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After 25 years of stellar leadership in key University roles, Dr. Stephany Schlachter, recently announced plans to retire from her current position as Provost of Lewis University, effective June 30, 2018. She will continue to serve the University as Special Assistant to the President for the next year. Dr. Schlachter has served as Provost for the last 17 years. As the University embarks on a new strategic plan, Dr. Schlachter reflected on her time in this important role.

Dr. Schlachter was appointed to the position of Lewis University Provost in 2001, but she started her professional journey in education teaching nursing at Michael Reese Medical Center and then St. Xavier University in Chicago. In 1979, she joined the Lewis University College of Nursing and was steadily promoted in rank over the years to full tenured Professor. She taught nursing at Lewis for 14 years, and also served

as Director of Graduate Studies and later as Director of Undergraduate Studies. In 1993, she became Special Assistant to the President and in 1994 then moved into various administrative positions, such as Vice President for Mission and Development as well as Vice President for Mission and Planning, prior to becoming Provost.

As she transitioned into her role as Provost, she retained leadership for strategic planning, and has collaborated with colleagues during her time at Lewis to develop five strategic plans. Each plan has served to provide a focus and direction for the University during periods of expansion and growth. During her tenure as Provost,

academic offerings and departments have significantly expanded including the initiation of doctoral programs. U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, Colleges of Distinction, Best for Vets, and Great Value Colleges are some of the national organizations who have recognized Lewis University's commitment to student success through quality academic programs and facilities, outstanding faculty, affordable education, and a collaborative atmosphere. In addition to improved national rankings, Lewis has also been the recipient of federal grants such as the National Science Foundation as well as private grants from the Lilly Endowment, which have further supported teaching and learning.

In addition to serving as the chief academic officer, Dr. Schlachter worked with other areas of the University that had a direct impact on student success. She formed the Student Learning Team, composed of senior administrators from across campus including student services, enrollment, and retention, and mission and identity which enabled opportunities and issues to be addressed from multiple perspectives. During her time as Provost graduation rates improved dramatically.

In addition, concurrent with increases in student

enrollment, significant attention was given to academic facilities across campus. Dr. Schlachter noted, "Changes in technology and a greater focus on collaborative learning have impacted the way we teach and how students learn. Our facilities and classroom spaces needed to fit new models of teaching and learning," she said.

Dr. David Livingston, Lewis University President said, "Lewis University has achieved incredible academic success under Dr. Schlachter's leadership. In a time of constantly changing federal and state guidelines, and budget challenges in the State of Illinois, we have continued to focus on putting our students first. We have worked to develop academic programs in which our students are in high demand, while

advancing their personal and spiritual growth at the same time. Dr. Schlachter has taught me much and I am honored to have the privilege to continue to work with her as a colleague."

In the early 1990's, Dr. Schlachter led a two-year project to strengthen and renew the Mission of the University. More than 100 interviews were conducted with faculty, staff, students and others to look at the purpose, history, and values of the University. Data was collected and analyzed, and themes emerged that showed a remarkable similarity to the values of St. John Baptist de La Salle and the importance of mission and association. The result was a completely rewritten Mission Statement, a declaration of purpose and values that continues to serve as a source of guidance and inspiration today.





She said, "The beauty of our Mission is that it is tied to decision-making. It is significantly part of how we treat students and all people."

The University has been recognized for its commitment to Mission integration and is often cited for its best practices nationally. Dr. Schlachter herself has been recognized for her personal and professional commitment to the University's Catholic and Lasallian values. She has received the Brother Louis De La Salle Seiler Ministry of Teaching

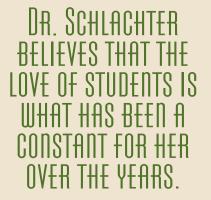
Award from Lewis University. Moreover, she is the recipient of the Distinguished Lasallian Education Award from the Midwest District of the Christian Brothers. In 2014, she received Letters of Affiliation from the De La Salle Christian Brothers in Rome

in honor of her support for and commitment to Lasallian education.

Dr. Schlachter believes that the love of students is what has been a constant for her over the years. She herself was a transfer student who worked multiple jobs while completing her bachelor's degree. She is energized by seeing the new groups of students each year and by watching them cross the stage and receive their diplomas during Commencement.

One of the important lessons she has learned in this role is to bring people together. She said,

"No one brings all the answers in the search for truth. By bringing people together you will find answers from multiple perspectives. The ability to establish relationships and connect on a human level is so important to deal with issues."













In 1979, Dr. Schlachter joined the Lewis University College of Nursing and was steadily promoted to full tenured Professor. She also served as Director of Graduate Studies, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Special Assistant to the President, Vice President for Mission and Development and Vice President for Mission and Planning, prior to becoming Provost. As she transitioned into her role as Provost, she retained leadership for strategic planning. In the far right photo she discussed the strategic plan priorities with William Rybak, then Board of Trustees Chair and Brother James Gaffney, FSC, then University President.



She said she hopes to be remembered for servant leadership. "I see my role as facilitating the success of others behind the scenes, to help create the foundations for continued success."

As Lewis is embarking on a new strategic plan, Soaring to New Heights, she is excited about the opportunities to move from a locally based University to more of a regional partner with others who seek our students and faculty expertise in solving real world problems. She said, "We are entering a new era here at the University. We began as an aviation technical high school for boys and have been consistent in developing innovative programs to meet the needs of society. Our students graduate prepared to make a difference and to make the world a better place."

A graduate of Loyola University Chicago, Dr. Schlachter earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing there and went on to receive a Master's degree in Nursing Education from DePaul University and a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Public Policy from Northern Illinois University.

Dr. Stephany Schlachter Research Excellence Award

In honor of the conclusion of Dr. Schlachter's remarkable tenure as Provost and in recognition of the significant role she played in advancing undergraduate research and scholarship, Dr. David Livingston, President, recently announced the establishment of the Dr. Stephany Schlachter Research Excellence Award. This distinguished scholarship award will be presented annually to a student who performs and presents outstanding research as determined by a committee of faculty. The *Dr. Stephany Schlachter Research Excellence* Award will be presented as part of the University's Celebration of Scholarship, a daylong symposium held each April that celebrates research, scholarly work, and creative endeavors of Lewis students and faculty.

In announcing this scholarship award, Dr. and Mrs. Livingston committed \$5,000 towards its establishment. The University's goal is to raise \$50,000 to fully endow the Fund. Those interested in contributing should contact Luigi Amendola, Vice President for University Advancement, at (815) 836-5244.

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New Look for Lewis University Website

Lewis University launched its new website in January. It is designed to enhance mobile users' experience as the percentage of individuals who are using mobile devices when visiting *lewisu.edu* continues to rise each year.

Syl Goyette, director of web development said, "Months of planning and development go into a new website, so we're always happy to see the work payoff. We saw a huge spike in our "virtual tour" traffic with the new site launch. Technology has become more complex with all of the browsers and devices, and we want prospective students and families to have a good experience when they access information on our site. This new site has a more modern look and feel."

Some of the enhancements to the new site include a collapsible/expandable menu system that displays differently on a phone, tablet, or desktop computer. More photos, infographics, white space, and the choice of fonts all contribute to a more modern, clean design.

Prospective students will have multiple ways to apply or request information – in the top navigation bar and in the footer which carry throughout the site, and on internal pages there is an expandable menu with easy calls to action.

The "MYLEWIS" portal has a more prominent space in the main navigation bar at the top of the home page as well as in the footer so that current students, faculty and staff can easily take care of all of their University transactions and access Blackboard, Banner and other resources here.

On the internal pages, all of the navigation links and resources are on the left, giving the page content more space and improving readability.

The Lewis University website was recently awarded "Gold" by the Hermes Creative Awards, an international competition judged and administered by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals, in the Website Overall Educational Institution category. There are expected to be about 6,000 entries across all categories in 2018 with about 20% receiving Gold Awards.

The Lewis website averages about 300,000 sessions per month, with mobile users accounting for 40% of traffic.



Dr. David Livingston, Lewis President, signs new preferred hiring agreement with Republic Airlines.

Republic Airline Signs Pilot Hiring Agreement with Lewis

Lewis University flight students may now interview with Republic Airline as early as sophomore year thanks to an agreement between the airline and Lewis University. The RJet Cadet & Pilot Prep Programs offer students a defined career path in commercial aviation through Republic Airline.

"Pilot development opportunities continue to be a primary focus at Republic. We're thrilled that Lewis University is joining our cadre of flight program partners," said Tonya Gilbert, Republic Airline managing director of innovation and associate experience.

Students meeting Republic's qualifications, will receive a conditional offer of employment, transitional support to Republic's commercial training program, and be eligible to receive a signing bonus of as much as \$15,000. Republic pilots train to fly the Embraer E170 and E175 aircraft, the most advanced commercial aircraft in the aviation industry.

"This partnership formalizes our Republic Airline relationship, from which our students already have benefited in recent years on an informal basis," said Dr. Ryan Phillips, co-chair of aviation and transportation studies at Lewis University. "This agreement serves as a foundation for many more student opportunities in the future."

Republic Airline, based in Indianapolis, operates a fleet of approximately 190 Embraer 170/175 aircraft and offers scheduled passenger service with 950 daily flights to 100 cities in 35 states in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and Central America. The airline provides fixed-fee flights operated under its major airline partner brands of American Eagle, Delta Connection and United Express. The airline employs about 5,500 aviation professionals.





(L to R) Michael Parker '77, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Kristi Kelly'08,'14, Director of Multicultural Student Services, A. Scott Bolden, and Dr. David Livingston, President.

Washington D. C. Lawyer Speaks on "Race, Racism and the Law"

Nationally-acclaimed attorney, legal and political commentator, A. Scott Bolden visited Lewis University to present "Race, Racism and the Law" on February 13. His presentation was part of Lewis University's Black History Month programming.

Scott Bolden is a Democratic political power broker and a managing partner for the D. C. office of a large international law firm. Bolden is a D. C. insider who combines his distinctive legal and political ability to expertly dismantle the myths and mistruths of both Conservative and Democratic voices with a sharp-edged approach that is direct, passionate and progressive.

Bolden's mother Kathleen '71 was recognized in 2011 with the Trailblazer Endowed Scholarship. A pioneering African American woman she believed in freedom, justice and equality for all. During her time at Lewis, she consistently demonstrated her belief that there lives a leader in each person and it is only a matter of time until that leadership is tested. She strived to create a more diverse campus population while leading the local community as a civil rights activist.

In 2014, her family established an endowed scholarship for diversity in her name. Scott said, "The scholarship our family has created in her name hopes to continue to support not only her efforts with minority students, but also her legacy of leadership, her community activism, and her fight for civil rights."



Dr. Judy Mitchell of Joliet Junior College, Dr. David Livingston of Lewis University and Dr. Arvid Johnson of the University of St. Francis recently signed the Will County Regional Sustainability Network Compact.

Lewis Signs Will County Regional Sustainability Network Compact

In 2014, the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC) Sustainability Task Force began working with communities through its "Link and Leverage" initiative to promote the growth and development of resilient communities through sustainable practices. In 2016, SMHEC, Joliet Junior College, Lewis University and the University of St. Francis formed the Will County Regional Sustainability Network at the request of a number of Will County organizations to bring cohesion to the many sustainability and resilience efforts in Will County.

On January 23, during the GreenTown Will County Advisory Council, Dr. Judy Mitchell of Joliet Junior College, Dr. David Livingston of Lewis University and Dr. Arvid Johnson of the University of St. Francis signed the Will County Regional Sustainability Network Compact.

To further demonstrate their collaborative commitment to sustainability and the communities they serve, Joliet Junior College, Lewis University and University of St. Francis will act as non-financial champions of the Will County Regional Sustainability Network's work to link and align existing sustainability efforts in and around the Will County region, to build and leverage relationships between all stakeholders including government, higher education, businesses, nonprofit entities and community members, and to establish an infrastructure to support the activities of the Network.

MONEY Ranks Lewis in Top 10 Private Universities in Illinois

Educational quality, affordability and alumni success pushed Lewis University into the Top 10 of private universities in Illinois ranked by MONEY in its Best Colleges for Your Money 2017 list. "Lewis offers students an outstanding combination of quality and cost with the assurance that their degree will have real-world value on the job market," stated Raymond Kennelly, senior vice president for enrollment management. Lewis University is ranked the second-best mid-sized university in Illinois.

MONEY analyzed 27 measures of educational quality, affordability and outcomes to develop a ranking of more than 700 of the nation's best-performing colleges. The website highlighted several data points about Lewis University, such as 95 percent of students with need get grants and 29 percent of low-income students become upper middle class.

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"Building Inclusive Communities" Theme of Lasallian Colloquium

The Institute for the Advancement of Catholic and Lasallian Education and the College of Education held its Third Annual Colloquium on Becoming Lasallian on January 27 at the St. Charles Borromeo Center. The theme of this year's colloquium was "Building Inclusive Communities." More than 100 students, faculty and Lasallian partners participated in this highly successful colloquium. Brother Armand Alcazar, FSC, keynote speaker, spoke poignantly on the Lasallian core principle of inclusive communities in his presentation on the "Biblical Models of Lasallian Inclusion."



More than 100 students, faculty and Lasallian partners participated in this third Annual Colloquium on "Building Inclusive Communities."

Breakout sessions addressed the colloquium's theme of building united communities where diversity is respected, where no one is left out and where everyone finds a place. Dr. Jennifer Buss, associate professor in the College of Education, led a panel discussion of Catholic school administrators, parents and students in addressing the topic of "What Do Inclusive Practices Look Like in the Catholic School?"

Dr. Theresa Nolan, principal of Tinley Park High School, Chris Tiritilli, principal of St. Mary's Gostyn Elementary School in Downers Grove and Maryann O'Neill, principal of Montini High School in Lombard, shared their reflections on their work as leaders in Catholic and public schools as they strive each day to build inclusive communities, form their students in the spirit of the Lasallian tradition and charism, educate them for excellence and send them to serve.

Mr. Sean Ruane, garden educator at the Kitchen Community and co-director of Just Roots Chicago, presented, "We the People: Building a Culture of Dialogue & Respect in the Classroom." He addressed the question of what it means to engage in respectful and empathetic dialogue, particularly with people of different cultures, backgrounds, and faith traditions.

Ms. Amy Eckhouse, program director of the Maria Kaupas Center in Chicago offered a session on "Using Peacemaking Circles to Highlight the Voices of our Students." Circles intentionally create sacred spaces that lift barriers between people, opening fresh possibilities for connection, collaboration and mutual understanding. The process works because it brings people together in a way that allows them to see one another as human beings and to talk about what matters.

Dan Dowling, assistant campus minister and science teacher at De La Salle Institute in Chicago presented, "Unity Among Diversity: Celebrating Individuals While Building Community in a Diverse Inner City Setting." John Baptist de la Salle challenged his early brothers to know when to treat students with the care and comfort of a mother and when to use the firmness of a father. Three hundred years later, the faculty of De La Salle Chicago continues this tension as they strive to build community with their students in a setting that has been nationally recognized as one of the top ten most diverse schools in the nation.

Mr. Mike Dieter, social science instructor at De La Salle Institute in Chicago and adjunct instructor at Lewis University held a session entitled, "In the Footsteps of the Founder: Lasallian Educators as Activists." Discussion focused on the necessity of educators and all instructional leaders to take a stand in the name of human dignity and social justice. Participants explored what this emphasis on human dignity and social justice should and can look like.

Reflections from those attending indicated that the colloquium was successful in inspiring a deeper commitment to the Lasallian charism and to building inclusive communities in their respective ministries.

One participant said, "Today, I feel like I have grown as a person. I am ready to incorporate what I have learned in my future classroom." Another shared, "Amazing and enriching experience!" Still another, "As a future educator, this has been one of the most beneficial processes I have ever been through. It challenged me to become stronger in my values." A teaching candidate states, "I learned about creating a more inclusive and respectful dialogue in the classroom and what it really means to be Lasallian."

The Institute for the Advancement of Catholic and Lasallian Education focuses on leadership development, teacher preparation, professional development, outreach and consulting, grants and research, and Lasallian formation.

LUCE Students Enjoy Studying in Rome

Lewis University students are participating in the Lasallian Universities Center for Education (LUCE) Program in Rome this spring. Eduardo Dimas, Joseph Eibler, Gustavo Guzman, Jakob Kagay, Olivia Larson, and Nicholas Varman are studying alongside students from other Lasallian institutions and exploring Italy until May.

LUCE is a new program created by the U.S. Lasallian universities that provides students the chance to gain a deeper understanding of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and the Christian Brothers, and the International Lasallian Network while completing their major, minor, and general education requirements at their home institutions.



All participants in LUCE are living at the Christian Brothers Generalate, the motherhouse for the Brothers while staying in Rome.

Students participating in LUCE are required to take the following courses in addition to two, 3-credit elective courses: Italian Language, Sociology - Topics: Migration and the European Crisis, and Theology - Christian Faith and the Arts. Students will also participate in planned excursions to Assisi, Pisa, Florence, Pompeii, and Naples as a way to explore Italian history and culture.

Dr. Dominic Colonna, professor of theology at Lewis, is the program director for LUCE. He and Dr. Ricardo Dello Buono, professor of sociology from Manhattan College, are leading the students on their journey through Italy. All participants in LUCE are living at the Christian Brothers Generalate, the motherhouse for the Brothers while staying in Rome.

Playwright Austin Tichenor Visits PLT to See "Frankenstein" Creation

This year marks the 200th anniversary of that dark and stormy night when Mary Shelley first imagined "the hideous phantasm of a man." Countless stage and film versions, parodies, and modern interpretations have changed the associations we have with the Frankenstein name. The stage adaptation by Austin Tichenor attempts to be faithful to Shelley's 19th century Gothic Romantic thriller while at the same time offering a terrifying, cautionary tale about arrogance, the boundaries of science and creation.

The playwright Austin Tichenor attended the matinee on Saturday, February 24 at the Philip Lynch Theatre to see his script creation brought to life. He and his wife, improviser and writer Dee Ryan, live in Chicago where they have two kids and too many cats. He had not seen a production of his stage adaptation since the 1990 American Stage Festival in Milford, New Hampshire.

Post-show, Tichenor met with the cast and crew of the Philip Lynch Theatre production for a brief Q&A. He praised the performance for its commitment to "the emotional intensity" of the script, and he had "nothing but praise" for the production. He reflected that the "most autobiographical character in the play is Henry Clerval," Victor Frankenstein's best friend and man of letters and poetry. The role of Henry Clerval was played by biology major Andrew Wainscott

Tichenor was born in San Francisco and has a B. A. in History and Theatre from UC Berkeley and an M. F. A. from Boston University.

He is the co-managing partner of Reduced Shakespeare Company, and co-created and co-starred in many productions. Tichenor produces and hosts the award-nominated Reduced Shakespeare Company Podcast listed in Broadway World's Top Ten Podcasts for Theatre Fans.

Playwright Austin Tichenor attended the performance of "Frankenstein" at the Philip Lynch Theatre to see his script creation brought to life.

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(Left) Nanci Reiland was awarded the De La Salle Medallion for Excellence in Community Engaged Learning . (Right) Dr. Pamela Jessee, dean of the College of Education, and Dr. Nan Yancey, former dean of the Office of Graduate Studies, received Distinguished Lasallian Educator Awards presented by Dr. David Livingston, President.

Lewis University Honors Distinguished Service

The Lewis University community gathered to celebrate service and recognize employee milestones at the 26th Annual "A Celebration of Service" Recognition Ceremony on April 25.

Employees reaching milestones ranging from 10-40 years were honored. Also, faculty and staff with retirements from July 2017-June 2018 were recognized.

Nanci Reiland, assistant professor in the College of Nursing and Health Professions, was awarded the De La Salle Medallion for Excellence in Community Engaged Learning for her work with nursing students in the community. This award honors a faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in engaging Lewis students in community-based learning.

Dr. Pamela Jessee, dean of the College of Education, and Dr. Nan Yancey, former dean of the Office of Graduate Studies, received Distinguished Lasallian Educator Awards.

One of the University's most prestigious awards, the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award honors a faculty or staff member who exemplifies the ideals of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in his or her work at the University to foster Gospel values in the lives of faculty, staff and students.

The ceremony was held in April as part of "Lasallian Heritage Month." Several events and activities honor the commitment of Lewis University employees and students in the spirit of Lewis University's Catholic and Lasallian



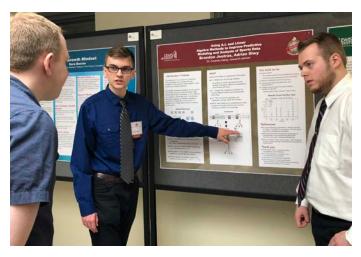
Mission. They highlight the core elements of the University's rich tradition of Catholic identity, academic excellence, faculty and student scholarship, calling and service.

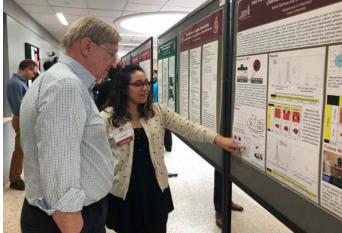


ALL IN Democracy Challenge Honors Lewis University for Voter Participation Rate

Lewis University was among the universities honored as a Bronze Seal Campus in the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, a non-partisan national awards program. Campuses with 50-59 percent voter participation in elections received the designation.

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, in collaboration with higher education, seeks to make participation in local, state, and federal elections a social norm, increase the number of college students who are democratically engaged during and between elections, and educate students to graduate with the knowledge, skills, behaviors, and values needed to be informed and active citizens. "We encourage our students to be engaged in advancing democracy by voting, contacting elected officials, being active in organizations, debating issues, supporting causes and participating in the democratic process," commented Dr. Andrea Garber Krieg, assistant professor of justice, law and public safety studies.





Celebration of Scholarship 2018

Lewis University undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty showcased their scholarly work and creative endeavors April 19 during the Seventh Annual Lewis University Celebration of Scholarship.

The day began with a keynote from Kryssi Staikidis, Ed.D. on "Exploring the Multiple Perspectives of Scholarship." Dr. Staikidis is an associate professor of Art and Design Education at Northern Illinois University. Her research interests are indigenous research and pedagogy, art studio practice as a site for research, and critical pedagogy in the classroom. She has published in Studies in Art Education, The Journal of Art Education, Visual Arts Research, Visual Culture and Gender, The Journal of Social Theory in Art Education and The Journal of Qualitative Inquiry, has multiple book chapters in art education and general education anthologies, and received the National Art Education Association Western Region Award in 2014 and the J. Eugene Grigsby Jr. Award, for contributions to multicultural and social justice scholarship in art education, in 2015. During years 2011-2013, she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Social Theory in Art Education.

During the day there were 54 concurrent sessions, 116 poster presentations, 12 creative works performances and 12 business plan presentations. Accepted Celebration of Scholarship entries were selected from more than 200 submitted abstracts.

Awards were given to the following poster presentations. Because of the large number of undergraduate student posters there were two separate categories for awards – math and science, and humanistic disciplines.

Graduate Student Posters

In the graduate student category the first, second, and third place projects were: "Probing the Antimicrobial Properties of Ag/TIO2 Nanoparticles Using Epi-fluorescent Optical Tweezers" by Thomas Beckmann; "Coping Strategies in Response to Student Stress," by Hannah Fishbeck; and "The Ethics of Online Counseling," by Yadira Cisneros, Rachel Brouwer and Laressa McCloyn.

Math and Science Posters

The first, second and third place math and science posters were awarded to: "Photochemical Synthesis and Characterization of Metal Functionalized Antimicrobial Nanoparticles," by Dany Danhausen; "Exploring the Binding Mechanism of Amino Acids with Fingerprint Nano-powders," by Ashley Barrera and Lena Safi; and "Using Molecular Modeling to Explore Organic Reactions Mechanisms," by Sarah Bettag.



Humanistic Posters

The first, second and third place in the humanistic posters were awarded to: "Adlerian Therapy as Effective Behavioral Management for Children," by Natalie Palm; "Gender and Criminal Justice Majors: An Application of the Myers-Briggs Indicator," by Allison Trendle; and "Implementation of Cost Effective Laboratory Experimentation for the High School Level and Higher Education," by Lucas Kilmer.

The President's 10th Annual **Art Exhibition Winners**

The President's 10th Annual Art Exhibition Winners were also announced: first place went to Bryan Sisk, "Depression," Photography and Acrylic; second place to Larissa Barnat, "Mercury," Oil; and third place went to Zachary Meredith, "The Way Life Goes," Acrylic. The following students were awarded honorable mention: Kayla Feigl, "Trapped in a Perfect World," Printmaking; Madeline Janich, "Tranquility," Photography and Graphic Design; Angela Morris, "Waiting," Pastels and Pastel Pencils; Jacqueline Nelson, "Bone," Photography; Elizabeth Samoska, "Stephanie," Oil; Schuyler Staley, "Beauterus," Collage, Watercolor, Pen, Photoshop; Hanna Swanberg, "Yellow, White, and Pink," Digital Print; and Julianna Walen, "Adoration," Fluid Acrylics.

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Student participants included Abrahim Alramhi, Haley McCabe, Blayne Yarmat, who is also the IATA Student Congress president, and Estefania Zavala.

Sport and Exercise Science Students Win IATA Quiz Bowl

Students in the Department of Sport and Exercise Science won the Quiz Bowl at the Illinois Athletic Trainers Association (IATA) Meeting and Clinical Symposium held November 4-5 in Springfield, Ill.

The IATA also awarded the Dr. Richard Dominguez Memorial Scholarship to Lewis University student Alejandra Rodriquez. The annual \$1,000 scholarship was based on letters of recommendation submitted on her behalf, as well as her academic achievements in the Sport and Exercise Science Program.

The team also represented Illinois at the Quiz Bowl competition at the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Conference, defeating teams from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. The team will go on to represent GLATA at the National competition this summer in New Orleans.



The Lewis University Flight Team advanced to the national level competition for the ninth consecutive year by taking second place at the NIFA Region VIII SAFECON 2017 competition.

Flight Team Lands Second Place Finish at SAFECON 2017

The Lewis University Flight Team advanced to the national level competition for the ninth consecutive year by taking second place at the NIFA Region VIII SAFECON 2017 competition. Lewis University took second overall as well as in flight and ground events.

Head Coach Megan Zahos was also recognized at the competition as Coach of the Year. The assistant professor of aviation and transportation studies has been at Lewis for almost a decade. In addition to her responsibilities as a coach, Zahos has been instrumental in advancing aviation education and supporting students. She is the faculty mentor for the Lewis Women in Aviation chapter and serves as the faculty adviser for the Lewis University Air Race Classic team.

In addition to Lewis University's team honors, several Flight Team members earned individual awards. Kyle Meyer earned second place in both Top Scoring Contestant and Top Pilot Award competition. Jason Fourdraine earned third place in Aircraft Recognition. Will Kraatz (drop master) and Fourdraine (pilot) earned second place in the Message Drop Ranking. Meyer (pilot) and Calvin Warren (safety observer) earned third place in the Navigation Ranking. Warren finished in fifth place in the Aircraft Preflight Inspection Ranking.

The Lewis University flight team members include Noah Ambroziak, Jason Fourdraine, Ron Fishleigh, Connor Haubenreiser, Mike Higgins, Will Kraatz, Kyle Meyer, Lucas Mickelson, Chanon Penvari, Thomas Roth, Raymond Sanchez, Calvin Warren, Jane Zieba, Danny Radzt, and Ethan Kurtz.

Theatre Department Attends Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival

Theatre Department students participated in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) held January 9-13 in Indianapolis. The KCACTF experience offers student artists the opportunity to showcase their work and receive outside collegiate-level assessment for each production. KCACTF festivals showcase university productions and offers a variety of activities, including workshops, symposia, and student artists' individual recognition through awards and scholarships in playwriting, acting, criticism, directing, and design.

Three Lewis students, Kayla Marie Carson, Sean Gallagher and Bradford Bingham participated in the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Auditions. The students competed with a partner performing a monologue and a scene in a 3-minute time period. The Lewis student acting partners were respectively Andrew Wainscott, Jessi



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Sheppard and Robert Rigler. Since 1972, the Irene Ryan Foundation of Encino, California, has awarded scholarships to the outstanding student performers at each regional festival. These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the late Irene Ryan who is best remembered for her portrayal of the lovable and feisty

"Granny Clampett" on television show "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Professors Keith White and Andrew Nelsen attended the festival along with students Zackary Abu-Shanab, Theodore J. Vermis-Dernekzis, Jennifer Glynn, Michael Palermo, Jacob Rodriguez and Conrad Sipiora.

Students Compete in Model United Nations Conference

Twelve Lewis University students participated in the American Model United Nations Conference in November 2017 in Chicago. American Model United Nations (AMUN) is a non-profit, educational organization that provides students with a simulation of the United Nations.

It was the second year Lewis University sent a delegation to participate in the three-day competition that increases international understanding and develops the art of peaceful negotiation among potential national and international leaders.

The Lewis University delegation represents a particular country, after having rigorously studied the politics of that country in Lewis University's Model UN course. This year, the Political Science students represented

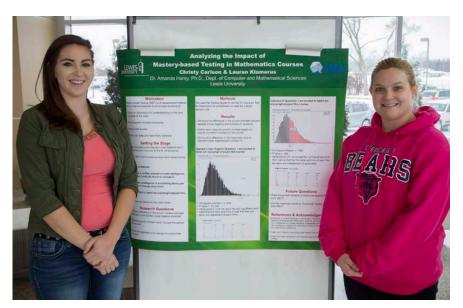


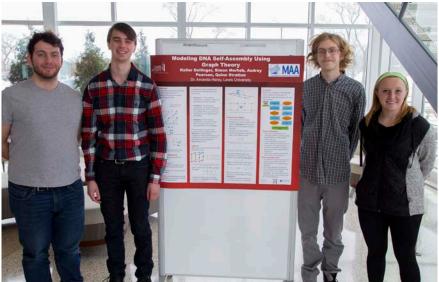
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Participating Lewis University students include Ra'Naa Iqbal, Rafael

Marzo, Jordan Cuthbert, Sarah Pajeau, Christopher LaRock, Deysi Rodriquez, Bartosz Morawski, Paul Crafton, Sandra Ayala, Michael DeBow, Gabriel Davalos, and Alexander Carson.





Students Honored at World's Largest Mathematical Conference

Six Lewis University students earned an Outstanding Poster Award at the Joint Mathematics Meetings, a mathematics conference hosted annually by the American Mathematical Society (AMS) and the Mathematical Association of America (MAA).

Held January 10-13 in San Diego, it is the largest annual meeting of mathematicians in the world.

"Analyzing the Impact of Mastery-based Testing in Mathematics Courses" won the MAA Outstanding Poster Award. Students working on this project included (top photo) Christy Carlson and Lauren Klamerus, Math and Secondary Education majors. Klamerus is a Noyce Scholar, a National Science Foundation-funded scholarship program preparing future high school STEM teachers.

"Modeling DNA Self-Assembly Using Graph Theory" also won the MAA Outstanding Poster Award. (Bottom photo) Quinn Stratton, a major in Math and Computer Science, Keller Dellinger, Computer Engineering major, and Simon Merheb, Computer Engineering major, were joined by Audrey Pearson, Computer Graphic Design major.

CaMS Students Win National Cyber Defense Competition

Six Lewis University computer science students took first place in the Department of Energy's 2018 National Cyber Defense Competition on April 7 at Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, Ill. The Lewis University team prevailed over 28 other teams from around the country to win the title of national champions.

The students, who are part of the student-run Cyber Defense Group based in the Computer and Mathematical Sciences department, worked on setting up, troubleshooting and protecting cyber-physical systems associated with critical infrastructures.

The CaMS Cyber Defense Group members include Joey Casalino, Gabriel Diaz DeLeon, Johny Kegaly, Ryan Meeker, Brandon White and Brian White. They are led by faculty



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moderator Dr. Jason Perry, assistant professor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences.

FACULTY updates

Muench and White Present at the Association of **Writers & Writing Programs Annual Conference**

Drs. Simone Muench and Jackie White (English), along with Lewis students Sam Gennett, Zakiya Cowan and Bree Scott, presented at The Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) Annual Conference, which took place March 7-10, 2018 in Tampa, Fla. The AWP Annual Conference is the largest literary conference in North America. The group hosted a Jet Fuel Review table featuring signings by awardwinning authors. The editors met Pulitzer Prize winner Tyehimba Jess as well as many other authors whom they have studied in their English courses and/or published in Jet Fuel Review.

English Professors Partner with Lockport Business for Community and Educational Engagement

Drs. Simone Muench, Jackie White, and Jennifer Consilio (English) partnered with Port Noir in Lockport to host a variety of student-run events including a film night and a literary open mic night called Poetry, Prose and Acoustics. Poetry, Prose and Acoustics has been especially valuable as the event provides a space where students can conquer their public speaking fears, practice oral communication skills, give voice to their unique experiences, spotlight social injustices, and learn the importance of community.

McFerron a Featured Composer at **Composition Festival**

Dr. Mike McFerron (Music) was chosen from over 130 applicants to be one of three featured composers at the 2018 Missouri State University Composition Festival that took place February 12-14, 2018. His orchestral composition, "Fanfare: Hope in the Face of Uncertainty," composed in 2010 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra, was performed at the festival along with McFerron's electroacoustic works "If You Walked a Mile" and "X Marks the Sirens." These last two works use original texts by Lewis University colleagues Dr. George Miller (Philosophy) and Dr. Jackie White (English). McFerron also gave a presentation on his music, "Using Small Form to Advance the Creative Process."

Kline Presents Papers and is Appointed to Review Board

Dr. Kip Kline (Educational Leadership) presented his co-authored paper entitled "Upbringing in the Age of Childhood as Technical Performance" at the Philosophy of Education Society in March 2018 and another co-authored paper entitled "On the Technology Fetish in Education: Ellul, Baudrillard, and the End of Humanity" at the Ohio Valley Philosophy of Education Society Conference in October 2017.

He was recently appointed to the review board of Educational Theory (Wiley), a flagship journal in philosophy of education.

Parker Collaborates with Bradley University on Joint Publication and Receives **Visiting Faculty Position at Argonne**

Dr. John Parker (Physics) and members of Bradley University's department of chemistry have been working in the area of surface chemistry of metal-oxide nanoparticles for several years, and their joint research efforts produced a second publication entitled Infrared Spectroscopic Analysis of the Adsorption of Pyridine Carboxylic Acids on Colloidal Ceria. This article was published in a November 2017 issue of Langmuir, a highly-regarded and peer-reviewed journal.

Dr. Parker was also awarded a U. S. Department of Energy Visiting Faculty position at Argonne National Laboratories. He and his undergraduate research student from Lewis were awarded a grant for the summer of 2018, and they will be working with Argonne scientists in the area of nanomaterials and the development of advanced sensor technologies.

Dávila Presents at International Conference

Dr. Erica R. Dávila (Literacy) presented at the 7th International Conference on Education and Social Justice that took place in Honolulu from December 1-3, 2017. She presented a paper entitled, "Pedagogy and Food Justice: Service Learning as a Multidisciplinary Approach" which highlights a critical service learning project in the Dominican Republic that focused on building an aquaponics unit and growing organic food within the sociopolitical context of food injustice.

Quaynor Contributes to Special Issue of Educational Journal

Dr. Laura Quaynor (Literacy) contributed to a special issue of the flagship journal of the British Comparative Education Society, Compare. The special issue focused on democratic citizenship education in non-Western contexts, ensuring that the diversity of global societies is included in the idea of global citizenship. Quaynor's article is titled "Remembering West African Indigenous Knowledges in Citizenship Education Research."

Kim's Co-Authored Book Receives Honorable Mention

The book that Dr. Jung Kim (Literacy) co-authored, Graphic Novels in High School and Middle School Classrooms: A Disciplinary Literacies Approach, received a 2018 Society of Professors of Education Outstanding Book Award Honorable Mention. The book is designed for educators to help incorporate graphic novels into secondary classroom curricula. The Society of Professors of Education is an organization which since 1902 has provided a forum for addressing the issues facing the discipline and vocation of education.

English Professor Presents at Annual International Gothic Association Meeting

Dr. Jamil Mustafa (English) presented "You can't spell subtext without S-E-X: Supernatural, Gothic Intertextuality, and the Queer Uncanny" at the annual meeting of the International Gothic Association in Cholula, Mexico in July 2017. Mustafa analyzed how the CW television series Supernatural draws upon the formal and thematic features of traditional Gothic literature.

PAYING IT FORWARD



CONHP Students Bring Justice in the Form of Health Empowerment

Community engagement offers meaningful learning opportunities for both students and faculty to respond to needs within the local community while developing a relationship and spirit of mutual goal setting with community members. The curriculum objectives of the College of Nursing and Health Profession's (CONHP)



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senior level community health nursing course are a perfect fit for community experiences that foster community engagement. One particular course objective, to "assume an active role in initiating programs designed to meet the health promotion needs of diverse populations in the community setting" is being met in a unique way by members of one community clinical group.

For the past seven semesters, a group of six to eight student nurses has participated in providing health education for inmates at the DuPage County Jail in Wheaton. In collaboration with JUST of DuPage, a faith-based non-profit social services organization that provides social services, including: Bible study, GED classes, recovery programs (AA, NA, CA etc.), the CONHP developed health empowerment classes for both men and women. With its goal of justice, understanding, service and teaching, JUST believes empowering people to make positive changes is an important aspect of sharing God's

love. This mission fits extremely well with Lewis' values of justice and association and makes the collaboration all the more meaningful.

For each of the four to five weeks of the programming, the students assess the needs of the inmates through research and personnel communication during the sessions. The students then develop curriculum based on what they have learned. Topics generally cover areas such as health literacy and self-advocacy, infection control and infectious diseases, safety and emergency procedures as well as healthy eating. One of the most popular sessions is one in which hands-only CPR and choking rescue are taught. Comments from the men and women often reflect their appreciation for being able to learn something that may help save a friend or family member's life. The nursing students often identify the positive effect that this bit of empowerment has on the participants and the students' weekly reflections frequently mention how impactful it is to be able to offer some hope and ability to effect change in one's future. Student Casey Lakumb reflects, "I believe most participants found value during our interactions and were truly grateful for us being there. Based on their feedback, I am confident we made a positive impact on their lives."

The process of reflection and debriefing is an important aspect of community engaged learning. Faculty also use the reflections to better prepare future students for the experience and provide additional support or guidance into the sometimes difficult questions brought up during the interactions. Overall, the several dozen students who have participated in the JUST Health Empowerment classes have had very positive comments and appreciate the ability to help those in unfortunate circumstances to see the possibilities in their future. Student Megan Mathis explained how the program impacted her personally and as a future nurse, "As nursing students, working directly with the inmates shifted our assumptions and prejudices about the prison inmate population. We are more compassionate and open-minded for having collaborated with these individuals."

Computer Science Students Host "Hour of Code™"

The Lewis University IEEE Student Chapter, in conjunction with the IEEE Computer Society Chicago section, sponsored an Hour of Code event in December 2017 at the main campus in Romeoville. Over 20 children between five and 13 years old attended the event, many with their parents, to learn how to write computer programs.

The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code, to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with one-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts.

The younger children were introduced to programming using Scratch while the older children were taught how to create programs in JavaScript. Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively. Scratch is a project of the MIT Media Lab. JavaScript is one of the core technologies for web application development. It is used to make web pages interactive and provide online programs, including video games.



The 'Hour of CodeTM' is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.

The event was led by Lewis University IEEE student members Robert Dudasik and Shane Tucci, who are the current and incoming student chapter chairs, respectively, and Dr. Gina Martinez, assistant professor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences and serves as the student chapter adviser and IEEE Computer Society Chicago section Vice Chair.

IEEE, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, is the world's largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity.

Students Impact Nutrition and Activity at St. Dominic School

St. Dominic School in Bolingbrook recently completed the third year of the Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) program, facilitated by Lewis University students enrolled in the Community Health course in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Nanci Reiland, assistant professor in the College of Nursing and Health Professions said, "From the outcomes and evaluations we observed after working with students at St. Dominic's, we saw that we were making positive changes in physical activity and nutrition behaviors."

"The most cost effective program proven to prevent childhood obesity"

Lewis nursing students taught the St. Dominic's children about healthy foods, such as fruits and vegetables, and notso-healthy food choices, such as the high sugars in cans of pop. The children learned to make healthy choices in a fun environment that encouraged them to think outside the box.

This year the nursing students taught the children about policymaking, explaining what policies are and how they can make their school a healthier place. Small groups of seventhand eighth-grade students worked to create a health policy and present their proposal. The winning policy was "Walk On," a plan to facilitate activity during the recess period.

The "Walk On" group members were recognized with a special prize and all the middle school students received certificates of participation. With assistance from Lewis University nursing students, the "Walk On" plan will be developed in spring 2018.

The CATCH Program transforms children's health by improving their nutrition, level of physical activity, classroom environment, and community.

Awards & Recognitions



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Lewis University Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek was named among 2017-18 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Under Armour Athletics Directors of the Year (ADOY).

The award spans seven divisions (NCAA FBS, FCS, Division I-AAA, II III, NAIA/ Other Four-Year Institutions and Junior College/Community Colleges), with four honorees in each for a total of 28 winners. All 28 will be recognized during the James J. Corbett Awards Luncheon on June 29 at NACDA's Annual Convention at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Washington, D. C.

"We at Lewis congratulate Dr. Planek on this very prestigious award and feel he is most deserving of this honor," senior vice president for student services Joe Falese said. "John has led our Athletic Department through exceptional accomplishments in recent years and this success has been a source of tremendous pride within our university community. Under John's leadership, our student athletes have enjoyed remarkable success in the classroom, on the playing field and in the local community."

Dr. Planek is in is his sixth year as the director of athletics at Lewis. In his time the Flyers have had tremendous success in many sports, highlighted by men's volleyball's runner-up finish in the 2015 NCAA Division I tournament.

In the classroom, Lewis has a 92 percent academic success rate in 2017 and a cumulative GPA of 3. 32 in 2016-17. Twenty five Academic All-Americans and 13 teams received Academic All-GLVC awards in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

During his stint, three teams have been ranked No. 1 in the nation: men's volleyball in 2015, women's basketball in 2015 and women's volleyball in 2017. It was the first time in program history that the women's basketball and women's volleyball team were ranked No. 1. In 2015, the women's basketball team advanced to the Elite Eight, while the women's volleyball team finished in the top four in the country in 2016.

The past three school years have seen the Lewis Athletic Department earn two top 10 finishes in the NCAA Division II Learfield Directors' Cup. The Flyers

finished fourth in 2015, followed by a sixth-place showing in 2016. The fourth-place finish was the highest in school history and the back-to-back top 10 finishes is the best two-year stretch in school history.

The Flyers have finished in second place in the GLVC All-Sports trophy standings each year Planek has been at Lewis. In 2012-13, Lewis won the GLVC Commissioners Cup.

There have been 54 teams in all who have advanced to the NCAA championships during Planek's tenure, while 17 teams have won GLVC championships.

The ADOY Award highlights the efforts of athletics directors at all levels for their commitment and positive contributions to student-athletes, campuses and their surrounding communities.

"This is the 20th year for the Athletics Director of the Year Program, and each year that goes by, we are continually blown away by the standard of success that these award winners maintain across all levels of college athletics," said Bob Vecchione, NACDA Executive Director. "Over the last two decades, we have been fortunate to recognize more than 425 individuals for the impressive work they do and the examples they set for everyone in our industry."

Dr. Jan Mines Receives Regional Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award

Dr. Jeanette Mines, academic associate to the Provost, was one of several educators honored by the Lasallian Region of North America with the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award on November 18 as part of the Huether Lasallian Conference. The award at Huether is sponsored by the Lasallian Region of North America in the name of all Lasallians in the region. This year's conference theme was "One Call, Many Voices: Dialogue, Inspire, Transform."

In over 25 years of service to Lewis University, Mines has made extraordinary contributions to the Lasallian character of the University as an outstanding professor, founding dean of the College of Education, and as a skilled administrator. Most importantly, she has lived out De La Salle's exhortation to "touch hearts" through her work with students and in her interactions with colleagues. Known for her sense of humor and honesty, her inspiring example, and her thoughtful mentoring of young faculty and students, she represents what is most appreciated about educators in the Lasallian tradition.

Dr. Mines has announced her retirement from Lewis University in the summer of 2018.



Nanci Reiland Receives 2018 Nurse **Educator Fellowship Award**

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) named Nanci Reiland, assistant professor of nursing and coordinator of continuing education at Lewis University, a 2018 Nurse Educator Fellowship Award recipient.



"It is a great honor to be recognized first by Lewis University's College of Nursing and Health Professions' administration for the nomination and then by the IBHE for the fellowship award," said Reiland, who will be using the funds of the fellowship to complete her scholarly project regarding providers' use of self-

The Nurse Educator Fellowship program promotes the retention

of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher education that award nursing degrees. The fellowship supplements the recipients' salaries and helps to defray professional development and continuing education expenses.

"I have been teaching health promotion and community health for the undergraduate students at Lewis for over 12 years. I first came to Lewis over 15 years ago to help out occasionally in the health center. I fell in love with the campus, the people and the mission and decided to start my masters here. Having come from lifelong Catholic education I feel blessed to be able to continue learning and teaching here," Reiland said.

Reiland earned a BSN degree from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, and master's degree in Nursing Education from Lewis University. She is currently working on her Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Lewis University.



Mark Freund, Executive Director for Lasallian Education presents the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award to Dr. Jeanette Mines along with Dr. Scott Kier, Superintendent of Lasallian Education for the Christian Brothers of the Midwest.



Illinois Student Laureate, William Z. Riley, was awarded a certificate of merit, a medal of Lincoln and a \$1,000 educational grant.

William Z. Riley is Named **Illinois Student Laureate**

Chicago resident William Z. Riley, an Aviation Administration and Public Policy double major who is minoring in Economics, was honored November 11 in Springfield by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Riley was selected as the Student Laureate for Lewis University.

Governor Bruce Rauner, President of the Lincoln Academy, and First Lady Diana Rauner awarded each student laureate with a certificate of merit, a medal of Lincoln and a \$1,000 educational grant.

Riley also will be honored as a student laureate when he receives his bachelor's degree at the December 2018 Lewis University Commencement Ceremony. He plans to pursue a career with the Federal Aviation Administration or the Department of Transportation, with hopes to directly influence national or international transportation policies.

"I grew up in a neighborhood where most people don't get college degrees," Riley said. "My education has changed my life and it is my goal to be a mentor to children in my neighborhood and help them follow their dreams."

Riley is vice president of the Lewis University student senate and serves on the Illinois Board of Higher Education student advisory council as a Lewis University representative. He also serves on the civic engagement committee, the community partnership committee, the University Policy and Budget Review Advisory Council, the Planning Council, the Mission and Heritage Council and the student services Board of Trustees committee.

He is vice president of the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals and was a Congressional Black Caucus intern for Congressman Bobby L. Rush. He also is the president of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society.

One of the founding members of the Lasallian Justice Coalition, a group dedicated to promoting Lasallian values by talking about and providing action plans to combat social justice issues, Riley was also nominated by multiple faculty and staff members in the summer of 2015 to attend a Global Leadership and Understanding Conference in Rome, Italy. He also served as a student leader on the Civil Rights Pilgrimage, an eight-day journey to visit over 30 different sacred sites pertaining to slavery, the Civil Rights Movement, and current race-related issues in five cities — Memphis, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; Montgomery, Ala.; Selma, Ala.; and Ferguson, Mo.





LEWIS ATHLETICS GIVES BACK WITH SECOND ANNUAL FLYERS DAY OF SERVICE

The Lewis Flyer Athletic Department hosted its second annual 'Flyers Day of Service' on Tuesday, April 17, helping clean up the Burnham Nature Trail on campus.

This year more than 250 studentathletes and staff took part which was an increase from last year. The athletic department worked collaboratively between the Lewis Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) led by Connor Ritzi, SAAC President, Senior Cross Country and Track and Field student-athlete, and the rest of SAAC and Lewis's Facilities Department in getting this accomplished. The department also worked with Don Castello, Lewis University Associate Vice President for Facilities, Dwight DeVries, Lewis University Superintendent of Grounds, and John Lerczak, Lewis University's Facility Coordinator Sustainability and Administration, and numerous other facilities staff.

"I want to thank all of our Lewis student-athletes and athletics staff, Lewis students, community volunteers, and our Lewis facilities staff for helping us make a tremendous impact on the Lewis campus," Lewis Associate Athletic Director/Director of External Relations Brian Sisson said. "We look forward

to continue growing this great day of service and tradition next year.

Volunteers worked in two, two-hour shifts from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. They cleared five tons of garbage, planted over 70 trees, planted over 340 flowers, laid down over 120 yards of mulch, chopped down over 100 decaying trees, wood chipped 120 yards of branches, dug out numerous stumps and stones and cleaned up the Flyer Cross Country course.

The 'Flyers Day of Service' was established in order to help both student-athletes and staff provide a profound effect on the community.

FLYER FRIENDS AND FAMILY CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN RAISES OVER \$70K AGAIN

The Fourth Annual Flyer Friends and Family Crowdfunding Campaign raised more than \$70,000 for the second year in a row for the Lewis University Athletics Department.

Over 700 donors raised \$72,325 over the two months. Throughout the four years of the campaign, there has been more than \$260,000 raised from over 2,800 donor gifts.

There were 10 Lewis athletic programs which raised more money than they did last year.

"I would like to thank everyone, our alumni, family and friends of Lewis Athletics who continue to step up financially to ensure a great academic and athletic experience for our student-athletes," Lewis Associate Athletics Director / Director of External Relations Brian Sisson said. "Again, I want to thank Luigi Amendola, Kathryn Risor-Heise and the entire Lewis University Advancement staff for their help on this successful annual campaign year in and year out since its inception."

The team that raised the most money during the campaign was the Lewis men's basketball team with \$10,185. They also hit three \$500 incentive categories, including the program to hit \$5,000 raised the quickest, most raised overall and the biggest increase over last year (\$2,065). This brought the overall fundraising amount towards the program to \$11,685.

"I would like to send a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this crowdfunding campaign the most successful one to date for our program," Lewis head men's basketball coach Scott Trost said. "The impact everyone's donation has on our program is huge and allows us to give our student-athletes a tremendous experience."

The women's tennis team once again earned the fourth \$500 incentive as each of its student-athletes averaged 6.33 gifts, the highest average of any program.

"I am very thankful for everyone who participated in the crowdfunding campaign, because it is so vital for our tennis program," Lewis head women's tennis coach Brett Bridel said. "This is much needed financial support from our generous donors and goes a long way for our program." The campaign went from Sept. 25 to Nov. 30.

LEWIS ATHLETICS RECOGNIZES BR. DAVID DELAHANTY AWARD WINNERS

Lewis University student-athletes were honored for their academic excellence on Monday (April 23) night, as 202 student-athletes received Br. David Delahanty Awards at the Convocation Hall in St. Charles Borromeo.

The Delahanty Award recognizes student-athletes who maintained a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.25 or higher as of December 31, 2017. In total, 56% (202 of 361) of the studentathlete population were in attendance at the ceremony, and that group totaled a cumulative GPA of 3.63.

"The Delahanty Awards bring our best and brightest forward on a night in which we stand on the shoulders of Brother David," Lewis Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek said. "Once again the Flyers honored exemplify what studentathletes truly should be."

The Lewis women's cross country/ track and field team had the most





Delahanty Award winners with 25 recipients, which accounts for 12% of the 202 award winners. Every member of the Lewis women's golf team earned Delahanty Awards for the highest percentage of recipients of any Flyer squad.

Two student-athletes that received special recognition were Brady Kostecki and Mackenzie Fuller. Kostecki (baseball) and Fuller (women's soccer) both took home the Senior Student-Athlete Award, given to the male and female

senior student-athletes with the highest cumulative grade point average.

Kostecki is majoring in Finance with a minor in Marketing. Fuller is an Economics major.

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

SECOND ANNUAL FLYER RED DINNER ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR LEWIS ATHLETICS

The second annual Flyer Red Dinner - presented by the Lewis University Athletic Department – was a fundraising success as the event raised nearly \$25,000, which was an increase from last year, and drew over 230 people to the Drury Lane Theater and Conference Center on Thursday, March 15.

The Flyer Red Dinner featured the induction of former student-athletes Kasia Arient (women's cross country/ track and field), Joe Lorenz (baseball), Mathis Luhr (men's soccer) and Leszek (Les) Stoklosa (men's cross country/ track) into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame. Former Lewis Executive Vice President Wayne Draudt was also recognized as the Lasallian of the Year.

"Our Second Annual Flyer Red Dinner once again proved to be a great night for those in attendance," Lewis Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek said. "The spotlight was on our honorees and former Hall of Famers but our student athletes in attendance were the stars of the evening as they embodied the qualities that make all alumni proud to be part of and support Flyer Athletics. Truly a great night to be a Flyer."

The program also featured a cocktail hour prior to the event, remarks from Planek and Brian Sisson, Associate Director of Athletics/Director of External Relations. Student-athlete representatives from all sports were brought on stage with women's volleyball senior Aly Schneider, who talked about her experience at Lewis.

The program also featured a silent auction featuring items from several local professional sports teams and events and a paddle raise. The event was emceed by the Voice of the Flyers, Tom Sochowski.

All funds raised from the dinner, the silent auction and the paddle raise will directly benefit current and future Lewis student-athletes. The funds raised will go to the general fund with an emphasis on team travel and meals.

Thank you to all those who attended and have helped make this a successful event.



PALCZYNSKI EARNS NCAA ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Lewis University's Stephanie Palczynski placed seventh in the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 2:01.78 to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Division II Women's Swimming and Diving Championships on March 17.

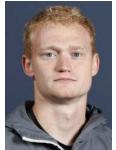
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HOLESINGER AND LEET EARN NCAA ALL-AMERICA HONORS

The Lewis University men's track and field team received All-America performances from seniors Bryce Holesinger and Michael Leet at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Holesinger also received All-America honors at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Holesinger earned Second Team All-America honors after finishing 10th in the heptathlon setting a new school record with 5,196 points at the Indoor Championships in Pittsburg, Kan. He added Second Team All-America honors after finishing 12th in decathlon with a score of 6,914 points at the Outdoor Championships in Charlotte.

Leet earned the first All-America award of his career after finishing third in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the Outdoor Championships. He set a new school record in the event in his final collegiate race.





LEWIS UNIVERSITY SIGNS EXCLUSIVE LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH LEARFIELD

Lewis University announced it has signed an exclusive agreement with Learfield Licensing Partners, a trademark management company specializing in collegiate licensing and branding, to represent the University and its licensing program.

Learfield Licensing has been hired to help maximize exposure opportunities for Lewis University through aggressive retail merchandising and brand development, along with handling day-to-day management duties of the university's trademark licensing program.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Learfield Licensing Partners, the leader in collegiate athletic licensing," Lewis Associate Athletic Director/Director of External Relations Brian Sisson said. "We look forward to collaborating and being able to take advantage of their wide array of resources to help enhance the Lewis Flyers brand."

"Our new partnership with Lewis University is something we are truly excited about," said Tim Klaasen, senior brand manager for Learfield Licensing. "The University has a unique history and we look forward to working together to maximize opportunities to further elevate the Flyers brand."

Learfield Licensing Partners is a worldclass licensing firm whose services and success align perfectly with Learfield's history, strength and reputation. With industry-leading technology and a dynamic team of licensing and branding experts, Learfield provides best practices and strategies to properly protect and promote their clients' brands, and build partnerships that help their clients succeed, with resources and strategies for growth from Learfield.

Learfield, which has a deep presence in the college athletics landscape, manages the multimedia and sponsorship rights for more than 125 collegiate institutions, conferences and arenas, and supports athletic departments at all competitive levels as title sponsor of the Learfield Directors' Cup.

COENEN NAMED AVCA SECOND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN



The American
Volleyball Coaches
Association and
VolleyballMag.com
announced that
Lewis University
redshirt
sophomore
Ryan Coenen
has been named
to the AVCA

and *VolleyballMag.com* All-America Second Teams.

Coenen, a Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association First Team selection and AVCA Second Team All-American in 2017, averaged 3.79 killsper-set and led the team in kills (349). He is the seventh different Flyer (out of 16) to garner All-American honors more than once. Coenen recorded double-digit kills

in 20 of 29 matches and registered a season-high 21 kills in the win over Ohio State on Feb. 22.

Against ranked teams, he finished with a team-best 259 kills and averaged 4.05 kills-per-set, while hitting .288 (259 kills, 97 errors, 563 attacks) in 19 matches.

Coenen was not the only Flyer to be recognized, as Michael Simmons was named to the AVCA and VolleyballMag.com Honorable mention teams while Matt Yoshimoto was named to the AVCA Honorable Mention squad.

"Congrats to all the guys and the team," Lewis head men's volleyball coach Dan Friend said. "Having multiple All-Americans is a byproduct of the entire team's work ethic throughout the season."

Simmons earns his second straight AVCA Honorable Mention All-America

and VolleyballMag.com award after being named to the All-MIVA First Team. He finished the season with 202 digs and averaged 2.40 digs-per-set which was second best in the conference. He recorded double-digit digs in nine matches this season, highlighted by a 14-dig performance against McKendree (Feb. 24).

Yoshimoto also earns his second straight AVCA Honorable Mention All-America award after being named to the All-MIVA Second Team. He guided Lewis to a team hitting percentage of .312 (1187-377-2593). That mark is the seventh best hitting percentage in school-history for a single-season in the rally scoring era. Yoshimoto recorded 30 or more assists in 18 contests, highlighted by 51 helpers at McKendree (March 29).

KELLIHER CLAIMS ALL-AMERICA ACCOLADES

Lewis University forward Jessica Kelliher was named to three different All-America women's basketball teams.

Kelliher was named a first team selection on the WBCA, D2CCA and Division II Bulletin squads. It's the second straight season she has been named to all three All-America teams.

Kelliher, the 2018 Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year, led Division II in scoring at 24.7 points per game and was second in field goal percentage at 66.9 percent. A seventime GLVC Player of the Week, Kelliher scored in double figures in all 32 games, including 16 games of 20+ points and

eight games of 30+ points. She holds the Lewis single season record in points scored (789), scoring average, field goals made (313), field goals attempted (468) and field goal percentage.

The Waukesha, Wis., native has the best career field goal percentage (64.2%) and the highest scoring average (20.9 ppg) of any active Division II player. She is second all-time in school history with 1,986 points, scoring average, field goals made (786) and free throws attempted (579).

Lewis finished the 2017-18 campaign with a record of 24-8 and advanced to its sixth straight NCAA Tournament.



ANDREJSZKI NAMED TENNIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR MIDWEST REGION

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) announced that Lewis University's Dora Andrejszki (Budapest, Hungary/Dozsa Gyorgy) has been selected as the ITA Division II Women's Tennis Senior Player of the Year for the Midwest Region.

"It is a great honor for Dora to be named Senior Player of the Year in the Midwest Region by the ITA," Lewis women's tennis head coach Brett Bridel said. "I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to be her coach. "She has made such a positive impact on our tennis program and Lewis University and I will forever be grateful. Dora was a warrior on the tennis court, a scholar athlete, and a true leader in every way."

Andrejszki, who was the 2016 Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year, has won a combined 55 singles and doubles matches this season. As a singles player, the Hungarian native owns a mark of 26-5 and is a combined 29-4 in doubles action. She and fellow senior Nora Mindiyarova (Moscow,



Russia/Gimnasium 1577) are ranked 23rd in the latest Oracle/ITA Division II Women's National Doubles Rankings. Lewis finished the season with a record of 11-9.

HEINZER, KADLEC AND PULLIAM NOTCH ALL-AMERICA OUTINGS

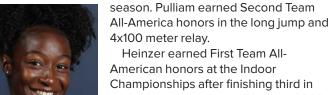
The women's track and field team received All-America performances from juniors Lane Kadlec and Cierra Pulliam and sophomore Allie Heinzer at both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Kadlec earned her first All-America award with a 12th place finish in the shot put with a toss of 47 feet 3.75 inches (14.42 meters) at the Indoor Championships in Pittsburg, Kan. At the Outdoor Championships in Charlotte she finished 11th in the shot put with a toss of 47 feet and three inches (14.40 meters).

Pulliam was named First Team All-American at the Indoor Championships



after finishing fifth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump. She broke her own school record in the long jump that she set earlier in the season. Pulliam added three more All-American awards at the Outdoor Championships in Charlotte. She finished second in the triple jump with a leap of 42 feet 11.75 inches (13.10 meters) which broke her own school record she set earlier in the



Heinzer earned First Team All-American honors at the Indoor Championships after finishing third in the 400 meter dash and fifth in the 200 meter dash. She set a new school record in the 400 meters with a time of 54.74 in the finals. Heinzer added three more All-American accolades at the Outdoor Championships. She finished fourth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 53.37 to earn first team honors. Heinzer earned Second Team All-America honors in the 200 meter dash and 4x100 meter relay.

The Flyers finished 15th at the Indoor meet and finished tied for 19th at the Outdoor meet.



The NSF grant provides funding for 28 scholarships over five years for transfer biology students with demonstrated financial need and academic promise to succeed in STEM disciplines at Lewis University.

Nearly \$1 Million NSF Grant Helps Transfer Students Transition to Lewis University

The quality of science education at Lewis was recognized by the National Science Foundation for the third time in Lewis history with a nearly \$1 million grant.

Your palms are a little sweaty and the directions don't quite feel understandable, but you are still bursting with pride that first day of class at Lewis University. As a 20-year-old, you think to yourself, "I got this. I'm an adult. There's nothing different here."

Then reality sets in. You realize, "There's nothing the same here."

Unfortunately, this thought process is "way too common for students transferring" from a community college to Lewis University, said Dr. Marne Bailey, associate professor of biology, and Jeannette Pifer, instructor of biology.

The experienced science faculty members said they didn't have the scientific proof to back up their theory until recently when they were looking at the retention rates of students in the biology program. The data showed there was a discrepancy between the retention of traditional students and transfer students from community colleges.

Pifer knew the story behind the numbers because she had lived it. A few years ago, she was a transfer student herself. She had transferred from a community college to the University of St. Francis. She remembered, "As a transfer student, I felt overwhelmed and not up to speed."

Like most faculty members at Lewis University, Bailey and Pifer have been proactive in assisting transfer students with similar feelings and challenges in their own students. Justin Ramotowski, a 2015 Biology bachelor degree recipient, was one of their transfer students. The current quality assurance specialist at CSL Behring in Kankakee acknowledged that he was fortunate during his transition from Joliet Junior College to Lewis University. He said, "Proactive advisers were there to help me with each step and made sure that I stayed on course."

But not every student is that blessed so Bailey and Pifer created a Biology Transitions program for Biology majors who transfer from community colleges. Bailey, Pifer, and Dr. Lauren Rentfro, associate professor of secondary education, will oversee the new program.

Starting this fall, the Biology Transitions program will help biology transfer students adjust to life at Lewis University. The program provides an "Introduction to Science Inquiry" course for their first two semesters of attendance at Lewis University, weekly mentoring meetings and financial assistance for some students. The program will incorporate intensive mentoring, academic support, and undergraduate research opportunities. It will enhance the relationship between area community colleges and Lewis University. It also will develop effective programming, providing a supportive pathway for underrepresented, economically-disadvantaged transfer students.

Recently, the Lewis University Biology Transitions program received a big financial boost when a nearly \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation was awarded to it. The NSF grant of \$961,000 provides funding for 28 scholarships over five years for transfer biology students with demonstrated financial need and academic promise to succeed in STEM disciplines at Lewis University.

This is the third NSF grant Lewis University has received in recent years to fund student scholarships in STEM areas. In 2015, a \$613,428 NSF grant was awarded in support of the STEM Connections program in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, and Chemical Physics. Later that year, Lewis University received a \$1.4 million grant to support the implementation of the NSF's Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program to better prepare undergraduate majors in biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics to become Grades 6-12 mathematics or science teachers.



Lewis' Foreign Language Program has successfully coordinated STARTALK programs since 2009.

Startalk Brings Russian and Chinese to Lewis

Lewis University will offer STARTALK, a free four-week foreign language summer program featuring beginning Russian and Chinese courses. It is intended for high school students entering grades 10, 11 and 12, and Lewis students entering freshman, sophomore and junior years. The 2018 STARTALK program will be held from June 18 to July 9 at the university's main campus in Romeoville.

The Lewis University Foreign Language Program, which has successfully coordinated STARTALK programs since 2009, received an \$87,236 grant from the National Security Agency and the National Foreign Language Center for the 2018 STARTALK program at Lewis University.

Participants are immersed in a culturally rich target language environment under a theme-based curriculum. No previous language skills are necessary. There are no tuition costs for the students, but admission to the program is competitive. Those who successfully complete the program will receive three transferable university credits of foreign language.

STARTALK is a project of the National Security Agency, a multi-agency effort to expand foreign language education in less commonly taught - critical languages by funding new and existing programs and to provide incentives and rewards for foreign language learning. The overall mission is to increase the number of young Americans learning to speak critical-need foreign languages by offering creative and engaging summer learning experiences for students.



Previous Girls Create with Technology activities included a four-day summer camp and multiple sessions throughout the school year providing advanced training in various aspects of computer science.

GIRLS CREATE WITH TECHNOLOGY Gets \$10,000 Grant from PPG FOUNDATION

The PPG Foundation recently donated \$10,000 to the expansion of Lewis University's Girls Create with Technology program through the addition of a co-educational STEM program aimed to expose middle and high school students to technology concepts.

"Lewis University appreciates PPG Foundation's support of this experience for girls to learn computer science is a creative, immersive, rewarding area of study that spurs innovation that appeals to and serves everyone," Dr. Cindy Howard, associate professor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, who leads the program commented.

With Howard's leadership and vision, CaMS professors and students taught the girls about robotics, programming, web design, and networking. The girls learned how to use computers to control physical devices wirelessly and over a wired connection. Howard taught girls to program robots that they built using Scratch and Python. They also learned how to build a wireless control system for robots using a Raspberry Pi.

Girls Create with Technology is part of a significant effort the Lewis University Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences has pursued to increase the number of women in the field. The funds will help pay for materials and for student workers to help run the sessions.

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PPG recently provided a combined \$45,000 of support to Chicago-area non-profit organizations that service students pursuing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers. Lumity, Chicago Urban League and Project Syncere were other grant recipients. The grants highlight PPG's (NYSE:PPG) commitment to increasing educational opportunities for young people in STEM areas. The donation was made on behalf of PPG's architectural coatings facilities in Batavia and Aurora.

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Have you ever considered including Lewis University in your will or living trust? Called a **charitable bequest**, this type of gift allows you to acknowledge Lewis in a meaningful way, make a lasting difference in the lives of future generations of our students and add to your own personal legacy. Best of all, you will be securing Lewis' future with a gift that will cost you nothing during your lifetime!

future with a gift that will cost you nothing during your lifetime! The following is a sample of the language your attorney may use to include the University in your plans: **UNRESTRICTED BEQUEST:** "I give [____ dollars or ____ percent of my estate] [a specific asset] or [the remainder of my estate] to Lewis University, a charitable, tax-exempt organization located in Romeoville, Illinois, for its general purposes." **BEQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE** "I give [____ dollars or ____ percent of my estate] [a specific asset] or [the remainder of my estate] to Lewis University, a charitable, tax-exempt organization located in Romeoville, Illinois, to be used for the following purpose: [state the purpose]." NOTE: It is important to us that we show our appreciation for your commitment and thoughtfulness, so we encourage you to let us know of your charitable bequest for Lewis. We will take great delight in welcoming you to the Harold E. White Legacy Society, a group of special friends of Lewis University who have elected to help ensure the long-term well-being of the University. For more information, or to learn about other ways you can include Lewis in your estate plans, contact LEGACY SOCIETY Robert Kanonik, JD, director of planned giving, at (815) 836-5813 or kanoniro@lewisu.edu.

GIFTS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

alumni **news**

Lewis Honors Chris Chlebek with Educationis Lumen Award

Lewis University's College of Education honored Plainfield East High School Assistant Principal Chris Chlebek with the Educationis Lumen Award on December 6.

Dr. Pamela Jessee, dean, presented the award to Chlebek, who has been a leader in the field of education and personifies the Catholic and Lasallian values honored in the Educationis Lumen Award. She read the citation, stating "He is not only a light in education, he is a voice, an advocate and a leader in every sense of the word ... a man with the utmost integrity and work ethic."

The Educationis Lumen Award is presented annually by the College of Education to one graduate based upon the individual's accomplishments as a professional educator as a light in education. The criteria for the selection includes evidence of excellence in teaching, commitment to the finest Christian ideals of education and dedication to the teaching profession. The educator's work in schools has inspired and guided others to make a difference for students, their families and their communities.

A native of Chicago, Chlebek attended Lewis University where he received his B. A. in History (1994) and his M. A. in Educational Administration (2003).

Chlebek began his career in teaching in 1999 as a social studies instructor at Plainfield Central High School. In 2005, Chlebek was named the Division Chair for Social Studies and English at Plainfield North High School. He supervised 35 teachers, spearheaded curricular advancements, and



Dr. Pamela Jessee and Dr. David J. Livingston presented the award to Chris Chlebek for his accomplishments as a "light in education."

was a member of the Building Leadership Team and School Curriculum Council. Chlebek also served with distinction as a member of the District Subject Area Committee for Social Studies.

In 2008, Chris was appointed the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction at Plainfield East High School where he has served for the past 10 years and received accolades for his volunteer work with students, the service clubs and social service agencies in the community. Most recently, under Chlebek's guidance and instructional leadership, Plainfield East has exceeded state-level averages on the ACT and the SAT tests and has seen remarkable progress in its Advanced Placement Program.



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I Love Lewis!

Lyela Mutisya

"I remember crying on the phone because I didn't know how I was going to pay for school last semester and I didn't have a single dime to even purchase my books. The staff told me what to do and who to go see to apply for the Mission Fund. Honestly, if it weren't for the Mission Fund, I would not have had the opportunity to intern for Kellstrom Aerospace in Miami over the summer. In the future, I plan to train men and women in Kenya on unmanned aircraft systems so that they can get good jobs and support their families. It's really been a blessing, and I am beyond grateful."







On April 12, during "I Love Lewis" week at the University, students participated in signing thank you cards for our donors. Over 2,500 cards were signed and mailed out. In the words of our students, thank you to all of our donors for your generosity and selflessness. It is greatly appreciated and impacts lives all over campus!

















President's Circle Celebration 2017

On the evening of the President's Circle Dinner in December, students sat at every table and thanked the many generous donors to Lewis University who have made their education possible. This year's dinner saw a few changes, including a move to the Bolingbrook Golf Club for the evening's festivities, and a celebration of the successful culmination of the "Achieve More. Together." campaign. Over 300 people attended – our largest crowd to date!

"It was exciting to share with everyone in attendance that after a five year campaign, we successfully surpassed our \$35 million goal," said Russ Smyth, chair of the Board of Trustees. "The impact this campaign is going to have and already has had on our students is incredible. Your gifts are clearly at work and visible around campus, in construction, programs, research and scholarship, to name a few."

To highlight those impacted by gifts to the University, a special video was debuted featuring three dedicated students.

"These young men and women are undergraduate and graduate students at Lewis University. They are pursuing their dreams, studying to become educators, aviators, physicists and chemists, coaches and mentors. They aren't just in a classroom, learning from textbooks – they are taking advantage of everything Lewis has to offer, thanks to our generous donors," said Dr. David Livingston, President. "Scholarships that allow them to study with NASA; research

1) Students lead a champagne toast (or for them, sparkling cider), to thank all those who have impacted Lewis with their generosity. 2) Russ Smyth, chair of the Board of Trustees, speaks to the crowd on stage with the students. 3) Brother Peter Hannon, FSC and Brother Michael Quirk, FSC were in attendance. 4) Michael Parker '77, Kathy Halloran '74, Richard Nevins, Wayne Draudt, and Angelique Parker talk after the celebration. 5) Dr. Pamela Jessee and Dr. Jeanette Mines enjoyed the festivities during this annual event. 6) Dennis Tonelli and Mary Jane Whiteside were all smiles.

grants that will change the future of science; student organizations that provide leadership opportunities; athletic competitions that push them to work harder; a new student center that will enhance the social dynamic of campus - all of these make for a well-rounded education and transform students into master learners."

Our President's Circle members provide significant growth opportunities for academic programs, athletics, scholarships, facilities, and more. For more information on becoming a President's Circle member, visit us online at *alumni.lewisu.edu/Circle*.

To view the video and learn more about the impact our donors make on Lewis, please visit *alumni.lewisu.edu/Give*. Members give \$1,000 or more during the course of our fiscal year. There are nearly 400 President's Circle members today.







La Salle Manor Three Alumni Dixing the Mission

Illuminated by the dim firelight at the La Salle Manor Retreat Center, a group of high school students step forward, ready to lay down their burdens. Some write letters to God, to those who have hurt them or even to themselves. Some burn their letters in the fire as they learn to let go of the struggles they thought were theirs alone. Some light candles as a symbol of hope.

As they all come face-to-face with their personal battles and once-far-off aspirations, they receive the support and encouragement of Lewis University alumni.

This moment is experienced by hundreds of Chicagoland students each year during one of many two-day junior retreats at the La Salle Manor Retreat Center in Plano, Ill. Celebrating its 60th anniversary, the Manor is the longestrunning retreat center in the nation that focuses on high school students. It provides a sacred space for Catholic high school students to discover their own story and deepen their faith—while being mentored by retreat staff, including three Lewis alumni: Nick Quinlan '16, Kaitlyn Sendzik '16 and Jessie Tennant '16.

"We want to open their book and unpack the stories they've been holding in," shares Quinlan. "They need to know that they're not alone in their journey."

Quinlan, who joined the Manor's retreat staff in 2017, knows what it's like to be in the shoes of these high school juniors, who often feel alone. "I came to Lewis University my sophomore year as a transfer and a commuter student," recalls Quinlan. "Starting over in a new place was rough, but the welcoming environment and inclusiveness I encountered at Lewis made me feel like I was home. It's the kind of environment we want to build here at the Manor."

When Quinlan went on Lewis' Koinonia retreat as a student, he experienced the ministry of the La Salle Manor Retreat Center first-hand—and fell in love. Also present at the Koinonia retreat, Sendzik was going through her own self-discovery process.

"I was really searching," Sendzik shares. "I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. After the Koinonia retreat at the Manor, I changed my major to Theology with a minor in Peace Studies. I also started to get more involved in ministry at Lewis—and I found my passion."

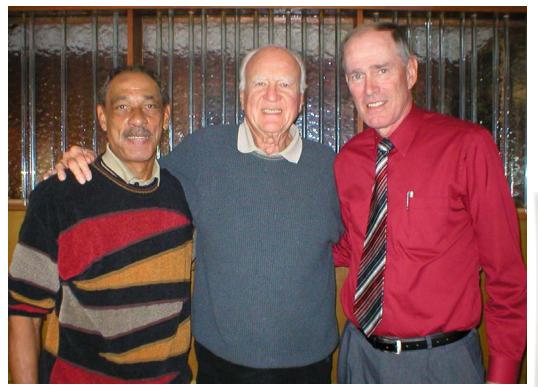
A native of Chicago's South Side, Sendzik was especially drawn to the sense of safety she felt at the Manor. Lewis alumni Nick Quinlan '16, Kaitlyn Sendzik '16, and Jessie Tennant '16 live out the mission of Lewis University and encourage students attending retreat at the La Salle Manor Retreat Center.

"When I was growing up, there were days when it wasn't safe to be outside," she says. "But the kids who come here have the opportunity to just be kids. They can explore the 47 acres, take off their masks and still feel safe."

Having been impacted by the Manor themselves, it's no surprise that working there has been a powerful experience for both Quinlan and Sendzik. Their roles as retreat staff have opened opportunities to daily live out the Lasallian mission they so strongly believe in. Through sharing their own stories of struggle and faith, these Lewis alumni see high school students open up and explore their faith in a new light.

"Seeing how the students grow and come out after the retreat is powerful," states Quinlan. "Time and time again students tell you that they learned they're not alone—and they discovered the stories behind their classmates' faces."

"It truly is an impactful experience for the students and the staff," Sendzik agrees. "I'm grateful that my Lewis journey led me here."



Bob Thayer '61, Gordie Gillespie and Tom Kennedy '62.

He Came Along, From Out of Nowhere Kennedy Was an Unknown, Temporarily

Tom Kennedy A Difetime of Dewis

When Tom Kennedy '62 arrived on campus to begin his college education, he had no idea the role that Lewis would play in his life.

"I came here on a baseball scholarship to play under Coach Gordie Gillespie," he says. "Before the season started, I tried out for **BASKETBALL** — which Gordie also coached although I'd never played before. He worked me like crazy! Harder than anyone else, it felt like. I asked someone why

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the Lewis athletic
website lately?
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he was pushing me so hard and they replied that he must see something in me. That's how Lewis was, from coaches to teachers to students, from my days to now. They believe in the students." Tom was eventually drafted briefly to the Chicago Zephyrs - now the Washington

Wizards. In 2014, Lewis retired the basketball jersey number 14 worn by Tom.

After graduation and teaching at two Christian Brother high schools for five years, Tom returned to Lewis in 1967 and began a career in athletics and student life that included coaching, four years as the Dean of Students, and two more as a Vice President. Lewis is where he loved listening to the planes take off and land; it was the place he considered home. He fondly recalls his friends over the years, sharing each of their nicknames, including his - Stretch.

"INTRAMURALS is one of the proudest moments of my career," Tom said. "Participating while I was a student and then returning and overseeing the program with Paul

Ruddy later are just highlights of my life." A Joliet Catholic baseball player and a trumpet player in the band, Tom

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found a comfort in the small classes and devoted teachers at Lewis. "While you forget

the names of some of the faculty, you remember the lessons they taught you. Our professors and coaches led by example - how to study, how to become an adult, how to contribute to the world. Lewis is where so many students get their start, and they are better because of the good people here to guide them."

Tom returned to Lewis later to serve as a special assistant to the vice president of University Advancement, meeting with alumni from past decades and preserving for Lewis the ties to the past. Throughout his work in this position, he met with many remarkable ALUMNI WHO SHARED STORIES of what they loved about Lewis.

"The one common theme among the alumni I met with is how valuable their education was not just to their career, but to their lives. So many give back to Lewis in time, talent, and financial support because they recognize their responsibility to contribute to the continued legacy of a Lewis education. They don't

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know the names of today's students, but they know these students are who they themselves were 50 years ago. That's the same reason I came back to Lewis time and again and have supported the University with annual gifts and a gift in my will - I believe in the Mission, and I believe in the future of Lewis."

Do you have memories to share of campus in the 50s, 60s, and 70s? E-mail us at alumni@lewisu.edu!

alumni **class notes**

1970s

Albert Sloan '71 (English) has released his second book entitled *This*, *That*, and Another Thing. Part of the book is a memoir that includes stories of his years at Lewis. He is also the author of the humor book *What God Reads in His Spare Time*.

2000s

James McGreal '02, MS '04

(Criminal Justice and Public Safety Administration) was appointed as deputy chief of support services for the Downers Grove Police Department.

Kevin J. Miller '03 (Computer Graphic Design) recently joined the marketing team of ColinKurtis Advertising. Kevin will lead many of the agency's key food industry accounts as account director.

Jeff Pindelski MS '04 (Public Safety Administration) was sworn in as Downers Grove Fire Chief on September 19 during the Downers Grove Village Council meeting. Pindelski joined the Fire Department in April 1993 and has served as a firefighter, lieutenant, battalion chief of support services, battalion chief shift commander, emergency management coordinator, deputy chief of operations and deputy chief of administration.

Onyinye Enyia '07 (Biology and Chemistry) graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health where she obtained her MS in health policy and administration as well as her Ph.D. in public health sciences. She is currently working as the statistical analytics manager for Change Healthcare.

Mark S. Las, MS '08 (Information Security) was recently named CIO of Preferred Risk Insurance Services. Las was the senior director of IT Operations and Security and was responsible for directing and managing all infrastructure and security services for over 11,000 users.

2010s

Emily E. McCarney '10 (Biology) is a quality assurance specification specialist at Glania Performance Nutrition, where she creates and updates new and existing Master Manufacturing Records. She is also involved in the Stability Division. Emily was engaged to Scott Pascente in 2015 and they married in fall of 2017.

Michael DeVries, MS '11 (*Public Safety Administration*) was appointed as deputy chief of operations for the Downers Grove Police Department.

Cadets John Bradley '12 (Aviation Administration) and Alexander Horvat became pilots in the United States Air Force. They are among five aviators in four years produced by #LewisU, more than any other school under Detachment 195. Only three other aviators have come from our 17 cross-town schools in the Chicago area during the same time span.

Shanon L. Gillette, MS '12 (*Public Safety Administration*) will be the new Downers Grove police chief. Gillette has 24 years of law enforcement experience with the Village and has served as deputy chief since 2015.

Dominique Drouin '13 (Biology) received her teaching license in Secondary Education with a Middle School Endorsement. She is now a 7th grade science teacher at Jefferson Middle School in Villa Park.

Calvin R. Edwards Jr. '13 (Business Administration) was recently appointed to the DePaul University College of Law Moot Court Alumni Board. This is an inaugural board that begins a new chapter for the law school. He received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law in 2016. He is a member of the Illinois Bar Association and is employed as a judicial law clerk for the Cook County Circuit Court in Chicago.

Courtney T. Makowski '13 (Biology) obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree through the Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy and graduated summa cum laude. She was the first pharmacy student to sit on the Board of Trustees. She is currently doing her residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She also just accepted a position for a second-year residency specializing in Critical Care Medicine. Obtaining her teaching certificate through Roosevelt, Courtney will be splitting her time as a practicing clinical pharmacist and as clinical faculty at the university.

Janet Morioka '14 (Biology) graduated from University of Illinois Chicago, passed her boards and was hired as a physical therapist for Doctors of Physical Therapy.

Leigh Smith '15 (*Biology*) was accepted to the Biological Sciences Ph.D. program at Marquette University.

Kimberly A. Zaleski '15 (*Biology*) is furthering her education at Roosevelt University in the College of Pharmacy where she is a Doctor of Pharmacy candidate for 2019. She is recently engaged and plans to marry her fiancé Zack this year.

Lauren Grady '16 (*International Business*) accepted a position as the Dwight district manager for ALDI USA,





Congratulations to Cherilyn Murer '75 (pictured left) and Michelle Mikka-VanDerStuyf '00 for being honored by the *Chicago Business Journal* as two of the 2018 Women of Influence in Chicago! Cherilyn and Michelle were chosen for their impact both professionally and in their communities. As successful business leaders and their active role in their communities, mentoring, and charitable endeavors, they continue to live out the Mission of Lewis University.

Inc. She will be responsible for running up to five stores in the district as well as managing millions of dollars in business.

Sonia Orozco '16 (Social Work) began her career as an immigration services coordinator at Enlace Chicago. In her first year working at Enlace, she coordinated and facilitated educational workshops designed to support community members with completing immigration and/or legal paperwork, as well as supported Enlace in other efforts focused on immigration.

Kirsten Rothenbucher '16 (Environmental Science) is employed at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge through the Student Conservation Association.

Sara Asif '17 (Political Science) has recently been accepted into John Marshal Law School in Chicago.

Taylor Benes '17 (Biology) was featured on Northwestern Memorial Hospital webpage (Lewis University Biology Department has affiliations in DMS, NMT, RT and Radiography programs at NMH). Taylor was hired in August as a radiation therapist

after graduating from the NMH School of Radiation Therapy. The 14 month program prepared Taylor to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) board certification exam and pursue a career in the field. She not only passed her boards, but scored in the 100th percentile of this year's exam scores.

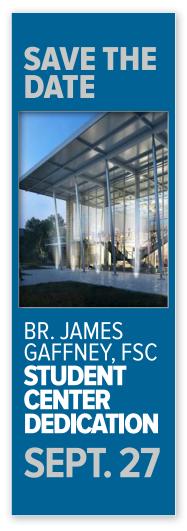
Kendall Dale '17 (Computer

Graphic Design, General Studio Art Illustration) began his career as director of marketing at Equipment Options Direct. In this position, the A&M Consolidated High School alum will manage creation of web and print advertising for clients and businesses.

Trevor DeCook '17 (Computer Science) has taken a position as an associate information security data analyst at Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Mary A. Huggins '17 (Political Science and Economics) has been accepted to Notre Dame Law School.

Michael A. Pikuza '17 (International Relations) is currently serving with the Peace Corps in Moldova.



Baby Announcements

Brigid (Nolan) Sim '04 MA '09 (*Psychology and Counseling Psychology*) and her husband, Michael welcomed their second son, Mason James, on September 25. He has a happy and proud older brother, Logan Michael, who is Mom's big helper.



Laura (Wisniewski) Franklin '07 MA'11 (Theatre, Secondary Education) and her husband, Tyler welcomed their son, Owen Victor, on September 29. She and Tyler were married on June 27, 2017.



Maggie (Renehan) Senese '07 (Political Science and Criminal Justice) and her husband, Victor Senese '09 (Elected Studies) welcomed a baby girl on July 17, 2017. Bridget Anne joins big brother, Victor and big sisters, Cailin, Molly, Erin, and Nora.

Guinevere (Grana) McGahan '08 (Psychology, Theatre), her husband

Tim, and big sister Ella Rae welcomed Victoria Fae on September 20.



Ben Aichele '14 (Air Traffic Control Management) and Maggie (Plese) **Aichele '14** (Elementary Education) are excited to welcome their daughter. Emma Margaret, who was born November 2017.

alumni **class notes**

Lewis Love Stories



Natalie A. Garcia '13 MBA '15 (Chemistry and Business Administration) and Tom

Plaszewski '13 (Business Administration) met on campus in 2009 and will be getting married September 15, 2018. "He proposed to me in front of the chapel on campus on December 16,

2015," says Natalie.



Kevin A. Veatch '12 (Marketing) and Shelby (Ray) Veatch '13 (Broadcast Journalism) met on the spring Koinonia trip in March/April of 2012. "Kevin was a senior, with this being his last extracurricular event, and I was a sophomore. We didn't know each other beforehand but connected on the trip. We enjoyed the short amount of time we had to talk on the trip and were lucky enough that I had the last empty bus seat next to me on the way home. Kevin sat next to me and we talked the whole way home and the rest is history," says Shelby. Their wedding took place on September 3, 2017 at Morton Arboretum in Lisle IL.



Andrea Earnest '15 (Mass Communications) and Anthony Kurt '16 (Mathematics and Secondary Education) were engaged March 30, 2018. The two met at Lewis while working on the newspaper, The Lewis Flyer. Andrea is an editor with Patch, and Anthony is a teacher in Woodridge. They plan to get married in summer 2019.



Cody Drozd '15 (*Biology*) and **Kathleen Hallenbeck '15** (*Biology*) were engaged in April of 2017.



Anna DiCosola '10 MA '14 (Elementary Education and Project Management) was married to Nicholas Schuld on September 8, 2017.



John Coerper, MBA '91 (Business Administration) and Linda Petro, **MBA '91** (Business Administration) were two students new to the MBA program in 1986. They were both studying Marketing, took similar courses and occasionally ran into each other in class or at Graduate Student Advisory Board meetings. They each progressed through their programs and graduated, after which John and his family had moved to Greenville S.C., where he was employed by Michelin. Linda lived in Arlington Heights, IL. After the unexpected death of John's wife in 1991, John and Linda reconnected. Linda, working for Ryerson Steel at the time, accepted a transfer to Charlotte, N.C. in 1993 and a long-distance courtship followed. In April 1994, they were married in Schaumburg, IL and Linda moved to Greenville. In 2001, John accepted a position with AAA National and they moved to Sanford, FL. Linda, a graphic designer, did freelance and contract work under the LCMarketing brand. Now retired, John does career and life coaching and business training through Align Life Coaching while Linda is a graphic designer at Prism International. Though John and Linda were never blessed with children of their own, John's three kids and four grandkids keep them busy. Travel is a passion; their wanderlust has taken them to Mexico, Ireland, Germany, England, France, China, and Russia. Still living in Florida, John and Linda are looking forward to their 25th wedding anniversary and a reunion with friends on Lewis' main campus.

Alumni Earn Awards

John J. Bobalik '69 (Accounting) was inducted into the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame on March 13, 2018. A former Lewis University runner, John was a marathon runner, local road race pioneer and longtime exercise/wellness advocate, according to his award. He coached at Noll, Highland and Munster High Schools. As a fitness expert, John began the Hammond Clinic Corporate Fitness Program in addition to co-developing the Purdue University Northwest Fitness Center.



Gary Pomykala '81 (*Accounting*) was selected by the College of Business as this year's Adam Smith Honored Alumnus of the Year. Watch his acceptance speech online at alumni.lewisu.edu/FeaturedAlumni.

Rev. Yehiel Curry '95 (*Psychology*) recently won the Tom Hunstad Award for Excellence in Youth and Family Ministry. The award is given annually, and is an honor bestowed on someone to thank for their service.

Corrien M. Mateo MA '01 (Graduate Education) and Judy Sidley-Bentow '96 (Elementary Education) were awarded 2018 Great Teacher Awards. Corrien, a teacher at Isaac Singleton Elementary, and Judy, a teacher at Gompers Junior High, were among twenty-two teachers recognized at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate for excellence in teaching banquet.

Nanci A. Reiland MSN '04 (Nursing) received the 2018 Nurse Educator Fellowship Award. "It is a great honor to be recognized first by Lewis University's College of Nursing administration for the nomination and then by the IBHE for the fellowship award," said Reiland, who will be using the funds of the fellowship to complete her scholarly project regarding providers' use of self-management goals in primary care settings.

Carrie A. Garrett MA '05 (Graduate Education) was chosen as a 2018 Golden Apple Award winner. According to Golden Apple, "Carrie believes that success today requires the ability to communicate and collaborate effectively with people from many different backgrounds and experiences. Carrie fosters those critical skills through interactive activities that her students often direct. She believes all children are intelligent, creative and unique and delights in helping them discover their special abilities."



Christopher W. Kennedy, MS '08 (Management) was chosen for the President's Award for Innovation in Remote Healthcare for his company, HemoMD, an "on-demand virtual care platform designed specifically for the needs of hemophilia patients that currently experience significant barriers to accessing qualified expert care." According to the award, the organization "represents the opportunity for telemedicine to improve outcomes in rare disease and chronic condition patient populations."

Erin K. Reichert MA '05 (School Counseling) recently earned a \$25,000 Milken Educator Award. A teacher at Bluffton High School in California, she takes her students to food drives, local polling centers and the State House, encouraging them to be informed and engaged citizens.

The Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders recently recognized Jennifer Grenier **DNP, RN-C '12** (MSN) with the Community Effort Award, and **Sharon Rangel** '12 (MSN, MBA) with the Most Valuable Member Award.

In Memoriam

Richard R. Brija '49, 03/13/18

Patrick H. Smith '52, 08/7/17

John Tierney '53, 01/10/18

Robert L. Schnellbacher '55, 08/28/17

Dennis W. McGuire '58, 09/13/17

Richard L. Barker '60, 05/16/17

Norm J. Nemanich '60, 01/4/18

Donald J. Whyte '60, 08/3/17

Barbara Duerwachter '62, 08/16/17

Martin J. Pregenzer '65, 10/3/17

John C. Coldewey '66, 11/15/17

Raymond Lukawski '66, 11/6/17

Martin E. Sliva '69, 12/18/17

Richard R. Waski '70, 10/26/17

Stewart W. Gifford '73, 01/25/18

Thomas J. Nee '73, 05/4/17

Michael Golimowski '74, 2/6/18

Thomas Hauslein '74, 12/7/17

Kevin King '74, 2/6/17

Kenneth Lewandowski '75, 03/11/17

Mary Beth Leahy '77, 09/28/17

Susan Fredrick '80, 8/25/17

Steven L. Schwieger '83, 02/3/17

Sandra M. McClain '89, 01/11/18

Stephen J. Nevell '89, 10/18/17

Margaret McMullen '90, 04/19/17

Gerald S. Bersano '93, 08/28/17

Lauren J. Lamaster '06, 11/15/17

Erika A. Bean '10, 03/12/17

Ivens Soto '15, 09/20/17

Steven T. Seum '17, 12/29/17

alumni **on campus**

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Ed Calusinski '93, Vice President of Technology and Research Fellow at IBM, gave a talk to a full house on the future of computing on March 12. Ed is also a member of the Lewis Computer Science Advisory Board.



Matt Kwiatkowski '00 MS '06, Lewis alumnus and @LewisUMathCS instructor explains light saber making to students at Lewis University's #IEEE Make-a-Thon. (Notice the hashtags and @ symbols? Find them on Twitter!)



La Vada Humphrey '02, Trainer at Abri Credit Union, made a visit to campus to share her knowledge of diversity with Lewis students.



Brian Burgess '17 visited with his unmanned aircraft system to video and photograph Lewis' athletes, who were planting trees on campus as a service project.



Chris Caponigri '70, Vice President of Global Real Estate and Facilities at IRI Worldwide, spoke to the Student Senate about his experiences on student government when he was at Lewis, as well as what campus was like at the time.

alumni **events**

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Many alumni and friends joined us for a spring training game in Arizona. Dr. David Livingston, Joe Falese '78 '84, Matt Senffner '66 and Wanda **Senffner** were just a few of those who enjoyed the Cubs vs. Sox game on March 10.



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