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A VISION *for the* FUTURE

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President's Perspective

I deeply appreciate the capable efforts by the Marketing and Communication Department in putting together this issue, with its focus on my 25th anniversary as President here at Lewis University. While I have rather consistently sought to divert attention from me throughout this jubilee year, I have welcomed any initiative that would promote the achievement of our highly encouraging and motivational *Vision* for the University. That includes a focus on all that contributes to student success, which is at the heart of our new Strategic Plan. Also of priority is the broad communication of that *Vision* at the start of our comprehensive fund-raising campaign.

I recognize that 25 years is a remarkable attainment, especially insofar as the typical tenure for a university or college president is seven or eight years. In celebrating this anniversary, we are really celebrating the unprecedented momentum that has been realized here at Lewis. I am not comfortable speaking about "my legacy," in contrast to what so many of us together have accomplished in the transformation of this highly effective University. We are truly a Mission-centered community, with a strong and pervasive spirit of Association. There is no doubt but that we are advancing rapidly toward the goal of being one of the finest, mid-sized Catholic universities in the Midwest, a place of distinction with a well-deserved regional reputation for excellence. Our students are achieving new levels of success; they are well-prepared for their careers and later life experiences; and they are more intellectually engaged than ever before. Moreover, they are increasingly more ethically grounded and socially responsible, with a wider openness to global connectedness. Therefore, this is actually our *shared* legacy and it is powerful, enduring and quite impactful. All of this is God's work, which has been entrusted to us collectively.

Meanwhile, we are in full pursuit of the actualization of our newest Strategic Plan, which is described in this issue of the *Magazine*. Related to this goal is the implementation of our recently approved Campus Master Plan, which extends out 20 years but at the same time is dynamic and quite flexible. Soon to be initiated is a similar process for the development of a Land Plan for the approximate 250 acres of University land not part of the campus proper. It will take 12-18 months to complete the plan, which will have significant influence on the utilization of this undeveloped acreage in the decades ahead.

Much campus construction is currently underway and more will follow. In early February, we dedicated our new Oak Brook Center on 22nd Street in an architecturally noteworthy building, with excellent signage overlooking Interstate 88. On March 13th we rededicated and blessed our wonderfully renovated and expanded Oremus Fine Arts Center. Recently we put in a new indoor track and a new floor for intramurals in the Fieldhouse. The Andrew Center for Electronic Media has been significantly upgraded, and in the early fall we opened an impressive Mathematics and Computer Science Complex. Presently under reconstruction is the academic

wing of the former Science Building, which promises to be a remarkable upgrade. We are nearly tripling the size of our regional center in Albuquerque. At the same time, work is underway on a series of major enhancements and renovations at the Saint Charles Borromeo Center, which is being readied for occupancy by our College of Business and the Graduate School of Management, as well as the School of Professional and Continuing Education and possibly another academic unit. There will be about 125 student residential spaces there as well.

With the launching of the first phase of the University's comprehensive fund-raising campaign, several large projects are being presented for support by our generous Trustees, alumni and many other friends. These include a large addition to the College of Nursing and Health Professions Building, as well as 20 high-tech classrooms and labs at the Saint Charles Borromeo Center. We are also seeking to remodel the Sancta Alberta Chapel, as well as to construct an 80,000 square foot Student Center. It will include two dining rooms and much, much more. Another campaign priority will be endowed scholarships.

Many of these encouraging initiatives are featured in this *Magazine*, as are various academic and other special recognitions for our students and for certain educational programs. In addition, there are updates on intercollegiate athletics from the fall and winter seasons. Our student athletes continue to excel in the classroom, in sports competition and in their service projects. Furthermore, the recent achievements of various alumni are highlighted. The same is true for recipients of various honors and recognitions from the University.

In short, this is another great year for Lewis University. Our enrollment grew by 2.6% in a very competitive environment. The average increase for private, not-for-profit universities nationally is only 0.6%. Community college enrollments dropped more than 3%, state universities by 0.6% and for-profit colleges and universities by around 7%. There is remarkable momentum and genuine excitement in many corners regarding our *Vision* and our anticipated future. We welcome your generous support and your prayerful encouragement. Lewis is emerging as an outstanding Catholic university in the Lasallian tradition. That is the real reason for celebrating, even as the University community thoughtfully marks my 25th year of service and leadership. I will do my best to help maintain this remarkable pace of progress and to strengthen our embrace of a Mission that is truly worth living out each new day.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brother James Gaffney, FSC
President, Lewis University

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A VISION for the FUTURE

Values and Strong Leadership Drive Vision at Lewis University

It's one thing to have a vision - it's another to make it happen. Brother James Gaffney, FSC, is celebrating his 25th anniversary as President this year. He has made a difference in the lives of all of those who have come to know Lewis University by creating a culture that strives for excellence in everything and is constantly reinventing itself. As the University embarks on a new strategic plan, a campus master plan, and a fourth capital campaign, Brother James reflected on the changes that have occurred during his 25 years as President, and the vision for the future.

When Brother James first arrived on campus in 1970, he was a faculty member in theology at the time, and also working on his doctorate. A few years later he was chosen as Provincial leader - De La Salle Hall then served as the Center of the Provincial Office of the Midwest for the Christian Brothers. His position as Provincial leader included assuming the role of Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the University. At the time, the University was experiencing financial difficulty. As Chairman



of the Board, Brother James led the effort to secure funding initially from the banking community. He ended up going to the Provincials of other Christian Brother Provinces and to the Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet and the Archbishop of Chicago. Three of the Provinces as well as the Diocese and Archdiocese lent money. Those loans assisted the University in getting through some difficult times.

At the same time, Brother James and the Board of Trustees brought in Brother David Delahanty, FSC, as President to lead the institution. This was a turning point. It gave the university a new beginning, established credibility, and was critical to bringing the mission of the Christian Brothers and the Catholic and Lasallian heritage to life. Brother David served with great integrity, love for the students, academic credibility, vision, and selfless dedication. His administration ended with his untimely death in 1987. The Brother David Delahanty, FSC, Student Athlete Awards were named in his honor. Brother James remarked, "Even the athletic awards, given to students of high academic achievement, were a symbol of the holistic education

of our students. Unfortunately, Brother David acquired a critical illness and his tenure as President was cut short, but the turnaround on campus had begun."

After Brother David's death, a national search for President was conducted and Brother James was chosen from among five candidates. His inauguration took place on October 2, 1988. At the time, the school had about 2,500 students. Brother James recognized the high priority of renovating the campus. The poor condition of the campus was dissuading parents from sending

their children to Lewis. A parent of a prospective student told him that they drove around the campus and decided to leave based on their first impression. The Superintendent of Lockport High School wished him well, but commented on how the campus needed to be renovated and brought up to other schools' standards. The infrastructure and appearance of the campus needed to be dealt with immediately. Brother James made a commitment that the University would become one of the best universities and most beautiful campuses in the area.

Brother James said that he feels our current commitment to academic quality, customer service and a higher standard comes from a drive to instill excellence in everything that we do. The overall campus environment is important to the holistic development and learning of our students.

The first fundraising campaign on campus raised about \$2 million and was initiated to upgrade the Fine Arts Building, which was in serious need of renovations. The Center has recently received a new addition and improvements including a new Art

Gallery and adjoining spaces to highlight student and professional works of art, a percussion room for the Music Department, and a Studio Theatre (see more on the Campus Master Plan on page 5).

In the years following, Kathryn Kelly who served as Harold E. White's attorney and later as a Trustee of the University, introduced Mr. White to Brother James. Mr. White had based his plane at Lewis University at one time, and indicated great interest in aviation education. He provided funding of \$3 million for the Harold E. White Aviation Building, and upon his death left half of his estate to the University.

In order to guide the University in its pursuit of excellence, Brother James created an Administrative Council and charged them with planning, and from this, the first strategic plan was developed in March 1997. The University recently launched the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan (see more on the Strategic Plan on page 8), with the goal of becoming recognized as an outstanding, innovative, mid-sized Catholic university, offering programs of academic distinction to a diverse population.

Over the years, administrative and organizational structures have changed to accommodate the growth of the University and to compete in the Chicago area for high quality students. The Enrollment Management Division was created 11 years ago in response to the level of professional recruiting taking place nationally. University Advancement was changed to reflect the need for more sophisticated fundraising campaigns and to enhance the alumni experience. Recently, a Division of Mission and Ministry was created to further integrate the Mission and Catholic identity across the University.

Certainly, as the University has grown, the complexity and responsibilities of the Presidency have as well. Brother James has served on numerous boards and councils, as a way of giving back to the community, and also to provide leadership and visibility for the University. At one point, he served on 18 different boards and chaired six. Over the years he has served on approximately 25-30 national and regional boards.

His commitment to the larger community though has not deterred him from remaining connected to a growing student population of nearly 6600 in 2013. He attends as many student functions and award ceremonies as humanly possible and has attended every Koininia Retreat since his arrival on campus. Every semester, he also visits the regional campuses to greet

the adult and graduate students as well. As a matter of fact, students on campus have nicknamed him "the slider" for his ability to move from one event to the next so effortlessly.

His motivation speaks to his undying commitment to the students and to the success of the University. For Brother James, "it is a vocation, a calling to carry on God's work, and how together we have been trusted with it." His ability to sustain his enthusiasm, despite an 80-hour per week schedule, is supported by good colleagues including the faculty, staff, Christian Brothers and Trustees.

Another thing that sustains him is that he can see that the Lasallian Mission is truly embraced and valued at the University, and he believes that

will be a part of his legacy. He sees the excellence that is growing at the University, and believes it is authentically Catholic and Lasallian. From Catholic artwork and images on campus, to the formation educational opportunities for faculty and staff, and the integration of the Mission into hiring and teaching, the University is highly respected for its integration and commitment to Mission. Lewis' Mission statement, developed in 1994, is a reflection of our Catholic and Lasallian values.

In terms of the *Vision* for the University, Brother James knows that great things will continue to happen as the University moves forward and continues to grow in size, stature, and number of graduates. Realistically, he knows that the *Vision* for the ultimate positioning of the University as an outstanding mid-sized Catholic University in the Midwest, may happen after he has left his current role, but believes the legacy that has been created over the last 25 years will continue to influence decisions by the Board of Trustees and future administrators.

Additionally, Brother James believes he will be known most for always putting students and their holistic development at the center of everything; for a leadership style focused on transformation, continuous improvement, and creating a sustainable environment; for revitalizing the University; for a commitment to quality and excellence as the "Lewis standard"; and for bringing together a group of men and women who have a vocational calling and commitment to our students through the Lasallian spirit of association. He said, "Lewis will be known as a highly viable and vital University in all of the right ways, and clearly be seen as one of the best Catholic universities in the Midwest."



BR. JAMES GAFFNEY, FSC
LEWIS UNIVERSITY



The Campus Master Plan: A Roadmap for Growth

Brother James highlighted the need for planning tied to a culture of continuous improvement. A decade of steadily increasing enrollment, 35 percent since 2004, has led the University to create a plan for future growth on the main campus in Romeoville. The plan is meant to guide current and future decisions for needed buildings, open spaces, pedestrian connections, and infrastructure and the relation to their surroundings and the campus at large. The master plan responds to the projected enrollment growth of 2.5 percent annually. By 2021, it is anticipated that the student population will require about 2.2 million sq. ft. of space related to academic, residential, student life, athletics, and recreational uses; 675,000 sq. ft. more than currently exists.

The plan is guided by these principles: the University should present its Mission physically as a learning community; it should visibly convey its distinguished character, history and values; the environment should be welcoming and personally enriching; and it should promote sustainable, ecological, and physiological wellbeing. The full plan can be found online at www.lewisu.edu/masterplan.

Robert DeRose, Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Co-chair of the Planning Taskforce said, "This plan is a living document that will serve as a roadmap as we move into the future. It is very intricately tied to the University's strategic plan for growth and to the future capital campaign. It provides a comprehensive strategy for us, as well as helps to prioritize."

The 2011-2015 phase of renovations and buildings have included major projects such as the 50,000 sq. ft. Science Center, which opened for classes last January,

2012. This new and sustainable building is designed to accommodate majors in more than 14 programs which have a substantial science core as part of the curriculum. The Mathematics and Computer Science Complex of new labs were dedicated in September 2012. Sheil Hall, the first residence hall on campus, was completely renovated in time for the beginning of the fall 2012 semester. The recent acquisition of the St. Charles Borromeo Center, directly adjacent to the main campus, will provide an additional 140,000 sq. ft. of space on 40 acres of land and includes residence space for approximately 125 beds, and a Chapel that also provides space for convocations and concerts. Additional plans are underway to provide a 23,000 sq. ft. addition to the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Details and photos follow on the new spaces in the Oremus Fine Arts Center and the Andrew Center of Electronic Media.



Oremus Fine Arts Center New Again

New space for the Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Center consists of three rooms: the Art Gallery is 644 sq. ft., the conference room is 529 sq. ft., and the reception area is 1363 sq. ft. All rooms are connected by double French pocket doors. All three rooms have wall space and lighting suitable for art. By combining all three rooms, up to 50 pieces of two-dimensional art can be exhibited. Additionally, there is plenty of floor space for sculpture and three-dimensional art and a large storage room.

The new spaces for the Theatre Department include the new Studio Theatre (black box) that will contain movable seating risers for many different configurations of the stage space and seating locations. It will seat approximately 80-100 patrons, depending on the configuration. It is located above the new gallery area with a staircase to its lobby located in the student lounge/reception area of the gallery. It is connected to the second floor makeup room. Since the old scene shop was demolished for the new gallery, the new shop was built directly behind the backstage area. The second floor above the shop is a new storage area for props, furniture, set pieces and archival material.

The lobby was also completely remodeled with new walls, a terrazzo floor and a new revolving door entrance and outside marquee. The lobby also received a men's and women's handicapped accessible restroom. New carpeting, and a heating and cooling system have been installed in the Philip Lynch Theatre.

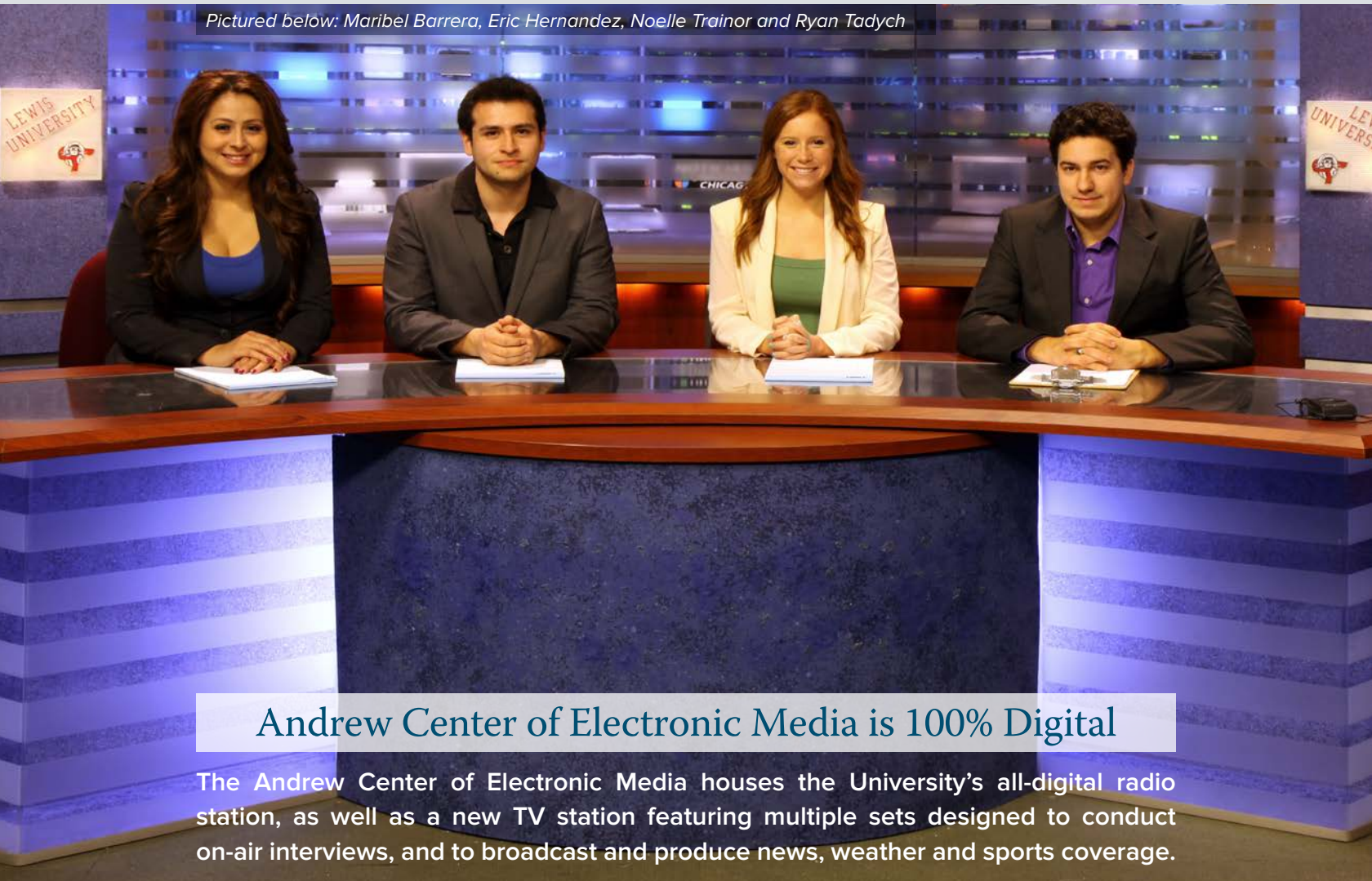
The Music Department acquired a large room that is suitable for chamber music, which houses a grand



piano. A concert featuring the Lewis University Wind Quintet is planned on April 19, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. in the gallery of the Philip Lynch Theatre. Patrons may tour the gallery before the play.

There is also a new percussion room off of Ives Hall. It is a dedicated space for teaching percussion lessons and rehearsing the percussion ensemble, and holds the University's percussion instruments.

Pictured below: Maribel Barrera, Eric Hernandez, Noelle Trainor and Ryan Tadych



Andrew Center of Electronic Media is 100% Digital

The Andrew Center of Electronic Media houses the University's all-digital radio station, as well as a new TV station featuring multiple sets designed to conduct on-air interviews, and to broadcast and produce news, weather and sports coverage.

The implementation of equipment donated by Univision and additional University resources enabled the center to become 100 percent digital. "Most broadcast facilities are still trying to become 100 percent digital. We are 100 percent digital," said John Carey, Director of the Center.

The center is now running on a matrix intercom system that interfaces with phones, two-way radios

and the Internet. The intercom system facilitates communication between radio station, TV studio and remote broadcasts.

The radio station recently upgraded its audio consoles and reconfigured furniture to accommodate the smaller, more sophisticated equipment. Also, multiple cameras are operating in the radio station so DJs can stream video live while broadcasting.

The Channel 6 TV station now features multiple sets for news, weather and talk shows. Programming is streamed on the Internet at <http://bit.ly/LUTN6>. Closed captioning is also available on select programming. The Channel 6 electronic message board's analog signal was upgraded to digital.

Upgraded fiber optics on campus have enhanced the live coverage of events, such as sports and commencement. The improvement dramatically reduced the amount of set up time and equipment transportation.



The Strategic Plan for Lewis University: 2012-2017

Planning is an integral part of implementing a vision for the University. The foundation for the plan is the University Mission and the vision to be recognized as an outstanding, innovative, mid-sized Catholic university, offering programs of academic distinction to a diverse population.

The new Strategic Plan puts student success at the core of five strategic directions: build the foundation for an outstanding, innovative, mid-sized Catholic university; advance distinctive learning experiences that will distinguish Lewis and optimize the success of our students; engage learners, streamline processes, and enhance communication through emerging technologies; expand strategic partnerships that impact the student experience while addressing the needs of the region;

and develop and allocate resources that support student success and the strategic plan.

Departments across campus are currently laying out their goals with respect to the plan. Measurement of goals and initiatives will take place University-wide so that a periodic review can be taken to assess what is on track, and where things may need to be realigned.

According to Brother James Gaffney, "Now is when we must really focus on what we do exceptionally well, and on the added value that we bring to our students' lives. The nature and complexity of higher education have changed significantly in five years and will continue to do so at a more rapid rate in the next five years. Our response to the educational needs of the region must anticipate continued population growth, changing workforce demands, and complex new technologies. Most of all we must continue to prepare students who can think critically and creatively, and act ethically as leaders in society and the workplace."

Brother James continued, "The true beneficiaries of these plans will be our students, and those who will gain considerably because of the abilities of our graduates."



Nursing Program Celebrates 40 Years of Excellence

The following is an excerpt from a project written by student Nicole Krage for a Scholars Academy assignment in May 2012.

Despite their essential role in the medical field, there is a great shortage of registered nurses in America. A major reason for this, according to Patrick A. Rivers' 2005 article, "The Financial Impacts of the Nursing Shortage," is that while enrollment at nursing schools is increasing, it is not increasing fast enough to meet the demand for nurses. To put it simply, we need more nurses. The problem is that even if colleges and universities took in as many nursing students as possible, it still would not be enough. To make matters worse, many schools are put into a position where they are forced to reject applicants because there are not enough available positions for them within the school. We need more nurses, but we cannot accept them all into universities. Rivers addresses this issue further by explaining, "There is simply not enough nursing faculty

or university funding to expand the existing programs." Because these programs cannot expand to the extent that is not only desired but needed, the nursing shortage continues.

However, Lewis University's 40-year-old nursing program – the largest undergraduate nursing program in the state of Illinois from 2010-2012 – is working to address this critical shortage while still maintaining its tradition of excellence. In fact, in 2011, Lewis University actually graduated the most nursing undergraduates with a bachelor's degree in its history – 113 students. Not only that, but each and every one of them passed their National Council Licensure Examinations (NCLEX), giving the University a 100 percent pass rate. A flawless pass rate like this is almost unheard of.



All of the innovations, advancements, and steady growth within Lewis University's nursing program are what put the school at such high rankings. There have been plenty of developments in the program, and there are certainly more to come.

Despite having such a large nursing program, Lewis University also prides itself on its ability to provide the students with small class sizes, allowing them to receive more individual attention and establish a stronger student-faculty relationship. Dr. Peggy Rice, Dean, singles this out as what she believes to be the best part of Lewis's nursing program. This faculty commitment, she believes, demonstrates that the instructors truly care about their students' success.

Indeed, this is proven to be true by Lewis nursing students themselves. Hollyn Holsinger, a freshman nursing major from Roselle, Ill., finds the program vigorous but rewarding. Spending her freshman year working mostly on prerequisite courses, she feels that the classes, especially Anatomy, can be very difficult, but they "[prepare] you ... so much more for sophomore year." Clearly, the faculty dedication to the students pays off and paves a pathway toward success for them. With friends at different schools who are fellow nursing majors, Holsinger feels that Lewis goes more in-depth into the topics, and leaves the students more prepared than at other universities.

In addition to exceptional assistance from the faculty, improvements in the technology aspects of the nursing program open up many doors to growth and expansion as well. Professor Maureen Moore, Coordinator of Retention in the nursing program, reflected that in past years, nursing education consisted only of lecturing and hospital visits. Now, things have changed. Technology is infused into the classrooms, introducing the students to computer programs that offer them the opportunity to gain experience within areas of the medical field that they would encounter in a hospital. Moore also incorporates simulation mannequins into her lectures. These mannequins are able to do things like get sick or talk back to students. Some are even "pregnant" and deliver babies!

Moore speaks very positively of these drastic yet impressive technological changes, believing that

they not only keep the students more engaged and interested, which enhances the learning experience, but they make teaching more fun.

The outstanding growth that Lewis has experienced is undoubtedly apparent. The University has come a long way, but the journey is not over. There is still plenty that can be done and the program will continue to change. "Technology is changing very fast, so we have a lot of growth to do in terms of technology and computers and keeping up with the innovations in the hospital," Moore noted. The thought of technology advancing even further than it already has, and mannequins becoming more advanced than they already are, is hard to imagine, but definitely possible.

When asked what she would change about the nursing program, Dr. Rice mentioned adding more faculty, labs, and classrooms to the nursing program, as well as more simulations for undergraduates and nursing practitioners. These changes would further ensure the nursing students' success at Lewis, and provide them even more realistic case scenarios and experience.

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The impact of the nursing program goes further than the classroom, too. With a smile on her face, Moore explained, "When you take students in and you see how energized they are and how excited they are to be in nursing, it gives you kind of a new life, and it really rejuvenates your spirit too. ...It's just a wonderful thing. ...It lets me see there's so much hope for the future." With both the faculty and the students establishing such an emotional connection through the nursing program, there is no doubt that it will continue to expand.

Psychology Professor Authors Article in Counseling Journal

Professor Leonard Harsy (Psychology) authored an article titled “Effective Strategies for School Counselors Who Manage Large Caseloads,” which appeared in the Summer 2012 edition of *Journal of Counseling in Illinois*. The article combined practical ideas with information regarding recommendations from the American School Counselor Association that help build efficient and effective school counseling programs to address, in part, higher than normal caseloads that counselors are facing.

Dr. Simone Muench Receives Fellowship

Dr. Simone Muench (English) received a National Endowment for the Arts Award: FY 2013 Literature Fellowship in Creative Writing (Poetry) for \$25,000 for her “Wolf Cento” project that she has been working on for the past few years. The goal of the fellowships program is to encourage the production of new work and allow writers the time and means to write.

Foreign Language Professor Shares Best Practices at Conference

Professor Lifeng Hu (Foreign Language Program) presented at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) this past November in Philadelphia. Her topic was “Teaching with an OPI in mind: Effective Oral Assessment.” Professor Hu talked about how the foreign language program at Lewis measures student learning outcomes with an oral performance test adapted from ACTFL’s Oral Proficiency Interview.

Political Science Professor Writes Textbook Instructor’s Manual

Dr. Joseph Gaziano (Political Science) has written an instructors manual for the ninth edition of *State and Local Government*, a leading textbook in state and local government authored by Bowman and Kearney. Published by Cengage, the text and instructors manual will appear in 2014.



Brother Vincent Neil Kieffe, FSC (left) with Dr. Dennis Cremin, Lewis Professor of History at Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem.

While at Lewis, Brother Neil taught in the Aviation Department, served as Department Chair, and was Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, acting Vice President and Acting President of Lewis for a brief time. Since 1991, he has served as a faculty member and administrator at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

Sabbatical Leads Professor to the Holy Land

Dr. Dennis H. Cremin (History) visited Israel and the Palestinian Territories this past 2012. His fall 2012 sabbatical research centered on the theme of Christian pilgrimage with a focus on the Church of the Nativity and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. He also visited Bethlehem University, where he gave a lecture on public history in a course in the Tourism program, and he joined Tourism and Theology students on a full day study tour to Nablus and Samaria.

Biology Professor Presents at National Conference on Human Genetics

Dr. Erin Zimmer (Biology) presented a talk entitled “Linking Basic Concepts to Whole Exome Sequencing” during the Undergraduate Genetics Education Workshop at the American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting held this past November in San Francisco. She was also an invited panelist for the Training Development and Networking session where she represented undergraduate genetic professors.

student spotlights

University Receives Midewin Prairie Volunteer Award

Lewis University received the 2012 Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Volunteer Award for student work on several projects including helping at Midewin National Public Lands Day, interns assisting in the summer months, and other year-round projects, such as planting, cleaning seeds and removing invasive species.

“Students at Midewin come to realize the amount of work that needs to be done to restore a prairie. They have fun planting, collecting seeds, and removing invasive species with their friends. They also enjoy learning from the experienced staff about native plants and the work done at Midewin,” commented Dr. Jerry Kavouras, Director of Environmental Science and Associate Professor of Biology.

Nursing Students Surpass National Average

For the second consecutive year, 100 percent of the Lewis University nursing students taking the NCLEX exam in 2012 passed it. A record number of Lewis University students passed the exam, 117 nursing candidates took the exam at various times. Eighteen accelerated BAC/BSN (Bachelor's to Bachelor's in Nursing) graduates took the exam in August; 17 accelerated BAC/BSN graduates took the exam in May; 44 traditional BSN graduates took the exam in May; and 38 traditional BSN graduates took the exam in December 2011; all of which factored into the NCLEX exam results for 2012.

“We are very proud of our graduates who are set to continue their success as they begin to change the lives of the patients they encounter as they enter into the healthcare industry,” commented Dr. Peggy Rice, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

The NCLEX exam measures the student's ability to perform safely and effectively as a newly licensed, entry-level nurse, and passing it demonstrates the student's competence to begin their nursing career. In 2011, all 112 Lewis University students who took the exam passed.



Students Raise Funds for K-9s for Warriors

Applied Sociology students teamed up with the Lewis University Psychology Club to raise \$1,380 for K-9s for Warriors. The organization provides and trains companion or service animals to help veterans returning to civilian life cope with combat related issues, such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The primary fundraising event was a 5K community walk/run on the Lewis University Romeoville campus. The 5K event attracted more than 65 participants from the area. Applied Sociology students also raised funds by soliciting private and corporate donations.

Mediation Team in Elite 10 Nationally

The Lewis University Mediation Team earned eighth place in Advocate/Client and 10th place in Mediation at this year's national competition. For the second consecutive year, Lewis University Advocacy/Client team placed in the top ten at nationals. This year's team was comprised of Cary Hansing, Cody Currin, Matt Vasquez and Brianna Diaz. Last year, the team earned second place honors. It was Curin's second time earning All-American honors.

Three All-American awards were earned by Lewis University Mediation team members. Cary Hansing won All-American honors in two categories; Mediation and Advocacy/Client. Matt Vasquez, a first year-transfer member of the team, also made All American in Attorney/Client.

Other Mediation team members competing in the tournament were: Olivia Estrada, Bridgette Ferreira, Jake Garringer, Sean Lenckus, Shannon Lukowski, Ben Pavur, Kathleen Skinner and Tiffany Wasilewski. Other schools competing were: Drake University, Boston University, Cameron University, Gainesville State College, University of Dubuque, University of Sioux Falls, Loras College, Texas Wesleyan University, University of San Diego, University of Texas at Dallas, Principia College and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Adult Business Student Recognized

Michael Cutright was recently recognized with the Outstanding Student Award for Accelerated Business Programs. He recently earned a Bachelor of Arts in Management with an Organizational Leadership concentration.

"Professors who taught Michael acknowledged that he was a motivated, humble, intelligent, lifelong learner. They were impressed by his thoughtful consideration of subjects and he was always prepared with applicable current events and insights from his experience. He balanced work, life, and learning with care. In addition, most of his professors noted that he tended to work ahead and plan effectively so when work emergencies interfered, he didn't let his education suffer," commented Dr. Mike Cherry, Coordinator of Adult Business Programs.

Lewis University offers business degree programs specifically for the adult learner. Business Administration, Information Technology Management and Management are among the programs offered for the adult learner in convenient locations. Most courses are offered in the evening since more than 90 percent of students in the program are working adults. For more information about the Adult Business Programs, contact Dr. Mike Cherry at cherrymi@lewisu.edu or (815)836-5562.

WLRA Radio Raises Funds for Advocate Children's Hospitals

WLRA Radio raised more than \$4,200 this fall in support of the Lewis University Family Assistance Fund at Advocate Children's Hospitals in Oak Lawn and Park Ridge, Ill. The money was raised through the radio's annual "To Kill a DJ" marathon.

WLRA's "To Kill a DJ" is a biannual service-learning project for Lewis students that have WLRA Radio as a lab. Students raise money through continuous on-air marathons with pledged support from listeners.

Some notable student efforts included: Esmeralda Cordova raised \$843 and stayed on the air for 48 hours; Jessica Resendiz stayed on the air for 48 hours; Noelle Trainor and Kylie Link stayed on the air for 41 hours; and Jessica Tennant and Jaime Drez stayed on air for 24 hours.

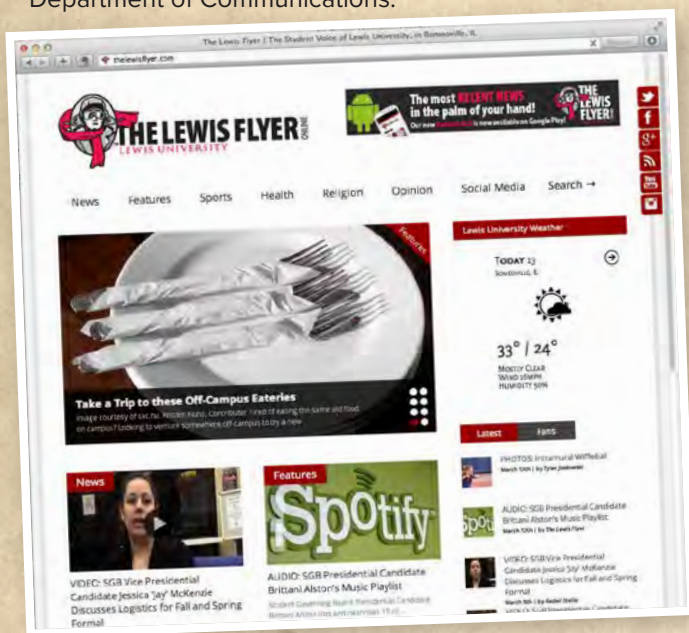
The Lewis University Family Assistance Fund is used to assist families of hospitalized children in their greatest time of need. In the past, funds have been used to pay for cab rides to and from the hospital for children to have chemotherapy, outpatient services, medicine, clothes when being discharged, hotel rooms for families, bus passes, airline flights to the hospital and more. To date, more than \$80,000 have been raised.

In the spring, WLRA plans to present another marathon broadcast and the College of Nursing and Health Professions will coordinate a "Change for Children" campaign, supporting the same fund.

TheLewisFlyer.com Places in Top Ten in Best in Show

TheLewisFlyer.com placed ninth for “Best in Show” in the Website Enrollment Level 1 category and presented in a session focused on social media at the National College Media Convention in Chicago.

“It’s great to see the students get recognized for their hard work this year,” said Ben Eveloff, TheLewisFlyer.com Adviser and Assistant Professor in Lewis University’s Department of Communications.



Lewis University students David Hansen, Editor-in-Chief of *TheLewisFlyer.com*, and Michael Gates, Assistant Editor, along with Eveloff, also presented “Beyond Facebook and Twitter: Building a Social Media Strategy” Nov. 2 at the conference. During the presentation, Hansen, Gates and Eveloff spoke to approximately 100 advisers and students about how *TheLewisFlyer.com* implements social media, such as SoundCloud, Spotify, Google+ and Instagram. They also provided specifics on how they are making Spotify playlists for faculty and how they are using Instagram to post pictures of Lewis University pride.

The conference also offered attendees the opportunity to participate in a variety of sessions with top professionals from around the country, such as a former Atlanta-based Associated Press crime reporter and the current *ChicagoBlackhawks.com* Web producer.

Current members of *TheLewisFlyer.com* are: Editor-in-Chief David Hansen, Assistant Online Editor Michael Gates, Online Community Manager Andrea Earnest, Special Projects Editor Michelle Villalobos, Photo Editor Kevin Kuchler, Assistant Photo Editor Tyler Jankowski and Photographer Eric Hernandez.

Flight Team Soars to Second Place

The Lewis University Flight Team qualified for national competition after taking second place in the region at the 2012 Region VIII Safecon Competition. Lewis University took second overall and in ground events. The regional event was held Oct. 15-20 at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. Lewis University was one of six universities competing. Other participants included University of Illinois, Indiana State University, Purdue University, Middle Tennessee State University, and Southern Illinois University.

This year’s competition concluded with Lewis University finishing in second place overall. Southern Illinois University finished first, followed by Lewis University in second, and University of Illinois in third place. The top three universities qualified for the National Competition, scheduled for May 2013 at Ohio State University.

In addition to Lewis University’s team honors, Flight Team members earned individual awards. Lewis graduate student Jacob Luedtke received second place in Navigation (Pilot) and Computer Accuracy. He also received fourth place in Message Drop (Pilot) and SCAN. Other high scorers for Lewis were James Vandeventer who placed second in Preflight; Erik Rasmussen who placed third in Ground Trainer; George Chiampas who placed fourth in Message Drop (Drop Master); Robert Beckmann who received fifth place in Power Off Landings; and Matthew Pall who received ninth in Computer Accuracy.

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Emily Keene Honored as Lincoln Laureate

Lewis University student Emily Keene of Hebron, Ind., was honored by The Lincoln Academy of Illinois at the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill.

The Lincoln Academy's Student Laureate Awards are presented for excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities to seniors from each four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities in Illinois. Keene received a Student Laureate Medallion, an honorarium check and certificate of achievement.

"This achievement means a lot to me. It means that the things I participated in on a daily basis, from my studies to extracurricular activities, are ultimately noteworthy and significant enough to be recognized. It is every college student's goal to make the most of their college experience and I think this achievement is a symbol of what I have made of my experience here at Lewis," commented Keene.

A leader among her peers, Keene has been actively involved in many organizations at Lewis University. As a member of Delta Sigma Pi, the national fraternity for business students and professionals, she has



Emily Keene with Joe Falese, Senior Vice President for Student Services and Special Assistant to the President for Alumni Development

served as vice-president of community service and vice-president of pledge education. She currently serves as senior vice-president. Keene was also a hammer thrower in the Women's Track & Field Team and treasurer, secretary, and president of Art Club. She was recently inducted into *Delta Epsilon Sigma*, a national scholastic honor society for students, faculty and alumni of Catholic universities and colleges.

Keene will graduate in May 2013 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She plans to work in the sales or marketing field.

Mock Trial Team Qualifies for Nationals

The Lewis University Mock Trial team qualified for the national tournament when it tied for first place in the regional competition Feb. 16-17 at the Will County Courthouse in Joliet. It is the second consecutive year the team has won a bid to the American Mock Trial Association Opening Round Championship Series in St. Louis, Mo. It is the 12th national bid for the team since 2000.

Lewis University had two teams competing at the regional competition. With a 7-1 record, Lewis University Team A tied for first place with University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Michigan Ann Arbor and University of Chicago. Team A members include Megan Arehart, David DeSchepper, Meghan Gilbert, Cedelle Kupfer-Escobedo, Austin McCartney, Cassandra Myers, and Sara Morgan.

Team B finished with a record of 2-6 but finished with the highest combined strength on competition than any other team in the tournament. "That indicated that Team B had the toughest schedule of all the teams present," explained Dr. Jim Houlihan, head coach. The team did not qualify for the national tournament. Team B consisted of Mary Bradley, Natosha Burton, Audrey Donovan, Amber Milliron, Michael Noe, Ron Jovi Ramirez, Anthony Scorzo and Tiffany Wasilewski.

Lewis University students from both teams earned individual honors. Austin McCartney won an All Regional Witness award for his role on the defense and David DeSchepper won an All Regional Attorney award for his role on the plaintiff side. Natosha Burton won an All Regional Witness Award for her role on the defense.

Several students just missed earning honors. Morgan just missed as an All Regional Attorney, while Gilbert and Myers just missed All Regional Witness. Noe just missed as All Regional Attorney and All Regional Witness.

Coaches for the Lewis Mock Trial team include Dr. Houlihan, head coach; and Lewis alumni William Rock of Block Klukas & Manzella law firm in Joliet as attorney coach, John Senese of the Peter Francis Geraci Law Offices in Chicago as lead team coach; and Brandi Sanders, special needs counselor, as witness coach. Attorney Coach Paul Namie of Sarkisian and Fleming is coaching the team this year as well. Contact Dr. James Houlihan at houlilhja@lewisu.edu or (815)836-5313 for more information.



(Left to right) Lewis students Amy Simms, Mary Kate Kitchin, Gina Romanelli and Brandon Cruz stand in front of educational posters.

Pediatric Nursing Students Make Bilingual Presentations

Lewis University pediatric nursing students recently presented a health education program for more than 40 parents and caregivers in the Catholic Charities' Head Start program at St. John's Center in Joliet. They presented information with four different bilingual health education posters on various topics. Pediatric nursing students Roxana Barrios and Maria Velez served as Spanish translators for the event along with Lewis students Ivette Manzo, Stephanie Hernandez, Jocelyn Alvarez and Elizabeth Guerrero.

"The student translators' work with that of our nursing students was invaluable to the families who do not read or speak English," said Anne McShane, Assistant Professor of Nursing. McShane and Sheila Berkemeyer, Instructor, started an interdisciplinary initiative as part of the Health Maintenance and Restoration: Children course.

"The Head Start families need the presentations nursing students provide each semester that include current and relevant information about the healthcare needs of their children," added McShane. The collaboration, partnership, and association between the nursing students and the student translator / interpreter volunteers are an integral part of the Lewis University mission, which includes a commitment to social justice.

Computer Science Students Receive Fifty for the Future Award

Lewis University Computer Science students (pictured left to right) Will Hoffman, Brian Wilhelm and Elie Shmayel received a Fifty for the Future Award on Oct. 23 in Chicago. The prestigious award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated high levels of innovative work in the technology field.



The Annual Fifty for The Future Celebration recognizes students with an interest in technology and provides encouragement and recognition to students who pursue innovation through technology, providing access to business leaders to showcase their talent. Winners are chosen through a rigorous nomination and judging process, focused on high school through university and graduate level programs. The celebration is attended by industry leaders, judges, winners and their families, foundation sponsors and other supporters of the technology industry. The prestigious Fifty for the Future Award is presented by the Illinois Technology Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development of the technology talent pipeline in the State of Illinois.

"Slenderthon" Tournament Fun and Imaginative

The Prometheon Technology Club held a tournament called Slenderthon which centered on the popular psychological horror game "Slender." The tournament was held on Oct. 29. The event was held in a computer science lab on campus in complete darkness, which made for an immersive and thrilling experience.

Ten to 15 participants were playing the game at once. "The tournament was a good opportunity for students to celebrate their passion for technology and build camaraderie, while having fun," commented Dr. Ray Klump, Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science. Prometheon is planning similar events in the future.

The Prometheon Technology Club is an interdisciplinary organization open to students from all majors who share a love of technology and imagination. The group gets together to create and enjoy computer games, videos, music and electronic projects - from designing MAME cabinets to tricking-out Xboxes, holding robotics competitions and hosting all-night gaming parties. Prometheon members also share their knowledge, hosting educational sessions on computer security, buying an HD-TV and other relevant consumer topics. They have led computer collection drives and refurbishment efforts to support charitable organizations.

Engine Fuel Research Earns 2012 University Aviation Association Award

Lewis University student Alessandro Mazza along with alumni Julius Keller and Jordan Raess won second place in the Graduate Student division for their virtual poster entitled, "Lead Memory in General Aviation Aircraft Emissions" at the 2012 University Aviation Association Fall Education Conference held in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Along with the second place finish, the students won a \$100 award.

The research project entailed comparing the engine emissions of the Swift Enterprises lead-free fuel, 100SF, to industry-standard low-lead avgas, 100LL. Five general aviation engines were measured during idle, cruise and maximum power configuration. Researchers observed a statistically significant decrease in measured pollutants, which include Carbon Monoxide, Nitric Oxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Sulfur Dioxide and Tetraethyl lead. The Lewis University research team served as an independent laboratory to validate earlier research findings that could lead to a new lead-free aviation gas.



At the time of the research, Julius Keller and Jordan Raess were graduate students in the M.S. in Aviation and Transportation Studies program at Lewis and Alessandro Mazza was a freshman undergraduate student majoring in Chemistry. Keller and Raess were awarded their master's degrees in December 2011. Keller is currently a graduate teaching/research assistant in the Ph.D. program in Aviation Technology at Purdue University and Raess is employed at Argonne National Laboratory. Mazza remains an undergraduate student in Chemistry at Lewis University.

Faculty advisors and principle investigators for the research were Dr. Randy DeMik, Associate Professor of Aviation and director of the master's in Aviation and Transportation Studies program, and Dr. Jason Keleher, Chair and Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

This research was sponsored, in part, by a grant from The Colonel Stephen S. and Lyla Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research. The Doherty Center funds research and scholarly initiatives and provides opportunities for research experiences for students with faculty mentors. Investigators supported by the Doherty Center have focused on several areas, such as cardiac therapy, wound management, flight deck laser illumination, the environment, diabetes, and MRSA.

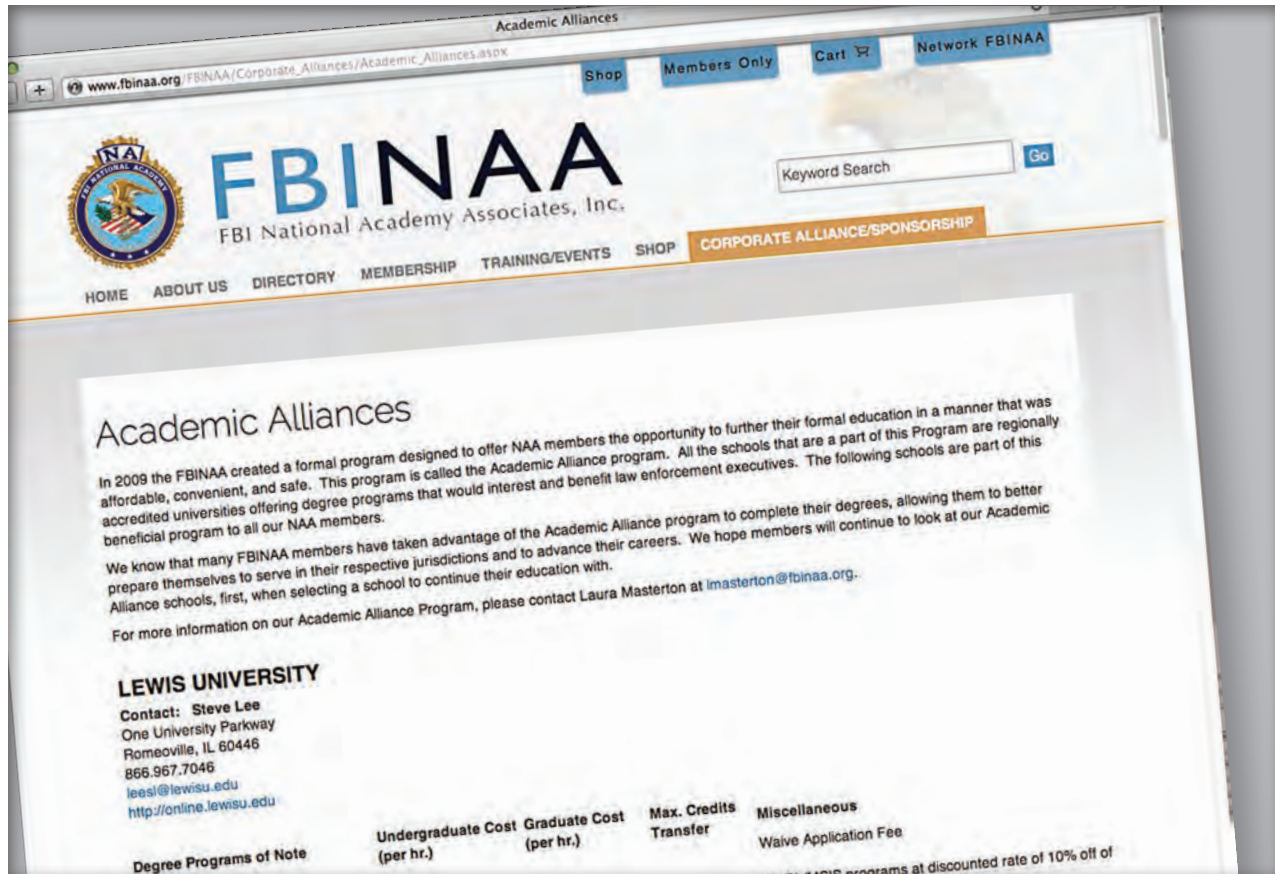
Student Literary Journal Publishes 4th Issue

Lewis University's student-run literary journal, *The Jet Fuel Review*, recently released its fourth issue. This issue features faculty, staff, students and alumni and their personal works of art including fiction, nonfiction, poetry and art. It also features authors and artists from around the world, including: Simeon Berry, Alessandro Cusimano, Emilia Phillips, Susan Slaviero, Mathias Svalina, Todd Kaneko and Jeanpaul Ferro.

The 2012 editorial board includes: Tim Fitzpatrick, Mary Egan, Mark Jacobs, Lauren Pirc, Deirdre McCormick, Linda Strahl, Lucas Boelter, Christine Sellin, Jillian Carlberg, Katie Esposito, Mary Carroll, Christopher Pelech, Nicole Martinez and Joseph Block.

The Jet Fuel Review is a bi-annual, student-run literary journal that seeks to publish the very best poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and art from members of the Lewis University community as well as artists on a national scale. Editors also run an accompanying blog, which publishes articles written by students on a wide variety of inspired topics.

Faculty supervising the publication include: Dr. Simone Muench, Associate Professor of English, with assistance from Dr. Jackie White, Associate Professor of English, and Dr. Ray Klump, Chair and Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science.



Lewis Joins Ranks of FBI National Academy

Lewis University is now a member of the Academic Alliance of the FBI National Academy Associates, Inc. The FBINAA is a non-profit, international organization dedicated to providing professional training, education and information to members within all 50 states and internationally. With more than 18,000 members, the FBINAA promotes the academic programs of Academic Alliance member institutions through internal publications and other means of communication.

“The academic alliance with the FBINAA provides a broader exposure of Lewis University’s academic programs and allows law enforcement professionals across the nation to learn more about the accredited and flexible learning options that Lewis University offers,” said Dr. Calvin Edwards, Chair of the Department of Justice, Law And Public Safety Studies.

Lewis is highlighted on the FBINAA website as an accredited university offering degree programs for law enforcement executives and other professionals.

With one of the nation’s largest criminal/social justice programs, Lewis University attracts law enforcement professionals from across the country. Students receive personalized learning and are mentored by experienced and nationally-renowned faculty. Many Lewis University graduates hold high-level and public sector positions in the FBI, Secret Service, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Fulfilling the Dream Conference Provides Insights into College Life

Lewis University Board of Trustees member Michael Parker '77 offered inspiring remarks during the 7th Annual Fulfilling the Dream Conference for high school students Oct. 23 at Lewis University. The owner and publisher of *Black Sales Journal* and former insurance industry leader discussed how to fulfill the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. The Fulfilling the Dream Conference draws its name from the civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who had a dream about equality for all people.

Conference sessions focused on selecting the right college, understanding the application process, applying for financial aid and other topics. Kimberly Brayboy, Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Services, and Amebeobari Ollor, Graduate Assistant in the Office of Multicultural Student Services, discussed the advantages of being a leader in the community and classroom. Members of the Lewis University Black Student Union, National Pan Hellenic Council and Gospel Choir discussed how campus involvement enhances the college experience.



Michael Parker '77, Lewis University Board Member, speaks at Fulfilling the Dream Conference.

Collins '00, '02 Appointed State FBINAA President

Mark R. Collins, Retired Chief Oakbrook Terrace Police Dept., was recently sworn in as the 2013 State Chapter President of the FBI National Academy Associates (FBI NAA). He is also currently an Adjunct Professor in the Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies Department at Lewis University.

Collins, who retired as Chief of Police, Oakbrook Terrace, in 2011, served in that role for the last 15 years of his 35-year law enforcement career. He graduated from the 196th Session of the FBI National Academy in March 1999 and has, since that time, played an active role in the leadership of the organization moving up through the board positions to President of

the chapter's Northern Division in 2010, while also holding a position with the state chapter board which now culminates with his installation as president.

The membership of the FBINAA is comprised of law enforcement professionals worldwide who have completed a three month course of study at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. which provides undergraduate and graduate level courses in criminal justice and management to attendees. Less than one percent of law enforcement officers worldwide are selected to participate in this program and there are currently over 17,000 active members of the Association.

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Business Leaders Seminar Exposes High School Students to the Campus

The College of Business recently hosted its second Business Leaders Seminar, which provided high school students with information about the different areas of business: accounting, business administration, computer information systems, economics, finance, information security, international business and marketing.

“This seminar offered high school students a unique opportunity to engage with several successful business leaders to learn the key differences between each major,” said Dr. Rami Khasawneh, Dean of the College of Business.

The event was initiated last year to help students better understand the different areas in business and the potential career paths one could take in a specific field. The college invited an exceptional group of panelists ranging from CEOs and owners of businesses

to recent Lewis University alumni. Discussion panels were split in three concentrations: accounting/economics/finance, computer information systems/information security, and business administration/international business/marketing. Panel members shared their opinions and experience in his or her particular field. They also shared each major’s defined scope. Each session was approximately 35 minutes followed by 10 minutes of questions and answers, which enabled students to get feedback on how to be better prepared for the business world.

One of the business leaders, Ken Lomasney, COO of UMarketing, stated, “I continue to be impressed with the quality of people involved in making Lewis the great institution it is. It appeared to me that the mission was accomplished.”



Lewis Hosts Local Business Events

Early January was a busy time for the Romeoville campus to host the both the Village of Romeoville Annual State of the Village address and the Will County CED Annual Economic Forecast. Each event hosted approximately 400 business and government leaders from the region. Additionally state and federal congressional members attended each event.

Mayor John Noak (pictured above) gave a presentation on the many new initiatives underway in the Village of Romeoville. In particular, he mentioned the desire to bring more nanotechnology jobs to the area, and cited the research that Lewis University’s Chemistry Department has done with Nanophase Technologies.

Daniel Sullivan, Executive Vice President and Director of Research for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, served as keynote speaker for the Will County CED forecast. He cited progress in the housing market and the auto industry as good signs of the economic recovery, but because the job market continues to be slow, he felt that it will be at least another year for the country to start to feel the progress.

Graduate Forum Explores Career Pathways

Representatives from Illinois graduate schools convened for the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools 2012 Annual Summit Oct. 5 at Lewis University. This year's focus was "Exploring Pathways Through Graduate School and Into Careers."

Dr. Nan Yancey, 2012-2013 President of IAGS and Dean of the Lewis University Office of Graduate Studies, welcomed the more than 30 participants. Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost of Lewis University, offered opening remarks.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Augustine, Dean of Eastern Illinois University Graduate School and Chair-elect of the Council of Graduate Schools, provided a highlight of the



2012 CGS publication, "Pathways Through Graduate School and Into Careers." Brooke Noonan, Director of University of Chicago Graduate Student Affairs, and Beth Niestat, Director of Programs and Planning in the University of Chicago Office of the Provost, discussed facilitating

pathways through graduate school by meeting the needs of graduate students. This was followed by a panel that explored moving beyond graduate school into careers. Dr. Stanley Harriman, an Assistant Professor of Aviation and Transportation at Lewis, was a member of this panel.

Si Se Puede Provides Inspiration to High School Students

About 400 high school students from across the Chicago area were inspired by Joaquin Zihuatanejo, an award-winning American slam poet and teacher, on Oct. 4 at Lewis University's annual Si Se Puede



Conference. The event includes workshops that provide each student with the information and inspiration about the college admission, financial aid process, and what to do now to get ready for college.

"Don't let anyone ever tell you that you can't be the best in the world at something," said Joaquin during his keynote address. He was the 2008 Individual World Poetry Slam Champion.

Lewis University Educational Leadership doctoral student Alfonso Montero also inspired the students. A stint in the Peace Corps among other endeavors led him to volunteer in over 50 countries in every continent, except Antarctica. Montero has 10 years of experience working for civil society organizations. He grew up

in Guanajuato, Mexico and Cicero, Illinois where he attended Morton East High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Lewis University and a Master of Science from New York University. He said he went back to Lewis University for his doctorate because of "Lewis' focus on social justice."

The Si Se Puede Conference is in the spirit of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, who believed strongly in community empowerment. The conference serves as a beacon of hope for many Latino high school students whom would otherwise feel a college degree is not attainable. Since its inception in 2001, more than 3,000 students have participated in the Si Se Puede Conference.

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Women's Basketball

The nationally-ranked Lewis University women's basketball team won the 2013 Deaconess GLVC Women's Basketball Championship Tournament with a 76-61 victory over Maryville on March 10th in Evansville, Ind. The Flyers earned wins over Missouri S&T (50-42) and UW-Parkside (61-59) to advance to the title game. Lewis took home the GLVC regular-season title with 21 victories, which is their most wins since the 2006-07 campaign.

Men's / Women's Swimming

The Lewis University men's and women's swimming teams wrapped up the 2012-13 season at the NCAA Swimming Championships on March 6th-9th at the CrossPlex Complex in Birmingham, Ala.

Junior Sarah Kenis qualified and swam preliminary events in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke, posting times of 1:05.74 and 2:20.87, respectively. She also competed in the preliminary events in the 200-yard individual medley, tapping the wall at 2:10.04. The women's team also earned College Swimming Coaches Association of America Team Scholar All-American honors for their 3.29 team grade-point-average for the Fall 2012 semester.

Sophomore Jess Reinhart, twice named GLVC Women's Basketball Player of the Week this season (Nov. 12 and Feb. 4), was also named to the GLVC All-Tournament Team as the Most Outstanding Player. She averaged 14 points and 6.3 rebounds in three tournament games. Senior Sam Rinehart, GLVC Player of the Week on Jan. 28, also earned GLVC All-Tournament team honors after she posted 10 points and 10 rebounds in the title game.

Bryan Wiener, 2013 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference Men's Freshman Swimmer of the Year, earned All-America Honorable Mention status when he finished 11th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 48.81. He also competed preliminary events in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 20.69 and finished the 200-yard backstroke in 1:49.66. Senior Brandon Drogemuller earned his third career All-America accolades when he finished 6th in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a lifetime best 15:34.70. He also competed in the 500 and 1,000-yard preliminary races, posting times of 4:39.82 and 9:29.16, respectively.



Men's Volleyball

The nationally-ranked Lewis men's volleyball team sits atop the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, unbeaten against conference members two-thirds of the way through the 2013 season.

The Flyers have notched five MIVA Players of the Week (as of March 11th), with redshirt sophomore Geoff Powell winning two Offensive Player of the Week honors while sophomore Eric Fitterer has earned one Offensive weekly honor. Redshirt senior Jay Petty and freshman Bobby Walsh have each been recognized as Defensive Players of the Week.

Fitterer was also recognized as the Sports Import/AVCA National Player of the Week on Feb. 12, as he posted 23 total kills to average 3.83 kills per set and hit .543 with four errors in 35 attempts in two conference three-set victories. He also recorded three service aces and four block assists in the two contests.

In the Flyers' 3-0 sweep of No. 7 Ohio State, outside hitter Powell led the Flyers with 15 kills and tallied a career-high 11 digs. Junior middle hitter Yiwei Zhou led Lewis' block defense with six total blocks, including two solo blocks, and five kills. Redshirt junior setter BJ Boldog had 37 assists and five total blocks, including the game-winning block, for the Flyers.



Lewis' McLain earns All-America Accolades in 5K Run

Lewis University sophomore Andrew McLain earned a personal-record at the perfect time, as the Fort Wayne, Ind., native placed eighth in the 5,000-meter run to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Birmingham Cross Plex, on March 8th.

McLain crossed the finish line in 14:20.82. His previous best was 14:25.65 set in his first-place performance at the 2013 Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships. He is the first Flyer to earn All-America accolades since Scott Barnas placed seventh in the indoor shot put in 2010.

"Andrew really ran a smart race," Lewis head men's track and field coach Dana Schwarting said. "There was a lot of movement throughout. He made good moves to stay off the rail and was in a great position when the leaders took off on their kick.

McLain narrowly missed his second All-America award on the second night of action, as he finished ninth overall in the 3,000-meter run (8:16.82).

On the women's side, junior Megan Marchildon placed 14th overall in the pentathlon with 3,284 points. This was the second-straight year that Marchildon has qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in the pentathlon.

Larry Tucker Named To NCAA Division II 40th Anniversary Tribute Team

The National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) announced on Friday, Feb. 15, that former Lewis University men's basketball great Larry Tucker has been named to the NCAA Division II 40th Anniversary Tribute Team.

There are 48 selections to the team with one male and one female named from each of the division's 23 current conferences, plus two at-large nominees. Each member of the Division II 40th Anniversary Tribute Team will receive a commemorative 40th Anniversary gift and is slated to have his/her accomplishments profiled through Division II media channels.

"A special thanks to the GLVC and to Lewis University for nominating and selecting me," Tucker said. "This is such a wonderful honor; I'm a bit overwhelmed that I was the male choice.

"I can honestly say that things I achieved in life outside of basketball are directly related to things I learned while playing the game—goal-setting, teamwork and competitiveness are traits that stick with you," Tucker continued. "Those four years (at Lewis) were the best years of my life."

"I constantly reflect on them today and try to compete (as we did at Lewis) every single day."

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

Though Lewis was only a member of the GLVC for Tucker's last two seasons in uniform, he certainly made his mark. A two-time All-GLVC First team selection, Tucker was named the GLVC Player of the Year in 1982.

Following his senior campaign where he averaged 20.3 points-per-game, Tucker was selected to the American Basketball Coaches All-American Team and was then drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the 8th round.



Currently the Principal of Chicago's Marist High School, Tucker still stands as the Flyers' all-time leading scorer with 2,120 career points from 1979-83. He also owns the school's career records for field goals made (841), scoring average (20.3 ppg.) and field goal percentage (67.8%).

Tucker, a 1988 inductee into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame and 2010 inductee into the GLVC Hall of Fame, can also claim Lewis' single-season standards for points scored (608, 1982-83) and field goal percentage (70.0%, 1981-82).

Tucker is a member of the Lewis University National Alumni Board and received an Alumni Achievement Award from Lewis in 2009.

Conferences were asked to submit a list of nominees representative of Division II's ideals. The only requirement was that nominees exhausted their athletics eligibility within the past 40 years and attended a college or university active in Division II.

For Lewis Flyers news, team schedules and up-to-date results, visit

www.LewisFlyers.com

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Lewis Men's Basketball Nets Three On All-GLVC Teams

For the second-straight year, the Lewis men's basketball team had three players recognized by the Great Lakes Valley Conference for postseason honors, as sophomore guard Ryan Jackson was named First Team All-GLVC, senior guard David Bryant was named Second Team All-GLVC and sophomore forward Julian Lewis was a unanimous selection to the GLVC All-Defensive Team.

All three played a key role in helping the Flyers to a record of 19-9—their most wins since 2007-08—and four victories over nationally-ranked opponents – a feat they haven't accomplished since the 1981-82 campaign.

Jackson, the 2012 GLVC Freshman of the Year, led the Flyers in scoring (16.9 ppg.). He is a threat to go to the free throw line, as he made 83.4% (131-for-157) of his attempts. He was second on the squad in three-point field goal percentage (34.6%), rebounds (4.1 rpg.), assists (2.0 apg.) and steals (1.6 spg.).

Bryant averaged a career-best 12.9 points-per-game and shot 45.5% (65-for-143) from three-point range. His 65 trifectas are a career-high. He is also deadly from the charity stripe, as he knocked down 89.4% (59-for-66) of his free throws.

Lewis is often paired up defensively



(Left to right) Lewis, Jackson, and Bryant

against the other team's top player which makes life difficult for him. Lewis led the Flyers with 6.3 rebounds-per-game and he grabbed a team-best 120 defensive caroms as well.



Lewis' Alec Pickett Named To Academic All-District 4 Men's Soccer First Team

The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) announced on November 1, 2012 that Lewis University junior goalkeeper Alec Pickett has been selected to the 2012 Capital One Academic All-District 4 Men's Soccer First Team.

With this distinction, Pickett, who owns a 3.98 cumulative grade-point-average in physics, is now eligible for Academic All-

America status.

"Alec is a tireless worker on the field and in the classroom," Lewis head men's soccer coach Evan Fiffles said. "He deserves to be rewarded for his efforts."

On the field, Pickett appeared in 13 games this season for the Flyers, including 11 starts. He held opponents to a 1.17 goals-against-average and earned four wins on the season.

Softball

The 2012 season could not have ended at a more inopportune time for the Lewis University softball team, as the Flyers had won 15 out of their last 18 games before bowing out at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament and missing the NCAA Regional Tournament for the first time since 2005.

Lewis' seniors and four-year starters Jayme Hefler and Michelle Vucsko will make sure that doesn't happen again in 2013.

Hefler, a center fielder, is a three-time All-America selection and three-time All-GLVC honoree. She currently owns the best batting average (.411) in school-history and set the school-record for stolen bases (116) in just three seasons.

Vucsko, a shortstop, owns a .354 career batting average with 16 home runs and 133 RBI. Her 16 round-trippers are the



sixth-most in school-history, while the Chicago, Ill., native needs eight more RBI to break the school-record of 140, set by Mallory Paine (2005-08).

Women's Golf

The Lewis University women's golf team started the spring 2013 campaign at the Shootout In Arizona at the Aguila Golf Course in Laveen, Ariz., on March 8th and 9th. The squad is led by seniors Vanessa Phillips, Carly Shapiro, and Nicole Tucker while freshmen Alexandra O'Laughlin and Jordan Nichols round out the top five.

Lewis University will host one of the 2013 NCAA Super Regional tournaments at the Joliet Country Club on May 5th-7th.



Lewis' Andrew McLain Named GLVC Men's Cross Country Fall Scholar-Athlete of the Year

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced on Tuesday, Feb. 5, that Lewis University junior Andrew McLain has been selected as 2012-13 GLVC Fall Scholar-Athlete of the Year for men's cross country.

McLain played a key role in helping the Flyers to a second-place finish at the 2012 GLVC Championships, their highest showing in five seasons. The Fort Wayne, Ind., native placed fourth overall in the 8K race with a time of 24:55.90, earning him All-Conference accolades for the second-straight season.

He improved on that performance the following race, as he finished third overall in the 10K Midwest Regional Championships with a time of 31:09 to advance to the NCAA Division II Championships. He was the first Flyer to make it to Nationals, since Andy Tremble



claimed All-America honors in 2006. For his efforts, McLain was selected to the USTFCCA All-Midwest Region squad.

In the classroom, McLain was equally as impressive, as he registered a 4.0 grade-point-average last fall and owns a 3.84 cumulative GPA in sport management.

"One of the things we take great pride in is being just as successful in the classroom as we are on the course," Lewis assistant men's cross country coach Rick Hammer said. "As a sport management major, his athletic and academic goals go hand in hand, and it is nice to see his hard work in both areas get rewarded.

"We are very proud of Andrew and all that he has accomplished at Lewis!"

McLain is the first Lewis male athlete to win the award since Scott Barnas (track and field) claimed the honors in the Spring of 2010. McLain is the first men's cross country runner to capture the award since Tremble won it in 2006.

The league selects one student-athlete in each conference sport to be designated the GLVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The award is based upon athletic accomplishments, both team and individual, and academic performance in the season upon which the award is based. Each conference member has the opportunity to nominate one individual from its team for the award. Nominees must have a cumulative grade-point-average which meets Academic All-America standards (3.30), and freshmen and first-year transfers are not eligible for the award. The voting is completed by each member institution's Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR).



Men's Golf

The Lewis University men's golf team opened their 2013 schedule at the Las Vegas Desert Classic on March 3rd and 4th in Nevada. Seniors Harrison Carmichael and Brandon White lead the Flyers while freshman Robert Dofflemeyer III and Alex Thode round out the team's top four.

The Flyers had a solid fall season and have already qualified for the NCAA Super Regional at the Strawberry Creek Golf Course in Kenosha, Wis., May 6th-8th.



Baseball

The Lewis University baseball team kicked off the 2013 with a Spring Break trip to Florida on March 3rd-9th, playing eight games in six days after six weeks of off-season practice indoors.

Senior pitcher and first baseman Michael Schroeder, a 2012 All-GLVC utility

player selection, headlines the Flyers' pitching staff. The Flyers also return 2012 All-GLVC designated hitter Kyle Kapka and Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Midwest Region Pre-season All-American and 2012 All-GLVC selection in junior outfielder Ben Albano.

DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT



Lewis University awarded four honorary degrees at the Winter Commencement Ceremonies in December, recognizing the achievements of Reverend Donald Senior, C.P., President of the Catholic Theological Union; Siham Ibrahim, D.M., Vice President and CFO, Helander Metal Spinning Corporation; Gerald W. Shea, Senior Principal of Shea, Rogal & Associates; and Donald G. Lubin, Partner, SNR Denton. Shea and Lubin were honored at the Graduate Degree Ceremony on Saturday, December 15. And, on Sunday, December 16, at the Undergraduate Degree Ceremony honorary degrees were presented to Reverend Senior and Dr. Ibrahim.



Lewis University graduated 316 students during Saturday's Graduate Degree Ceremony and 477 undergraduates during Sunday's ceremony. Dr. Cathy Ayers, Professor of Communications, presented the Faculty Address at the Graduate Ceremony. Sunday's events began with the Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by Reverend Donald Senior, C.P., and Reverend Daniel Torsen, CPPS, University Chaplain, followed by a continental breakfast for graduates and guests and the Undergraduate Degree Ceremony. Chelsie Peters presented the Lasallian Student Address and Ashley Ellis was awarded the Father Aquinas Colgan Award.



Honorary degree recipients (top to bottom): Reverend Donald Senior, C.P., Siham Ibrahim, Gerald Shea and Donald Lubin.



Br. James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, congratulates a beaming graduate on stage.



(Left photo) Kathleen and Dr. Paul Kaiser with Lewis Board of Trustees Chair, James LaGrippe.
 (Right photo) Br. James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University with Dawn and Russ Smyth.



FRANK J. LEWIS PHILANTHROPIC AWARDS PRESENTED AT PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Lewis University presented the Frank J. Lewis Philanthropists of the Year Awards in December at the 17th annual President's Circle dinner. The evening included award presentations to Philanthropists of the Year honorees Dr. Paul and Kathleen Kaiser and Russ and Dawn Smyth.

Highly dedicated to Catholic education and staunch advocates for human rights, Dr. Paul and Kathleen Kaiser have consistently demonstrated exceptional generosity in their leadership in social justice causes, benevolent support of people in need, and outstanding volunteer service in the local community and beyond. Chair *Emeritus* of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Dr. Kaiser began his highly distinguished teaching and administrative career at Lewis University in 1973. He was Teacher of the Year in 1978, received the Distinguished Lasallian Educator award in 2004, and was also the recipient of the Brother Louis Seiler Teaching Award. In recognition of his outstanding teaching career, he was shown the esteem of the Lewis educational community by being named Professor *Emeritus* in 2008.

Kathleen earned a bachelor's degree in social work and later completed a master's degree. She has been a steadfast supporter of community organizations. Together, the proud parents of two Lewis University graduates were honored by Lewis University with the prestigious De La Salle Award in 2001. Their belief that

quality, values-centered education is the key to leveling the playing field for all youth is demonstrated through their generous establishment of endowed scholarships at Lewis University in support of minorities and of women.

Extraordinary in their commitment to Catholic education, Russ and Dawn Smyth have been remarkable for their generosity and concern for those less fortunate, expressing their faith by assisting others throughout their exemplary Christian lives.

Russ very successfully completed both a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration. He began his highly accomplished career at McDonald's Corporation in 1984, and successfully served the world-renowned fast food company in a variety of executive leadership roles for more than 20 years. He became a member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees in 2004, and has served as Chair of the Development Committee and also as a member of the Board's Executive Committee. More recently, Russ was named the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Dawn earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and has been a very consistent and generous volunteer at their parish, capably serving in leadership roles as President and Treasurer for the SS Cyril and Methodius Mother's Club, as well as working closely with the Ronald McDonald House charities.

AVIATION STUDENT EARNS SCHOLARSHIP

The University Aviation Association awarded Lewis University student Heather Hostert a \$2,000 Joseph Frasca Excellence in Aviation Scholarship for 2012. Hostert is a student in the University's Bachelor's to Master's Fast Track program for aviation majors. She graduated in December with a degree in Air Traffic Control, and will continue to earn a master's degree at Lewis University. The Fast Track program allows qualified undergraduate students to complete the graduate program in less time than both traditional undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Joseph Frasca Excellence



in Aviation Scholarship was established through the University Aviation Association by the Frasca family in name of their son, Joseph Frasca, who excelled as an undergraduate aviation student as a dedicated and competent scholar. To be considered for the Joseph Frasca

Aviation Scholarship, some of the requirements include: evidence of excellence in activities, studies, and events that are related to aviation, a minimum of a 3.0 overall grade-point-average, and membership in at least one Aviation organization.

SCHOLARSHIPS TOUCH GENERATIONS

Scholarships at Lewis University provide future leaders in the community with the means and opportunity to turn their dreams into reality – and in turn, provide opportunities for Lewis graduates in

the future.

When Dominiak attended Lewis, she wasn't completely sure what her future held after graduation with the exception that she wanted to work in front of a computer all day,

every day. Over the last 20 years she has built Webfoot Technologies in Lemont with that goal in mind. The company has created over 100 video games including Dragon Ball Z, Hello Kitty and many more. Since graduating from Lewis University, Dominiak also has served on the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science Advisory Board and as an adjunct professor.

She continues to offer Lewis students the opportunity to follow their gaming dreams after college. She has recruited students from her classes at Lewis to intern at Webfoot, as well as hired several outstanding Lewis graduates in the video game field.

For more information on scholarships and giving opportunities, visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/GivingOpportunities.



Dana Dominiak '91 (left) attended Lewis University on a full scholarship and will now provide a \$1,000 scholarship to students over the next four years. Also pictured are employees Peter Allen '11 (center) and James Bretz '12.

CUMBEE FAMILY PROVIDES \$100,000 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

John and Cindy Cumbee of Frankfort have graciously committed to a \$100,000 endowed scholarship to aid Lewis students with tuition. Cumbee '78 and '80, an entrepreneur with two degrees from Lewis, credits his success to the education he received. He feels strongly about providing future generations of Lewis students with the opportunity to complete their education at a place he considers home.

"Cindy and I had discussed

providing a scholarship to a place that houses both Christian spirit and academic leadership. Having two degrees from Lewis and a son, Michael, who now attends there just made this a perfect time to give back to the university that had given so much to me," Cumbee says. "We want students to know that there are no challenges they cannot overcome, and give that next young entrepreneur the chance to receive a Lewis education and go out into the world when they otherwise might



Cindy, John and Michael Cumbee.

not have been able to."

For more information on scholarship opportunities as well as John Cumbee's biography, visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/CumbeeScholarship.

RONALD PASQUINELLI '59, PLEDGES \$250,000 FOR THE SCIENCES

Ronald Pasquinelli '59, has pledged \$250,000 to Lewis University through his estate plans. "Lewis helped me at the start. I've done well and I wanted to give something back to help someone else," Pasquinelli said.

The \$250,000 will establish the Pasquinelli Educational Opportunity Fund to support students interested in the sciences by providing a quality Catholic and

Lasallian-based education.

Pasquinelli studied pre-engineering in his time at Lewis before entering into military service followed by the founding of Pasquinelli Investment Management. His success enabled him to become a member of the Harold E. White Legacy Society at Lewis, founded to acknowledge those who have generously made an estate or other type of planned gift

commitment.

Gifts through a will or estate plan leave a legacy that will impact students for years to come, as well as help secure a promising future for the University by endowing scholarships and programs.

For more information on planned giving, visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/GivingOpportunities.

\$65,000 GRANT HELPS LEWIS GO GREEN

From a pass through mini-grants program sponsored by Hanson Material Service, Midwest Generation and ComEd, Lewis University received a \$65,000 grant for a rainwater collection system, which will be used for campus irrigation or cooling towers.

The collection system gathers water and stores it in a 200,000 gallon tank previously used for water storage prior to campus water

being provided by the Romeoville municipal water system. The new rainwater collection system preserves natural water systems since it will reduce Lewis' use of a well for irrigation purposes. The system will also reduce the use of salt for softening water used for the cooling towers since the collected rainwater doesn't need to be softened. The project is expected to reduce dependence on the aquifer and preserve it for the natural

habitat in the Romeoville area. The aquifer serves the nearby Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve, which is one of the few remaining habitats for the endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly and other rare plant and insect species.

For more information on the grant and progress on the project, visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/Rainwater.

JAMES DENNY BEGINS \$100,000 ENDOWMENT IN HONOR OF FATHER KEVIN SPIESS

In May 2012 James M. Denny, a noted philanthropist to Catholic and community organizations and President of Two Rivers L.L.C., received an honorary doctorate degree from Lewis University. Impressed with the values of Lewis, he made the decision to honor a close friend and long-time faculty member in the College of Business, Father Kevin Spiess. Denny established a \$100,000 endowment in Father Spiess' name to further the University's focus on business ethics.

"The accomplishments made through the leadership of Brother James Gaffney, FSC, the faculty, the Board of Trustees and the entire Lewis community led me to wonder how to continue the tradition of a strong education in ethics while also honoring a man dedicated to instilling in business students a sense of integrity – a trait needed in light of ethics in the country today," said Denny. "Ultimately, the University is preparing students

to go out into the real world. I saw importance in providing a way to continue concentrating on the fundamental values and ethics that Lewis provides to future business leaders."

Having served Lewis for more than 40 years, Father Spiess has taught more than 4,000 students during his tenure. He is known for his creativity in using a variety of tools to promote discussions in the classroom about various business situations and their ethical implications. He has been a full-time professor since 1979, past Dean of the College of Business and Graduate School of Management, served as an Assistant to the President, and currently is a distinguished Professor of Business Administration as well as the Director of the Master's in Project Management program. He has also taught or moderated programs at the University of Notre Dame Business School, Chatham College and Harvard University.



This endowment creates an opportunity for faculty, students, and administrators in the College of Business to engage in discussion and reflect upon the important role that ethical and religious considerations play in daily choices. It also addresses the impact these choices have on communities, providing a solid foundation and emphasis on the importance of moral development and integrity in achieving personal and professional success.

Denny said, "I appreciate the chance to participate in the advancement of Lewis and provide recognition for a truly deserving man, Father Spiess."

For more information on endowments as well as Mr. Denny's biography, visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/DennyEndowment.

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Time for a Visit

Have you been on campus lately? Whether you graduated five years ago, or in the 1950's, I think you would be pleasantly surprised to see what Lewis has to offer to its students and alumni. Have you been to the Philip Lynch Theatre to see a show? I can tell you, the Theater Department's production of its traditional Holiday Spectacular Show was top-notch, and they have some exciting shows planned for the spring. While you're there, take a few minutes to enjoy the student artwork that is on display in our newly expanded Oremus Fine Arts Center. When was the last time you attended a Lewis athletic event? Put on your Lewis red and come out to show your spirit. Our

student-athletes work hard and your support means a lot to them. Who knows? You just might run into a favorite professor or classmate when you're here.

Whether you connect with Lewis by coming back to campus, attending an alumni event, joining our LinkedIn group, or even just reading this magazine, the important thing to us is that you never lose touch with your alma mater. You are a Flyer for Life. Go Flyers!

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Dear Fellow Flyers,

I have now been a part of the Lewis University community for six months, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. I continue to discover the amazing things our talented faculty and students are doing, observe the consistent growth and construction occurring on campus, and meet alumni who make me proud to be a Flyer.

Keeping it all in the Family

Guy Thier, '83 B.A. Computer Science, and his father Charles, '61, have made attending Lewis a family tradition.

Guy is currently the SVP, CIO, COO for Bally Total Fitness. Guy also serves on the Lewis University Computer Science Advisory Board and credits his education at Lewis with starting him on the path to success in his career. He gives back, he says, as a thank you for the education and experience Lewis provided him.

"I've been lucky to have had a good career and it all started here," Guy said. "I just felt that it was time to start helping shape the people coming out of college, and if I can add in any way to the curriculum being offered to them, to make them more productive, that helps

me in the long run because I get to hire them."

While Charles encouraged his son to attend his alma mater, it was something else that led Guy to pick Lewis for his education.

"The thing that sold me on Lewis was — the labs here were unlimited computer time," Guy said. "A lot of other schools I was looking at, at the time, only allowed so many hours. So if I really wanted to learn and deeply engage with computer science, unlimited time was a big selling point."

With the tremendous growth of Lewis University over the last 25 to 30 years, Guy is impressed with the improvements made on campus. As a computer science alumnus — and one of the founders of the Computer Science Club — he was especially



impressed with the new Science Center, which opened for classes in January 2012.

"I was here for the Science Center dedication. When I attended here, there was one computer lab where 12 people could fit in," Guy remembered. "The professors cared and they wanted to challenge you."

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Gregory Harms (left) with Dr. Michael Cunningham.

A L U M N I F E A T U R E

Gregory Harms '95, '97

by Dr. Michael Cunningham,
Director of Arts & Ideas

Last October I had the good fortune to do an interview with Gregory Harms about Israel-Palestinian relations as part of the Arts & Ideas program that I direct. This event, attended by more than 60 Lewis faculty, staff, and students, was part of the Election 2012 Series, a program designed to help the campus community sort out the issues in presidential politics.

Harms double-majored in philosophy and chemistry as an undergraduate, a rare kind of double major, and obtained his M.A. in philosophy. He was a member of the inaugural M.A. class. He remembers very fondly the influences of Br. Bernard Rapp (Chemistry), Dr. George Miller (Philosophy), Dr. Marilyn Nissim-Sabat (Philosophy) and Brother Paul French, FSC, his first-year Culture and Civilization teacher. So deep has been French's influence that Harms still regularly re-reads the Greer textbook used in the course. He credits these teachers and many others for developing him intellectually, politically, and morally. He is teaching an Introduction to Philosophy class

this Spring and, as he prepared his course, he recalled his mentors and hopes that he can approach their level of intelligence and compassion. I was delighted that his recollection of Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury*, which he read in my Modern American Literature class, was very sharp.

Harms is currently an independent researcher focusing on American foreign policy, specifically on relations between the Israelis and Palestinians. Interested in writing for a general audience, especially those without much information but eager to know, he's not interested in securing an academic appointment and writing for the specialized foreign affairs community.

He has three books to his credit, all of which are "first ports of call" for those interested in learning about the Middle East. The works are praised for their accessibility, accuracy, and impartiality. His first work, *The Palestine-Israel Conflict: A Basic Introduction*, 3rd ed. (Pluto Press, 2012) is a popular primer in college Middle East Studies classes. His most recent work, *It's Not About Religion* (Perceval Press, 2012) was set in motion by a series of convergent events in 2010: the

debate about the "Ground Zero Mosque," the threat to burn the Koran by Florida preacher Terry Jones, and a Pew Research report that showed close to 20 percent of the American public believed that President Obama was a Muslim. In this work, Harms is eager to dispel some common American misunderstandings about Islam and also to show that American foreign policy decisions of the last six decades, rather than centuries-old differences in religious dogma or worldview, are often at the root of the seemingly intractable problems. His zeal to unravel complicated issues for the general public extends to a projected new book, which will examine the interconnections between American foreign policy and domestic policy. Harms is very concerned about the low level of attention paid to foreign policy questions in the latest presidential election; from his point of view, we ignore them at our peril.

Gregory Harms's professional career bears witness to Lewis Mission values: the search for knowledge and wisdom and to the placement of these values in the service of global justice. Visit his Web site at gregoryharms.com.

Computer Science Alumni Share Expertise

Nathan Adams, a software engineer at Argonne National Laboratory and a 2010 alumnus of Lewis University's Computer Science program, recently shared his insights about reverse engineering with students in a File Systems and Digital Forensics class.

Reverse engineering is a computer science technique of deducing programming code from compiled software executables and the content of communications from network traffic, even when that traffic might be encrypted between its two endpoints. Filled with thorough research, Adams' presentation gave students a better understanding of how data is stored in files and how to recover data that has been hidden in such systems. Adams also shared a number of free and commercial tools for recovering source code and communications including WiresharkIDA Pro Free, Dotpeek, Disasm, OllyDbg and Fiddler.

"We are grateful that Nathan returned to campus to share his expertise with our computer science

students. Our students are looking forward to using the tools and tips that he shared with us," commented Dr. Ray Klump, Department Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science.

Art Scheuber, a 1981 alumnus of Lewis University's program, recently returned to his alma mater to discuss the benefits of studying computer science. Scheuber shared his career success story, as well as the valuable things he learned as a computer scientist and Lewis University student.

Scheuber is currently the Vice President for Administration at Marquette University, where he has worked since 1996. In his role as an administrator in charge of a broad set of services and programs at the university, Scheuber has used his keen problem-solving ability to tackle many complex issues including those related to student safety, sustainability and telecommunications. Scheuber urged students to overcome their challenges and highlighted the

importance of problem-solving skills in the computer science field.

Lewis University offers bachelors' degrees in Computer Science with areas of specialization in Computer and Network Security, Video Game Development, Distributed and Mobile Computing Technologies and Simulation of Scientific Systems. Many Lewis Computer Science students pursue internships in the field as students, and several alumni have gone on to found and lead area technology firms. Over its 40-year history, the Computer Science program has undergone continuous improvement and refinement to keep pace with changes in technology. It recently opened four new labs, including the Ubiquitous Computing Lab to teach students how to program mobile and embedded devices, and the Networking and Security Lab to equip students to work on the front lines of cyber defense. The department is currently working on new offerings in cloud computing and data mining.

What's new

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

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 Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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 Class Year(s) _____ Major/Program _____ Birth Date _____
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CLASS NOTES

1970s

Michael P. Shaunnessy '75 (Business Administration) was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Nevada Gold, effective December 1, 2012. He joins Nevada Gold from MGM Resorts International, one of the world's leading global hospitality companies, where he served as Executive Vice President of Operations.



◀ **Susanne Hogan '79** (Statistics/Quantitative Methods; Finance), founder and president of dsi Associates, is celebrating 20 years in business this year. dsi Associates offers expertise in construction services and management,

specializing in program and project management, and operates offices out of Burr Ridge, Chicago and Hammond, Ind. Hogan has led her team to winning work on some of the largest capital programs in the Chicagoland area, including the Chicago Public Schools Capital Improvement Program (\$2.4 billion), Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Building a New Chicago Plan (\$7 billion), the O'Hare International Airport Modernization Program (\$6.6 billion) and the Illinois Tollway Expansion (\$3 billion). Hogan takes great pride in having operated a successful business for the past 20 years, and attributes competently managing resources and accountability as key factors of success.

1980s

Pam Campbell '86 (Athletic Training/Communications) is the Director of the Attack Volleyball Club of Orland Park, Ill. She is a recipient of the 2012 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award from USA Volleyball Great Lakes Region.

James Jones '86 (Accounting) was named by Legacy Professionals, LLP as its new firm administrator and IT Director. He will take on this role working from the firm's headquarters, located in Chicago, Ill.

Brian Schank '87 (Aviation Maintenance Management) was recently named by Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. to help lead its Product Support Sales organization. He is a 24-year Gulfstream veteran and was most recently Director of Business and Program Support, Product Support Sales. While at Gulfstream, he has also been Director, West Coast Sales; a regional sales manager (RSM); Technical Services administrator; and an aircraft technician.

Dr. Phyllis Parise '89 (Business Administration) is currently teaching in the College of Business at Lewis University. She has also founded a non-profit organization called Jolly Old Soles, which provides new and used shoes to organizations that assist children and adults in need. Since August 21, 2012 she has collected 2,925 pairs of shoes, and donated 2,190 pairs. For more information, contact pparise@sbcglobal.net to learn how to help, or to provide information on organizations that need new or used shoes.

1990s

Judge Lisa Holder-White '90 (Political Science) was recently assigned to the Appellate Court for the Fourth Judicial District. She is from the Sixth Judicial Circuit and will become the first African American to be seated on the Fourth District Appellate Court.

Timothy F. Griffin '93 (Criminal/Social Justice) was hired as a police officer for the La Grange Park Police Department in Illinois.

Richard Heim '93 (Graduate Business Administration) is currently President of Glenbard High School District 87 School Board. He is a Lombard resident who was elected in 2009. He is also the President of the Glenbard East Athletic Booster Club and board member of Midwest Center for Day Surgery in Downers Grove, Ill.

Clinton Sebastian '95 (Criminal/Social Justice) was promoted to Sergeant for the Chicago Police Department.

Randy Varju '96 (Graduate Business Administration) was elected to the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy's (AHP) Board of Directors. He will serve a one-year term as AHP's Vice Chair for Membership and Communications. He is the 2013 recipient of the Adam Smith Award from the College of Business.

2000s

Mark Collins '00, '02 (Criminal/Social Justice) was recently sworn in as the 2013 State Chapter President of the FBI National Academy Associates. *See article on page 19.*

Erin C. Vogt '00 (Graduate Organizational Leadership) is the Client Care Coordinator, Dutton & Casey, PC, Attorneys at Law. She recently co-presented at The 10th Annual Contemporary Catholic Healthcare Ethics Conference: End of Life Care & Institutional Identity in the Catholic Tradition. The title of the session was "Legal Issues Contributing to Caregiver Burden."

Michael Ruth '03 (Graduate Criminal/Social Justice) was unanimously approved by aldermen as the new Elmhurst Police Chief.



◀ **James R. Black '04 '09** (Criminal/Social Justice) was selected as the new Police Chief for the city of Crystal Lake, Ill. For the past 25 years, he served the Downers Grove Police Department in the capacity of police officer, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, operations lieutenant and deputy police chief.

Jill Jensen '04 (Elementary Education) was hired as the seventh-grade pre-algebra, sixth-grade English and seventh-grade social studies teacher at Churchville Middle School in Elmhurst, Ill.

Christopher Campione '07 (Criminal/Social Justice) was promoted to detective for the Indiana State Police Department.

Ashley Kurcz '09 (Special Education) was hired as special education resource at Jefferson Elementary School in Elmhurst, Ill.

Are you looking for a job? Are you looking to hire?

If so, check out Jobnet on our Alumni page. Jobnet is a free service for alumni and students offered by the Lewis Department of Career Services. Learn more at alumni.lewisu.edu/jobnet

2010s

Nestor Hernandez '10 (Business Administration) was signed, with a one-year contract, to play for the Chicago Mustangs, an expansion team in the Professional Arena Soccer League (PASL).

Matthew C. Starr '10 (Political Science) was the recipient of the 2012 Youth Organization Award from the Association of Illinois Township Committees On Youth (AITCOY) at this year's Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) Annual Education Conference in Springfield. Starr was also the recipient of the 2011 Friend of Youth Award from AITCOY at last year's conference.

Kenneth J. Hare '11 (Human Resource Management) graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Rachel Fugett '11 (English) was accepted into John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Ill.

James Poellnitz '11 (Print Journalism) was recently a featured contributor for the Yahoo! Contributor Network. He is a journalism graduate with a love for the Chicago White Sox and an even bigger love for baseball. He resides in Chicago and has been covering the White Sox and Major League Baseball as well as the NFL and NBA for various blogs since 2009.

John Catalano '12 (Political Science/Philosophy of Law) is currently attending Loyola University School of Law.

Kylen Mills '12 (Broadcast Journalism) joined the CBS4 news team in January 2013, a few weeks after graduation. Growing up in Elmhurst, Ill., she didn't have to travel far to make the move to the Quad Cities. She's excited to get to know the community and explore everything the Quad Cities Area has to offer.

Michael Park '12 (Forensic Criminal Investigation) was accepted into University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Law School.

Joshua Rehak '12 (Political Science) was accepted into the Chicago-Kent School of Law.

Thomas Salata '12 (Music Merchandising) was hired as the Marketing Coordinator at Pro-Motion Physical Therapy in Minooka, Ill.

Future Flyers



Nicholas Waldenmeyer '03, '09 (Criminal Justice, Graduate, Public Safety Administration) and his wife, Nicole, welcomed Alina Grace Waldenmeyer into the world on July 17, 2012.

Engagements/Weddings

James Binder '03, '06 (Aviation Administration; Graduate Business Administration) is engaged to **Katharine Ilginis '08** (Psychology) in Nashville, Tenn.

Kenny Frank '06 (Aviation) and **Teryn Jacobson '09** (Business Administration/Marketing) were married on September 15, 2012. The couple became engaged on April 3, 2011 after the seventh inning stretch at a Chicago Cubs game.

Krista Strobel '06 (Criminal/Social Justice) was married to Edmund J. Schraag in June 2012. They recently bought a house and welcomed a baby.



◀ **Adam P. Swartz '08** (Criminal/Social Justice) was married to Kelsey J. Ranz on October 26, 2012 in Wilmington, N.C.

April Brown '11 (Certificate of Advanced Study) was recently married.



◀ **Karissa Lynn Connor '11** (Healthcare Leadership) was married to Noah John Olson on August 24, 2012 at the Immaculate Conception Church, in Morris, Ill.

Megan Ryan '12 (Graduate Education) was married to Todd Madsen on July 22,

2012 at the Ruffled Feathers Golf Club in Lemont, Ill.

In Memoriam

Herbert J. Hentsche '74 (Physics) November 6, 2012

Jason W. Brenski '96, '99 (Broadcast Journalism; Graduate Business Administration) September 14, 2012



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We are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of **Brother James Gaffney, FSC** as University President. In honor of his silver anniversary and in recognition of the significant growth and institutional progress that Lewis has made under his leadership, **Joel '78 and Deb Baron '78 Stava** will make a \$25,000 gift to Lewis if 2,500 alumni will contribute an annual gift. Gifts can be at any level and to any Lewis fund. We are more than halfway to our goal – please consider making a gift today. Visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/SilverChallenge for more information.

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1 Joshua Asiyambi, Noelle Asiyambi, Karen Asiyambi '94 and Richard Asiyambi '93. 2 Lynda & Jim '70 Worst. 3 Kevin Newquist '78, Bill Hartmann '78, Tim McAlpin '80 and Joe Falese '78. 4 Jessica Davis '09 Amanda Morelock '09 Amy Smith '09

5 Addie Zawaski, daughter of Jay '01 & Hope '01 (Lyons) Zawaski.
6 Kurt '98 & Eileen Schackmuth with their son Tommy. 7 Shawn & Gary '94 Altman with their sons Charlie & Danny. 8 Ken '07 & Christine Maleske and their daughter Morgan.



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Cookies with Santa



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“The Beau Stratagem” – Theatre Reception & Production

Friday, April 12, 2013

6:30 pm, Reception

8 pm, Philip Lynch Theatre Production

De La Salle Awards

Sunday, April 14, 2013

Business Networking Event

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

St. Charles Borromeo

33rd Annual Lewis Golf Outing

Friday, June 7, 2013

Signum Fidei Celebration

Saturday, September 14, 2013

Homecoming & Family Day

Saturday, September 28, 2013

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