect of the Christian Brothers dedication is their tradition of continuous philanthropic support of Lewis University students. For 50 years, their generous financial support has directly benefited the entire campus community. The Christian Brothers have generously donated almost \$2 million for important programs and initiatives such as student scholarships and facility improvements which have been essential to the growth of Lewis University. Sincere thanks to the Christian Brothers for their generosity and service that change the lives of students every day.



## Brother James Gaffney, FSC: Celebrating 50 Years as a De La Salle Christian Brother

In fact, Brother David and others laid the ground work for an amazing transformation that would be brought about by Brother James Gaffney, FSC, who was inaugurated as President of Lewis University in October of 1988. The inauguration of



Lewis University's fourth Christian Brother President took place in the heart of the Lewis University campus – Sancta Alberta Chapel. The start of Brother James Gaffney's presidency was seen as a new beginning for Lewis and a historic moment for the De La Salle Christian Brothers here, who, along with the faculty, staff and students, still mourned

the loss of Brother David Delahanty, FSC.

Brother Bernard Rapp, FSC, Professor *Emeritus* of Chemistry and now Lewis University's archivist, recalled Brother David's legacy. "I really felt a great loss... He had done so much as President. He stabilized the finances, restored morale, and, as a faculty member, I felt that Brother David had given me and my colleagues a renewed sense of self-worth. When Brother James was named President, he was able to build upon the work of Brother David – in a sense, he was able to stand upon the shoulders of a giant."

Brother James had long been associated with Lewis, first as Chair of the Board beginning in 1975, and continuing as a member of the Board throughout the 1980s. This wealth of experience and deepened level of understanding provided him with the background and expertise required for his important new role as President. Perhaps the best preparation, however, was what was accomplished by his predecessor. "Brother David restored integrity and dignity to the presidency," recalled Brother James.

James Perrone, an accounting professor who has taught in the College of Business for over 30 years, recalled the renewed sense of optimism that swept the Lewis community when Brother James was inaugurated. "I can't remember more of a consensus of support for any President than when Brother James was named President. We saw him as this young rising star who would bring fresh insight to his work and get us back on track. He immediately went out into the community; he earned the support of the business community and got to really know as many people as possible."



Internally, Brother James led early efforts to significantly improve the financial situation, increase endowment, energize the institutional advancement office, grow academic programs, and physically enhance the campus. Brother Bernard remembered the psychological impact that the appearance of the campus had on visitors prior to Brother James' term as President. "When people came onto the campus, they had a bad impression of the University based upon what they saw outside, but what was going on in the classroom was outstanding."

Brother James recalled the state of the campus in 1988. "There was little evidence of pride in facilities. The facilities and landscaping were worn-out and depleted of resources. Even with a limited budget, the small improvements we undertook made a big difference." The work that began in 1988 never stopped. Alumni and longtime friends of the University alike can't help but notice this amazing physical transformation when visiting the campus today.

In the early 1990s, the President led a multi-year effort to renew the Mission of the University, which was meant to refocus the institution, unify the Lewis community and provide a framework for academics and planning. It was during this project that the faculty and staff of Lewis, along with members of the community and many others came to a better understanding of our heritage and our Catholic and Lasallian identity that served as the basis for all that took place inside and outside of the classroom.

The Mission renewal project helped the University community to understand perhaps more than many other institutions sponsored by the Christian Brothers, that the Mission wasn't only embodied in the Brothers themselves, but was something that everyone had an important role in modeling to students and to the community. The Brothers paved the way, leading by

example and helping students to understand what the Lasallian charism was all about and how to incorporate it into their lives and work. Sharon O'Connell, a 1996 graduate of Lewis' History program and who is now an attorney, put it best when she said, "The Brothers have chosen to live among students, to interact daily with the students, and to teach students – not only in the classroom, but by example. It is the responsibility of each student to take the examples set forth by the Brothers and incorporate the knowledge we gain throughout our Lewis experience and to seek justice in our communities and our world."

In keeping with the Christian Brothers' interest in the development of students intellectually, spiritually, physically and socially, under Brother James' leadership Lewis has become an exemplar of student-centeredness. In his inaugural address 22 years ago, Brother James noted that, "Being involved in the Mission of Lewis University is such a special privilege because of the significance of what is happening to our students while they are with us, and how we can contribute to their growth and holistic development. In God's providence we have a vital mission that is also a source of great satisfaction. We are offering our students something of lasting value during perhaps the most critical years of their lives." Ensuring that students have the best possible educational experience at Lewis, one that is personalized, values-centered, faith-filled and academically rewarding has been one of the President's greatest accomplishments.

Sharon O'Connell recalled, "One of the elements of my experience at Lewis University which continues to amaze me... is the familiarity with which Brother James would greet all students. I have a distinct recollection of shock the first time he said hello to me, by name, during the second week of classes. This experience is shared by countless other students over the years. Over time, we come to accept Brother James' inquiries about classes, family and social events with muted awe. But the fact remains that in that one initial act of calling a new student by name, Brother James welcomes students into the Lewis family, communicates his devotion and commitment to the students and the community and helps each student understand, in a very fundamental way, that a student is never really just a number at Lewis University"

Today, with more than 600 faculty and staff employed at Lewis, almost 20 Christian Brothers serve in a variety of capacities. Some teach and chair academic departments, while others serve in administrative and staff roles. Those who are retired are active among the campus community and all Brothers, regardless of their formal responsibilities, remain a source of inspiration and encouragement to all members of the Lewis community.



*Brother James' commitment to students and their success goes beyond his support for academic development. He is personally involved in seeing that their needs are met on every level. He knows many students by name and is very accessible.*

## Economic Experts Meet on Lewis Campus

More than 250 business leaders and legislative officials drove through a winter storm to hear a forecast of a different kind; the economic forecast for 2010. The Will County Center for Economic Development (CED) and Lewis University hosted the Ninth Annual Will County Economic Forecast Luncheon January 7 at Lewis University on the main campus.

“The consumer will continue to eat, drink, but not party. That will be the 2010 story,” announced speaker Joe Zidle, Head of Global Wealth Management Investment Strategy, and Deputy Director, Banc of America Securities-Merrill Lynch Research Investment Committee, which is responsible for thematic research and Asset Allocation recommendations. Zidle offered the crowd an in-depth analysis of the economic forecast. He discussed the impact of a better job market, credit contraction abating, housing recovery, diversification away from the dollar and the auto crisis.

CED President and CEO John Greuling, who has 35 years of experience in economic development, took a brief moment to reflect on 2009 before looking ahead to 2010. He told the crowd, “I’ve been on many roller coaster rides. This one has been the most severe by all accounts.” He continued his remarks by applauding Lewis University’s contributions to the economy in recent years.

Looking at the global economy, Lewis University alumnus William Lorenz ’89 and ’93, Divisional Director for Merrill



*(Left to right) Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, William Lorenz '89, Divisional Director of the Central/Southeast Division of Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management, Joe Zidle, Head of Global Wealth Management Investment Strategy, and John Greuling, Will County Center for Economic Development President and CEO.*

Lynch, announced to the crowd. “Hopefully, we’re turning the corner, and we managed what we call “The Great Recession.” As the Divisional Director of the Central/Southeast Division of Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management, Lorenz oversees the wealth management business of more than 4,700 advisors in 260 different offices, generating \$3 billion in revenue. Lorenz joined Merrill Lynch in 1991 as a Financial Advisor in the Oak Brook, Ill. office.

## Arbor Day Foundation Names Lewis University a Tree Campus USA University

The Arbor Day Foundation recently honored Lewis University as a 2009 Tree Campus USA University for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship. It was the fourth college or university in Illinois to be named a Tree Campus USA University.

Lewis University is a veritable arboretum with over 60 varieties of deciduous trees on its main campus in Romeoville.

“This designation by the Arbor Day Foundation recognizes Lewis University’s long-time commitment to the environment and our program to continually beautify our campus,” stated Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President. “The late Brother Ambrose Groble, FSC, started an impressive tree care initiative more than 30 years ago; Brother Augustine Kossuth, FSC, continued and enhanced this initiative; and the Lewis community builds on the program even today. An environment that is both beautiful and sustainable creates a wonderful atmosphere for our students, faculty, staff and many campus visitors,” Brother James continued.

“The Tree Campus USA program will have a long-lasting impact at Lewis University as it engages college students and local citizens to plant trees and create healthier communities

for people to enjoy for decades to come,” said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Lewis University will benefit from exceptional tree-care practices on campus as it works with tree-care professionals in the community to improve the tree canopy in Romeoville.”

Tree Campus USA, a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation, honors college and universities and the leaders of the campus and surrounding communities for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship. Tree



Campus USA is supported by a grant from Toyota.

Lewis University met the required five core standards of tree care and community engagement in order to receive Tree Campus USA status. Those standards are establishing a Campus Tree Advisory Committee; evidence of a campus tree-care plan; verification of dedicated annual expenditures on the campus tree-care plan; involvement in an Arbor Day observance; and the institution of a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student body.

## Student-run Newspaper Accepts Three Awards at ICPA Convention

The “student voice of Lewis University,” *The Flyer*, received three awards in February at the Illinois College Press Association Newspaper Convention in Chicago. Awards were received in the categories of sports column writing, in-depth reporting and general excellence.

Alex Gasick, assistant sports editor, received a third place award for his sports column “An open letter to my professors: It’s college basketball season, baby!” Gasick’s column was published in *The Flyer*’s November 16, 2009, issue. The humorous article warned professors that the writer would be distracted for four months because college basketball is too enjoyable to avoid.

Brandon Wall, the fall 2009 editor-in-chief, was presented with a third place award for in-depth reporting for his article “Commercializing conservation: Going green.” The piece consisted

of three parts and was published in the March 27, 2009, issue. Wall’s article explored the business practice of “greenwashing,” the art of spinning products to appear more environmentally friendly than they might really be.

*The Flyer* editorial staff was recognized by the ICPA with a General Excellence award. Adam Olszeski, the Spring 2010 print editor-in-chief, accepted the honorable mention award on behalf of the entire staff.

Kathy Farren, editor of the *Kendall County Record* and ICPA judge, evaluated *The Flyer* for this prestigious award. “*The Flyer* is a real contender in a tough category,” said Farren. In addition, Farren complimented *The Flyer* for its “nice graphics and design.”



## University Ministry Conducts Mission Trip to Philippines

Six Lewis University students and staff traveled to Bacolod City, Philippines, as part of the third University Mission Trip to the Philippines coordinated by the Peace and Social Justice Ministry of the Joliet Diocese from January 1-10. Brother Thomas Dupré, FSC, Chair of Lewis Math/Computer Science; Father Nathan Gohlke, Associate Pastor of the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet; and nurse Shelley Olesiak of Elmhurst served on the pastoral team for the trip with students from Lewis University, Benedictine University, Illinois State University, and North Central College.

Working five eight-hour days, the mission trip participants helped build a small cinderblock house and mixed a lot of concrete for the floors of two other houses, which required a great deal of physical labor. Lewis student Megan Angellotti, who traveled to the Philippines last year as well, compared the two experiences by saying, “This year we worked on multiple



Lewis students form bonds with Filipino children during the 2010 mission trip to Bacolod, Philippines.

houses rather than just focusing on one.” Angellotti added, “My relationships with the people grew (from last year) and it makes me definitely want to go back again next year.”

Working on the Paraiso site in the village of Banago, the group stayed on the campus of the University of St. LaSalle, a Christian Brothers university. The group built two houses in the village through the organization Gawad Kalinga (GK), which means “to give care” in Tagalog. The GK organization is similar to Habitat for Humanity, building houses with volunteers which are then given to poor families that need shelter.

The families must put in 350 hours of “sweat equity” to be considered for getting a house. The houses are simply made, one room 16 x 16 feet with a small bathroom off the back of the house. Most families that need a GK home are living in squatter villages in bamboo or tin huts. These squatter homes are built close together and are usually flooded out during the rainy season.

Brother Thomas said he received friendliness and gratitude from the Filipinos. In addition to their sweat equity, the mission group donated \$1,200 for rice for the residents of the area. Brother Tom also appreciated the opportunity to return to the same place on a mission trip again this year. He said, “I think it’s important to return to the places we were before, so that the commitment is long-term, not just a ‘one time only’ thing.”

Lewis University had donated \$1,600 for building materials on the trip.

Lewis students participating in the trip included: Megan Angellotti, Lauren Szot, Kathryn Wallace, and Lynette Wilson. Brother Tom and Ken Smith, Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Services comprised the Lewis faculty members who traveled to the Philippines.

## Mock Trial Team Wraps Up Successful Year

The Mock Trial Team earned two bids to participate in the American Mock Trial Association National Tournament through their success in the regional tournament, held February 20-21 at the Will County Courthouse in Joliet. Lewis teams took both fourth and eighth places in the tournament. The regional competition brought together 24 teams from 17 colleges and universities.

Six students earned individual awards for All Regional Witness at the tournament: Summer Hallaj, Cary Hansing, Chezare Bingham, Angela Cotta, Matt Kratky and Lynette Wilson.

“Mock Trial requires rigorous academic preparation, many hours of practice, critical thinking and skilled performance,” commented Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President. “As such, it will provide an excellent foundation for those participating in their future careers.”

With one of its teams earning 13th place and the other placing 20th, Lewis University’s Mock Trial Team concluded one of its most successful years with a strong showing in the opening round of the national competition held on March 14 at the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan, Ill.

Head coach Dr. James Houlihan stated, “All of the rounds were close scoring, hard fought trials. Visitors at the University of Michigan vs. Lewis University trial stated that it was the most intense trial seen this year.” He also shared that the teams fought to the end, as they had all season, despite various obstacles.

At the 2010 Regional Undergraduate Diversity Mock Trial at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, the Mock Trial team earned \$34,500 in scholarships to The John Marshall Law School. The top four teams had Lewis students as captains. Summer Hallaj served as captain of the first place team and earned a \$7,500 scholarship. The second place team was led by Breana Bingham, who earned a \$5,000 scholarship. Lewis

alumnus Joseph Volin '08 led the third place team and earned a \$3,500 scholarship. Kaity Worst led the fourth place team and earned a \$2,500 scholarship.

Lewis students also performed well in achieving individual awards. Hallaj finished in first place earning an additional \$7,500 scholarship, Worst won second place earning a \$5,000 scholarship, and Volin took third place earning a \$3,500. Michael Park won fifth place by a half-point difference from the fourth place from the University of Illinois. Breana Bingham was another half-point behind in sixth place.

Bingham, Hallaj, Park and Worst continued their success in earning more scholarship funds a few weeks later at the Seventh Annual John Marshall Law School National Undergraduate Diversity Mock Trial Competition. The Lewis students won \$27,000 in scholarship awards, competing against more than 54 individuals from 19 colleges and universities across the country.

Bingham led the first place team, where each member received a \$15,000 scholarship and a certificate for a free full length Kaplan preparation course. Worst headed the third place team, with each member receiving a \$6,000 scholarship. Teams led by Hallaj and Park finished in the Top Ten.

In the individual awards, Bingham and Worst tied for fourth Best Advocate with each receiving a \$3,000 scholarship. Based on the performances of Bingham, Hallaj and Park, Lewis University earned the Gold Award for second place among 19 competing colleges and universities. Marshall awarded honors for the top four schools, based on the best performances by three competitors from the same school.

During the last four years, Lewis University students have won a total of \$150,000 in scholarships from these John Marshall Law School competitions. Scholarships are awarded to the top four teams and top four individuals. The competition is unlike other mock trial competitions, where students compete on teams for their respective schools. In this competition, the students from a variety of schools are randomly placed together on teams with students from other schools.

Coaches for the Mock Trial team include Dr. Houlihan, Brandi Sanders '08, John Senese '06 of the Peter Francis Geraci Law Offices in Chicago, and Bill Rock of Block, Klukas & Manzella Law Firm in Joliet. For additional information, please contact Dr. Houlihan at (815) 836-5313.



*Summer Hallaj earned several Outstanding Attorney awards this season, in addition to winning scholarship funds from John Marshall Law School in Chicago.*



*(Left) Cassandra Myers argues her case during the 2010 regional tournament at the Will County Courthouse. (Right) Michael Park won many awards this season as Outstanding Attorney.*

## Lewis University Named Top 50 Undergraduate Game Design Programs

Lewis University is one of the 50 best undergraduate institutions in the U.S. and Canada to study game design, according to *The Princeton Review*, one of America's most widely known education services and test preparation companies.

"Lewis University is proud of our programs directed toward emerging technologies. This distinction highlights the quality of our faculty, currency of curricula and success of our students. Lewis continues to develop relevant, cutting edge programs to address the dynamic workforce needs of industry and the region," commented Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost.

*The Princeton Review* developed its "Top 50 Undergraduate Game Design Programs" list – the first project of its kind – in partnership with *GamePro*, one of the most respected brands in the video game industry, reaching over 3 million gamers a month. The list is reported in *GamePro's* April 2010 issue and on the Web sites of *The Princeton Review* and Game Pro.

"This designation affirms what I have already witnessed in our classes. Our students are exceptional and they are prepared to be successful in their chosen profession upon graduation," commented Dr. Ray Klump, Associate Professor of Computer Science.



From the front left around clockwise: Chris Quinteros '01, Jordan Van Acker '06, Roger Stoiber '88, Andrew Sanders '01, Chris Baer '93, James Goodwin, Chair of the Lewis University Board of Trustees, Erik Barfuss '02, Keith Gilge '95, Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, Rosie Arteaga '02.

## Sky-High Flyers

Recently, Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, along with James Goodwin, Chair of the Lewis University Board of Trustees and AAR CORP. Board of Directors, had the opportunity to visit the world headquarters of AAR CORP. to meet with Tim Romenesko, President and Chief Operating Officer. The Company provides a broad range of products and services to commercial airlines, defense organizations, and OEM's. The leaders discussed future recruiting initiatives and business-education opportunities. "AAR CORP. has solid past performance of hiring from the Lewis University pipeline and we're excited to explore further initiatives in order to make a strong connection between a Lewis University education and employment opportunity here at AAR CORP. and beyond," stated Mr. Romenesko.

## A Tour of Ambition and Aspirations: Aviation Students Tour EFO

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We've all probably witnessed similar reactions



of people who visit our Gary facility—wide eyes, curious stares, and pretty much sheer amazement as they take in our operation.

From our glistening Challengers and BBJ's, impeccably clean hangar floor, hotel-like sleep rooms, fitness facility, and self-sustaining maintenance department, our flight department truly is a sight to appreciate and marvel over.

Based on this rationale, it's easy to imagine the reactions of 15 Lewis University aviation students that toured EFO last week with Bob Bath and Steve Novy. For aspiring pilots, mechanics, and aviation managers whose experience is limited to piston aircraft but have aspirations of becoming aviation professionals, our facility and aircraft were truly a representation of their dreams and ambitions. After all, our own Clay Boyce '88 and Jonathan Berg '98 are alumni of Lewis' aviation program.

The tour was inclusive of an inside look at our BBJ's and Challengers as well as our entire facility that included explanations of our day-to-day operation. A lengthy question and answer period followed the tour which served to further educate the students concerning corporate aviation. "You could definitely feel and see the enthusiasm that these kids had," said Steve Novy. "It was neat to see the excitement that they showed toward our planes and facility. It reminded me what our operation is like to those that don't get to see it as often as we do."



*Lewis nursing students practice starting IVs in one of the new simulation labs.*

College of Nursing & Health Professions

# Growing to Meet the Needs of Tomorrow

*by Michelle Fregoso*

Healthcare is a dynamic industry, and the passing of landmark legislation and the emerging needs of an aging population will continue to fuel the demand for qualified, well-educated healthcare professionals. Lewis University is well-positioned to continue to create capable and compassionate healthcare professionals ready to tackle the challenges of the industry. Our alumni hold top executive positions in a variety of settings, and work to meet the needs of patients at every level of care.

The College of Nursing and Health Professions at Lewis University has experienced considerable growth since its inception in 1971. The College has more than 900 students, and as its course offerings continue to grow, so too will the number of students. "We currently have the largest undergraduate nursing program in the state, and we continue to add new programs, such as the Family Nurse Practitioner program," said Dr. Peggy Rice, Dean.

Keeping up with the growth of the University as a whole, and in the College has been "an exciting and challenging time," noted Dr. Rice. "We're beginning new programs and seeking qualified faculty to teach our students."

New programs in the College of Nursing and Health Professions include the Adult Nurse Practitioner Program, the Family Nurse Practitioner Program, and a Pre-licensure program, scheduled on the evening and weekends, which is an accelerated BSN program for students seeking a second bachelor's degree. These new programs, notably the Nurse Practitioner Programs, will help fill a growing need in the field of medicine. The recently formed Council on Physician and Nurse Supply (CPNS) asserts that the United States may lack as many as 200,000 needed physicians and 800,000 nurses by 2020.

Nurse Practitioners can help to fill that need. According to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, decades of established research have provided the conclusion that nurse practitioners provide high-quality, cost-effective and personalized care. Association Research continues to state that the breadth of evidence regarding the quality of nurse practitioner practice supports that nurse practitioner care is, "at least equivalent to that of physicians' care".

The new Family Nurse Practitioner Program is scheduled to start classes in fall 2010. This program differs from the Adult Nurse Practitioner Program in that it allows for care to be given across the age continuum, including pregnant women, infants, children, adults and the elderly. The family nurse practitioner is viewed as

more versatile and marketable given the broadened scope of the population they are qualified to serve.

In addition to the new programs and growth of students in the College, the College of Nursing and Health Profession's building, South Hall, has undergone extensive renovations to better facilitate the learning environment and to mimic the hospital setting. Significant renovations, which were made possible because of a generous \$500,000 gift, began in the summer of 2009 with interior classroom renovation and reconfiguration work, including new laboratory space equipped with high technology simulation equipment. A major new entrance and lobby for the building was constructed and dedicated in May, 2010. A generous donor provided significant funding for the construction of the labs and entrance. These renovations have allowed Lewis University to expand nursing student enrollment, which had previously been capped, providing more qualified graduates to fill critical positions in the statewide nursing shortage.

The simulation labs, already in use, include a variety of computers and technical monitoring equipment, including a new fully computerized "Sim Man" mannequin that simulates possible health scenarios of an emergency room patient.

Rita Amerio, director of undergraduate studies, has been leading the initiative to implement more clinical simulation lab opportunities for students. She commented, "We hope to help our students become better professionals by practicing their skills in the safe environment of the clinical simulation lab."

An Improvement Grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Nursing School Grant Program energized the "Improving Retention through Clinical Simulation" project at Lewis. The funding enabled Lewis to purchase National League for Nursing (NLN) Learning Modules and other simulation lab equipment and provide stipends for project management and faculty training.

Specifically, a portion of the grant money went toward equipping two

new simulation labs with headwalls and hospital equipment, such as suction and oxygen regulators, in order to provide a greater reality in the labs for Lewis students. A birthing bed was purchased for the simulation birthing mom "Noelle" who is able to simulate the birthing process, along with a baby warmer for newborn "Baby Hal."

Another portion of the grant was used for faculty development so that faculty members could increase their knowledge of working with simulators. In addition, two faculty members were sent to a national conference on simulation last summer.

In the fall of 2009, the grant was also used to conduct an enrichment program to aid students who needed extra help and increase student retention. Currently, another group of students is enrolled in the program and is working closely with Amerio.

For information on any of the nursing programs, visit our Web site at [www.lewisu.edu/nursing](http://www.lewisu.edu/nursing), or contact the Office of Graduate and Adult Admission by e-mail, [grad@lewisu.edu](mailto:grad@lewisu.edu), or phone (815) 836-5610.

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## Our Students



**Christina Cicero '10** is the president of Lewis University's Student Nurses Association, and graduated in May with her BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing).

She believes she is well-prepared for her nursing career. Three semesters of professional development coursework has given her leadership and conflict management skills as well as the confidence to face job interviews.

Lewis has provided Christina with many cherished memories and experiences. Her pediatric clinical at Hope Children's Hospital, enabled her to meet patients of all ages. Pediatrics holds a

special place in Christina's heart as she herself was once a pediatric patient. She had scoliosis and underwent a spinal fusion as a child. That experience made her choose pediatric nursing as her area of nursing. She had the opportunity to work with pediatric patients, including some with spinal fusions, during her externship last summer at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. "The team at Children's respects student nurses, it was an amazing experience at an amazing place," recalled Christina.



**Poonam Manek**, originally from London, England did not grow up dreaming of becoming a nurse. She originally wanted to be a pharmacist, but

when she came to the U.S., she found that she would have to start over in pharmacy school, as her previous schooling back in London was not accepted here. Poonam had not considered a career in nursing, but knew she wanted to continue in some aspect of healthcare.

Poonam enrolled at Joliet Junior College and completed four years of pharmacy prerequisites and became discouraged when she realized how competitive it was to secure the limited spots available in the area pharmacy schools. Still interested in healthcare, Poonam enrolled at Lewis University in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Always a self-described "Straight-A Student," Poonam found herself being challenged constantly in the nursing program. "Nursing is not easy," stressed Poonam. She continued, "In my culture, nurses are portrayed in a negative light, but nursing here is a serious and incredibly important job. I am proud to say that I am a nurse!"

Poonam now says that "there's nothing I'd rather do" when discussing her promising career in nursing. Nursing has provided Poonam with much more than knowledge learned in the clinical and

classroom setting. "What I have really gotten out of my time at Lewis and in the nursing program is me. I have matured and grown so much, am a totally different person, and I have overcome so much," she recalled.

## Alumni Stories

Many of our College of Nursing and Health Professions alumni provided reflections on their education in the College and how it has helped in their careers. While each story is personal, together they present a meaningful overview of the qualities of a successful healthcare professional.



**Angela Giamaressi Baisler**, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse at Central DuPage Hospital, said that she "cannot see herself doing anything other than nursing."

In fact, she does not even view her job as work. Since graduating from Lewis in 1999, Angela has received the "Nursing Spectrum Magazine Greater Chicagoland Nurse of the Year 2004" recognition. Although she said she never thought she was doing anything special, Angela was truly honored to receive the award.

Angela believes that her degree prepared her by enhancing her critical thinking skills, providing her with a strong foundation to grow from a novice to an expert. Angela shared that her clinical experiences were very diverse and gave her a great overview of the various areas of nursing.

Angela "loves being a part of the lives of my patients." She has even been invited to birthday parties and has received Christmas cards over the years, staying connected to her patients. For those interested in nursing, Angela's advice is to "go for it," as the possibilities in the nursing field are endless and it is rewarding on so many levels.



After earning her BSN in 1982, **Rosemary McGinnis** has had several opportunities to move into management and supervisory

positions. Earning her BSN provided Rosemary with more options, as she stated that there are many more opportunities for nurses with a BSN. She currently serves as Emergency Medical Service (EMS) System Coordinator at Ottawa Regional Hospital & Healthcare Center, in Ottawa, Ill.

She initially chose to attend Lewis due to its convenient location and because it was the only program nearby offering a degree completion for practicing registered nurses. Since graduating from Lewis University, Rosemary received the "Unsung Heroes" award from the National Association of EMS Educators for commitment to lifelong learning and EMS education.

For those interested in nursing, Rosemary's advice is to be open to new learning and opportunities. She would encourage individuals to ask questions of mentors and physicians and to keep an open mind about new jobs that might be out of the ordinary nursing realm.



**Lynn Hennessy** '79, Vice President of Nursing Services at Advocate Christ Medical Center, chose to follow a leadership path in nursing so that she could positively

impact the nursing profession as well as patient care on a broader scale. Lynn's education helped her mature both mentally and spiritually by providing her with invaluable clinical experiences. And those clinical experiences allowed Lynn to develop technical skills and enhance personal skills through many diverse





*Included in the new nursing renovation are spaces for students to meet and study together.*

interactions with patients, families and physicians.

While Lynn's nursing career has certainly blossomed over the years, she believes that it has always been grounded by the baseline principles of delivering compassionate and holistic care that she learned as a nursing student at Lewis University. Lynn chose to attend Lewis because of its great reputation. According to Lynn, all of her professors, especially Faye Krauss, Mary Wier, Lois Sharp and Dr. Ferrell, made learning challenging yet enjoyable and treated her with respect at all times.

Lynn has many accomplishments to be proud of personally and professionally. She has been part of the certification and recertification of her medical center that received the Magnet Award for Excellence in Nursing Services in 2005 and 2009.

Lynn said, "It always amazes me to see how our nurses significantly impact the lives of others on a daily basis. I am blessed and honored to be a part of this rewarding profession." For those interested in nursing, "if your heart is in it for the right reasons, the challenges you face will always be well worth it."



**Shawn Tyrrell '78** has experienced much success serving as the Chief Nursing Officer of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. Shawn believes that nursing is the best

job in the world, as she has the opportunity to transform the lives of others every day. She is able to make a

difference in the lives of her patients and their families, as well as her staff.

Shawn explained how she is especially excited to be in her position at this present time because of the changes taking place in her organization. The main focus is on increasing patient and employee satisfaction and a significant part of this initiative is a \$75 million modernization plan that will result in all private patient rooms.

Shawn shared that Lewis University made her a stronger critical thinker and problem solver. She also feels that the Lewis faculty encouraged a spirit of inquiry and facilitated pursuit of graduate-level study. For anyone interested in nursing, Shawn's advice is to first love patient care, respect team members and cultivate excellence in all you do. She also recommends tapping into the strengths of colleagues.

Shawn considers the most gratifying part of her career to be working with teams of "great, dedicated, compassionate nurses." Her previous experiences working in different settings on all shifts have made her appreciate the value of a high-performing team. She said she is blessed to work at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital because of its strong mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ, which reminds her that nursing is not just a career; rather, it is her calling.



**Michelle Ronchetti '89** feels fortunate to have practiced several types of nursing. She began her career in nursing at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, working

there for one year before moving on to Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet which was closer to home. Michelle had always wanted to be a maternal/child nurse also known as labor and delivery nurse and was able to practice this at Silver Cross for 12 years.

"The beauty of nursing is that there is so much diversity in the field, you have opportunities to specialize in many different areas," noted Michelle. She later moved on



*Professor Ellen Renna oversees the technique of her student examining one of the simulation mannequins in the new lab.*

to take a position in industrial health nursing at the B.P. Amoco chemical plant, which she recalled was an “excellent experience as I went from working with only women to predominantly working with men.”

Michelle then moved into public health, taking a position at the Will County Community Health Center as the quality/risk manager. “I did literally everything there, and I learned a lot about local politics, the legislative process and about the administrative side of nursing” recalled Michelle.

Michelle’s current position as Director of Health Services at Lewis University takes her full circle back to the place that started her career in nursing. She stated, “I can remember being a student at Lewis and the nursing faculty had such high expectations for us, they told us that anything was possible, they were wonderful and motivating.”

Her position at Lewis allows her to interact with students which she enjoys. “College students are the perfect age, they are open to being educated and will be making lifestyle choices that will affect them from here on out,” said Michelle. “I enjoy watching students transform from freshmen to seniors.”



When she was young, **Terry Guymon** '06 didn't know if she wanted to work in special education, or be a nurse. She began volunteering at Easter Seals at the

age of 13 and later began working at her local hospital at 16 where she was charged with bathing newborn babies and looking after them in the nursery. That began her career in nursing.

Terry Guymon’s degree helped prepare her for her role as Market Executive Director for the Neuroscience Center at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Ill. Guymon enjoys neuroscience because “I am always getting to learn new things, neuroscience is so new and the new procedures and treatments are very exciting!” shared Guymon.



**Timothy Burke** '07, Assistant Director of Safety at Palos Community Hospital, advanced his career after completing his Bachelor of Arts in Healthcare

Leadership. Tim chose Lewis because of its outstanding reputation in healthcare studies and the diversity among faculty. For Tim, it was important to learn from professionals who work in the healthcare industry, in clinical and non-clinical areas, and from professionals who live the Mission, vision and values of Lewis University. The adult accelerated program was a perfect fit for Tim, as it allowed him to balance work, family and school commitments. He was also able to attend classes when and where it was most convenient for him to do so.

He said that the Healthcare Leadership program provided a “perfect blend of studies that addressed the financial, clinical and ancillary concepts of healthcare” to help prepare him for his career advancement. Tim took the advice of one of his instructors, Carol Schneider '78, director of the program, by joining several healthcare organizations so that he could network and establish professional relationships.

Tim’s message to prospective students is that it is never too late to go back to school to further one’s education and career. In fact, he believes that the accomplishment of obtaining a degree alone will boost confidence and provide the key to open doors to other opportunities in healthcare that would not otherwise exist. Tim feels that strong, dedicated leaders are needed in all areas of healthcare.

# faculty news

## Atra Co-authors Textbook

Robert J. Atra, Ph.D., CFA (Finance) has co-authored three chapters in a new book published by Wiley, one of the premier publishers of business books. *The Valuation Handbook: Valuation Techniques from Today's Top Practitioners* was released in October 2009 and includes insights on a wide variety of valuation topics. Authors in the book are from prestigious firms and universities such as Morningstar, Stern Stewart, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Carnegie-Mellon University. Dr. Atra co-authored three chapters with the book's co-editor, Rawley Thomas.

## Hoffman Addresses Educational Leadership and Activism

Dr. Lauren Hoffman (Education) presented a paper on Educational Leadership and Activism at the Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference in Atlanta last October and published an article entitled "Educational Leadership and Social Activism: A Call for Action" in the *Journal of Educational Administration and History*.

## Horton Presents at Conference on Management, Culture and Change

Dr. Arthur Horton (Social Work) gave a presentation at the Ninth Conference on Management, Culture and Change in Organizations, held at Boston University in June. His presentation was titled "Is Social Marketing a Concept Whose Time has Arrived? A Call for Change."

## Education Professor Presents at Conference on E-Learning

Dr. Seung H. Kim (Instructional Technology) presented at the 2009 World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare & Higher Education at Vancouver, Canada (October 26-30, 2009). Her presentation, "Practical Guidelines for Collaboration-based Learning in Synchronous Online Environments" focused on the findings of her case study on synchronous learning environments and a variety of instructional strategies to design effective collaboration-based synchronous e-learning with many audiences.

## Music Professor Commissioned to Compose Opera

Dr. Mike McFerron (Music) was commissioned by the Remarkable Theater Brigade (RTB) in New York City to compose an opera for their program "Opera Shorts". The work will be premiered at Carnegie Hall in New York City in fall 2011. RTB is an advocate for new music by producing new works ranging from orchestral, opera, ballet, musical and electronic. Included in their roster of 14 singers for this project were singers from the Metropolitan Opera, most notably, singer Robert White.

## English Professor's Poems Selected for Anthology

Poems written by Dr. Simone Muench (English) were nominated and selected to be included in the anthology *Then & NOW Awards: The Best Innovative Writing* (Lake Forest University Press; Fall 2009).

## Finance Professor Contributes Article to Commodities Journal

Dr. Frank Rose (Finance) contributed an article entitled, "Investment in U.S. Futures and Options Markets: A Discussion of the Possible Impact on Commodity Prices" to the June 2009 issue of *Food Outlook*, published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

## Criminal/Social Justice Professor Named to Advisory Board

Dr. James Houlihan (Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies) has been named to the Academic Advisory Board for McGraw-Hill's textbook, *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Legal Issues*.

## Augsburger to Co-Author Journal Column

Dr. Deborah Augsburger, Associate Professor (Reading and Literacy) has been selected to serve as co-author of a regular column on child and adolescent literature in the *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, effective summer 2010.

## Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation

The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation, one of Lewis University's most generous benefactors, has given more than \$1 million to fund scholarships during its 25-year relationship of support to the University. They recently gave an additional \$40,000 in scholarship funds to deserving Lewis students with academic and leadership qualities.

## Goodwins Make Bequest Commitment as University Encourages Planned Giving



James Goodwin, Chair of the Lewis University Board of Trustees, and his wife Ann recently made a generous and significant bequest commitment to the University. From 1999 to 2001, Goodwin served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of UAL, Inc. and United Airlines Inc., where he had an exemplary career

for 34 years. Goodwin served on the Board of Trustees from 1992-2004, and returned in February 2006. He has served on the Campaign Cabinet and Development Committee, and is an advisor to the Aviation and Transportation Advisory Council. He is founder of the Peter H. Goodwin Endowed Scholarship. For more information about estate gifts that can make an impact on the lives of students and help secure a promising future for Lewis, please visit [www.lewisu.edu/plannedgiving](http://www.lewisu.edu/plannedgiving).

## Langerts Support Business Scholarship through Cordano Challenge



Andrew Langert and his wife Candice have made a generous gift of \$10,000 directed toward the F. James Staszak Endowed Scholarship as part of the Cordano Challenge. The Challenge is a concerted effort by the University to raise funds for three endowed scholarships named for pillars of the College of

Business, Professors Donald Cordano, James Staszak and Roger Ashamy. Langert, a 1973 Lewis graduate, is Managing Director for Polished Nickel Capital Management, LLC and is a former member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees. Together, the Langerts have generously provided more than \$250,000 in support of Lewis University.

## Rybak Memorial Scholarship Grows



William Rybak, Chair *Emeritus* of the Lewis University Board of Trustees, and his wife Jane have recently provided \$50,000 towards the Nathan Rybak Memorial Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was established in memory of their grandson, Nathan Andrew Rybak, infant son of Andrew and Amy (Higgins)

Rybak, both Lewis alumni. Nathan passed away at birth on March 26, 2009 and generous gifts in his memory from family and friends have increased the endowed scholarship to more than \$80,000. While the Lewis community continues to honor the memory of Nathan, we also celebrate the life of his sister Gracie Jane Rybak, born March 3, 2010 (see Future Flyers on p. 35). The Rybaks have consistently and generously given their resources to benefit the Lewis community with gifts totaling more than \$500,000.

## Lavin Family Gift

The Lavin Family has continued their generous tradition of scholarship support for Lewis University students. In addition to the more than \$250,000 already contributed towards scholarships, they recently pledged \$80,000 to support the Langert Family / Brother James Gaffney, FSC Endowed Scholarship and the F. James Staszak Endowed Scholarship established in honor of the first dean of the College of Business.

## International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading Foundation

A new \$10,000 grant from the International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading Foundation (ISTATF) will focus and support outreach in aviation to make young people aware of the diverse aviation careers available. Lewis' aviation outreach program seeks to create a aviation career development pipeline: from introducing students to aviation careers, to accessing quality higher education to prepare them for career success, leading ultimately to developing the leadership qualities and skills that will advance them to positions of influence in the aviation industry. Since 2000, the ISTATF has supported the Lewis aviation department with more than \$25,000 of gifts.

## Empress Scholarship Grant

Lewis University received a grant of \$5,000 from the Joliet Empress Casino that provides scholarships for four Joliet area students. Empress Casino was recently honored at the Lewis University President's Circle Dinner as the Frank J. Lewis Corporate Philanthropist of the Year for its support of education in the region. Empress Casino has touched the lives of many in the region through its economic impact and charitable works, and has provided more than \$100,000 to assist Lewis students.

## Planned Giving: Not Just for the Wealthy

Planned gifts are made by people like you. A common misconception among individuals is that making a planned gift to Lewis University and other non-profit institutions is something that can only be done by the wealthy. The misconception is perhaps fueled by the media. For example, we generally only see stories about the multi-million dollar gift left to a charity by an elderly widow who has passed. We read about the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the hundreds of millions of dollars that support their charitable priorities. Some say, "I can't do anything like that so why even bother to think about it?" These few snapshots fail to accurately reflect the reality of planned giving.

While wealthier individuals do tend to include charities in their estate plans, it is equally common for people of ordinary means to do the same. Quite often, planned gifts are established by individuals who live on fixed incomes and hold a place like Lewis very dearly in their hearts, but may only be able to contribute \$25, \$50 or \$100 annually. For many, planned gifts provide these individuals with the opportunity to make their "ultimate gift," the type of impactful gift they have always wished they could make, but cannot afford to while they are living. It is also worthy to note that gifts do not have to be in the six or seven figure range to have impact. A gift of \$5,000 to \$10,000, for example, may greatly assist a deserving but financially needy student, provide vital funding to a Lewis program, or enable donors to honor someone who made a difference in their life.

Planned giving is also simpler than most imagine. The following are just a few ways that are relatively simple and do not require a lot of time and effort. They may also be very tax-wise.

- Name Lewis the full or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy no longer relied upon to ensure the security of a loved one.
- Name Lewis the full or partial beneficiary of an IRA, securities, checking or savings account.
- Make a gift through a will by adding a short paragraph that specifies leaving a specific dollar amount, a specific asset(s), or a set percentage of the rest, residue and remainder of your estate to an institution. In our case, the institution should be properly stated as "Lewis University, located in Romeoville, Illinois."
- Receive guaranteed lifetime income that is partly tax-free and an immediate charitable deduction by establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity with Lewis.

Please contact Len Bertolini, Senior Development Officer for Major & Planned gifts at (815) 836-5267 or at [bertolle@lewisu.edu](mailto:bertolle@lewisu.edu) if you have questions or would like additional information or visit our planned giving Web site at [www.lewisu.edu/plannedgiving](http://www.lewisu.edu/plannedgiving). Please notify us if you plan to or have already included Lewis in your estate plans.

## Science Equipment Gifts Aid in Teaching, Research

The Departments of Biology, Chemistry and Physics have received significant donations of equipment valued at nearly \$400,000 from three corporations. deCODE Genetics donated a large amount of glassware and consumables for experimentation that will be used by all three departments through a gift facilitated by Professor Keith White (Theatre), Dr. Marne Bailey (Biology) and Dr. Jason Keleher (Chemistry). BP Corporation generously donated a gas chromatograph as well as glassware and consumables to the Chemistry Department, thanks to the efforts of Brother Pierre St. Raymond, FSC (Chemistry) and Dr. Keleher. Dr. Keleher also received a gift from an area microelectronics company. An Electrochemical Quartz Crystal Nanobalance (EQCN), which will enable the undergraduate research in novel nanomaterial development for application in alternative energy and advanced medical materials. These noteworthy gifts, in addition to the donation last year of more than \$120,000 in optics equipment to the Physics Department, have strengthened ties between science-related corporations and the University and are enabling the Lewis science program to offer vital experiential learning to students.

## Donnelley Foundation Enables Expansion of Adelman Collection

The Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation made a grant of \$52,000 to support expanded access to the Adelman Regional History Collection. The grant provides support for the expansion of the Collection into the historic Fitzpatrick House and for collaborative work with other local historical organizations. By locating part of the Collection's holdings in the Fitzpatrick House, more space will be available for scholarly work on the Collection, and there will be more opportunity for public viewing of exhibits featuring Collection items. The initiative will be led by Dr. Dennis Cremin, Director of the Lewis University History Center.



# Community Engagement

## Translating Talents into Treasures

by Kathrynne Skonicki

Each year hundreds of Lewis students engage in service activities at community organizations across all academic areas. Some of the recent initiatives are highlighted here that allow students to apply their academic knowledge and personal interests, while benefitting a variety of organizations.

*(Left to right) Communications students Brett Mega and Mark Serratore talk about the annual fundraising effort "To Kill a DJ." For each hour they are on the radio, the broadcasting students accept pledges for the Lewis University Family Assistance Fund at Hope Children's Hospital.*

A Joliet father takes his infant son on the train to the 95th and Western stop, and then walks the 2.6 miles to the Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn for a medical procedure. He then retraces his path home, carrying his sick infant son the entire way. When the hospital staff found out about this seemingly dreadful journey, they tell the father there's no need for the treacherous trek. Lewis University's Family Assistance Fund, established to benefit patients and families of those at Hope Children's Hospital, has made it possible for him to have funds for taxi transportation to the hospital.

Each year, communication students host a radio marathon and nursing students host Change for Children to increase the Lewis University Family Assistance Fund. (*see story on p. 23*)

Anne McShane, an instructor for the College of Nursing and Health Professions, mentors students in her professional development class as they coordinate Change for Children. As a former nurse who worked in the intensive care unit, she understands how funds can make a difference to families with hospitalized children.

John Carey, Director of Electronic Media, the assistant professor who has been incorporating service into his classroom for more than a decade said, "It's so our students can take their talents and translate it into treasures for those in need."

The Lewis University Family Assistance Fund is just one example of service to the community at the Catholic and Lasallian institution. Faculty members in various disciplines continue to encourage students to use their newly acquired skills of their chosen field to benefit the community. Just a simple conversation in Charlie's Place, one of the many dining areas on campus, will reveal a project benefiting the community. Dr. Ray Klump mentors computer science students to design software that benefits a social service agency; Drs. Dennis Cremin and Eileen McMahon encourage students to contribute to local history through creating exhibits for museums and intern for various local preservation outlets; Martha Villegas Miranda '98, Coordinator of Ministry Outreach, guides students as they translate documents in Spanish for Morning Star Mission clients; and Dr. Christie Billups connects students enrolled in the "Topics in Theology: Faith Behind Bars" course with inmates so they can exchange letters.

Dr. James Rago, Assistant Professor of Biology, is working with a team of students on another project that involves more than 25 emergency response agencies in the Northern Illinois area. The anonymous public health-related sampling project entails examining ambulances for microbial contents, with a focus toward identifying *Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus* (MRSA).



*Members of the Student Nurses' Association host a kick-off event for the "Change for Children" drive that contributes to the Lewis University Family Assistance Fund at Hope Children's Hospital.*

After the samples have been tested, Lewis University delivers an analysis report to the various departments. They characterize the strains of *S. aureus*, which may be present, by analyzing their genetic properties and their antibiotic resistance profiles.

"One of the over-arching goals of this project is to help improve patient/community health and safety in any way possible," added Dr. Rago. The study has two purposes: to generate antibiotic resistance profiles for various strains of *S. aureus* found in selected environments in the Chicago area, and to perform a confirmatory genetic analysis of selected isolates believed to be MRSA.

Lieutenant Keith Buhs, infection control officer at the Orland Fire Protection District and a member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association EMS Committee, initiated the project with Lewis University in an effort to be proactive and ensure that his department was providing the safest environment for its patients. The department is using the project as part of a compliance monitoring program, as well as a tool to improve engineering controls as they pertain to infection control.

*(Left to right) Chris Yasmine, Viktorija Makarovaite and Esha Patel work on a MRSA research project helping dozens of emergency response agencies in the Northern Illinois area.*





*(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. The medallions are used in the lesson plans the Lewis students created for Lincoln Landing. The Illinois State Historical Society honored the lessons with an award in April 2006. Not pictured are Graham Rogers, Courtney Kotsch, and Terrence Whitcomb, who updated the plans this spring.*

The 1995 Lewis alum had read an article in the *Lewis University Magazine* about previous Lewis University undergraduate research of MRSA, and Buhs thought the study could be adapted to identify the prevalence of MRSA in a pre-hospital environment. Since 2008, a grant from the Colonel Stephen S. and Lyla Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research at Lewis has supported undergraduate research on the prevalence of MRSA in the surrounding community.

“It’s amazing how many dots we’ve connected. This project combines the best of the previous study and adds a clinically-oriented service learning component. I’m very excited,” commented Dr. Rago. Lewis students working on the project include Viktorija Makarovaite, Esha Patel and Chris Yasmine.

Positive student connections with the community have been in existence in the College of Education for several years since each education major is required to complete a service learning project

before graduation. As part of the Lasallian Mission of the University, the College of Education prepares students to be knowledgeable, critical, transformative educators, multicultural educators and social justice educators, but this service component emphasizes preparation for the last two points, noted Professor Richard Clish, Assistant Professor of Secondary and Technology Education who oversees the secondary education majors as they complete their service learning projects.

The projects are completed as part of the coursework for two classes— Instructional Strategies and Pedagogy and Assessment. He said, “The things they take away from these experiences help them become better teachers.”

Students are volunteering time doing a variety of tasks that differ from their particular track of coursework. For example, the secondary education students are encouraged to assist special needs children, senior citizens, or young children. Some recent examples

include teaching a history lesson on the Civil War to clients at Trinity Services in Wilmington and assisting Spanish-speaking Morning Star Mission clients with completing essential paperwork to obtain humanitarian assistance.

The students are required to do at least 10 hours of service, but Prof. Clish has noticed students often go beyond that guideline. The students’ strides are evident in the comments they make after completing the work, noted Prof. Clish. The firsthand experience of witnessing challenges and diversity benefit the students. He repeated one student’s words and said, “The list of projects continues to grow as students become more aware of the community’s needs and the community becomes more aware of Lewis University’s resources.”

More information about community engagement is available at [www.lewisu.edu/servicelearning](http://www.lewisu.edu/servicelearning) or by contacting the Office of Service Learning at (815) 836-5829.

## Service as Mission

Dr. Christie Billups is the new coordinator of the Office for Service Learning that assists faculty, students and community agencies in service learning projects. Assessment and collecting data on university projects are also important initiatives underway.

A thriving service learning program is an important part of the University’s Mission, noted Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost. She said, “Our efforts in service learning provide students with excellent academic experiences and opportunities for strengthening values. These experiential learning activities make a difference to both the students and the people they serve.”

The Lewis Collaboration for Applied Research and Engagement (LCARE) is already working in conjunction with the service learning office. During the 2009-2010 academic year, LCARE received a \$10,000 matching grant from the Association of the American Colleges and University’s Bringing Theory to Practice Program to support faculty development of engaged learning courses and experiences. The funds have been used to support faculty as they engage in service learning projects.



# awards and recognition

## Mark Olson Honored with Adam Smith Alumnus of the Year Award

Lewis University presented Mark A. Olson '80, Senior Vice President, Corporate Controller and Principal Accounting Officer for CommScope, Inc., with the 12th annual Adam Smith Alumnus of the Year Award on March 11,



as a highlight of its Adam Smith Week activities, focusing on economics and sponsored by the College of Business. Formerly a member of the Graduate School of Management Executive Advisory Board at Lewis, Olson has served on the University's Board of Trustees since 2008.

"Mark Olson, who is an exemplary role model for any student or alumnus in the field of business, is being honored for his extraordinary service to Lewis University and the College of Business, as well as being recognized for his highly impressive leadership and many other achievements in business," stated Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President. The award was presented by Dr. Lawrence Hill, Professor of Economics, Department Chair and founder of Adam Smith Week which presents a variety of activities that demonstrate the role of economics in our society.

Olson then presented the Adam Smith annual lecture to a large group of students, faculty and guests. He recalled that his

time at Lewis really prepared him for life in a culturally diverse world. He was a double major in Accounting and Spanish and said that his "cultural awakening" was due in large part to his second major in Spanish. The exposure to different people was key in his learning how to interact and recognize cultural differences in people in the U.S. and around the world.

Olson gave the students five "Life Lessons" to take away: recognize cultural differences in people and take advantage of the opportunities to learn those while at Lewis; continue to educate yourself and develop a plan to do so throughout life – Lewis is just the beginning; get involved in things outside of the classroom; take advantage of opportunities that present themselves; and know who your customers are and don't lose sight of their needs.

Before joining CommScope, a world leader in infrastructure solutions for communication networks, Olson was Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer at Andrew Corporation which was acquired by CommScope in late 2007. Earlier in his impressive career, he was employed by Nortel and Johnson & Johnson. Olson is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society.

Former long-time residents of Orland Park, Olson and his wife, Joan, now reside in Hickory, N.C. In 2008, the Olsons generously established an endowed scholarship at Lewis University for well-qualified graduates of Cristo Rey High School with financial need or other financially needy students entering the College of Business.

## Advocate and Hope Children's Hospital Recognize Lewis

Advocate Christ Medical Center and Hope Children's Hospital added the name of Lewis University to its Donor Wall recently in recognition of \$40,000 that has been raised for Hope Children's Hospital by Lewis students, faculty and staff at various events held on the University campus this year. Donations have been collected annually for the past 10 years by the student radio station WLRA, the Student Nurses' Association of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, and Student Governing Board. WLRA holds a marathon radio event, titled "To Kill a DJ" in which students collect pledges for each hour that they stay on the air. The Student Nurses' Association, in cooperation with as many as 15 other student groups, coordinates an event called "Change for Children," in which student organizations compete in creating designs on the sidewalk using coins instead of paint or chalk and donating all of the change, along with other donations, to the hospital. Last year alone, these efforts resulted in a record \$12,020 for the Hope Children's Hospital Family Assistance Fund program.

The Lewis donations are directed to the Family Assistance Fund at Hope to assist families of hospitalized children in their greatest time of need. The funds have been used to pay for transportation for children receiving outpatient services, medicine, clothing, hotel rooms for families, bus passes, airline flights, and more.



## St. Genesis Award Presented at Arts Gala



*Ken and Carol Wassberg*

More than 200 guests attended the 23rd annual Arts Gala, held March 6, as a benefit for the University's Arts & Ideas series. Sponsored by Lewis and its Cultural Advisory Board, the event featured "A Night at the Louvre" as its theme.

One of the highlights of the evening was the appearance of three Lewis students in "living art." Dressed in costume with theatrical makeup, three theatre majors—Jackie Staszak of Willowbrook, Sean Barber of Aurora, and Kate Sisto of Orland Park, each appeared in artwork that included "The Scream" by Edvard Munch, Picasso's "Guitar" and a portrait of Queen Elizabeth I.

This year's presentation of the 2010 St. Genesis Award, named in honor of the patron saint of actors and the arts, was made by Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, to Carol Wassberg, Coordinator of the Cultural Advisory Board for two decades and advocate for the arts.

"Lewis University is recognizing Carol for her distinguished career, which has included an abiding appreciation and promotion of the arts—music, theatre, literature, painting, sculpture, and dance," said Brother James.

Following the ceremony and musical performances by soprano Linden Christ and pianist Steven Heliotis, Gala guests walked through the Caterpillar Art Gallery, where "A Story with Pictures," an exhibit with oil paintings, charcoal drawings and wood cut prints by Ian Wright, was on display. Violinist Casey McGrath performed during the cocktail reception which also featured a Silent Auction. The Gala dinner included entertainment by Paula Schorp and the Nova Soul Quartet.

The Arts Gala events have raised more than a half million dollars to fund the Arts & Ideas series.



*(Clockwise from top left) Members of the Cultural Advisory Board in attendance were: BACK ROW: Wendy McCay, Sue Peyla, Lorin Lynch, Lynne Lichtenauer, Chet Kondratowicz, Carol Wassberg, Sherri Reardon, Barbara Eberhard, Keith White FRONT ROW: Sandy Prodehl, Renee Tonelli, Joy Alexander, Mohra Gavankar, Mary Jane Whiteside, Kim Roof, Elaine Ruettiger, Andrew Nelsen*

*Terrence and Elaine Ruettiger with Brother James Gaffney, FSC*

*Linden Christ entertains the audience.*

*Students posing as living art: (l to r) Sean Barber, Kate Sisto and Jackie Staszak.*

## College of Education Honors Alumna Dr. Theresa A. Zielinski with *Educationis Lumen* Award

The College of Education honored Theresa A. Zielinski, Ed.D., with the *Educationis Lumen* Award during the annual recognition ceremony at the Sancta Alberta Chapel. Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, and Dr. Jeanette Mines, Dean of the College of Education, presented the award to the principal of Tinley Park High School, who has been a leader in the field of education for the past 18 years. The award honors her dedication to the teaching profession and her commitment to the finest Christian ideals of education.

Dr. James Moses, Professor of Education, who nominated Dr. Zielinski '01, said, "Theresa Zielinski's career as an educator reflects the Lasallian values of Lewis University and the College of Education. Her respectful and engaging way has been noted by her students and staff, while she builds community through direct, personal relationships."

Dr. Zielinski has faithfully served the Tinley Park High School community

as a classroom teacher, assistant boys and girls volleyball coach, head girls basketball coach, newspaper and class sponsor, Academic and Talented Program sponsor and facilitator, Summer Academy coordinator, publicity director, Alumni Hall of Fame coordinator, assistant principal, and for the last two school years, principal of Tinley Park High School. She also serves as the President of the South Suburban Conference and is a member of the National and Illinois Associations for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Illinois Principals Association. A 2007 Golden Apple Nominee, Dr. Zielinski has always had a passion for teaching and now shares her considerable expertise with Lewis students as an adjunct professor and guest teacher.

The College of Education serves more than 800 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The teacher education programs at Lewis University



*Dr. Zielinski '01 currently serves as an adjunct professor in the College of Education.*

benefit from clinical agreements with more than 60 schools and districts in northeastern Illinois.



BACK ROW: Robert Biedron, President, *Voyageur's Landing Development, LP*; Dr. Peter Nichols, Retired Joliet-Area Dentist; Dr. Anthony Rinella, Owner, *Illinois Spine & Scoliosis Center* FRONT ROW: David Ruttle, Senior Partner, *McKeown, Fitzgerald, Zollner, Buck, Hutchinson & Ruttle Law Firm*; Dr. Phyllis Wilson, Superintendent, *Joliet Elementary School District*; Sister Rita Mandella, OSF, Former Principal, *Church of St. Jude of Joliet*; Gene Pingatore, Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, *St. Joseph Catholic High School*

## Community Leaders Honored with 2010 De La Salle Awards

Lewis University recognized seven members of the community with the De La Salle Award during a special ceremony April 11. The De La Salle Award is presented each year to individuals who provide extraordinary service and leadership for the benefit of the community and region. To learn more about the recipients, visit [www.lewisu.edu/DeLaSalleAwards](http://www.lewisu.edu/DeLaSalleAwards).



## Lewis In Top 40 For Learfield Sports Directors' Cup

The Lewis University Athletics Department finds itself ranked among the nation's elite following the conclusion of the winter sports season, as the Flyers are ranked 36th overall in the 2009-10 NCAA Division II Learfield Sports Directors' Cup Standings, announced on April 1st.

After recording 147 points during the fall season, the Flyers racked up 87 tallies in the winter, spurred on by an 18th-place finish by the men's swimming team at the National Championships.

"It's truly a great accomplishment for our teams to be recognized for our wonderful performances so far this year," Lewis Athletics Director Dan Schumacher said. "Hopefully we can take this momentum into the spring."

To illustrate how significant the Flyers' performance has been this year, Lewis accumulated a total of 214.5 points during the 2008-09 school year. Following the 2009-10 winter campaign, Lewis has compiled a total of 234 points.

The Learfield Sports Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and *USA Today*. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 14 sports - seven men's and seven women's.

## Women's Track and Field Wins GLVC Indoor Title

The Lewis University women's track and field squad had been on the doorstep of the GLVC Indoor Championship for the past two seasons as the Flyers finished second in 2008 and 2009.

That door, however, swung wide open on February 27th, as the Flyers finally won that elusive GLVC Indoor Track and Field Championship with 195.5 points at UW-Parkside's Frank Petretti Fieldhouse.

"The women's team was awesome," Lewis head track and field coach Dana Schwarting said. "They stepped up, did everything they were asked to do and more in some cases. Almost everyone had season bests and we just fed off of each other and it snowballed into some really positive things for us."

Schwarting was named the GLVC Women's Coach of the Year, while Lewis' Kamille Ferguson was tabbed as the Freshman of the Year.

Ferguson won the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.66.

Lewis senior Ashley Butler was victorious in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.28, while sophomore Julie Jarrett took home the 800-meter title (2:15.50).

Flyer junior Kelsey Boland took home the triple jump title with a leap of 11.05 meters.

Sophomore Kayla Murphy was a runner-up in the 200-meter dash (25.61), while junior Kathryn Hague also finished in second-place in the 1-mile run (5:03.91).

## Butler, Linck and Barnas Capture All-America Honors

The Lewis University men's and women's track and field squads sent a combined four student-athletes to the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships in hopes of achieving All-America status.

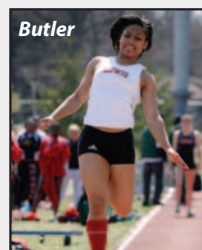
Three out of four isn't bad at all.

After Lewis senior Ashley Butler captured All-America honors in the long jump in the opening day of competition, teammates Samantha Linck and Scott Barnas each followed suit. Butler, who jumped 5.60 meters, has now earned All-America accolades in each

of the last three NCAA Track and Field Championships.

Linck took home All-America honors with a seventh-place finish in the high jump (1.71 meters), while Barnas matched Linck's performance with a seventh-place mark in the shot put (17.53 meters).

"It was a great trip for us," Lewis head track and field coach Dana Schwarting said. "It's pretty hard to make it to this



point, but once you get here, if you do what you did to get here, you should be an All-American."

The three All-Americans are the most by Lewis since the 2005 indoor campaign when the Flyers had five honorees.

## GLIAC Swimmer Of The Year Kevin Coates Excels At 2010 Nationals

Three of the four Lewis swimmers who qualified for the 2010 Division II Swimming National Championships in Canton, Ohio came home with All-America or All-America Honorable Mention accolades.

Junior Kevin Coates earned All-America honors in the 1650 freestyle (third place, 15:34.01) and 1000 freestyle (fourth place, 9:17.77) while taking home Honorable Mention accolades in the 500 freestyle (11th place, 4:32.93). His third-place finish in the 1650 was the best single-race finish for a male swimmer in school history.

Freshman Brandon Drogemuller turned in a sixth-place finish (15:39.59) in the 1650 freestyle to earn All-America honors. His 14th place finish (9:25.11) in the 1000 was good for Honorable Mention.

Senior Jason Ament missed Honorable Mention status by one spot in the 1000 by finishing 17th for the second consecutive year. Ament, however, returned two days later to capture Honorable Mention accolades in the 1650 in his last collegiate swim, finishing 13th (15:56.85).

Freshman Orla Power was Lewis' lone female participant at Nationals. She came up short in her bid to earn All-America honors but more than made a name for herself in her rookie season. During the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships a month



earlier, Power took second in the 1650 freestyle with a school-record time of 17:31.44. Power also finished third in the 1000 freestyle (10:28.81) and seventh in the 500 freestyle (5:11.20).

However no student-athlete had a better performance at the GLIAC Championships than Coates. He won the 1650 (15:41.24), 1000 (9:22.28) and 500 (4:32.76) freestyle championships. His performance earned him 2010 GLIAC Male Swimmer of the Year.

In other GLIAC Championship performances, Drogemuller took third in the 1650 freestyle (16:01.34). In the 500 freestyle, Ament was fifth (4:37.18) and Drogemuller was ninth (4:39.60).

On the women's side, freshman Catie Reese broke her own school record with a 58:63 seventh-place finish in the 100 butterfly. In the 500 freestyle, junior Allie Henges was fourth (5:06.42). Power turned in a seventh-place finish of 5:11.20. Ruth Bass took fourth (4:40.16) in the 400 IM.

## Men's Basketball To Participate In Disney Tip-Off Classic

Lewis University head men's basketball coach Scott Trost announced the Flyers will participate in the 2010 Disney Division II Men's West Coast Tip-Off Classic from November 12-14 at the Anaheim Convention Center at the Disneyland Resort.

Lewis will play three games in three days against some of the best Division II competition in the country. This past year's field included a pair of nationally-ranked squads, including No. 5 Kentucky Wesleyan and No. 15 Western Washington.

"It's going to be an exciting and fun experience for our guys," Trost said. "We have our whole team back and we get to start the season against three very good teams."

GET Travel will provide a package with discounted rates for all Flyer alumni, friends and family, including lodging at a Disneyland Resort hotel, a three or four day park Hopper Ticket, admission to the Tip-Off Classic, admission to the pre-tournament party and much more.

## Turpel Named To All-Region Women's Basketball First Team

Junior forward Jenny Turpel has been named to the 2010 Daktronics All-Midwest Region Division II Women's Basketball First Team, in a vote of the region's sports information directors.

Turpel finished the 2009-10 season third in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in scoring (17.7 per game), fourth in rebounding (8.2), fifth in blocks (0.97) and 10th in field goal percentage



(51.6). She tied for the league lead in double-doubles with 11. Turpel scored 36 points against Florida Southern to open the season and

then bested that total with career-highs of 37-points and 17 rebounds against St. Joseph's on Feb. 4. The performance helped Turpel earn her second career GLVC Player of the Week honor.

Last season, Turpel earned All-Midwest Region Second-Team accolades.

"When you look at how strong the Midwest Region is in women's basketball, to be one of the top five players is a great tribute to all the hard work and dedication Jen has put in to the game," Lewis head women's basketball coach Lisa Carlsen said.

Turpel will enter her senior season seventh in career points (1,359), 12th in rebounds (567) and fifth in blocks (94) at Lewis.

Turpel also was named to the All-GLVC First Team this season. She also earned GLVC All-Tournament Team accolades for helping the Flyers to a second consecutive appearance in the GLVC Semifinals.



## Baseball Caps 2010 Season With Return To GLVC Tournament



Scumaci

The Lewis baseball team returned to the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament in 2010 for the first time since 2002.

The road to the postseason

featured several memorable moments along the way. Lewis made a statement to the league in early April when they won 3-of-4 games from defending conference champion Northern Kentucky. The Flyers won a pair of 2-1 decisions on April 17th over traditional power Indianapolis.

As a team Lewis won 15 GLVC games, the most since 1997. They also began the season with an impressive 8-1 Spring Trip.

Individually, senior starting pitcher Joe Scumaci led the GLVC in strikeouts (94) and wins (8). Twice during the season he recorded 13 strikeouts in a game. Scumaci was one of three Flyers to earn a GLVC Player of the Week Award during the 2010 campaign.

Following the season Scumaci earned All-GLVC First Team honors. Senior outfielder Scott Householder took home Second Team honors. Junior utility player Tyler Newsome was named to the Third Team.

## School-Record 144 Athletes Honored At Delahanty Awards

After a steady increase in numbers over the past six years, the Lewis University Athletics Department set a new school-record as 144 student-athletes were honored at the 22nd Annual Br. David Delahanty, FSC, Student-Athlete Awards, held in the Sancta Alberta Chapel.

The Delahanty Award recognizes student-athletes who maintained a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.25 or higher as of December 31, 2009. Flyer student-athletes set the former high mark of 140 recipients last school year, and there has not been a decrease in numbers in six years.

Two student-athletes who received special recognition were Paul Dags and Michelle Ruff. Dags and Ruff both took home the Senior Student-Athlete Award, given to the male and female senior student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point-average.

Dags, a member of the Lewis men's golf team, is a mathematics major with a computer science minor. He owns a perfect 4.00 grade point average. Ruff, a member of the Lewis women's track and field team, is a psychology major with a double minor in Business Studies and Communications, and has a grade point average of 3.98.

## Men's Tennis Competes in First Ever NCAA Regional Tournament



Lapimaa

The 2009-10 school year was a season to remember for the Lewis University men's tennis team, as the Flyers, led by Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year, Uno Lapimaa, rebounded from a four win campaign last season with a record of 16-8, including the program's first ever berth in the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament, hosted by Northwood University.

"It was an awesome opportunity for our program," Lewis head men's tennis coach Brett Bridel said of the Flyers postseason bid. "I was very excited for our guys that have worked so hard on and off the court that they were able to participate in the NCAA tournament."

Lapimaa only lost one singles match the entire season and finished the year with a record of 30-1 and will take a 24-match winning streak into his junior campaign. Lapimaa's classmate Tonis Irdoja was 20-10 on the season in singles play and that duo was 15-5 together in doubles action.

## Former Men's Basketball Great Larry Tucker Named To GLVC Hall Of Fame



Tucker

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced on December 17th that former Lewis University men's basketball great Larry Tucker has

been inducted into the GLVC Hall of Fame. Tucker is the first Lewis graduate to

be bestowed with this honor.

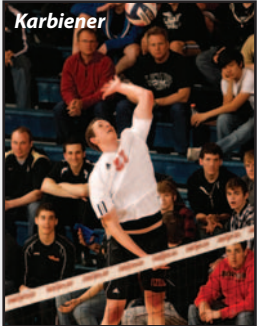
Tucker, whose name is plastered all over the Lewis record books, helped the Flyers to 66 victories in four seasons, including the school's first two NCAA Tournament berths in 1982 and 1983 and a GLVC Championship in 1982.

Currently the principal of Chicago's Marist High School, Tucker still stands as the Flyers' all-time leading scorer with

2,120 career points from 1979-83. He also owns the school's career records for field goals made (841), scoring average (20.3 ppg.) and field-goal percentage (67.8%).

Tucker can also claim Lewis' single-season standards for points scored (608, 1982-83) and field-goal percentage (70.0%, 1981-82).

## Karbiener Named MIVA Freshman Of The Year



Replacing four all-conference players, including an All-American, is not an easy task. However that was exactly

what the Lewis men's volleyball program had on its plate in 2010. Despite four new faces in the starting lineup, Lewis spent the majority of the season ranked in the AVCA Top 15 and earned a third-place finish in the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association standings.

Lewis finished the season 19-10 (7-5 MIVA). Lewis swept the season series from IPFW and won at Ball State for the first time since 2004. The Flyers set a school-record for points in a single set thanks to a marathon 44-42 opening set victory against Juniata on March 19. The Flyers set a rally scoring era record for block assists in a match, thanks to 39 against St. Francis on Jan. 30. Later in the season, on April 6 vs. Ball State, Lewis set another blocking rally scoring era record, this time for total blocks as Lewis tallied 26.0. Lewis finished the season second in the nation in blocking (3.36 per set).

Lewis' youth movement was rewarded following the season after opposite hitter Ian Karbiener earned MIVA Freshman of the Year honors. In MIVA play, Karbiener ranked sixth in points (4.26), sixth in kills (3.74) and eighth in aces (0.33) per set in the conference. Another new starter, sophomore middle hitter Matt Gallik, took home All-MIVA Second Team honors. He was joined on the All-MIVA Second Team by Karbiener and senior outside hitter Nathan Klaas. Senior setter Mike Iandolo earned All-MIVA First Team honors.



## Softball Wins Ninth GLVC Title

The Lewis University softball team won its first Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament title in six years and their ninth overall, as the Flyers claimed the 7-5 victory over Northern Kentucky at the Eastside Center on Sunday (May 9) afternoon.

"Our team played well in regular season and we thought we had a good shot of winning the conference title," Lewis head softball coach George DiMatteo '76 said. "We peaked at the right time because our pitching, defense, base running and offense all seemed to gel together.

"It's never easy to win the GLVC, because there are always so many good teams," DiMatteo continued. "It's a great testament to character of this team and I'm so proud of the way they rallied around each other."

Lewis was led offensively by junior outfielder Sarah Hurley and freshman shortstop Michelle Vucsko. Hurley roped a three-run homer in the third inning, while Vucsko was 1-for-2 with three RBI

and one run scored. Freshman center fielder Jayme Hefler went 2-for-4 with three runs scored. Hefler now owns the single-season record for runs scored, breaking the previous record of 53 set by Robin Martz in 2005.

Hurley also added a defensive gem, as she robbed Ashley Gates of a home run in the bottom of the sixth inning, leaping over the left field fence to catch the ball to halt a late NKU rally.

"Sarah's three run homer got us going, but that catch under those circumstances with a two-run lead in the championship game - that's when we knew there was something special going on," DiMatteo said.

Lewis sophomore pitcher Karissa Habel earned the win for the Flyers as she allowed five runs and six hits in 4.2 innings of work, while junior reliever Diana Pickrum tossed 2.1 innings of hitless and scoreless relief to earn her first save of the season.

# Where are they now?

## 1940s

**Lou Eichelkrout** attended Lewis in 1944 and 45. During that era, many students left without a receiving a degree, as they attended during wartime. Students at that time did not pay tuition to attend school; instead they worked on campus to pay for their residential life and classes. Lou said, "We would clean the ash and soot in the boiler room, and from all of the blackness, a little white mouse would run out." He also remembers having to polish the brass. Lou fondly remembers Mr. Evers, a math instructor, who would always be looking out the window toward the airport. One of Mr. Evers' quotes to Lou was, "Mr. Eichelkrout, as a last resort use common sense." Students at the time would attend dances at St. Dennis Church in Lockport, Ill. During Lou's time at Lewis, St. Dennis Church caught fire and he helped extinguish the blaze.

He remembers Edward McNeela, captain of the basketball team. Lou also fondly recalls the Lewis Sombreros, a group of about 30 guys who would all get together to blow off steam by playing horseshoes, baseball and many other activities. When Lou left Lewis, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He eventually married and had 6 children. He is a grandfather and great-grandfather, and is now a retired electrical engineer from ComEd.

## 1960s

**John Coffey '69** (*Business*) retired as Executive Vice President of State Farm Mutual Insurance in Bloomington, Ill. John has two children, Michelle and Mark, and 3 grandchildren, Peyton, Carter, and Quinn. He now lives in Raleigh, N. C. John received a Master of Business Administration degree and the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1995 from Eastern Illinois University.

**James Fagan '68** (*History*), received the Silver Cross Sangmeister Medal of Excellence for Community Service from the Childerguild at its 81st Annual Ball on November 21, 2009.

**Charles Kehoe '67** (*Psychology*), Superintendent of the Richmond Juvenile Detention Center, has been named Director of the Department of Justice Services.

**Dr. Anthony Lux '69** (*Mathematics and Physics*) was named the 2010 District 1 Superintendent of the Year for his work as the Merrillville (Ind.) Community Schools Superintendent. This is the second time Anthony has received this honor. He was previously honored by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.

**Rev. Dr. Kevin Spiess '69** (*Business Administration*) was appointed as Pastor for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish in Plainfield, Ill.

**Patrick Sullivan '65** (*English*) retired on March 10, 2010, from the University of St. Francis after serving 34 years as the men's basketball coach and athletic chairman. In December 2009, he celebrated his 500th collegiate win. Pat played on the Lewis 1962 baseball team and was a member of the Lewis basketball team for four years. He also was valedictorian of his class.

## 1970s

**Deborah (Kucer) Brueckheimer '77** (*English*) argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court on December 7, 2009. Deborah works for Marion Moorman, Public Defender for the 10th Judicial Circuit in Bartow, Fla., as Appellate Division Director.

**Robert M. Brusich '77** (*Psychology*), '81 (*Graduate Education*) accepted a promotion at Christian Brothers Services to Director of Sales and Business Development.

**Joseph Moravec '79** (*Accounting*) was recently promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Liberty Bank for Savings in Chicago.

**Cherilyn Murer '75** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) was highlighted in *Today's Chicago Woman* magazine for her expertise in healthcare. A 1978 graduate of Northern Illinois University's College of Law, she received their 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award. She is founder, president and CEO of the Murer Group.

**Gary Noha '77** (*Business Administration*) was appointed to National Sales Manager, door control products by C.R. Laurence Co. Inc. based in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Vanessa (White) Romeo '76** (*Social Work*), '00 (*Graduate Counseling Psychology*) was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism based on the recommendation of Justice Thomas Kilbride.

**Raymond R. Soliman '79** (*Sociology*) was elected Mayor of the City of Crest Hill on April 7, 2009. Prior to the election, Ray served the city as Ward I Alderman from 1993-2009. Ray's proud family includes wife, Vicky, and daughters, Stephanie and Emily.



◀ **Reverend Robert Teszlewicz '75** (*Social Work and Human Services*) said, "Lewis University took me into job positions that I would not have attained otherwise. My experiences as a school social worker, prison counselor, and foster care director for the mentally ill, and seeing hundreds of clients in private practice were

a direct result of the great education I received at Lewis University. After over 30 years as a social worker, my dedication to my clients and to the philosophy of St. John Baptist de La Salle is as strong as ever. Best wishes for much success to all of my fellow Flyers!"





◀ In late February **Dr. Perry Buckley '72** returned to a Lewis campus far different than the one he left when he graduated in 1972. On a brief

campus tour he pointed out the place where the barracks, in which he lived once stood, and he reminisced about The Studio Theatre, the 110 seat arena that predated the creation of the Philip Lynch Theatre.

Buckley was on campus to deliver a lecture in the Arts & Ideas series. His engaging lecture on "Performance Aspects of Elizabethan Drama" was delivered before more than 60 students - English majors and minors, students from Professor Harold McCay's Introduction to the Theatre Experience class, and students fulfilling Culture and Civilization requirements.

Out of the classroom for six years, Buckley now relishes these infrequent opportunities to share his passion for the Shakespearean age.

Buckley skillfully interwove stories about the birth of his own enthusiasm for the theatre with accounts of his attendance at hundreds of Elizabethan dramas and anecdotes about taking his Wright Community College students to live performances.

The origin of Buckley's lifelong commitment began innocently enough when a friend persuaded him to try out for *The Taming of the Shrew*, directed at Lewis by the legendary Chet Kondratowicz. Perry got the part, which required him to recite four lines in Latin, because he had studied the language in high school. When it came time to graduate, Buckley thought that he had earned a degree in sociology only to be told that his hours were insufficient. But he had acquired enough hours in English to graduate with that major. From such inauspicious beginnings....

Buckley began his teaching career teaching at Saint Francis Academy and then moved on to Fenwick High School before going to work for the City Colleges of Chicago. In 1982 he earned a Ph.D. from the University of London.

Shortly after graduation from Lewis, he began his yearly pilgrimages to England, mostly for the purposes of seeing theatre. His passion was heightened when the new Globe Theatre, a project of the American actor Sam Wannamaker, opened in 1992, not too far from the spot on the south bank of the Thames where Shakespeare's theatre once stood. Buckley has seen every production at the Globe since its opening.

Given the multiple productions of Shakespeare plays that he was seen - in England and at the Chicago

Shakespeare Theatre and in many fine film adaptations - Buckley had wise and witty things to say about the different versions of Shakespeare's more famous plays. Who knew that Franco Zeffirelli cast Mel Gibson in *Hamlet* because of his admiration for the actor's performance in *Lethal Weapon*? Who knew that Kate's submission to her husband Petruchio at the end of *The Taming of the Shrew* could be played in so many different ways?

He urged the audience to attend live performances of Shakespeare plays because, more than any other playwright, Shakespeare has taught us what it means to be human. Buckley's message is clear: Shakespeare connects with the concerns of today's students as much as he did with those of his contemporaries.

For the past six years Buckley has been the president of The City Colleges of Chicago Teachers Union and a Vice-President of the American Federation of Teachers. He attributes much of his political savvy in these positions to his many years of reading, watching, and teaching Shakespeare. Shakespeare may be a "dead, white male," but he still captures our imagination. And as long as there are enthusiastic advocates like Buckley, a proud Lewis alumnus, it will be forever so.

## 1980s

**David D. Glass '81** (*Accounting*) has been appointed as the Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Veeco Instruments, Inc.

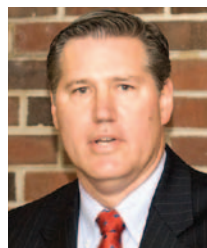
**Francis Lawless, '83** (*Aviation Airframe and Power Plant Certificate*), who also has a degree in English from Temple University, was featured in *Sun-Times* Media in October for his e-mails about his interesting life on the road as a "literary" truck driver.



◀ **Lisa (Gombash) Riebe '85** (*Business Administration*) wrote a middle grade science fiction book - *Pond Punkies, The Arrival*. For more information about Lisa's book, please visit: [www.pondpunkies.com](http://www.pondpunkies.com)

**Edward Puisis '83** (*Biology*) has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of Intelligrated, a leading American-owned automated material handling solution provider.

**Mitchell Tomaszewicz '85** (*Journalism*), the Cobleskill Head Cross-Country Coach for the State University of New York was selected as the 2009 Men's Cross-Country Coach of the Year and the 2009 Women's Cross-Country Coach of the Year.



◀ **Lawrence Tucker '84** (*Economics*) was inducted into the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Hall of Fame this spring for his basketball career as a Lewis Flyer and as a member of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Larry is the first Lewis graduate to be selected for this GLVC honor. He is a member of the Lewis University Hall of Fame. He also is Principal at Marist High School. (See article on p. 28).

## 1990s



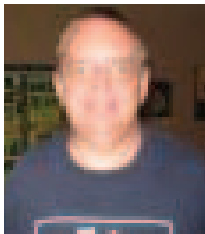
◀ **Charles E. Doll '96** (*Graduate Criminal/Social Justice*) retired from the Orland Park Police Department after 30 years of service. Charles received the Village of Orland Park Recognition of Service Award on December 29, 2009.



◀ **Donald Gene Monahan '93** (*Criminal/Social Justice*), '96 (*Graduate Criminal/Social Justice*) retired from the Orland Park Police Department after 24 years of service. Prior to serving the Orland Park community, Donald worked for seven years in Midlothian. He received the Village of Orland Park Recognition of Service Award on December 29, 2009.

Recently retired Orland Park Police Charles Doll (top) and Donald Monahan (above) received Recognition of Service Awards. (Photos by Heather Warthen/22nd Century Media)

**Michael Marchese '98** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) was appointed as the Police Chief in Lakemoor, Ill.



◀ **Timothy Mellen '94** (*Sociology*) is currently living in Georgia as a social worker, working with families and individuals.

**Carl Mitchell '98** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) was appointed as the Platte City, Missouri Police Chief.

**Kevin Otten '92** (*Aviation Maintenance Management*) a DC-9 Captain, was recently promoted to General Manager in charge of Government Contracts with NNSA (National Nuclear Security Administration).

**Milosh Pujo '99** (*Accounting*) was recently featured on [www.nwi.com](http://www.nwi.com) news Web site. The former professional European basketball player still plays basketball three or four times a week in different leagues and also runs Milosh Pujo Basketball Training program for youngsters. He is an accountant for Eon Climate and Renewables, a renewable energy company and handles the accounting for the 11 wind farms the company has in North America. Pujo was an NCAA Division II All-American at Lewis in 1998-99 and was a three-time Great Lakes Valley Conference selection. He is the Flyers' second all-time leading scorer with 1,880 points. He was an NCAA Division II Freshman All-American in 1995 and a Division II All-American in 1998-99. At Lewis, Pujo was the only player named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference team three years in a row.



**Jeffery Myers '96** (*Graduate Business Administration*) worked in telecommunications for 13 years as a Sales Manager, and is currently a Professor of Business at Wake Technical College in Raleigh, N. C. Myers took a trip to North Korea two years ago and recalls the experience. "My October 2007 trip to North Korea was unlike any other experience I have ever had. I went to the Mass Games twice, the resting place of Kim Il Sung, the DMZ, as well as city tours of Pyongyang which included a trip on the underground subway at rush hour. We toured museums, city monuments, the Juche Tower and the captured United States spy boat that actually sits right in the middle of Pyongyang."

Myers said that he felt very safe the entire trip, had great accommodations and extremely polite guides. After traveling to 27 countries, North Korea leads Myers' list of exciting experiences!

**Edward Schaffer '97** (*Graduate Education*) was recently hired as the Director of Physical Education and Athletics at Prairie State College (PSC).

**Susan (Hoster) Suggs '92** (*Public Administration*) was appointed as the new Executive Director of the Bolingbrook Park District.

## 2000s

**Michael Englehart '07** (*Graduate Organizational Leadership*) recently accepted the position of President at South Suburban Hospital, which is operated by Advocate Health Care.



◀ **John Garrido III '01** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) graduated from John Marshall Law School in 2006 and passed the February Bar exam in 2006. John started a small law firm called Northwest Legal Services, LLP, which focuses on probate and real estate law. He is also a Chicago Police Officer and was promoted to Lieutenant in January 2008. He is now assigned to a 44-man

Tactical Team on the West Side of Chicago. John and his wife of 12 years are also very active with the P.A.W.S. organization (a no-kill animal shelter in Chicago).

**1st Lt. Lionel Gonzalez `06** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) returned home in August 2009 from a year deployment to Afghanistan in what was the largest mobilization of Illinois Army National Guard troops since WWII. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service for his work as a security force platoon leader for a Provincial Reconstruction Team charged with helping Afghanistan's Tag Ab Province.



◀ **Guinevere Grana `08** (*Psychology and Theatre*) received a great acting role in August 2008 in Chicago. Guinevere played the role of Tina Vitale in the interactive comedy, "Tony 'N Tina's Wedding." She performed there for one year. Guinevere

then moved to Bloomington, Ill. Her fiancé, Tim McGahan, who is a nurse. She is now substitute teaching until they can move back to Chicago.

**Jessica Greminger `03** (*Chemistry and Physics*) received a Doctorate in Physical Chemistry from Loyola University.

**David Heller `08** (*Communication Studies*) has been named as the Boys' Volleyball Coach for Lemont High School.



◀ **Loren (Pellizzari) Lascon `06** (*Elementary Education*) and husband, **Joseph Lascon `07** (*Theology and History*), celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary on November 9. Joe is in his 3rd year of teaching Religion at Resurrection High School along with coaching

varsity tennis. Loren is in her 4th year of teaching 2nd grade at St. Thomas of Villanova.

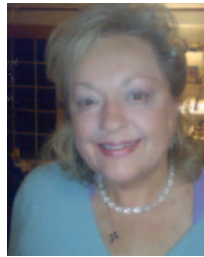
**Dennis Lynch `04** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) was named a "Rising Star" for the second year in a row by the Super Lawyers section of *Chicago Magazine* for this work in plaintiff's personal injury litigation. He and his wife, **Amanda (Schlieve) Lynch `03** (*Graduate Organizational Leadership*) live in Oak Park.



◀ **Anthony Sam `07** (*Accounting, Business Administration, Economics*), **`08** (*Graduate Business*) competed with his team from John Marshall Law School of Chicago at the sixth annual national Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Tournament hosted by State University at Buffalo School of Law. The tournament was attended by 33 law schools from 16 states and had 128 students participate.

Anthony received the award for Best Overall Advocate.

**Ashley Sneddon `05** (*Marketing*) was appointed as Director of Catering for The Blackstone Hotel based in Chicago.



◀ **Shirley Valevicius `02** (*Business Administration*), **`04** (*Graduate Organizational Leadership*) was elected DuPage Township Collector. Shirley received a Distinguished Scholars Award while attending Lewis. She has performed theatre since being away from Lewis and is very active in community activities.

**Heather Warthen `03** (*Print Journalism*) recently celebrated her five-year anniversary as a newspaper editor with 22nd Century Media. She serves as Managing Editor for the company, as well as Editor for *The Orland Park Prairie* newspaper. She also won several awards, including first-place for Best Spot News Photo in October, and was recently named Editor of the Year for non-daily publications by the Illinois Press Association.

**Elizabeth Weber `08** (*English, Radio/TV Broadcasting*) was published by Prick of the Spindle for her new poem "I Wish You Weren't Such a Paranoid Actress." It is available online at: [www.prickofthespindle.com/poetry/3.4/weber/i\\_wish.htm](http://www.prickofthespindle.com/poetry/3.4/weber/i_wish.htm)

## Weddings



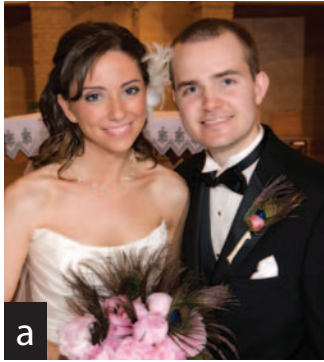
◀ **Katherine Gilman `04** (*Marketing*) married Dru McCulley on December 5, 2009 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield, Ill. The couple is residing in Springfield and Katie is coaching volleyball and teaching Physical Education and Health. Katie was on the Lewis Volleyball team for the 2000-2003 seasons.

**Christopher Lakumb `98** (*Finance*) married Jennifer Glover on November 28, 2009 in Ireland.

**Jason Midlock `06** (*History*) and **Sarah Seeman, `06** (*Elementary Education*) were married on December 4, 2009, at St. Patrick's Church in Joliet, Ill.

**Harley Piercy `03** (*Sports Management*), **`06** (*Graduate Organizational Leadership*) married Kate Campaigne on June 13, 2009, in Charlevoix, Mich.

**Kerry (Nass) Pohlmeier `08** (*Graduate Counseling and Guidance*) married Aron Pohlmeier on September 26, 2009, at Hilton Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, Ill.



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## Flyer Anniversaries

### 1 YEAR

- a. **Mark '06 and Lauren (Pavilon) Winiarski,**  
June 19, 2009

### 5 YEARS

- b. **Travis '02 and Faith '03 (Smith) Cole,**  
October 28, 2005
- c. **Dean '97 and Karen (Popke) Kouzes,**  
May 21, 2005
- d. **Richard '01, '03 and Beth '02 (Wilkerson) Kowalczyk,** June 25, 2005
- e. **Doug '01 and Michelle '02 (Farina) Wendt,** November 4, 2005

### 10 YEARS

- f. **Daniel '00, '04 and Erin '00 (Webster) O'Sullivan,** June 17, 2000

### 20 YEARS

- g. **Michael '77 and Angelique Parker,**  
June 30, 1990
- h. **Theodore '87 and Jo Ellen '88 (Dahlberg) Slowik,** August 4, 1990
- i. **Kenneth '88 and Rebecca '88 (Aharrah) Velasquez,**  
November 17, 1990

### 25 YEARS

- j. **Joseph '78, '84 and Kristen '88 (Bergmark) Falese,** November 16, 1985

### 30 YEARS

- k. **John and Carmen '79 (Ponce) Morales,**  
July 13, 1980



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## Future Flyers



▲ **Timothy Kryszak Jr. '98** (*Aviation Flight Management*) and his wife, Katherine, are pleased to report the birth of their first son. Timothy Kryszak III was born in January 2010.

**Anthony 'Tony' Maffeo '01**, (*Criminal/Social Justice*) and his wife, Angie, are pleased to report that their third child, Mia Marie was born in January 2010. She is welcomed home by big brothers, Joey and Matthew. The proud grandfather is **James Maffeo '72** (*Management Science*) and proud uncle, **Dr. John Maffeo '77** (*Chemistry*).



▲ **Andrew Rybak '03** (*Marketing*), '06 (*Graduate Business Administration*) and his wife **Amy (Higgins) Rybak '06** (*Athletic Training*) gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on March 3, 2010. Gracie Jane Rybak weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19" long at birth.

## In Memoriam

Professor Emeritus **Roger G. Ashamy**, 93, died on February 18, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Morris, Ill. Professor Ashamy taught accounting and business at Lewis for 30 years and was deeply respected by his colleagues and his students.

Professor Ashamy received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois where was a member of the track team. A captain in the Army Finance Corps from 1941-46, his assignments were at Duke University, West Point and the Pentagon. He was employed at the Ordnance Ammunition Command before coming to teach in 1961 at Lewis University.

Professor Ashamy received many teaching awards, including the Brother Louis de La Salle Seiler Ministry of Teaching Award in 1982. He also was honored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers for his dedication to teaching and the Lewis University Mission, receiving the Midwest District Lasallian Award in 1983. He retired in 1984 from his full time position in teaching, but continued as an adjunct until May 1990.

A group of 12 alumni, each a member of the Board of Trustees at Lewis University, joined to establish the Roger Ashamy Endowed Scholarship for accounting majors in 1987 in recognition of their beloved teacher.

**James M. Albert '67** (*English*) passed away on February 15, 2010, at the age of 67.

**William A. "Bones" Crossen III '68** (*Accounting*) passed away on January 19, 2010, at the age of 64.

**Robert Diemer '38** (*General Studies*) passed away on March 1 in Morris, Ill. at the age of 91. Robert is survived by his wife of over 60 years Vivian (Rodeghero), daughters Diana Johnson and Suzanne Stiniker of Texas. Robert's work in life was that of a truck driver and small business owner. Robert is most known for his strong faith and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

**David DeGeus '85** (*Economics*) passed away on November 28, 2009, at the age of 48.

**Natalie Evans '92** (*Business Administration*) passed away on October 29, 2009, at the age of 40.

**Shirley E. Fish '72** (*English*) passed away on January 29, 2010, at the age of 86.

**Melissa Hammonds '89** (*Elementary Education*) passed away in May 2009, at the age of 41.

**Thaddeus 'Ted' Jarosz '52** (*Business Administration*) passed away on December 20, 2009, at the age of 78.

**Walter Pudlik '39** passed away on October 9, 2009, at the age of 90.



◀ **Harold 'Hutch' Kittner '36** passed away on December 6, 2009, at the age of 90. "Hutch" was a '36 grad and enjoyed attending several Golden Flyer Luncheons and weekend drives to campus to see the significant progress and updates. His wife, Janet, said that they were looking through photo albums and fondly reminiscing over time spent at Lewis. Hutch was still touched that Brother James sat with them a few years back at the Golden Flyers Luncheon.

# Alumni Gatherings

For more information on any events, please visit the alumni Web site calendar of events at [www.alumni.lewisu.edu](http://www.alumni.lewisu.edu) [facebook.com/lewisualumni](https://facebook.com/lewisualumni)



## 1985 Men's Basketball Team Reunion Event- January 30

Cliff Evans '85, Chuck Schwarz '62, Ben Billups '84 reminisce about their basketball days at Lewis.



## Alumni Gathering in the Neil Carey Arena New Varsity Club Suite – December 12, 2009

(Above left) Lisa Martinez '04 and Michael Swanberg '04 enjoy the view from the new Varsity Club Suite inside the Neil Carey Arena. (Above right) Ken Kraft '78, Tim McAlpin '80, John McIntire '78, John Sherry '78 and Tom O'Connor '78 are spotted at the Alumni Reception.



## Cubs vs. Sox in Arizona – March 19

Alumni and friends in Arizona gathered for a Cubs vs. Sox game on March 19. Clifton Kelly '78 and Kevin Newquist '78 enjoy some time with the Ronnie 'Woo'.



## Florida Gatherings

(Top left photo, left to right) Mary Kay Piechura, Dan Allen, Don Risser, Joe Piechura '69 and Todd Miller '86 gather in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (Top right photo) Alumni and friends enjoy one another's company at the home of Jim and Anne LaGrippe in Naples, Florida. (Above) Sarasota area alumni and friends come together at the home of Ed and Sandy Prodehl.

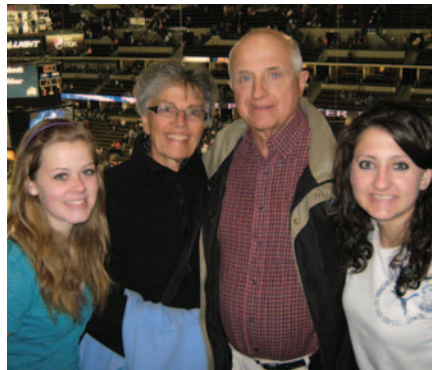
Save the Date

30th Annual Lewis University Varsity Club Alumni Golf Classic – June 11, 2010



**California Alumni Gatherings**

(Above left) Vice President of University Advancement Daniel Allen with Los Angeles area alumni and friends at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. (Above right) Lewis University Trustee Clifton Kelly '78 (third from right) with San Francisco area alumni at the University Club.



**Blackhawks vs. Avalanche in Colorado – April 9**

(Above left) Tom Powers '68, Janet Power, Jennifer Sosnowki Husum '02 and Brian Husum '03. (Above right) Mary and Tom Dedin '62 and family at the Colorado Gathering.

**Cubs Rooftop Event - May 2**

Andy Cudzik '91, Joanne O'Malley '91, Bridget McIlvain '92, Sharon McIlvain and Bryan McGuire '91 enjoy the rooftop Cubs game with alumni and friends.

**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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Career/Family News (Attach additional sheets if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Alumni Golf Classic**  
June 11, 2010



**White Sox Game**  
August 26, 2010



**Signum Fidei Celebration**  
September 11, 2010



**Homecoming and  
Family Day**  
October 2, 2010



**Cookies with Santa**  
December 5, 2010

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