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## President's Perspective

Planning is underway for celebrating the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Catholic educational institution which over time became Lewis University. A series of commemorative events will be held throughout the upcoming

academic year and into next summer. Meanwhile, we have recently concluded another highly successful and noteworthy year, as we joyously and festively marked the many impressive accomplishments of our Class of 2011 at their Commencement. In all of this, we continue to celebrate our Lasallian identity and the vision that guides our many strategic investments and initiatives.

Among the most visible and impactful of those initiatives is the multitude of construction projects now underway or nearing completion on our Romeoville campus. It is encouraging to hear from many alumni and others who have visited in recent months to observe our progress. The most noteworthy is the new Science Center, which is two-thirds complete. Coupled with the high quality of our science and mathematics faculty and the evolving excellence of our curriculum, this splendid academic structure will be transformative in its impact. It is already a factor in the constant increase of well-qualified applicants who have an interest in majoring in the sciences, mathematics or computer science. In addition, our very large nursing enrollment depends heavily on science instruction. The ongoing enhancements in science education at the University are contributing to steady enrollment gains in nursing, which already is the largest undergraduate program in Illinois. After the new Science Center opens, we will completely update our current Science Building and adjacent Academic Building wing.

Given the extensiveness of these construction projects, we have relocated our entire Psychology Department and its undergraduate and graduate classes to the Saint Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center, adjacent to the north of our campus. We are leasing classrooms and faculty offices there for several years, as well as arranging for access to parking, dining services and other related areas. Instructional and faculty areas have been completely updated by the University, including the provision of sophisticated academic technology.

In addition, we are moving forward rapidly on Phase I of a major upgrade of our Library. By the start of the school year, we anticipate that there will be a dramatic new look to that educational facility, with more yet to come. A new Learning Resource Center elevator tower is complete. Construction is proceeding at a fast pace on a new athletic and recreational facility, which will include one of the finest tracks in northern Illinois, a marvelous synthetic surface for the sports competition field, new lighting, seating and a new scoreboard. An adjacent

parking lot will provide more than 400 spaces. At the same time, we are far advanced in extensive renovations within the Neil Carey Arena, including a new roof, a new heating system, air conditioning, extensive painting and a new gym floor. Moreover, we will hopefully be underway on the first stage of expansion and renovation for our Oremus Fine Arts Center within a few months. Lastly, we are doing a massive water management project that will handle the major storms that we seem to be experiencing with greater frequency in recent years, as well as to allow for further campus expansion. In all of these undertakings, we continue to enhance the beauty and appeal of our campus, which consistently receives many compliments from campus visitors on a daily basis.

Coupled with the progressive achievement of our *Vision 2016* and our new Strategic Plan has been the successful completion of our \$30 million capital campaign. The final results will be announced at the 2011 *Signum Fidei* Celebration on Saturday, September 10, at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. Steps have already been undertaken to launch our next capital campaign to assist us in creating additional academic and other facilities of special priority, as well as to grow further our ability to provide scholarships and financial aid for our students and to endow selected academic programs of distinction. For all of this we are most appreciative to our growing number of generous contributors who are ever more excited about our quality, the meaningfulness of our educational offerings, and the significance of a Catholic and Lasallian education here at Lewis University.

The proof of the appeal of a Lewis education is our steady enrollment growth. We are anticipating our largest-ever freshman class in the fall, which will be at least 10 percent larger than last year's class. Those new students will also be the most academically qualified in memory. The impressive transfer applicants are also well-prepared for a demanding college education here at Lewis. Our graduate and adult degree-completion enrollments are also progressing well. Overall we should have a record student population for the eighth year in succession. Incidentally, we awarded degrees to the first 15 graduates of Lewis University-Albuquerque in May.

Thank you for your sustained interest and generous support. I hope that you might consider attending the 2011 Homecoming and Family Day festivities on Saturday, September 24. Come see and experience our highly positive momentum, even as we remain well-connected with the best that Lewis University has been for the last 80 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Br. James Gaffney".

Br. James Gaffney, FSC  
President



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Advancement

Editor's note: In the Spring 2011 edition of *The Magazine of Lewis University*, there was an incorrect caption on page 19. The correct identification of the pictured speaker is Rev. David Fraccaro of the Interfaith Youth Core.



Don Klover (left) and Tony La Paglia (right) were hired by the Gary Jet Center at the completion of their student project to disassemble Blackhawk helicopters.

# Aviation Students Soaring to New Heights

**Who will be the next generation of pilots and technicians to serve the aviation industry? The question is central to Boeing's 2011 Pilot and Technician Outlook\*, which was released recently at the Paris Air Show. The document calls on the aviation industry to invest, evolve and adapt to support the expected exponential growth in demand for qualified aviation personnel.**

The Boeing outlook indicates that by 2030 the aviation industry will require 460,000 new commercial airline pilots, as well as 650,000 new commercial airline maintenance technicians. "Clearly, the sheer size of this vital pipeline is staggering," said Sherry Carbary, Vice President, Boeing Flight Services.

Boeing alone projects that airlines will need an average of 23,000 new commercial jet pilots and 32,500 new technicians per year to maintain and fly an expanded world fleet expected to grow to nearly 40,000 airplanes

over the next 20 years, as well as replace the coming wave of retirements. The largest demand for pilots and technicians will be in the Asia Pacific region, with an expected need for 182,300 pilots and 247,400 technicians. China alone will need 72,700 pilots and 108,300 technicians.

	LOCATION	PILOTS	TECHNICIANS	TOTAL
PROJECTED DEMAND	Asia Pacific	182,300	247,400	429,700
	North America	82,800	134,800	217,600
	Europe	92,500	129,600	212,100
	Africa	14,300	19,200	33,500
	Middle East	36,600	53,000	89,600
	Latin America	41,200	52,500	93,700
	Russia and CIS	9,900	13,500	23,400

\*The full report can be accessed at [www.boeing.com](http://www.boeing.com)



Enrollment in Lewis University's undergraduate and graduate aviation programs is at an all-time high, largely due to the ongoing development of degree programs that will prepare students to meet this demand, as well as a great internship program that provides students with hands-on experience that prepares them for the real world.

## Blackhawk Project Provides Unique Student Experiences

Students in the Aviation Maintenance undergraduate major and in the master's program in Aviation and Transportation Studies recently completed a unique internship program for Sage-Popovich, Inc. (SPI) at the Gary Jet Center in Indiana. SPI is the world's largest specialist in the recovery of aviation-related equipment. Nick Popovich, owner of the company, approached Lewis for students to help disassemble 14 blackhawk helicopters. In addition to the physical dismantling of the helicopters, the parts need to be documented for FAA requirements, and prepared for shipping.

The Gary Jet Center, where the helicopters were housed, provided hangar as well as office space. Scott Campbell, a student in the master's in aviation and transportation program, designed a database to catalog the history of each part, as well as the FAA part number. Two of the undergraduate students who dismantled the helicopters, were subsequently hired full-time by the Gary Jet Center. Don Klover and Tony La Paglia will both finish their degree

requirements in Aviation Maintenance Management in August, 2011. (Pictured left)

Captain Marc Pozdol '88 is responsible for setting up the internships. Marc is a member of the Chicago Area Business Aviation Association (CABAA) and is an active student mentor. He met Popovich through the same organization, who also became involved in the internship program. Poxdol is currently a Captain for the Pritzker Organization and Executive Jet Management and flies the Gulfstream 200 and Falcon 7X. He is also an adjunct professor for Lewis University and will be teaching the Private Pilot Ground School class in the Chicago Aviation Academy at De La Salle Institute in the fall.

Captain Pozdol spoke of the importance of relationships in the world of aviation. He said, "Let our alumni know that Lewis is interested in hearing from our aviation professionals and encourage them to keep in touch."

Sage Popovich Aviation also provides asset management, monitored project-



*William Brogan '93 (left), Chair of Lewis' Dept. of Aviation and Transportation Studies, discusses opportunities for ongoing student internships with Doug Worsley '96, Director of Flight Operations and Chief Pilot at the Gary Jet Center.*

oriented contractual obligations, and expertise in all phases of airline and charter operations. The company provides support from pre-purchase through return compliance on all transport and corporate aircraft and related equipment worldwide. Popovich said, "We will continue our relationship with Lewis and hope to expand the intern program."

The Gary Jet Center continues to expand its hangar space to 100,000 total sq. ft., and services private charter jets as well as the Boeing Executive Flight Operations. Doug Worsley '96 is Director of Flight Operations and Chief Pilot at the Center. Five additional Lewis students – Mark Matejka, Brian McHugh, Joe Hanley, Gary Pries, and Joel Brumm – were hired over the summer as interns to disassemble Lufthansa 737s that were taken out of flight.

*Ten undergraduate students majoring in aviation maintenance participated in a project to disassemble Blackhawk helicopters which were sold for parts.*





## Lead-Free Aircraft Gasoline Testing in Progress at Lewis University

Cars have been using lead-free fuel since the 1990s, but aircrafts still use the toxic substance. Lewis University students and faculty from Aviation and Chemistry are testing an environmentally-friendly alternative aviation fuel produced by Swift Enterprises of West Lafayette, Ind. The Lewis University research team is providing an independent laboratory to validate research findings that could lead to a new lead-free aviation gas. The drop-in replacement fuel for aircrafts would result in less pollutant from aircraft engine emissions.



"We're glad to work with industry on this important applied research opportunity. It could lead to quickly changing the industry standards to be more environmentally friendly," commented Dr. Randal DeMik, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Aviation and Transportation Program. A recent study conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency estimated that between 1970 and 2007 the combustion

of avgas has released approximately 34,000 tons of lead into the atmosphere and affects approximately three million children who attend school near aviation facilities.

The research project entails comparing the pollutant output of the Swift Enterprises fuel, 100SF, to industry-standard avgas, 100LL. Five general aviation engines are being measured during idle, cruise and maximum power configuration. Researchers expect a statistically significant decrease in measured pollutants, which include Carbon Monoxide, Nitric Oxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Sulfur Dioxide and Tetraethyl lead.

"It's great that our chemistry students are able to get this applied research opportunity in the field of aviation. It's a great chance to step outside of the lab to continue our studies on fuels that could change an industry and reduce engine emissions pollution," commented Dr. Jason Keleher, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Testing was conducted on a few engines through mid-July. Results will be analyzed and published in peer-reviewed journals.

The Lewis University research team members working on the project included students, faculty and staff. Professors DeMik and Keleher served as the principle investigators. Graduate



*Graduate and undergraduate student researchers worked together with faculty and industry consultants on this project.*

student researchers included Natalie Kasak, Jordan Raess, Julius Keller and Jennifer Pfeiffer. Undergraduate student researchers included Paul Smith, Jackie Ponce and Sandro Mazza. Consultants include Bill Wetstein, instructor of Airframe and Powerplant maintenance, Jon Palek of EMS-gas and Ron Adams of Swift Enterprises.

A grant from Lewis University's Colonel Stephen S. and Lyla Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research is supporting the research project. The Doherty Center funds research and scholarly initiatives; encourages partnerships among the University, its students and the community; and provides opportunities for research experiences for students with faculty mentors.



## Air Traffic Control Internships

Air Traffic Control majors must complete an internship as a requirement for their capstone experience pursuant to an air traffic control professional career. Internships rotate throughout the calendar year, including the fall, spring and summer terms resulting in students completing their requirements and beginning their internship work continuously.

Current internships include: Rockford TRACON, O'Hare Tower, Elgin TRACON, Moline TRACON, Peoria TRACON, Midway Tower, Chicago Executive Tower, Madison TRACON

## Chicago Aviation Academy Serves City Colleges Students

Lewis University, the City Colleges of Chicago, and the City of Chicago Department of Aviation are proud to announce a partnership for students interested in pursuing a career in aviation in the City of Chicago. This partnership allows easy access for Chicago students to pursue a bachelor's degree in either Air Traffic Control Management or Aviation Administration. All courses required for the degree programs will be offered in the evenings at the University's Near South Side Center at De LaSalle Institute, 3434 S. Michigan Avenue.

Applicants must either have a completed associate of art or science degree from one of the seven City Colleges of Chicago, or the equivalent of 39-45 hours of transferable credit towards the general education core courses from another regionally accredited college. Lewis has outfitted De La Salle Institute with state-of-the-art software and simulation equipment used to train students and prepare them for careers as Air Traffic Controllers.



*Natalie Kasak (left) and Jennifer Alicz (right) prepare to take off on their high-flying adventure.*

## Women Aviators Participate in Air Race Classic

Lewis University pioneer aviators participated in the all-women Air Race Classic June 21- 24. This is the first time Lewis University was represented in the competition. Jennifer Alicz, a senior Aviation Flight Management major, and Natalie Kasak, 2011 flight graduate, flew a Cessna 172 glass cockpit S model from the University fleet.



"Since I started flying, I always wanted to be in an air race," said Kasak. She is currently serving as a graduate assistant at Lewis University while earning a master's degree in Aviation and Transportation Studies.

"We hope this is the start of a great new adventure here at Lewis University. As co-founders of the Women in Aviation at Lewis, we think this would be a great legacy and opportunity for future flight students," commented Alicz.

The race began in Alliance, Nebraska and stretched for 5 legs that led to the finish line in Mobile, Ala. Successful teams fly strategic routes that account for weather conditions, daylight and other physical factors. There was a handicapping system in place to accommodate various planes in the race.

The Lewis Flyers made preparations for months. Alicz and Kasak researched the rules, certifications and plane requirements. They created schedules for flight route and on the ground logistics. They ordered materials, mapped out the routes and practiced in the simulator since neither had previously flown out of the Midwest.

Dr. Randal DeMik, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Aviation and Transportation Program, served as the faculty advisor of the race team, and Megan Montgomery the on-ground flight dispatcher. Fellow classmates provided tips and support throughout the flight. The Flyers took 10<sup>th</sup> place for collegiate and received a "leg prize" for the 7th leg!



*The Lewis Flight Team spells out "LEWIS" in front of the aviation hangar.*

## Flight Team Finishes in Top Ten

The Lewis Flight Team demonstrated excellence in this year's conference, earning ninth place in flight events and 10th place in ground events. The team also received the Red Baron Team Sportsmanship Award and the Collegiate Aviation Progress Award.

Senior Thomas Fogarty of Ancona was named a Top Male Scoring Contestant earning the Outstanding Team Member Award and the Regional Top Pilot Award. He earned first place in Crew Management, second place in Certified Flight Instruction and fourth place in Power Off Landings.

Senior Jared Hunt of Morton earned first place honors in Crew Resource Management and also finished in the top 20 in the Place Message Drop and the Navigation event.

Also placing among the Top Ten in various events were Nicholas Terleckyj, who earned second place in the IFR Simulator event and finished well in Computer Accuracy and Jake Luedtke, who took eighth place in Preflight.

"Our team spent many hours practicing and mastering the various skills required for this competition. Our success in the competition is a great reward," commented Flight Team Advisor Al Szoldatits.

Team members who competed in the various categories included: Jared Hunt for Navigation, Power Off Landing, Short Field Landing, Message Drop, Aircraft Recognition, CRM/LOFT and SCAN; Thomas Fogarty for Power Off Landing, Short Field Landing, Message Drop, Aircraft Recognition, CRM/LOFT, CFI and SCAN; Nicholas Terleckyj for Navigation, Computer Accuracy, Ground

Training and IFR Simulated Flight; Chris Nocchi for Power Off Landing, Short Field Landing, Computer Accuracy and Aircraft Recognition; Aaron Brown for Message Drop, Computer Accuracy, Ground Trainer and SCAN; Jake Luedtke for Short Field Landing, Preflight and Computer Accuracy; James VanDeVenter for Message Drop, Preflight and Short Field Landing; Ian Downey for Power Off Landing; Brian McHugh for Computer Accuracy and SCAN; Jeff Meyer for Aircraft Recognition; Jeff Leo for Aircraft Recognition; and Anthony Lalor for SCAN.

Megan Montgomery is head coach of the team. Other coaches include Tiffany Bilski, Robert Delaney and James Binder.



## Lewis Hosts Annual Honors Council of the Illinois Region Conference

Lewis University hosted the annual conference of the Honors Council of the Illinois Region (HCIR) for the first time February 26. Approximately 150 students and faculty from 19 honors programs across Illinois attended the conference.

The HCIR spring conference brings together honors students from across Illinois to share their scholarship in oral presentations, performances and poster sessions. Providing a welcoming and constructive environment, the conference allows students to discuss their research with peers from other institutions, and to grow from the experience. Honors faculty and directors moderate the student sessions, and meet to develop initiatives fostering honors education at the regional level.

Five Lewis Scholars Academy students were among those making presentations. Angela Cotta of Frankfort presented “The Eight Beatitudes: A Guide to Living a Morally



*Dr. Jamil Mustafa welcomes the Honors Council of the Illinois Region to Lewis University. This was the first time the University served as host.*

Ethical Life.” Elizabeth DeWaard of Dwight presented “Muon Colliders: A Feasibility Study Examining Detector Backgrounds with G4 Beamline.” Robert Maj of Orland Park presented “The Worth of the World.” Cassandra K. Myers of Huntley presented “Determining the Content and Functional Groups of Analgesic Drugs.” Ronald Pollak of Oak Lawn presented “Company Profile: Sony Corporation.”

Scholars Academy students at Lewis pursue a program of study leading to a Scholars Diploma or a Distinguished Scholars Diploma by completing special course projects and paired general-education courses. The Scholars Academy’s combination of special projects and courses is distinctive among honors programs.

## May Institute Boasts New Attendance Record for Faculty

A record number of faculty attended this summer’s May Institute on May 16-19. Dr. Kathleen Blake Yancey, Kellogg W. Hunt Professor of English and Director of the Graduate Program in Rhetoric and Composition at Florida State University, provided a keynote interactive session entitled, “From Answers to Inquiry: New Questions, New Pedagogies, New Learning.” The session attendees worked together to discover how to help students learn the logic of inquiry, and how it can assist them in being better learners.

Sandra Gregerman, Director of the University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, described how research can impact

student retention, academic pathways and student engagement. “Empowering Faculty Within and Beyond the Classroom” helped faculty discover resources at Lewis that support them while participating in scholarly activities and engaging students in inquiry as part of the learning process.

The Teaching Learning Technology (TLT) staff provided a look at current best practices in instructional technology at Lewis University during “The State of Academic Technology at Lewis University.” They also previewed future possibilities for utilizing technology in the classroom.

Three workshops were presented to provide “Hands-On Experience with New Technology.” Dr. Ying Xie, Director of Instructional Design, presented “Creating an Electronic Portfolio.” Rich Soliman, Lab Administrator, and faculty presented “SmartBoards.” Sue Sollie, Director of TLT, and Alvin Butler, Database Administrator, presented “Creating Presentations with Prezi.” “Assessment as Inquiry” was presented by the University Assessment Committee. They explored the understanding of assessment of student learning as research and inquiry.





*(Above) Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost (left) and Dr. Eveann Lovero, College of Business, pose with the inaugural graduating class in Albuquerque.  
(Below left) The Lewis University Campus Building in Albuquerque is pictured.  
(Below right) Br. Brian Dybowski, FSC gives the invocation.*

## First Class Graduates at Albuquerque

Lewis University–Albuquerque celebrated its inaugural graduation celebration on April 30. Fifteen graduates received bachelor’s degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business. The event was held at St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque.

“It is a proud moment and an accomplishment for us all,” stated University Provost, Dr. Stephany Schlachter. “This inaugural graduation celebration at Lewis University–Albuquerque is an exciting chapter in our University’s history.”

James Saya, Executive Director of Lewis University–Albuquerque, served as master of ceremonies and Dr. Stephany Schlachter, University Provost, delivered remarks. Brother Brian Dybowski, FSC, gave the invocation and benediction and Dr. Eveann Lovero, Chair and Professor of Business, was the faculty speaker at Saturday’s ceremony.

Graduates were announced by Dr. Mark Nolan, Assistant Professor, Business Administration and Dr. Robert Wright, Assistant Professor, Justice Law and Public Safety Studies.



## Adam Smith Week Honors Joel Stava

The College of Business hosted its annual Adam Smith Week in March, presenting information on economics in a variety of student-centered, informational and entertaining events, such as an Economics Quiz Bowl and The Great Debate. The week of activities is named for Adam Smith, the “Father of Economics.”

Joel Stava, President of Midwest Tungsten Service, Inc., received the Adam Smith Honored Alumnus of the Year Award on March 10 as part of the week’s events. A 1978 graduate with a double major of Accounting and Business Administration, Stava addressed students following the award presentation. A member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees since 2005, Stava is Chair of the Board’s Property, Plant and Equipment Committee and Vice-Chair of the Development Committee.

Established in 1999, the Adam Smith Honored Alumnus Award annually acknowledges exceptional alumni from the College of Business for career achievements, fine personal and professional values, and generous support of Lewis University and Catholic higher education.

During the Economics Quiz Bowl, attendees gathered information about several historical figures, such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Socrates and Martin Luther King and discovered their importance to world history and economics. The attendees were formed into teams and then quizzed on the information.



## Pearson Appointed Dean of School for Professional and Continuing Education

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, has appointed Dr. Walter Pearson to the position of Dean of the School for Professional and Continuing Education at Lewis University.

Pearson earned a bachelor's degree from Antioch University, a master's degree in Adult and Continuing Education from the University of Missouri and a Doctorate in Adult and Extension Education from Iowa State University. His academic experience includes positions as Associate Academic Dean; Director of Evening, Weekend and Graduate Programs at Simpson College and, most recently Dean of New College at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. In these roles he has been responsible for program development, course schedule development, faculty recruitment and adult advising. He has also served as university representative to advisory groups and regional workforce development boards while developing collaborative relationships and effective articulation agreements with other regional institutions. At various stages in his career he's worked in Texas, Missouri, Washington, D.C. and Iowa, so this is a return to his Midwestern roots.

According to Pearson, "A university must focus faculty and staff members on what adult students treasure: quality, convenience, flexibility, and affordability. Delivering on our promises to students requires leadership that sets a positive and inclusive organizational culture."

Dr. Pearson brings to Lewis a strong administrative background in adult education as well as a history of teaching, presentations, publications, research and consulting.



*Dr. Scott Alexander, Associate Professor of Islam and Director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies program at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, presents the 2011 Signum Fidei Lecture.*

## Signum Fidei Lecture Focuses on Catholic-Islamic Relations

Dr. Scott C. Alexander, Associate Professor of Islam and Director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies program at the Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago, addressed the current context of widespread misunderstanding and divisiveness during Lewis University's 10th annual Signum Fidei Lecture held on March 29. His lecture, "Islam, Muslims and the Current Global Context: Moving Beyond the Media Sound Bites," drew a crowd of nearly 250 people.

Alexander emphasized the importance of various faiths committing to collaboration. While sharing that many Islamic values such as social justice and respect are universal, Alexander reminded his listeners that Islam is not a monolith and Muslims live out their faith in a variety of different cultural and historic ways. He explained, "Muslims are diverse and complex social actors."

Following the lecture, a group of approximately 50 people continued the discussion. Alexander and Dr. Christie Billups, Instructor of Theology and Coordinator of Service Learning, facilitated "Continuing the Signum Fidei Dialogue on Islam."

The lecture was one part of the University's discussion about Catholic-Islamic relations. In the weeks leading up to the lecture, various professors held several screenings and discussions of an award-winning film, "Inside Islam." On March 29, Alexander and Kurt Schackmuth, Associate Vice President for Mission, facilitated "Islam 101: An introduction to Muslim Faith and Spirituality for Faculty and Staff." Faculty and staff participated in reading groups and discussed "Who Speaks for Islam?" The reading group participants enjoyed a discussion with Alexander during a lunch on March 29.



## Lewis Designated National Center for Academic Excellence

The National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have recently designated Lewis University as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education.

NSA and DHS jointly sponsor the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAE/IAE) and CAE-Research (CAE-R) programs. The programs reduce vulnerability in the national information infrastructure by promoting higher education and research in Information Assurance and producing a growing number of professionals with Information Assurance expertise in various disciplines. Designation as a



CAE/IAE or CAE-R is valid for five academic years, after which the school must successfully reapply in order to retain its CAE designation.

Students attending a designated school, such as Lewis University, are eligible to apply for scholarships and grants through the Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Program and the Federal Cyber Service Scholarship for Service Program. CAE/IAEs and CAE-Rs receive formal recognition from the United States government

as well as opportunities for prestige and publicity for their role in securing the nation's information systems.

As of 2010, there were 125 such designated centers in the United States and only seven in Illinois. Some other schools with centers of academic excellence include Carnegie Mellon University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, George Washington University and Georgetown University.

Lewis offers numerous undergraduate programs in computer science and technology, as well as a master's degree in information security with both managerial and technical tracks.

## Christian Brother Appointed to Catholic Scholar in Residence

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, announced the appointment of Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC, to the new position of Catholic Studies Scholar in Residence. A nationally-recognized Christian ecumenist, he will assume the position in fall 2011. Since 2006, Brother Jeffrey has served as Distinguished Professor of Historical and Ecumenical Theology at the Memphis Theology Seminary.

In this position as Catholic Studies Scholar in Residence, Brother Jeffrey will foster creative, interdisciplinary research on ecumenism and on the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition, particularly in the context of the Lasallian educational tradition. Brother Jeffrey will also teach in the Department of Theology, present lectures to the Lewis community, and serve as a resource to the Center for Ministry and Spirituality's Catholic Intellectual

Tradition Committee. Other activities will include working with Theology on religious education and social justice minors; participating in the development of proposals for Catholic and Lasallian research grants; and serving on the planning committee for the Center for Ministry and Spirituality's 2012-2014 symposium on "Receiving Vatican II in the 21st Century." He will continue as Dean of the Institute for Catholic Ecumenical Leadership.

Brother Jeffrey is a distinguished scholar and has earned numerous academic degrees. He received a bachelor's degree in religious education and a Master of Education in Biology Education from St. Mary's University in Winona, Minn. He holds a Master of Arts in Theology from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Brother Jeffrey earned a doctorate in theology from Fordham University

in cooperation with Union Theological Seminary in New York, N.Y.

Brother Jeffrey is well-known nationally and internationally for broadening the reach of ecumenism. The former Associate Director of the Secretariat on Ecumenism at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), he has been published in numerous theological journals and periodicals, edited a variety of books on ecumenism, and lectured on that same topic throughout the world. He held the position as Director of Faith and Order for the National Council of Churches in the USA for 10 years, prior to serving for 14 years as the Associate Director for Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the USCCB. Brother Jeffrey earlier served as Chairman of Theology at Lewis in 1967.



## *The Flyer* Wins First Place in National Competition

The student-run newspaper of Lewis University, *The Flyer*, has earned a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The 2011 award marks the second consecutive year that the newspaper's editorial board has been recognized for their outstanding efforts by the College Point, N.Y., education organization.

According to the American Scholastic Press Association, Lewis University publishes "an excellent school newspaper" as demonstrated by the "creativity and journalistic knowledge of its editors, reporters, writers, photographers, layout designers and adviser." Judges completed their assessment of the newspaper by thoroughly reviewing complete issues of the 2010 – 2011 biweekly publication.

They evaluated various news, sports and religion articles as well as opinion pieces, page layouts, graphic elements and editing methods. Points were allocated in the various competition categories based on the judges' assessment. In the content and editing categories, *The Flyer* earned the maximum allotted points. In total, *The Flyer* accrued 935 out of a possible 1,000 points.

"Our student journalists are deserving of this recognition," said Lisa O'Toole, Assistant Professor of Communications and Adviser of *The Flyer*. "Their hard work and commitment to quality journalism has been evident in every issue published this academic year."



Seven members of the 2010-2011 Flyer staff graduated in May. (Front row, left to right) Kari Hart, Sarah Griffith, Lyndsey Powers (Second row) Melissa Cortez, Carlo Calma, Hayley Smorczeski, James Poellnitz.

*The Flyer* reports news and provides a forum for the discussion of issues relevant to the Lewis University community through a biweekly print medium and a online counterpart [www.thelewisflyer.com](http://www.thelewisflyer.com). Its 2010-2011 editorial staff consisted of 17 students from a variety of academic majors who publish the newspaper in a manner consistent with the Lasallian Mission of Lewis University and the accepted norms of American journalism.

The 2010-2011 staff members included Carlo Calma, Lyndsey Powers, Hayley Smorczeski, Lauren Pirc, James Poellnitz, Mary Egan, Jennifer Prokop, Kevin Meyer, Kelley Manges, Kari Hart, Jason Beneventi, Alex Gasick, Melissa Cortez, Sal Ursino, Julie Szamlewski, Sarah Griffith, James Putong, and adviser Lisa O'Toole.



Students  
Making a  
Difference!

## Helmet Injuries Part of Heads Up Prevention Education

College of Nursing and Health Professions students recently

presented information to physicians and nurses attending the “A Day With Your Brain” event May 1 at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn. Nursing leaders and physicians at Advocate Christ Medical Center invited the Lewis students to present an exhibit as part of the “Heads Up Prevention Education” portion of the event, which was hosted by the Neuroscience Institute at Advocate Christ Medical Center.

The nursing students provided information with a poster, more than 20 helmets from various sports, multiple handouts, lists of resources and other helpful items. Information provided on the posters included the physics of concussions, descriptions of testing methods of helmets, concussion rules, policies and position statements from

various organizations and associations and features of helmets that certain professional athletes utilize.

“This project strengthened our relationship with Advocate Christ Medical Center, and it demonstrated our students’ desire and ability to present a quality, professional research project to experts and peers in the healthcare field,” commented Melanie Obispo-Young, clinical faculty. Obispo-Young guided the students in the field on the Quality Improvement Project that enhances care for patients.

The project was part of leadership theory coursework for the Professional Development: Leadership course, in which Kathy McDannel is the lead faculty member. The assignment is also implemented in partnership with the Health Maintenance and Restoration: Adult III course. Gail Vitale is the lead faculty member of that course.

The 16 presenting students are enrolled in two clinical sections at Advocate Christ Medical Center and Advocate



(From left to right) Front Row: Kerry Shanklin, Typhannie Banks, Christina Randall Middle Row: Nicole Escorcia, Mary Machay, Veronica DiCianni. Back Row: Darin LeFever, Harry Chan

Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. They are: Typhannie Banks, Harry Chan, Jessica Cutter, Veronica Dicianni, Ernest Emery, Nicole Escorcia, Kandice Frenzel, Elizabeth Kukla, Darin LeFever, Krista Lozanski, Timothy Osterhaus, Kelly Polnik, Christina Randall, Mary Machay, Kerry Shanklin and Slade Zajac.

## Nursing Students Reach out to the Community through Health Fair

College of Nursing and Health Professions nursing students partnered with St. Joseph Parish to host a Community Health Fair in April. The event was a first in recent history for the faith community in Homewood, Ill. Graduate students—Mila McChrystal RN, BSN of Manteno, Marigold Simmon, RN, BSN of Chicago and Kim Wilson, RN, BSN of Calumet City—organized the fair as part of a Clinical Practicum course in the Master of Science Nursing program.

The fair allowed students to put into practice some of the skills and concepts they acquire in the classroom. “This health fair experience provided me with the foundation to pursue other opportunities in coordinating health fairs in the future. I have learned



Lewis University graduate students of the College of Nursing and Health Professions help coordinate a community health fair at St. Joseph Parish in Homewood.

the importance of networking and developing new relationships,” said Marigold Simmon.

Those that attended were able to learn about various topics including

heart health, bone health, alternative health measures, safety in the home/ community, health education, and health promotion among many others. Nursing students engaged the community in exercises as well as informational presentations.

“It was a great interactive event in which eight of our BSN students were able to participate as well as teach within the community with posters and blood pressure screenings,” said Dr. Gwen Svoboda, Professor of Nursing. The participating Lewis undergraduate nursing students included Rubina Cesario, Courtney Cuconato, Nicole Dougherty, Catherine Healy, Marielle Kopasz, Robert Posch, Harlene Sernadilla and Anne Siwinski.





*Lewis University Habitat for Humanity volunteers stand in front of a house they helped to build while on the annual service trip. (Upper right) A recently complete Habitat for Humanity home is blessed while Lewis University students, faculty and staff are on their annual trip. (Lower right) Lewis University students work on a home during the 2011 Habitat for Humanity trip.*

## Tornado Victims Receive Help from Lewis Students

More than 20 Lewis University students, faculty and staff members recently helped to rebuild homes in Cookeville, Tenn. and Cleveland, Tenn. The majority of the May 8-14 trip was spent working in Cookeville, Tenn., where the group had already planned to help with the Habitat for Humanity trip. By chance, they were able to help clean up damaged homes in Cleveland, Tenn., where a tornado hit the area a few days earlier.

The Lewis group worked with the local habitat affiliate in Cleveland to help clean up a man's property that had been totally destroyed by the tornado. His wife died in the storm. "To see the strength, perseverance, and faith of this man on the property, brought reality to all of us there. It was another example of not taking anything for granted, but living for each day in the moment," said Christopher Hueg, a trip coordinator. Students Karen Dizon and Jordon Olson coordinated the annual Habitat

for Humanity trip for Lewis students, faculty and staff.

"It was such a powerful experience to witness all the destruction around the community. Even though we saw many houses completely destroyed, the presence of God was definitely felt by the generosity of the workers and volunteers to help bring forth peace and order to the community," commented Dizon.

In Cookeville, the Lewis group spent three days working on two houses in the process of being built. On one house, they installed fascia and soffit, finished installing siding and built a deck. The other house was close to completion, so they installed cabinets in the kitchen, put railings on the deck, and caulked, among other tasks. They met the homeowners who attended the dedication of the house and the homeowners received their keys.

Olson said the labor was worthwhile and a life changing experience. She said, "For me, seeing how thankful everyone is for your service and seeing God working in their lives helped me to grow in faith. To experience all that we did in just one week, helped me give thanks for all that has been provided for me, and want to continue giving back."

Student trip participants included: Olson, Hueg, Dizon, John "Jack" Avila, Sean Barber, Sam Bartowiak, Bryan Bolton, Beka Flanagan, Kristen Granato, Jim Harnois, Carly Myrtle, Allie Pluth, Sean Ruane, Brittany Russo, Peter Waller, Kristen Yarka, Kelly Schreiber, Ryan Snow and Toneika Wallace. Faculty and staff participants included Brother Thomas Dupré, FSC, Alina Rivas and Steven Zlatic.



## Students and Professors see Beyond the Royal Wedding in London

Sixteen Lewis University students and two faculty members recently returned from their 10-day trip “across the pond” to the United Kingdom. It was more than just touring Buckingham Palace after the Royal Wedding. The experiential learning Culture and Civilization course was the first time Lewis University has had a Travel Study Abroad trip in London.

“It was an experiential learning which takes advantage of the physical site (London) to teach about empire, industrialization, the growth of the state, of parliamentary government, the legal system, the banking system and the collection of artifacts from around the empire,” explained Dr. Ewa Bacon, History Professor and co-moderator



*Lewis University students enjoy a boat ride on the Thames River on their way to Greenwich during a 2011 Travel Study Abroad trip to London.*

of the trip. Dr. Eileen McMahon, Associate Professor of History and co-moderator, taught the background scholarship to the students enrolled in a Culture & Civilization course as well as the British Empire course. She commented, “London provided an

excellent catalyst to understanding the development of the modern world as well as provide something for everyone for a general culture experience.”

The trip focused on place-based learning for world history since 1500. They visited museums, galleries, palaces, cathedrals, abbeys and universities. For example, they toured the Globe Theatre and enjoyed a performance of Shakespeare’s “All’s Well That Ends Well.” Other performances they enjoyed were “The War Horse” and a classical performance, Mahler’s 8th Symphony.

Students on the trip included: Christopher Auteberry, Nikita Baktee, Brittany Bond, Colleen Duggan, Nicole Furr, Audrey Heiberger, Ted Karamanski, Caitlin Leja, Emily Lif, Rachyl Madigan, Jennifer Melcher, Kurt Nelson, Katy Schweiss, Frances Swint, Katelyn Watt and Alison Wosniak.

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## Students Learn History and Religion While Studying in Italy

The collaboration of Dr. Dominic Colonna, Chair of Theology, and Dr. Dennis Cremin, Professor of History and Director of the Lewis Regional History Center, resulted in a unique educational experience for 19 Lewis University students. The two different professors combined their diverse expertise and pedagogical styles to share an interdisciplinary study of Italy as they traveled through the country May 7-17.

The professors established common learning outcomes and objectives. They taught together for the four classes in Romeville that prepared students for the trip. Then, they taught together at each site.

The trip included visits to various sites in Rome: St. Peter’s Basilica, Coliseum, Roman Forum, Christian Brothers’ Generalate, Sistine Chapel and Sta.

Sabina Church. Other sites included: St. Francis of Assisi Basilica in Assisi and Santa Maria Novella Basilica in Florence.

“Cremin and I made great efforts before leaving to make this course more like a single, interdisciplinary course. Specifically, we made efforts to use assessment skills that Lewis has been working to incorporate in all of our classes,” commented Colonna.

Trip participants included John Bradley, June Bragiel, Amanda Copley, Bridget Cunningham, Ashley Cychosz, Kelleen Doherty, Babette Espinoza, Jamie Henderson, Paul Melingis, Kristin Moscato, Joseph O’Brien, Kelly Paymaster, Melissa Pignatello, Anabel Preciado, Robert Seiberlich, Julianna Szamlewski, Christine Teeling, Jaclyn Viano and Shawn Walsh.



*Dr. Dennis H. Cremin gives a lecture in the Colosseum during a 2011 Travel Study Abroad trip to Italy.*

*For more information about Study Abroad experiences, contact Chris Swanson, Director of Internatioal Study Abroad, at (815) 838-4614 or [studyabroad@lewisu.edu](mailto:studyabroad@lewisu.edu)*



# Awards & Recognition



## Trailblazer Scholarship Honors Four Heroes

Lewis University is proud to announce a new scholarship honoring the legacy of four African American pioneers in the community: Kathleen Bolden, Charles Jones, Dr. Charles Kennedy, and Elmer Sims.

**Kathleen Bolden** earned a B.A. in Sociology from Lewis University in 1971 and a master's degree from Governors State University in 1972. Bolden joined the Lewis staff in 1971 and held several positions for the University during her eight year tenure, including Director of the College Success Program and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. In both of these positions she had extensive contact with students and came to be considered a mother figure for hundreds of Lewis students. She developed a reputation as someone who worked hard to ensure equal opportunity for all. She brought that same determination to her community in 1991, when she founded the Warren-Sharpe Community Center to provide educational, recreational and health-care services to families on Joliet's south side. Bolden passed away in 1994, survived by her husband, retired Will County Circuit Court Judge Raymond Bolden, and three children.

**Charles Jones** graduated from Lewis in 1966 with a B.A. in Psychology and continued his education earning two more master's degrees, one in public safety administration from Nova University and another in ethnic and cultural studies from Governors State University. He began his career at Lewis in 1969 as Counselor and Coordinator for Black Students during a very turbulent and racially divided period in the nation and in the Joliet area. Jones moderated the Black Student Union during its formative years, working to educate the community about African-American culture and issues. After a successful career in higher education and non-profit entities, Jones returned to Lewis in 1993 to resume his career here with positions ranging from the Director of the Ethnic Studies Program, Executive Director of the Office of the President, and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. Jones was the first person to hold the position of Associate Vice President for Diversity and Community Partnerships at Lewis University. As President of JACOB (Joliet Area Church-based Organized Body) and as chairman of the city of Joliet Quality of Life Task

Force, Jones has been a vital force in addressing quality of life issues in low to moderate income areas of Joliet.

**Dr. Charles Kennedy** was born in Tennessee and came to Joliet in 1969 after receiving his bachelor's degree from Mississippi Industrial College, a master's degree from Ball State University, and a doctoral degree in education from Nova University. He was an instructor of political science and black history at Joliet Junior College, and in 1971, Kennedy became the Director of Minority Affairs at Lewis. In 1972, he was elected to the Board of Trustees at Joliet Junior College, making him the first black elected official in the Joliet community college district. He went on to serve as a trustee from 1972 to 1981 and from 1983 until his death in 1988, including three terms as chairman. Dr. Kennedy was a lifelong champion of civil rights at the local, state, and national level.

**Elmer Sims** was born in Joliet and served in the U.S. military shortly after it became integrated by Presidential Order in 1948. After serving with the military, Sims enrolled at Lewis and became the first African American graduate in 1959,

earning a B.A. in Accounting. He was employed by the United States Department of Labor Veterans Re-employment Rights Division for 35 years, served as President of the Joliet NAACP and was on the Joliet Police Board of Commissioners. With the expertise gained through his work for the labor department and his active community involvement, Sims was a vital resource on labor rights for minorities in the community. Sims died in 2009, and is survived by his wife of 51 years, Johnni (Ellis) Sims, and two children.

*More than 300 alumni, family and friends of the honorees attended the Trailblazer Scholarship kick-off event on April 16, raising nearly \$20,000 to establish the scholarship. To help achieve the \$50,000 goal for this endowed scholarship, Lewis Board of Trustees Member and 1977 alumnus, Michael Parker generously offered to match the next \$5,000 in gifts to the Trailblazer Endowed Scholarship until the Lewis University Homecoming, September 24, 2011. Visit [alumni.lewisu.edu/trailblazer](http://alumni.lewisu.edu/trailblazer) or contact Jonathan Yordy at (815) 836-5875 or [yordyjo@lewisu.edu](mailto:yordyjo@lewisu.edu) for more information or to make a gift.*





## Lewis Honors Civic Leaders at May Commencement

Lewis University awarded three honorary degrees at the May Commencement Ceremonies on May 14-15, recognizing the achievements of Dr. Sarode K. Pundaleeka, Founder, President and Medical Director of Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, Ltd; Terry Mazany, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Chicago Community Trust and Interim Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools and Congresswoman Judy Biggert (R-13). Approximately 860 students were awarded degrees during the May Commencement Ceremonies.

A pioneering, innovative and compassionate leader in the effective treatment of cancer, **Dr. Sarode K. Pundaleeka** is the founder, President, and Medical Director of Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, Ltd. (JOHA), a model for community-based cancer care through research and implementation of new treatments. Established by Dr. Pundaleeka in 1981, the center is considered one of the most comprehensive cancer care

facilities in Illinois, serving more than 5,000 patients and staffed by more than 100 employees, including medical oncologists and radiation oncologists in state-of-the-art facilities, one located in Joliet and the other in Morris, along with area satellite offices in Bolingbrook and Flossmoor. JOHA is affiliated with expert researchers around the globe.

Dr. Pundaleeka also has developed Future Diagnostics Group, an imaging center equipped with advanced technology for cancer diagnosis and one of the first centers in Illinois to offer virtual imaging technology. His care for his patients extends beyond his clinical, research, and diagnostic practices as demonstrated by JOHA's charitable efforts as well as his own personal support of cancer research, education, and treatment. The clinical practice includes the JOHA Foundation, a nonprofit charity established in 2000 to "help bridge the gap during treatment and recovery by providing support and education to cancer patients and their families." The Foundation's

services include patient support in pharmacy, nutrition, housing, and insurance assistance, as well as regularly scheduled educational and community events.

Dr. Pundaleeka has twice served as Chief of Staff for Provena-St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, as well as President of the Will-Grundy Medical Society, and on numerous hospital committees related to his medical specialties. Dr. Pundaleeka and his wife, Geetha, reside in Burr Ridge, Illinois. They have three children. Together, they generously provide scholarship assistance to a number of Lewis University undergraduates each year.

An exceptional civic leader, astute business executive, and dedicated public school administrator, **Terry Mazany** is the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Chicago Community Trust. He also is remarkable in that he generously accepted an exceptional civic challenge and opportunity by serving for six months as the Interim CEO of Chicago Public Schools. Mazany responded

*Approximately 860 students were awarded degrees during the May Commencement Ceremonies*

to a request by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley in November 2010, to oversee and assure meaningful progress in the public school system of Chicago after the resignation of the former CEO prior to a mayoral election. Mazany's multiple areas of expertise enabled him to effectively collaborate with a variety of stakeholders as he managed the business of the Chicago Public Schools and directed ongoing reform initiatives for instruction and curriculum even as the City focused on the recent election.

As President and CEO at The Chicago Community Trust since 2004, Mazany provides leadership for one of the nation's largest community foundations. He joined the Trust in 2001 as Director and Senior Program Officer for its Education Initiative. In 2003, Mazany was appointed as the Trust's Chief Operating Officer. In each of these leadership roles at The Chicago





*Dr. Sarode K. Pundaleeka*

Community Trust, he has worked as an important partner in Chicago's school reform efforts.

Through his work with the CCT Education Initiative, Mazany led the design and implementation of the Trust's \$50 million, five-year commitment to promote greater literacy, teacher and principal quality, and to support the creation of new schools in Chicago. Based on the impressive success of this fine initiative, the Trust renewed its funding for a second, five-year \$50 million commitment focused on expanding system-wide improvements across all curriculum content areas, developing additional high quality principal and teacher leaders, and supporting innovation at the local school level. Mazany also offered his civic and business leadership when Mayor Daley invited him to organize the Recovery Partnership, a collaborative effort involving more than fifty foundations to support the distribution of more than \$1 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds in Chicago.

A highly committed public servant for 25 years, the **Honorable Judy Biggert** has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1998, advocating for the residents of Illinois in the 13th District, which includes, among other areas, the cities of Aurora and Naperville, and the villages



*Terry Mazany*

of Hinsdale, New Lenox and Romeoville. She was re-elected in 2010 to her seventh term in Congress where she pursues legislation for such vital issues as education and labor, science, technology, the environment, and the well-being of children, especially children who are homeless. As Congresswoman Biggert herself has observed, she strives to offer "smart, common-sense solutions that can help meet the needs of American families and protect their wallets and wellbeing."

After earning a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Stanford University and a Law degree from Northwestern University School of Law, Biggert first worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Luther M. Swygert, of the United States Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, and then as a private practice attorney. Her legislative career began in 1992, when she was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives to serve the newly created 81st District. Representative Biggert was subsequently elected the Republican Leader of the Illinois House from 1995-1998 and then successfully ran for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Significant legislation recently sponsored by Representative Biggert includes The Educational Success for Children and Youth Without Homes Act, designed to expand support for education



*Congresswoman Judy Biggert*

to homeless children and youth. Additional legislative efforts include a bill to expand housing support services for homeless children and youth; a bill to expand access for low-income families to such services as homeownership counseling, job training, child care, and education; and bipartisan legislation to establish a National Museum of Women's History on the National Mall in Washington D.C. She has successfully achieved bipartisan passage of several pieces of legislation, including the Cybertipline law to make it easier to report and track

computer-based sex crimes against children; the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act which prohibits health insurers and employers from discriminating on the basis of a person's genetic information; the Energy Tech Transfer Act to promote and more swiftly market innovative, energy-efficient technologies; and legislation to help find and protect missing and runaway youth.



*Members of the 2011 Senior Class Gift Committee present a check to Br. James Gaffney, FSC. The senior class raised \$2,530 to help Lewis students as part of the Senior Challenge. Members shown are: (left to right) Dalonte Burns, Goldie Beasley, Ashley Martin and Thomas Lynch. Those not pictured: Crystal Koetz and Zulaika Guzman*





Lewis University has been named a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation two consecutive years.

# Sustainable Campus

## Satisfying on Multiple Fronts

**Lewis University boasts one of the most beautiful campuses in the region. With its acres of trees, flowers and neatly manicured landscape, it continues to be awe-inspiring to visitors, students, faculty and staff. The University has been named a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation two consecutive years.**



**The Romeoville campus has enough trees to be considered an arboretum. Behind the beauty is a dedicated crew of men and women from the University Facilities Department who provide a campus environment conducive for studying, reflection and meditation, and for having fun, all the while making the campus more sustainable for generations to come. The following are some of the latest efforts taking place on campus this year.**





*(Top photo) Br. James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, rides the new elevator with Lewis students. (Above) Four stories in height, the new addition provides scenic views of the campus to the east and north.*

## Learning Resource Center Elevator

A new elevator for the LRC was completed at the end of June and modernization of the existing elevator is underway. The elevator project cost roughly \$1 million to complete.

The new elevator addition is located on the north end of the Learning Resource Center. This modern, glass elevator is a welcome addition to the LRC both functionally and aesthetically. The elevator shaft was designed to fit into the existing architecture of the LRC Building. Four stories in height, the new addition provides scenic views of the campus to the east and north. In addition to the elevator lobby entrance, a seating area has also been provided on the floors above. The new addition is 1,934 square feet.

An online photo gallery of the LRC Elevator and Science Center construction projects can be viewed at [www.lewisu.edu/sciencecenter](http://www.lewisu.edu/sciencecenter)

## Stormwater Retention Pond

An environmentally-friendly project at the main entrance to Lewis University will provide two stormwater retention ponds, a waterfall feature, and a landscaped area with benches for the enjoyment of students, faculty and staff.

Not only will this feature assist in controlling stormwater, but the infiltration trenches and landscaping improvements included in the plans will promote a better habitat for the endangered Hine's Emerald Dragonfly, which is native to the area of Will County that includes the Lewis campus.

The Hine's Emerald Dragonfly, a federally-protected endangered species, lives along the Des Plaines River in Illinois and depends on groundwater in Will County and surrounding areas to survive.

Donald Castello, Director of Facilities, said the stormwater retention ponds can store 7,000 gallons of water if necessary and may accommodate possible irrigation. The waterfall feature will hide

a pipe that will channel stormwater into the ponds. The waterfall will be located east of the Learning Resource Center and south of LaSalle House on the north side of University Parkway as one enters campus.

Dwight DeVries, Superintendent of Grounds, is designing landscaping with grass, native plants, river rock and more to visually enhance the area while being environmentally responsible. The project will be completed by the end of the summer.

According to Castello, "By installing a stormwater system that combines naturalized detention basins with other best management practices for storm water that encourage stormwater dispersion and infiltration, Lewis University is demonstrating community responsibility and smart, progressive methods to ensure that growth and development can proceed without negative environmental consequences."

## Additional Campus Improvements

- Construction of the LEED Certified Science Center addition continues with final phases of major exterior and structural components nearing completion.
- Construction on the Multi-Purpose Athletic and Student Recreation Complex / Track project is complete. The artificial turf will reduce the need for water and maintenance.
- Upgrades and repairs continue in various residence halls.
- Renovations at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center are ready for classroom and office space for Lewis use this fall semester.
- Library enhancements include installation of new carpeting, painting, and providing furniture for the first floor.
- Installation of various new underground utility lines continues.
- Roof replacement on the Neil Carey Arena has been completed. Also new is a new floor for the gymnasium, the first replacement since the building opened in 1963. The "L" that was painted in the center of the original floor was removed and displayed for historical purposes. New energy-efficient lighting was installed, as well as climate-control units to reduce heating and air conditioning usage.



If you would like to see more about the sustainable efforts underway at Lewis University, scan the QR code with your smartphone, or visit [www.lewisu.edu/sustainability](http://www.lewisu.edu/sustainability).



# faculty news

## Library Director Named Co-Editor of Library Science Journal

Mary Hollerich, Director of the Lewis Library, and Collette Mak from the University of Notre Dame, have been named co-editors of *Interlending & Document Supply*. Published by UK-based Emerald Publishing, *Interlending & Document Supply* is a peer-reviewed library science journal covering a wide range of activities relating to document provision and supply, from traditional approaches to the use of advanced technologies, both within and among countries worldwide. Hollerich and Mak have served on numerous national committees together and collaborated on various projects for more than 20 years.

## English Professor Publishes Work

Dr. Jackie White, Assoc. Professor of English, published 10 individual poems from her forthcoming chapbook in the literary print and online journals [www.shadowboxmagazine.org](http://www.shadowboxmagazine.org), *Packtown Review*, *Fifth Wednesday*, [www.prose-poem.com](http://www.prose-poem.com), *RHINO*, and the *Spoon River Poetry Review*.

## Kavouras Presents Research with Lewis Alumni and Students

Dr. Jerry Kavouras, Asst. Professor of Biology, and Thomas Lynch '11 presented "Temperature Plays a Significant Role in the Arrangement of Cells within *E. coli* and *S. aureus* Biofilms" at the 111th General meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in New Orleans, La. in May. Erin Blazina '12, Cory Knickerbocker '10, and Dr. Jason Keleher, Asst. Professor of Chemistry, are also co-authors. This undergraduate research project was funded by Lewis' Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research.

## Finance Professor Presents Paper at Conferences

Dr. Yuntaek Pae, Asst. Professor of Finance, presented a research paper, "Why Equally-weighted Portfolios Outperform Value-weighted Portfolios," at two recent conferences. The paper provides theoretical proof and empirical evidence that the return difference between an equally-weighted portfolio and a value-weighted portfolio has positive correlation with the market portfolio. The presentations took place at the Midwest Finance Association annual meeting in Chicago and at the South Western Finance Association annual meeting in Houston, Texas.

## Political Science Professor Publishes Book Chapter

Dr. Laurette Liesen, Professor of Political Science, had a book chapter entitled "The States' Response to Parental Divestment: Could Safe Haven Legislation Lead to More Child Abandonment?" published in *Biology and Politics: The Cutting Edge*, edited by Steven A. Peterson and Albert Somit. This is volume 9 in the Research in Biopolitics series, published by Emerald Press, UK, in April 2011.

## English Faculty Member Receives Journal Therapy Certification

Dr. Sheila Kennedy, Assoc. Professor of English, completed an instructor certification program, and is now a Certified Instructor for Journal to the Self® Workshops, from the Center for Journal Therapy, "a professional skills training organization that prepares qualified individuals to teach the Journal to the Self® curriculum, or facilitate groups using its methods, in their own communities." The mission of the Center for Journal Therapy, established in 1985 by Kathleen Adams, LPC, RPT, is "to make the power of writing accessible to all who desire self-directed change."

## Schultz Presents on African American Identity in Rural South

Dr. Mark Schultz, Professor of History, presented "African American Identity within Interracial Families in Rural Jim Crow Georgia," at the Intersecting Identities in African American History and Culture Conference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in February.

## Education Professor Presents at Qualitative Inquiry Conference

Dr. Lauren Hoffman, Professor of Education, presented a paper entitled "Critical and Activist Educational Scholarship: Promoting Social Justice, Social Change, and Human Well Being" at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. The conference was held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May, and showcased papers and workshops from world renowned qualitative researchers from around the globe.

## Tovar Presents Paper on the Impact of Technology on Domestic Abuse

Dr. Lynn Tovar, Assoc. Professor of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies, presented a paper entitled, "The Impact of Technology on Domestic Abuse: The Influence of Digital Communication on the Theory of Power and Control" at the 69th Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, held in Chicago this past spring.



# gifts & grants

## Gifts of \$20,000 Received for the Michael P. Gordon Endowed Scholarship

Lewis University has gratefully received gifts of \$8,000 from the Michael P. Gordon Memorial Foundation and \$12,000 from the Master Educational Assistance Foundation. These gifts will be directed toward the Michael P. Gordon Endowed Scholarship to assist students majoring in Criminal/Social Justice who plan to pursue a career in law enforcement. John Gordon, husband of Heather (Martin) Gordon '91, established the scholarship in 2005 in memory of his brother Michael, a Chicago police officer who was killed in a car crash while on duty in 2004. Each year, the Foundation hosts a Chicago Cubs Rooftop event as a fundraiser for the endowed scholarship. On May 24, friends, family, 23rd Ward officials and fellow officers of Chicago, gathered to honor Michael and dedicate the 5100 block of S. Leamington Avenue now named Honorary Police Officer Michael Gordon Way. Criminal/Social Justice alumni who would like to donate to the scholarship in Michael's honor should contact Kathryn Risor-Heise at [risorhka@lewisu.edu](mailto:risorhka@lewisu.edu) or (815) 836-5471.



*Friends, family, 23rd Ward officials and fellow officers gathered to dedicate the 5100 block of S. Leamington Avenue as Honorary Police Officer Michael Gordon Way. The Michael P. Gordon Endowed Scholarship assists Lewis students majoring in Criminal/Social Justice who plan to pursue a career in law enforcement.*

## Eudes Memorial Scholarship Established

JoAnn Eudes has made a generous gift of \$25,000 to establish the John A. Eudes Memorial Scholarship in honor of her late husband, John Eudes, co-founder and chairman of Greystone.net, former Director of the Graduate School of Management at Lewis University, and a highly effective member of the Board of Trustees since 2004, including service as Board Treasurer from 2009 to 2011. Other members of the Eudes family have also contributed to the scholarship, which will sustain the memory of John and assist students in the College of Business and the College of Nursing and Health Professions, honoring John and JoAnn's respective careers. Gifts from JoAnn, the Eudes family, Lewis faculty and staff and other memorial gifts made in John's honor have already funded this endowed scholarship at \$50,000. This includes gifts of more than \$20,000 led by Trustee and College of Business alumnus Robert Beckman '76, and former Trustee Rudy Mahalik, Jr.

## Chicago Workforce Investment Council Grant

The University recently received a \$200,000 grant from The Chicago Workforce Investment Council (WIC), as well as trustees and friends, to fund necessary equipment to offer the University's aviation programs at the University's Near South Side Center at De La Salle Institute. William Brogan '93, Chair of the Department of Aviation and Transportation Studies at Lewis commented, "We are enormously grateful for the support of former Mayor Richard Daley, Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie Andolino and the Chicago Workforce Investment Council. This generous grant was used to purchase three Red Bird Flight Simulators and an Air Traffic Control computer simulation lab, and is making an aviation education available to Chicago students, within the City of Chicago." The grant supports efforts to partner with the City Colleges of Chicago on recruitment of their qualified students to this program.

## John and Kathleen Buck Establish Endowed Scholarship

John and Kathleen Buck have generously pledged \$100,000 to establish the John and Kathleen Buck Lasallian Endowed Scholarship. The Scholarship will help financially needy graduates of the San Miguel Schools and Saint Patrick High School. John is Chairman and CEO of the John Buck Company, a comprehensive real estate services company headquartered in Chicago. Through the John Buck Company Foundation and other philanthropic activities, the Bucks on the Metropolitan Planning Council, The Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago, and the boards of the San Miguel Schools and the Big Shoulders Fund.





## Lewis Wins 2011 GLVC All-Sports Trophy

After an 11-year hiatus, the Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy is back in Romeoville, as Lewis University clinched its league-best, 13th championship in the 30-year history of the award, following the softball team's thrilling 1-0 victory over Quincy in the GLVC Championship on Mother's Day (May 8).

This is the first time that Lewis has won the trophy since the 1998-99 campaign and it is the most GLVC championships by Flyer teams since the 1996-97 school year.



Lewis won five different conference championships during the 2010-11 school year, including women's volleyball, women's basketball, indoor women's track and field, men's golf and softball. Lewis finished with 148.5 points, followed by Southern Indiana's 140 points, in competition for the All-Sports Trophy.



Softball





Women's Volleyball



Women's Basketball

"This is an outstanding accomplishment," Lewis Director of Athletics Dan Schumacher said. "To win the All-Sports Trophy in a conference as tough as the GLVC, shows the hard work and dedication by so many people at this University."

"First and foremost, our goal is to graduate our student-athletes," Schumacher continued. "To be able to successfully combine our academics and athletics shows that collegiate athletics can be done the right way. It's a great day to be a Flyer!"



Indoor Women's Track & Field



Men's Golf

The All-Sports Trophy is presented to the GLVC institution that demonstrates the best all-around performance in the league's 17 sponsored sports. Points are allocated based on overall finish in the league standings and finish in the respective sport's conference tournament.

Northern Kentucky holds the second-most GLVC All-Sports trophies with seven, followed by SIU-Edwardsville (3) Southern Indiana (3), Bellarmine (2), Indianapolis (1) and Drury (1).



## Softball Repeats as GLVC Tournament Champs

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

After dropping the first game of the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship round to Quincy and All-American pitcher Torie Bunzell on Mother's Day, the Lewis University Flyers responded with a 1-0 victory over the Hawks to claim their second-straight GLVC title and their 10th overall at East Peoria's Eastside Centre.

With the win, Lewis advanced to the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament for the sixth-straight year and 12th time overall. The Flyers (36-14) won two games on their way to the regional championship round for the second-straight season, but were unable to defeat host Grand Valley State for the tourney title.

## Men's Volleyball Earns Four All-MIVA Selections

The Lewis men's volleyball program had four Flyers selected to the 2011 All-Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association teams in a vote of the league head coaches.

Sophomore outside hitter Jay Petty was named to the All-MIVA First Team. Junior middle hitters Matt Gallik, Aaron Flick and freshman setter BJ Boldog were named to the Second Team.

## Baseball Enjoys Most Successful Season Since 1997

The Lewis baseball program continued to make strides in 2011 thanks to a 24-18 overall record. Their .571 win-percentage and 16 GLVC victories were the best totals since 1997.

The Flyers defeated Rockhurst 6-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Tournament to record the program's first postseason victory since 2002.

Individually six Flyers were named All-GLVC, the highest total since 1993. Outfielders Mike Bolling and Andrew Brauer along with designated hitter Kyle Thomas were named to the All-GLVC Second Team. Flyer third baseman Miguel Amesquita, second baseman Mike Vucsko and pitcher Pat Lahey were selected to the All-GLVC Third Team.

## Marquet and Tucker Advance to NCAA East Super Regional

The Lewis University women's golf team had five top-three finishes in 2010-11, and finished with a season average of 335.4. That average was the second-best in program history.

Both junior Leila Marquet and sophomore Nicole Tucker were selected to compete as individuals at the NCAA East Super Regional at Cedarbrook Golf Club in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. Tucker improved each day and finished tied for 25th with a 250 (86-84-80) score.

Marquet narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA Championship. She tied with Ferris State's Jacqueline DeBoer for eighth thanks to a 240 (80-80-80) score. However Marquet lost to DeBoer on a playoff hole for the right to advance to nationals.



## Men's Basketball Nets Three on NABC Honors Court

The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) announced that Lewis University's Dalonte Burns, Marty Strus, and Matt Toth have each been named to the NABC Honors Court.

In order to qualify for the Honors Court, the student-athlete must be a junior or senior and own a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher at the conclusion of the 2010-11 academic year at a NCAA Division I, II, III or NAIA institution.

Burns graduated this past May with a 3.55 GPA in broadcast journalism. Strus is a mathematics/secondary education major with a 3.87 cumulative GPA, while Toth - a business administration major - has collected a 3.21 cumulative GPA.





## Pestinger Named to Capital One Academic All-America Men's At-Large 3rd Team

For the second-straight year, the Capital One Academic All-America Men's At-Large Third Team, will feature a student-athlete from Lewis University, as former Flyer men's tennis player Lorenz Pestinger was bestowed with that accolade on June 7 following a vote of the nation's sports information directors.

In 2010, Lewis men's golfer Paul Dagens claimed those same honors. Pestinger is the 15th Academic All-America honoree in Lewis history and the first men's tennis player to be named.

Pestinger, who was named the Lewis Male Senior Student-Athlete of the Year, owned a 4.0 cumulative GPA with a double-major in business administration and marketing. He is a two-time Br. David Delahanty Award winner, given to Lewis student-athletes for academic success, and a two-time Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honoree. On the court, Pestinger was second on the team with a singles record of 19-9. In doubles action, Pestinger was a combined 21-7.

To be eligible for Academic All-America consideration, a student-athlete must have reached sophomore eligibility, have a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.3 or higher and be a starter or important reserve with legitimate athletic credentials.



## Lewis Cheerleading Takes Second Place at NCA Collegiate National Championships

The Lewis University cheerleading team claimed a second-place finish - their highest in school-history - at the NCA Collegiate National Championships on April 6-9 in Daytona Beach, Florida in the All-Girl Division II category.

The Flyers took second thanks to an 8.508 score. Valdosta State took home the championship with score of 8.708.

"We had some stage fright issues to deal with on the first day, but we came together and took first in the Challenge Cup competition," former Lewis co-head cheerleading coach Eric Osburn said. "We performed an outstanding routine in the finals competition (on Friday) to earn second place."

The Flyers qualified for the event at the NCA Summer Camp at Lewis last August.

## Lewis Athletics Nets 132 Selections On Academic All-GLVC Squad

48% of eligible Flyer student-athletes earned the academic distinction from the conference.

Fresh off its league-best 13th Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy, the Lewis University student-athletes showed that they are equally as impressive in the classroom, as 132 Flyers were named to the 2011 Academic All-GLVC Team, announced by the conference office on June 6th.

While Lewis dropped from second to fourth in the conference in overall selections, the Flyers saw an increase in numbers for the second-straight year. The 132 selections accounts for 48% (132 of 275) of Lewis' eligible student-athletes.

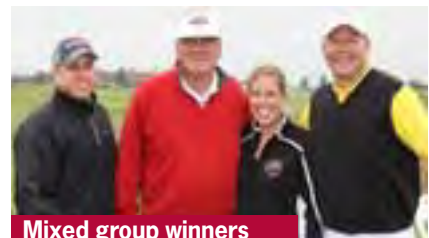
The Lewis baseball team had the most selections of any Flyer program with 16. The Lewis men's track and field program had 15 honorees, which tied them with Bellarmine for the most in the GLVC for that sport.

Bellarmine led all GLVC members with 158 selections.

The Academic All-GLVC honor is bestowed upon student-athletes that have completed two semesters at their institution and maintained a 3.3 cumulative grade-point average or have attained a 3.4 GPA over the two most recent semesters. Student-athletes that have attained a 3.40 GPA and not completed two semesters are also honored.



Tournament winners



Mixed group winners

## Golf Outing Raises Record \$51,000

The Lewis University faithful turned out in droves for the 31st Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing, presented by Wight and Company, on June 10th, as nearly 200 Flyer family, friends and alumni helped set an event-record \$51,000 funds raised at the Prairie Bluff Golf Course in Crest Hill, Ill.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Lewis Athletics Department and go towards state-of-the-art Daktronics scoreboards for both the Lewis baseball and softball teams. That total is a 6.3 percent increase from last year's total of \$48,000 raised.

With the recent construction of the Multi-Purpose Athletics and Recreation Complex, renovations to Neil Carey Arena and Lewis' league-best 13th Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy, Lewis Director of Athletics Dan Schumacher cannot help but be excited for what is in store for the Flyers.

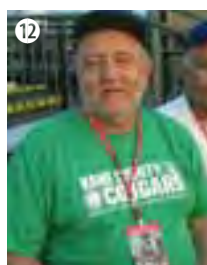
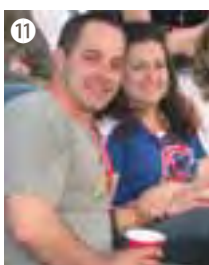
"None of that could have been accomplished without the help and support of our Flyer friends and family," Schumacher said. "Those same people are the ones that help current and future Flyer student-athletes recognize that Lewis is a special place to be."

(Pictured above), Drs. Bill Chura, Joe Kozminski, Chuck Crowder and Jason Keleher won the tournament as the foursome fired a 13-under score of 59. The quartet of Paul Zakowski, Dennis Troy, Dave Moll and Tracy Summers (bottom right) won the mixed group event for the second-straight year with a score of 66.

**Be sure to mark June 8, 2012 on your calendar for the 32nd Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing!**



# recent events



**1/2 Chicago Alumni Chapter After Hours: Franklin Tap** – February 17. (left) LeVar Cypress, Anthony Sam, Natalie Widlak, Lisa Martinez, Ken Stewart. April 14. (right) Eric Viguera, Brian Bishop, Lazarus Goosby, Albert Sanders, Dan Costello.

**3 Philip Lynch Theatre 35th Anniversary Celebration/Pre-Performance Reception for Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** – February 19. Seated: Dr. Paul Rubino, Ann Rubino, Dolores Gallo, Rose Lenhart. Standing: Br. James Gaffney FSC, Charles Lenhart, Jr.

**4 Jason Derulo Young Alumni Pre-Concert Reception** – April 8, 2011. Alumni gather before the concert held in the Fieldhouse.

**5 Women's Soccer Alumni vs Current Team Game and Reception** – April 2.

**6 Relay for Life Event** – March 25-26. Alina Rivas and Katie Choudhary assist at the Relay for Life event held at Lewis.

**7/8 Trailblazer Scholarship Kickoff** – April 16. (left) Br. James Gaffney, FSC, Wanita Herring, Donald Dew. (right) NBC 5 Chicago's LeeAnn Trotter.

**9 2nd Annual Airman's Banquet** – April 15. Members of the Lambda Rho Hangar celebrated their 42nd year at Lewis University, featuring Lewis Board of Trustees Chair James Goodwin, Former Chairman of United Airlines.

**10 Shakespeare in Hollywood Reception** – April 16. Joe Volin and Summer Hallaj with James and Fran Sczapaniak.

**11/12 Chicago Cubs Rooftop** – May 1. (left) Mike and Gina Heimbecker. (right) Ron Kuhn.

## 1960s

**George Banas '63** (Marketing) released his historical novel "Terrorists and the Terchova Treasure-In My Brother's Place," in May 2010.

**Kenneth Krizan '67** (History) has retired from his position as Head Baseball Coach at Beecher High School and Junior High after 40 years. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in March of 2003 and is now a seven year survivor.

## 1970s

**Debra DiMatteo '77** (English) was named the female recipient of the 2011 Dr. Charles Bertram Award of Distinction from the Great Lakes Valley Conference for her extraordinary career as a college coach in volleyball and softball.



**George Mahoney, III '71** (Political Science) has been elected President of the Illinois Bar Foundation, the charitable affiliate of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA). George has been active with the ISBA and serves as a member of its Legislation Committee and its Illinois Bar Journal Editorial Board. He

has received its prestigious Board of Governors Award on two occasions. George is the founding member of the Joliet law firm of Mahoney, Silverman, & Cross, LLC.

**Joel Stava '78** (Accounting and Business Administration) received the Adam Smith Honored Alumnus of the Year Award from Lewis University on March 10, 2011. Joel is President of Midwest Tungsten Service, Inc. and has been a member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees since 2005. Read the article on p. 8

**James Springer '78** (Business Administration) retired at 55 and is now working as a flight director, flying Aerostats for U.S. Customs.

**Sedric Willis '78** (Speech) directed "The Trip to Bountiful" in Robbins, Ill. at the Houston Family Arts Center in April this year.

## 1980s

**Michael Moyzis '88** (Staff: Admissions and Asst. Baseball Coach '86-'89) and his Chicago Baseball Experience development team plan to turn the former Community Motors car dealership at 5900 W 159th St., Oak Forest, into a multi-use recreational facility centered on baseball.



**Robert A. Roth '85** (Criminal/ Social Justice) is one of five partners from Reed Smith LLP to be named to the 2011 BTI Client Service All-Stars by BTI Consulting Group. Robert is an experienced trial lawyer who previously served as Chair of the firm's Midwest Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

**Laura Winiewicz, '84** (Elementary Education) recently received a Teacher of the Year Award. Laura is currently teaching fifth grade at John R. Beatty Elementary School in Las Vegas and feels blessed to be able to continue teaching our children.

## 1990s



**Dr. Gerald Bersano '93** (Graduate Education) hiked the Grand Canyon in April. Gerald was joined by his brother, Dr. Raymond Bersano, retired Col. in the U.S. Army and his wife, Martha.

**Dan Enright '98** (Graduate Business) was named Braidwood Generating Station site Vice President at Exelon Corporation in February. His primary responsibility will be to oversee the safe and reliable operation of Braidwood Station and to ensure the public is kept informed of the operation of the plant. Dan has more than 28 years of experience in management and operational support of nuclear stations, and has served as the site Vice President for the Byron Generating Station and LaSalle County Generating Station.

**Martin Gainer '99** (Criminal/ Social Justice) retired from his position as Police Sergeant for the City of Chicago after 25 years of service.

**Hunter Gilmore '99** (Criminal/Social Justice) '01 (Graduate Leadership Studies) is now the Commander for Carol Stream Police Department in Illinois.

**Michael Maxwell '91** (Graduate Business) has been appointed Engineering Manager of Sly, Inc. in August 2010.

**Luke Pascale '98** (Theatre) directed "Apartment 3A" produced by Studio J in conjunction with the Joliet Drama Guild.

**Ernest Ray '93** (Theatre) directed the University of St. Francis production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

**Amy (Johnson) Retuerto '97** (Nursing) was one of nine neonatal nurses at Central DuPage Hospital to earn a certification in Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing.

**Carrie Vournazos '97** (Graduate Business) was a member of the core Magnet committee for Central DuPage Hospital (CDH). In September, CDH received Magnet recognition for excellence in nursing services by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program®.

## 2000s

**Jason Aguirre '08** (Theatre) appeared in a recent episode of the CBS police drama "Blue Bloods" and was featured in a recent episode of the WB hit series "Gossip Girl."



**Patrick Anderson '06** (Accountancy) received his Juris Doctorate on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from Loyola University. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and was among the top 24 individuals in his graduating class of more than 250. He has worked full time at Healy Law Firm in

Chicago for the past 6 years, while taking classes at night. Patrick took the bar exam in July.

**Katie Bazaldua '04** (Nursing) was one of nine neonatal nurses at Central DuPage Hospital to earn a certification in Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing.



**Sharon Canariato '07** (Graduate Nursing/ Business) in conjunction with Melissa Dean, MaryAnn Flynn, Tina Galassi, Evelyn Mieczkowski, Jennifer Schramm, Linda Schutt, Michele Smith, and Nadyne Spurlock (All Graduate Nursing Students) created the Staffing to Acuity Toolkit which is aimed at educating staff nurses and others about the Illinois "Staffing by Patient Acuity" legislation that was passed in August 2007.



**Katherine Choudhary '03** (History) '08 (M.Ed.), President of the Lewis University Young Alumni Board is a member of the Service Committee which assisted in planning an alumni group for this year's Relay For Life fundraiser.



**Janelle Coats '05** (Theatre) performed the role of Julia in the Attic Playhouse production of Agatha Christie's "A Murder is Announced."

**Jill (Blanford) Connolly '01** (Theatre) performed the role of the Countess and a Pinhead in the Bohemian Theatre Ensemble's production of "The Elephant Man" presented at Theatre Wit in Chicago.



**Jeffrey Dopke '02** (Criminal/Social Justice) was sworn-in as a police officer with the City of Lockport Police Department in December 2010. Jeff moved to the Lockport Police Department after eight years of service with the Village of Beecher Police Department, and 10 years total law enforcement experience.

**Jimmy Karr '03** (Sports Management) was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at St. Joseph High School for his extraordinary career in baseball and football.

**Amanda-Claire Lowe, '09** (Theatre) was part of the production team as a costumer for the University of St. Francis production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

**Charles Maida '05** (Graduate Public Safety Administration) ran against Michael Zalewski for alderman. The election was held on February 22, 2011.



**Alina Rivas '07** (Special Education) is a member of the Lewis University Young Alumni Board. Alina is currently serving as the co-chair of the Service Committee and assisted planning an alumni group for this year's Relay For Life fundraiser.

**Jonah Schneider, '02** (Theatre) was part of the production team as the producer for the University of St. Francis production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" as well as Studio J in conjunction with the Joliet Drama Guild production of "Apartment 3A."



**Jennifer Schramm '09** (Elementary Education), has completed her first two years of teaching and currently is coaching cheerleading and track at Hinsdale

Middle School. She is also helping coach varsity cheerleading at Hinsdale Central High School.

**Nick Simon '05** (Theatre) was acting as Tony in the Studio J and Joliet Drama Guild production of "Apartment 3A."

**Christina Spiros '06** (English) was the stage manager for Studio J and the Joliet Drama Guild production of "Apartment 3A."

**Chad Tallon '08** (Theatre) has received the Classical Acting Award of Excellence from the National Partners American Theatre while studying at Western Illinois University for his MFA.



**Sylvia Vazquez '09** (Psychology and Human Resources) is a member of the Lewis University Young Alumni Board. Sylvia is currently serving on the Service Committee and assisted planning an alumni group for this year's Relay for Life fundraiser.



**Joseph Volin '08** (Philosophy of Law) is a member of the Lewis University Young Alumni Board. Joe is currently

serving on the Service Committee and assisted planning an alumni group for this year's Relay for Life fundraiser. Joe completed his M.S.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education at Northern Illinois University in May. He has accepted a position as a Residence Director at Illinois Wesleyan University.

**Geoff Zigrossi '05** (Theatre) performed the role of Elliot in the Studio J and Joliet Drama Guild production of "Apartment 3A."

## 2010s



**Karen Hernandez '11** (Criminal/Social Justice) was commissioned on May 15, 2011 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. As part of the Medical Service Corps, she will attend the Officer Basic Leadership Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Karen will then report to the 710th Army Support Medical Company of the Illinois National Guard in North Riverside, Ill. She plans to marry Moises Rio in 2012. Karen was also the recipient of the Father Aquinas Colgan Award at Commencement.

**David Irvine '11** (Aviation Administration) was commissioned on May 15, 2011 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. As part of the Corps of Engineers, he will attend the Officer Basic Leadership Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mis. on November 7, 2011. David will then report for active duty at Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Andrew Knobbe '10** (Philosophy) will be teaching this fall at Regina Dominican High School in Wilmette, Ill.

**Francesca (Beardslee) Lowe '10** (Graduate Nursing) was a member of the core Magnet committee for Central DuPage Hospital (CDH). In September, CDH received Magnet recognition for excellence in nursing services by the American Nurses Credential Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program.®

**Brian Marquez '11** (Aviation Security) was commissioned on May 15, 2011 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. He is a Signal Corps officer serving initially in the Infantry. He reports to Leadership Development Assessment Course in Fort Lewis, Wash. Brian then reports to Officer Basic Leadership Course at Fort Benning, Ga. on October 16, 2011. He will ultimately report for active duty to Fort Hood, Texas. Brian married Patricia Hidalgo on March 15, 2008.

**Dorian Oleksak '11** (Criminal/Social Justice) will report to Leadership Development Assessment Course in Fort Lewis, Wash. He will subsequently attend Officer Basic Leadership Course at Fort Benning, Ga. and will ultimately report for active duty to Fort Lewis, Wash. Dorian is the father of Madysun Michelle Weglarz born in December 2008.

**Jennifer Strong '11** (Nursing) was commissioned on May 15, 2011 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. She is a Nurse Corps officer and will attend Officer Basic Leadership Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas following completion of the certification testing for nursing.

**Stephen Winn '11** (Business Administration) was commissioned on May 15, 2011 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. He is a Quartermaster officer and reports to Office Basic Leadership Course at Fort Lee, Va. in September. Stephen will then report to Echo Company, 634th Brigade Support Battalion of the Illinois Army National Guard in Joliet, Ill.

**Melissa 'Missy' Young '10** (Theatre) performed as an ensemble member in the Joliet Junior College production of "A Little Shop of Horrors."

Engagements

**Sarah Lyons '08** (*Biology*) is engaged to Jared Allen Bouton.

**David Swiercz '05** (*Business Administration*) is engaged to Ashley Matheson and they plan to be wed on September 24, 2011.

Weddings

**Jennifer Hawkins '05** (*Psychology and Art*) and Victor Osorio, were married on September 19, 2009.



**Jenna (Volpi) Jakalski '07** (*Sports Management*) '09 (*Graduate Business*) married Paul Jakalski on May 21, 2011.

Future Flyers

**Susan (Schrey) Aquino '02** (*Management Information Systems*) '05 (*Graduate Business*) and her husband, Anthony '00 (*Marketing*) '02 (*Graduate Business*), celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Ashley, in February 2011.



**Jeffrey Dopke '02** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) and his wife, Melissa, celebrated the birth of their first son, Ryan James in January 2011. Ryan's godparents are fellow Lewis alumni **Mark Duris '00** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) and **Kimberly Duris '00** (*Criminal/Social Justice and Psychology*) '02 (*Graduate Counseling/Psychology*).

**Wendy (Anderson) Hess '06** (*Graduate Business*) and her husband, Nathan '07 (*Graduate Business*) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Molly, in March 2011. Molly was welcomed by big brother, Andy.



**Veronica (Jimenez) Lange '06** (*Elementary Education*) and her husband, John Lange '03 (*Sports Management*) '06 (*Graduate Business*) celebrated the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Anabel Shelby, in October of 2010.



**Loren (Pellizzari) Lascon '06** (*Elementary Education*) and her husband, Joseph '07 (*Theology and History*) welcomed the arrival of their beautiful daughter Gianna Faith in March 2011. She weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.

**Tim McDonough**, Head Baseball Coach, and his wife, Amy, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Aili Joanna in February 2011.



**Jamie (Roseen) Lekki '02** (*Psychology*) '06 (*Graduate School Counseling & Guidance*) and her husband, Dan, celebrated the birth of their second child, Emmalyn in February 2011. Emmalyn joins big sister, Alaina.

**Stephanie (Awe) Turay '01** (*Human Resource Management*) '03 (*Graduate Leadership Studies*) and her husband, Craig welcomed daughter, Rylee Grace, in April 2011. Rylee joins big sister Lauren.



**Dan Vallaro '04** (*Marketing*) and his wife, Lindsey celebrated the birth of their son, Nathaniel, in January 2011.

**Allison (Braitkrus) Wood '99** (*Theatre*) and her husband, Jamie celebrated the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Madilene.



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## Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this year!

### 1 Year

1 **Jaclyn (Kapust) '00** and **Ryan Colberg**, October 15, 2010

### 5 Years

2 **Mujahid '02 '04** and **Katherine (Schaefer) '03 '08 Choudhary**, July 2, 2006

**Jeffrey '02** and **Melissa Dopke**, February 4, 2006

3 **James '02 '04** and **Shannon (Swick) '03 '04 McGreal**, February 18, 2006

4 **Gina '01** and **Jeffrey Spatafore**, September 16, 2006

### 10 Years

5 **Michael '98** and **Kathleen (Woods) '00 Arduino**, August 11, 2001

6 **Joel '00** and **Kathleen Bartelt**, June 12, 2001

7 **Ann Marie (Malnar) '94** and **Michael Gajdalo**, June 23, 2001

**Mark '97** and **Lynn (Imber) '96 Meier**, September 22, 2001

### 15 Years

8 **Ronald '92** and **Joann Maruszak**, May 11, 1996

### 25 Years

**Henry '74** and **Carol Lazzaro**, November 29, 1986

### 50 Years

9 **Richard '59** and **Sharon Incandela**, October 1, 1961

## In Memoriam

**Rainer Dainko '64** (*Political Science*) passed away on March 10, 2011. Rainer resided in San Diego, California and is survived by his wife Terri. He was on the first track team at Lewis and went on to become a successful independent investment manager, retiring in 2002. Generosity, keen intellect, discipline and his caring ways were well known by those he touched in life. A funeral Mass was offered at the San Diego Mission Basilica De Acala, the first California mission and a military memorial burial service was held at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery April 7, 2011.

**Richard J. Bannon Sr. '71** (*Psychology*) passed away on April 15, 2011.

**Chester Walter Dabek, Jr. '76** (*Graduate Criminal/Social Justice*) passed away on February 5, 2011.

**Mark Davies '92** (*Aviation Airframe & Powerplant Certification*) passed away in 2009.

**Susan Dowse '94** (*Graduate Education*) passed away in April 2011.

**Robert W. Henn '62** (*History*) passed away on February 26, 2011.

**Gilbert Herrin '85** (*Aviation Maintenance Management*) passed away on February 10, 2011.

**Martin Justen '77** (*Accountancy*) passed away on July 30, 2008.

**Franklin Paul Maksomowicz '75** (*Economics*) passed away in July 2010.

**Michael O'Connell '92** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) '93 (*Graduate Criminal/Social Justice*) passed away on May 11, 2011.

**Donald Panuce '56** (*Accountancy*) passed away on March 3, 2011.

**Edward Phelan '73** (*Economics*) passed away on March 15, 2011.

**Debra (Przybycin) Skonieczny '97** (*Graduate Business*) passed away March 14, 2011.

**Lisa (Thompson) Rogers '90** (*Business Administration*) passed away May 12, 2011.

**George Talbot '76** (*Accountancy*) '99 (*Graduate Business*) passed away October 24, 2009.

**Debra Zoloty '83** (*Graduate Business*) passed away on August 22, 2010.

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## Fall 2011 Performing Arts Series



Foot-tapping cajun and zydeco music  
**Creole Stomp**  
Tuesday, September 20  
7:30PM, Sancta Alberta



On (Not) Getting by In America  
**Nickel & Dimed**  
September 30 - October 2, 6-9  
Philip Lynch Theatre



Hispanic comedy and improv  
**¡Salsation!**  
Wednesday, October 12  
7:30PM, Philip Lynch Theatre



The inaugural performance  
**Lewis University  
Wind Quintet**  
Friday, October 14  
7:30PM, Philip Lynch Theatre



A new fairy tale offering  
**Rose and the Rime**  
November 11-13, 17-20  
Philip Lynch Theatre



Short and often funny operas  
**The Remarkable  
Theatre Brigade**  
Tuesday, November 22  
7:30PM, Philip Lynch Theatre

Benefit concert for Ugandan agencies  
**Noté Karacel**  
Thursday, October 27  
7:30PM, Sancta Alberta Chapel

At the Arts & Ideas Web site, you will discover full descriptions of this semester's performers, as well as information on a number of exciting lecture series.

[www.lewisu.edu/artsandideas](http://www.lewisu.edu/artsandideas)





## HAVE YOU INCLUDED LEWIS IN YOUR WILL?

If so, we invite you to join the **Harold E. White Legacy Society**, a special group of donors who have made planned gifts to Lewis University. Society members enjoy a number of benefits at Lewis, while knowing they are endowing the University's future.

If not, please consider making a bequest to Lewis at this time in your will, trust, life insurance, IRA or estate plan. You will not only

be leaving your own legacy, but also helping Lewis provide a high-quality education rooted in our Catholic and Lasallian tradition to future generations of students.

For information about planned giving and joining the Harold E. White Legacy Society, please contact Len Bertolini, Interim Vice President of University Advancement at (815) 836-5267 or [bertolle@lewisu.edu](mailto:bertolle@lewisu.edu)

## What's new

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

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Career/Family News (Attach additional sheets if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

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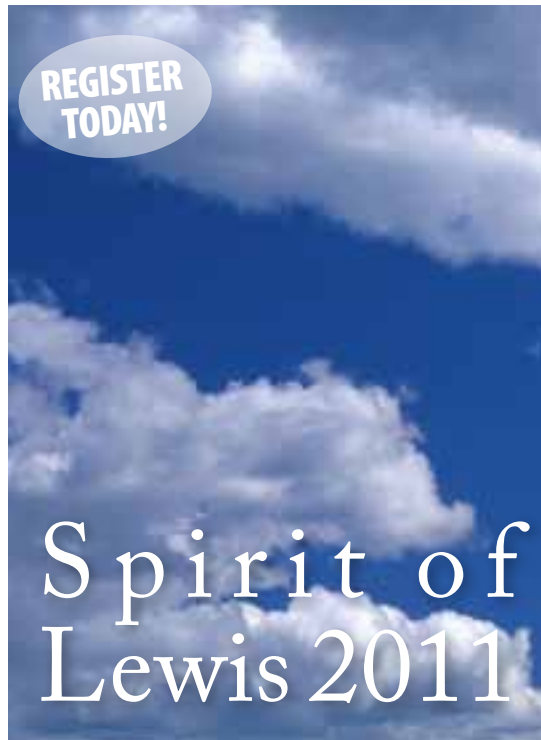
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