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# Lewis in Color

The **Burnham Centennial Nature Trail** offers the Lewis University community a passage to nature. Students, faculty and staff can enjoy a relaxing walk or a quick paced run in a section of campus dedicated to the wild and natural history of Illinois.







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**“Our focus was to create interdisciplinary opportunities within each college and structure them accordingly. When students choose Lewis, we want them to have access to laboratories, research projects and experiential learning opportunities; working along with their professors.”**

**Ray Kennelly**  
Senior Vice President Enrollment  
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**In order to promote collaboration and interdisciplinary opportunities among similar programs and to better prepare students for careers in demand, the University has embarked on a plan to restructure the academic Colleges. The discussion began with several committees in the 2016-17 academic year as *Lewis University’s Strategic Plan 2017-2022: Soaring to New Heights* also was being developed.**

New Colleges will take the current four College structure and split them into five. The new Colleges will be aligned as follows:

- College of **Aviation, Science and Technology**
- College of **Education and Social Sciences**
- College of **Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications**
- College of **Business**
- College of **Nursing and Health Sciences**

Enhancing offerings in healthcare and STEM disciplines, new programs have been approved by the Board of Trustees to be offered beginning in 2019 and 2020:

- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (Summer 2020)
- Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science + X  
(X = Theology; Music; History; Political Science) (Fall 2019)
- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (Fall 2019)
- Bachelor of Science in Data Science (Fall 2019)
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)  
Concentration (Fall 2019).

At the same time, the University will reemphasize its commitment to the importance of the liberal arts as a solid foundation for all graduates. A new General Education core curriculum will begin in the fall of 2019. The curriculum is designed to be more contemporary in addressing the needs of 21st century learners.



# MILESTONES IN UNIVERSITY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

2019  
NEW COLLEGES LAUNCHED

2010  
S.T.E.M. Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics...

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS  
Allied Health, Business, JLPSS, Computer Science, Organizational Leadership, Psychology, Graphic Arts, Social Work, Nursing, Athletic Training, Education...

TRADITIONAL ARTS & SCIENCES  
Art, Music, Theatre, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Communications, English, History, Theology, Philosophy, Mathematics, Political Science...

1952

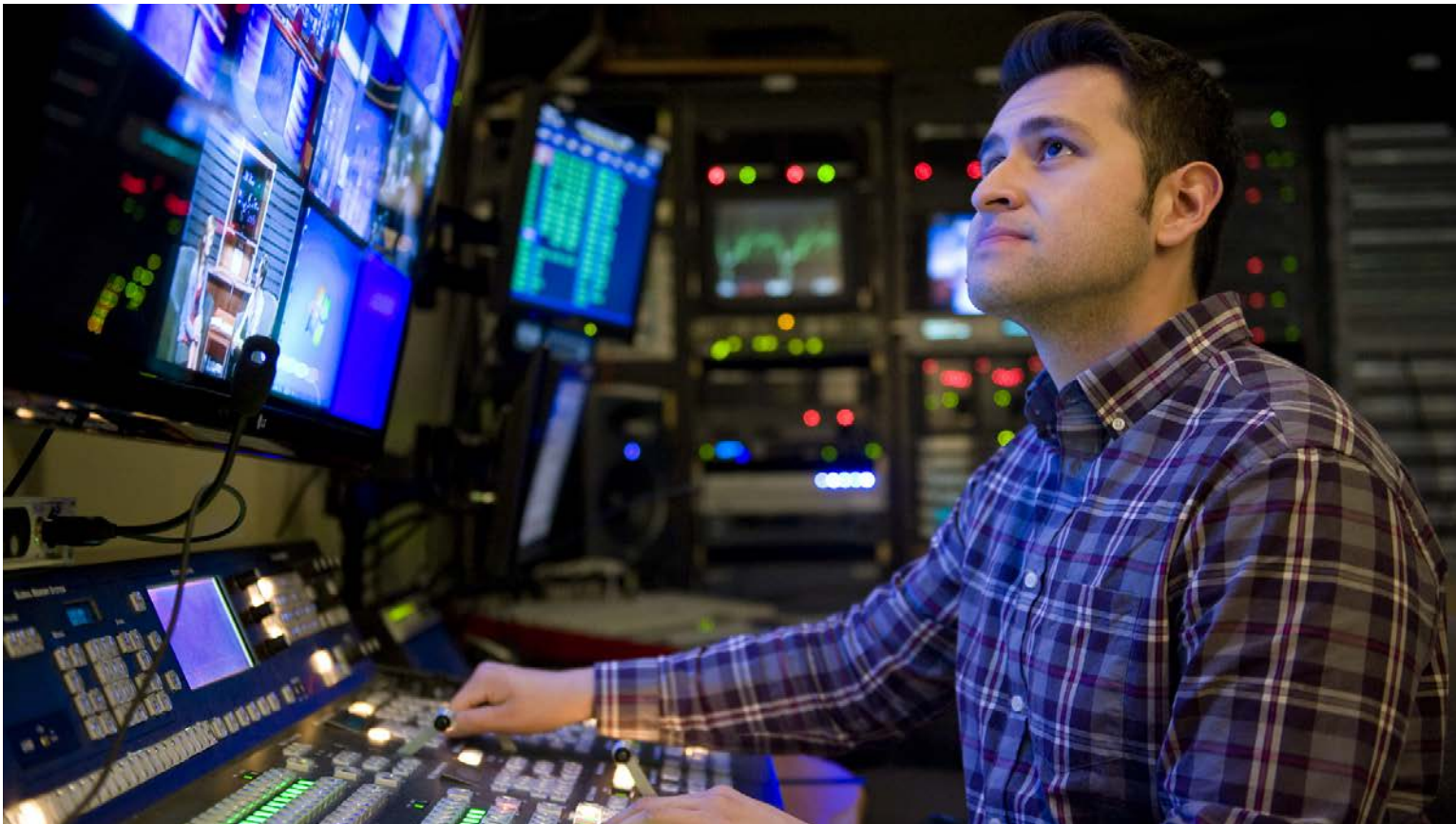
TRADITIONAL ARTS & SCIENCES

1932

AVIATION

Aviation Maintenance, Flight, Administration, Transportation, Air Traffic Control, Aviation Security, Drone Initiative...

- Holy Name Technical School (1932)
- Lewis Holy Name School of Aeronautics (1935)
- Lewis College of Science and Technology (1952)
- College of Arts and Sciences (1952)
- Lewis College (1962)
- Lewis University (1973)
- College of Business (1972)
- College of Nursing (1972)
- College of Continuing Education (1971)
- College of Education (2003)
- Five Colleges Launched (2019)
  - Aviation, Science and Technology
  - Education and Social Sciences
  - Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications
  - Business
  - Nursing and Health Sciences



“Over time, growth in the University as a whole and growth in the number of departments, programs, faculty, and students in the College of Arts and Sciences led to reconsideration of the overall structure of the colleges. There are distinct advantages to having smaller groupings of related departments that share more focused programmatic objectives, and the new combinations of departments should lead to increased recognition of opportunities and planning for collaboration on curriculum, research, community partnerships, and student engagement. At the same time, the new colleges will be encouraged and supported in cross-college initiatives. No two universities are organized in the same way, but Lewis University’s reconfigured structure is consistent with its history, current circumstances, trends in higher education, opportunities for its graduates, and its mission.”

**Dr. Bonnie Bondavalli**, *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*





“There is definitely a growing demand for students with knowledge of both politics and computer science (CS + Political Science, B.A.). Students who have an understanding of computer systems and security will bring a much needed and valuable skill set to any governmental job. For example, there are ongoing threats to government computer systems across all levels of government—local, state and national. Many of these threats come from abroad, and even having an understanding of international relations would be helpful in discerning where the threats are coming from. Campaigns are also interested in students who can manage big data as candidates want to better understand the voters as they are running for office. Finally, students who take a public policy perspective to computer science can study the privacy issues, not only those that involve government, but also what private corporations can do with our private information.”

Dr. Laurette Liesen, *Professor and Chair, Political Science*



## SAMPLES OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP ON CAMPUS

**Celebration of Scholarship** is a symposium to celebrate research, scholarly work and creative endeavors of Lewis students and faculty.

**Student Undergraduate Research Experience (S.U.R.E.)** is a summer opportunity for students to work on research projects.

Lewis’ **Honors Program** provides exclusive intellectual opportunities for academically gifted undergraduate students.

The **Colonel Stephen S. and Lyla Doherty Center for Aviation** is a research center at Lewis University that promotes scholarship among faculty, students, and community partners in the areas of aviation and health.

The **Stahl Center for Entrepreneurship and Real Estate** instills entrepreneurial thinking at Lewis University with a lifelong commitment to achieving social and economic progress through entrepreneurship.

The **Lasallian Research Grant** supports projects that explore issues arising from areas of focus identified by the International Association of Lasallian Universities (IALU) that actively engage students in the research process, are collaborative, and involve interdisciplinary perspectives and external partners, particularly other Lasallian institutions.

“Our innovative aviation technology programs along with the new science labs and other successful STEM programs within the new College of Aviation, Science and Technology will cater to the specialized needs of students pursuing both the public and private sectors for STEM related careers. As a member of the search committee it is our goal that the new Dean will bring extensive experience to help ensure that our curriculum remains up to date with the emerging learning technologies and core knowledge base most critical to successful STEM careers.”

Dr. Randal J. DeMik, *Professor, Aviation & Transportation; Co-Director, Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research*

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Public health-related Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* (MRSA) monitoring project
- Perceptions of Career Competency Factors and Job Satisfaction in Men and Women
- The Relationship of Perceived Patient Responsibility to Organ Donation Prioritizing
- Laser Light Defraction on Aircraft Windshields
- Applications of Nanotechnology in Environmental Remediation
- Forensics Application – Synthesis of Functionalized Nanoparticles for Enhanced Fingerprint Detection
- Alternative Energy – Lead Free Aircraft Fuel Testing



# UNIVERSITY UPDATES

## AVIATION ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP TAKES FLIGHT WITH DISTRICT 214

Lewis University's aviation education is taking off with District 214 students who are interested in aviation careers.

More than 40 District 214 students are currently enrolled in Lewis University's Aviation Academy, which launched in July 2018. More than 160 District 214 students have already applied for the program next year.

This northern Illinois School District partnership gives high school students the opportunity to complete a full semester of college-level courses at the Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling, Illinois. Dual-credit courses also count toward the student's high school diploma. Successful Aviation Academy students earn one year of FAA-certified credit hours toward a degree by the time they graduate high school.

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**“This is a dynamic collaboration between Lewis University, High School District 214, Chicago Executive Airport and Industry to help remedy the growing void for future aviation professionals,”** stated R. Eric Jones, co-chair of aviation and transportation studies at Lewis.

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The Aviation Academy sets its graduates on a path to complete the FAA-approved maintenance certificate in 18 months at Lewis University. Aviation Academy graduates interested in any of the aviation degree programs will have advanced standing when they apply for enrollment at Lewis University.

District 214 is committed to providing its students with exciting pathways to careers that are in high demand. Boeing Corporation projects that 1.2 million pilots and technicians will be needed by 2036 to meet the growth in the aviation industry.

For further information on our aviation programs, visit [lewisu.edu/aviation](http://lewisu.edu/aviation)



## CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY SCHOLAR OFFERS CITIZENSHIP LECTURE

American legal and constitutional historian Dr. Paul Finkelman presented “Who Can be an American? From Dred Scott to Birthright Citizenship” on February 25 to a group of students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Finkelman is the president of Gratz College in Philadelphia. Gratz is the oldest independent Jewish College in America. He has published books, articles, and op-eds on the law of American slavery, the First Amendment, American race relations, American legal history, the U.S. Constitution, freedom of religion and the law. His work has been cited in four decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court and in many appellate briefs.

The Lewis University History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest sponsored the lecture.



## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE HOLISTIC APPROACH

After much research and collaboration, the University has formed the Office of International Affairs. Under the leadership of Roman Ortega, Jr., the office was established to unify all of the internationalization efforts of the University in one office. The Offices of International Admission and Recruitment, Study Abroad, and International Student Services will work in a team-based collaborative effort within the University. The Office of International Affairs remains committed to offering the Lewis University community a learning environment which prizes experiential and global awareness.

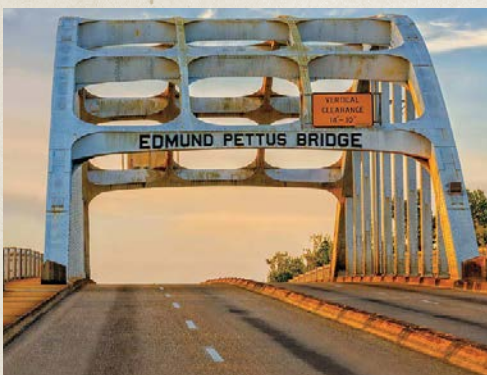
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**One example of this is the One LaSalle Initiative, a new student exchange consortium created by the International Association of Lasallian Universities (IALU). With the intention of increasing student mobility and cultural exchange, it allows students at Lasallian universities around the world, including students at Lewis University, to study at another Lasallian school for a semester. Fall 2018 was the first semester that this program was implemented, and it will be expanded in the future.**

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Another semester-long initiative, the Lasallian Universities Center for Education (LUCE) Program, under the leadership of Dr. Dominic Colonna, Theology, gives students the opportunity to study alongside peers from other Lasallian colleges and universities while living in the Generalate, the motherhouse for the Christian Brothers in Rome, Italy. Students will gain a deeper understanding of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the Lasallian Christian Brothers, and the International Lasallian Network, while completing coursework and learning the culture of Italy.



## CIVIL RIGHTS: FREEDOM HIGHWAY PILGRIMAGE

Dr. Dennis Cremin, history professor, and Sr. Emily Brabham, OSF, University minister led a group of students to Memphis, Tenn., Selma, Ala., Montgomery, Ala., and Birmingham, Ala. for the Civil Rights: Freedom Highway Pilgrimage early in January. The annual pilgrimage includes visiting the historical landscape while also engaging in important theological discussions.

Students Cache Binion, Grace Crumbaugh, Anthony Gautier, Michael Hassan, Michael Nutter, Jacqueline Zawada, and Kimberly Zuleger participated in this place-based learning

opportunity. The History Department and University Ministry partnered for this unique experience by looking at the places and events within the Civil Rights Movement through a historical and Catholic social teaching lens. Newly opened this year is the Equal Justice Initiative, home to the lynching museum.

This is an honest look at some of the darkest moments in American history. Students were eager to see how the Civil Rights Movement was, and is driven, by hope for a better future.

The students also visited Christian Brothers University (CBU) in Memphis. They spent time with the Christian Brothers' community, the Lasallian Volunteers there and CBU students. A Lewis University alumna, Jessica Kaluzny '17, is in her second year of service there as a Lasallian Volunteer.

For further information on our history programs, visit [lewisu.edu/academics/history/](http://lewisu.edu/academics/history/)



## GRADUATE NURSING STUDENTS HAVE EXTENSIVE CLINICAL SITE OPTIONS

Students who are pursuing their master's and doctoral degrees in nursing have a requirement to complete clinical hours before they earn their degrees. This allows for students to gain firsthand experience in various specialties and types of organizations so that they can make a decision about the kind of work they want to be involved with upon graduation.

**At Lewis, MSN students have the ability to pursue what interests them most for their clinical rotations. Dr. Daisy Sherry, coordinator of the DNP program said, "Of the more than 500 graduate students who need clinical hours, we probably have more than 1,000 agencies where they are doing their clinicals, all over the United States."**



In addition to pursuing their focus of practice, this allows for the convenience of a site that is near where they live and works with their schedule. Many of these students are hired by the agency upon graduation, so it allows the agency to have a smooth transition from student to full-time employee.

Lewis faculty evaluate agencies and preceptors based on licensing, certification and credentialing. At the national level, Lewis is a member of NC SARA, the National Council for State Authorization and Reciprocity Agreements. This means that Lewis can offer online programs in other member states. Individuals must also adhere to state licensing agencies.

In the DNP program, students are focused on leadership. They choose their residency with various areas of leadership styles to see what roles they may transition to, such as Chief Nursing Officer, Vice President of Patient Services and more.

Students may also choose to work in a large healthcare organization or a non-profit working with grants to help underserved populations. Lewis has students who are working with the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinic organizations.

Joyce Allen MSN, APRN, CNP, who is a DNP candidate said, "I highly recommend the member clinics within the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinic (IAFCC) network for use as a practicum site for fellow Lewis University nursing students. The IAFCC offers a wonderful opportunity for inter-professional collaboration, evidence based practice, health care policy advocacy, and leadership opportunities. It is a great place to learn how to deliver patient-centered care to vulnerable patient populations and to understand their particular challenges and frustrations navigating the health care system. Each clinic has its own culture and vibe. Yet, each is committed to improving access to healthcare for the most vulnerable populations."

For further information on our nursing programs, visit [lewisu.edu/nursing](http://lewisu.edu/nursing)





## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MSOT) INAUGURAL CLASS

Lewis University welcomed its first class of occupational therapy students this fall. The twenty-five students come from Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota and bring with them undergraduate degrees in psychology, exercise science, natural sciences, health sciences, sociology, and education.

Students in the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) program gain knowledge and the skills necessary to support the occupational performance and participation of individuals across the lifespan and in various practice settings.

The 76-credit hour program includes two courses in each major practice area: physical rehabilitation, upper extremity rehabilitation, pediatrics, gerontology, and mental health.

Classes meet in the newly renovated classroom and lab spaces in Dorothy Day Hall. The occupational therapy skills lab includes a full functioning kitchen, washer and dryer and bathroom for simulations. Turk Furniture recently donated a bedroom set and a dinette. In addition, the lab includes a Tran-sit car simulator where students can measure brake response speed, practice car transfers, and experience adapted driving controls.

The MSOT program partners with the other University academic units - Aviation and Transportation Studies, Art and Design, Theater, and Nursing to offer students unique educational experiences. Some of these experiences include ergonomic workplace assessments, hospital simulations, a travel preparation program for adolescents with disabilities, and using visual analysis and improvisational skills to support occupational



therapy assessment. The MSOT students visit the Prosthetics program at Joliet Junior College to learn how prosthetics are made, and consider how occupational therapists collaborate with prosthetists in healthcare environments. The students also collaborate virtually with occupational therapy assistant students from Salt Lake City Community College in Utah to explore supervision issues.

For further information on our MSOT program, visit [lewisu.edu/OccupationalTherapy](http://lewisu.edu/OccupationalTherapy)



## 4TH ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM FEATURES “BECOMING LASALLIAN: EDUCATION THAT TRANSFORMS”

Why is it so critical that we care for our students and why is it so needed? Cultivating relationships is a key element in any classroom and especially one claiming to be Lasallian. The 4th annual colloquium was held February 2 at St. Charles Borromeo Center.

Ricardo Dominguez, college counselor and alumni support advisor at San Miguel High School in Arizona, gave the keynote “Beyond Campus Walls: More than Teachers.” He said, “Think back to the people who influenced you the most as a young person. As teachers and Lasallian educators, our impact needs to go beyond the campus walls. This essential piece of education is hardly voiced but the most valued.”

Ricardo works daily with students through the college admissions process and more importantly, with students enrolled in some type of higher education. He has worked in education for 10 years starting at the high school he graduated from, Sunnyside High School with a college program called AVID, mentoring students through the college process. Ricardo also held a few positions throughout the school district, ending in 2016 as a teacher at Lauffer Middle School before becoming the college counselor at San Miguel and Head Varsity Basketball Coach. His role as an alumni advisor has provided the opportunity to visit numerous students at their respective campuses across the country.



In July of 2017, Ricardo was selected to share his story on the TED stage in New York and spoke about the inspiration his students have shown through perseverance. Like many first-generation college students, his college experience was far from perfect. Ricardo found it difficult to manage time, money, and social life. After a mediocre start at the University of Arizona, he transferred to Pima Community College, where he turned his experiences into great lessons. He eventually graduated from Northern Arizona University with a B.S. in Public Administration, all while working full-time in the Sunnyside School District.

It is Ricardo’s goal to assist students in navigating the same challenges that he faced in college and strongly believes that every single student deserves the opportunity of higher education.

For further information on our education programs, visit [lewisu.edu/education](http://lewisu.edu/education)

## CHRIS SINGLETON SPEAKS ON OVERCOMING ADVERSITY DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

“Racism, Recovery, Resilience: Overcoming the Unthinkable Adversity” was presented by inspirational speaker Chris Singleton, highly regarded prospect in the Chicago Cubs organization, on February 12.

Singleton inspires others with his forgiveness of the man who murdered his mother, Sharonda Coleman Singleton.

In 2015, she was murdered along with eight other victims at Mother Emanuel AME church in Downtown Charleston, South Carolina by a white supremacist.

This event was sponsored by Student Activities, University Ministry and Athletics and was part of Lewis University’s Black History Month series sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services and Arts & Ideas programs. Other events during Black History Month included both a theater performance and a musical tribute to “Ain’t I a Woman,” celebrating the lives of four powerful African American women; and a one woman production on “The Life of Bessie Coleman,” a historical re-enactment of the world’s first African American woman to become a licensed pilot in the 1920s.





# STUDENT *excellence* RECOGNIZED



## *Electrochemical Society Honors Lewis Student Chapter*

**The Lewis University Student Chapter of the Electrochemical Society was awarded the “Chapter of Excellence” award for the 2018 year.**

The ECS Outstanding Student Chapter Award recognizes distinguished student chapters that demonstrate active participation in the Electrochemical Society’s technical activities, establish community and outreach activities in the areas of electrochemical and solid state science and engineering education, and create and maintain a robust membership base.



## *Students, Faculty and Alum Present at Kennedy Center Theatre Festival*

**Theatre faculty members Jo Slowik '88 and Andrew Nelsen '04, along with Lewis students Jessica Plewa and Hannah Krause attended the Illinois High School Theatre Festival 2019, January 10-12 at the University of Illinois. Produced by the Illinois Theatre Association, the festival is the largest and oldest non-competitive high school theatre festival in the world.**

The 3-day festival takes place every year in early January, and this year the theme was “Take Flight.” More than 4,000 students, educators, university representatives, exhibitors and volunteers come together to produce over 25 different high school productions and over 200 workshops.

Slowik, assisted by Lewis students Jessica and Hannah, presented two workshops entitled “Acting Soars with the Meisner Technique!” The Meisner technique relies on accessing an actor’s emotional impulses and sharpening observational skills. The basic exercise demonstrated in the workshop is called “Repetition.” Two actors stand across from each other and respond truthfully through a repeated observational phrase. The way it is said as it is repeated changes based on truthfully emotional responses. The Meisner Technique allowed students to free their acting to “Take Flight!”

Other festival highlights included an All-Fest Improv Team who worked along-side professional improv actors from Chicago which included Lewis University alumnae, Kayce Alltop '00, college/university auditions for high school seniors, professional development for theatre educators and the All-State production, “In the Heights” which featured student cast, crew, and orchestra members from across the state.

For further information on the theatre program, visit [lewisu.edu/academics/theatre](http://lewisu.edu/academics/theatre)





## New Lenox Student is Named 10th Lockport Woman's Club/Pat Darin Intern

**Lewis University senior, Stefano Sparano, has been selected as the 10th recipient of the Lockport Woman's Club/Pat Darin Internship. Sparano is a history major and business administration minor.**

Sparano will work on the accession of financial records, annual reports, and news releases recently donated to the Adelman Regional History Collection by the Lockport Woman's Club. He also will complete a research project highlighting the history of the internship and other interns before him.

"I am very grateful to the Lockport Woman's Club for giving me the opportunity to get first-hand experience working in local history. Working at the History Center will help me improve my organizational and research skills. Internships are so valuable as they provide real-world experience," said Sparano.

In the future, Sparano hopes to use both his degree and internship experience to pursue a career in research. "As someone who pays close attention to details and enjoys working on projects, I believe a research position would best fit my skillset."



## PLT Produces Tony Award Winner "Broadway Bound"

**The Philip Lynch Theatre (PLT) presented Neil Simon's Tony Award winning "Broadway Bound" during February. The production featured a number of student actors under the direction of Theatre Department chair, Keith White.**

Set in 1949, "Broadway Bound" finds Eugene (Santos Rivera) and his older brother Stanley (Michael Palermo) trying to break into the world of show business as professional comedy writers. Meanwhile, the siblings' parents, Kate (Kayla Carson) and Jack (Jacob Rodriguez) are coping with the break-up of their 33-year marriage. When their comedy routine is broadcast on the radio for the first time, the family is upset to hear a thinly-veiled portrait for themselves played for laughs. Other members of the cast included Blanche, Kate's remarried and wealthy Park Avenue sister (Terri Arain), and Ben (Bradform Bingham), Eugene's grandfather, a born socialist, and an ardent follower of Trotsky.

Professor *Emeritus* Harold McCay recreated his set design of the Jerome family home from the 1986 PLT production of "Brighton Beach Memoirs". Associate theatre professor Andrew Nelsen provided the nostalgic glow of 1940s Brooklyn. Costumer Celeste Mackey provided vintage wardrobe, hairstyles, and makeup. Behind the scenes were Julia Egizio, stage manager; Jamie Voustros, assistant stage manager; Haley Marchewka and Estefania Flores, properties managers; Olivia Ferrari, light board operator; Brianna Knutsen, sound coordinator and operator; and Katie Horn and Aileen O'Carroll, publicity and marketing. Hannah Krause served as box office manager and Mike Nutter as house manager.

For further information on the PLT, visit [lewisu.edu/PLT](http://lewisu.edu/PLT)



## Father Daughter Team Up as a Boeing 737 Flight Crew

Captain Randy DeMik, (Aviation) professor of aviation in the master of science in aviation and transportation studies program at Lewis, had a dream come true when he was able to fly a Boeing 737 trip from Chicago to Boston and return to Chicago with his daughter Tami as First Officer. She always wanted to follow in her father's footsteps and when 9/11 occurred she later joined the Air National Guard as a KC-135 pilot. After 15 years of service in the Air National Guard, Major Tami DeMik continues to fly for both the ANG and as a First Officer for a commercial airline. She pursued her life's dream of serving as her father's co-pilot.

Dr. DeMik said, "It is extremely rare to have a Father Daughter flight crew at a major airline. I am very proud of Tami's accomplishments and in having the honor to share the flight deck with her."

Under Dr. DeMik's leadership the master's program enrollment grew significantly with a curriculum focus on safety management.

## Schultz Featured in Romeoville Black History Celebration

Dr. Mark Schultz (History) was the featured speaker at the Romeoville Black History Celebration on February 16 at the Romeoville Recreation Center.

The Lewis University History Professor and African-American history scholar shared a study from his first book, *"The Rural Face of White Supremacy: Beyond Jim Crow,"* designated an Editor's Choice by *The Atlantic Monthly*.

This study examined the daily experience of life under Jim Crow, the degree of freedom and unfreedom that African Americans experienced after the end of slavery, and the ambiguous ways that black and white people interacted as neighbors. Dr. Schultz also touched on his current research on a forthcoming book which describes the history of African American farm ownership, which Schultz believes were the foundation of the black middle class.

## Martin and Braidia Co-Author Book with Contributions from CONHP Colleagues

Dr. Donna Martin and Patricia Braidia (College of Nursing and Health Professions) co-authored the book *Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification: Self-Assessment and Exam Review*, which was published by McGraw-Hill in December 2018. Martin and Braidia each contributed multiple chapters to the book. Colleagues from the College of Nursing and Health Professions – Dr. Stacie Elder, Dr. Stephanie Gedzyk-Nieman, Caitlin Kusnetzow, Katelyn Myroniak, Dr. Nanci Reiland, and Jane Trainor – contributed a chapter to the book as well.

## Perry Gives Invited Talk on Cybersecurity

Dr. Jason Perry (Computer and Mathematical Sciences) was invited to give a talk at Rutgers University as part of "The Wright Stuff: Celebrating Rebecca Wright and Her Initiatives" at DIMACS workshop on November 28, 2018.

His talk, entitled "The Landscape of Multi-party Computation," surveyed major developments in Secure Multi-party Computation, which is the study of cryptographic protocols that allow mutually distrustful parties to jointly compute a function without revealing their private data to each other.

## Sherry and Lasallian Colleagues Collaborate on Article and Presentation

Dr. Daisy Sherry (College of Nursing and Health Professions) collaborated with faculty from La Salle University in Philadelphia on an article entitled "Satisfaction with Nurse Practitioners and Intent" that was published in the December 2018 issue of *The Journal of Nurse Practitioners*. Sherry, along with Frances DiAnna-Kinder and Maureen McCormick from La Salle University, presented their work at the International Symposium for Lasallian Research in September 2018 at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

## Quaynor Travels to West Africa to Complete UNICEF Study

Dr. Laura Quaynor (College of Education) traveled to Liberia, West Africa in November 2018 to complete a study of the Gender Equitable Education Programme for UNICEF Liberia. This program served girls and boys in 45 junior high schools in six counties across Liberia, providing after-school tutoring, meals, girls' clubs, and re-enrollment support for girls who had dropped out of school.

In Liberia, 38% of young women ages 20-24 have children before the age of 18, and early motherhood is a major barrier to completing junior high school for girls.

Students at participating schools demonstrated increases in national exam scores as compared to students at non-participating schools.

## Cahill Gives Endowed Lecture and is Elected to AOTA Commission

Dr. Susan Cahill (Occupational Therapy) was invited by Texas Woman's University to give the Vanderkooi Endowed Lecture on February 8, 2019 in Dallas, Texas. Her presentation entitled "Back to Basics: Supporting the Mental Health of the iGeneration" emphasized the connection between occupational performance, identity construction, and motivation to engage in daily life activities for children and adolescents.

Cahill was also elected Chairperson of the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) Commission on Practice. The Commission on Practice analyzes trends in healthcare systems, programs, and policies that affect the delivery of occupational therapy services and develops and revises standards and guidelines related to occupational therapy practice.



## February Full of Community Outreach for Slowik, Philip Lynch Theatre

During the month of February, Jo Slowik (Theatre) and others within the Philip Lynch Theatre hosted workshops that focused on the elements and process of theatre with special attention to acting and improvisational skills for young people in the local community as well as for graduate students in Lewis University's occupational therapy program.

On Feb. 6 in the Studio Theatre, an introduction to theatre, acting and a backstage tour of the Philip Lynch Theatre was held with approximately a dozen homeschool students between the ages of 7-14 and their parents from the 4H Warriors of Lockport, Romeoville and Plainfield. On Feb. 8, Slowik and Lewis University students Aileen O'Carroll and Jessica Plewa visited Joliet West High School for the Arts & Communications Day celebration. They showed four class presentations on the elements of theatre and demonstrated improv skills and acting techniques to approximately 115 students enrolled in drama studies. On Feb. 18, Slowik presented a 3-hour workshop with 25 graduate students in the Lewis University occupational therapy program. The Occupational Therapy students focused on developing their communication and observation skills using improv and the Meisner acting technique.

## Gedzyk-Nieman Co-Presents at Creating Healthy Work Environments Conference

Dr. Stephanie Gedzyk-Nieman (College of Nursing and Health Professions) co-presented a poster entitled "Promotion of a Healthy Work Environment via the Development of a Nursing Restoration Space" at Sigma Nursing Honor Society's Creating Healthy Work Environments Conference in New Orleans on February 22, 2019. The poster highlighted the collaboration between Rush-Copley Medical Center and Dr. Gedzyk-Nieman in the design, implementation, and measurement of outcomes for the space.

## Karapas Inducted into Honors Society

While completing a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at Loyola University Chicago, Eleftheria Karapas (College of Nursing and Health Professions) was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society. This honor is bestowed upon students who have distinguished themselves in academic scholarship, service to others, and loyalty to the intellectual, moral, social and religious ideals of Jesuit higher education.

## Callahan Article Included in International Encyclopedia

Kristin Callahan (Art & Design) contributed an article entitled "Design Thinking in Curricula" to the *International Encyclopedia of Art and Design Education in Volume II: Curriculum*. Sponsored by the National Society for Education in Art and Design, the encyclopedia is the first of its kind and incorporates the perspective of scholars from thirty countries. Callahan's article addresses the historical origins of Design Thinking as an academic discourse and the contemporary application of Design Thinking in art and design education.

## Reyes Participates in Opening Minds Conference

Dr. Juana Reyes (Early Childhood Special Education) with the principal, teachers, and parents from Velma Thomas Early Childhood Center of the Chicago Public Schools presented at the Opening Minds Conference on February 6, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois. Reyes was invited to speak about the elements of the Reggio Emilia Approach to early education. Velma Thomas is a Reggio-inspired school in the McKinley Park neighborhood of Chicago.

## Keleher and Mlynarski Publish Article in Electrochemical Society Journal of Solid State Science and Technology

Dr. Jason Keleher and Amy Mlynarski (Chemistry) published a research article entitled "Unraveling Slurry Chemistry/Nanoparticle/Polymeric Membrane Adsorption Relevant to Cu Chemical Mechanical Planarization (CMP) Filtration Applications" in the Electrochemical Society *Journal of Solid State Science and Technology* focus issue on CMP for Sub 10-nm Technologies. This work was completed through a collaborative effort with current students Tala Zubi, Katherine Wortman-Otto, Cynthia Saucedo, Maria Salinas and Carolyn Graverson along with Lewis alumni Richard Wiencek '17 and Julianne Truffa '16.

## Kerth Presents Paper at International Conference

Dr. Scott A. Kerth (Organizational Leadership) presented at the Nineteenth International Conference on Knowledge, Culture, and Change in Organizations at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada on February 21, 2019. Kerth participated in the Knowledge Management Theme and presented his paper "What Makes an Organization Innovatively Successful?" which explores the cognitive process and cultural influences of innovation within organizations. This research contributes to the field of knowledge management by adding descriptive empirical support to the extant literature and furthering an understanding of what makes an organization innovative from the perspectives of employees in innovatively successful organizations.



### Lasallian Racial Justice Colloquy Participants Present Paper at National Conference

Kristin Callahan (Art & Design), Dr. Erica Dávila (Education), Dr. Daisy Sherry (Nursing and Health Professions), and Dr. Jeffrey Trask (Business) presented the paper “Lasallian Mission and Values to Embolden Racial Justice: Diverse Perspectives from Higher Education Faculty” at the 2019 National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates Conference. In the paper, the group reflected on how the colloquy related to the mission of Lewis University and the distinctive values that guide Lasallian education through a racial justice lens. Each member drew from their personal and professional experience to reflect from their own disciplinary context and racial identity. The paper arose out of the group’s experience during the 2018 Lasallian Racial Justice Colloquy.

### Kline Publishes Co-Authored Articles

Kip Kline (College of Education) recently published two co-authored journal articles. “If you can’t tell, does it matter?” Westworld, the murder of the real, and 21st century schooling” in the *Journal of Curriculum and Pedagogy* (2019) with Cathryn van Kessel of the University of Alberta and “On the technology fetish in education: Ellul, Baudrillard, and the end of humanity” in *Philosophical Studies in Education* (2018) with Deron Boyles of Georgia State University.

### Dávila Publishes Book Chapter

Dr. Erica Dávila (Education) recently published a book chapter entitled “Collaboration, Community, and Collectives: Research for and by the People” in the edited volume, *Research Methods for Social Justice and Equity in Education*. This textbook presents an integrative approach to thinking about research methods for social justice.

### Mustafa Essay Published in Neo-Victorian Studies

Dr. Jamil Mustafa’s (English) essay, “Representations of Masculinity in Neo-Victorian Film and Television,” appears in the December 2018 special issue of *Neo-Victorian Studies* entitled Screening the Victorians in the Twenty-First Century. His essay explores how masculinity is constructed and problematized in *Sherlock Holmes* (2009), *Crimson Peak* (2015), *Ripper Street* (2012-2016), and *Penny Dreadful* (2014-2016). By portraying men who both exemplify and cope with the many dimensions and ever-changing nature of masculinity, these films and television series address twenty-first-century viewers whose world has been changed by significant shifts in gender roles and responsibilities, thus enabling men cathartically to experience and resolve a return of repressed anxieties about what it means to be a man.

## upcoming EVENTS

### SUMMER CAMPS

#### STARTALK FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

featuring the Russian language  
**June 17-July 12, 2019**

**COMPUTER SCIENCE AND SECURITY** featuring programming in Python language  
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**BIO-EXPLORATION CAMP**  
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**GIRLS CREATE WITH TECHNOLOGY** featuring activities using Scratch, Python and Raspberry Pi  
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#### HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER THEOLOGY JOURNEY:

*Stories of Faith, Life and Action*  
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**RECREATION ACTIVITIES DAY CAMPS** featuring a variety of sports and activities  
**June 10-14, 2019 OR June 24-28, 2019**

**FLYERS SOAR AVIATION CAMP**  
*Learn about all aspects of aviation*  
**July 15-18, 2019**

**LEARNING TO LEAD** designed for high school students who hold a leadership position  
**July 22-23, 2019**

### Summer Professional Development Seminars for Educators

College of Education faculty will once again offer a variety of half-day seminars for teachers and administrators who wish to learn the latest in creating meaningful classroom experiences for their students. The seminars provide continuing education credit and are offered in June after the regular school year has ended. Topics include the latest in Escape Rooms, communications skills, technology, science, sustainability and motivation techniques. **For a complete list of seminars visit**

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Pictured left to right: Uno Lapimaa, Katie (Gilman) McCulley, Beth Bayser, J.J. Furmaniak, Jim Whitesell

## 2019 Lewis Hall of Fame Class Inducted at Flyer Red Dinner

Lewis University Athletics inducted former student-athletes Beth Bayser (women's cross country and track and field), Chris Doran (men's soccer), J.J. Furmaniak (baseball), Katie (Gilman) McCulley (women's volleyball), Uno Lapimaa (men's tennis) and Jim Whitesell (men's basketball coach) into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame (March 28) as part of the third annual Flyer Red Dinner.

Neil Carey, Lewis class of 1954, was honored as the Lasallian of the Year.

"The success the Lewis Flyers enjoy today has been forged by the accomplishment of those who have gone before us," Lewis University Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek said. "These individuals help us accomplish our athletic feats today and for that we celebrate them and their accomplishments."



### **BETH BAYSER** **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD (1996-99)**

Bayser is one of the top runners in the history of the Flyer women's track and field team earning a total of seven All-American honors during her three year career. She still holds three school records in Indoor Track and Field in the 800 meter, 1000 meter and mile runs. Bayser set the school record in the 800 meters in 1998 with a time of 2:08.63 besting the previous record of 2:09.0 which was set the year before. She also set the school records in the 1000 meter and mile runs

in 1998. Her time in the 1000 meters of 2:49.63 broke the previous school record by over three seconds while her time in the mile of 4:46.50 is two seconds faster than second place. Bayser also holds the third fastest times in school history in both the 400 and 600 meter runs.

On the outdoor side, she still holds the school record in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:05.92 and the third fastest times in the 400 meter and 1500 meter runs. She helped lead the Flyers to three straight GLVC Titles in 1997, 1998 and 1999 and three top 10 finishes at the NCAA Track and Field Championships, including the program's best finish of third with 68 points in 1997.



### **CHRIS DORAN** **MEN'S SOCCER (1995-98)**

Doran finished his career as one of the most prolific scorers in Flyer history scoring 34 goals and recording 23 assists for a total of 91 points during his four year career. His 91 points are tied for sixth all-time in school history while his 34 goals are ninth best in school history. He was a four-time All-GLVC First Team selection and was the GLVC Player of the Year in 1998 after leading Lewis to a 10-1 record in league play that season and an overall record of 11-5-4. Doran helped guide the Flyers to three GLVC regular season titles in 1995, 1996 and 1998 and two GLVC Tournament titles in 1996 and 1998. As a freshmen, he led the team with 12 goals and 28 points. During his

sophomore season, Doran contributed five goals, four assists and 14 points to a Flyer attack that scored 51 goals and had 140 total points that season. In his junior campaign, he again led the team in scoring with 21 points recording seven goals and seven assists. As a senior, he once again led the team in scoring with 10 goals and eight assists for a total of 28 points. He was a four time National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-Midwest Region selection earning three first team honors and one second team honor.



### **J.J. FURMANIAK** **BASEBALL (1998-2000)**

Furmaniak was a standout on the diamond for three seasons for the Flyers capping his collegiate career by earning Third Team All-American honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association in 2000. He was also a First Team ABCA North Central All-Region selection in 2000 and a First Team All-GLVC selection as well. Furmaniak is tied for the school record for home runs in a game with three, which he did twice in his career, against IPFW in 1998 and against Barry in 2000. He's also tied for the school record in total bases in a game with 13 against IPFW in 1998. He ranks in the Top 20 all-time in hits, batting average, home runs and doubles.

Furmaniak was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the 22nd round of the 2000 MLB June Amateur Draft where





he played six seasons in its minor league system before moving onto the Pittsburgh Pirate organization where he spent parts of three seasons. He made his major league debut with the Pirates on Sept. 13, 2005 in St. Louis playing second base. He appeared in 29 games with Pittsburgh and Oakland in 2005 and 2007 recording eight hits with three of those going for extra bases.



**KATIE (GILMAN) MCCULLEY**

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (2000-03)**

Gilman finished her playing career as one of the All-Time

greats in Lewis women's volleyball history earning All-GLVC First Team honors in 2001, 2002 and 2003 and was an All-GLVC second team selection in 2000. She was a two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and Daktronics All-Region selection in 2002 and 2003 and was the AVCA's Great Lakes Region Freshman of the Year in 2000. Gilman was named Lewis' most valuable player in each of her four seasons.

She finished her career as the program leader in kills, attack attempts, hitting percentage, total blocks and points scored. Gilman still ranks second in kills per set with 4.09, in points scored (1,871.5), second in points per set (4.91 per set), third in kills with 1,559, third in attack attempts (3,843), fourth in attack percentage (.306), fourth in block assists with 305, fourth in total blocks with 394, tied for seventh in solo blocks (89), 14th in total digs (1,081) and 16th in digs per set with 2.84. She still holds the school single season records for kills per set with 4.71 in 2003 and attack percentage .379 in 2002.



**UNO LAPIMAA**

**MEN'S TENNIS (2007-12)**

Lapimaa had a stellar career on the hardcourts for the Flyers amassing over 200 wins in his

career and was named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Midwest Region 'Senior Player of the Year' in 2012 and was the GLVC's Men's Tennis Player of the Year in 2010 and 2011. During his sophomore season he finished the season

with a singles record of 30-1 and had a 24-match winning streak. Lapimaa ended the 2010 season ranked second in the region and 49th in the nation in singles play, while he and doubles partner Tonis Irdoja were also second in the region and 29th in the country. He was at 20-0 at No. 1 singles for the Flyers and was named the ITA 'Midwest Region Player to Watch' for 2010-11.

As a junior, he went 25-1 ending the season on a 21-match winning streak after losing his only singles match on the year due to injury. Lapimaa finished 22-3 overall in doubles action mainly with Irdoja and was named to the All-GLVC East Division Team. During his senior campaign, he finished the season with a singles record of 36-6 and had a combined mark of 32-7 in doubles play. He was the only unanimous selection to the All-GLVC Team and was named to the Capital One Academic All-America At-Large Third Team. Lapimaa finished the year ranked 22nd in the nation in singles play, ranked first in the Midwest Region in singles action and fifth in doubles play with Erik Aunapuu. He was the first men's tennis player in Lewis history to qualify for the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships where he placed fifth in the singles bracket.



**JIM WHITESSELL**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH (1992-2004)**

Whitesell led Lewis' men's basketball team for 12 seasons guiding them to 10 winning seasons, eight seasons

with at least 18 wins and four seasons of 20 wins or more and five trips to the NCAA Tournament. His best season came in 2001-02 when he led the Flyers to 25 wins matching the school record set by the 1985-86 team. His squad finished the GLVC regular season tied for second with Northern Kentucky at 15-5 and was seeded third in the GLVC Tournament. The Flyers knocked off six seeded Bellarmine 51-50 in the quarterfinals, then defeated seventh seeded Wisconsin-Parkside 70-58 in the semifinals and upset top seeded Kentucky Wesleyan 77-65 in the GLVC Championship to win the program's first GLVC Championship since 1988. That squad made the first of three straight NCAA Tournament appearances advancing all the way to the Great Lakes Regional Championship

game where they were defeated by Kentucky Wesleyan 80-75.

In 2002-03, he led the Flyers to a 23-8 overall record, 14-6 in the GLVC and back to the GLVC Championship game where they lost to Northern Kentucky 58-55. Lewis went back to the NCAA Tournament but was defeated by Southern Indiana 82-63 in the first round. In his final season with the Flyers he led them to a 24-7 record, 16-4 in the GLVC and a regular season championship. Lewis once again advanced all the way to the GLVC Championship before losing to Kentucky Wesleyan 72-71 in overtime. The Flyers hosted the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Tournament that season as the top seed but fell to Wayne State 65-62 in the opening round. Whitesell's 214 wins and his .629 winning percentage rank third all-time in Lewis history.



**NEIL CAREY**

**LASALLIAN OF THE YEAR**

Carey was a member of Gordie Gillespie's first basketball team at Lewis. He would go on to have a

highly successful business career with the *National Enquirer* where he used his marketing expertise placing the *Enquirer* at supermarket checkout stands which made the *Enquirer* the success it is today by creating astronomical sales. He received an Alumni Achievement Award in Business and Philanthropy in 1997.

In 1995, Carey very generously established the Carey-Gillespie Endowed Scholarship Fund as a way to honor and thank Coach Gillespie for the difference he made in his life. Since that time, he and other alumni and friends of the University have continued contributing to this fund.

Carey has most generously committed \$250,000 through his estate plans toward the \$500,000 goal for this effort. He has also pledged his continued support of the fund. His generosity is an inspiration to other alumni and friends whose lives have been touched by Coach Gillespie to participate to their greatest extent possible in making the tribute to Coach Gillespie an overwhelming success.

The sports arena is renamed after him for his \$2 million gift to Lewis.





## Women's Bowling Completes Inaugural Season

It was a successful first season for the Lewis University women's bowling team. The Flyers finished the season ranked No. 37 in the NCAA RPI, brought home two runner-up trophies from NCAA tournaments and made match play at a United States Bowling Congress (USBC) tournament, highlighting some of their top accomplishments.

Lewis finished the season with a 36-40 NCAA record overall competing against Division I, II and III schools. It picked off five wins against Division I competition and had seven wins against top 25 foes, including two against No. 9 Wisconsin Whitewater.

The Flyers finished their NCAA season with a 176.4 average, which ranked 39th in the NCAA out of 80 teams and was ranked 12th out of Division II/III schools. Meanwhile, their RPI was ranked 17th best of the Division II/III schools. They also picked up a pair of wins this season against teams that made the NCAA Women's Bowling Championship Field (Prairie View A&M).

In six NCAA tournaments the Flyers finished second twice, at the Crusader Classic and the Viking Classic. At the Crusader Classic the Flyers topped Valparaiso and Whitewater to reach the championship match. They also had their first-ever All-Tournament Team members

as Kristine Countryman (Plainfield, Ill./ Plainfield Central) finished second and Kylie Johnson (Belvidere, Ill./Belvidere North) finished fourth.

Lewis also competed in four USBC tournaments, finishing in the top half of all four tournaments. That included qualifying for match play in the Storm Eagles Baker Classic, earning the No. 8 seed in the 21 team tournament. The Flyers also finished 23rd out of 58 teams in their first-ever tier one tournament, the Kegel ISBPA Midwest Collegiate Classic, besting the other first year programs by at least 200 pins each. They ended up just missing out on qualifying for the USBC sectionals by three spots, finishing in a tie for 69th place.

Individually it was Erin Biccoci (Ladd, Ill./Hall) finishing the year with the top average, posting 18.18 pins per frame, a 78.6 fill percentage, 38.1 strike percentage and a 48 percent baker double percentage, all team bests. Hayley Gregerson (Beach Park, Ill./ Warren Township) added a 17.95 pin per frame average, a 20.24 10th frame baker average and an 83 percent single pin spare conversion percentage, while Johnson posted a 17.94 pin per frame average and an 83.8 single pin spare conversion percentage.



## Palczynski Concludes NCAA Swimming Championships as All-American

Lewis University's Stephanie Palczynski (Warrenville, IL/ Wheaton Warrenville South High School) earned her second career All-American honor on Saturday evening finishing seventh in the 200-yard backstroke at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. She also finished seventh in the event last season.

Palczynski set a new school record in the event with a time of 1:58.97 and finished seventh in the morning prelims to qualify for the finals Saturday night. In the finals, she finished in a time of 2:00.00 to pick up 12 points in the team standings.

Palczynski also swam Friday in the 100-yard backstroke finishing 25th with a time of 56.39 seconds.

Lewis finished the Championship meet in 33rd place with 12 points.





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

It came down to the final race at the GLVC Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships but Lewis University's women's track and field team emerged victorious defeating Indianapolis by 1.5 points in the closest finish ever in the history of the event.

It's the fifth GLVC Indoor Track and Field Championship in six years for the Flyers and the seventh in program history.

"We knew with Allie (Heinzer) being a question mark the women were going to need every point we could muster," Lewis head women's track and field coach Dana Schwarting said. "It was a lot closer than I would have preferred, but Indianapolis was an unbelievable opponent and brought out the best in us. I am so proud of this group."

Lewis led the Greyhounds by 9.5 points with two events left. The 'Hounds got 10 points from Lauren Bailey in the 3,000 meters to surge back ahead of the Flyers by half a point heading into the 4x400 meter relay which was the final event of the meet.

Lewis needed to finish ahead of UIndy to win the title and that they did finishing second in the event to pick up eight points while the Greyhounds finished third to earn six points. The Flyer foursome of Vivica Phillips, Teresa Zaragueta, Cierra Pulliam and Ashleigh Macleod finished in

a time of 3:58.25 which was nearly a full second ahead of Indianapolis.

Heading into the third leg of the race the Flyers led the Greyhounds by nearly seconds as Lewis was second and UIndy was in fourth. Kerigan Ertel moved the 'Hounds into third with a time of 58.202 seconds in her leg to close the margin to less than half a second heading into the anchor leg.

In the anchor leg, Macleod and Yailene Leon battled it out but Macleod pulled away down the home stretch running her leg in a time of 57.745 seconds to give Lewis the conference championship.

The Flyers had several event winners at the conference championships with Pulliam adding four more events on Sunday to finish with five for the weekend. After winning the long jump on Saturday, she won the triple jump with a leap of 41'3.25", she also won the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.58 seconds which was good for a provisional qualifying mark, she took first in the 200 meter dash in a time of 24.90 seconds and was a member of the 4x400 meter relay team. Pulliam was named the GLVC's Indoor Track Athlete of the Year.

Lane Kadlec and Kylie Wymer finished second and sixth respectively in the shot put. Kadlec's heave of 47'2.50" was good

for a provisional qualifying mark while Wymer had a toss of 42'9".

Zaragueta finished in a tie for fifth in the high jump clearing a height of 5'1.75". Jamie Poppen took eighth in the pole vault clearing a height of 10'10.75".

Joelle Ataessien, Natasha Bernett and Azana Clark-Jordan finished third, fourth and sixth respectively in the 60 meter hurdles. Ataessien finished at 9.05 seconds while Bernett crossed the line at 9.12 seconds and Clark-Jordan finished at 9.53 seconds.

Joining Pulliam in the 60 meter dash was Jada Hoffman in second at 7.63 seconds which is a provisional mark. Carrie Johnson was sixth at 7.96 seconds and Ataessien finished eighth at 7.995 seconds.

Along with Pulliam in the 200 meters, Hoffman finished third at 25.54 seconds, Ataessien was fifth at 25.66 seconds and Johnson finished seventh at 26.14 seconds.

Zaragueta, Phillips and Chalmers combined to score 13 points the 400 meters. Zaragueta was second at 58.65 seconds while Phillips finished fifth at 1:00.06 and Chalmers was eighth running a 1:02.00.

Macleod took home the gold in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:13.52 defeating McKendree's Quincy McSweeney for the title.

Schwarting was named the GLVC Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year.

Pulliam, Kadlec and Macleod participated for the Flyers at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Pittsburg, Kan., March 8-9. Pulliam finished as national runner-up in the triple jump to earn her second All-America honor of the weekend and fifth in her indoor career.

Macleod finished 12th at nationals in the 800 meter run while Kadlec finished 14th in the weight throw.

Pulliam was also named the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Midwest Region Field Athlete of the Year.



## Women's Basketball Has Another Outstanding Year in 2018-19

Lewis University's women's basketball team had another outstanding year in 2018-19 finishing the season with a record of 27-5 overall and went 16-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Flyers recorded their seventh straight season with at least 20 wins and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh straight year.

Lewis' schedule was highlighted by an exhibition contest against Notre Dame, who won the Division I championship in 2017-18 and was national runners-up this season, and a contest at Northwestern.

The Flyers opened their season with a loss against Northern Michigan on Nov. 10 and then rattled off 13 wins in a row and avenged its earlier loss to Northern Michigan with a 58-50 win over the Wildcats on Dec. 17 in Marquette, Mich.

The Flyers 13-game winning streak was halted in a 69-66 loss at unbeaten in January in the middle of January but then went on a 12-game winning streak over the final seven weeks of the season before losing at Truman State in the regular season finale.

Lewis finished the regular season second in the GLVC and was the No. 2 seed in the GLVC Tournament. It defeated seventh seeded William Jewell in the opening round of the tournament 68-57 before losing to sixth seeded Bellarmine in the semifinal round.

The Flyers then received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament where they were a two seed in the Midwest Regional at Drury University. Lewis defeated seventh seeded Walsh 86-71 in its opening game before losing to third seeded Grand Valley State 72-55 in the regional semifinals.

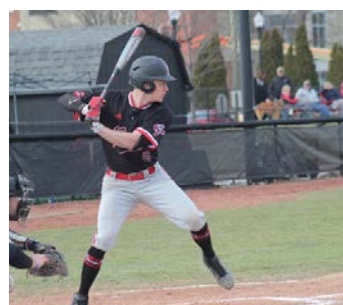
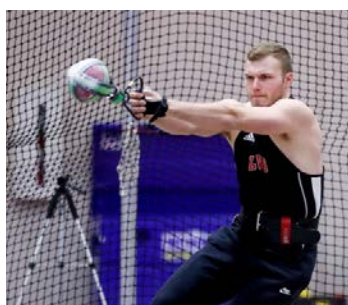
Lewis had four players earn All-GLVC honors. Jessica Kelliher and Rachel Hinders were named First Team All-GLVC while Gabby Green and Tierney Lockett earned Second Team All-GLVC honors. Kelliher was named the GLVC Player of the Year for the third consecutive season.



Kelliher finished her career with 2,764 points, 1,039 rebounds, 1,093 field goals made and shot 64.8 percent from the field. Her scoring average of 21.8 points per game is tops in school history. She is Lewis' and the GLVC's all-time leading scorer. Kelliher is second all-time in Division II history in field goals made and fifth in points scored. She became the 33rd player in Division II history to score more than 2,000 points and grab 1,000 rebounds in a career.

Kelliher was named the Google Cloud Academic All-America Team Member of the Year selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). She is the first player in school history to earn that honor. She was also named First Team Academic All-America for the second straight year.

Kelliher was also named the Ron Lenz Division II Conference Commissioner Association's (D2CCA) National Player of the Year and was a First Team All-America selection for D2CCA, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and Division II Bulletin. She was also named the D2CCA Midwest Region Player of the Year.







## Lewis Women's Lacrosse Wins First Contest In Program History

Lewis University's women's lacrosse team overcame a two-goal deficit in the final 12 minutes to defeat Maryville 8-7 for the first win in program history on Saturday (March 9) at Lewis Stadium.

Alyson Jines (Temecula, CA/Temecula Valley High School) led the Flyers with three goals while Mackenzie Turner (Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley) and Lindsey Traub (Indianapolis, IN/Bishop Chatard High School) had two each. Traub and Kellner each won three draw controls while Brittany Scharf caused four turnovers and picked up seven ground balls. Engle made seven saves goal to earn the victory.

## Men's Basketball Has Banner Year in 2018-19

Lewis University's men's basketball team had a banner year in 2018-19 winning its first Great Lakes Valley Conference regular season title in 15 years and hosted the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Tournament March 16-19 at Neil Carey Arena.

The Flyers won eight of their first nine games to begin the season. They recorded wins over the defending national champion Ferris State Bulldogs and Midwest Regional runners-up Findlay in that span.

Kendale McCullum's game-winning shot at Bellarmine on Feb. 23 gave the Flyers their first win at Knights Hall since February 2, 2008.

Lewis clinched its first GLVC Regular Season championship since 2003-04 when it defeated Truman State 79-58 in the regular season finale in Kirksville, Mo. The win avenged an earlier loss to the Bulldogs in early January.

The Flyers went into the GLVC Tournament as the No. 1 seed and defeated No. 8 Truman State 72-55 in the quarterfinal contest. Lewis then took on fifth seeded Drury in the semifinal round but lost to the Panthers in overtime, 69-67.

The Flyers had five wins over the course of the season against teams ranked in the top four of the Midwest Region and were rewarded by the NCAA Tournament committee as hosts of the Midwest Regional.



Lewis survived a scare in the opening round of the tournament defeating the eighth seeded Grand Valley State Lakers 65-63 to advance to the regional semifinals to play Southern Indiana. The Flyers and Screaming Eagles played a game that came down to the wire with four lead changes in the final minute of the game but unfortunately for Lewis, USI hit a shot at the buzzer to win 62-61 to end the Flyers season.

Lewis received several postseason accolades with McCullum, Delaney Blaylock and Adam Pischke earning All-GLVC honors. McCullum and Blaylock were named to the All-GLVC First Team while Pischke garnered second team honors. McCullum was also named to the All-GLVC Defensive Team.

McCullum was named the GLVC's Player and Defensive Player of the Year becoming the first player in league

history to win two of the conference's major awards in the same season. Head Coach Scott Trost was named the GLVC Coach of the Year after leading the Flyers to a 25-6 record, 15-3 in the GLVC. The 25 wins matched the Lewis single season record for wins in a season.

McCullum was named to the National Basketball Coaches Association All-America team and was a National Association of Basketball Coaches First Team All-Region and Division II Conference Commissioner's First Team All-Midwest Region selection. Trost was also named the NABC Midwest Region Coach of the Year.

McCullum was selected to play in the Reese's NABC Division II All-Star Game which was held in Evansville, Ind. In conjunction with the Division II Men's Basketball Elite Eight.



# Lewis Alumni Who Care



## Alumni Who Care About You



Dear Alumni,

The Alumni Board has met several times since this school year began, and we are excited about all that has taken place. From forming committees for outreach, event planning to making a gift to the Alumni Who Care campaign, we have been working together to build even more opportunities to engage Lewis alumni.

As we continue to plan for the future, we want to know what is important to YOU, our alumni. If you have ideas for events, career growth and networking, volunteer opportunities, and partnerships with alumni groups (like WLRA, fraternities and sororities, theatre and more), please send me an email at [alumni@lewisu.edu](mailto:alumni@lewisu.edu). I am excited to bring these ideas to the Alumni Board and develop our alumni network with YOU.

On behalf of the Alumni Board, we hope for great success and happiness for ALL Lewis alums. Thank you for caring about the future of Lewis and the Alumni Association!

Sincerely,

Anthony M. Sam '07, '08, Alumni Board President





## *Alumni Who Care About Legacy*

**From scholarships and Mission Fund to Greek life and athletic teams, there is a long list of things that our alumni care about here at Lewis – and in November, the WLRA alumni came together to demonstrate just how much they care!**

From the moment students step foot into the radio station, it is a place that feels like home. A place where they can learn and grow; a place filled with a sense of support and friendly faces.

While every journey has a unique destination, they all have one thing in common – a deep sense of pride and passion for whatever dream they are shaping into reality. More than 100 alumni joined together to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of WLRA. These alumni want to ensure the longevity of WLRA, a legacy that started in 1973 and that will continue to impact future

students. As Flyers, they understand the important role they play in the journey of Lewis students, just as others played a role in theirs.

"When Dr. Livingston said that the school is good at preparing people for what's actually out there, we didn't know it at the time, but that was our goal," said alumnus Mike Berlak '72 at the event. Mike officially started the first radio station at Lewis. "We were hoping to get into radio and we didn't have a John Carey to show us how to do it. I'm so happy to see all of you and I'm so glad that all of you kept the spirit alive."

In addition to coming together and celebrating the past and present of WLRA, the attendees established the Queue Club thanks to generous gifts by John Kilpatrick '92 (Radio-TV Broadcasting, '08 Information Security) and John Carey '85 (Liberal Arts, '06 Information Security) to start. Many alumni followed suit and now this endowment fund will continue to ensure WLRA lives on and change the lives of students for generations to come.

**Are you a WLRA alumni?  
Tell us your story by emailing  
[alumni@lewisu.edu](mailto:alumni@lewisu.edu).**





## *Alumni Who Care About New Paths*

**It wasn't the planes at Lewis that brought them together, but an aviation encounter off-campus ignited a spark between two Flyers that led to a future for more.**

As Jill was getting off her flight in Cleveland, Jared was waiting to board at the same terminal gate.

"I have been in love with Jared for more than half of my life!" says Jill. "I knew we were meant to be together the moment I saw him."

With a love of Lewis and a gratefulness for what they found here, Jared and Jill decided to get married right here on the Lewis University campus. They said their vows in the Sancta Alberta Chapel on Valentine's Day in 2004. Shortly after, they purchased a brick in the Heritage Circle outside of the chapel to commemorate their special day.

But there's more to the story than just wedding bells and fairytales. As students at Lewis, Jill worked in the library and wrote for the school newspaper, while Jared ran both Track and Field and Cross Country in addition to several hours of flying. In between all of the classes and activities, the two found time to spend together. Though they went their separate ways, their happily ever after was never too far out of reach.

After 15 years of marriage and a 9-year old son, they decided they wanted to make their Lewis legacy last via a fairytale that will star a new student every year thanks to a scholarship they've created.

"I know a scholarship can have an impact on somebody, because it had one on me. To be able to help another student in the same way means a lot to the both of us," Jill said.

And maybe, just maybe, that student here on their scholarship – able to stay in school because of the financial assistance – will find their own true love in one of their classrooms, or the Den, or maybe even at an athletic game. It will all be thanks to two people who found love, and are sharing it with the place that brought them together.

**In February, over 50 Lewis love stories were submitted! Find them online at [facebook.com/LewisUAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/LewisUAlumni)**



# Alumni Who Care About Building the Future

"The professors always went above and beyond to help me achieve my goals." - Jessica K.

Lewis University played a crucial role in my life. - Anthony J.

Lewis believed in me. - Joan C.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE KIND AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY. - CHRISTINE S.

The faculty was great. The school cared. They had strong American-Catholic values. - Mark J.

Coach Gordie Gillespie changed my life. - Harry M.

Lewis has given me wonderful memories and friends. - Sharon H.

I care because of the teachers and coaches. - John L.

"I love the lifelong contact with alumni." - Gregory R.

Your alumni care. - William M.

I care because of the students. - James S.

Lewis is and always has been an important part of our family. - Nicholas B.

Lewis, in particular the Philip Lynch Theatre, helped shape me into the man I am today. - Michael F.

Lewis helped further my career and professional goals. - Tatiana M.

These – and many more – alumni have contributed to the Alumni Who Care campaign!

Tell us what YOU care about at

[alumni.lewisu.edu/AlumniWhoCare](http://alumni.lewisu.edu/AlumniWhoCare)





## *Alumni Who Care About Empowering Female Leaders*

**The world has seen a great number of smart and strong female leaders: Saint Joan of Arc, Margaret Thatcher, Rosa Parks, Queen Elizabeth, Shirley Chisholm – just to name a few. Women are not new to leadership, however, they are still outnumbered by men in most prestigious positions.**

To have strong female leaders, we must raise and educate resilient young women. To do our part in enhancing leadership diversity from classrooms to companies, Lewis has partnered with alumnae and female community leaders to create a series of learning sessions built to strengthen women in the workforce – the Women In LEADership series.

Sessions from January through May covered building successful teams, the challenges and triumphs that come with leadership, navigating a career in a male-dominated industry, when to be a yes and when to be a no, and creating a vision and establishing strategy.

There is still time to register for the June 20 session on staying on the leading edge, with special guest speaker

Tammera Holmes – the founder of AeroStar Aviation Institute NFP – AAI Pipeline. She has been featured on NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt, ABC, Fox, PBS, and in *Forbes* magazine.

To learn more about this series or to register, visit [alumni.lewisu.edu/WomenInLEADership](http://alumni.lewisu.edu/WomenInLEADership).

Thank you to all of our speakers: Marie-Genevieve Pawlak '91 (Managing Principal at Planning 101 Group), Nyota Figgs '99 (City Clerk of Calumet City and Commissioner and President of Calumet Memorial Park District), Natalie Manley '15 (State Representative, 98th District), Lauren Staley Ferry (County Clerk, Will County), Peggy Newquist (principal/owner of Constructing Opportunity, LLC), Lauren Ladowski (Director of Accounts

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for ARCO/Murray's TenantSolutions division), Rachel Bohac (Project Developer at ARCO/Murray), and Lori Hilson Cioromski (President of Essential Water Technologies, LLC and CEO of HC Strategic Advisors, LLC).



## Alumni Who Care About Students

### Lewis Mission Moments: David Kelnhofer '09 & Clif Kelly '78

They say it's not just what you know, but who you know – and for many students at Lewis, knowing alumni can help get their foot in the door of their chosen industry, just like it did for David.

David Kelnhofer '09 loved volleyball and knew he wanted to get into finance – and it was a connection with alumnus Clif Kelly '78 during a trip to California for a game that ultimately paved the path for this men's volleyball player to begin a career in Private Wealth Management.

“Coach Dan Friend told me about an alum who lives in California and followed the Lewis men's volleyball, who'd be coming to the game. Clif Kelly was a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch. I thought it would be a perfect opportunity to network with an alum who has experience in the field. After the game, I asked Dan to point him out to me for a conversation. A few months later, Clif assisted me in securing an internship at Merrill Lynch in Milwaukee, where I was living. I loved it, and it solidified for me exactly what I wanted to do when I graduated. Clif and I have continued to stay in touch, and I am so grateful for his guidance in my early career.”

*A true mission moment of an alumnus positively changing the life of Lewis students!*

David earned his undergraduate degree from Lewis, and continued on for his M.B.A. During that time, he lived in Willowbrook and worked part-time for

a credit union, then graduated, moved to Milwaukee, and started working at Robert W. Baird.

Learning from the knowledge Clif imparted on him, David really dove into the industry head first and encourages future graduates to do the same.

“I work in private wealth management and financial advising. Basically, helping everyday people plan for retirement. I love talking with clients, hearing how they built their wealth. It's like putting together a puzzle – you're taking all these little puzzle pieces and fitting them together to help your client see the bigger picture.”

And David looks to pass on the wisdom imparted to him by Clif.

“Find someone to network within the industry you're looking at. I remember when I was trying to find a job, the market wasn't favorable. I was willing to empty garbage cans just to get my foot in the door. Last year, my intern was offered many jobs and was able to consider the path for his future career. I was glad that I could be a mentor toward his career goals. It's hard to know what you want to do at that age. I was lucky that my parents guided me to that direction, and I was lucky to find someone like Clif to network with.”

Alumni have a great deal to offer students, other alumni, and others in the workplace. From speaking on experience to opening career doors, networking can be a powerful tool.



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*#LewisUAlumniWhoCare*





## Alumni Who Care About Mentoring Future Students

**Latina Harris '94 became a Flyers Rise mentor a few years ago.** "I decided to become a mentor because I felt like I had a lot to share with the generation that's coming behind me. I've had people that mentored me throughout my life and I know how important those relationships are and they help you in so many different ways. I felt like showing them it's possible. There will be obstacles but there are resources here that can help you, don't be afraid to ask for help. Lewis University is here to support you and keep us all connected."

The Flyers Rise mentoring program is a resource for students to use throughout their undergrad to help them build on their networking skills, and develop their personal and professional identity. The goal

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Throughout this program students will be provided the opportunity to seek one-on-one advice, practice interviewing and job shadowing, and network through their mentor. Mentors are committed alumni of Lewis who value student's success and will advise them as they prepare to leave Lewis.

Does it work? Well, a little bit of guidance from alumni like Latina Harris can go a long way, says alumna Ashley Mitchell '18. Ashley was feeling lost and

*"I love the people I am around but I just needed a breath of fresh air. This program was able to give me that."*

then she found out about the Flyers Rise program while a student at Lewis.

"I was in a not-so-good spot when I was approached. I just had a lot going on between my three jobs and a full schedule. I needed somebody that was rooting for me. I didn't feel like a lot of people were rooting for me. I love the people I am around but I just needed a breath of fresh air. This program was able to give me that."

To learn more about the Flyers Rise Mentoring program, email the Office of Multicultural Student Services at [omss@lewisu.edu](mailto:omss@lewisu.edu).



# Class Notes

## ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

**Thank you to all of our recent alumni volunteers!** If you're interested in volunteering, contact Dennisa Walker at (815) 836-5882 or [walkerde@lewisu.edu](mailto:walkerde@lewisu.edu).

### Alumni Letter Writing Participation, Spring 2019

Jason Aguirre '08, Mia C. Caponi '16, Esmeralda Cordova '14, Jared R. Dayton '08, James M. Demasi '03, Daniel D. Doll '16, Olivia L. Estrada '16, Alyssa N. Harms '16, Natalie J. Hatalla '18, Audrey M. Heiberger '14, Barbara A. Heiden '87, Jonathan J. Hicks '14, Christopher J. Hueg '11, Erin T. Hupp '14, Colleen M. Kuemmel '02, Scott T. Likens '96, Stephanie F. Lipinski '15, Anthony C. Lyen '14, Marissa R. Mangala '16, Erika D. Navarro '17, Katelynn A. Papineau '16, Natalie A. Plaszewski '13, Lauren Pratl '14, Jeromy J. Rech '16, Samantha J. Rinehart '14, Carlos A. Rojas Avila '13, Sean P. Ruane '12, Anthony M. Sam '07, Aaron D. Struble '18, Rachael N. Tracey '14, Joseph F. Volin '08, Heather E. Warthen '03, Brian S. Zankowski '10, Yiwei Zhou '14

### Future Flyers Celebrations – Flyers Rise Mentor 2019 Panel Discussion

Rachael N. Tracey '14

### AMT Careers

John F. Antonioli '15 and Edgar J. Oviedo '16

### Arts & Ideas: Horror Movie Night, "Get Out"

Michael E. Lane '18

### History Classroom Speaker

William R. Storie '69

### Comedy Night Fundraiser at the Beverly Art Center

Timothy C. Cooper '97, James L. Elsea '07, Abel X. Herrera '89, Karyn A. Houbolt '88, Beth A. Sack '89, Michael G. Sack '89

George Allen '16, Melissa L. Anderson '13, Chandace B. Campbell '13, Deirdra D. Crye '10, Joyce D. Dawkins '11, Ivette M. Dubiel '18, La Vada D. Humphrey '02, Rochelle Humphrey '81, Rukiya O. Johnson '09, Renee Jones '83, Takiyah O. Olatunbosun '98, Roberto Suarez '02, Tracy D. Theard '06, Blair A. West-Keyes '14, Chantel F. Woodridge '01

### Admissions Event Speaker

Daniel P. Costello '98

### Speaker at Cybercoding Camp for Girls

Kaileen A. Beckman '17

### Women's Leadership Forum

Samantha L. Bluemer '16, Dana M. Dominiak '91, Kristi J. Kelly '08



### Classroom Presenter

Julia A. Mach '18

### Little Mermaid – Philip Lynch Theatre Production

Matthew R. Dutton '13, Jason Aguirre '08, Sean P. Gallagher '18, Christopher J. Hueg '11, Andrew C. Nelsen '04, Jordin A. Richards '16, Adam R. Sikorski '17

### Mock Interviewer

Abraham Y. Alramhi '18, Emma K. Maki '18, Haley L. McCabe '18, Timothy D. Mizdrak '18

## AWARDS

Congratulations to the Flyer Athletics Academy of Coaches Honor Roll awardees: **John E. Boles '70** (Sociology), **Thomas M. Dedin '62** (English), **Joseph A. Delgado '65** (History), **John R. Fitzgerald '74** (Political Science), **Robert W. Miller '67** (Management Science), **John R. Morrey '70** (Political Science), **Charles T. Schwarz '62, '90** (Business Administration and M.S. Criminal Justice), **Matthew J. Senffner '67** (Management), **Patrick J. Sullivan '65** (English)

**C. Richard Panico '73** (Aviation Maintenance) Richard Panico, IPM's Founder, President and CEO announced that Integrated Project Management Company, Inc. (IPM) has achieved the 2018 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA), the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive.

**Ann M. Rubino '86** (Elementary Education) was named to the 2019 Best STEM List for her book titled *Inga's Amazing Ideas*.



sports center under Coach Chris Walker where she made the national team for 2018.



Congratulations to neuroscience account manager, **Catie Ament '13** (Biology), for being a 2018 Otsuka Elite President Club Winner. "When asked today what I attribute my success to," Catie reflects, I simply responded - "I try to focus on the patients I can help instead of my percentage to goal. In an industry that can be so cutthroat, I think it's pertinent that we remember those whose lives are greatly impacted by our message and keep them at the forefront of our discussions with providers. Proud to be part of an organization with such passion for helping those with mental illness."

**Kristle A. Lowell '12** (Criminal Justice) recently won a bronze medal for the United States in the World Championships in St. Petersburg Russia! Kristle was competing for Morgan Park

## BIRTHS

**Timothy L. Karkowski '07** (Theatre) and his wife, Ann (Todd) Karkowski, welcomed a son, Theodore "Theo" Jameson into the world on September 2. Weighing in at 7lbs. 13oz., he is little brother to big sister Kinsley.



**Michael S. Pitts '11** (Air Traffic Control Management) and Ruthanne welcome their son, Stellan. Michael says, "I've got a new member of the family. I'm sharing because Lewis is a huge part of how that happened. I met my partner, Ruthanne Swanson, in 2016, but realized we had a connection, through Lewis. Turns out her brother, James Swanson, and I were Lewis students. Even more, he was my fraternity brother from Alpha Eta Rho. This was serendipitous because I'd already met her parents through a fraternity function years before. Fast forward two years later, we've started a family and welcomed our son, Stellan. Thanks, Lewis!"



# Class Notes

## ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS



**Kimbra Runyan '15** (Biology) and **Justin Lewis '13** (Air Traffic Control Management) took a trip with his family and some friends to Iceland in October of this year. On October 22, while looking for the

northern lights around 12:30 a.m., they stopped in a national park to climb one of the mountains. "Justin's sister and a few friends went ahead of us and found a lookout spot where they set up mason jars filled with tea lights in the shape of a heart. His sister and friends climbed back down the mountain and told us we needed to go see it. Justin, myself, and two of our friends (who captured the whole thing on camera) went to the lookout and much to my surprise, Justin proposed! It was absolutely perfect in every way!"



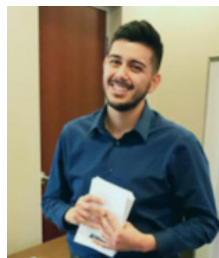
**Katelynn A. Papineau '16** (History/Secondary Education) and **Jeffrey Weiss '15** (Psychology/Sociology) got engaged on December 25, 2018.

**Brian R. Burgess '17** (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) and **Annamarie Caruso '17** (Accounting) are engaged and plan to marry on August 9, 2019. They met on campus, where both were student workers in Meetings, Events and Conferences.

**Jenna M. Iuliano '10** (Special/Elementary Education) and Matthew Iuliano were married on June 9. She says it was "truly, the most beautiful, unforgettable and special day of my life."

## CAREERS

**Anita M. Preininger '87** (Chemistry), Maury County Public Schools Data Assessment Coordinator, was published recently in *Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's Express Journal* with her article titled "4 Ways to Boost STEM Participation in Underrepresented Groups." This "STEM for Social Justice" issue contains STEM practices for educators. The article focuses on steps the middle and high school teachers can take in their classrooms to build interest and persistence in STEM, starting with finding role models that students can relate to.



Congratulations to **Miguel Soto '18** (English) on his new job as associate media specialist at Specialty Publishing.

**Michael A. Frale '17** (Theatre) has accepted a second job as a

teaching artist with Dream Big Performing Arts. In his first job, he works in the box office at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora. Dream Big Performing Arts travels and teaches theatre classes to students in the Chicago area through schools and local park districts.



Congratulations to **Officer Miguel Palomo '15** (Criminal Justice) for recently earning the City of Wheaton Government Police Department Life Saving Award. This Criminal Justice alumnus is happy to

share that with the teamwork of all the first responders on scene, the cardiac arrest victim survived and is on track to making a full recovery.



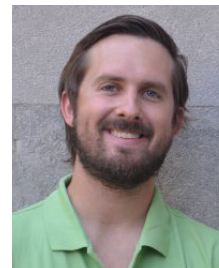
Congratulations to **Sarah M. Gibbons '09** (Theatre) for beginning her new position as Coordinator of Family Faith Formation at the St. Jude Parish Faith Formation program.

In this new role, Gibbons provides support for families with children in Grades 1-6, and works with children preparing to receive their sacraments.

Congrats to **Mary Wurster '13** (M.E. Educational Leadership) on being named Valley View School District 365U Executive Director of Students Services.



**Nicole A. (Furr) Corsiatti '13** (Biology) is now a Doctor of Optometry. Dr. Corsiatti attended Illinois College of Optometry and graduated in May 2018.



**Brandon T. Ceplecha '13, '17** (Secondary Education, Finance, M.A.) is dedicating 10 months of his life to service, community and spirituality as an Augustinian Volunteer. The Augustinian

Volunteers are recent college graduates who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community, and committing to personal and spiritual development. This year, Brandon is one of 12 Augustinian Volunteers from across the United States who are serving with local community partners in Lawrence, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., San Diego, Calif., and Ventura, Calif.



Congratulations to **Theresa O'Carroll '96 '00** (Business Administration, MBA) for being named the new Vice President of Financial and Business Services at Moraine Valley Community College.



**John Oboikovitz '02** (Business Administration) retired from Kroeschell Engineering after 11 years as a Project Manager. He was responsible for the on

site mechanical and electrical system installations at various United States Air Force Bases in the lower 48. Prior to Joining Kroeschell Engineering, he worked at Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, Ill for 13.5 years.





## LEWIS SWEETHEARTS

Over Valentine's week, we held a contest for the sweetest (married or engaged) Lewis couple! We received over 50 submissions. The winner is... **Tom '13 and Natalie (Garcia) Plaszewski, '13, '15, '18**, with a whopping 525 votes! Congrats to Tom and Natalie, and thank you to all of the couples who participated - you definitely won in love! Find us on Facebook and Instagram for more contests and events. Here is the winning couple's story:

"Tom and I started Lewis in the fall of 2009 and met in Biology 1 lab. I was shy and I only knew his name because he was always late to lab. We ended up switching our majors but ended up keeping in touch as second semester rolled around. We started dating in March 2010, and he proposed the week of my Master's graduation in 2015 in front of the Chapel on campus. He said, after he got down on one knee and grabbed my hand, "Natalie, here is a place where it all started, you were my friend, my best friend, my girlfriend, and now I can't wait for you to be my wife. Will you marry me?" Of course, I said "Yes!". We were married on September 15, 2018, in Lemont and even had little airplane favors at our wedding as a little nod to Lewis University. Now, we will be celebrating our 9 year dating anniversary in March! Lewis will forever have a special place in our hearts."

**Check out all the couples and their stories on our Facebook page – and submit yours! Even if it's not Valentine's Day, we want to know your love story.**



We also can't forget a very special submission that we gave an additional award to – a group of six Lewis friends who all married their Lewis sweethearts! Of the six who met at Lewis and married, two couples actually became engaged on the Lewis campus. Rich gave Mary Rita a beautiful engagement ring in Sheil Hall in December 1976, while Eileen and John came back to campus in 1978 so John could pop the question on a bench near the bullpen on the baseball field. Eileen and John also married at Sancta Alberta Chapel to a full house including students still on campus who snuck into the balcony. A great surprise! Read their entire story on Facebook at [facebook.com/LewisUAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/LewisUAlumni).

The couples are:

1. **Mary Sue (O'Reilly) and Joe Dailey**  
8/13/77 (41 years)
2. **Eileen (French) and John Sherry**  
3/31/79 (40 years)
3. **Mary Rita (Hennessy) and Rich Binder**  
4/8/78 (41 years)
4. **Mary Margaret (Dwyer) and John Ross**  
7/12/80 (38 years)
5. **Tricia (Carlin) and Bob Gierut**  
9/30/78 (40 years)
6. **Carla (Simonini) and Bob Piatek**  
10/29/77 (41 years)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Wilma J. Dixon '80, '10**, 1/17/2019  
**Douglas M. Pittman '13**, 9/10/2018  
**Pablo R. Marquez '16**, 3/28/2018  
**Aaron L. Jordan '17**, 7/20/2018  
**Robert W. Bushby '50**, 10/14/2018  
**John D. Callans '58**, 10/1/2018  
**George V. Braun '59**, 8/9/2018  
**Andrew J. Hulina '59**, 11/5/2018  
**Ronald M. Jandura '63**, 4/13/2018  
**Kenneth F. Schmidt '64**, 7/6/2018  
**Ed J. Lagger '65**, 8/31/2018  
**William H. Pauls '66**, 1/10/2019  
**Gerald J. Tazic '68**, 9/26/2018  
**Arthur M. Janke '69**, 12/29/2018  
**Mary J. Ingmire '73**, 11/30/2018  
**John Perricone '76**, 3/22/2018  
**John A. Koepke '79**, 10/10/2018  
**Joseph A. Dejanovich '80**, 5/22/2018  
**William E. Groeper '82**, 10/9/2018  
**Donna A. Nemanich '83**, 8/1/2018  
**Eve Natonek '84**, 7/26/2018  
**Matthew J. Zuro '86**, 3/8/2018  
**James D. Cordano '88**, 10/22/2018  
**Jun Kikuchi '91**, 10/27/2018  
**Theodore R. Hutten '96**, 10/28/2018

**Dr. Michael  
Cunningham,**  
3/28/2019  
Professor  
Emeritus  
of English





## FROM TEXTBOOKS TO TRAVEL *How a Scholarship Came to Be*

**Ken Madrzak '74** believes that the key to success is hard work. This allowed him to retire at age 57 and travel the world with his wife of 53 years.

It also means giving back to Lewis, a place he considers a second home and the place that he says gave him the direction he needed to have a successful career.

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**"I am grateful to Lewis and would like others to have the same opportunity that was given to me," says Ken, who worked full-time during his college years. With a wife and three children at home, he took the train into work everyday and hurried home just in time for his night classes, getting home in time to kiss his kids goodnight. On the weekends, he was in the Lewis library studying.**

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To him, the sacrifice was worth it – and his devotion to bettering his education will allow hard-working students equally as devoted to their education to find some financial relief through an endowed scholarship.

"The endowed scholarship and my provisions in my estate plan will help me pay it forward for the many gifts God has given to us and show my appreciation for my love of Lewis," says Ken.

Ken's motivation to pave a path for future students began with Dr. Joan Carpenter from the Lewis College of Continuing Education, who helped the young father at the time find financial aid – something he never forgot.

It helped that he and his wife, Linda, were savers their whole lives. "If either of us got a raise, we would take half of that and put it away. We always underspent. While other people had new Cadillacs



every two years, we drove around in the same old cars. But, that allowed us to retire at 57 and to me, traveling the world is much more fun than driving in a shiny car."

With the endowed scholarship in place, Ken feels that his education has come full circle.

"It's important to keep learning as much as you can in life. That's what I hope this scholarship will do – give students the opportunity to stay in school and focus on their education. Education doesn't just create a strong career – it builds a strong future."

To learn more about including Lewis in your estate plans, visit [alumni.lewisu.edu/PlannedGiving](http://alumni.lewisu.edu/PlannedGiving).



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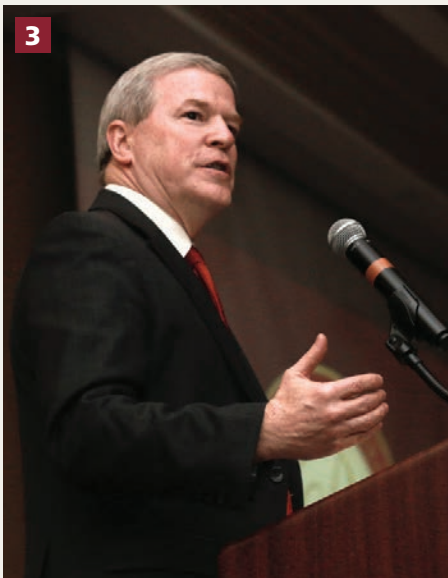
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Alyssa K. Strbjak '14  
John D. Sullivan '04 '06  
Tamika L. Thompson '12  
Raine Marie J.  
Tomacruz '17 '18  
Rachael N. Tracey '14 '16  
Alexander J. Vasiliades '11 '16  
Brian S. Zankowski '10 '15





## President's Circle Dinner

This year's President's Circle Dinner was a celebration of the exceptional opportunities our students and alumni have had because of our generous donors! (Want to learn more about the President's Circle or become a member? Visit [alumni.lewisu.edu/PresidentsCircle](http://alumni.lewisu.edu/PresidentsCircle).)

As Dr. Livingston said, "Our students aren't just learning for themselves; they are learning so that they can contribute to the wellbeing of others. I want to thank you for caring. You show through your generous contributions that you care about the present and you care about the future, and for that, we are eternally grateful."

**With over 400 members of the President's Circle at Lewis, great strides have been made in scholarship opportunities, research, programmatic support, campus improvements, and student life.**

**1** Alumni Board President Anthony Sam and scholarship recipient William Riley.

**2** Dr. Erica Kwiatkowski-Egizio and Dr. Jan Mines attended the event.

**3** Dr. David Livingston, President, thanked attendees for their generosity to Lewis.

**4** Brother Tom Dupré, FSC, Brother Leo Jones, FSC, and Brother Robert Veselsky, FSC.



## 1 Class of 1968 Reunion, and Legacy and Golden Flyers Luncheon



## 2 Pollyanna Brewing Company



## 3 Santa's Workshop



## 4 Tea and Talk w/ Dr. Livingston



**1** In October, we had some very special guests on campus - the Class of 1968! This vibrant group of gentlemen returned to campus for their 50 year reunion, as well as a luncheon with our Golden Flyers and Harold E. White Legacy Society members. Thank you for a wonderful weekend full of memories! And some special reunion news - **Frank Costello '50** and **Gordon Nelson '50** saw each other again for the first time in around 63 years! Both graduated from Lewis and had successful careers in Aviation. **Jack Azman '55** even wore his Lewis socks from the Day of Giving!

**2** So many alumni joined us in October for the Fall Alumni Night at Pollyanna Brewing Company, owned and operated by our very own Lewis alumnus, **Paul Ciciora '91**! Want to know what other events are coming up? Visit [alumni.lewisu.edu/Events](https://alumni.lewisu.edu/Events).

**3** We loved seeing everyone's children at Santa's Workshop in December! Special thanks to Home Depot and the Flyer Red Graphics Club for lending some special arts and crafts to the event. Pictured are the family of **Adam '06 and Vanessa (Deca) Burkhardt '03**, and **Dennis '76 and Joan Williams '01** with their grandchildren.

**4** Every few months, Dr. Livingston hosts a special tea and talk session with members of our Alumni Who Care campaign, like **Yiwei Zhou '14**. Want to take part? Learn more about becoming a **#LewisUAlumniWhoCares** and joining this unique opportunity at [alumni.lewisu.edu/AlumniWhoCare](https://alumni.lewisu.edu/AlumniWhoCare).

**5** **John Sherry '78**, pictured here with Daah Aindrea and Tegan Donohue from University Advancement, volunteered at the March Career Expo to meet with students and alumni! Those visiting the alumni booth were able to take a LinkedIn headshot!

**6** The Lewis University History Department hosted the Fall 2018 James and Mary Clare Sczepaniak lecture entitled "At Home in Illinois: the View from Historic Houses." This presentation, held in November, is part of an endowed lecture series funded by the late James and Mary Clare Sczepaniak. Pictured are **Scott Mchaffey**, executive director, Farnsworth House; **Dennis H. Cremin**, professor of history, Lewis University; **Fran Sczepaniak**; **Kelly Kloubucher**, president, A Muse Consulting; **Donna Sack**, vice president for community engagement and audience, Naper Settlement; and **Dr. David Livingston**, president, Lewis University.

**7** **Ed LeCouteur**, who attended Lewis in the 1960s, recently sent us some photos of campus from those days including a photo of Brother Neil Kieffe, FSC, who directed the highly regarded Aviation program at Lewis during the 1960s and 1970s.



**5** Career Expo



**6** Szczepaniak Lecture Series



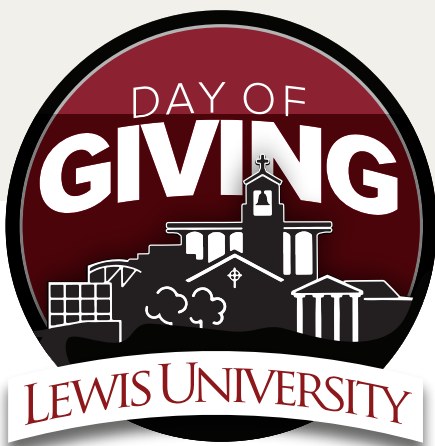
**7** A Little Bit of History: Lewis in the 1960s







*Pictured: The University Advancement and Alumni Engagement team*



**Because of Lewis alumni and friends, 100% of the projects have been funded - and now we can share the big news! This Fall, the Student Union (Memorial Hall) will become an alumni center!**

Are you ready for the big surprise? Check it out on YouTube – [www.youtube.com/LewisUAlumni](http://www.youtube.com/LewisUAlumni) - and stay tuned for a celebration invitation to see the big reveal in person!

We also received some big news just before midnight on April 12 - a few loyal Lewis supporters were SO impressed with the overwhelming support of alumni and the Lewis community that they decided to fill the gap of any projects not fully funded!





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## Lewis Alumni Who Care

As a Flyer, you have the opportunity to play an important role in the journey of Lewis students, just as others played a role in yours. We ask you to join us in our Alumni Who Care Campaign. Tell us your story and join other alumni who care by making a gift to ensure students have the same experience you did.

Visit us at [alumni.lewisu.edu/AlumniWhoCare](http://alumni.lewisu.edu/AlumniWhoCare) to tell us what YOU care about!

- \$10** Be part of the Alumni Who Care.
- \$25** Show a faculty/staff member you care by having a note delivered.
- \$50** Lewis University car decal *and all the above*.
- \$100** Invitation to a private reception *and all the above*.
- \$500** Invitation to a Tea and Talk with President Dr. David Livingston *and all the above*.
- \$1,000** Invitation to President's Circle Dinner, President's Circle Society Member *and all the above*.



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## Upcoming Events

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