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One of the greatest contributions to Western Civilization by the Catholic Church during the last millennium has been the development of Catholic universities. There are now perhaps 1,200 such institutions worldwide. Approximately 230 have been established in the United States. Of those, six are Lasallian Catholic universities and colleges in the United States and there are 70 worldwide. The six in this country are LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Manhattan College in New York City, Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Saint Mary's College of California and Lewis University. Enrollments range from about 2,800 to nearly 6,800, with Lewis' 6,200 being second largest.

Like other fine Catholic universities, Lasallian Catholic institutions seek to incorporate the enriching Catholic intellectual tradition into all of our curricula and educational offerings. We place an emphasis on respect for the human dignity of each person and the pursuit of the common good in a community setting. Ethics, social justice, moral leadership and diversity are all important priorities, as is the development of the complete person. Our colleges and universities are marked by the integration of the liberal arts with pre-professional education. Excellence in teaching, faculty scholarship, caring guidance for our students, meaningful student learning outcomes, and a special concern for the economically disadvantaged are all characteristics of a quality education within a Catholic and Lasallian context.

Accordingly, our Catholic identity is quite significant for us, for the Church and for society. It is the basis of many of our strengths and a source of unity. The Lasallian dimension is especially expressed by our association together in pursuit of a shared mission, as well as by the understanding of our individual roles as a vocational call. In future years, we will be doing even more to explore the riches of our Catholic higher education tradition, which holds much potential for our presence in a secularized society. It also is relevant to our students who want to explore questions of greater ultimacy and potential meaningfulness in their personal and professional lives, as well as in their engagement as American citizens and participants in the global community.



There is no question but that Catholic Lasallian colleges and universities strive to be excellent higher education centers, as well as places where students can thrive and experience the further development of all that is most human. For that reason, Lewis University is working diligently on our next strategic plan, in order to achieve our Vision 2016: *Lewis University will be recognized as an outstanding, innovative, mid-sized Catholic university, offering programs of academic*

distinction to a diverse population. In the Lasallian tradition, Lewis will prepare graduates who are intellectually engaged, ethically grounded, socially responsible and globally aware. A big step in that direction is the construction of our Science Center, which is scheduled to be completed by next Christmas. We will also be remodeling and expanding our Oremus Fine Arts Center, adding to our Learning Resource Center and constructing a new athletic facility (a nine-lane track and a synthetic surface competition sports field), as well as more campus parking. Other projects for the next 8-10 years have been identified which will greatly advance the transformation of our Romeoville campus and provide new resources for achieving the vision of our future as a University of distinction. Many of these initiatives will be the focus of our next several capital campaigns.

Thank you for sharing the excitement that we have for all that Lewis University is now and will become. Our vision is rooted in our Mission as a Catholic and Lasallian university which welcomes people of diverse backgrounds who understand, respect and support our identity and our essential purposes. As we approach our 80th year, we are grateful for all that has been achieved and contributed to the lives of our nearly 35,000 proud and accomplished alumni. At the same time, we are confident that the best is certainly yet to come, as the University continues to progress and build upon all that makes us now such a splendid teaching and learning community.

Sincerely,

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

Br. James Gaffney, FSC
President

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Lewis University has witnessed remarkable growth. Seven consecutive years of record-breaking enrollment, renewed and additional accreditations, an increase in degrees and programs of study as well as national recognition, have heightened the stature of the University and enhanced the reputation of a Lewis University degree.

Accreditation

Late last year, the College of Business programs were accredited by the prestigious Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). The ACBSP is a global, specialized accreditation association for business education that supports, celebrates and rewards teaching excellence. It also develops, promotes and recognizes best practices that contribute to continuous improvements of business education.

Dr. Rami Khasawneh, Dean of the College of Business said, "This accreditation will be an added value for our students to receive their degree from a school which is publicly recognized at this level. This accreditation reflects the great work we have done and will continue to do preparing tomorrow's business leaders."

Programs offered by the College of Business, which will be accredited at the undergraduate level include accountancy, business administra-

tion, computer information systems, economics, finance, information security and risk management, international business and marketing. Graduate level programs include the MBA, and master's degrees in information security, finance and management, as well as the dual degree offered in nursing and business administration.

Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost commented, "This is a significant achievement by the College of Business. The focus on teaching excellence and continuous improvement fits well with the Mission and goals of the University."

More good news was received early in the new year from the Higher Learning Commission. The Higher Learning Commission was on campus for a Quality Checkup Visit in November 2010. The visit is part of the ongoing Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). Drs. Mary Moore and Timothy Roach, representing the Higher Learning Commission, met with

University faculty, staff and students over the course of three days to assess the University's progress toward its goals.

The results of their "Quality Check-up Report" were very good. The Higher Learning Commission found that "there are many strengths for Lewis," and that the University met all five of the goals of the Quality Check-up Visit. The report was complimentary to the University and commended the commitment to systemic quality improvement noting, "It was clear to the team that Lewis University has a strong organizational commitment to systemic quality improvement, from the President down and throughout the University."

Nationally Recognized

Others are discovering what Lewis students, alumni, faculty and staff have known all along, that the University is a high quality institution, one of the best in the region. In addition to being recognized by The Princeton Review



Drs. Mary Moore and Timothy Roach, representing the Higher Learning Commission (left), met with Dr. Cathy Ayers, AQIP Director, (center) Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost, and Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, to kick off the Quality Checkup Visit for Reaccreditation.

(Below left) Dr. Roach meets with a group of students to discuss the student learning experience at Lewis University.



(Below right) Posters display the activity on various quality improvement projects which have been undertaken by AQIP teams during the past three years.



and *U.S. News & World Report* for seven consecutive years, Lewis University has recently received other national recognitions. Chosen for its “exemplary commitment to the four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes,” Lewis University is now featured in the online publication *Colleges of Distinction*.

“This significant honor reflects our commitment to excellence in teaching and student achievement,” commented Provost, Dr. Stephany Schlachter. The goal of *Colleges of Distinction* provides high school students, parents and counselors with information about colleges and universities that excel in the areas of overall learning, growing and succeeding. The guide describes schools that take a holistic approach to admissions decisions, which consistently excel in providing undergraduate education and that have a truly national reputation.

Both prominent names and “hidden gems” are found on the *Colleges of*

Distinction list. All of the schools listed in the guide share excellent reputations among not only high school guidance counselors and education professionals, but also employers and graduate schools as well.

In addition to *Colleges of Distinction*, Lewis has been recognized by *GI Jobs Magazine* as being “military friendly,” the *College Access and Opportunity Guide*, a guidebook designed to “help first generation, low-income, and minority students make their college dreams a reality,” and was recently rated among the top 10 schools in the Chicago region by B-Smrt (Branding-Syndicated Market Research Tracker). The Blackstone Group conducted more than 1,000 phone interviews for their research. The B-Smrt ranking was featured in the *Chicago Tribune*. Lewis University was ranked number nine in the region, tied with Northern Illinois University.

“These recognitions show our reputation and name recognition have grown considerably in the last few years,” said Vice President for Enrollment

An expanded ROTC program, as well as Lewis’ participation as a Yellow Ribbon School has been recognized by GI Jobs Magazine. Additionally Lewis has continued to offer new majors for traditional students and adults in meeting the changing educational needs for work in today’s society.

Management, Ray Kennelly. “The overall reputation and image of Lewis has grown nationally.”

Although the University continues to grow in size and stature, the same commitment to its Mission and guiding principles still apply, as does the focus on developing the whole person and personalized student attention. Most importantly, Lewis University’s Catholic and Lasallian traditions remain as strong as ever.

Lewis University Appoints Chief of Police

Lewis University has appointed Jim Montanari, former Police Commander for the City of Naperville Police Department, as its new Chief of the Lewis University Police Department. The newly established Police Department will bring a sworn presence to campus, provide assistance in emergencies, promote greater safety and crime prevention, and offer increased emergency preparedness for the University's faculty, staff, students and visitors. The Lewis University Police Department will work in collaboration with the Village of Romeoville Police Department.

"Chief Montanari has significant experience in training, supervision, and emergency planning and response, which makes him an excellent choice to lead Lewis in this transition from a Campus Security model to a Campus Police Department. Expanding the department and continuing to upgrade the professional development of our staff will assist in meeting the needs of the University's growing student population and is in response to societal changes. Plans call for extensive training for all members of the department and hiring of additional personnel. Overall, this will support our commitment to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students, faculty and staff," commented Joseph Falesé '78, Vice President for Student Services at Lewis University.

A graduate of Western Illinois University, the new Chief brings more than 30 years of experience to his new position. As a former police commander, Montanari was in charge of city-wide police operations in Naperville. He has advanced training in emergency management, special event security planning, critical incident response, police instructor development and other important areas.



Students Excel in Regional Competition

The Flyer

The print and online student editions of Lewis University's student newspaper, *The Flyer* were recognized Feb. 13 at the American Collegiate Press Association's "Best of the Midwest" newspaper convention in Minneapolis, Minn.

Both editions were awarded fourth place in the "Best of Show" category. In the "Multimedia Package" category, Lyndsey Powers, online editor-in-chief, and Lauren Pirc, assistant news editor, earned first place.

As one of 38 participants in the conference and competition, *The Flyer* was the only college or university newspaper from Illinois to be recognized. "The Lewis students are very deserving of these awards. The 'Best of Show' award is really meaningful to the staff as it is formal acknowledgment of their teamwork and commitment," commented Lisa O'Toole, adviser of *The Flyer*.

On Feb. 19, a group of staff members attended the Illinois College Press Association's annual awards luncheon. This year, the print edition of *The Flyer* earned three awards in the "non-dailies over 4,000" category.

Staff members include Carlo Calma, Lyndsey Powers, Hayley Smorczeski, Lauren Pirc, James Poellnitz, Mary Egan, Jennifer Prokop, Kevin Meyer, Kelley Manges, Kari Hart, Jason Beneventi, Alex Gasick, Melissa Cortez, Sal Ursino, Chris Biscardi, Julie Szamlewski, Sarah Griffith, James Putong and adviser Lisa O'Toole.



The 2010-2011 Lewis University Mock Trial Team members and coaches are recognized at the 2011 Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament hosted by Lewis University.



Twelve Lewis University students celebrate their success at the 43rd Annual Region III Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.



Mock Trial

With a strong finish, Lewis University's Mock Trial "A" team earned 16th place in the national tournament held at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. The Lewis team was undefeated in the last two rounds.

Cassandra Myers won Outstanding Attorney and Chezare Bingham was named Outstanding Witness. Kevin Whelehan missed earning an Outstanding Attorney award by one point. Cary Hansing and Michael Park were runners up for Outstanding Witness designation.

Mock Trial "B" team competed against two top-ten teams and finished 51st at the tournament. Joshua Rehak was awarded Outstanding Attorney followed closely by Sean Lenckus. Derek Frommel and Danielle Volk came close to receiving Outstanding Witness awards.

The Mock Trial team wrapped up the 2010-2011 American Mock Trial Association season with a competitive finish in the Regional competition February 19-20. The following weekend, Lewis Mock Trial team members earned \$22,000 at a John Marshall Law School completion; which makes the five-year total scholarship winnings for Lewis students to be more than \$175,000.

The two Lewis teams tied each other in the standings at 11th place. Northwestern University led the tournament with an undefeated record. Lewis was the closest team to defeating Northwestern when they squared off in the second round with 3 and 4 points determining the win.

In the individual awards categories, Michael Park won Outstanding Region Witness. Other top scorers in the Witness category were: Chezare Bingham, Julius van Manen, Derek Frommel, and Danielle Volk. Lewis team members that received high scores in the Outstanding Region Attorney category include: Michael Park, Joshua Rehak, Cassandra Myers and Sabrina Karakaya.

Mock Trial team members include Chezare Bingham, Villus Butauskas, Derek Frommel, Lena Hallaj, Cary Hansing, Sabrina Karakaya, Sean Lenckus, Cassandra Myers, Michael Park, Ron Jovi Ramirez, Joshua Rehak, Victoria Strid, Sabra Thomas, Julius Van Manen, Danielle Volk, Kaitlyn Worst and Kevin Whelehan.

Coaches of the team are Dr. James Houlihan, Brandi Sanders, John Senese of the Peter Francis Geraci Law Offices in Chicago and Bill Rock '05 of Block Klukas & Manzella Law Firm in Joliet.

Theater Festival

Twelve Lewis University students nurtured their passion for theatre by attending the 43rd Annual Region III Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) January 4-9, hosted by Michigan State University Theatre Department on their snow-covered campus in Lansing, Mich. More than 1,400 theatre students from Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Indiana attended the festival.

Lewis University senior Christopher Hueg received a 2010 certificate of merit for his sound design for the Philip Lynch Theatre (PLT) production of *Proof*. He gave a presentation to professional respondents, and was selected as a national finalist for the KCACTF Award for Sound Design Excellence.

While attending the 5-day event, Kevin Kaucher and Melanie Gillies participated in the Tech Olympics. Melanie received a 2010 certificate of merit for her properties design for the PLT production of *Seussical*, and presented her props in the juried Theatre Craft showcase and Prop-A-Palooza.

The PLT has competed for the last 11 years in the highly competitive Irene Ryan Scholarship Acting Auditions. This year, the competition featured over 400 student actors and their partners in the preliminary auditions. Lewis students Kate Sisto and her partner, Lauren Lisak,

as well as Monisa Victrum and her partner, Mike Sansone, were chosen to compete in the semi-final round of approximately 36 actors. Kate and Lauren performed scenes from *Wonder of the World* by David Lindsay-Abaire and a contrasting scene from *King of Shadows* by Roberto Aguirre Sacasa. Monisa and Mike performed scenes from *Collective Dating* by V. B. Leghorn and *Rabbit Hole* also by David Lindsay-Abaire. Lewis students Jacquelyn Staszak and her partner Christopher Hueg, Michael Friar and his partner Sean Barber also participated in the Irene Ryan Talent Scholarship Audition Competition. Since 1972, the Irene Ryan Foundation has awarded scholarships to outstanding student performers at the regional festival.

Other Lewis students attending the festival were Jonathan Erickson and Carli Wheeler. Theatre professor Kevin Trudeau and theatre staff members Jo Slowik and Celeste Mackey, traveled with the students. All together the group represented Lewis and the PLT with finesse, talent and charm.

Lewis Works Year-Round with the Will County Reading Council

National Reading Day is celebrated Jan. 24, but Lewis University students, faculty and staff work year-round with the Will County Reading Council (WCRC) to promote literacy. “Every day is ‘reading day’ for us at Lewis University,” commented Dr. Deborah Augsburger, associate professor and chair of Reading and Literacy at Lewis University.

Augsburger is currently serving as the president of the WCRC, which is in the North Central Region of the Illinois Reading Council. The council advocates quality literacy opportunities for all learners and serves as a primary organization that provides educators at all levels access to research, materials and methodologies to promote and teach lifelong literacy and learning.

On February 16, Lewis partnered with WCRC to host the Winter Professional Development Roundtable. Reading professionals in Will County presented a mini-conference style presentation of professional development ideas. It was an opportunity to share ideas and brush up on strategies and practices for effective, engaging reading instruction.

In the fall, the College of Education hosted its annual author visit. Gary Moore, author of *Playing with the Enemy*, discussed his book about the politics of sports and war and the life-changing decisions that people need to make in order to stand up for their beliefs. Dr. Jeanette Mines, Dean of the College of Education at Lewis University, brought the first author to campus to speak in the series in 1990. Typically, authors of children’s or adolescent literature are invited to introduce Lewis students to the real people who make a living creating the literature that Lewis graduates use when they teach students in the K-12 schools.



Lewis University graduate student Angela Youngen presents at the February 16 Will County Reading Council Winter Professional Development event.

“Considering Collections” Series

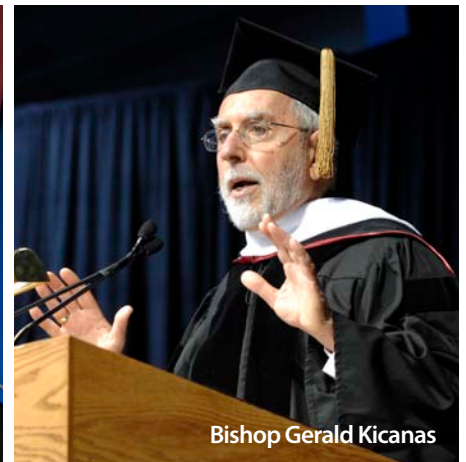
Throughout the spring semester, the Lewis University History Center and the Library have presented the “Considering Collections” series, focusing on of three historical collections.

Mark Harmon, site director of the Gaylord Building historic site, presented “Considering Historic Preservation in the Nation’s Landscape” on February 15. He discussed the Gaylord Building in Lockport within the context of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Historic Sites. He also commented on the “Lines and Shadows” exhibit.

Carrie Tarrasuk Gutierrez, acting curator of collection at The First Division Museum at Cantigny, presented a session entitled “Considering the Stuff of Soldiering” on March 15. Gutierrez brought examples of helmets, World War I posters and uniforms that are part of the collection at The First Division Museum at Cantigny.

On April 5, Lewis University’s Professor *Emeritus* John Lamb, Mary Hollerich and Dr. Dennis H. Cremin discussed the Adelmann Collection, including its founding, care and cataloguing, and context within local and national history in their program, “Considering the Adelmann Collection.”

Dr. Cremin, Assistant Professor and Director of the Lewis University History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest, commented, “These programs are part of the ‘Lines and Shadows: Discovering the Adelmann Collection’ exhibit at the Gaylord Building Historic Site. The exhibit provides an overview of the former Canal and Regional Special Collection at Lewis University. These programs highlight aspects of local collections that have a national scope.”

Dr. Stephany Schlachter, *Lewis University* Provost

Bishop Gerald Kicanas

Winter Commencement Ceremonies Streamed over the Internet

Lewis University held Winter Commencement Ceremonies December 18 and 19, for nearly 683 graduates who received bachelor's, master's and graduate degrees. Master's degrees, certificates and a doctoral degree were awarded on Saturday while undergraduates received their bachelor's degrees on Sunday. Both ceremonies were held in the Lewis Student Recreation and Fitness Center on the Romeoville main campus.

This year for the first time, both undergraduate and graduate ceremonies were broadcast over the Internet to allow participants and their families an opportunity to watch the ceremony afterward. Additionally for those family members and friends who cannot attend it provided a live look at the ceremony as it took place in the fieldhouse. You can view the ceremony online at www.lewisu.edu/livecommencement

Dr. Joyce Hayward, Associate Professor of Reading and Literacy in the University's College of Education, was the faculty speaker at Saturday's ceremonies.

Mark Serratore presented the Lasallian address at Sunday's ceremony,

an honor given to one graduating senior at each commencement. The Lasallian speaker delivered a speech that reflects the principles of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the De La Salle Christian Brothers who sponsor Lewis University.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Bishop Gerald Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson, on Saturday; and on Sunday to Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo, Martin J. Gillen, Dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, and Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration of the United States Department of Transportation.

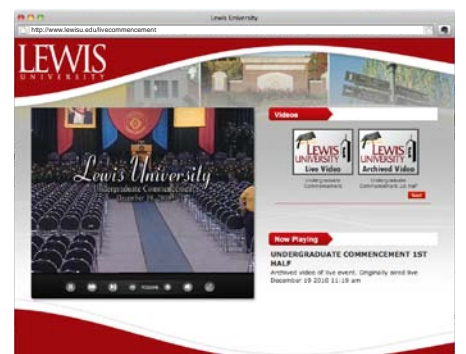
Kellen Clawson was named the Father Aquinas Award recipient. A Lewis University tradition, the Father Aquinas Colgan Award has been presented to an outstanding undergraduate student at the University's Commencement exercises since 1955. The award recognizes students who have demonstrated personal and intellectual growth, a strong commitment to their faith, and a firm dedication to the Lasallian values of justice and association.



Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo



Joseph C. Szabo



National Hispanic Conference Provides Motivational Topics and Networking

Six Lewis University students attended the 29th annual U.S. Hispanic Leadership (USHLI) conference held February 17-20 in Chicago. Participating in this conference since 1995, Lewis University has had approximately 150 students participate and eight students have received scholarships.

The conference annually attracts leaders from more than 40 states and 1,000 affiliated groups and organizations to celebrate Hispanic heritage and to empower communities.

In addition to motivational workshops and forums, the highlighted speakers included Rick Najera, award-winning writer, performer, director, producer, author, playwright, host and speaker

on Broadway and Hollywood; Caroline Curiel, former U.S. ambassador to Belize and former writer of President Bill Clinton's speeches; Dr. Jose Hernandez, astronaut; Daniel Hernandez, national hero who helped to save Rep. Gifford's life in Arizona; and Moctesuma Esparza, film director in Hollywood and in independent films.

"With recent figures released by the 2010 U.S. Census stating that Latinos comprise the largest minority group in Illinois, the U.S. Hispanic Leadership national conference served as a powerful catalyst to educate and motivate thousands to get more involved in their communities and to stand up for the rights of the Latino population. Never

before had so many people had an opportunity to meet a U.S. Ambassador, an astronaut, a Hollywood producer and Broadway director plus several of the best motivational speakers in the court and all Latino in one conference! It was simply inspiring!" said Martha Villegas-Miranda '98. In 2008, Villegas-Miranda received the William C. Velásquez National Volunteer of the Year award from USHLI and Lewis University's Latin American Student Organization (LASO) was recognized as "Student Organization of the Year" in 2002.

DID YOU KNOW?

- President Ronald Reagan received an honorary doctorate from Lewis on October 16, 1984 at the Wilco Center, adjacent to campus. Ronald Reagan would have turned 100 years old on February 6.
- Ronald Reagan's life was saved by Timothy McCarthy, current Chief of Police of Orland Park and former United States Secret Service agent. McCarthy received his Master of Science in Criminal/Social Justice from Lewis in 1999.



Center for Economic Development Forecast Draws Large Attendance

The Will County Center for Economic Development (CED) and Lewis University hosted the 10th Annual Will County Economic Forecast Luncheon January 6 at the Lewis campus in Romeoville. Close to 400 people from the region were in attendance for this annual event.

CED President and CEO John Greuling and Lewis University President Brother James Gaffney, FSC offered remarks during the annual event about the valued partnership between the CED and Lewis University. Greuling reflected on 2010, acknowledging that it was a challenging year. However, he believes a corner has been turned in Will County, sharing that recruiting new companies and expanding jobs continues to be the mission of CED.

The keynote speaker was Jack Ablin, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of Harris Private Bank, responsible for establishing investment policy and strategy within the Personal Investment Management Group of Harris Private Bank. Ablin provided a forecast of moderate but sustained recovery of the national, state and local economies to a crowd of close to 400 people.

Ablin focused on what consumers can expect for the banking system (interest rates are likely to rise, but more banks are willing to work with customers,) in the labor market (predicting the unemployment rate will drop to eight percent,) with corporate America (profit margins are above borrowing rates,) in state and local governments and shared the anatomy of a bailout. He also shared historical information on inflation and gave a financial market strategy



Close to 400 people from the area attended the 10th Annual Will County Economic Forecast Luncheon at the Lewis University main campus in Romeoville.

moving forward.

After informing his listeners that the natural rate of growth of the United States economy is three percent (one percent from labor force and two percent from productivity), he shared that there was an “illusion of a remarkable four percent growth” this past year. According to Ablin, as the economy grew, the debt also grew.

Although the unemployment rate was 10 percent at the time of his presentation, Ablin believes that there is actually more of a risk if the economy grows too quickly as opposed to growing at a slow rate. He termed the draw down in the labor market as the “worst since World War II.” The creation of necessary jobs will not occur if the economy grows much less than 3 percent. Referring to it as “instant gratification,” Ablin explained that we are now paying for the sales enjoyed between 2003-2007. He stated that consumer confidence is low and business investors are waiting to see if this is a true recovery. “CEO sentiment is the same as in 2008 when we first entered the recession,” Ablin commented.

While discussing housing on a national level, Ablin predicted that there would not be a return to normalcy until Spring 2013 due to excessive supply. He explained that the three key problems

facing policy makers today are the fact that there is too much debt, a high unemployment rate and low economic growth. He feels that a potential solution from the government deals with increasing inflation, adding that gold is a good predictor of inflation.

Ablin joined the bank in 2001 and has more than 25 years of experience in money management. He earned both a bachelor’s degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from Vassar College, New York and an MBA from Boston University, Massachusetts with honors, and is a member of the Beta Kappa Sigma Honors Society.

Author of *Reading Minds and Markets: Minimizing Risk and Maximizing Returns in a Volatile Global Marketplace*, Ablin’s book made Wall Street Journal’s best-seller list in 2009. Named one of the top 100 Wealth Advisors in North America by *CityWealth Magazine* in 2006 and 2010, Ablin also has served as a professor of finance at Boston University, Graduate School of Management and spent five years as a Money and Markets correspondent for WTLV, the NBC affiliate in Jacksonville, Fla.

St. Genesius Award Honors Longtime Advocate of the Arts

Arts Gala 2011 created an appreciation for the arts with its dramatic “Russian Rhapsody” theme, musical entertainment, silent auction and raffle in support of the Arts & Ideas Series, and the presentation of the St. Genesius Award to Philip Spencer, Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Music in the Fine Arts Department at Joliet Junior College. Professor Spencer referred to the many connections of JJC to Lewis University, noting that both institutions are a wonderful place to teach and where arts and artists are encouraged to thrive.

“When inhumanity and violence seem to be our daily companions, thanks to the 24-hour news cycle,” Prof. Spencer stated, “the arts provide a restoring balance to life. When the world tells us it’s all about competition, the arts remind us that it’s really all about collaboration. When individual feelings are either bottled up or expressed in unhealthy ways, the arts often provide a safe and positive means of self-expression. When war and politics and opinions threaten to divide us, the arts ask us to consider different perspectives and offer us new experiences.”

Held on March 5, the evening beautifully showcased Lewis University, providing an opportunity to meet new people, entertain old friends, and, importantly, raise funds for the Arts & Ideas Series. Presentation of the St. Genesius Award to Prof. Spencer allowed Lewis University to focus on its partnership with JJC in many aspects of education and the arts.



TOP: Professor Philip Spencer and his wife, Pamela, met with Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, before Arts Gala.

ABOVE: : Mary Jane Whiteside (left) and Mohra Gavankar (right), both members of the Cultural Advisory Board (CAB) that hosts Arts Gala, chatted with Dennis Tonelli (center), a member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees.

LEFT: Rosemary, a CAB member, and Bob Stephen were among the guests at this 24th annual Arts Gala. RIGHT: Joy Alexander, a CAB member, displays one of the Fabergé-style eggs that were created for each table at Gala.



James Goodwin, Chair of the Lewis University Board of Trustees with Patricia and Sheldon Bell.



Suellen and Professor Emeritus Don Cordano with Br. James Gaffney, FSC, Lewis University President.

Frank J. Lewis Philanthropist of the Year Awards Presented at President's Circle

Lewis University presented the Frank J. Lewis Philanthropists of the Year Awards to two area couples at the 15th annual President's Circle dinner on December 3, at the Lewis University main campus in Romeoville. The evening included a reception and four-course gourmet dinner for approximately 200 guests, along with an award presentation to honorees Sheldon and Patricia Bell of Plainfield and Donald and Suellen Cordano of Joliet.

Sheldon and Patricia Bell owned and operated Bell Realty for many years in the Joliet area. A leader in the region's real estate industry, Sheldon Bell served as president of the Will County Board of Realtors in 1967 and 1968 and was awarded Realtor of the Year in 1984 for leadership and service to the community and to the real estate profession. Bell Realty joined Coldwell Banker in 1994 and the Bells sold the business in 1997 when it became Coldwell Banker Honig-Bell. The firm remains today one of the largest and most productive

real estate firms in the Chicago region. Bell has served the community as a founding director of the Will County Center for Economic Development from 1982 to 2000 and as a director for the First National Bank of Joliet. He has also volunteered his assistance locally to the Boy Scouts of America, resulting in a Leadership Member Award in 1989. Patricia Conner Bell was a co-owner of Bell Realty and worked in property management for the firm and volunteered at Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville, where the Bells have been members for 53 years and served in several leadership positions. The Bells have three children and seven grandchildren.

Sheldon Bell developed an avid interest in aviation and earned his private pilot license in 1990 with instrument rating in 1995. A member of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA), he utilized the Lewis University Airport and storage facilities. During

that period, he became acquainted with Lewis' highly regarded aviation program, and this association proved to be of tremendous benefit to Lewis aviation students. When the Bells decided to donate their 2002 Cirrus SR-22 Aircraft to the Lewis University Aviation Department, the gift was enthusiastically received for use as a training tool for flight and aviation maintenance students.

Donald and Suellen Cordano have been married 51 years, partners in family life and business, and in their dedication to the Joliet area community and quality education. Don Cordano began his long association with Lewis University as a student, graduating with a bachelor's degree in accountancy in 1956. After service in the Navy and earning a Master of Business Administration at DePaul University, Cordano returned as a professor of Accountancy in Lewis' College of Business, where he has taught for more than 30 years, influencing the lives of thousands of students and retiring from Lewis with Professor *Emeritus*

status in 1997.

A nationally-recognized accounting expert, Cordano is founder and president of Donald L. Cordano & Associates, Ltd. estate tax practice and senior partner of Cordano, Severson & Associates, Ltd., an accounting and tax practice. He is also president of The Success Institute, Inc., a professional educational organization. Cordano is a member of many professional and academic organizations, including the National Society of Accountants, Institute of Management Accountants, the American Management Association, the Financial Executives Institute and the International Association of Financial Planners. He has served as the president and director of the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation and is currently serving as a trustee and is past chairman of the National Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation. Cordano serves his community as board member and treasurer of the Joliet Area

Community Hospice, board member of Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, and board member and treasurer of the Will Grundy Center for Independent Living. At Lewis University, Cordano is a member of the Estate and Tax Planning Advisory Council. For 45 years, Suellen Cordano helped manage their firm, Donald L. Cordano & Associates, Ltd. as well as their family of two children and now four grandchildren. She has assisted others through service on the Joliet Area Community Hospice Guild and the Visitation and Aid Society of Joliet, and recently as a member of the Lewis University Cultural Advisory Board.

Together, the Cordanos have made a significant impact on the Lewis Community with their generosity. They provided for the construction of the Cordano Heritage Circle and Founder's Garden in 2005, creating a beautiful and widely-used area on the Lewis campus. That same year, they established the Donald A. Cordano

Endowed Scholarship, awarded annually to an academically qualified accounting student at Lewis University. In 2010, they increased contributions to the Cordano scholarship, and also provided funding to establish a scholarship in honor and memory of the service of one of Cordano's former colleagues, the late former dean of the Lewis College of Business, F. James Staszak. Through their leadership giving, the Cordanos have inspired others to support Lewis, and through their commitment to scholarships, they have assisted many deserving Lewis students.

An added highlight at this year's dinner was the announcement of a surprise challenge gift of \$20,000 from Lewis University Trustee Ed Prodehl and his wife Sandy. The Prodehls agreed to match all gifts of \$1,000 or more, up to \$20,000, made before December 31, 2010, with all gift proceeds being used to advance the construction of the new Science Center.



Homecoming Alumni Achievement Awards

Lewis University presented awards to seven alumni on October 2, 2010 as part of the Homecoming and Family Day Celebration. Robert Pluth, Jr. was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award, and six other Lewis alumni received awards for achievement within their fields.

Pictured, left to right: Deborah Brown '95, Robert Pluth '76, Heather Warthen '03, Patrick Sullivan '65, Lynette Perez '08, Walter Bush IV '05, Richard Kwasneski '81.



Educationis Lumen Awarded to Karrie Lesac

The College of Education honored Karrie Lesac with the *Educationis Lumen* Award during the annual recognition ceremony on December 1 in the University's Sancta Alberta Chapel. Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, and Dr. Jeanette Mines, Dean of the College of Education, presented the award to the teacher, who has been a leader in the field of education for the past seven years. Lesac personifies the Catholic and Lasallian values honored in the *Educationis Lumen* Award.

Her nominator stated, "When Karrie was a student, I was so impressed with her vision, her maturity and her passion for learning and empowering others to share in her joy of learning, I hired her as a Language Arts teacher in my building at my very first opportunity. Karrie quickly established herself as a beacon of light, drawing students and colleagues safely to a harbor of enlightenment. Karrie stands as a beacon illuminating the values of education and the distinctive guiding values of Lewis University..."

The Lewis University alumna earned a bachelor's degree in 2003 and master's degree in 2007. Upon receiving her undergraduate degree, Lesac served as a special education teacher

assistant in Naperville School District 204 and taught in the extended school year program at Wheatland Elementary School and Crone Middle School before joining the faculty at White Pines Academy in Lemont. One year later, she accepted a sixth grade Language Arts teaching position at Brooks Middle School in Bolingbrook in the Valley View School District.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities there, she serves as the Key Leader for the Language Arts Department and holds a myriad of teacher leadership positions within her school. She is a member of the Building Leadership Team and the Universal Academic/Behavioral Team. She is a mentor and Building Mentor Induction coordinator as well as the Literacy Coach Building coordinator. It is because of her respectful and engaging way of being in association with her colleagues that Lesac was chosen for these key leadership positions.

Lesac's "light" extends into the community as well. She created the Family Reading Night and coordinates an "Evening of the Arts" hosted by a Barnes and Noble Bookstore. Lesac was named the 2010 Will County Reading Council Literacy Educator of the Year.

Lincoln Award Goes to Mock Trial Student Leader

Summer Hallaj of St. Charles was honored as a Student Laureate by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Nov. 6 in Springfield along with approximately 50 other graduating seniors from the state. The Lincoln Academy honors senior students at each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions in Illinois each year for overall excellence in both curricular and extra-curricular programs.

A double major in Political Science and Philosophy of Law, Hallaj plans to attend The John Marshall Law School in Chicago with a full tuition scholarship. During her time at Lewis, Hallaj served as a Resident Assistant, Vice President of the Pre-Law Club, founder and president of People to End Animal Cruelty and Endangerment (PEACE) and co-captain of the Mock Trial team.

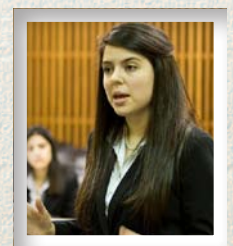
"Mock Trial was one of the most beneficial things that I have done at Lewis," commented Hallaj. She added that Mock Trial allowed her to create a relationship with one of the Deans at John Marshall Law School through competing in the diversity scholarship mock trial competitions. It also

taught her how to think and clearly present ideas, which was helpful when taking the LSAT. During the 2009-2010 season, Hallaj earned outstanding attorney awards in seven competitions and outstanding witness awards in five competitions.

She believes that her courses prepared her well for law school. "Most of all, I think that Lewis provided me the opportunity to excel in whatever way I wanted and explore whatever I was interested in," stated Hallaj.

She believes that the professors at Lewis have made all the difference in her experience, as they go to great lengths to see that everyone at Lewis succeeds in their endeavors.

"These students have exhibited a personal commitment to excel as seen by their remarkable academic accomplishments," said John B. Simon, Chancellor of the Lincoln Academy. "But just as important, these students serve as role models to other Illinois students, as well as their own family and friends."





Former Lewis Coach Gillespie Honored, Tribute Wall Unveiled

College baseball's all-time winningest coach, Gordie Gillespie was honored at "A Lewis University Tribute to Coach Gordie Gillespie" event on September 30, 2010, and also at a banner-raising ceremony at Homecoming on October 2, honoring the 1974, 1975 and 1976 NAIA National Championship baseball teams. Gillespie's legendary career included 25 very successful years at Lewis from 1951-1976. During six of the years, he was simultaneously (and amazingly) the Lewis head basketball coach, head baseball coach, athletic director and a teacher, while also serving as Joliet Catholic High School's head football coach.

Approximately 150 people attended the September 30 event which was held exclusively for donors of \$1,000 or more to the Carey-Gillespie Endowed Scholarship Fund and members of the Gillespie family. Alumni came from all corners of the country to participate in the tribute. One of many special moments of the evening included the unveiling of a wall just outside the entrance of Neil Carey Arena recognizing Coach Gillespie's lifetime accomplishments and

a glass case containing team photos and memorabilia from his time at Lewis. A portion of the wall is also devoted to recognizing donors of \$1,000 or more to the Carey-Gillespie Endowed Scholarship.

Among those who traveled a great distance to attend the event was Neil Carey '54, who now resides in Arizona. Carey established the Carey-Gillespie Endowed Scholarship Fund in 1995 in honor of Coach Gillespie and to assist deserving Lewis student-athletes with financial need. A total of \$450,000 has been raised for the Carey-Gillespie Endowed Scholarship towards a total goal of \$500,000. There are still some spaces left on the donor wall; please contact Len Bertolini, Senior Development Officer, at (815) 836-5267 or via e-mail at bertolle@lewisu.edu, if you are interested in helping reach the goal. Your name will be added to the wall by making a pledge or gift of \$1,000 or more. Pledges may be paid over a maximum of four years.

Lewis Alumnus Teams up with Professor in Cyber Security Book

Dr. Ray Klump, Associate Professor of Math and Computer Science, wrote a chapter in the recently published book *Critical Infrastructure Protection IV*. The book was published by Springer in 2010 and deals with cyber security issues related to critical infrastructures such as rail transportation, the national food supply, and the power grid. The title of Dr. Klump's chapter, which he co-wrote with Lewis alumnus Matt Kwiatkowski '00, '06 of Argonne National Laboratory, is "Distributed IP Watchlist Generation for Intrusion Detection in the Electrical Smart Grid."

Education Professor and Alumna Publish Paper on Language and Leadership

Dr. Lauren Hoffman, Professor of Education, and Dr. Heather Hickman '09, a graduate of the Lewis Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership, published a paper entitled "Language and Leadership" in the LGBTQ Special Issue of the *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership: A Journal of the University Council for Educational Administration*. The study examines heteronormative language in an urban high school and discusses issues related to agency, power, institutional norms, and critical policy analysis.

JLPSS Professor Authors Paper on Domestic Violence

Dr. Lynn Tovar, Associate Professor of Justice, Law, and Public Safety Studies, presented a paper entitled "Digital Technology: The Influence on Domestic Violence and the Theory of Power and Control" at the American Society of Criminology 62nd Conference in San Francisco in November 2010.

Team of Faculty Study Diversity and Adolescent Literature

Dr. Deborah Augsburg, Associate Professor of Reading and Literacy; Dr. Dorene Huvaere, Professor of Secondary Education; Dr. Chris Palmi, Assistant Professor of Secondary Education; and Dr. Jackie White, Associate Professor of English; recently presented the findings of their study, "Building Pre-service Teachers' Awareness and Understanding of Diversity through Adolescent Literature" at the Literary Research Association conference, held in Fort Worth, last December. They examined the effect of using adolescent literature to help secondary pre-service teacher candidates wrestle with their own understanding of diversity and its impact on learning. Their report included findings from the first year of a longitudinal study that includes graduate and undergraduate pre-service teachers at varying stages in their preparation.

Tapia Authors Article in *The Prison Journal*

Natalia Tapia, Assistant Professor of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies, authored an article which appeared in the October, 2010 issue of *The Prison Journal*. "Legal Issues Regarding Medical Care for Pregnant Inmates" examines mothers in prison, highlighting the complexity and detrimental consequences incarceration has for their families and children. It documents the legal remedies available to pregnant prisoners, focusing on their unique medical needs. The article concludes that although correctional health care systems have made strides in bringing appropriate medical care to pregnant prisoners, more remains to be done to raise the quality of care to those similarly situated in the free-world.

Schultz Published in *Agricultural History Journal*

Dr. Mark Schultz, Professor of History, explores the topic of oral history in his article entitled "The Modern Practice of Paleo-Oral History," which was published in the Summer, 2010 issue of *Agricultural History*.

Finance Faculty Member Presents at Finance Research Workshop

Dr. Yuntaek Pae, Assistant Professor of Finance, presented "Essays on Portfolio Management" at a research workshop held in Chicago at the Illinois Institute of Technology in October 2010.

Dr. Porfilio Offers Career Advice to Graduate Students in Education

The American Educational Studies Graduate Student Association invited Dr. Bradley Porfilio, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, to give a presentation to graduate students on getting published and getting hired in academia titled "Learning the Tricks of the Trade by Networking: One-on-One Time with Experts in Your Field" at the American Educational Studies Conference, held in Denver last year.

English Professors Publish Poems

Dr. Jackie K. White, Associate Professor of English, will see the publication of her third chapbook of poems, *Come, Clearing* in February 2012 from Dancing Girl Press. She was featured in a recent issue of *The Flyer* and also has new poems appearing in *prosepoem.com*, *shadowbox.com*, *Spoon River Review*, *Fifth Wednesday*, and *Packingtowntown Review*. Her work on Latina transnationalism was also recently accepted for presentation at the MELUS (multi-ethnic literatures of the United States) conference.

Dr. Simone Muench, Associate Professor of English, recently learned that *Orange Crush* was named one of the Best Books of Poems from 2010 in the San Francisco Gate. She also published a fourth full-length poetry collection *Disappearing Address*, co-written with Philip Jenks, in November 2010 by BlazeVOX Books.

Physics Professor Collaborates with Northern Illinois University

Dr. Joseph Kozminski, Associate Professor of Physics, is collaborating with Northern Illinois University and Muons, Inc. on detector development for a Muon Collider. In addition, he gave two poster presentations this past fall semester, one at the APS DPF/Fermilab Detector R&D Workshop 2010 and one at the APS-Prairie Section 2010 Meeting at IIT. He was lead author on the poster for the APS-Prairie Section 2010 Meeting, entitled "Studies of Detector Backgrounds at a Muon Collider using G4beamline," and Lewis Physics major Elizabeth De Waard was a co-author on the poster.

Dean Khasawneh Quoted in Yahoo! Finance US

Dr. Rami Khasawneh was quoted in a recent article in Yahoo! Finance US, one of the top finance sites on the web. The article discussed the risks of using a public Wi-Fi with your credit cards. Dr. Khasawneh indicated that most information exchanges over a public Wi-Fi are not secure. Usually the only thing secure over these connections is the login information. He also suggested that users use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection such as OpenVPN, which is free, to secure all data being transferred by users over the public Wi-Fi connection. Dr. Khasawneh was also quoted in *Creditcards.com*, NASDAQ and Fox Business.

Dr. Atra's Work Presented at the University of Chicago

Chapters published in the *Valuation Handbook* by Wiley and co-authored by Dr. Robert Atra, CFA were presented at the University of Chicago's Gleacher Center in December as part of the Center's "Business Book Roundtable" series. The theme of the presentation was "What's New in Valuation and Lessons on Risk and Value from the Financial Crisis," which included Dr. Atra's work on automated valuation models and risk measures using fat-tailed distributions.

Finance Professor Contributes to Lasallian Journal

Dr. Frank Rose, Associate Professor of Finance, contributed an article entitled, "Globalization in the Futures Markets: The Case of a Brazil-U.S. Partnership," to the Portuguese-language journal, *Dialogo*, published by Lewis University's sister institution, Centro Universitario La Salle in Canoas, Brazil. The article appeared in the January-June 2010 edition of the journal, which was issued last November.

Foreign language news

Lewis University was selected as one of the participating institutions in the 2011 Conference on Teaching World Languages, March 31 – April 2, 2011, in Little Rock, Arkansas, organized by the Council of Independent Colleges with the financial support of the W. M. Keck Foundation. CIC received a very large number of applications for this program and Lewis was one of the few institutions selected. Dr. Bonnie Bondavalli, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Serafima Gettys, the Director of the Foreign Language Program, represented Lewis University at the conference.

For the third consecutive year, the Lewis University Foreign Language Program



was awarded with a prestigious STARTALK award for the development of a three-week Arabic, Chinese, and Russian Summer Camp.

STARTALK is one of the component programs of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI). The initiative seeks to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important world languages that are not now widely taught in the US.

STARTALK's mission is to increase the number of Americans learning, speaking and teaching critically needed foreign languages by offering students (K-16) and teachers of these languages creative and engaging summer experiences that strive to exemplify best practices in language education and in language teacher development, forming an extensive community of practice that seeks continuous improvement in such criteria as outcomes-driven program design, standards-based curriculum planning, learner-centered approaches, excellence in selection and development of materials, and meaningful assessment of outcomes. While in the two previous years, Lewis STARTALK Program offered instruction in only one language, it is considerably expanding its language offerings this year by adding Arabic and Chinese.

All participants will be awarded with 3 semester academic credits in respective languages. Lewis University incoming freshmen, sophomores and juniors are especially encouraged to apply.



Catholic & Lasallian Initiatives...

Benefitting the community, faculty, staff & students

Lewis University as a Catholic and Lasallian University serves as a center of creativity and dissemination of knowledge for the good of humanity. It is dedicated to teaching, educating and researching knowledge and communicating the truth. In various forms, the institution provides students, faculty, staff, alumni, and outside community members opportunities for formation through symposia, the Lasallian Volunteers Program and Exploring Lasallian Mission Program, among others.

Annual Symposia Expanding Catholic Identity

The Center for Ministry and Spirituality continues to reach out to thousands of people each year. Dr. James Burke, Director of the Center and Assistant Professor of Theology said, “The Center’s purpose is to help the university community expand on its Catholic identity in three threads: social justice, ecumenical and interfaith collaboration, and explanation of the Catholic intellectual tradition by connecting the dots.”

Dr. Burke estimated its largest outreach to the public is likely the biennial symposium, which started in 2006 with a focus on Catholic Material Culture. Close to 1,000 people attended the 2008 “Called to Live Justly: Shaping a Just Peacebuilding Agenda.” More than 1,350 people participated in the 2010 symposium, “Welcoming the Stranger Together: Interfaith Action on Immigration Reform.”

Looking at more than numbers, the collaboration with like-minded

members outside of the Lewis community has increased over the years. This year’s symposium increased dialogue with the interfaith community, while better utilizing the resources of the co-sponsors than previous years. The symposium was coordinated by the Center for Ministry and Spirituality but co-sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet Peace & Social Justice Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago Office for Immigration Affairs and Education, St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville, and the Diocese of Joliet Office of Hispanic Ministry. On-campus sponsors included Lewis University’s Theology Department, Women Studies Program, Latino/a Studies, International Student Services, University Diversity Action Team, Multicultural Student Services, the Office of Service Learning, and the Office of Mission and Identity.

The September 2010 symposium, including 30 individual events, contributed to a deepening of reasoned public discourse on the complex question of immigration reform. Dr. Burke noted that world religions are increasingly finding that collaboration on social justice questions pulls them past doctrinal divisions. The symposium encouraged local Christians, Jews and Muslims to work together for immigration justice while

following their common religious call to welcome the stranger. The symposium provided an opportunity to shed light on critical questions in the public policy debate such as, what would just reform look like? How can security and economic rights of all be protected? What causes resistance to just immigration in us?

“The major fruit from this symposium is that we restarted this important conversation on immigration reform framed in an interfaith context,” reflected Dr. Burke. The “Welcoming the Stranger Together” symposium began with three kickoff events, continued with Stranger to Neighbor training for area college/university and junior and senior high school students, and culminated with more than 20 presentations in the symposium proper. Five keynote events included presentations from Islamic, Jewish and Christian speakers and by distinguished immigration scholars and leaders.

Planning is already underway for the 2012 symposium. The coordinating committee is exploring the idea of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. “It really presents us with a good opportunity to discuss how Catholics can better articulate who we are and what we stand for,” said Dr. Burke.



Daniel Groody, C.S.C, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, presents a keynote address, “Dying to Live: Migration, Theology and the Human Journey,” during the “Welcoming the Stranger Together” symposium at Lewis University.

Lasallian Volunteers Living Out Mission

Christine Kustra is one of three Lewis University graduates who is currently serving as a Lasallian Volunteer (LV); 16 alumni have chosen a year of service as a LV since 1998. Kustra credited the environment at Lewis as a determining factor in her decision to become an LV. The 2010 alumna said, “Attending Lewis allowed me to not become afraid of the norm or the unusual, to actually search for answers and to seek out the good, the just, and the faithful.”

Kustra is currently serving at The LEO Center in Oakland, Calif., as a tutor and coordinator of CASTLE, a middle school program that provides field trips and other academic activities for students. She is also an English as a Second Language teacher and a computer class instructor once a week.

The LV Program is a faith-based service program that provides a volunteer opportunity for ministry as well as an intergenerational community for the volunteers to reside during service. Most of the LVs live in community with De La Salle Christian Brothers during their



Christine Kustra '10 helps a student at The LEO Center in Oakland, Calif.

one year of service. The typical term of service is one year, but sometimes volunteers will choose to serve up to two additional years. There are currently 58 LVs serving in 30 school and social work ministries throughout the United States. Lewis alumni Dori Smith is in her second year of LV serving at De Marillac Academy in San Francisco, Calif., and Mike Fedoruk is in his first year of LV serving at La Salle Academy in Philadelphia, Penn.

“Everyone is changed for the better—the students, the clients, the greater community, the Lasallian circle and the LVs themselves. A number of LVs join wondering if they have what it takes to be a teacher, social worker, Brother, parent, etc. and time and again we see them closer to identifying their vocation throughout their LV experience,” commented Jolleen Wagner, associate director of LVs. Many LV alums continue to serve the Lasallian mission after their service year, many become educators or social workers in the public arena and others pursue their master’s degrees.

LVs often serve the poor and underserved, and they have decided

to put the needs of others ahead of themselves. “LVs are flexible, open-minded, willing to be challenged and do what it takes to touch the hearts of those they serve. LVs are regular, everyday graduates that have decided to take a risk and be changed in extraordinary ways,” continued Wagner.

There is an extensive support network in place to ensure the success of LVs, including LV support staff, Christian Brothers and fellow LVs. “The reflective retreats, supportive Brothers in community and those outside of my particular community have exceeded my expectations. The Brothers I live in community with are extremely compassionate, inspirational, and hard working. They are exceptional men and great to work with,” commented Kustra.

She noted that she also has enjoyed the site visits by the LV director as well as other events that bring together other LVs. She discussed how a fundraising marathon in Memphis was beneficial to her in many more ways than financial. She said, “Not only was it impressive how fellow LVs collaborated to organize an event with the



Scott Baietti is on the side pointing as co-volunteer Denny Majewski outstretches his arms with a group of students they were assisting in Albany, N.Y.

help of LV staff, it was also so fun. It allowed me to see fellow LV friends and connect with those I haven't yet, since we only saw each other once before at orientation."

Other LVs agreed that they felt supported during the unique experience. Alina Rivas served in a variety of roles from 2008-2010 at a small, all-male Catholic middle school, San Miguel School of Camden in New Jersey. She said, "I was welcomed into the Lasallian family and my participation as an LV was life changing in so many ways that can't all be explained in one interview. I found other people like myself who had a vision for changing the world; the Lasallian family is so supportive and inspirational and I never once felt alone. We were all living out the same mission and changing the lives of those we interacted with, while our own lives were being challenged and ultimately transformed as well."

After LVs complete their service, they are eligible for several educational opportunities, such as the AmeriCorps Segal Education Award and the Lasallian Association of College and University Presidents Scholarship. Those that receive the LACUPS are referred to as Lasallian Scholars. Four students have attended Lewis as LV Scholars.

"Being a Lasallian Volunteer Scholar has taken a huge financial load off of my back, and I am so grateful to have been given a scholarship," added Rivas. The 2007 Lewis graduate is currently serving as a graduate assistant for University Ministry as she pursues a graduate degree in School Counseling and Guidance.

Scott Baietti is also a Lasallian Scholar currently pursuing his master's degree in School Counseling

and Guidance at Lewis. He expressed particular gratitude for the spiritual formation he is receiving at Lewis. Baietti was introduced to Lewis while on a retreat as a LV. He said, "I felt welcomed here by the Brothers, and I felt like I was being called to the Midwest."

Baietti and Rivas pray together with the Christian Brothers at Lewis on a daily basis. Rivas noted, "Daily prayer was one of the most important aspects of my spiritual experience as a volunteer, it was life changing, because before my time as a volunteer I did not pray daily nor did I have a strong spiritual identity."

Baietti, a 2008 La Salle University graduate, currently serves as Residence Life Coordinator at Lewis. From 2008-2010, he served as a LV as a recreation coordinator at La Salle School in Albany, N.Y. The school is a Residential Treatment Center for court-adjudicated boys ages 12-21. Baietti reflected, "As a result of my volunteer experience I am more committed now to my faith than I was ever before. Through the guidance of the Brothers and the talented and committed members

of the Lasallian Volunteer professional staff who support and run the program, I was able to discover in myself the strength to resolve my values as distinct from those others have pushed on me, own them, and act on them." Baietti concluded, "What I do know is that I am a Lasallian down to my heart."

Lewis students, staff and alumni are invited to join Lasallian Volunteers July 26 when they ride through Romeoville onto campus. It is part of a cross country bike ride to raise awareness of poverty and the Lasallian mission. Visit www.LVsRide.com for more information about the ride.



Lasallian Volunteer Alina Rivas '07 helps a student at San Miguel School of Camden in New Jersey.

Graduates of Lewis who have become Lasallian Volunteers

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| <i>Alina Rivas</i> | <i>2008-10</i> | <i>Mike Fedoruk</i> | <i>2010-11</i> |
| <i>Christine Kustra</i> | <i>2010-11</i> | <i>Paul Sevcik</i> | <i>2005-07</i> |
| <i>Denis Block</i> | <i>2007-09</i> | <i>Phil & Nikki Schumaker</i> | <i>2002-04</i> |
| <i>Dori Smith</i> | <i>2009-11</i> | <i>Sarah DeMarco</i> | <i>2003-05</i> |
| <i>Emily Feicht</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>Sophia Cartagena</i> | <i>2007-09</i> |
| <i>Gewanda Monroe</i> | <i>2001-03</i> | <i>Takiyah Olatunbosun</i> | <i>1998-00</i> |
| <i>Melissa Gattoc</i> | <i>2001-03</i> | <i>Tom Cook</i> | <i>2002-04</i> |
| <i>Michelle Hoffman</i> | <i>2008-09</i> | | |

Lasallian Volunteers who attended Lewis University post service to be Lasallian Scholars

Sean Barber, Jonathan Dackow, Christopher Hueg, Katie Hills, Scott Baietti, Alina Rivas



Dr. Dominic Colonna, Chair of Theology, presents during a session of Exploring Lasallian Mission.

Exploring Lasallian Mission Builds Strong Community

Lewis University’s successful model for lay formation was highlighted at the 2011 Association for Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) Annual Meeting in January in the nation’s capital. Kurt Schackmuth, Associate Vice President for Mission, presented the Exploring Lasallian Mission (ELM) model during a session entitled “Appropriating Catholic Mission & Identity: Models for Faculty and Staff Programming.”

ELM, a one-week summer workshop, builds upon what participants already know about the University’s Mission. “It empowers employees to see their direct role in our Mission,” explained Schackmuth.

“It’s presented in a welcoming, low-stress environment that builds community, our sense of association, and deepens understanding of many key facets of the Mission,” he said. Faculty and staff participants spend four half-days engaging in discussions and small group activities, reviewing historical and contemporary readings, videos, and multimedia presentations, and listening to personal reflections. Lewis employees that have already participated in lengthier and more formal formation programs make presentations on four major themes—the life and times of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, his educational vision and practice, and Lasallian

spirituality, social justice and Lasallian education in the 21st century.

Other formation programs that Lewis University employees participate in each year include Collegium Faculty Colloquia, the Institute for Administrators in Catholic Higher Education, the Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies, the Lasallian Leadership Institute (LLI) and the International Leadership Program for Lasallian University Faculty.

More than 125 faculty and staff have participated in the ELM program since it was created in 2007 by the Office of Mission and Identity in cooperation with members of the Mission & Heritage Council. “ELM is a success because our faculty and staff have a real interest in deepening their understanding of the mission. I think they see it as a development opportunity and a chance to become more student-centered,” commented Schackmuth.





Dr. Dominic Colonna, Chair of Theology, and Leslie Colonna, instructor of art.

Dr. Colonna Communicates Theology Through Art in New Mexico

Lewis University at Albuquerque and the Archdiocese of Sante Fe recently presented two workshops about connecting theology and art in New Mexico. "God with Us: A Theology of New Mexican Folk Art" was presented on January 14 by Dr. Dominic Colonna, Chair of Theology at Lewis University. The professor analyzed representations of the Trinity to illustrate how popular art helps communities to find meaning in the past and the present and to plan for the future.

"Utilizing Traditional Religious Folk Art in the Classroom" was presented January 15 by Colonna and Kerry Bergen, art teacher at San Felipe de Neri Parish School in Albuquerque. They led a half-day interactive workshop that helped participants focus on approaches in using traditional religious folk art to teach about New Mexican Santos and how they can be applied in the classroom. Participants also learned how to help students think about traditional church teachings in mature and practical ways.

Lewis University is expanding its degree offerings in Albuquerque. In association with the Archdiocese of Sante Fe, Lewis University will offer its current bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership and add a minor in Theology. The program is expected to assist lay parish leaders or deacons who have not completed their bachelor's degree studies.

New student group asks, "What IF?"

"What IF?" is more than a question on the Lewis University campus. It's an action-oriented student organization called, "What IF?" The IF representation of Interfaith is combined with the idea of "What if people of different faiths worked together for social justice," explained Adam Setmeyer, University Minister and moderator of the group.

The new student organization receives guidance from the Interfaith Youth Core, but it has been adapted to meet the Mission and needs of the Lewis University community. The Lewis group is focused on informing one another about various faith traditions that share a common call to social justice, despite their differences. With semi-monthly meetings and other activities, they hope to build bridges between people of various faiths, and work on issues of injustice.

"I'm involved in this group to grow as a person, both in my faith, and understanding of issues in society. I want to know why things that involve injustice happen, how we can address them and spread the positive while putting the negative out of the spotlight. I want to show that positive things can come from working together with people of different faiths, and ethical and social backgrounds to address the issues," commented Ryan McAuliffe. The Lewis student has taken on a leadership role in "What IF" along with classmates Liana Vantrease and Edgar Blanco.

McAuliffe and Dr. Christie Billups, Theology Professor and Coordinator of Service Learning, represented "What IF?" at a fall 2010 Interfaith Youth Core event, "Better Together:



Students gathered in November at prayer vigil for immigration reform at the Broadview Detention Center.

Interfaith Leadership Institute," in Washington D.C. "The institute brought me to further understand the different faiths more in-depth, along with social issues in society which are a wide range of issues from racism, immigration and the reform of it. The idea would be to bring people of different faiths together to address these issues. It was also helpful with my area of study, political science, because it connects at so many levels," commented McAuliffe.

Dr. Christie Billups mentioned that Theology is also an obvious but potential vibrant area in which to incorporate what was learned at the "Better Together" gathering. "I am excited to explore different ways to incorporate an interfaith perspective into the study of Christianity and World Religions which I'm teaching in spring 2011," she added. "I hope to bring together the course's students with young adults from an area mosque to serve the community side-by-side, thereby fostering the spirit of service while getting to know people who may have different religious worldviews."

Andrew Foundation Gives \$25,000 for Math and Science Scholarships

The Aileen S. Andrew Foundation has made a generous gift of \$25,000 to the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation Scholarship for Math and Science Students. This endowed fund assists undergraduate Math and Science students with confirmed financial need. The Foundation was established in 1945 by the late Dr. Victor Andrew and named after his wife, Aileen. Andrew founded the Andrew Corporation in 1937 as a producer of equipment for directional antennas, and the company grew into a global supplier of communications equipment, systems and services. The Foundation's focus is on higher education, civic affairs and health causes in the surrounding communities, and they have been a generous partner to Lewis since 1984. In 2000, Lewis University recognized the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation with the Frank J. Lewis Philanthropist of the Year Award, for their generous donation that established the broadcast media center on the Lewis Campus, affording Lewis students the opportunity to use state-of-the-art digital video editing and broadcast technology.

Schmitt Foundation Funds Scholars with \$50,000 Gift

One of Lewis University's most consistently generous donors, The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation has made a generous gift of \$50,000 in order to award ten \$5,000 scholarships this spring to deserving Lewis University Schmitt scholars. Five of the scholarships were awarded to doctoral students in education and five scholarships to undergraduate students who demonstrated a strong commitment to service and to the values of the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation and the Mission of Lewis University.

Madeline & Michael Hughes and Huen Foundation Pledge \$225,000 to Science Center and Student Financial Assistance

Madeline and Michael Hughes, Trustee *Emeritus*, together with Huen Electric, have made a generous \$200,000 pledge to the Science Center project. The Hughes' have also made a gift of \$25,000 to help Lewis students in financial need. The President of Huen Electric, Michael Hughes, served on the Board of Trustees for many years, and has been a consistent supporter of Catholic education and Lewis University. He and his wife Madeline were recipients of the Frank J. Lewis Philanthropists of the Year Award in 2002.

\$25,000 Gift to Christian Brothers Legacy Endowed Scholarship

An anonymous gift of \$25,000 has been received for The Christian Brothers Legacy Endowed Scholarship. Established at the 2010 *Signum Fidei* Celebration in honor of the Christian Brothers' 50th Anniversary at Lewis University, this scholarship will honor in perpetuity the Brothers who committed their lives to educating Lewis students.

Ann and James Goodwin Make Additional \$75,000 Commitment to New Science Center

James Goodwin, Chairman of the Lewis University Board of Trustees, and wife Ann, recently made an additional \$75,000 commitment to their support of Lewis' comprehensive campaign. This funding will be directed to the Science Center addition currently under construction. Jim and Ann are the parents of James Goodwin '93.

Lewis Trustees Give Generously to New Science Center

In December, Lewis University's top donors gathered at the President's Circle Dinner to honor the Frank J. Lewis Philanthropists of the Year and to celebrate their commitment to higher education and their dedication to Lewis through financial support. An added highlight at this year's dinner was the announcement from Trustee Ed Prodehl and his wife Sandy. The Prodehls offered a challenge gift of \$20,000, to the new Science Center on the University's Romeoville campus and asked others to make their own gifts to advance construction on the project. Many Lewis Trustees have already responded generously to the challenge. Lewis Board of Trustees' members and their families have made gifts and pledges totaling more than \$200,000 for the Science Center project.

Dawn and Russ Smyth Contribute to Scholarship and Science Center

Board of Trustees' member Russ Smyth and his wife Dawn have made a generous gift of \$20,000; \$10,000 toward the Christian Brothers Legacy Endowed Scholarship and \$10,000 toward the Science Center addition. Since bringing his business expertise to the Board in 2004, Smyth has been a generous supporter of Lewis University initiatives and has provided invaluable leadership as Chair of the Development Committee.



Endowed Scholarship Established in Memory of Br. William L. Walz, FSC

An endowed scholarship has been established to honor the memory of

Brother William L. Walz, FSC, who passed away in the fall of 2010. Through the generosity of Christian Brothers Services and contributions from the company's employees and other friends, the endowment has already surpassed the \$100,000 level. Br. William was the retired President and CEO of Christian Brothers Services where he devotedly served from 1986-2008.

He entered the novitiate of the Brothers in 1966 in Glencoe, Missouri and professed his final vows in 1977. Walz earned a bachelor's degree from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, a master's degree from Michigan State University, and an MBA from Lewis. An educator at Illinois and Michigan schools early in his career, he was the bursar at Lewis University for four years before being named President of Christian Brothers Services. During the 22 years

Br. William led the organization, Christian Brothers Services grew from approximately 60 employees to almost 200. CB Programs, CBS Canada and CB Travel were all added to the expanding list of services offered by Christian Brothers Services during his tenure.

This scholarship honors Brother William for his service and dedication to the Christian Brothers and his leadership of Christian Brothers Services. It will be awarded each year, beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year, to a senior majoring in Computer Science or one of the majors offered within the College of Business. Emphasis will be placed on leadership roles undertaken while attending Lewis University. Please contact Len Bertolini at bertolle@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5267 for further information on the Br. William L. Walz, FSC Endowed Scholarship.

Wight & Company Makes \$300,000 Commitment

Wight & Company, the general contractor of Lewis University's current Science Center addition project, has made a \$300,000 gift commitment to the University in support of a planned expansion of the Oremus Fine Arts Center. A portion of the commitment will also enable Wight to continue as the lead sponsor of the University's annual gala, *Signum Fidei* Celebration, which supports scholarships for financially needy students. "The Wight Family and Company President, Pat Cermak, are tremendous advocates of Catholic education, and in particular, the Mission of the Christian Brothers," said Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Lewis University President. "We are not only grateful for their generous support of our initiatives and excellent work on past and current construction projects, but for the effective leadership they have provided to our long-range strategic planning efforts related to our campus and facilities."

The William B. Orenic Foundation Endows a Scholarship

The family and friends of William "Buck" Orenic have made a generous gift of \$27,000 to endow a memorial scholarship in his honor. The William B. Orenic Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to an Elementary Education major, with preference given to upper-division students from Will County. Buck Orenic was a teacher and administrator in the Troy School District learning community for 31 years. The William B. Orenic Intermediate School was dedicated in his memory in November 2006. The Foundation holds an annual golf outing each August in support of the scholarship.

Anne & James '61 LaGrippe Pledge Additional \$250,000

Lewis University Board of Trustees Vice Chairman, James LaGrippe '61, and his wife, Anne, recently made a new and generous commitment of \$250,000 to the University. Two-hundred thousand dollars will be directed to the Lloyd Lee Endowed Scholarship fund in honor of the former faculty member who devotedly served Lewis in a variety of teaching and administrative capacities during the 1950s and 1960s. The remaining \$50,000 is being directed to the new Science Center

addition currently under construction. LaGrippe, who is the majority owner of Blue Bengal Learning Labs, has been among Lewis' most generous benefactors having committed nearly \$1-million during the course of the campaign. The LaGrippes were the honorees of this past fall's *Signum Fidei* Celebration in recognition of their outstanding leadership, service, and generosity in support of Lewis and its students.

First Midwest Bank Provides \$75,000 Gift

First Midwest Bank, a dedicated supporter of education in the region and longtime friend to Lewis University, has

pledged a gift of \$50,000 to the new Science Center, as well as \$25,000 in annual scholarship support.



Lewis Breaks Ground for Multi-Purpose Athletic and Recreation Complex

Lewis University broke ground on a new multi-purpose athletic and recreation complex/track on Wednesday, April 6 on its main campus in Romeoville. The collegiate athletic complex will feature a multi-purpose field and a NCAA-certified, nine-lane competition track. Completion is anticipated for August 2011. The complex is to be located on the south part of campus west of the Dorothy Day Residence Hall.

Dan Allen, Vice President for University Advancement, welcomed those attending. Featured speakers included Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, James Goodwin, Board Chairman, Jill Siegfried, Director of Student Recreation, and Dan Schumacher, Director of Athletics. Brother Philip Johnson, FSC, Director of University Ministry, offered the Ground-breaking Ceremony blessing.

"The entire student-body will benefit from this new athletic complex, which is one of many recent capital

projects underway at Lewis University," commented Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President. "The complex will provide a new track for NCAA Division II competition and a multi-purpose field to allow our athletic teams to compete and train, while providing a wonderful facility as well for our club sports, intramural programs and student recreation activities."

The nine-lane competition track and field event areas will be just the second of its kind in the state of Illinois, in addition to

the Eastern Illinois University's track facility. The complex will later include stadium bleacher seating available for at least 1,500 and possibly up to 2,500 fans and a state-of-the-art scoreboard. When fully built-out, the complex will also be media friendly with a press box for members of the media and game operations personnel.

"The ability to once again host home track and field meets in a state-of-the-art facility will be a source of pride for the entire Lewis University community," said Schumacher.

The modern athletic and recreation complex featuring the most advanced field-turf surface available along with the 52,000 square-foot new Science Center already under construction will provide Lewis University with some of the best facilities of their type in the Midwest. Lewis University Flyers compete in 18 NCAA Division II sports and in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association.



Women's Basketball Wins 2011 GLVC Championship

The ninth seeded Lewis women's basketball team upset four higher ranked opponents in the 2010-11 Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament to win the program's fourth GLVC Championship.

Lewis capped their run with a 71-68 victory over Indianapolis in the championship game. To get there, Lewis had to defeat No. 4 seed Missouri S&T, No. 3 seed Drury and No. 2 seed UW-Parkside. The Flyers trailed by nine points with three minutes remaining and five with 44 seconds left in their opening round win over Missouri S&T. Senior Kelly Monaco made a 3-pointer with 20 seconds remaining to force overtime. In the extra session, Lewis would take their first lead of the game and win by five points. The victory advanced the Flyers to St. Louis, Mo. and Maryville University, host of the final three rounds.

The Flyers' first victory in St. Louis was over Drury. Lewis shot 8-of-11 from 3-point range in the first half to help the Flyers avenge a loss to Drury in the GLVC Tournament a year earlier. Revenge was the name of the game for the Flyers in the Semifinals against UW-Parkside. The Rangers defeated Lewis twice during the



regular season, winning by 12 points each time. However the Rangers never led after the six minute mark of the first half. Lewis' leading scorer in the contest was junior Devon Carbaugh, providing 13 points off the bench.

The win advanced the Flyers to the championship against Indianapolis. Senior forward Jenny Turpel scored 25 points in the title game including several

key baskets down the stretch. Her effort earned her Tournament MVP honors. Senior point guard Kady Currin was named to the All-Tournament Team with Turpel. Currin played all 165 minutes of the GLVC Tournament.

The win gave Lewis an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament. Lewis saw their season end to eventual national-runner up Michigan Tech in the first round.

Lewis Student-Athletes Set New School-Record With 156 Delahanty Award Winners

Nearly half of the Lewis University student-athletes were rewarded for their academic exploits on April 11th, as a school-record 156 individuals were recognized at the 23rd Annual Br. David Delahanty Student-Athlete Awards at 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, 2010. In total, 45.5% (156 of 343) of the student-athlete population were in attendance, and that group totaled a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.56. The previous record of 144 Delahanty Award winners was set in 2010. There has

not been a decrease in Delahanty Award winners in the past seven years.

Two student-athletes that received special recognition were Lorenz Pestinger and Carol Kruckman. Pestinger and Kruckman both took home the Senior Student-Athlete Award, given to the male and female senior student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point-average.

Pestinger, a member of the Lewis men's tennis team, is a double major in marketing and business administration. He owns a perfect 4.00 grade point average. Kruckman, a member of the Lewis women's basketball team, is a biology major who owns a grade point average of 3.99.

Br. David Delahanty, FSC, served as President of Lewis from June, 1982 until his untimely death in October, 1987. A personal advocate of physical fitness, Br. David encouraged Lewis students to achieve excellence not only in the academic sphere, but also in the athletic arena. Following his death, several members of Lewis' athletic teams inquired if they could wear black arm bands to mourn the popular president. After much consultation, it was decided that Br. David would have preferred a tribute to athletes based on their academic achievements. The first ceremony took place in 1988.



Women's Track & Field Repeats as GLVC Champions

The Lewis University women's track and field squad brought championship hardware home with them for the second-straight season, as the Flyers scored 157 points on their way to the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor Championship, hosted by UW-Parkside, on Saturday, February 26th.

Lewis senior Kathryn Hague was victorious in the 1-mile run

with a time of 5:04.49, while sophomore Kamille Ferguson captured the 55-meter hurdles title, crossing the finish line in 8.55. Junior Karissa Hoffman rounded out the winners for the Flyers with a first-place leap of 37'1 1/4" in the triple jump.

Hague, along with junior Julie Jarrett, sophomore Molly Szilard and redshirt freshman Krysten Sebby captured the Distance Medley Relay title,

crossing the finish line in 11:58.19.

Following the meet, Lewis head women's track and field coach Dana Schwarting was selected as the GLVC Coach of the Year, while pentathlon winner Megan Marchildon was named the Co-Freshman of the Year after winning the pentathlon.

Lewis' Zsafia Kranczicki Named GLVC Women's Tennis Freshman Of The Year

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced on April 21st that Lewis University's Zsafia Kranczicki has been selected as the GLVC Women's Tennis Freshman of the Year.

Kranczicki, who was also named to the All-GLVC team, owned a singles record of 27-3 - including an undefeated mark of 6-0 in conference play - primarily at No. 1. She was also a combined 18-7 in doubles action in her rookie campaign.

"It's an honor for Zsafia to be recognized by the GLVC coaches as the Freshman of the Year," Lewis head women's tennis coach Brett Bridel said. "She had a tremendous year for us."

Joining Kranczicki on the All-GLVC is fellow freshman and countrywoman Zsafia Lanstiaik. Lanstiaik was 19-2 in singles play, including an unblemished mark of 6-0 in GLVC action, and won her last 13 matches. In doubles play, she was 17-7.

"It's nice that Zso was named to the All-GLVC team," Bridel said. "She fought injuries all season and still found a way to win matches."

Lewis' Uno Lapimaa Repeats As GLVC Men's Tennis Player Of The Year

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced on April 21st that Lewis University junior Uno Lapimaa has been named the GLVC Men's Tennis Player of the Year for the second-straight season.

Lapimaa, who has won his last 20 singles matches, is the

first student-athlete since Drury's Stefan Borg (2007, '08) to repeat as Player of the Year. In his last two seasons, Lapimaa is a combined 54-2 in singles play and 46-11 in doubles.

For 2010-11, he was 24-1 in singles play - including an

undefeated 5-0 in GLVC action - and a combined 21-3 in doubles.

"Uno continued his outstanding play and it's an honor that the GLVC coaches have recognized his performance over the last two seasons," Lewis head men's

tennis coach Brett Bridel said.

Lapimaa's teammate and countryman Tonis Irdoja was selected to the All-GLVC East Division team. Irdoja was 12-9 in singles play and a combined 21-4 in doubles action.



Men's Volleyball

The 2011 Lewis men's volleyball regular season was highlighted by a pair of impressive victories over ranked opponents. On March 11 Lewis earned the program's first win over Long Beach State by defeating the 5th ranked 49ers 3-2. The Flyers rallied from a 9-6 deficit in the fifth set to get the victory. Sophomore Jay Petty recorded nine of his 21 kills in the fifth set. He had kills on each of Lewis' final five points.

The Flyers recorded a resounding 3-1 over No. 7 Ohio State at on April 2 at Neil Carey Arena. The match was aired live on Lakeshore Public Television. Lewis out-blocked the Buckeyes 17.5 to 6.5. Petty recorded 22 kills in the match.

In the classroom, 13 Flyers were named to the 2011 Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Academic All-Conference team for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

Lewis Men's Golf Wins 2011 GLVC Championship

The Lewis men's golf team won the 2011 Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship on April 19th, after the second day of the tournament at Panther Creek Country Club was rained out. Lewis' first day total of 584 (291-293) (+8) stood as the final results. Lewis won the tournament by seven shots over second place Northern Kentucky.

"It's awesome to set your number one goal at the start of

the year to win conference and then accomplish it," Lewis head men's golf coach Skip Steffey said. "It was a great team victory and I'm proud of what they've done all year."

Lewis' 584 score is the lowest in GLVC history for a 36-hole championship. The previous low performance was Lewis' 1986-87 score of 594.

Senior Casey Pyne led Lewis with a 142 (71-71). Pyne tied with Andrew Funk from Drury

for second overall among the 70 entrants. Senior Logan Watts finished tied for fourth thanks to a 143 (69-74). Both earn All-GLVC honors as they finished in the top five.

"A championship and being named All-GLVC is a great way for Casey and Logan to finish at Lewis," Steffey said.

The victory gives Lewis their sixth GLVC Championship in program history. The last time Lewis won the GLVC title was in 2003.

Dennis Thomas Named To NABC Men's Hoops All-Midwest District 2nd Team

The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) announced on March 15th that Lewis University senior guard Dennis Thomas, Jr. has been named to the NABC Division II All-Midwest District Second Team, selected and voted by member coaches of the NABC.

Thomas is the first Flyer to be recognized by the NABC since 2009, when Brandon Dagens was named to the NABC All-America Team.

An All-GLVC Second Team selection, Thomas averaged a career-best 17.1 points and added 3.3 assists-per-game. He is the third person in Lewis history, along with Dagens, to record over 1,000 points, 300 assists, 100 three-pointers and 100 steals for their career. He finished his career with 1,446 points, which is good for ninth in school-history and 165 three-pointers which is third overall in the Flyer record books.

"Dennis has had a very good season," Lewis head men's basketball coach Scott Trost said. "It's been great to see how he's matured both on and off the court these past four years.

"He will be sorely missed."

Men's Swimming. Senior Kevin Coates capped his career at Lewis by becoming the most decorated male swimmer in school history. His performance gave him 10 career All-America or Honorable Mention swims at Nationals, most for a male swimmer in school history. Coates was joined at Nationals by Brandon Drogemuller. The sophomore swam in the same races as Coates, taking 8th in the 1650, 12th in the 1000 and 14th in the 500. Through his first two seasons Drogemuller has three All-America Honorable Mention and two All-America swims.

Women's Swimming. Senior Allie Henges finished fourth at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships in the 500 freestyle and sixth in the 200 freestyle. Freshman Sarah Kenis finished sixth in the 200 IM and 400 IM. Sophomore Orla Power took sixth in the 1650 freestyle. In the classroom, the Lewis women's swimming team earned the Team Scholar All-America Award from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. The Lewis women compiled a 3.37 cumulative GPS for the 2010 fall semester. The Flyers ranked third among GLIAC schools.

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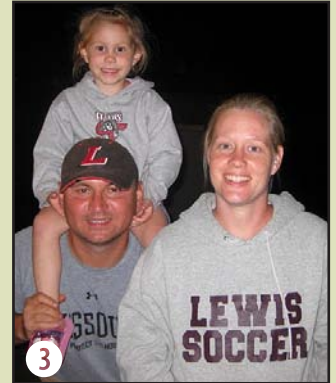
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- 1 Vesna Blagojevic '10 and Jenna Froelich '10. 2 Amy '05 and Rob '97 '04 Weierman. 3 Beth '02 and Rich Kowalczyk '01.
4 Ifeoma Ukpaby '06. 5 Jay '01, Hope '01, and Addie Zawaski. 6 Kristyn Knolls '09. 7 Pete '04 and Tracey '04 Miller.
8 Trisha Cahill '07. 9 Will Giannini '08. 10 Pat Callahan '55, Don Tures '56, and Matt Connor '55.

HOMECOMING OCTOBER 2010



1 Alumni and friends gather to watch the Women's Softball Alumni Game. **2** Homecoming King and Queen Christopher Hueg, Amy Adams. **3** Lewis students Katie Reese and Orla Power with Br. James Gaffney, FSC. **4** William McGettrick '60 and Dennis Kasper '60 gather at the Golden Flyers Luncheon. **5** Members of the '74, '75 and '76 Championship Baseball Teams and Gordie Gillespie below the newly raised banner. **6** The Lewis Cheerleaders and Arlene Olson '56. **7** There were many fun Family Day activities on the University Green for kids.



NATIONAL ALUMNI BOARD OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

During Homecoming Weekend in October 2010, a new slate of Officers was elected to the National Alumni Association Board. Please visit the Alumni & Friends website for complete biographies of your new Board officers and other members of the National Alumni Board. Visit alumni.lewisu.edu and select CONNECT, Alumni Association, Meet the Board.

Front Row: Rich Crowley, Sue Klein, Sharon Canariato (Vice President), Deborah Brown, Dolores Pavletic, Gerald Bersano.

Back Row: John Courtney (Treasurer), Dan Costello, Larry Tucker, John McIntire, Jim McDonough, Brian Bishop (President).

Those not pictured: Michael Blake, Steve Cardamone, Rich Hlava, Len O'Kelly, Don Pratl, Victor Splitt, Duane Washkowiak, Malcolm Whiteside Jr., Sandra Wilks

ALUMNI NEWS



YOUNG ALUMNI BOARD ANNOUNCED

On January 22, the inaugural meeting of the Lewis Young Alumni Board was held. This newly created board provides opportunities for young graduates to connect with their fellow alumni during social and networking events. The board consists of 25 men and women, who have volunteered to serve two-year terms, meeting twice a year as a group in order to plan events for young alumni. Note: Young alumni are defined as those who have graduated within the last 10 years.

Katie Choudhary '03, '08 (*President*)
 Anthony Sam '07, '08 (*Vice President*)
 Amy Schellekens '07 (*Secretary*)

Walter Bush '05
 Alison Chandler '04
 Demarius Coburn-Moaton '06

Samantha Goga '10
 Gina Heimbecker '02
 Megan Howes '08
 Muna Khatib '09

Gregory Marx '09
 Mary Moskal '07
 Alina Rivas '07
 Peter Tanaka '10
 Sylvia Vazquez '09
 Eric Viguera '08
 Joseph Volin '08

Kara West '08
 Ryan Wolbing '09
 Bashir Zayid '10

Not pictured:
 Margaret Grabowski '10
 Heather Warthen '03

Would you like to serve on the board? Complete the nominations form, available on the Alumni & Friends website in the CONNECT section.

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Thomas Brown '59 (Aviation Maintenance Management) owned an advertising business for 30 years and turned the business over to his daughter in 2006. Although Thomas is retired, he enjoys his work and “continues the fun.” He currently owns and operates cell towers and commercial buildings in the Missouri area. Thomas and his wife, Rosemary have been married for 53 years. They have five children and 12 grandchildren.



James J. O'Connell '58 (Accountancy) is currently Vice Chairman of the Joliet Regional Port District. James has been a real estate broker in the Joliet area for over 50 years. On May 1, 2010, James joined Trump Network.

1960s



Al Latham '61 (Accountancy) lives in Rancho Mirage, California with his wife Diana. Al recently connected with **Tom Kennedy '62** when Tom visited them in California. The Lathams enjoyed a 51-day voyage to the South Pacific this winter.

1970s

Joseph Kregul '79 (Accountancy) was promoted to CEO of the Naperville-based HealthCare Associates Credit Union.

Judge Michael O'Malley '79 (Law) joined Carey, Danis & Lowe, a personal injury, medical malpractice, pharmaceutical liability and product liability law firm based in St. Louis, Mo.

Michael Parker '77 (Public Administration), a Lewis Trustee, has retired from his position as Senior Vice President & Executive Director, Broker Relations at Liberty Mutual Middle Market after a long and successful career with Wausau and Liberty Mutual insurance companies. Michael's new venture can be followed at blacksalesjournal.com, an online publication dedicated to assisting black sales professionals in achieving success.

Dennis Sura '70 (Business Administration) a member of Phi Kappa Theta, moved to Frankfort, Ill. after 30 years away. Married to Kathy (Cooney) Sura for 40 years, they met when she attended St. Francis in 1969 and later graduated from Illinois State University in 1971. Dennis worked for General Mills for more than 37 years and Kathy for H&R Block. After living in Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, Dennis says it is great to be back home.

Stephen White '78 (Law) was sworn in as a new member of the Lincoln-Way District 210 Board of Education. Stephen is a former Will County Judge.

1980s

Kenneth Bohac '88 (Graduate Business) was nominated by President Obama to serve as a United States Marshal for the Central District of Illinois. In 1995, he became a Deputy U.S. Marshal in Chicago and was promoted to the position of Senior Investigator in the Urbana office in 1998. Bohac is also a member of the Marshals Service's rapid-response unit known as the Special Operations Group (SOG), and in the past has traveled to Iraq in that capacity. He has most recently served as a Judicial Security Inspector with the Marshals Service in its Lexington, Ky. office.

Dorice Brennan '89 (Business Administration and Marketing) received the Florida Foundation for Excellence in Education's 2010 Excel Award.

George De Heer '82 (Accountancy) was elected as Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer of Universal Insurance Holdings, Inc.

Karen Hackett '87 (Graduate Business) assumed the role of Chairman of the American Society for Association Executives (ASAE) on August 24.

Wayne Peterson '87 (Graduate Business) has joined the Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc. as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Mitchell Tomaszewicz '85 (Journalism) was named Coach-of-the-Year for 2010 Women's Cross Country by S.U.N.Y. Cobleskill.

1990s

John Carpino '96 (Criminal/Social Justice) has been appointed as Police Chief for Worth, Ill.

Robert Dufkis '93 (Marketing) joined Assurance Agency Ltd. as the Senior Vice President and Public Sector Practice Leader.

Samuel Pettineo '98 (Criminal/Social Justice) '00 (Graduate Leadership Studies) was hired as the new Director of Safety for Evanston Township High School District 2020.

Kurt Schackmuth '98 (History) '02 (Graduate Business) received the 2010 Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award from the Midwest District of the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

2000s

Jeannine Arias '09 (Graduate Nursing/Business) was featured in an article in the *Bolingbrook Sun* regarding Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. Jeannine is developing programs for the staff at the hospital to raise awareness of Breast Cancer.

Matthew Kwiatkowski '00 (Aviation Maintenance Management) '06 (Graduate Information Security) was a guest speaker for the Lewis University Webinar on Cyber Security. Matt handles cyber security for Argonne National Laboratory.

Dennis Machooka '01 (Biology and Chemistry) is currently the Senior Software Quality Engineer at Boston Scientific Corporation. Along with this update he added, “Keep in touch, it's a small world out here and there are many possibilities that friendships can be created to last forever!”

ENGAGEMENTS



Katherine (Gilman) McCulley '04 (Marketing), played volleyball from 2000-2003 and is now the head coach for Springfield Lutheran High School. She recently led her team to the IHSA State 3rd place finish in the 2010 State Series for 1A schools. Katherine played volleyball and graduated from Lutheran High School.

Michael Ruth '03 (Graduate Criminal/Social Justice) was named Police Chief for the City of Countryside, Ill.

Elizabeth Weber '08 (Radio/TV Broadcasting, English) published a poem that was nominated for a Pushcart Prize by Arsenic Lobster. Congratulations Elizabeth!



Amy (Hergert) Schellekens '07 (Business Administration) has accepted a position as Associate Attorney for Bennett Law Firm in Oak Brook, Ill. Amy graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law with her Juris Doctor degree in May 2010.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Robert Siwak '07** (Aviation Flight Management) graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.



Danielle Boyd '09 (Biology) became engaged to **Aaron Olszeski '10** (Finance) on October 30, 2010. They are planning their wedding for June 16, 2012 in Davenport, Iowa.

Natalie Brandolino, '09 (Accountancy) became engaged to Jerome Leahy on October 22, 2010. They will be married on June 30, 2012 at St. Anne Church in Crest Hill.



Laura Cepicka '08 (Nursing) became engaged to Alex Griff in Riviera Maya, Mexico on November 8, 2010. They are planning their wedding for September 15, 2012.

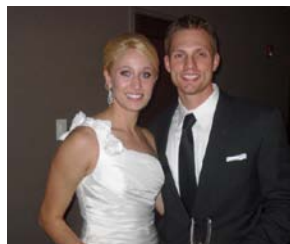
Tyler Fry '08 (Criminal/Social Justice) is engaged to **Michelle Ruff '10** (Psychology).

WEDDINGS

Armando Mora III '99 (Aviation Flight Management) married **Cynthia Cerda '99** (Criminal/Social Justice) on January 2, 2004. They met during a break after a topic debate in a sociology class.



Stephanie (Heath) Standlee '94 (Social Work/Human Services) married Scott Standlee on October 10, 2010.



Victoria (Orlova) '07 (Management Information Systems) and **Jordan Van Acker '06** (Aviation Administration) were married on October 1, 2010 at First Congregational Church of Dundee in West Dundee, Ill.. Jordan is a Senior Product Line Representative at AAR Corp and Victoria is Associate Manager, IT at AT&T.

FUTURE FLYERS

Tammy Tazelaar-Chapman '10 (Accountancy) and her husband, Danial celebrated the birth of their son, Danial P. Chapman, Jr., in October 2010.



Dr. Raymond Goga '71 and his wife, Julie Ann, celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Camila Alisa in September 2010. Camila was born to the Goga's daughter, Dr. Erin Goga-Chaney.

Kim (Pope) Rybak '01 (Nursing) and her husband Scott celebrated the birth of their daughter, Victoria in November 2010.

Dorian Jarrette '08 (Computer Science) and his wife, Emily celebrated the birth of their second son, Cameron in October 2010. Cameron joins big brother, Elliott.

Colleen Vukovich '98 (Theology) celebrated the birth of her first baby, Hope Alexie, in April 2010.

IN MEMORIAM

William Balek '74 (Political Science) passed away on August 21, 2010.

W. Patrick Bloomfield '53 (Accountancy) passed away on November 9, 2010.

Jerome 'Jerry' Dryz '36 (Pre-Veterinary) passed away on May 17, 2006.

Robert Grzyb '82 (Business Administration) passed away on August 15, 2010.

Robert Gusich '41 (Aeronautical Institute) passed away on December 25, 2010

Jill Jones '95 (Graduate Education) passed away on August 8, 2010.

Randall Kramp '90 (Aviation Maintenance Management) passed away on June 21, 2010.

Janice (Rozanski) Lefevers '93 (Philosophy) passed away on October 12, 2010.

Arletta Markham '79 passed away on December 16, 2010.

Joseph J. Moravec '79 (Accountancy) passed away on July 27, 2010.

Mary T. O'Toole '00 (Criminal/Social Justice) passed away on July 7, 2010.

Donna (Lucero) Saya died March 19, 2011. Donna was the wife of Jim Saya, Executive Director of the Lewis Albuquerque campus.

Br. William Walz, FSC '87 (Graduate Business) passed away on October 4, 2010.

George Michas

George J. Michas, a highly successful entrepreneur and civic leader and a good friend to Lewis University died February 4 at his home in Joliet. Mr. Michas had been honored in 2008 by Lewis University for his very effective leadership as chair of the Joliet Regional Port District for more than 30 years and his assistance in creating the opportunity for the Port District to acquire the Lewis University Airport so that it could evolve into a first-class, highly regarded corporate and private aviation facility. Michas had served as a member of the Lewis University Council of Regents and earlier as a Charter Member of the University's Cultural Advisory Board.



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NOVEMBER 11 - Men's Basketball Team with Alumni and Friends in California for the Disney Tip-Off Classic



JANUARY 15 - Men's Basketball Alumni Reception



JANUARY 15 - Women's Basketball Alumnae Reception



JANUARY 22 - Men's Volleyball Alumni vs. Current Team Game and Reception. There are men's volleyball alumni from across the United States (including California, Canada and Puerto Rico).



JANUARY 21 - Sarasota Florida event. Front Row: Elizabeth McDonough, Julie Penner, Mary Jane Whiteside, Elaine Splitt, Pat, Leo LaSala. Back Row: Jim McDonough, Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Dennis Tonelli, Sandy Prodehl, Ed Prodehl, Vic Splitt, Greg and Janice Raclaw



FEBRUARY 25 - Naples Florida event. Front Row: Rita Berglund, Carole Sienko, Anne LaGrippe, Christine Higgins, Kay DeGeus, Klint DeGeus, Janice Raclaw, Tammy Eich, Brother James Gaffney, FSC; Back Row: Clif Beglund, Kevin Reardon, Joe Higgins, Connie Pasko, Stan Pasko, Greg Raclaw, Danielle Bishop, Jim LaGrippe, Brian Bishop, Patrick Bishop

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Our Apologies! *President's Annual Report Corrections*

A great deal of effort is put into accurately acknowledging the generous support of almost 3,000 donors in the Lewis University community through the *President's Annual Report*. Unfortunately, errors sometimes occur. The following donors were either listed at incorrect giving levels or erroneously omitted from this publication. Please accept our apologies.

Mr. Victor '00, '03 and Mrs. Graciela Dufour '97, '04 should have been listed in the \$1,000+ President's Circle and were inaccurately listed in the \$500+ Brothers' Council.

Mr. Michael & Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen were erroneously omitted from the \$1,000+ President's Circle.

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.**

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September 24, 2011



Cookies with Santa
December 4, 2011