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Honorary Doctorate Alumna Kay Cannon congratulates her Scholarship Recipient Katie Horn at May Commencement.



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KAY CANNON HITS ONE OUT OF THE PARK

Katie Horn (l) with Kay Cannon.



(clockwise) Cannon awarded an Honorary Doctorate on May 7 with President Livingston and the Board of Trustees Chair, Michael Parker; Friday in the Philip Lynch Theatre; Saturday looking at the PLT wall of performances; and Kay with her family.

FOR ALUMNA KAY CANNON, MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND 2022 WAS A MEMORABLE EVENT.

On Saturday, May 7, Kay was conferred an Honorary Doctorate at the morning Commencement Ceremony. It was a true family affair with her mother, daughter and husband sharing the moment.

On Friday afternoon Lewis faculty, staff and students welcomed Kay back to the PLT where her amazing experiences gave her the foundation to begin her career in professional comedy and screenwriting. She regaled faculty, staff and students with her stories of how to get connected and work through the very tough times to make it.

She recalled her first professional rejection for "Second City" which caused her to keep writing and taking classes to learn everything she could. She has maintained the philosophy all along to continue learning. And the next time she auditioned, she was accepted!



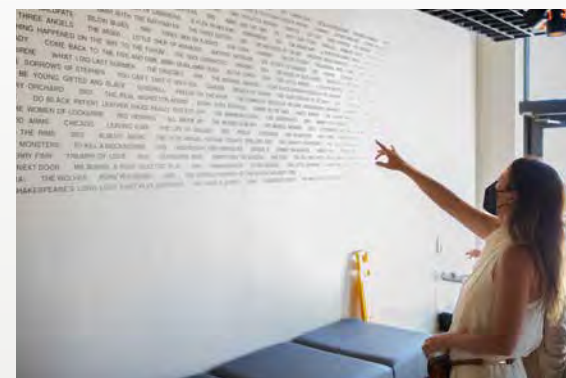
Growing up as a member of a large family, she said everyone had to contribute to conversation at the family dinner table. It helped her to develop a sense of self-awareness and understand where you fit in and how you are perceived.

So thankful for her time at Lewis, she was able to attend Lewis on a track and field scholarship. She also was a walk-on for volleyball. She remembers her coaches scheduling around her courses so she could continue theatre as well. She embraced everything Lewis had to offer. She said, "It gave me the space to play and to find my voice. It made the impossible, possible."

On Saturday, Kay addressed students and their families, faculty and staff as the Honorary Doctorate recipient. The ceremony included undergraduates in the Colleges of Aviation, Science and Technology; Business; and Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications.

In typical "Kay Cannon" fashion, she immediately made the crowd laugh. While trying to prepare her remarks she said she used the procrastination skills she had perfected as a student at Lewis when papers were due, studying for exams, etc. Why? She put a lot of pressure on herself because it was important to her. She loved her time at Lewis. She was truly honored to be here.

She complimented the nursing students on following their calling during the pandemic; on the arts students for providing entertainment even in this economy; and on computer science



students for new innovations to come. She gave a shout out to her Theatre professors: the late Chet Kondraticz, Keith White, Harold McCay and Jo Slowik.

One piece of advice that she was given in her life, and shared with those who aren't sure what they want to do with their lives is, "Find the thing you like to do, that you're passionate about, and dare to suck at it. Dare to be bad. Dare to fail." She quickly added, "This is important. This is NOT for the aviation majors!"

She added, "The key to success is your willingness to endure failure. My biggest successes in life came after massive failures." She went on to quote Mike Ditka in saying, "Success is not permanent and failure is not fatal."

In closing she recommended students seek quiet in understanding and help others. She encouraged them to make others laugh and ended with arms held high and letting out a scream like going down a roller coaster. What a sendoff!

Listen to Kay's remarks at lewisu.edu/academics/theatre.



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Pope Francis meets the Brothers of the Christian Schools (FSC) and encourages them to continue evangelizing through education as the world experiences a new “educational emergency”.

Pope to De La Salle Brothers: World Needs a New Education Pact

By Lisa Zengarini

Pope Francis on Saturday addressed the Lasallian Brothers, formally known as the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, gathered for their 46th General Chapter.

The congregation was founded in France in the 17th century by Jean-Baptiste de La Salle and is the largest order of religious brothers dedicated to education in the Catholic Church.

Building new pathways to transform lives

Pointing to the theme of the General Chapter: “Building new pathways to transform lives”, Pope Francis noted that for the De La Salle Brothers these “new pathways” are above all educational paths, which they walk in the many schools, colleges, and universities they run in some one hundred countries across the world.

Educating is a gift

This is a “big responsibility” for which to be grateful because “educational work is a great gift,” first of all for those who do it: “it demands a lot but also gives a lot”, the pope said.

“The constant relationship with educators, parents, and especially with children and young people is an ever-living source of humanity, despite all the hardships and problems that it entails”, he added.

Man is the way of the Church

Pope Francis further highlighted that with their work, the Brothers of Christian Schools offer the values of their rich pedagogical tradition: “You educate to responsibility, creativity, coexistence, justice, and peace. You educate to the interior life, to be open to the transcendent dimension, to the sense of wonder and contemplation in the face of the mystery of life and creation. You live all this and interpret it in Christ, and translate it into the fullness of humanity”, said the pope.

“I am reminded of the motto of St. John Paul II in *Redemptor hominis*: ‘Man is the way of the Church’. You implement this motto in the educational mission.”

Educational emergency

Noting that the world is experiencing an “educational emergency”, which has been made more acute by the consequences of the pandemic, Pope Francis called attention to the two great challenges of our time: that of fraternity and that of caring for the common home, which, he said, can only be addressed through education.

“The educational pact has been broken and now the State, educators, and families are separated. We must seek a new pact and work together.”

A new educational alliance

He remarked that the Christian community is not only aware of these challenges, but also committed “to build new ways to transform lifestyles” and that the De la Salle Brothers are an active part of this process: “Indeed”, he said, “you are on the frontline in educating to pass from a closed to an open world; from a throwaway culture to a culture of care; from pursuing partisan interests to pursuing the common good.”

“As educators you know all too well that this transformation must start from the conscience, or it will only be a facade. And you also know that you cannot do this work alone, but by cooperating in an ‘educational alliance’ with families, communities, and ecclesial groups.”

Evangelizing by educating

Concluding, Pope Francis encouraged the De La Salle Brothers to continue “evangelizing by educating and educating by evangelizing”, recalling that “a Christian educator is above all a witness of Christ, and is a teacher to the extent that he is a witness”.

Source: Article published on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Reprinted with permission of the Vatican News.



RGHE MANVS PONTMA



Lewis University Students Return to Rome

Students studied this spring semester in the University's Rome Program at the Lasallian Universities Center for Education (LUCE) in Rome. Students live in the Generalate, the motherhouse of the De La Salle Christian Brothers in Rome. Its extensive grounds and facilities provide a safe and ideal place to study and explore the city. Students use Rome as their classroom as well as travel to Assisi and other sites.

Students participating included Gabriella Apodaca, Reyna Cortez, Gisselle Del Toro, Nicolas Formella, Samantha Gomez, Travis Greep, Ethan Jakubowski, Ethan Justice, Colin Mccay, Aniyah Moffett, Priscilla Najera, Alexander Tabiaddon, Adeline Tassone and Hayley Weston.

Students studied courses that draw on the rich culture and history of Rome. Italian faculty teach courses on contemporary Italy and fine arts. Drs. Dennis H. Cremin, history professor, and Joanne Kuttner, director of Engaging Stories in the Theology department, were on site for the entire semester. Dr. Jerry Kavouras, chair and professor of biology, taught an environmental science course in a blended format and went to Rome for a week. Professor Cremin and Dr. Clare K. Rothschild, professor of theology, co-taught a course entitled "Christians as the Romans Saw Them."

In past years, the program has included students from the international network of Lasallian Universities, including Mexico, the Philippines, and the United States. This year only Lewis participated, but it is anticipated that students from around the world will return next year. For more information on the Rome Program at LUCE, please contact Chris Swanson at swansoch@lewisu.edu.

February Board of Trustees Meeting Approvals

At the meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022, several key items received BOT approval:

STRATEGIC PLAN

The new Strategic Plan – *Students at the Center... For a Better World – Lewis University 2022-27* was approved. This approval came after many months of community-wide effort to gather ideas, assess information, analyze data, and develop our priorities for the next five years.

M.S. IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

A new Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering degree program was approved. This degree will provide an advanced level of preparation for the future skills and job demands of a growing field.

FITZPATRICK HALL DEMOLITION

As part of our campus master planning efforts, a proposal was approved by the Board to begin the demolition and removal of Fitzpatrick Hall at the conclusion of the academic year in May. Fitzpatrick Hall has served the Lewis community well and has housed thousands of students over the past 60 years. However, with the passing of time and the current availability of excess housing capacity, we think this is the right moment to move forward with this project. Proposals will be solicited to reimagine the space Fitzpatrick now occupies, which will provide more green space and outdoor activity areas as envisioned in the Campus Master Plan.



CoHFAC Dean Named 2022-2023 ACE Fellow

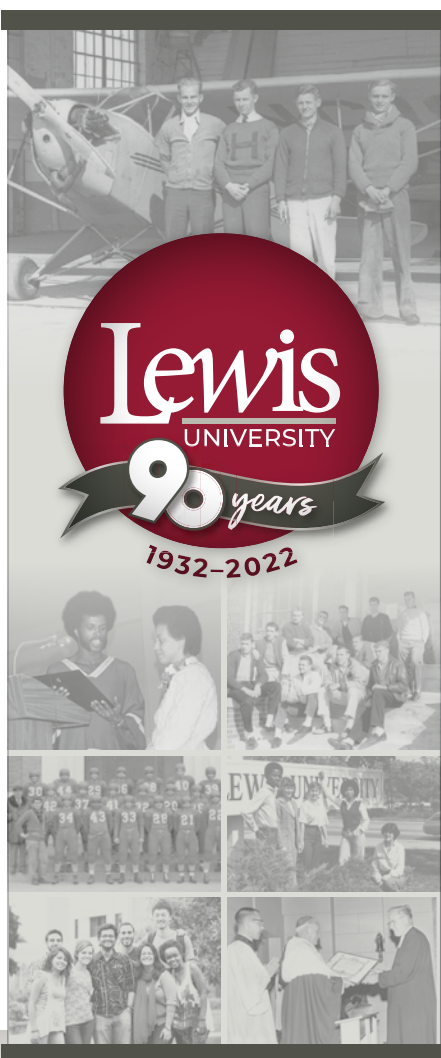
Dr. Laura Franklin, dean of the College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications, has been named an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow for the 2022 - 2023 academic year. The ACE Fellows Program is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in U.S. higher education by identifying and preparing faculty and staff for senior positions in college and university administration through its distinctive and intensive nominator-driven, cohort-based mentorship model. The ACE Fellow Program combines retreats, interactive learning opportunities, visits to campuses and other higher education-related organizations, and placement at another higher education institution to condense years of on-the-job experience and skills development into a single year. During the placement, Fellows observe and work with the president and other senior officers at their host institution, attend decision-making meetings, and focus on issues of interest. Fellows also conduct projects of pressing concern for their home institution and seek to implement their findings upon completion of the fellowship placement.

Celebrating our Anniversaries

Founded in 1932, this year, 2022, we celebrate the University's 90th anniversary. The official dedication and blessing ceremony of Holy Name Technical School took place on May 30, 1932. To kick-off the University's new Strategic Plan and to officially begin the celebration of our 90-year celebration over the coming year, the University held a short presentation and picnic on Friday, May 13, for faculty and staff.

The Alumni and Friends History Project (pages 24-25) will illustrate our history through the stories told by alumni over the course of the 90-year period. We hope you will share your memories with us.

Additionally, several academic departments are celebrating 50th anniversaries: Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies; Nursing; Business; and the School of Graduate, Professional and Continuing Education. More details can be found at lewisu.edu/welcomelhistory.htm



College of Business / 50 years

Although courses in topics related to Business Administration were first offered at Lewis College in 1952, with an official degree in Business in 1956, it wasn't until May of 1972 that the College of Business Administration was established. Emerging from the Commerce Department at Lewis College (est. in 1963 and housed in the College of Arts and Sciences), the then Chair, F. James Staszak (later to be the first dean of the College of Business) advocated to the Lewis College that due to increasing enrollment of Business Majors (approx. 700 in Jan. 1972), there should be an establishment of a College of Business, such as with College of Nursing (earlier approved in 1971) and College of Continuing Education to address the specialized needs of students and faculty involved in Business Administration Studies. Staszak further promoted the idea of a College of Business as a way to address Lewis College's commitment to their community, focusing specifically on the particular needs of local and regional industry. In 1974, two years following the College of Business establishment, a Master of Business Administration was granted at the College.

College of Nursing / 50 years

August 1971 – Following a feasibility study in 1967, to address nurse shortages in Illinois, Lewis College officially announced the establishment of a College of Nursing that would enroll students to complete a 4-year baccalaureate program, resulting in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.). At the same time, Anne Helen Gallagher was appointed as the first Dean of the College of Nursing. Beginning in August 1972, the College of Nursing enrolled its first students (approx. 100 according to records in the Archives). The College's Mission was to provide educational experiences through an interdisciplinary curriculum, to recent high school graduates as well as current registered nurses that led to a B.S.N. Specific areas of emphasis were; Nursing Leadership, Community Health and Mental Health-Psychiatric Nursing. In 1976, four years after the first class, 25 students graduated with the first B.S.N. awarded at the College. In 1977 the College of Nursing's B.S.N. program was fully accredited by the National League of Nurses (NLN) – retroactive to the first class in August 1972. Further development of degree programs occurred in 1983-1985, with the establishment, class enrollment and accreditation of a Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.).

JLPSS Celebrating 50 Years of Academic Excellence

This year, our Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies program is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. We have had a long history of academic excellence which started on June 1, 1972, when Lewis College announced the first director, Dr. Lawrence Bernstone, for the Institute for Studies in Social Justice. The Institute was commissioned to conduct research studies that looked at addressing employment shortages within various law enforcement agencies at the time based on findings from President Johnson Administration's Law Enforcement Commission Report (1967). The Institute resided in the then College of Continuing Education (now the School of Graduate, Professional and Continuing Education, also celebrating 50 years) and was responsible for the creation of the Department of Social Justice, later in 1972. By summer of 1974 the Institute was a formal part of the College of Continuing Education and was

considered an expansion of the Department of Social Justice. In Fall of 1975, a master's program was established in the Department. By 1983, the department changed its name to Criminal and Social Justice, which would eventually become what you know today as the Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies Department. Reflecting back on the history of our department, we are still playing a critical role today with a focus not only on law enforcement, but other areas of criminal justice as well. Today we have three undergraduate programs – Criminal Justice, Forensic Criminal Investigations, and Paralegal Studies – and two graduate programs – Public Safety Administration and Criminal Justice (two concentrations: Security Studies and Criminal Justice). We are aware of the importance of preparing future leaders in the criminal justice system, and look forward to the next 50 years!



Education, Nursing, and Social Work Among Best Grad Programs

Lewis University's Education, Nursing, and Social Work programs are ranked among the 2023 best graduate programs by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Designed for prospective students looking to further their education beyond college, the Best Graduate Schools rankings evaluate programs in a variety of disciplines, including business, education, engineering, law, medicine and nursing. Visit [USNews.com](https://www.usnews.com) to see the complete rankings.

By collecting graduate school data annually, *U.S. News* is able to present the most current figures on enrollment, job placement, faculty and other critical quality indicators that help prospective students make informed decisions.



Commander Margie Lill Earns Leadership Certificate

On April 8, Lewis University Police Department Commander Margie Lill graduated from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute's Police Executive Role in the 21st Century training program.

The six-week program of online and in-person classes is designed to guide law enforcement leaders with the professional development necessary for successful management and leadership in today's complex law enforcement agencies.

The program, recognized as a "course for top law enforcement leaders" according to the training and standards board, focused on mastering the fundamentals of strategic thinking, planning, and research; gaining knowledge and understanding of best practices; identifying and planning for external and internal politics; exploring comparative policing models, emergent trends, and technology; and aligning personal leadership style and strengths with performance in the work environment.

Students Aspire to Make a Difference



Nursing Earns Versiti Multicultural Scholarship Award

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois awarded the Lewis University NWD program \$1,500 for scholarships. During the fall semester, Lewis achieved the most diverse units during the Versiti Multicultural Scholarship Program when NWD hosted Leaders for Life Step-Up blood drives and 45 life-saving units of blood were collected. Seventeen units donated were from students of diverse backgrounds.

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois is a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Aurora, Ill., that specializes in blood products and services and provides expert medical and technical support. Founded in 1943, it is the oldest blood center in Illinois and serves patients at 86 hospitals in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. It operates 12 donor centers and conducts nearly 2,200 blood drives annually at area hospitals, churches, businesses, schools and community centers. To learn more, visit versiti.org.



Cyber Defense Club Places Third at State Competition

Lewis University placed third in the state at the Illinois Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (IL-CCDC) on February 19.

The team was fielded by members of Lewis's Cyber Defense Club and consisted of students Jorge Campos (captain), Andrew Milligan, Jocelyn Murray, Joseph Santay and Ryan Syed. Dr. Jason Perry, associate professor of engineering, computing and mathematical sciences and director of Cybersecurity and IT programs, serves as their faculty advisor.

Universities from across the state participated in a fierce competition that required teams to set up various computing services and then protect them against the wily attacks of hackers, who were played by accomplished cybersecurity professionals. As it has done in most past competitions, the Lewis team excelled at setting their services up and keeping them running against attack.



Business Students Join Lasallian Business Ethics Case Competition

Business students Amber Kozlowski, Isabel Raleigh, Daniel Bohnstengel, Mariano Sosa, Sara Klein, and Daniel Czaja represented Lewis in the First Lasallian Business Ethics Case Competition held on April 1.

The competition was comprised of student teams from the six different Lasallian universities within the United States. They functioned as consultants with the goal of assisting Facebook with recommendations based on problems outlined in a Facebook Harvard Business Review case.

The students were mentored by Dr. Elizabeth Belgio, assistant professor of business administration, and Dr. George Klemic, professor of business administration. Dr. Yinan Ni, assistant professor of finance, was selected as one of the six competition judges.

Klemic commented, "I want to personally congratulate the team on their amazing presentation and recognize the effort and time dedicated to the development of the presentation. It was great to see the level of effort and was proud to have the team representing the University, the College of Business, and the Business Administration Department."

Students Aspire to Make a Difference

Spring 2022 First-Year Writing Authors' Work Now Available

Each semester, the First-Year Writing program invites program faculty to nominate student writers whose work shines for features like idea development, critical thinking, organization, voice, creativity, language use, and writing and research processes. This semester a faculty panel reviewed the nominated works and selected 13 writers to be featured. The 13 pieces reflect a variety of genres, including Narrative, Profile Writing, Video Remix, and Research Argument. This Spring 2022 semester's selections represent writers enrolled in ENGL 11100 College Writing 1; and ENGL 11200 College Writing 2.

The authors and their written work are featured on our website at lewisu.edu/academics/english/first-year-writing/. We hope you enjoy meeting these writers and listening to their voices and ideas through their written work.



History Students Present at Illinois Regional Conference

Lewis University was well represented on March 26 at the Illinois Regional Conference for Phi Alpha Theta at Olivet-Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Three Lewis University students presented papers at the conference:

Morgan Jennings, history major, offered "The Division and Reunification of the Middle East Through the Promotion of Various Ideologies in the Modern Era."

Jacob Barrett, history major, discussed "Soldiers of Christ: The Response of Catholic Leaders in Indiana to African-American Civil Rights."

Alex Piotrowski, history minor, presented "Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth Relations with the Ottoman Empire: Political, Economic, and Social 1500-1850."



WLRA Students Raise Funds for Children's Hospitals

WLRA's Marathon Broadcast raised nearly \$1,100 this semester for Advocate Children's Hospitals. Since its inception, WLRA has raised over \$100,000 in support of the Lewis University Family Assistance Fund at Advocate Children's Hospitals.

The fundraiser involves a 24-hour non-stop broadcast of students that take six-hour shifts. Select Lewis University students are on the air for longer stints. WLRA general manager Carl Zahn led the opportunity for students to raise funds for a worthy cause.

The Lewis University Family Assistance Fund provides practical assistance to patient families who may be suffering severe hardship due to an unexpected illness and either social or economic deprivation. The Lewis University Family Assistance Fund is primarily used for cab rides after treatment, clothes upon discharge, bus rides to and from the hospital, medication, flights, and hotel rooms. Visit wlraradio.com.



Student Nurses Seek Action in Springfield

On April 5, nursing faculty Drs. Jeannine Haberman and Nanci Reiland accompanied eight accelerated undergraduate nursing students to Student Nurses' Political Action Day in Springfield, as part of their community health course.

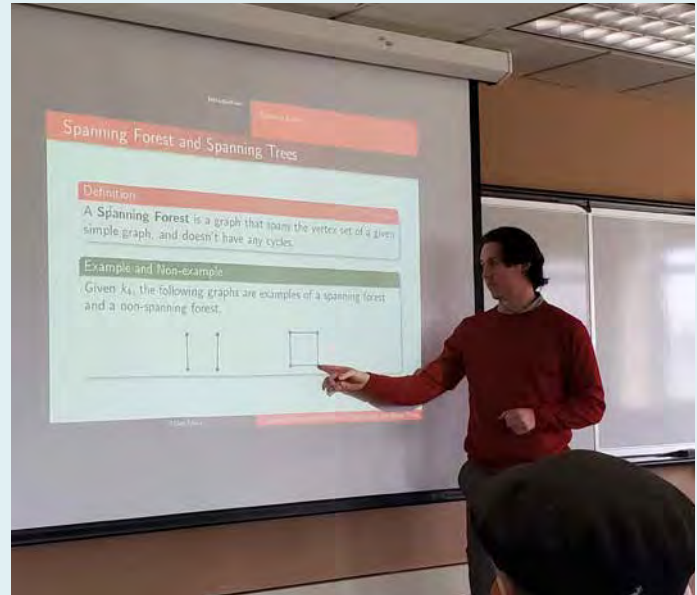
The annual event, hosted by the Illinois Chapter of the American Nurses Association, included speakers about the profession and current legislation that impacts nursing and healthcare as well as a march to the capital.

The Lewis University group met with 85th District Representative Dee Avelar, who represents the area that includes Lewis. While in the Illinois House gallery, the students were introduced by Rep. Avelar, and appreciation was received from the House members.

Lewis Students Featured in Senior Capstone Art Exhibition

The Senior Capstone Exhibition completed the spring semester in conjunction with the capstone course, Senior Project. The course challenges graduating students to put their newly acquired skills and understanding of art to the test by participating in a professional exhibition experience.

This year's senior students involved in the exhibition included Yami Arias, Kyla Chalmers, Wyatt Freitag, Jake Lukowski, Maegan McElmeel, Mitchell Schrimsher, Rhys Taylor, and Noah R. Troutman.



Mathematics Major Miles Mena Wins Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

Junior mathematics major, Miles Mena, was honored with the ISMAA Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award at the Illinois Section of the Mathematical Association of America's 2022 Annual Conference at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill.

The award honored Miles for his presentation and paper on the research conducted this past summer at an REU with collaborators Isabel Trindade, Natalie Jean-Michel, and Jonathan Figueroa Reyes, under the mentorship of Dr. Liyang Zhang and Dr. Zhanar Berikkyzy. This project utilized graph theory, probability, and combinatorics to derive the probability of obtaining a spanning tree on a variety of graph families.

While participating in this research, Miles developed a code to analyze small enough graphs to generate data which led to the discovery of a relationship to a problem in combinatorics. He created a bijection between the spanning tree problem and the combinatorics problem that validated the group's results so that we could extend the theorem to more complex graphs.

Miles also has conducted two different research projects under the mentorship of Dr. Amanda Harsy, associate professor of mathematics, as part of the Dr. James Girard Summer Undergraduate Research Experience and also as part of the Council of Undergraduate Research in Mathematics. Miles also serves as a peer-mentor as part of the Promotion of Underrepresented Minorities in Academic STEM (PUMA-STEM) Alliance and tutors at the ECAMS Study Tables.

LASALLIAN HERITAGE MONTH

PROGRAMS

Lasallian Heritage Month, held each April, features a variety of events, programs, and activities which recognize and honor employee and student commitment to Lewis University's Catholic and Lasallian Mission.

Visit lewisu.edu/welcome/lasallian-heritage-month.htm to view a complete list of the events that were held.



Four prestigious Lasallian medallions were awarded at the Celebration of Service. Pictured (l to r): Dr. Chris Sindt, provost, Dr. Jung Kim, Fr. Daniel Torson, Dr. Deborah Augsburger, Dr. Jennifer Buss, Dr. David J. Livingston, president.

FACULTY AND STAFF CELEBRATE SERVICE

The Lewis University community gathered to celebrate service and recognize employee milestones on April 6, 2022. The 30th Annual "A Celebration of Service" Recognition Ceremony was held during the month-long Lasallian Heritage Month. Several events and activities honor the commitment of Lewis University employees and students in the spirit of Lewis University's Catholic and Lasallian Mission. They highlight the core elements of the University's rich tradition of Catholic identity, academic excellence, faculty and student scholarship, calling and service.

Four prestigious Lasallian medallions were awarded honoring the following individuals:

DR. JUNG KIM, associate professor of Reading and Literacy, was awarded the De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service. Dr. Kim serves as volunteer president of the Oak Park Elementary School District 97 Board of Education. The Oak Park Elementary School District 97 has eight elementary schools, two middle schools, over 6,000 students and 600 employees. Dr. Kim's nomination described her commitment to issues of social justice and equity. She is an excellent teacher who calls her students to examine and critique education and challenges them to transform their practice so that they can help support the most marginalized.

FATHER DANIEL TORSON, assistant professor of Theology, was also awarded the De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service. Fr. Torson has been described as an empathetic, compassionate, and gentle spirit whose true

focus in life is to be of service to others, and clearly demonstrates this in all he does. In addition to his position as an assistant professor of Theology, Fr. Torson serves on boards of directors for six nonprofit organizations that significantly impact the local communities.

DR. JENNIFER BUSS, associate professor of Special Education, was awarded the De La Salle Medallion for Excellence in Community Engaged Learning. This award honors a faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in engaging Lewis students in community-based learning. Dr. Buss has inspired her students, motivating them toward creating inclusive learning communities, as well as contributing to numerous community organizations and schools by growing their capacity to respond to the needs of their learners. She has been invested in building dynamic relationships with community agencies and schools, such as the Secondary Transition Experience Program (or STEP), Lincoln-Way High School, Fairmont School, and the Disability Resource Center of Joliet. Through building these relationships and integrating engagement into her classes, this educator has demonstrated a deep commitment to teaching and learning, along with a passion for justice.

DR. DEBORAH AUGSBURGER, professor of Reading and Literacy, received the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award. One of the University's most prestigious awards, the Distinguished Lasallian Educator

Award honors a faculty or staff member who exemplifies the ideals of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in his or her work at the University to foster Gospel values in the lives of faculty, staff and students. Dr. Augsburger is known as a master teacher in the classroom, a collaborator with colleagues in the conference room, a mentor to students in the office, and an advocate and champion for our Lasallian Mission everywhere she goes. One nominator shared, "she has taught me and our colleagues so much about leadership rooted in our mission values. Another declared, "she embodies the Lasallian core values - particularly touching hearts and minds with a deep solidarity with the poor and those who are excluded." She has been described as visionary, imaginative, creative...someone who loves teaching, designing learning experiences, and reading and thinking critically with others.

Employees reaching milestones ranging from 10-40 years were honored. Faculty and staff with retirements from July 2021-June 2022 were recognized.

10 YEARS OF SERVICE: Mary E. Cronin, Dr. Matthew J. Domico, Dr. Mary M. Fisher, Dr. Ryan J. Hooper, Dr. Erica Kwiatkowski-Egizio, Dr. Katelyn S. Myroniak, Cornelius P. O'Connell, Dr. Ryan S. Phillips, Walter W. Purdy, Randy Van Ort, Michael J. Zegadlo, and Dr. Christine Billups (Missed Recognition, hired 2008).

20 YEARS: Jim Cowan, Sylvain L. Goyette, Dr. Katherine Helm-Lewis, Dr. Rami Khasawneh, Dr. Raymond P. Klump, Sajid I. Malik, and Dr. Eileen M. McMahan.

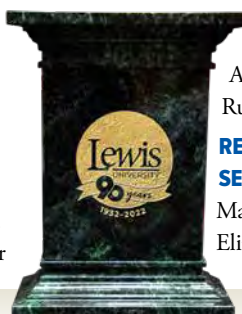
25 YEARS: Dr. Cathy M. Bohlin, Anne W. Koleff, Maureen Moore, Dr. Jennifer Roberts, Dr. Mark R. Schultz, and Jill M. Siegfried.

30 YEARS: Dr. David S. Anderson, Janeen M. Decharinte and John W. Kilpatrick.

40 YEARS: Michael K. Streit.

RETIREMENT: Dr. Chuck Crowder, Kathleen A. Hutchinson, Susan Leece, Dr. Samar Makhoulouf, Dr. Mark Nolan, Donna Rice, Todd D. Schuneman, Dr. Linda A. Steffens, Vicky A. Weidling, and Ruth A. Whims.

RETIREMENT WITH 20+ YEARS OF SERVICE: Margaret M. Juraco, Claire Marie Temmerman, and Dr. Mary Elizabeth Wilber.



LEWIS ARTISTS HONORED AT PRESIDENT'S 14TH ANNUAL ART SHOW

The President's 14th Annual Art Exhibition was held April 1-22 at the Brent and Jean Wadsworth Family Gallery in the Oremus Fine Arts Center.

This annual exhibition highlighted the top artwork submitted by 25 Lewis students and six alumni. The show is hosted by the Department of Art and Design and sponsored by Dr. David Livingston, president of Lewis University, who donated \$1,000 for the cash prizes.

"This annual competition is an impressive display by our students and alumni," said Dr. Livingston. "Each artist brings his or her own talents, personal histories and artistic goals to produce artwork that is unique and quite engaging."

Of the 86 works submitted, 65 pieces were exhibited in the gallery. The variety of artwork exhibited includes sculpture, photography, drawing, painting, mixed media and digital media. Mark Swain, chair and professor of the Department of Art and Design, served as the juror and selected the work to be included in the show as well as the prize winners.



PRIZE WINNERS

(pictured l to r)

1ST PLACE

Brigid Fornek, "Leap of Faith"— ink on paper installation

2ND PLACE

Rachel Fosler, "A Dog Who Is Alive and Well"— plaster, skull, felt

3RD PLACE

Jasmine Pryor, "The Creator"— acrylic and marker on canvas board



HONORABLE MENTIONS

Julia Ardis, "Woolen Hat"— oil on canvas

Helen Arencibia, "I Know, That I Do Not Know."— watercolor, ink and charcoal

Kyla Chalmers, "The Conversation"— colored pencil and soft pastels

Bowie Dauner, "Staircase"— graphite on paper

Alexa Kemp, "Tulips"— pencil on paper

Jen Purdy, "October Rust"— charcoal on paper

Miranda Scifers, "The Industrial Collector: A Self-Portrait"— oil painting

Tahj Yearby, "Control Your Balance"— charcoal still life on Rives BFK.



(l to r): Abigail Gustafson, Jackson Mugg

ATHLETICS RECOGNIZES BR. DAVID DELAHANTY AWARD WINNERS

Lewis University student-athletes were honored for their academic excellence on Tuesday, April 19, as 290 student-athletes received Br. David Delahanty Awards at the St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall. Visit lewisflyers.com to see the complete list of honorees.

The Delahanty Award recognizes student-athletes who maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher as of December 31, 2021. In total, 61 percent (290 of 475) of the student-athlete population received the award and that group totaled a cumulative GPA of 3.63.

"Lewis University Athletics strives for a balance of academic and athletic excellence," Lewis University Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek said. "The accomplishments of our student-athletes in the classroom recognized tonight with Delahanty Awards signifies that excellence."

The Lewis women's cross country/track and field team had the most Delahanty Award winners with 36 recipients. Lewis' women's golf team had all eight of its members earn Delahanty Awards for the highest percentage of any Flyer squad.

Two student-athletes that received special recognition were Abigail Gustafson and Jackson Mugg. Gustafson (women's soccer) and Mugg (men's swimming and diving) both took home the Senior Student-Athlete Award, given to the male and female senior student-athletes with the highest cumulative grade point average.

Gustafson is a double major in business administration and political science while Mugg is majoring in aviation flight management.

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

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP 2022 COMPETITION

Lewis University undergraduate and graduate students showcased their scholarly work on April 21 during the 10th Annual Lewis University Celebration of Scholarship. Approximately 180 students competed in concurrent sessions, poster sessions, the Brother Joel Damian, FSC, Business Plan and Pitch Competition, and the President's Art Show.

The day began with a keynote address from Lewis Biology alumnus Dr. Thomas L. Lynch IV, Senior Scientist I at the biopharmaceutical company, AbbVie, in North Chicago, Illinois. His talk was entitled, "A Journey of Scholarship: Advancing Research Through Knowledge and Association." During his talk he described his journey as a researcher which particularly tied to the Lewis Mission values of knowledge and association.

Dr. Lynch said that scholarship in the Lasallian tradition is about the educational wellbeing of each student as well as the whole of society.

Dr. Lynch earned his Ph.D. in Molecular Pharmacology and Therapeutics from Loyola University Chicago in 2016. His graduate research focused on cardiovascular physiology, in vivo genetic models of hypertrophic and dilated cardiomyopathy, and cardiac muscle mechanics



Dr. Thomas L. Lynch IV

experimentation. Dr. Lynch then conducted a one-year specialized postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Afterwards, he took a role as a Research Fellow at Loyola University Chicago. In January 2019, he joined as a Postdoctoral

Fellow at AbbVie in the Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics – Bioanalysis department performing studies to support the development of antibody drug conjugate, PROTAC and small molecule therapies for cancer. In January 2020, he transitioned into his present role in which he performs metabolite identification studies using mass spectrometry to support the preclinical and clinical development of AbbVie's small molecule therapies.

During the competition, judges evaluated the poster and concurrent presentations that reflected the best of undergraduate and graduate projects for the past year. The student award ceremony was sponsored by Schulze & Burch Biscuit Co.

Awards were presented as follows:

Outstanding Graduate Concurrent Session

First Place: What Do Graphics Interchange Format (GIFs) Add to the Picture? The Effectiveness of Response Elaboration Training for Nonfluent Aphasia. Authors: Danielle Haehn, Renae Heinze, Sarah Henry; Mentor: Dr. Ann Guernon.

Second Place: Analyzing the Impact of the Metaverse, Cryptocurrency, NFTs, and Blockchain Technology. Author: Richard Goluszka; Mentor: Dr. Rami Khasaweneh.

Third Place: Experiencing the Retail Industry in the Metaverse. Author: Hardi Patel; Mentor: Dr. Rami Khasaweneh.

Outstanding Graduate Poster Session

First Place: Using Vestibular Input to Reduce Problematic Behaviors in School-Aged Children with Autism. Authors: Elizabeth Carignan, Natalie Bochenek, Zoe Monks; Mentor: Dr. Allison Richardson.

Second Place: Sensory Integration Therapy vs Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Individuals with ADHD in School. Authors: Steven Banas, James Lucia, Catherine Giuffre; Mentor: Dr. Allison Richardson.

Third Place: The Effectiveness of Spaced Retrieval Therapy on an Individual with Mild Cognitive Impairment: A Single-Subject Design. Authors: Chantelle Allen, Molly Binder, Daniya Ali, Adriana Berardi; Mentor: Dr. Ann Guernon.

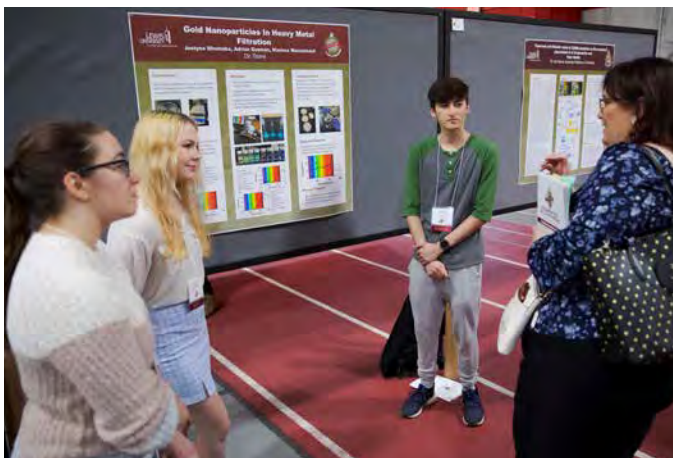
put into two separate categories for awards – math and science; and humanities, health and social science disciplines.

Outstanding Undergraduate Concurrent Session: Math and Science

First Place: CRISPR-Cas9 Therapy for HIV-1 Infections. Author: Krystian Brzek; Mentor: Dr. James Rago.

Second Place: Inhibition of Apoptotic Activity through the P53 Pathway with Hepatocellular Carcinoma Due to High Mobility Group A1 (HMGA1) Protein Expression. Author: Sabrina Kurian; Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Roberts.

Third Place: The Microbiome in Relation to Autism and Possible Treatments. Author: Maya Samardzija; Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Roberts.



Undergraduate student poster and concurrent presentations were



Outstanding Undergraduate Concurrent Session: Humanities, Health, and Social Science

First Place: Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project. Authors: Melissa Vicente, Christian Mietus, Morgan Jennings; Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Consilio.

Second Place: Keeping the Faith with Hagar. Author: Jazmyn Stewart; Mentor: Dr. Karen Trimble Alliaume.

Third Place: Can Cognitive-Behavioral-Based Physical Therapy Help Athletes Return to Their Pre-Injury Level of Sport? Author: Rachel Marsh; Mentor: Dr. Cathy Bohlin.

Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Session: Math and Science

First Place: Cyclin D3 and Conserved DNA Sequences in Transcriptionally Modified Genes. Author: Krystian Brzek; Mentor: Dr. Sarah Powers.

Second Place: Determining Indices of Refraction and Dispersion Curves for Various Liquids Using a Michelson Interferometer with Multiple Wavelengths. Author: Marissa Strelczyk; Mentor: Dr. Chuck Crowder.

Third Place: Low Cost Air Quality Sensors. Author: Andres Alvarez; Mentor: Dr. Joseph Kozminski.

Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Session: Humanities, Health, and Social Science

First Place: Trauma Sensitive (After) Schools: An Analysis of Trauma-Sensitive Frameworks Within 21st Century After-School Settings. Author: Hannah Michalczak; Mentor: Dr. Emily Shayman.

Second Place: If You Can Be Anything, Be Kind: Investigating the Effects of Kindness on One's Wellbeing. Author: Chelsea Reidies; Mentor: Dr. Philip Blankenship.

Third Place: Mental Health Resources in the Department of Corrections. Author: Danielle Cusumano; Mentor: Dr. Morris Jenkins.

The Dr. Stephany Schlachter Excellence in Undergraduate Scholarship

The award went to:

Vitamin C: The Dark Horse of Potential Alzheimer's Disease Therapeutics. Author: Emma Crnich; Mentor: Dr. Mallory Havens.

The primary goal of the symposium is to provide an opportunity for students to display and celebrate their original work and research. A year of planning across the University reflects the commitment to the Lewis educational experience – Students at the Center...For a Better World.

BR. JOEL DAMIAN, FSC, BUSINESS COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Winners of the Br. Joel Damian, FSC, Business Plan and Pitch Competition were announced at the 2022 Celebration of Scholarship.

Lewis University graduate and undergraduate students of all majors with a start-up idea or an existing business are encouraged to apply each year. Competitors may enter individually or in teams. Applicants wishing to compete in the business plan competition must first submit a paragraph about their business and a video business pitch no more than three minutes.

The winners from the Business Plan and Business Pitch competed for up to \$25,000 value in cash

awards and in-kind space in the Lewis University Regional Business Incubator, to help launch their ideas!

The business plan competition, which began in 2013, is the marquee event hosted by Lewis University's Lowell Stahl Center for Entrepreneurship and Real Estate. The ongoing program is designed to help student entrepreneurs launch new business ideas from concept through planning.

The 2022 winners are as follows:

Business Plan Competition Winners

Grand Prize: Automated Greenhouse (Cash Award, plus Hub Space)

Undergraduate Student Project - Author: Kevin Swarts; Faculty Mentor: James Hoffman

Grand Prize: Primepulse, LLC (Cash Award, plus Hub Space)

Undergraduate Student Project - Author: Kenneth Burton; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jason Keleher

Grand Prize: Available Sustainable (Cash Award, plus Hub Space)

Undergraduate Student Project - Author: Alexis Perryman

Business Pitch Competition Winners

Grand Prize: Hospital Booth System (Cash Award, plus Hub Space)

Undergraduate Student Project - Author: Duyen Hai Doan; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Belgio

Social Impact Award: Medical Smart Toilets (Cash Award)

Graduate Student Project - Author: Nzar Sharif; Faculty Mentors: Dr. Raymond Klump and Dr. Elizabeth Kozak

Graduate Student Award: Smart NFT Deed Contracts (Cash Award)

Graduate Student Project - Author: Avinash Badaramoni; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Safwan Omari

Graduate Student Award: Webhotel (Cash Award)

Graduate Student Project - Author: Majeed Khan

To learn more information about the Brother Joel Damian, FSC, Business Plan and Pitch Competition, visit the website.



LASALLIAN STUDENT REFLECTION

REFLECTIONS ON VOCATION AND SERVICE AS A PASTORAL INTERN

This past May, Grace Crumbaugh, '21, completed her year as a Pastoral Intern – a new opportunity created by University Ministry to provide recent college graduates with a year of personal and vocational discernment, an opportunity for growth and Lasallian formation, and valuable work experience that may support exploration of future campus ministry or mission-related career opportunities.

As Grace completed her year in the program, she was invited to share her thoughts and reflections with the Board of Trustees during their May meeting about the impact of the program of her Lewis University experience.

“When I graduated last May, I thought I was going to law school, with dreams to participate in a dual program for my J.D. law degree and a Master’s in Education Policy. Clearly...God chuckled at that and had other plans for me. Instead, I became Lewis University’s first University Ministry Pastoral Intern, and it was the best thing I could have done for myself after graduating college. This year was about growing a deeper connection with God, helping and serving others, and also discerning my own personal vocation.

This new position in University Ministry is quite unique in that it was designed to fit the person fulfilling the role. Of course, there were day-to-day tasks that I helped the full-time staff complete. But ultimately, I had a say in the priorities of my work. As a student at Lewis, I was very involved in music ministry, social justice groups, the Community Engaged Learning Facilitator (CELF) Program, and retreats. So naturally, I was able to continue my involvement in these passions with the guidance of Ministry staff by leading music ministry, initiating social justice discussions and planning, acting as a liaison between the Community Engaged Learning office and University Ministry, and coordinating various Ministry retreats.



With the great flexibility of this internship, I was able to continue growing as a professional, as well as learn more about myself, as an individual. I improved valuable skills such as listening, empathy, teamwork, organization, creativity, public speaking, one-on-one accompaniment, and so much more. Furthermore, I have realized how essential self-reflection is to having a growth mindset. Thus, in the midst of the busyness of life, I learned how to slow down and take time to pray and listen to where God is leading me. Additionally, experiencing the productivity of a healthy team was invaluable to my journey this year. I consider myself very blessed to have had such supportive and dedicated coworkers to guide and challenge me. Without a doubt, I can say that the University Ministry team has played a huge part in my growth of faith, self-confidence, and purpose.



Thinking of purpose through the lens of a Lasallian, I have come to appreciate De La Salle’s mission of an accessible education for everyone, especially a holistic education. I think we can all agree that getting a college education is not just about G.P.A.s and honors societies. More importantly, it is about students gaining knowledge to better understand the world around us from professors and staff that they have built relationships with and therefore, trust their wisdom and guidance. As a Lasallian institution, we know that community should be at the core of everything we do. So, with the mental and emotional strain from Covid, this year’s Ministry team shifted to prioritizing relationships over programming, emphasizing just how important community can be.

It is no shock for me to say that this pandemic has drastically impacted us all. I’m sure there have been many moments of goodness and hope throughout these past 2 years, but there were also moments of loneliness and despair. Now more than ever, I’ve found that students, faculty, and staff are longing for the support and comfort that comes from a strong community. Ministry has worked hard to be an open space for everyone to feel valued and heard. The people I have encountered this year have had a profound impact on me with their vulnerability in story-sharing.

I’ve found that those who share don’t necessarily need advice or a wise solution. They just want to be seen for who they truly are and reassured that they are not alone in whatever struggles they are facing. The faculty and staff here at Lewis journey with our students and each other every day. And it’s not about doing these grand gestures, it’s the simple, genuine care about the lives of their students and colleagues beyond the classroom or workplace.

Through this year of discernment in my role as a Pastoral Intern, I’ve decided to pursue a Master of Education and become a teacher, so that I, too, can listen to and empower the youth and those around me. However, my long-term goal is to eventually shape education policy to achieve a more just educational system. But whatever my future may hold, in witnessing this strong community here at Lewis, I hope to be that support to others through accompaniment on their own life journey. As Lasallians, we have persevered together, and I am eager to bring the Lasallian spirit with me wherever God leads me.”

Grace Crumbaugh graduated in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy of Law and Public Policy. She minored in Peace Studies and Spanish. Grace was Lewis University’s 2020-2021 Lincoln Academy Student Laureate. She has been accepted into the University of Notre Dame’s ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) Teaching Fellows Program where she will now pursue a Master of Education.

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL GROS
MEMORIAL EVENT

An Evening with
Valarie Kaur

SEE NO
STRANGER

REVOLUTIONARY LOVE
AS THE CALL OF OUR TIMES

OCTOBER 20, 2022 / 7PM



On October 20, 2022, Lewis University will be pleased to welcome Valarie Kaur to campus for the 5th Annual Gros Memorial Event. From her website valariekaur.com, “Valarie Kaur is a renowned civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, innovator, and best-selling author of *See No Stranger*. She leads the Revolutionary Love Project to reclaim love as a force for justice.”

Like so many others, Dr. Christie Billups, Director of the Br. Jeffrey Gros, FSC Institute for Dialogue, Justice and Social Action, was inspired by Ms. Kaur's address to an interfaith gathering for “Watch Night 2016” hosted by William Barber II, proponent of the Poor People's Campaign and a “season of nonviolent direct action.” She called all who heard her to reimagine the dark times we sometimes find ourselves in not as “the darkness of the tomb” but as the “darkness of the womb.” Through revolutionary love, we are invited by Valarie to give birth to a

more inclusive, welcoming and compassionate human community. We must breathe collectively and push for greater justice that leaves no one behind.

Valarie Kaur will guide us through the Gros Memorial Event from 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo's Convocation Hall with a live audience while it is also streamed for virtual ticket holders. The event will be followed by a book signing and reception. On the following day, Ms. Kaur will gather with students who are burgeoning filmmakers, lawyers and justice advocates in the morning to inspire and motivate them in their vocational pursuits. In the afternoon, she will workshop with staff and faculty to imagine

ways that revolutionary love can inspire a deepening of our commitment at Lewis University to confront all forms of violence, exclusion and hate in order to ensure that ours is a culture of hospitality, equity, belonging, compassion and justice.

The Gros Institute is exceptionally grateful to the Gros Family Foundation for making it possible for us to bring Valarie Kaur to campus. We hope the experience will be a catalyst for rich dialogue and meaningful social action for all those who attend.



FacultyNews

Cozzi Receives Doctorate

In December 2021, Rebecca Cozzi (Assistant Professor, Exercise Science) graduated from A.T. Still University and received a doctorate of health science with a concentration in leadership and organizational behavior. The title of her research is “The Effectiveness of Utilizing Graded Exercise Tests in Cardiac Rehabilitation.”

Kavouras Co-Authors Paper with Lasallian Colleague from France

Dr. Jerry Kavouras (Professor, Biology) and Dr. Marie Ben-Othmen (UniLasalle-France) co-authored “Developing a community-based local food system in Will County, Illinois: Insights from stakeholders’ viewpoints,” which was published in the *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. The paper discusses the significance of coalition building and collaboration in developing a sustainable, local food system in Will County.

Bixby and Graduate Student Co-Author Paper

Master of Chemistry student Matt Mantia '21 developed, constructed, and tested an ellipsometer made from 3D-printed parts. This design reduces instrument cost from about \$13,000 to \$150, making the measurement technique accessible to a broad range of institutions while maintaining measurement accuracy and precision relative to a commercial instrument. A paper co-authored by Mantia and Dr. Teresa Bixby (Associate Professor, Chemistry) will be published in the June 2022 issue of the *American Journal of Physics* as a featured article, which means the article will be open-access for the first two months and a compilation of figures from the paper will be on the cover.

Muench Presents at Annual Writers Conference

In March, Dr. Simone Muench (Professor, English Studies) presented at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for a panel titled “New Directions in the American Sonnet (Poetry Craft & Criticism).”

Shultz and Colleague Contribute to the Study of African American Farm Owners Post-Civil War

Dr. Mark Shultz (Professor, History) and Adrienne Petty (College of William and Mary) collaborated on an essay entitled, “Breaking New Ground: African American Landowners and the Pursuit of the American Dream,” in the book *Lincoln’s Unfinished Work: The New Birth of Freedom From Generation to Generation*. The duo also participated in the 2021-2022 Newberry Labor History Seminar, presenting their paper entitled, “‘Strive to Possess Land!’ African Americans’ Quest to Own Farms as a Response to Limited Options” in January. The paper laid out their argument that the freed people had few options besides the quest for farmland as they strove toward economic self-sufficiency. In these studies, Schultz and Petty provide windows into their forthcoming monograph on the history of African American farm owners since the Civil War.

Collaboration Between Muench and White Continues to Receive Accolades

Hex & Howl, the chapbook that Dr. Simone Muench (Professor, English Studies) and Dr. Jackie White (Professor, English Studies, Retired) co-wrote, was a 2022 Poetry Award Honoree for the Society of Midland Authors, which was founded in 1915. The duo also continues to have collaborative, co-written poems published including “Cipher” in *Salamander Magazine* (Fall/Winter 2021-2022), “Dismantling” in *Cider Press View* (February 2022: Volume 23, Issue 6), and “Tense” in *Newcity Magazine*.

Klappa Presents Two Projects at National Meetings for APTA

Dr. Sue Klappa (Professor, Doctor of Physical Therapy) presented two peer-reviewed research projects at the national American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) in San Antonio, Texas from February 2-5, 2022. The presentations were “Learning Advocacy & Grit: Social/Emotional Aspects of Quality of Life for Individuals with MS” and “Grit Factor & Flow State Disruption in QOL for PTs, Faculty, and Students during COVID-19.”

Stone Elected to National Council for Undergraduate Research

Dr. Kari L. Stone (Associate Professor, Chemistry) has been elected as a councilor in the Chemistry division for the Council on Undergraduate Research for a 3-year term (2022-2025). This is a national post elected by peers in her discipline.

Roberts Presents at NAAHP National Conference

On June 17, 2022, Dr. Jennifer Roberts (Professor, Biology) presented a concurrent session at the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP) National Conference entitled, “Examples of Cultural Competencies and Ethics Training for Pre-Health Students” in Denver, Colorado.

Trimble Alliaume Presents at National Conference

On November 22, 2021, Dr. Karen Trimble Alliaume (Professor and Chair, Theology) presented a paper entitled “Hell is the Presence of Theodicy? Ted Chiang’s Implicit Theology” in a session at the American Academy of Religion conference in San Antonio, Texas. The paper examined Chiang’s short story “Hell is the Absence of God,” focusing on how theodicies around disability portrayed in the story offers the opportunity to highlight their cultural ubiquity and harm in linking disability or its absence to divine favor or disfavor.

Mustafa Presents Paper at “Unsettling Victorians” NAVSA Conference

Dr. Jamil Mustafa (Professor, English Studies) presented a paper at “Unsettling Victorians,” the annual North American Victorian Studies Association (NAVSA) conference, which was held virtually on March 3-6. Established in 2002, NAVSA provides a continental forum for scholars of the Victorian period. His paper entitled, “Queer Orientalism: Arthur Conan Doyle’s Gothic Fiction,” demonstrates how the author’s stories depict Englishmen who are queered and made nervous by encountering the East, and how late-Victorian constructions of sexuality and nervous disorders engage both Gothic fiction and Orientalism. “Unsettling Victorians” focused on settler and colonial identities, cultures, environments, structures, and assumptions during the nineteenth century.

Psychology Faculty Co-Author Book about Alzheimer's Disease

Dr. Matthew Domico (Assistant Professor, Psychology) and Dr. Valerie Hill (Professor, Psychology) co-authored a book entitled *What You Need to Know About Alzheimer's Disease* published by ABC-CLIO. This book is part of a series entitled *Inside Diseases and Disorders*, which examines the etiology, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of major mental and physical health conditions that affect the world today.

Sartell and Colleagues Organize and Facilitate Islamic Philosophy Conference

Dr. Elizabeth Sartell (Assistant Professor, Theology) and her colleagues from Bard College and American University co-organized and co-facilitated the "Forms and Functions of Islamic Philosophy" conference on March 31 - April 1, 2022. It featured innovative work by an international group of scholars and generated rich conversations among emerging scholars working within the field of Islamic philosophy.

Davis Published in Aesthetic Education Journal and Presented at Hermeneutics Institute

Dr. Karen E. Davis' (Assistant Professor, Philosophy) article entitled "'Constrained neither physically nor morally': Schiller, Aesthetic Freedom, and the Power of Play" was published in the Summer 2021 *Journal of Aesthetic Education*. The article explores Schiller's idea of aesthetic play as a corrective to the potential for coercion in ethical education. The analysis also examines Burgess's *A Clockwork Orange* as a model of Schillerian aesthetic education -- and reveals its shortcomings as such.

Powers and Students Participate in Poster Presentations

Dr. Sarah Powers (Associate Professor, Biology) and two of her senior biology students attended the Autumn Immunology Conference in Chicago, Illinois from November 2021 and participated in poster presentations to share their collaborative research work. Emmylou Henrichs '21 presented a poster entitled, "Cyclin D3 Regulation and Expression During T Cell Leukemia," and Krystian Brzek '22 presented a poster entitled, "Cyclin D3 and Transcriptional Regulation During B Cell Development."

Honnold Appointed to National and International Music Committees

Dr. Adrienne Honnold (Assistant Professor, Music) was appointed to national and international committees in the fall of 2021. Honnold served on the College Music Society Programming Committee for the 39th Annual Great Lakes Regional Conference hosted by Millikin University in March 2022, and was appointed to the programming committee for the North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference hosted by Oklahoma State University in March 2022. As a member of this committee, she reviewed hundreds of proposals from saxophonists across Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Cremin Advises on National History Exhibit on Housing Discrimination

Dr. Dennis H. Cremin (Professor, History) served on the Scholarly Advisory Committee for the *Unvarnished: Housing Discrimination in the Northern and Western United States* online exhibit. The virtual materials allow visitors to explore the history of exclusionary housing practices. By spotlighting the stories and primary documents of six communities: Appleton, Wis; Brea, Calif.; Columbus, Oh.; Naperville, Ill.; Oak Park, Ill.; and West Hartford, Conn., along with the national context, visitors will learn how housing discrimination was often based on race, ethnicity, or religion. The exhibit will share how the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s resulted in fair housing campaigns across the country.

Tapia Co-Authors Article on Cultivation Theory for International Journal

Dr. Natalia Tapia (Associate Professor, Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies) along with Wendi Pollock and Deborah Sibila (Texas A&M University Corpus Christi) published an article in the *International Journal of Police Science and Management* entitled "Cultivation theory: The impact of crime media's portrayal of race on the desire to become a U.S. police officer." The death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 again left people asking why U.S. police officers so commonly resort to the use of deadly force when interacting with Black individuals. The article proposes that media, combined with cultivation theory and social cognition concepts may create implicit biases that are potential contributors to this problem.

Nursing Colleagues Collaborate on Monograph and Academic Practice Partnership Grant

Dr. Daisy Sherry (Associate Professor, Nursing) and Dr. Nanci Reiland (Associate Professor, Nursing) along with two other colleagues collaborated on a publication entitled "Building Trust with Uninsured Populations: Have you had your Vitamin P today?" for the National Association of African American Studies Monograph in December 2021.

Meyer Earns Teaching Award and Invitation to Research Workshop

In March 2022, Dr. Marie Meyer (Assistant Professor, Mathematics) received the Early Career Teaching Award from the Illinois Section of the Mathematical Association of America (ISMAA). This award is given to someone who is widely recognized as extraordinarily successful in their teaching, has documented teaching effectiveness, has had influence in their teaching beyond their own institution, and fosters curiosity and generates excitement about mathematics in their students.

Kramer Co-Authors Article for Online Nursing Journal

Dr. Michele Riley Kramer (Professor, Nursing) along with her colleagues Laurie Schmiesing and Christoph von Dach published an article in the August 2021 edition of the *Journal of Holistic Nursing* (online) entitled "Illuminating Nursing's Value: The 12 Anthroposophic nursing gestures." The focus of the article is how to impact the value of nursing by highlighting its foundational healing paradigm, bringing out the intangibles.

Kramer, Klemic, and Page Present at Regional Management Conference

Dr. Michele Riley Kramer (Professor, Nursing), Dr. George Klemic (Professor, Business Administration), and Dr. Lesley Page (Associate Professor, Organizational Leadership) presented at the Midwest Academy of Management Annual Conference in Davenport, Iowa from October 15-17, 2021. Their presentation was entitled "Posttraumatic growth in organizations: Leadership's role in deploying organizational energy beyond survival."

LEWIS ALUM, BENEFACTOR NEIL CAREY PASSES AWAY



Lewis University alum and benefactor Neil Carey, class of 1954, passed away on January 27 at the age of 89.

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. Carey received an Alumni Achievement Award in Business and Philanthropy in 1997.

In 1995, Carey 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 generously committed through his estate plans and pledged his continued support for 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.

In October 1995, the gymnasium in the John F. Kennedy Sports Center was named the Neil P. Carey Arena. In 2011, renovations to Neil Carey Arena included a new roof, a renovated system for heating and air conditioning, painting, installation of energy-efficient lighting and a new floor. The entire building then became part of what is now called the JFK Recreation and Sports Center.

LEWIS PLACES SECOND IN GLVC ALL-SPORTS TROPHY AND COMMISSIONER'S CUP STANDINGS

The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) announced that the Lewis University Athletics Department finished second in both the 2021-22 GLVC All-Sports Trophy and Commissioner's Cup standings. This marks Lewis' second straight runner-up finish in both standings.

The GLVC All-Sports Trophy is presented to the institution that demonstrates the best all-around performance in the league's 24 sponsored sports. Points are allocated based on overall finish in the respective sport's conference tournament.

Indianapolis (218 points) won the All-Sports Trophy for the 10th-straight year, followed by the Flyers (184 points) and their conference championships in men's cross country, women's volleyball and women's indoor and outdoor track and field. Lewis also got 14 points from women's cross country and women's basketball, 13 points from men's indoor and outdoor track field, 12 points from men's soccer and men's basketball, 11 points from women's tennis and 10 points from baseball.

Points are allocated for the Commissioner's Cup based on the athletic department's finish in the GLVC's postseason tournaments and regular season standings in men's soccer, women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, softball and baseball. All 15 Conference members sponsor those sports at the intercollegiate level.



Under the guidance of Director of Athletics, Dr. John Planek, Lewis earned 76 points and was tied for second with Indianapolis. The Flyers and Greyhounds were edged by Drury by one point.

Lewis qualified for GLVC Championship Tournaments in six of the seven core sports this past year, highlighted by the GLVC championship in women's volleyball. Women's basketball was the runner-up at the GLVC Tournament and picked up 14 points.

Men's soccer and men's basketball each finished fourth and earned 12 points apiece. Baseball was the No. 3 seed from the GLVC Blue Division and finished with 10 points while women's soccer was the No. 7 seed at its tournament to earn nine points.

LEWIS' DIMATTEO AND STEVENSON INDUCTED INTO GLVC HALL OF FAME

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced that former Lewis University softball coach George DiMatteo and former Lewis University baseball player Mike Stevenson have been inducted into the GLVC Hall of Fame.

The GLVC Hall of Fame Class of 2022 was honored at the Enterprise/GLVC Spring Awards Reception at the Drury Plaza Hotel in St. Louis on Tuesday, May 24.

DiMatteo began his long-time tenure at Lewis in the 1984 season after the Flyers joined the GLVC in 1981. He accumulated 1,032 wins during his 31-year career, ranking 11th in Division II history. While at Lewis, DiMatteo's teams advanced to the NCAA Division II Regional 13 times, finishing as National Runner-Up in the 2001 season with a program-record 55 wins that year. A seven-time GLVC Coach of the Year, DiMatteo won 11 conference championships over the course of his career, 10 of which came in the GLVC, and finished runner-up nine times. On top of all his success leading the Flyers' program to being a consistent power in not only the Conference, but the region, he coached eight GLVC Players of the Year and five All-Americans. Moreover, DiMatteo won two regional coaching awards in 1994 and 2000 and had twelve teams ranked in the final NFCA polls, including the program's highest-ever ranking at No. 2 in 2001.

Stevenson is regarded as one of the best players in the history of the Lewis baseball program. On the team from 1988-91, he was named All-GLVC and All-American three-straight times from 1989-91. Stevenson has his name plastered on the Flyers' record books, owning three career records in hits (341), runs batted in (230), and doubles



(80), as well as a single-season doubles record (30). He's also second all-time in career batting average (.417) and runs scored (221). Helping lead the Flyers to three consecutive NCAA Division II Baseball World Series appearances from 1988-90, the lefty started all but six games during that stretch where Lewis notched three top-five finishes in the country. The 1991 GLVC Player of the Year, Stevenson was also named the North Central All-Region Player of the Year, as well as the NCAA Division II Player of the Year that season, which makes him the only player in program history to receive that honor. Following his career at Lewis, Stevenson was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in 1991.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 and 2021 classes were left vacant, while the 2022 GLVC Hall of Fame Class will be the 19th class to be inducted since the establishment of the honor in 2002. With the inclusion of the Class of 2022 in May, the GLVC Hall of Fame membership will expand to 84 former administrators, coaches, and student-athletes.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL POSTS 20 MIVA ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

The Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) announced on Friday, June 3, that Lewis University had 20 MIVA Academic All-Conference award winners. The Flyers increased their total honorees from the 18 who earned the honors last year and finished with 20 of their 22 athletes (91 percent) earn the award.

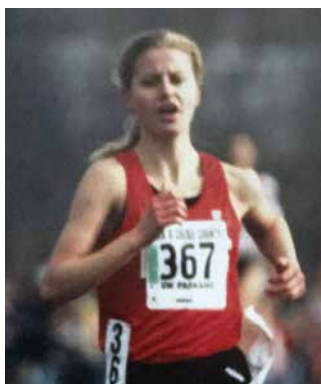
The Flyers led the MIVA in representatives with their 20. Ball State and Ohio State each had 17, while Loyola totaled 16 student athletes who earned Academic All-MIVA. There were 117 athletes in all who received the award.

To be eligible, student-athletes must have achieved at least a career 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale after the completion of the spring semester.

The following Lewis student-athletes received the academic All-MIVA honor:

- Isaac Benka (Minneapolis, Minn./Minnehaha Academy) - Freshman
- Cole Brillhart (York, Pa./Northeastern) - Redshirt-Junior
- Liam Buck (Baden, Pa./Ambridge) - Redshirt-Freshman
- Carter Burzlaff (Elgin, Ill./Bartlett High School) - Redshirt-Sophomore
- Chase Celichowski (Germantown, Wis./Germantown) - Freshman
- Ryan Collins (Dublin, Calif./Valley Christian) - Freshman
- John Davis (Naperville, Ill./Naperville Central) - Redshirt-Sophomore
- Carlos Jimenez (Miami Beach, Fla./FLVS) - Redshirt-Senior
- Kevin Kauling (Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley) - Junior
- Connor Keating (Tinley Park, Ill./Andrew) - Sophomore
- Joe Kenzinger (Chicago, Ill./Brother Rice) - Redshirt-Senior
- Alec Lehnert (Lake Grove, N.Y./Sachem North) - Redshirt-Junior
- Tyler Mitchem (Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook HS) - Graduate Student
- Tyler Morgan (Dike, Iowa/New Hartford) - Freshman
- Jared Phelan (McKinney, Tex./McKinney Boyd) - Redshirt-Sophomore
- Christian Prayer (St. Louis, Mo./Parkway North) - Junior
- Max Roquet (Johnston, Iowa/Johnston) - Freshman
- Michael Sack (Oak Lawn, Ill./St. Laurence) - Redshirt-Sophomore
- Tyler Simpson (Bethel Park, Pa./Bethel Park) - Redshirt-Freshman
- Wesley Yusk (Casselberry, Fla./Lake Howell) - Freshman

LEWIS HALL OF FAME HONOREES



MALGORZATA BIELA **WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD AND** **CROSS COUNTRY (1994-98)**

Biela is the 18th Flyer from the track and field program and third in the cross country program to be inducted into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame. She was a three-time All-American in cross country and still holds the third fastest time in school history in the 5,000 kilometer at 17:11.

Biela helped lead the Flyers to back-to-back GLVC Championships in 1996 and 1997 and was a two-time individual champion tying with Magdalena Paszta for the top spot in 1994 and 1995. She earned All-GLVC honors and All-Region honors all four years in cross country.

Biela finished third behind teammates Kasia Arent and Paszta at the 1997 NCAA Cross Country Championships. It marked the first time in NCAA women's cross country history that three runners from the same school captured the top three spots.

Biela also had success on the track winning six NCAA titles and received 11 All-America honors. She won the 800 meters at both the 1995 Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships, was the Indoor champion in the 800 meters in 1996 and won the 1500 and 3000 meters at the 1997 Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Biela repeated as the champ in the 1500 meters at the 1998 Outdoor Track and Field Championships.



JAYME HEFLER **SOFTBALL (2010-13)**

Hefler is the 10th Flyer softball player to be inducted into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame. She dominates the Lewis records books as she is the all-time leader in runs scored (195), stolen bases (142), walks (99) and on-base percentage (.485). Hefler also holds the single season records for stolen bases (41) in 2011 and runs scored

(60) in 2010.

She was a two-time Daktronics Inc., All-American earning Third Team honors in 2010 and Honorable Mention accolades in 2013 and was also named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFC) All-America Second Team in 2010. She is a four-time NFCA and Daktronics, Inc. All-Midwest Region selection, a four-time All-GLVC First Team honoree and was named the GLVC's Freshman of the Year in 2010.

As a freshman, she appeared in 54 games with 52 starts with a .444 batting average, five doubles, a triple and 40 stolen bases.

Academically, Hefler was a four-time Academic All-GLVC selection and Br. David Delahanty Award winner, given to Lewis student-athletes for academic excellence. She was named a CoSIDA Academic Second Team All-American in 2012 and 2013.



DOUG MCBRIDE **MEN'S VOLLEYBALL** **(1994-97)**

McBride is one of the pioneers of Lewis men's volleyball that laid the foundation for the success of the program. He appeared in 132 matches in his career and owns 6,507 set assists which puts him in first place in school history and seventh all-time in NCAA history in the side-out era and eighth all-time.

His 15.64 assists per set still ranks

second all-time in school history and is 15th in the NCAA record books. McBride played in 416 sets and helped the Flyers to 104 wins during his career, including a school record 31 wins an appearance in the 1996 NCAA Semifinals.

In 1997, he registered 1,860 set assists and averaged 17.22 assists per set en route to All-Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association First Team accolades and was named to the Volleyball Magazine All-America Third Team. He was twice named the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) National Player of the Week (4/22/1996, 1/27/1997). McBride is the fourth member of the men's volleyball program to be inducted into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame joining Chris Borden, Eduardo Quinones and Victor Rivera.



AUSTIN REAL **MEN'S BASKETBALL** **(2001-04)**

Real is the 34th player in men's basketball history to be inducted into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame. He appeared in 116 games with 112 starts for the Flyers and helped lead them to 89 victories which included a school record 25 wins in 2002, a GLVC Tournament Championship in 2002, a NCAA Sweet Sixteen

appearance and a GLVC Regular Season championship in 2004. He was the Most Valuable Player in the 2002 GLVC Tournament after averaging 13 points and nine rebounds per game.

Real was the GLVC's Newcomer of the Year in 2001, earned honorable mention All-GLVC honors in 2002 and 2003. He is 15th on the all-time scoring list at Lewis with 1,334 points and averaged 11.5 points per game in his career. Real is also eighth all-time in rebounds with 691.

As a freshman, he appeared in 27 games with 23 starts averaging 11.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per contest. He also added 46 assists and 38 blocked shots in 28 minutes per game.

Academically, Real was a recipient of the Br. Delahanty award in 2001.



**SARAH
SCOTT-GUNDLACH**
WOMEN'S SWIMMING (2000-03)

Scott-Gundlach is the second swimmer (men's or women's) to be inducted into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame joining her teammate Molly Ward who was inducted in 2005. At the 2001 NCAA Division II Championships, Scott-Gundlach earned First Team All-America

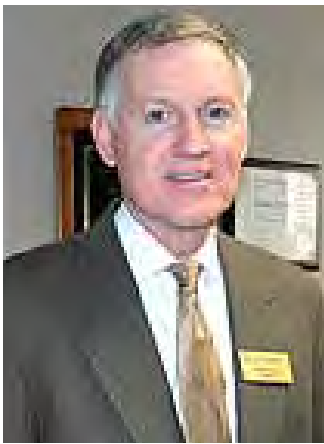
honors in the 100-freestyle with her seventh-place finish and as a member of the Flyers 800 free relay team that finished eighth in a then school

record time of 7:44.37. She also earned Honorable Mention All-America honors with her 11th-place finish in the 200 free, a 16th-place finish in the 50 free, was a member of the 200 free relay team that took 12th and the 400-medley relay team that finished 13th.

As a junior, Scott-Gundlach earned First Team All-America honors as a member of the 800 free relay team that finished eighth and earned Honorable Mention All-America honors as a member of the 400 free relay team placed 13th and the 200 Medley Relay team that finished 14th.

In her senior year, Scott-Gundlach was a First Team All-American finishing eighth in the 200 free and received honorable mention honors in the 50 free (13th) and the 100 free (10th).

Academically, she was four-time recipient of the Delahanty Award.



LARRY WIERS
LASALLIAN OF THE YEAR

Wiers, a former Assistant Professor for Educational Leadership and Director of School Partnerships at Lewis, had an over 40-year career in education and decades of volunteer service.

His professional work stretches across four decades of serving in various capacities. After earning his bachelor's degree from Loyola University, Wiers became a teacher

at St. Thaddeus School in Joliet.

The majority of his professional career was spent moving up the ranks in Troy Community Consolidated School District. He started as a social studies teacher in 1974 and then moved on to being an assistant principal, director of elementary education, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, interim superintendent and superintendent until June 2007.

He also served as a youth counselor and director of volunteer services at the Illinois Department of Corrections in Joliet. After four years at the elementary level, he moved on to teach history at the high school level in the Plainfield District 2002. He also taught in the Department of Community Services at Joliet Junior College for a year. In the 1980s, he began teaching as an adjunct professor at the University of St. Francis and then at Lewis in 1997.

In 2011, the Will County Regional Office of Education honored Wiers with the Friends of Education award and Lewis University honored him with the De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service.

The De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service is presented to individuals that perform outstanding volunteer service on campus or in the community. A few of his service activities in the community include: Member of the Guardian Angel Community Services Board of Directors and member of the Executive Committee and Personnel Committee, Member of Greater Joliet Area YMCA Metro Board of Directors, Member of the Education to Careers Board of Directors, Member of the VISTA Learning (Computers to Kids in Need) Board of Directors, Member of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Education Committee, Member of Troy School District 30-C Foundation Planning Committee, Member Troy School District 30-C Foundation Board of Directors, Volunteer, Will County Senior Services Center, Meals on Wheels Program, Member of the Plainfield Lions Club Board of Directors, Chairman of Plainfield Lions Club Christmas Basket Program, Member of United Way of Will County Campaign - Education Division Committee, Member of the United Way Pillars Society, Past Co-Chair of Lewis University United Way Campaign and Troy School District 30-C United Way Campaign, Member of the Principal Selection Committees for St. Raymond and Holy Family Catholic Schools, and Faculty Mentor to Lewis University's Men's Basketball Team.

Justice Lisa Holder White '90 Appointed to Illinois Supreme Court

Justice Holder White, has been appointed to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court, effective July 8, 2022, through December 2, 2024. She will be the first Black woman to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court.



“Being appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court is the honor of a lifetime. I am humbled by the confidence Justice Rita B. Garman and the entire Court have placed in me,” Justice Holder White said. “My service to the judiciary for the past 21 years has helped prepare me for this historic moment. I look forward to the privilege of resolving matters my fellow citizens bring before the Court.”

Justice Lisa Holder White began her career as an Assistant State’s Attorney for Macon County before going into private practice while also serving as an Assistant Public Defender for Macon County. In 2001, Justice Holder

White was sworn in as an Associate Judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the first Black Judge in the circuit. In 2008, she became a Circuit Judge, having been appointed to the position by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill a retirement vacancy, and in 2010, was elected to the position. Judge White was sworn in on January 14, 2013, as the first Black Justice on the Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District. In 2014, she was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District.

Justice Holder White previously served on and chaired the Illinois Supreme Court Judicial Conference Committee on Education, which is charged with planning and providing continuing judicial education for Illinois judges. She teaches at the bi-annual Education Conference, which all Illinois state court judges are required to attend, and previously served as an instructor for “New Judge School”. In April 2013, Judge White was named “Woman of the Year” at the 2013 Women of Excellence Awards, hosted by the Decatur YMCA and United Way of Decatur and Mid-Illinois. She has also been the recipient of a Lewis University Alumni Achievement Award in 2013, the Joe Slaw Civil Rights Award from the Decatur branch of the NAACP, the Illinois Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award, the University of Illinois College of Law Black Law Students Association’s James Seaberry Award for Excellence, and the Illinois Judges Association Harold Sullivan Award.

Justice Holder White is a member of the Decatur Bar Association, the Illinois Judges Association, the Central Illinois Women’s Bar Association, and the University of Illinois College of Law Leadership Project. She previously served on the boards of the Decatur Public Schools Foundation, the Mid-Illinois Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Community Foundation of Macon County, and Millikin University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from Lewis University, and her Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law.



LEWIS HISTORY PROJECT

Lewis University is excited to announce that we are partnering with Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI) to document our rich history through the Lewis History Project. As we enter Lewis' 90th Anniversary Year, it was decided to embark on this journey to collect stories from our Lewis alumni and friends and celebrate their unique Lewis experience.

Through the Lewis History Project, alumni will receive postcards, emails and phone calls with the chance to tell their #LewisU story. At the end of the project, stories will be compiled in a book available for purchase (along with some Lewis swag!) and published in the Library of Congress.

From memories in The Flyer's Den or meeting your Lewis sweetheart to profound classroom experiences and memorable professors, YOUR story matters...

ALUMNI STORIES



"I have always held in high regard the Lewis Mission with God being the center of it all. Lewis University's ethics and moral standards will always be included

in my everyday life and working principles. It has always been vital that I promote moral and ethical action which is important not only for the clients that I serve as a Clinical Therapist, but for others as well. I am constantly reflecting on ways that can effectively help the individuals that I serve and continue to be the voice and advocate that they need to help with any injustice that they may face in life."

- **Chandace Campbell '13 '17**



Linda Mitchell '88 was born and raised in a small town in North Dakota. After high school, she traveled a bit before finding her passion for nursing as well as her soulmate,

James. After getting married, the two moved to Chicago where Linda kickstarted her nursing career at Christ Hospital. During that time, Linda and James began to build a family. But it wasn't until after their second child that Linda decided to go back to school and pursue a bachelor's degree at Lewis University. After six years of school as a non-traditional adult student and mother of three, Linda graduated in 1988.

She worked as a school nurse for more than 15 years before opening her own company, A New Leaf Redesign, and eventually retiring. After a few years of travel, her husband James unfortunately passed after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease about a year ago.

Linda feels very fortunate for all that she accomplished in her life, attributing much of her success to Lewis. Linda believed in education and understood the important role it had on creating opportunity.

"Lewis allowed me to continue my education during an important stage of my life," Linda says. "I was committed to doing this – for both me and my family. My experience at Lewis allowed me to gain confidence and explore my passions. I know I had many more experiences and opportunities throughout my life than if I had not pursued my degree."

As a true leader, Linda hopes to pay it forward by supporting various charities and institutions, one of them being Lewis University. "I feel that we were placed on Earth to help each other. How will someone know what their full potential is if obstacles are in the way of them reaching it? I hope that my support will allow students to follow their dreams and be a generation of leaders we can be proud of!"



"My time at Lewis gave me the basic aeronautical knowledge I needed to be successful in my career," said Jim. "The small class sizes, flexibility, and

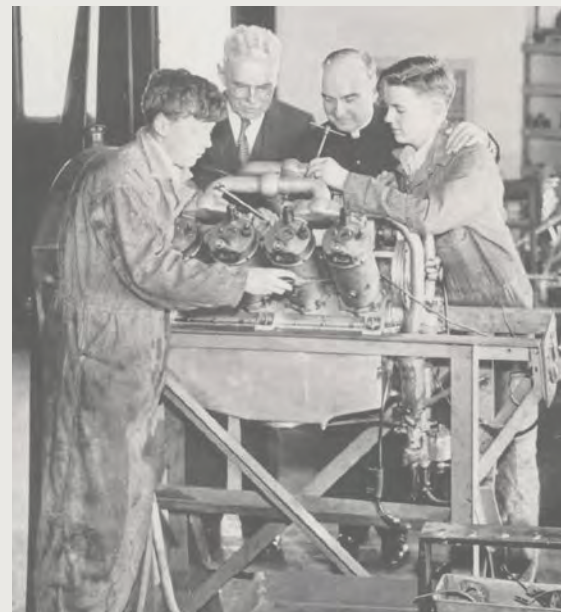
hands-on learning environment gave me the opportunity to thrive. I also found value in my religion and ethics courses; it was the core values I learned in those classes that gave me structure. The faith-based education I received at Lewis provided me with a constant and set me on the right path." – **Jim Belmont '94, U.S. Navy Captain**



Robert Szudarski '18 and **Emily Schout '18** met on campus while holding jobs in the Office of Technology. Emily was a lab assistant and Rob worked for the service desk. After work, Rob would walk Emily to her car, and they would stand in the parking lot and talk until they were practically the last two cars in the lot. One day, Rob decided to ask Emily to dinner, and they talked for hours over a couple plates of pasta. Nearly 4 years later, the conversation has never stopped. In November of 2021, Rob asked Emily to marry him. The two Lewis sweethearts have set a date for April 2023!



Leigh Agustin '16 and **Andres Paz '19** had the unique opportunity to take to the skies together in an Embraer 175 jet. Leigh was Andres' flight instructor at Lewis University where he shared all of his knowledge about flying a plane. Now, things have come full circle and the two were recently paired together to operate multiple commercial flights for Republic Airways.



LEWIS HISTORY PROJECT

ALUMNI STORIES



Joey Ancel '21

- On his first day of preschool, Joey Ancel '21 came home and said to his family, "I want to be a teacher when I grow up!" On Wednesday,

August 18, 2021, Joey walked into Troy Hofer Elementary School to enjoy his first day of school – as a second-grade teacher.

Joey left the first day of his teaching career not only feeling excited for the future, but also grateful for the past. He sat at his computer and began to write an email...

"You are receiving this email because each and every one of you made some sort of impact on my life at some point during my educational journey and I can only hope to make these kinds of impacts on my students as they enter my classroom. Whether you were my teacher, principal, nurse, secretary, lunch lady, professor, colleague, friend, mentor, administrator, etc., you have inspired me to join this crazy world of education and I am forever grateful. It truly takes a village to run a school!"

After one day on the job, Joey recognized the important role every person he had encountered played in his journey to pursue his calling, including many faculty and staff members from Lewis University.

"The work I do as a teacher leaves an important impact on the lives of my students, just as so many at Lewis did for me. Each person on that email made a difference in my life - and I wanted them to know. Whether it is in the classroom, in a counseling center, in the lunch line, or on the walk to school - every person plays a vital role. I love being a teacher, but I know I cannot do my job without the important work of so many others. I hope to be a good role model and do work that will allow my students today to come to that realization in the future themselves."



Jaylen Bush '21- Growing up, Jaylen took part in after-school programs that were sponsored by the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP). This connection led him to DuPage Airport where he later became a Tuskegee Next Cadet and now, six years later, is kickstarting his career on the very runway where it all began. As operations specialist, he is responsible for airport operations and security, serving the third busiest airport in Illinois.

"I have always been optimistic about where I would end up in my aviation career, but I never dreamed of arriving at the place where my aviation exposure began when I was just 16 years old. So many people at Lewis have empowered me to work hard, focus on my future, get involved, and, in turn, opened my eyes to new horizons and possibilities."

Chairman of the Tuskegee Next Foundation, Steven Davis, reminds cadets who go through the Summer Aviation Experience that we each have the moral obligation to repay. According to Jaylen, aviation, at its core, has always been about legacy. So, he sees this moral obligation as a calling to honor the legacy of the original Tuskegee Airmen; to be the best citizen he can be today; and to inspire the next generation of not only young aviators, but all students, to believe in touching the skies, focus on their futures and push the needle of progress forward.



Jesse Steward, Jr. '14, - According to the 2019 Annual Business Survey (ABS), approximately 18.3 percent (1.0 million) of all U.S. businesses are

minority-owned. Born and raised in Chicago, Jesse, Founder and CEO of Alexander James Straight Bourbon Whiskey, has broken down barriers and pushed the limits to build his legacy as a Black entrepreneur.

"I credit the Lasallian standards and morals that are emphasized on campus; integrity and character shape who you are, not only as a person, but also as an entrepreneur."

Jesse has fond childhood memories of his grandfathers who would get together for a glass of whiskey, share family stories and talk about history. Years later, while enjoying a drink with them, Jesse decided that he wanted to make his own whiskey - to continue the tradition of storytelling and share the legacy they had built many years ago.

Fast forward to 2017 when he began to solidify plans for this dream. He knew he was going to launch a whiskey brand but was still in search for the perfect name.

"I decided to name the brand after my son's first and middle name, Alexander James, because legacy is very important to me. His first name, Alexander, is his maternal grandfather's last name and his middle name, James, is his paternal great grandfather's first name."

With that, he launched Alexander James Whiskey on his 30th birthday in October 2021.

"The greatest stories of my family's legacy were always told over a glass of whiskey," says Jesse. "Because of that, I wanted to make a whiskey so my legacy, along with yours, can continue to be shared for years to come. I have enjoyed the reaction on people's faces when I tell them the story behind my brand as they take their first sip. To hear people tell me how much they like my whiskey is one thing, but for people to go to a store and buy bottles, brings me an overwhelming feeling of joy and accomplishment."

Alexander James is an American made, black-owned straight bourbon whiskey aged three years in charred oak barrels to provide a premium taste. Jesse is excited for this next chapter for him and his family's legacy and plans to expand his operation nationwide. Learn more about Alexander James at alexanderjameswhiskey.com.

Gifts, Grants and Scholarships

Donnelley Grant: Lewis Begins to Broaden Joliet Narratives

Work has begun on the Lewis University project of the “Reclaiming the Narrative: Restoring Black Voices to the Story of Joliet” grant initiative funded by the Chicago-based Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation.

Lewis is one of 11 recipients of the Foundation’s groundbreaking “Broadening Narratives” initiative which aims to fund specific collections projects that bring forward underrepresented stories. All projects promote BIPOC communities, LGBTQ+ perspectives, working-class narratives, small community experiences, as well as other underrepresented groups and viewpoints.

“The 20th century history of African Americans in Joliet includes the prominent role of Black churches, which serve not only as religious institutions, but also as hubs for the region’s civil rights movements,” said Dr. Laura Franklin, dean of the College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications at Lewis University. “This grant will make it possible to recover first-hand narratives of this period, and also to engage new audiences in learning about this history.”

The Lewis University-Adelmann Regional History Project, the Lewis University Library,



and the Lewis University Office of Community Engaged Learning formed a Lewis Community Partners Coalition to gather, share and preserve first-hand accounts of the Joliet region’s Black history.



(left photo) A woman peacefully advocates for the hiring of African Americans in downtown Joliet businesses. The photo may date from 1963.

(above) Civic leaders showing their support of the Selma marchers in 1965. The banner behind the speakers features the name of Sheriff “Jim” Clark who made violent arrests of the peaceful marchers.

The project is expected to grow collaborations between Lewis University and predominately Black organizations and engage new audiences with the region’s Black history through public programming.

Amazon Career Choice Partner Network

Lewis University has been selected as a premier member of the Amazon Career Choice Partner Network for Amazon employees. Career Choice is an education benefit that empowers employees to learn new skills for career success at Amazon or elsewhere.

We meet individual learners where they are on their educational journey through a variety of education and upskilling opportunities. In addition to funding associate and bachelor’s degrees, Amazon’s Career Choice will also fund industry certifications for in-demand

jobs and foundational skills such as high school completion, GED’s and ESL proficiency certifications.

Lewis was one of the first Universities in this region to offer undergraduate accelerated programs for working adults. Today, more than 40 percent of our student body consists of adult students who are working while balancing family commitments and attending either undergraduate or graduate programs. As an Amazon partner school, we are proud to help their employees achieve their professional goals. Learn more online at lewisu.edu/amazon.



Healthcare Workers Pathways Program

Last year, the Community Foundation of Will County received a \$500,000 donation from Amazon allowing them to provide \$280,000 in grants from its Workforce Development and Education Fund. This funding is meant to serve as an investment in workforce development and education in Will County. Lewis University has been included in the inaugural round of grants this year.

This \$100,000 grant will fund a partnership between Lewis University, Silver Cross Hospital and Joliet Junior College to develop and launch the three-year Healthcare Workers Pathways Program.

Recognizing that there is a growing need for healthcare workers in Will County, this program will provide underserved, entry-level workers the opportunity to continue learning while they work, helping them build careers in the healthcare field and in Will County.

DONOR HIGHLIGHT:



Perry Sartori '81

Sometimes, two lives come together and are just meant to be. For Perry Sartori '81, that is how the beginning of his relationship with Lewis University was.

Since then, he has been on an exciting journey with many milestones, the most recent being that he made an important commitment to include Lewis in his estate plans.

It was a long road to this moment though, starting with small monthly contributions as a Lewis University Faithful Flyer. Shortly after, he became a member of the President's Circle, an elite group of donors who invest in Lewis at \$1,000+ annually. "It was an easy decision to increase my monthly contribution," he adds.

Around the time he was planning his estate, Perry learned about the various planned giving opportunities Lewis has to offer. Head Volleyball Coach, Dan Friend, also started the Lewis Volleyball Legacy Endowment around the same time. This made his next decision to include Lewis University in his estate very clear to him.

Perry views giving back as a profound stewardship responsibility.

"We are blessed with plenty. It's our duty to be good stewards of the treasures that God has bestowed upon us. Philanthropy is how we make that happen," he says.

Perry graduated in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He is extremely grateful for his "world-class education" from Lewis. But having developed a strong love for volleyball in his adult life, the nationally ranked D-1 Men's and Women's Volleyball programs are essentially what motivated him to stay engaged as an alumnus.

It's those Lasallian values! I believe that it is critical that Lewis continue to spread the Lasallian heritage, because the important values learned from it are something that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

According to Perry, the Lasallian values that were instilled in him as a student have stayed with him ever since. He believes these values set Lewis apart from most other educational opportunities and are the heart of what makes Lewis the place it is today.

"Recently, a friend who learned about Lewis through his son's participation in high school volleyball asked me what makes Lewis' team so effective. The answer is simple. It's those Lasallian values! I believe that it is critical that Lewis continue to spread the Lasallian heritage, because the important values learned from it are something that will stay with you for the rest of your life. It is also important to me to help secure the volleyball program for future generations. Lewis overcame financial challenges when I was a student. Learning how our financial support impacts the lives of students is my reward."



Pictured are a few of our generous scholarship donors with their scholarship recipients.

SCHOLARSHIPS

At Lewis, we believe that working together in community creates opportunities for all to learn, serve and succeed. Since our humble beginnings in 1932, we have remained dedicated to providing an affordable education to all students.

98 percent of Lewis students receive some sort of financial aid, and a large piece of that stems from privately funded scholarships.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Annual scholarships can be established with an outright gift of \$1,500 per year with a minimum five-year commitment. The annual gift is awarded to recipients over the five-year period. This is not a permanent fund and is awarded only as long you (or others) choose to contribute to the fund.

Thanks to the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff and community and corporate partners, the University is able to offer nearly 350 privately-funded scholarships – both annual and endowed. These awards can sometimes be the difference between a student saying no to another semester at Lewis or finishing their final semester and graduating!

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed scholarship funds are designed to be permanent and perpetual and can be created with gifts totaling a minimum amount of \$25,000, contributed in full at the outset or with an initial commitment that is added to over time until the endowment level of \$25,000 is attained. The principal of the fund is invested to produce income, and an annual award is made to a student or students. The principal remains untouched, so the endowment can last into perpetuity.



Bridget Terrones '12

EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP



Imagine pulling up to Starbucks, putting in your order and learning that someone surprised you and covered the cost of your order in the drive thru. The question then crosses

your mind about if you should pass it on, in hopes that many people continue to do so after you. How many people would that touch? How many days were brightened? How many lives were impacted? For Bridget (Folliard) Terrones '12 (Radio/TV Broadcasting), giving back to her alma mater is similar.

When Bridget reads the words of the Lewis University Mission, she sees things that are also a part of her own personal mission. It's those connections that have inspired her to establish an annual scholarship and ignite a change in the lives of future Flyers.

"Just as Lewis seeks to provide to a diverse student population through programs for a professional education, I too desire to support diverse students in their educational pursuits, specifically women. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, in spring 2021, 59.5 percent of college students were women, an all-time high. It's more important now than ever to bring support to those women who in addition to facing odds against them based on their gender, are also most likely facing additional barriers including financial ones."

As a Lewis alumna who received generous financial support that made her dream of a college education possible, she is happy to return the favor to the next generation by paying it forward.

"Anyone who knows me well knows that I value education and support lifelong learning," adds Bridget. "And that means making education accessible to anyone who possesses the drive and determination to pursue it—no financial barriers should stand in the way of that. My Lewis experience is what inspired me to establish the Bridget Folliard Terrones Annual Scholarship. I know firsthand what it's like to have hopes and dreams but not all the means readily available to make them a reality. It feels like you're climbing a mountain at times. This next generation is our future, and we need them, as well as their creativity and drive, to help make a difference in our world."

Bridget oftentimes reflects on all the people that have impacted her life in some way, shape or form which inspires her to do the same for others. She established this scholarship in hopes to provide extra financial support to young women in pursuit of their dreams, specifically those in the College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications.

For almost two years, Bridget has served as an Alumni Representative – giving back her time, treasure and talent in various capacities. Through this program, she has been able to attend calls with the college deans and play a critical role to help enhance the future of the



University and its programs for students. This recently established annual scholarship is a true testament to Bridget's passion for lifelong learning and true commitment to the Mission at Lewis. She hopes it will remove potential financial barriers of future Flyers and help them along their journey to success.

"I want the next generation to understand that there is a network of over 50,000 alumni to support them in their endeavors. To steal words from the great Walt Disney, 'Your dreams can happen if you have the courage to pursue them.' I hope this scholarship impacts many, including others who are also able to give back in one way or another and further inspire our students' futures."

After kickstarting her career through internships at CBS Radio and the American Academy of Periodontology, Bridget went on to earn her MBA from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She now works at the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM[®]) as their director of integrated marketing.



Events + Opportunities



Day of Giving

On April 8, the entire Lewis community came together to empower today's Flyers for the 2022 Day of Giving: Flyers For A Better World.

With over 525 donors supporting 20+ inspiring projects, we met our goal and raised over \$115,000 this year. THANK YOU! Because of the generosity of our Flyer family, our students are poised to do extraordinary work and create a better world for all.

Support through Day of Giving not only changes the lives of our students, but also those they impact through their work as nurses, teachers, counselors and so many other meaningful professions. Check out all of the results at alumni.lewisu.edu/Give22.

For Our Students. For Our Communities. For Our World.



Alumni Day

It felt good to be #TogetherAgain! After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we were excited to welcome Lewis alumni back to campus for the 2022 Alumni Day.

Flyers were able to reconnect during reunions, activities and tours all day long before celebrating together at the annual Alumni Day Celebration that night. **Joe Falese '78, '84** was honored at the event for his 42 years of service to Lewis.

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's Alumni Day is set for Saturday, May 13, 2023.



Presidential Tour Coming Soon!

Lewis University President Dr. David J. Livingston will be visiting different regions of Illinois, as well as a few other states. If you would like to host a small gathering, please contact Dennisa Walker at walkerde@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5882.

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Norbert Cudnowski '50

Donor Spotlight

Cathleen Cudnowski Dixon and her husband David are proud supporters of Lewis University.

Born a child of Polish immigrants, Norbert Cudnowski '50 always embodied the idea of the “American Dream”. He worked hard, portrayed passion and kept faith at the core of everything he did.

Fascinated by planes from a young age, Norbert oftentimes would spend hours watching the planes fly in and out of Midway Airport – the very thing that sparked his passion for flying. One Sunday, he decided to visit a parish outside of his own where, to his surprise, someone spoke about Lewis and the scholarships they were offering. He felt it was fate, and that God led him to that particular time and place for a reason. That is when Norbert made the decision to call himself a Flyer.

After graduation, Norbert served in the U.S. Air Force as part of the first generation of U.S. Air Force Jet Fighter pilots and a member of the 339th All Weather Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Japan and Korea from 1952 to 1955. He was honorably discharged and returned stateside to begin a long, successful career as a pilot at United Airlines. Soon after, he met Carole who had worked as a flight attendant. They got married and went on to have five children.

According to his daughter, Cathleen Cudnowski Dixon, “He was so thankful for the opportunities that Lewis had given him. He loved what he did and felt that Lewis played an instrumental role in making his dreams come true.”

Norbert unfortunately passed away in October 2020. To honor his inspiring legacy, Cathleen and her husband David established a scholarship at Lewis University. This generous gift, in honor of her parents, will help provide support to future Lewis University Flyers studying aviation.

“It is our hope that the important role that Lewis played in my father’s life to help him achieve his dreams will reverberate through current and future generations. My father and mother had an inspirational journey, one in which flight played a key role. As a result, their continued kindness created a ripple effect that has reached their children, their grandchildren and now, outward beyond our family. We want their story to be recreated through the experiences of students at Lewis,” says Cathleen.

For years to come, the Captain Norbert and Carole Cudnowski Aviation Opportunity Endowed Scholarship will change the lives of students following in Norbert’s footsteps and allow his Lewis legacy to live on.

“My father valued faith in action, so we want to take our blessings and pay it forward. For anyone who is passionate and works hard, like my father, I want to make it easier for them to achieve their dreams. And I know it is what my parents would want as well.”

Signum Fidei (remix)

Celebrating the MISSION FUND!



We are supporting the same great cause but adding a cool new twist this year. **Join us on Saturday, September 24, 2022** for the annual Signum Fidei [remix] Celebration at an **ALL NEW LOCATION...the House of Blues, Chicago!**

General Admission
\$99/person

Includes food and two drink tickets

VIP Admission
\$199/person

Includes food and unlimited drink tickets

Celebrate the Lewis University Mission Fund with an inspiring program, food, drinks and live music from Chicago band, Final Say.

Learn more or register online, or call Megan Lewis at (815) 836-5244. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

alumni.lewisu.edu/SignumFidei

Private party at the House of Blues for Lewis Alumni and Friends only



Class Notes

We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you! Submit a class note for a future magazine at alumni.lewisu.edu/NewsClassnotes.



Lewis alumnus and Board of Trustees member **Anthony Sam '07 '08** [BS Accounting/Business Administration/Economics, MBA] was named Partner at Cunningham, Meyer, & Vedrine, P.C.



Reid Pohland '21 [BA Radio-TV Broadcasting] accepted a role as Creative Services Assistant for the Altoona Curve, a Minor League Baseball team based in Pennsylvania.

Semaj Robinson '21 [BSN] passed her NCLEX licensure exam and has been offered a full-time position as a Registered Nurse with Carter's Care Services.

Jaylen Bush '21 [BS Unmanned Aircraft Systems] started his career as an operations specialist at the DuPage Airport Authority, helping manage the third busiest airport in Illinois. At Lewis, he was heavily involved with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and Student Senate in addition to serving as a Resident Assistant for three years.



Theresa Rompala '01 of Elwood CCSD #203 has been selected as the recipient of the Department of Illinois Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in the Sixth - Eighth grade category. The State of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars invited her to Springfield to accept this award this summer.



Alyssa (Malzone) Becker '17 [BA Secondary Education, BA Mathematics] and **Kurt Becker '17** [BA Secondary Education, BA Mathematics] were married on June 26, 2021 at Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville.

Ava Flores '19 [BA Journalism] recently accepted a role with the Walt Disney Company as Corporate Communications Coordinator. She is excited to be back with the Disney family following her initial internship with them in 2017. "I couldn't have done it without my education, experience and guidance from the Lewis community!"

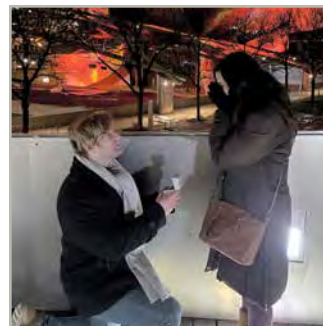


As current Vice President of Data and Analytics Strategy and Partnerships at Highmark Health in Pittsburgh, **Onyinyechi Enyia Daniel Ph.D. '06** was named among the "75 Black healthcare leaders to know 2022". She went to Northwestern University to get a master's degree in Medical Humanities and Bioethics before obtaining a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health.

Philip Culcasi '02 [MA Graduate Education] of Wheaton Warrenville South High School was selected as a finalist for the 2022 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching honor outstanding teachers for having lasting, positive effects on students' lives and school communities.



Xaverie (Benedict) Randazzo '16 [BS Biology] graduated from medical school at Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Ky. Dr. Benedict will begin her 3rd year as a Chief Resident specializing in Family Medicine at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset, Ky. Her plans are to focus on rural medicine. On October 31, 2020, she married Tom Randazzo at the Jacob Henry Chapel in Joliet.



Danny Winiacki and Jordan Styczen '18 '19 [BA Social Work, MSW] got engaged December 18, 2021 in downtown Chicago.



Hannah Cross '19 [BS Aviation Flight Management] and **Ryan Ward '20** [BS Aviation Flight Management] got engaged on December 23, 2021. Hannah now works as an Air Traffic Controller with the FAA and Ryan is a flight instructor out of the Traverse City, Mich. airport.

Steven Zlatic '96 [BA History] was honored as a *Who's Who in Higher Education* after nearly 20 years in Ministry at Lewis University. He now teaches at St. Francis High School in Wheaton, Ill.



Adrienne (Gonzales) Ortega '15 [BA History] and **Saul Ortega '12** [BA Liberal Arts] were married on October 9, 2021. Having met as students and graduating from Lewis, Saul is now an education teacher at a school for autism and Adrienne works as Supplier Information Coordinator at Edward Don.



Raymond R. Soliman '79 [BA Sociology] was successfully re-elected to a fourth four-year term as the Mayor of the City of Crest Hill on April 6, 2021. Prior to his first term as Mayor, Ray served the City as Alderman Ward I from 1993-2009. Ray's proud family includes wife, Vicky, daughters Stephanie (Guy) Walters and Emily (John) Morris, and granddaughter Adelaide.



Mackenzie (Juricic) Speakman '18 [BSN] and **Erik Speakman '18** [BS Air Traffic Control Management] were married on October 9, 2021. The happy couple now lives in Southern California where Erik works at Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center and Mackenzie serves as a cardiac nurse at a nearby hospital.



On September 10, 2021, **Sara (Harms) '15** [BA Special/Elementary Education] and her husband Danny welcomed their son, Patrick Michael!



Josie D. Chalekian, daughter of **Sarah (Buffa) Chalekian '11** [BSN] and Bryan Chalekian, and granddaughter of **John Chalekian '88** [MBA], was born on December 30, 2021.



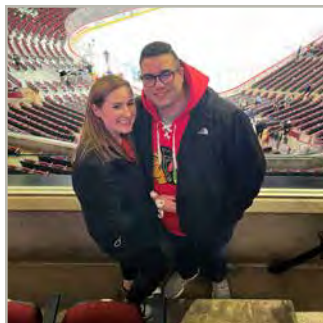
Alexandra Laniewski '18 [BS Environmental Science] and **Jacob Murawski** got engaged on December 18, 2021 at the Brookfield Zoo.



In November 2021, **Jaymore Hicks '16** [BS Marketing] accepted a new job as Member Support Specialist at One Medical in Chicago.



Former Men's Track and Cross Country athlete, **James Weissensel '16** [BA Sport Management] proposed to his fiancée Gianna Torres on August 22, 2021.



Rob Szudarski '18 [BS Computer Science] and **Emily Schout '18** [BSN] met while working at the Lewis University Office of Technology as student workers. They got engaged on November 13, 2021 at the Chicago Botanic Garden, and are looking forward to their wedding in April 2023!



Kogut & Wilson is proud to announce **Sabrina Karakaya '12** [BA Political Science] has joined the firm as an associate, concentrating her practice in all areas of family and matrimonial law with a particular focus on domestic violence matters. Sabrina earned her *J.D., cum laude*, from the University of Illinois at Chicago John Marshall Law School in 2021 after completing her bachelor's degree at Lewis.

In Memorium

Neil P. Carey '54
1/28/2022

Charles J. Gabriel '54
2/3/2022

Matthew W. Connor '55
11/17/2021

Griff T. MacDonald '57
12/22/2021

Leo M. Meyer '57
12/9/2021

John J. Lukancic '60
1/20/2021

Robert C. O'Day '61
11/24/2021

James G. Vidt '67
12/17/2021

Michael J. Giurato '68
4/12/2022

James E. Danko '70
1/8/2022

Michael T. Maloney '70
7/27/2021

John E. Fuchsen '71
10/23/2021

Joseph P. Smith '73
9/18/2021

Charles J. Sullivan '73
10/26/2021

Thomas S. Piscitiello '75
5/3/2022

Thomas M. Landi '77
3/10/2022

Wayne J. Stancel '77
3/7/2022

James D. Driscoll '79
1/24/2022

Jon D. Goldstein '79
2/5/2021

Beth M. Hernandez '87
7/3/2021

Erika Hlavacek '97
4/30/2022

Charles E. Glazier '01
9/23/2019

Fred C. Stone '01
3/26/2022



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KAUR**
"SEE NO
STRANGER:
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THE CALL OF
OUR TIMES"

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