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SCHOLARSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY





President's Perspective

Dedication Day festivities on May 30th marked the formal end of our 80th anniversary celebration. It came less than two weeks after our Commencement ceremonies for the largest graduating class in our history. Last year we presented diplomas to approximately 1,700 undergraduate and graduate students. It was also a year during which we completed the Campus Master Plan for the period up to 2025. The implementation over time of that exciting and well-developed plan will ensure that the University will be able to provide excellent academic facilities and other appropriate structures to meet the needs of our growing student population, the majority of whom will enroll in classes offered on the main campus. Many others, of course, will study at our various regional centers, through online courses and in new modalities of teaching and learning that will undoubtedly be developed in the future.

Another highlight of the past year was the enthusiastic endorsement by our Board of Trustees of the *Strategic Plan for Lewis University: 2012-2017*. It is a remarkable document filled with many new initiatives across the University. This will better promote further student academic success, as Lewis becomes a University of greater distinction and serves an expanding region by way of many impactful and relevant services. We also experienced a remarkable day in April during which we featured a wide array of student and faculty research projects. That Celebration of Scholarship clearly demonstrated that the University, while retaining and strengthening our culture of excellent teaching and engaged learning, also effectively integrates abundant opportunities for student research under the wise and capable guidance of scholarly faculty in virtually all academic disciplines.

Of course, the opening of the extraordinary new Science Center was a grand event that signified the ongoing transformation of Lewis into a University of exceptional accomplishment. There is evidence everywhere throughout the Science Center of excellence in faculty resources, an outstanding curriculum, and well-qualified students. Enrollments in the sciences are uniformly growing, and the same can be said for Mathematics and Computer Science, which very soon will have their own fine new teaching and learning complex adjacent to the Science Center. Meanwhile, work is underway to transform the former Science Academic Building to an appealing new Humanities Commons.

Many other campus improvements are advancing rapidly.

For instance, Sheil Hall is undergoing a complete renovation and expansion, which will result in a thoroughly modern residence hall with a preserved and enhanced historic character. The same can be said of the Oremus Fine Arts Center, which is undergoing an impressive expansion and major remodeling. Meanwhile, other initiatives are everywhere evident, including new parking, upgraded roads, and additional playing and practice fields. Another initiative of immense potential is the successful negotiation to purchase the Saint Charles Borromeo Center and the related 40 acres of land, immediately north of our campus. That 140,000 square foot building, which will be conveyed to the University in a year but which is already being utilized by our Psychology Department and for temporary housing, has huge potential for enabling us to provide very fine academic facilities for our expanding curriculum and growing student population. We are also moving our Oak Brook Education and Conference Center to a wonderful new site in a premier location that will double our available space, just a block east of the Oak Brook Shopping Center.

Many other encouraging developments are happening, such as the May appearance of our men's volleyball team in the NCAA Final Four national tournament; our flight team's finishing in the top ten in the USA; the advancement of two of our mock trial teams to the national tournament; numerous awards for our campus media and theater program; and scholarly student presentations at regional forums and conferences. In addition, we continue to sponsor well-attended retreats throughout the year and numerous service opportunities, including the diocesan mission trip where 15 students and faculty this summer assisted at an orphanage and daycare center in Sucre, Bolivia.

Lewis University continues to be blessed by the presence of 16 dedicated De La Salle Christian Brothers, other equally committed women religious and clergy, and a growing body of outstanding and very self-giving Lasallian laity whose involvement greatly advances our Mission. And as I begin my 25th year of service to the University as President, it is a tremendous privilege to be associated with such splendid educators, to be blessed with so many wonderful students, and to have the leadership and support of our exceptional Board of Trustees and our constantly expanding group of generous donors.

Sincerely,

Brother James Gaffney, FSC
President

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What does it mean to be a **scholar** in the 21st century?



Celebration of Scholarship presentations varied in their focus from the liberal arts, "The Cyclical Nature of Human Rights;" to the sciences, "Measuring the Transverse Trapping Field Strength of Optical Tweezers;" and even pop culture, "Evolution of Vampires." The diversity of the presentations represented the vast and varied scholarly interests of the 6,500-strong student body.

SCHOLARSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Dr. Eric Isaacs (pictured right), Director of Argonne National Laboratory, presented the keynote address that served as a springboard for a Celebration of Scholarship, held on April 19 as part of Founder's Week.

Over the past two years, there has been much discussion about how to instill in our students an intellectual curiosity, a hunger for knowledge, and the search for truth, establishing a culture of inquiry. On April 19, many of the outcomes of that work were made evident in the inaugural celebration of scholarship.

Dr. Isaacs posed the question, "What does it mean to be a scholar? I think it means to think deeply about a subject, to grasp it entirely, to make it your own, to make it part of yourself. Being a scholar means being willing to approach a subject with informed curiosity, to delve deeply, and to devote yourself to its mastery."

Isaacs, who is a physicist, with a graduate degree from MIT, and a liberal arts undergraduate education from Beloit College said, "In my own life, I was drawn to scholarship at an early age by my own innate curiosity about the world: What are things made of? Why do magnets stick to things? What are the stars made of? The more I learned, the more interested and curious I became."



Br. James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, with Dr. Eric Isaacs, Director of Argonne National Laboratory at the Celebration of Scholarship event.

SCHOLARSHIP

Drs. Nan Yancey (left) and Pamela Martyn Nemeth (right) co-chaired the steering committee of the inaugural Celebration of Scholarship. The event included more than 130 presentations by 230 students, both undergraduate and graduate students and included 50 faculty mentors.

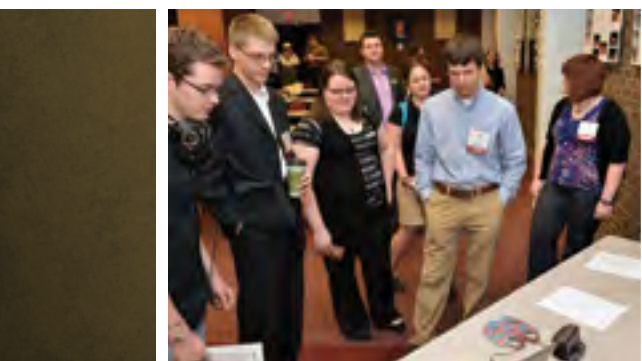


Isaacs prepared for his talk by questioning why education is highly valued in the Judeo-Christian tradition and why the Catholic Church has made such an investment in scholarship over the centuries. He began his research in the Book of Proverbs and came to understand the relationship between the church and scholarship. He probed further to understand how teaching fit in, because in principle, the scholars could have just kept their studies to themselves.

In fact, he learned that when someone discovered something new they were anxious to go out and tell others about it. The medieval scholars wanted their ideas and discoveries to live after them and established schools in abbeys throughout Europe. They wrote about what they read, sent their essays to other scholars, to learn, to argue, and



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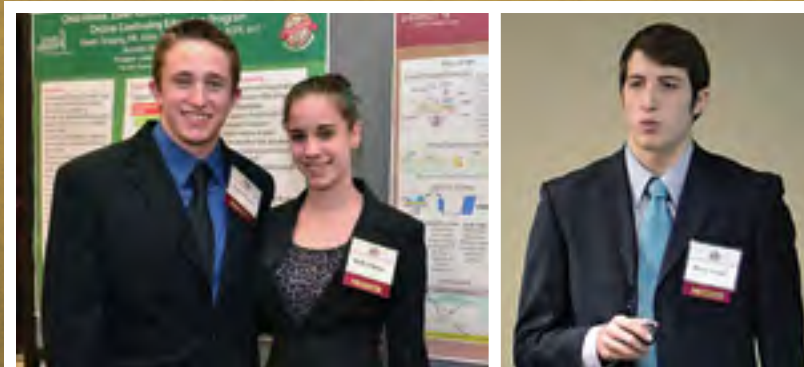
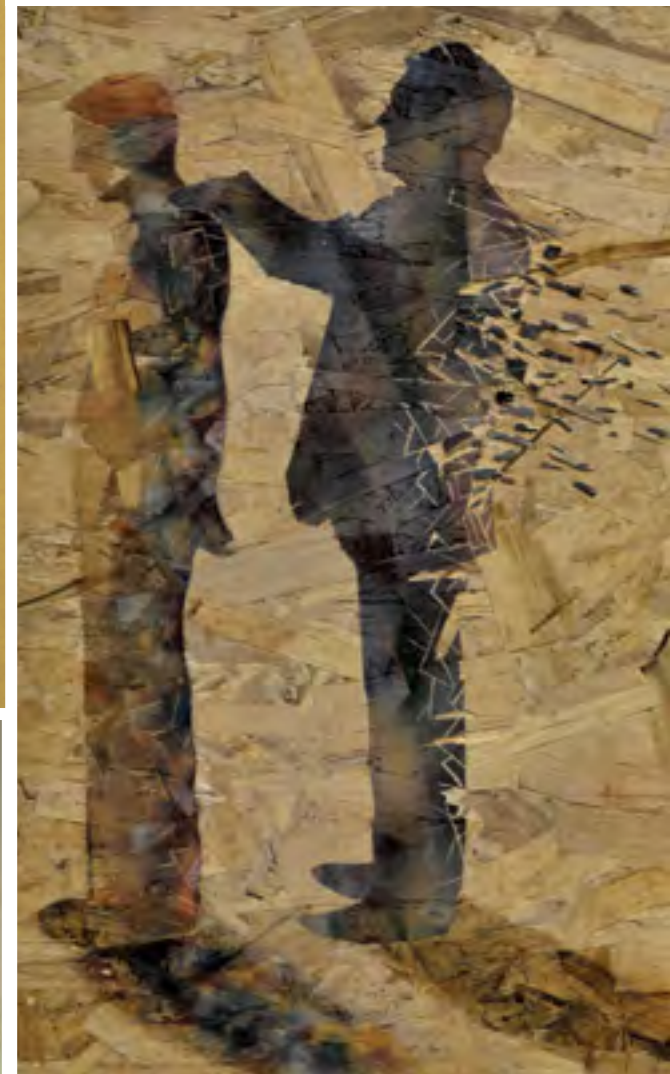
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to learn more – an early form of blogging as Isaacs called it.

In essence the monks developed the process of scholarship. Isaacs said, “As these scholarly monks tackled these huge, fundamental philosophical questions – about the meaning of life, the nature of humanity and the existence of God – they developed a rigorous method of critical analysis that came to be known as scholasticism. The scholastics approached the task of scholarship by posing a couple of fundamental, deceptively simple questions: ‘What do you know, and how do you know it?’”

Fast forward to today and Isaacs said that he believes that we can all be scholars. We all have the ability to think critically, ask the tough questions, use logic and intellect to solve problems that will better society.

He ended by saying, “To be a scholar means that we have both the training and the moral determination to make a sustained, intellectual effort – to acquire information and to think deeply about something greater than ourselves. It is that effort, that act of scholarship, which provides the enduring foundation for a thoughtful and well-lived life.”



Lewis University Receives National Community Service Recognition



Lewis University has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the U.S. Department of Education. Lewis is included among the nation's leading colleges and universities for its commitment to bettering communities through community service and service learning.

Lewis University is one of only 24 Illinois colleges and universities admitted to the Honor Roll for its work on a variety of service and service learning projects in cooperation with community members and organizations.

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities. Lewis also was named to the Honor Roll during the 2005-2006 academic year.

WLRA Joins iHeartRadio

Lewis University's WLRA "The Start" 88.1 FM was recently added to iHeartRadio, Clear Channel's free, digital radio service which combines more than 900 broadcast radio and digital-only stations from 150 cities with the ability to create custom radio stations, delivering listeners everything they want all in one fully integrated service. Lewis is the 15th college radio station to be added to iHeartRadio and reflects the technological innovation and the creativity of the students and staff involved with the radio broadcasting program at Lewis.



Nurses Gain From Ongoing Continuing Education

"Evidence-Based Practice, Quality, Improvement, and Nursing Research - How Do They Fit Together?" was presented by Dr. Kathleen Fitzgerald, Assistant Professor of Nursing, as part of an ongoing series of professional development workshops for nurses seeking to remain current on topics of vital importance. Dr. Fitzgerald discussed similarities and differences between evidence-based practice (EBP), quality improvement (QI) and nursing research.

Dr. John Stracks of Northwestern Memorial Hospital Center of Integrative Medicine presented "Mind-Body Pain Management" March 13 at the Lewis University Oak Brook Campus.

Both workshops provided continuing education credit for nurses who participated.



Negotiations Underway to Purchase Pastoral Center

The University is nearing completion of negotiations with the Diocese of Joliet to purchase the St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center in Romeoville. The Lewis Board of Trustees has given its unanimous approval of this process. The Center is located adjacent to the main campus.

Lewis University students and faculty have been utilizing a portion of the St. Charles Borromeo Center during a two-year lease agreement with the Diocese. The University initially signed an agreement to lease space from the Diocese of Joliet when the University began construction of its new Science Center, which opened in January.

The Center, located on Route 53 at Airport Road in Romeoville, contains approximately 140,000 sq. ft. of space on 40 acres of land. The current space includes seven classrooms and multiple meeting rooms, a dining room, and residential living spaces totaling 168 beds. There are also private offices, a chapel that accommodates up to 800 people, and a gymnasium.



Lewis Launches Mobile Application

Lewis launched a mobile application this spring, becoming one of only one-third of universities in the nation to do so. Anyone with an iPhone or Android device can now access Lewis University's mobile application. The App is available at mobile.lewisu.edu

The free Lewis App features interactive Google Maps so users can search for directions to a building on campus, parking or emergency phones. It also includes a calendar of events, which displays the current academic calendar, and an RSS feed with Lewis news, including athletic updates. Faculty, staff and students can also access e-mail through the application as well. The App is linked to the University's YouTube page, where videos and photographs from the Web site can be also viewed.

"Lewis is one of the first schools in the area to have an App, putting us in a league with much larger schools," commented Syl Goyette, Director of Web Development at Lewis. Goyette added that it is a great resource for students who spend a lot of time on their mobile devices.

Sustainability Importance Recognized at Lewis

Conservation@Home through The Conservation Foundation recently certified Lewis University's main Romeoville campus. The foundation praised Lewis University for conserving natural resources in a sustainable manner, protecting the health and safety of students, faculty and staff as well as the surrounding community, and promoting environmental education, local action and global awareness.

The Arbor Day Foundation also named Lewis University a 2011 Tree Campus USA for the third consecutive year. Lewis University achieved the designation once again by meeting the required five core standards for sustainable campus forestry: a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects.

In celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day, two conservation projects for faculty, staff and students took place on April 20 and 27. As part of the projects, volunteers gathered to remove invasive plant species and plant new trees on campus. Volunteers removed buckthorn

from the Burnham Centennial Nature Trail on the main campus. Volunteers also planted an assortment of native trees in honor of Arbor Day. The trees were planted on the nature trail in areas where buckthorn had been removed and are a new addition to the more than 60 varieties of deciduous trees on campus.

Sponsored annually by Lewis University's Environment and Energy Conservation Council, both events engaged students and staff in the spirit of conservation and sustainability.

The Environment and Energy Conservation Council also sponsored its third annual "Come Clean, Go Green" student sustainability contest in April. Students created proposals for projects that could positively impact the environment, improve quality of life and be implemented by Lewis University during the spring of 2012. Jim Kleinwachter, Land Preservation Specialist for The Conservation Foundation, kicked off the event. In his position, Jim works with government agencies and private landowners to negotiate open space purchases, facilitate land donations and conservation easements. He will also help organize efforts to clean up and restore



(Top) Jim Kleinwachter, Land Preservation Specialist for The Conservation Foundation, provides conservation ideas at the "Come Clean, Go Green" award ceremony. (Bottom) Students remove invasive plant species from the Burnham Centennial Nature Trail on campus.

the DuPage River.

To learn more about sustainability at Lewis, visit the Web site at www.lewisu.edu/sustainability

Political and Social Issues are Topics of Debate

Immigration was the topic of the *Signum Fidei* lecture in March. Rev. Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre, Professor of Social Ethics and Latino Studies at the Iliff School of Theology presented, “Why They Come: Economic Causes of the Present Immigration Problem.” An expert on the Christian ethics of immigration, De La Torre explored Latin Americans’ motivations for immigration, the United States’ efforts to prevent immigration flow, and the economics of detention. He urged the University community to ask how Catholic and Lasallian values call for engagement on immigration reform.

As part of the 2012 Jane Addams Forum, two lectures were presented in memory of Br. Lawrence Porretta, FSC. The first lecture, “The Intersection of Social Work and the Criminal Justice System,” was presented by Dr. Matthew W. Epperson, an Assistant Professor of

Social Work at the University of Chicago. “Profiling African American Youth” was the second lecture presented by Eric Johnson, the former director of family service programs for the Better Boys Foundation.

A historical, political and communications perspective on the American presidents provided much conversation at “The American Presidents: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly” panel discussion. The panel included Dr. David Anderson, Chair and Professor of Communications, Dr. Joseph Gaziano, Professor of Political Science, Br. John Vietoris, FSC, Chair and Associate Professor of History.

Panelists began by explaining the context of good, bad and ugly. “A problem with our perception of presidents is that we judge presidents subjectively rather than objectively. We have to look at the good and bad of presidents in terms of their accomplishments and what they



Rev. Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre, Professor of Social Ethics and Latinos Studies at the Iliff School of Theology, speaks about immigration during the annual *Signum Fidei* Lecture.

envisioned,” said Gaziano.

Abraham Lincoln’s contributions to freedom were the topic of discussion during distinguished historian Orville Vernon Burton’s presentation in April. The presentation was part of the Annual Vincent Howard Memorial Lecture. According to Burton, the central theme of American history has been the ongoing struggle over the meaning of freedom. Lincoln’s enduring contribution was the redefinition of freedom as a broadly applicable individual right, rooted in the rule of law.

Flight Team Finishes in Top Ten Nationally

The Flight Team placed 10th overall at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference competition held May 14-19. The competition was hosted by Kansas State University. Lewis University finished in seventh place in the ground

events and 17th in flight events.

Individual honors were numerous as well. Lewis University senior Anthony Lalor earned first place in the Certified Flight Instructor event and second place in Preflight event. Senior Aaron Brown placed 11th in Crew Resource Management, fifth in Ground Trainer and fourth in IFR Simulator. Freshman George Chiampas placed 15th in Message Drop. Senior Jake Luedtke earned 11th place in Crew Resource Management. Sophomore Erik Rasmussen placed 11th in Ground Trainer. Junior James Vandeventer won 11th in Preflight and 15th in Message Drop.

SAFECON brings together 28 colleges and universities from across the

country, with more than 300 students participating. The conference fosters competition and promotes teamwork between aviation students, educators and the aviation industry.

Lewis University Flight team members include: Anthony Lalor, Andrew Baniecki, Aaron Brown, Ben Popp, Neil Shuey, Kayan Todiwalla, George Chiampas, Jake Luedtke, Brian McHugh, Kazimierz Dyduch, Matt Pall, Erik Rasmussen, Cody Marks, Robert Beckmann, James Vandeventer, Nirav Patel, and Alex Kwiatkowski.

Megan Montgomery is the Flight Team’s head coach. Other Flight Team coaches include: TJ Fogarty, Jared Hunt, and Nick Terlecky. Al Szoldatits is an advisor.



Flyer Newspaper Earns First Place

For the third consecutive year, the print edition of the student newspaper of Lewis University, *The Flyer*, has earned a First Place award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The organization reviewed complete issues of the 2011–2012 publications critiquing content, creativity, page design, artwork, editing and the general plan of the biweekly publication.

The print and online student editions were also recognized at the American Collegiate Press Association's "Best of the Midwest" newspaper convention. The online edition was recognized in the "Best of Show" category and the print edition earned third place in the "Single Page Design" category.

Members of the print edition of *The Flyer* are: Jennifer Prokop, print editor-in-chief; Lauren Pirc, news editor; Katie Esposito, assistant news editor; Kevin

Meyer, tempo editor; Anthony Lyen, assistant tempo editor; Ross Reed, health editor; Alex Veeneman, opinions editor; Krystal Moran, assistant opinions editor; Alex Gasick, sports editor; Kevin Ryan, assistant sports editor; Angela Cotta, religion editor; Rachel Stella and Liana Vantrease, copy editors; Kendra Mills, photo editor; Julie Szamlewski and Sean O'Halloran, layout editors; Darcy Garrett, public relations board editor; and Lauren Nieminski, advertising manager.

Members of the online *Flyer* staff include: Carolyn Jones, online editor-in-chief; Dave Hansen, assistant online editor; and Victoria Strid, online community manager.

Lisa O'Toole, Assistant Professor of Communications, is the advisor for the print edition and Benjamin Eveloff, Assistant Professor of Communications, is advisor for the online edition.

Mock Trial Team, Houlihan Earn Honors/Scholarships

Mock Trial team members earned \$81,000 in scholarships at the National Undergraduate Diversity Mock Trial tournament, held April 13-14 at John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Lewis University students have received more than \$300,000 in scholarships during the last five years in the competition. Scholarships earned in the competition were to The John Marshall Law School, Southwestern Law School

in Los Angeles and Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

For the second consecutive year, the Lewis team earned honors as the top school with the Platinum Award at the competition of 59 individuals from 22 teams. The award is for the institution with the most team points from the top three individuals of the school.

Lewis University Mock Trial students earned close to \$30,000 in scholarship

Food for Thought Colloquium Presents Lifestyle Issues

Dr. Joseph Gaziano, Professor of Political Science, and Dr. George Miller, Professor of Philosophy, presented, "What's Wrong With the Food We Eat?" as one session of a larger Food for Thought Colloquium this spring. The presentation focused on adopting a healthier lifestyle by eliminating harmful foods and following a more nutritious diet.

The gendered politics of food and violence also were presented during the spring as part of Women's Awareness Week and the Food for Thought Colloquium. Racial and gender implications of human relations to food were explored, and the community was educated about violence against women.

funds at The John Marshall Law School competition Feb. 26-27. The scholarships are for the undergraduate students to use during studies at The John Marshall Law School. In the last five years, Lewis University students have earned \$226,000 in scholarships at this competition.

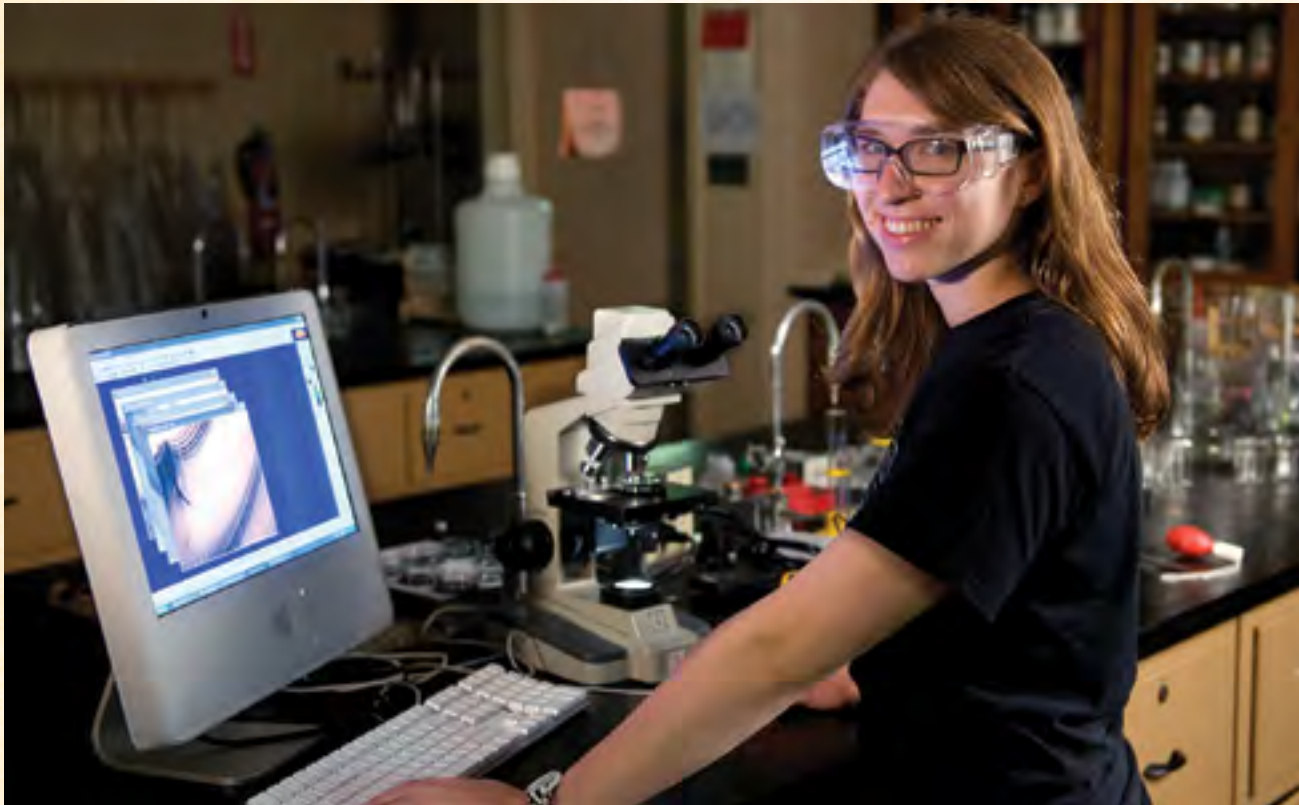
At the awards ceremony, professor Dr. James Houlihan was honored for his dedication and success with mock trial. American Mock Trial Association board members presented Dr. Houlihan with the American Mock Trial Association's 2012 Congressman Neil Smith Award. Dr. Houlihan has coached the University's Mock Trial Team since 1996 and established the Lewis Mediation Team five years ago.

Lewis University students Joshua Rehak and Lena Hallaj accept an award for their team from Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, during a ceremony for the AMTA Mock Trial Regional at Lewis University.



SUMMER

OFF TO A HOT START ON CAMPUS



Early May on most college campuses brings a burst of energy followed by a sense of calm as final exams are taken, commencement is celebrated and parking lots and residence halls are emptied as students depart campus for the summer break. The calm is only temporary however, because within a matter of days, Lewis University is bustling with numerous educational activities over the summer.

Summer camps for students of all ages on a variety of academic disciplines, conferences, summer continuing education workshops, and faculty and staff professional development activities rival the energy of the traditional fall and spring academic year. In fact, classes are still being held on all of Lewis University's campuses, as well as online, with approximately 12,770 credit hours being taken over the summer months. The following is a sampling of the many activities being held at Lewis University over the summer.

FACULTY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

May Institute

Immediately following Commencement, the faculty development May Institute is held. In its 12th year, the May Institute is a week-long program featuring a variety of professional development opportunities for Lewis faculty. This year's theme focused on promoting student engagement, and featured keynote speaker Dr. Elizabeth Barkley, a nationally known scholar and educator, and author of the book, *Student Engagement Techniques*.

With more than 30 years experience as an innovative and reflective teacher, her areas of interest include engaging students through active and collaborative learning; transforming face to face and online

curriculum to meet the needs of diverse learners (especially those from new and emerging generations); the scholarship of teaching and learning; electronic portfolios; and connecting learning goals with outcomes and assessment. She is the recipient of several teaching awards, including California's Professor of the Year in conjunction with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Other workshops throughout the week included new uses of technology, assessment of teaching and learning, research methods, and online teaching certification.



Dr. Elizabeth Barkley speaks about engaging learners during the 2012 May Institute at Lewis University.

Exploring Lasallian Mission (ELM)

An annual summer event at Lewis University, Exploring Lasallian Mission (ELM) is a week-long workshop experience that develops what faculty and staff already know and appreciate about the Lasallian mission and the influence of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers. Through this program, employees can better inform their own teaching and work practices with Lasallian values – all in an effort to enhance the student experience.

This professional development/formation program for administrators, teachers, and staff responds to the

need for more accessible mission-based formation opportunities at the local and regional level. ELM was specifically designed for those who are unable to participate in the lengthier and more formal national and international formation programs sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers in California and in Rome, Italy.

Additionally, this summer the campus will be host to the Midwest District Assembly and Jubilee Celebration, as well as the national “Called to Be Brothers” Assembly, both in July.



Thirty Lewis University faculty and staff participated in this summer's ELM workshop, as well as 13 individuals from nine other Lasallian ministries located in the Midwest.

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SUMMER CAMPS/WORKSHOPS

STARTALK

Chinese, Arabic, Russian and Turkish languages were heard on campus from June 18- July 14 as high school students and Lewis University students participated in the STARTALK program. STARTALK is



a project of the National Security Initiative, a multi-agency effort to expand foreign language education in under-taught critical languages. The program is made possible through a federal grant and students who successfully complete the program will receive three transferable university credits. This was the third consecutive year that Lewis University has received this grant.

Aviation Summer Camp

Lewis' annual Aviation Summer Camp provides high school students who are interested in the field of aviation with the opportunity to spend a week as an aviation student at Lewis University. From June 18- June 22, students flew in Cessna 172's, went on a "behind the scenes" tour of O'Hare International Airport, participated in multiple aviation classes, operated flight simulators, and interacted with current flight majors who chaperone the students for the week.



Recreational Activities Day Camp (RAD)

Each year, children ages 5-14 descend upon Lewis University's main campus to participate in RAD Camp, which is run by the staff of the Lewis University Student Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center. For three weeks, children participated in recreational activities including tennis, basketball and swimming. Healthy lifestyle presentations were also featured each Wednesday of the camp.

Nanotechnology Experience Day Camp

In June, the Lewis University Nanotechnology Experience day camp was offered for the first time, headed by Dr. Joseph Kozminski, Physics, and Dr. Jason Keleher, Chemistry. The camp was designed to provide a unique opportunity for high school students entering their junior/senior year to explore the interdisciplinary field of nanotechnology. Examples of experiments conducted during the camp include: synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles (*ferrofluids*), synthesis of gold nanoparticles, holograms, construction of dye sensitized solar cell and more.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Green and Renewable Energy Workshops (GREW)

Twenty to twenty-five teachers from Gompers Junior High School in Joliet gathered at Lewis from June 19 - June 28 to learn about issues related to green and renewable energy as part of GREW project presented by Dr. Raymond Klump, Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. GREW, Green and Renewable Energy Workshops, are designed for K-8 teachers in the Joliet 86 district. Now in its second year, this project brings science and education faculty together to lead hands-on workshops to help teachers develop innovative ways to teach about renewable energy in their classrooms. This workshop is made possible by a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)

Focusing on the STEM disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, the S.U.R.E program at Lewis University aims to immerse undergraduate students in scientific research processes as they work on a long-term research project with a faculty mentor. For 10 weeks, students participated in research, weekly interdisciplinary sessions for professional development, and group social events. In its third year at Lewis, the S.U.R.E. program has expanded to include seven students in the fields of biology, chemistry, computer science, physics and new this year, psychology. Professional development topics include scientific ethics, data analysis, data mining, technical writing, communication via oral presentations, and working in a group.



Seminars for Educators

The College of Education held half-day seminars for Continuing Professional Development Credit for teachers and administrators at multiple regional campuses from June 7 through June 31. Sessions included topics such as “Differentiated Instruction,” “School Law for Teachers,” “Reading Strategies in the 6-12 Classroom,” and “When Did I Become a Brain Surgeon?” Last year the seminars were so successful that more sessions had to be added. This summer featured 16 different workshops.

While all of these camps and workshops are taking place, new students are coming to campus to register for their fall classes and participate in the annual SOAR program which is designed to orient new students to campus and get them started on the right path from day one. Summer Preview Days for prospective new students take place to give high school students a chance to tour the campus and meet with admission counselors. Facilities and grounds crews work on a variety of building upgrades and renovations and landscaping around campus. When fall arrives it will be time to welcome the new freshmen and returning students to campus.

awards and recognition



(Above, Clockwise:) Sisters Sonya McKay and Janina Gavankar, pose happily with their mother and 2012 Arts Gala Honoree, Mohra Gavankar.

Lewis University Cultural Advisory Board

Students dressed up as celebrity actors were also part of the entertainment at the "On the Red Carpet" Arts Gala event that celebrated its 25th year.

(L to R:) John Michael Quinn '90, Linda Waner '76, Ernie Ray '93, Wendy McCay '90, Keith White '77 and Jillian Kelm '07 entertained guests with their singing and acting talents at the 2012 Arts Gala.

Arts Gala Honors Gavankar

The 25th annual Arts Gala honored Mohra Gavankar with the St. Genesius Award on March 10, as a benefit for the University's Arts & Ideas series. Theatre and movies were the focus of the event with its theme—"On the Red Carpet: Celebrating 25 Years."

Mohra Gavankar is a founding member of the Cultural Advisory Board who has been the creative force behind 25 Gala events and a very effective advocate for the arts in the community. Gavankar is noted for volunteer service to the community and encouraging

young people in theatre and music. She is a member of the Women's Club of Joliet, has produced fashion shows for community groups, mentored the Illinois Junior Miss program for years, and continues as a producer/director of the Distinguished Young Woman of Illinois.

Gavankar currently is President of the Joliet Area Community Hospice Guild, Secretary of the Board of the Joliet Area Historical Museum, a member of the Rialto Square Theatre Foundation Board, and Publicity Chair for the

Visitation and Aid Society. She served as a member of the Lewis Board of Trustees for 12 years from 1995-2007 and returned in 2008 as a dynamic ambassador for the University in the Will County area.

The Arts Gala events have raised \$500,000 over the years to fund the Arts & Ideas series, Lewis University programming which presents concerts, films, plays, lectures, seminars, conferences and theatrical events that are open to both students and the public.



Beckman Receives 14th Annual Adam Smith Honored Alumnus of the Year Award

Robert A. Beckman '76 was recipient of the Annual Adam Smith Award this spring. President and CEO of Wicab, Inc. in Middleton, Wis., he said that two professors in the College of Business were especially

influential during his years at Lewis – Rudy Mahalik and the late John Eudes. In recent years, Beckman had the great pleasure of serving on the Lewis University Board of Trustees alongside both of these former professors. He has served as a member of the Board since 2004.

Beckman started his professional career in public accounting in Chicago. In 1983, he left this field to join a Chicago-based startup medical device company financed

by three notable venture capital firms. Beckman joined Lunar Corporation in Madison, a pioneer in the development of diagnostic equipment for detection of osteoporosis, as Vice President for Finance. From the time this alumnus joined the company until GE Medical acquired Lunar in 2000, it grew from fewer than 50 employees to 300, and increased its revenues from \$5 million to approximately \$100 million. Beckman was also instrumental in starting a pharmaceutical subsidiary, Bone Care during his tenure at Lunar. This subsidiary was spun out to shareholders in 1995 as an independent company and later acquired by Genzyme in 2005.

Beckman and his wife Catherine have four children.



De La Salle Awards Given to Community Leaders

Lewis University recognized seven members of the community with the De La Salle Award during a special ceremony on April 15. This prestigious award is presented each year to individuals who provide extraordinary service and leadership for the benefit of the community and region. Award recipients for 2012 were (l to r:) Dr. Bruno Bondavalli of Downers Grove, Robert Rogina of Joliet, William Weigel of Willowbrook, Lora McGuire of Joliet, John Greuling of New Lenox, Arthur Joseph (A.J.) Wilhelmi of Joliet, Virginia Ferry of Joliet, and Br. James Gaffney, FSC.



Honorary Doctorates Bestow Highest Recognition

Lewis University awarded four honorary doctorates at its Spring Commencement Ceremonies in May, recognizing the achievements of Father Robert Barron, creator and host of *Catholicism*, a groundbreaking 10-part documentary series and study program about the Catholic faith; James M. "Jim" Denny, a noted Chicago philanthropist with a lifetime of service to Catholic organizations; Guy R. Wiebking, Chairman of Presence

Health; and Natalie Bayci, Coordinator for University Missions for the Diocese of Joliet.

As Lewis celebrated its 80th anniversary, the May Commencement graduated the largest class ever at Lewis University with approximately 635 undergraduates and 307 graduate students. Father Kevin Spiess, Ed.D, Professor of Business Administration, presented the faculty address at the graduate ceremony.



Father Robert Barron



James M. "Jim" Denny



Guy R. Wiebking



Natalie Bayci



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Denny told the graduating class that the mantle of moral leadership was being passed on. He feels that the economic predicament that the world is in is largely due to the fact that leaders have been preoccupied with their own agendas without sufficient regard for the common good. He said, "You and other members of your generation will supply the new leadership which hopefully will enable us to restore the proper balance between our aspirations as individuals and our moral obligation to be mindful of the needs of our neighbors and community."

The Sunday ceremonies began with the Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet. At the undergraduate ceremony, Jessica Lockett presented the Lasallian Student Address and Liana Vantrease was awarded the Father Aquinas Colgan Award.



Jessica Lockett



Liana Vantrease



Maryann O'Neill (left) with Dr. Jan Mines, Dean of the College of Education.

College of Education Awards Bishop Kaffer Outstanding Principal Award

The College of Education presented the 2012 Bishop Roger L. Kaffer Award to Maryann O'Neill, principal of Montini Catholic High School and a 2000 Lewis University alumna on March 22.

O'Neill has been an educator for 26 years and is a member of the National Catholic Education Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Diocese of Joliet High School Principals Council, the Lasallian Mission Council, and the Lasallian Association for Secondary Schools Chief Administrators Planning Committee.

The Bishop Roger L. Kaffer Award is named for the auxiliary bishop who served in many roles as an educational leader during his more than 50 years of priesthood in the Diocese of Joliet. He served as rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Romeoville before becoming principal of Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox, where he revitalized the school and personally met with each school family.



Carey Receives Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award

John Carey '85 '06, Director of Electronic Media, was awarded the Distinguished Lasallian Educator of the Year during Founders Week. Carey is especially adept at helping students identify and cultivate their talents, particularly in the field of broadcasting and communications. He exhibits a tireless focus on mentoring students, assisting them with job placement, connecting them with other alumni in the field and finding them internships and other opportunities to advance their careers. He has incorporated service into his courses for years, understanding the powerful impact that service, combined with reflection and a deep understanding of the needs of the community, can have both on the student enrolled in the course as well as those being served.



Bergman and Billups Receive De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service During Founder's Week

Robert Bergman, Instructor of Marketing in the College of Business, was honored for exemplary volunteer service during Founders Week. Students in his service learning courses have assisted 16 community sites in the past year and a half. In evaluative feedback from one of the partners from the Fall of 2011, the partner declared, "The majority of the students involved in the project were extremely impressive. This isn't simply good pedagogy, it's a form of servant leadership." Bergman helps the University to build community partnerships and foster service, knowledge, and association, as our Mission values suggest.

Dr. Christie Billups, Coordinator of Service Learning, also received this award. She is responsible for overseeing the mission of the Note Karacel organization and coordinates fundraising and management of finances. The initial efforts of the organization focused on providing funding for 22 girls between the ages of 11 and 15 to attend school. Billups also worked with the Black Student Union, Harmonic Uprising, and with students enrolled in two service learning courses in music and journalism to organize a benefit concert at Lewis. All funds raised went to support the fledgling school in Alenga, Uganda and the other projects that are underway to assist the impoverished population there. "Equally important, however, is that members of the Lewis University community were introduced to the people of Alenga and given the chance to learn more about the many ways that we can help make a difference half way around the globe," said Dr. Kurt Schackmuth, Associate Vice President for Mission.



International Dyslexia Association Elects O'Brien President

Dr. Suzanne O'Brien, Associate Professor and Chair of the Elementary Education program at Lewis University, was recently elected President of the Illinois Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. The organization is committed to the study and remediation of dyslexia, as well as those issues which lead to children being classified as 'struggling readers.' It is also dedicated to providing professional development for teachers and administrators in understanding and supporting students who are exhibiting reading difficulties.



Mines Takes on Role in the Office of the Provost

Dr. Jeanette M. Mines, Dean of the College of Education, will become Academic Associate to

the Provost, a position she currently holds, but will take on a full-time basis beginning this summer. Dr. Pam Jessee, Associate Dean of the College of Education, will serve as Interim Dean of the College of Education while a search is conducted to replace Mines.

Mines led the College of Education for 17 years as a Department Chair, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dean of the College of Education. Among the advancements achieved under her leadership, the College of Education was established, partnerships and relationships with the Joliet Diocesan Catholic schools were enhanced, undergraduate and graduate programs increased, the College of Education received national accreditation from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and Lewis University's first doctoral program—Educational Leadership— was established.

In 1995, the Department of Education served about 200 students with seven faculty and two staff members. In 2011, the College of Education served about 900 students with 10 staff and 31 faculty members. "Our significant growth is due to our programs that combine the best of theory and practice. I love the way faculty and staff collaborate so well together. Without that teamwork, these things would have never happened," Mines said.



Rothschild Edits Book on Christian Personhood

Christian Body, Christian Self: Concepts of Early Christian Personhood, is the latest book edited by Dr. Clare Rothschild,

Associate Theology Professor at Lewis University, and Trevor W. Thomson, Ph.D. candidate, University of Chicago and Instructor of New Testament at Abilene Christian University.



CABAA Elects Brogan to Board

Bill Brogan '93, Chair of the Department of Aviation and Transportation Studies at Lewis University was recently elected to the Chicago Area Business Aviation Association Board (CABAA). CABAA is a grassroots organization formed by business aviation professionals for the purpose of offering members information, training, and networking experiences to enhance the quality and quantity of business aviation operations in the Chicago area.

Brogan previously served as Assistant Commissioner for the City of Chicago's Department of Aviation, Airport Operations Supervisor for O'Hare International Airport, Chief Airport Operations Supervisor for Midway International Airport and Airport Manager of Merrill C. Meigs Field.



Hip-Hop Book edited by College of Education Faculty

Dr. Bradley Porfilio, Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership at Lewis University, is the editor of a recently published book, *Hip-Hop(e): The Cultural Practice and Critical Pedagogy of International Hip-Hop*. He was co-author for two chapters in the volume.

The book illuminates hip-hop as an important cultural practice and global social movement. The contributors highlight the emancipatory messages and cultural work by the organic intellectuals of global hip-hop.



Men's Volleyball Advances To Final Four

The 2012 season put the Lewis men's volleyball program back on the national stage. The Flyers won the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Championship and advanced to the National Semifinals for the first time since 2004. Lewis' run ended a match short of the National Championship following a four set loss to USC on the Trojans' home court.

The Flyers concluded the season 26-7, tied for the most wins in the nation and ranked sixth in the country. Jay Petty and BJ Boldog earned AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) All-America Second Team accolades. Lewis earned 10 MIVA Player of the Week Awards and freshman Greg Petty took home a National Player of the Week nod.

Lewis recorded non-conference victories over Pepperdine, Hawaii, Penn State and Long Beach State. Neil Carey Arena became a house of pain for opponents as the Flyers compiled a perfect 16-0 home record. The Flyers played in

front of four capacity crowds of over 1,000 supporters.

To reach the National Semifinals and win the MIVA, however, the Flyers had to do something they hadn't done since 2009: win at Ohio State. On April 28, Lewis rallied from a 2-1 deficit to defeat the Buckeyes 3-2 (20-25, 25-17, 22-25, 27-25, 15-10). Jay Petty was named Tournament MVP thanks to his 25 kills in the title match. He had the championship winning kill for point 15 in set five. Lewis won the match thanks to a 21.5 to 5.0 edge in blocks.

The championship, combined with a trip to Los Angeles, Calif., for the National Semifinals, put a cap on one of the best seasons in school history.

Lewis Earns A Record 156 Academic All-GLVC Selections

A school-record 156 Lewis University student-athletes have earned 2012 Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors, the league office announced on Wednesday, June 13. The 156 selections rank second in the GLVC only to the University of Indianapolis' 158 honorees. It's the third straight year the Flyers have seen an increase in Academic All-GLVC selections.

The 156 selections account for more than half (53.4 percent) of Lewis' 292 GLVC student-athletes.

The Academic All-GLVC honor is bestowed upon student-athletes that have completed two semesters at their institution and maintained a 3.30 cumulative grade-point average or have attained a 3.40 GPA over the two most recent semesters. Student-athletes that have attained a 3.40 GPA and not completed two semesters are also honored.

Of the 15 GLVC sports, 10 Lewis squads saw more than half their team qualify for Academic All-GLVC honors. Notable team accomplishments include six of the seven members of the 2012 GLVC Champion women's tennis team earning Academic All-GLVC nods. Lewis' 25 men's track and field selections were the most in the GLVC. Lewis tied with the University of Illinois Springfield for the men's golf lead with seven selections each and shared the softball lead with Missouri S&T with 15 honorees apiece.

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Ben Albano

Baseball Earns First NCAA Tournament Bid Since 1996

Fifth-year Lewis baseball head coach Tim McDonough's first recruiting class certainly left their mark on the Flyer program. The 2012 squad, made up of many of McDonough's first recruits, earned Lewis' first NCAA Tournament berth since 1996. The Flyers finished 33-22 overall and with a 21-15 Great Lakes Valley Conference mark.

Lewis' NCAA Tournament run ended sooner than the Flyers would have liked, when they dropped a 2-1 decision to Indianapolis in the tournament's first game and then an elimination contest to Grand Valley State 9-5.

Offensively, the Flyers were led by their outfield. Each starting outfielder earned All-GLVC East Division First Team accolades. It was the first time since 1987 that three Lewis outfielders have earned All-GLVC honors. Senior left fielder Andrew Brauer batted .335 with a team-best 44 RBI. He slugged .512 while adding six home runs. Senior center fielder Mike Bolling, who was also named an All-Region Second Team selection, batted .349 while stealing a conference-high 34 bases. Sophomore right fielder Ben

Albano, who like Bolling also earned All-Region Second Team honors, led the GLVC in home runs with 11. He hit a team-high .354 and slugged an impressive .641.

The trio was involved in several of the most memorable moments of the season. Brauer hit for the cycle at William Jewell on March 18. In Lewis' 8-2 victory over Indianapolis in the GLVC Tournament, Bolling led the Flyers' four-run first inning off with a double. Albano's biggest hit came on March 31 when he hit an extra inning walk-off solo home run to give the Flyers a 4-3 win over Saint Joseph's.

On the mound, the Lewis pitching staff was anchored by sophomore Tom Helwich and senior Pat Lahey. Helwich led Lewis in wins with seven. He threw four complete games, including a two-run performance in the GLVC Tournament over Indianapolis. Lahey finished the 2012 season with a 2.37 ERA. He led the nation in fewest walks per nine innings by walking just six batters on the season. Lahey took home All-GLVC Second Team honors for a second consecutive season.

Hefler Selected To Capital One Academic All-America Softball Second Team

Lewis University junior outfielder Jayme Hefler became the 16th Academic All-American in school-

history as she was selected to the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® NCAA Division II Softball Second Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A three-time Br. David Delahanty Award winner - given to Lewis student-athletes for academic excellence, Hefler owns a 3.62 cumulative grade point average in athletics training. She has been named to the Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference team three times.

She is the first Lewis softball player to be named to the Academic All-America team since Robin Martz claimed first team accolades in 2006. Hefler is Lewis' first second team selection since softball players Mandy Driscoll and Helen Kelliher both achieved that feat in 2000.

"I am so happy for Jayme," Lewis head softball coach George DiMatteo said. "This may be her proudest moment as a Lewis University student-athlete."

"I believe this was Jayme's toughest year academically due to the enormous amount of athletic training clinical hours she was required to work in addition to her normal load of classes and playing softball."

Lewis' Jayme Hefler Claims Daktronics, Inc., Honorable Mention All-America Softball Accolades

For three seasons, Lewis University junior outfielder Jayme Hefler has posed a serious offensive threat to opposing teams, and she continues to reap the benefits of her performance, as the Glen Ellyn, Ill. native has been named a Daktronics, Inc. Division II Honorable Mention All-American.

The team, which was announced on May 15th, is voted on by the members of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America).

A third-team All-American as a freshman, Hefler led the Flyers with a .415 batting average, including a team-best 73 hits, 49 runs scored, .493 on-base percentage and 35 stolen bases in 2012. She also claimed NFCA All-Midwest Region and All-GLVC East First team accolades.

"Jayme being recognized for a second time as an All-America outfielder places her in an elite group of college softball players," Lewis head softball coach George DiMatteo said. "It's a very noteworthy achievement!"



Women's Tennis Advances To NCAA Division II 'Sweet 16'

In his first full season as the head women's tennis coach for Lewis University, Brett Bridel saw his squad sputter to a 2-14 finish in 2007-08.

Four short years later, Bridel and his Flyers can lay claim to being one of the best Division II teams in the nation, as Lewis claimed its first-ever Great Lakes Valley Conference and NCAA Midwest Regional Championships on their way to a berth in the 'Sweet 16'.

Lewis finished the season with a record of 24-3 and ranked No. 22 in the nation. Their only losses came at the hands of Division I Saint Louis, Rockhurst and No. 7 Columbus State.

Much of the Flyers' success can be traced back to the arrival of Hungarian imports Zsofia Lanstiaik and Zsofia Kranczicki. In the past two years, the 'Zsofi's' have combined for over 220 victories in singles and doubles play. Lanstiaik ended the 2011-12 season with a 30-match winning streak, while Kranczicki went undefeated in her last 23 outings.

Lanstiaik finished with a singles record of 36-2 and a combined doubles mark of 36-3 on her way to GLVC Player of the Year accolades and a national ranking of No. 25. She and teammate Bayley Brown were ranked No. 10 as a doubles team in the Midwest Region, as they had a



record of 12-1. Brown was a combined 24-10 in doubles play in 2011-12.

Lanstiaik was the first Lewis student-athlete to receive the GLVC Player of the Year award since 2005, when Yuliya Kuznets claimed the honor. Following the season, Lanstiaik was selected as the ITA Midwest Region 'Player To Watch' for the 2012-13 campaign.

Lanstiaik's only singles losses in 2011-12, came at the hands of Kranczicki. One of those victories for Kranczicki was a 6-2, 6-2 win to claim the 2011 ITA Midwest Regional singles championship. Kranczicki went on to place eighth overall in the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships in the singles bracket. She and Lanstiaik would also go on to finish third in the doubles bracket.



Lapimaa and Lanstiaik Both Named To Academic All-America At-Large 3rd Teams

Lewis University tennis players Uno Lapimaa and Zsofia Lanstiaik have been selected to the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America Division II Men's and Women's At-Large Third Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Lapimaa and Lanstiaik are the 17th and 18th Academic All-Americans in Lewis history. The duo combines for 50% of the All-America At-Large selections who played tennis in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in 2011-12.

"I'm extremely proud of how both of the leaders of our programs have performed in both the classroom and on the tennis court," Lewis head men's and women's tennis coach Brett Bridel said.

Lapimaa, a senior sport management major, collected a 3.31 cumulative GPA heading into the spring semester. In his final season in a Flyer uniform, Lapimaa compiled a singles record of 36-6 and a combined doubles mark of 32-7, as he helped Lewis to a berth in the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament. For his efforts, Lapimaa was the only unanimous selection to the All-GLVC Team and was named the ITA Midwest Region 'Senior Player of the Year'.

Men's Tennis Qualifies For NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament

The 2011-12 edition of the Lewis University men's tennis combined the old and the new, as the Flyers featured three upperclassmen and four freshmen.

The chemistry on the squad was undeniable as the Flyers, led by ITA Midwest Region 'Senior Player of the Year' Uno Lapimaa, was ranked as high as No. 29 in the country and finished with a mark of 19-6.

Last season included a berth in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Finals and their second NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament bid in the past three years.

Lapimaa was the catalyst for the Flyers, as he finished the season with a singles record of 36-6 and a combined mark of 32-7 in doubles play on his way to All-GLVC Team honors. He was ranked as high as No. 21 in the nation and first in the Midwest region in singles play. He and teammate Erik Aunapuu were ranked as high as No. 5 in the Midwest region for doubles action. A two-time GLVC Player of the Week selection, Lapimaa placed fifth in the singles

bracket of the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships.

Aunapuu, a freshman who joined the team at the semester, made the seamless transition to collegiate tennis as he accumulated a singles mark of 22-2 and a combined doubles record of 20-4. For his efforts, Aunapuu was selected as the GLVC Freshman of the Year and was named to the All-GLVC Team with Lapimaa. He earned GLVC Player of the Week honors for the period ending February 26th, as he went a combined 6-0 in singles and doubles action in victories over William Jewell, St. Francis (Ill.) and Quincy.

Another newcomer to the squad at the semester was freshman Armand Levandi. Levandi was 20-4 in singles play and a combined 22-2 in doubles play and joined fellow Estonian countrymen Lapimaa and Aunapuu on the All-GLVC Team. Levandi and senior Michael Wojnarowski were ranked No. 9 in the Midwest Region, as they combined for a record of 14-2 in doubles play. They were a perfect 12-0 at No. 2 doubles.



Lapimaa is the second Lewis men's tennis player to receive Academic All-America At-Large accolades in as many years, as former teammate Lorenz Pestinger earned Third Team honors in 2011.

Lanstiak, a sophomore, owns a 3.77 cumulative grade point average in psychology. The 2012 Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year helped the Flyers win their first-ever GLVC Women's Tennis championship and advance to the 'Sweet 16' of the NCAA Division II Women's Tennis Championship. She finished the season with a singles record of 36-2 and a combined doubles mark of 36-3, as the Flyers finished the campaign with a record of 24-3. Following the year, Lanstiak was selected as the 2012 Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Midwest Region 'Player To Watch'.

The Capital One Academic All-America Division II Men's At-Large program includes the sports of fencing, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, swimming and diving, tennis, water polo and wrestling.

The Capital One Academic All-America Division II Women's At-Large program includes the sports of bowling, crew, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, swimming and diving, tennis and water polo.



More than 170 Flyer families, friends and alumni helped raise \$47,000 at the 32nd Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing on June 8 at both Prairie Bluff Golf Course (top photo) in Crest Hill, Ill., and Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, Ill.

32nd Annual Lewis University Varsity Club Golf Outing A Success Yet Again

The Lewis University Varsity Club Golf Outing was established in 1980 with the hopes of benefitting the Flyer Athletics Department and its student-athletes.

The event is still going strong as 174 Flyer families, friends and alumni helped raise \$47,000 at the 32nd Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing, presented by Wight and Company, on June 8 at both Prairie Bluff Golf Course in Crest Hill, Ill., and Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, Ill.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Lewis Athletics Department and go toward state-of-the-art Daktronics scoreboards for both the Lewis baseball and softball teams.

"Lewis University Athletics is pleased to have hosted yet another successful Varsity Club Golf Outing," Lewis Acting Director of Athletics Brian Summers said. "Alumni, friends and vendors all enjoyed a perfect day for golf and revelry.

"This outing is Athletics' largest, one-day fundraising event and we're happy to have

the continued support of those who have participated."

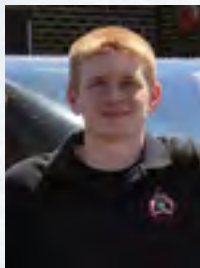
At Prairie Bluff, the foursome of Ken Gabriel, Matt Chorski, Paul Rybarczyk and Dan Sobczak took home the low group score of 15-under par. The quartet of Paul Zakowski, Dennis Troy, Deb DiMatteo and Tracy Summers won the mixed group event with a score of 66 (-6). Individually, Don Koenig captured the 'Closest To The Pin' honors at Prairie Bluff.

At Mistwood, the foursome of Paul Ciciora, Tim Pinkowski, Tom O'Dekirk and Robert Russ fired a 14-under par score of 58 to win the event. The mixed group of Rob DeRose, Ken Osmun, Maureen Brown and Monte Pederson totaled a 67 (-5) to earn top honors. Individually, Tom Blue won the 'Closest To The Pin' contest at Mistwood.

Be sure to mark June 7, 2013 on your calendar for the 33rd Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing!

Gifts, Grants & Scholarships

National Business Aviation Association Awards Student Scholarship



Jacob Luedtke is the recipient of the NBAA Maintenance TRACS Award, a scholarship award valued at \$18,000. Luedtke was awarded the scholarship to attend the Dassault Falcon 2000 EX EASy/

DX Maintenance Initial Course, which will be provided at the CAE/SimuFlite Learning Center in Morristown, NJ.

A senior at Lewis, Luedtke believes the scholarship will help him achieve his career goals. "I believe this scholarship will allow me to obtain an entry level position to gain experience and give me the opportunity to demonstrate my work ethic and value to a company. This experience will eventually lead me to my career goal of becoming a successful and respected chief of maintenance," said Luedtke.

The NBAA Maintenance Committee is dedicated to promoting technical education and training as a means for business aviation maintenance technicians to enhance their careers.



(Left to right)
U.S. Army Major
Roman Ortega Jr.,
Alexander Beltran
and Martha Villegas-
Miranda, assistant
director of Multicultural
Student Services

Alexander Beltran Receives \$120,000 Scholarship from U.S. Army

The U.S. Army presented Lewis University student Alexander Beltran of Chicago with a full tuition, books, room and board scholarship during the 2012 United States Hispanic Leadership Conference in Chicago. The event was co-sponsored by the U.S. Army. The ROTC program at Lewis University has awarded six scholarships totaling \$750,000 during the 2011-2012 academic year.

As a participant of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program (ROTC), Beltran was awarded the competitive scholarship that requires applicants to have a minimum 19 ACT score, 2.5 GPA and athletic and leadership involvement. "I believe hard work does pay off and in the end, the success that comes along with it is worth every moment," said Beltran.



David DeGeus Endowed Scholarship Established

David DeGeus, a graduate of the Lewis University Class of 1985 (Economics), was well-known throughout the Joliet community before his tragic passing in 2009. He was a kind and colorful individual who touched many lives through his thoughtfulness and generosity. He was always willing to share a story or a laugh, yet he was an attentive and empathetic friend. Everyone that met him soon learned of his passion for jazz and zydeco, New Orleans, the Cubs, Bears, and the wonderful game of golf.

Dave was beloved by his family, his many friends, and the large network of people touched by his volunteer services to such organizations as his alma mater, Lewis University, Big Brother Big Sisters, First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Services and the Miracle League of Joliet.

The DeGeus Family has established an endowed scholarship at Lewis University in memory of David that helps support area residents studying in the Lewis University College of Business. Please contact Kathy Risor-Heise, Director of Annual Giving, at (815) 836-5471 or risorhka@lewisu.edu if you would like to make a gift to the scholarship.



2012 Senior Challenge Committee Members (L-R): Salvatore Ursino, Tracey Bradley, Jamie Gunn, John Bradley, Elissa Diaz, and Kristin Johnston with Brother James Gaffney, FSC. (center)

2012 Senior Class Presents Record Breaking Check

Members of the 2012 Senior Class Gift Committee presented a record breaking check to Brother James Gaffney, FSC prior to commencement. The check total at commencement was \$5,623.46. Since that presentation the seniors have raised an additional \$1,112.74 making the grand total \$6,736.20. The seniors were challenged with a match from Brother James to match dollar for dollar any gifts once they passed the \$2,500 mark (up to a maximum of \$1,000). Each senior who made a gift to help support the Senior Challenge had an opportunity to honor someone special in his/her life. Students could choose a family member, favorite professor, or someone who had made a positive impact on their life at Lewis. Their gift tributes can be viewed online at www.alumni.lewisu.edu/seniorchallenge.



Brother James Gaffney, FSC, speaks to We Believe! Committee members Brian Summers '05 and Claudia Maloney '10 as they dish out ice cream to faculty and staff in celebration of a successful campaign.

Faculty and Staff Demonstrate Their Belief in Students!

More than 430 faculty and staff participated in the We Believe! Giving Campaign for Lewis University this spring. The percentage of faculty and staff giving increased from 44% to 69% over last year! This puts Lewis among the top 20 percent of universities in faculty and staff participation.

The We Believe! Campaign was co-chaired by Kathy Slattery, Dean of Students, and Dr. John Greenwood, Professor, Department of Psychology. They were joined by a dedicated committee who represented all areas of the University including William Brogan, Kathleen Bruss, Melissa Cavazos-Eichelberger, Mujahid Choudhary, Linda Cunningham, Graciela Dufour, Dr. Calvin Edwards, Dr. James Houlihan, Dr. Pamela Jessee, Brother Philip Johnson, FSC., Sherri Kavanagh, John Kilpatrick, Barbara Lewis, Claudia Maloney, Anne McShane, Denise Rich, Lisa Salazar, Dr. Kurt Schackmuth, Loisann Singer, Dr. Janice Smith, Daryl Soave, Brian Summers, Joan Williams, and Michael Zegadlo.



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Please contact Denissa Darr, Assistant Director of Annual Giving, at darrde@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5882 for more information.

Meredith Coffey '13 is one of 30 student callers who connect with Lewis alumni, parents and friends as a part of our Phonathon program.



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Every gift supports the University’s national ranking. Publications such as *US News & World Report* consider alumni participation when ranking colleges and universities. Every alumni gift—including yours—advances the reputation of Lewis and the value of a Lewis degree.

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To make a gift today, visit lewisu.edu/give.



Schmitt Scholars Luncheon (Seated, left to right:) Quynh Harvey, Nikita Bactee, Ron Jovi Ramirez, JoEllen Steinberg, Jessica Ruiz. (Standing, left to right:) Dr. Kip Kline, Pat Shevlin, Dan Mayworm, Ivan Antonio Soto, Danielle Ligocki, Ashley Ellis, Martha Wilkins, John Gearen, Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Brian Milla and Robert Dow.

Schmitt Scholars Gather for Luncheon

Ten Schmitt Scholars enjoyed a luncheon on April 27, where they shared their educational experiences with representatives from the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation. The Foundation has generously funded the Schmitt Scholar Program at Lewis for many years.



Generous Gifts Provide for a New Stritch Hall Sunroom

With a spirit of generosity and teamwork, several longtime Lewis University partner vendors and the Lewis Facilities team worked together to design and construct a beautiful new Sunroom and Patio space for Stritch Hall. It is with heartfelt thanks that we wish to recognize the following companies that generously contributed in excess of \$140,000 to make the new sunroom possible: CR Leonard, Cyberdyne, Elens & Maichin Roofing, Frontier Construction, Inc., Fronrunner, Hoppy's Landscaping, Inc., Huen Electric, Oakbrook Mechanical, Pullara Construction Industries, Richmond Electric and Wight & Company.

Stritch Hall houses the Office of the President and a portion of the University's Advancement Department. "We are extremely grateful to the vendors involved in this project," said Len Bertolini, Vice President for University Advancement. "Together, they have created a more effective and attractive space for our President, Brother James Gaffney, FSC, to host a variety of important functions and steward our benefactors. I am quite certain that it will be put to great use often."

Simple Ways to Support Lewis University

Did you know that there are ways you can support Lewis University with a gift that does not cost you anything during your lifetime? Here are two such options.

Bequests

A charitable bequest, made through a will or living trust, is a wonderful way to support tomorrow's students and ensure the future of the University. In addition to making a gift that will be the source of continuing pride as the years pass, you can also be comfortable in knowing that if your circumstances or family needs change, your bequest can be modified anytime during your life.

Beneficiary Designations

One of the most effective ways to include Lewis University in your estate plan is also one of the easiest. Most IRA accounts, retirement plans, bank accounts, life insurance policies and insurance annuities allow you to name an individual or a charitable organization, like Lewis, to receive the funds in that particular account at your death. If at any time in the future you or your family needs these assets, you can change the beneficiary.

To name or change a beneficiary, simply contact the administrator of the IRA or retirement plan, or your insurance company or bank for a change of beneficiary form. If you would like to name Lewis University as a beneficiary, indicate the percentage of the asset's value you would like the University to receive on the form. This process allows you to remember Lewis University without amending your will or living trust.

For More Information

Please contact Robert A. Kanonik, J.D., Director of Planned Giving, at (815) 836-5813 or kanoniro@lewisu.edu if you have any questions, require more information, or wish to inform Lewis University about a gift.

PROFILE: John Lucenta '68

Lewis University's Very Own Olympic Gold Medalist!

This summer hundreds of medals will be awarded at the 2012 London Summer Olympics, but did you know that a Lewis University alumnus has brought home the gold? John Lucenta '68 (Business Administration) was a pitcher for the Lewis baseball team from 1964-1968, an NAIA All-American in 1966 and was part of the 1968 United States baseball team that participated in the Mexico City Olympics. Baseball was still an exhibition sport in the Olympics at that time, but medals were awarded, and John helped Team USA win the gold with a 2-1 victory over Cuba. The game featured a riot that was triggered when a fan continued to heckle one of the Cuban players. The Cuban player, and his teammates, rushed into the stands to confront the heckler. As a result of the riot, the team was awarded their gold medals at the hotel.

John played high school baseball for Joliet Catholic Academy and was recruited by legendary Lewis baseball manager Gordie Gillespie to pitch for the Flyers. John is fourth on the Flyers'

all-time wins list with 32 victories. He was inducted to the Lewis University Hall of Fame in 1981.

After his time at Lewis and the 1968 Olympics, John pitched for the Midlothian White Sox, a semi-pro baseball team, for 21 seasons. During that time, John was selected to be part of a college/semi-pro all-star team, managed by Coach Gillespie that faced the 1984 Olympic baseball team in an exhibition game at Comiskey Park in July of 1984. One of the batters John faced was controversial baseball star Mark McGwire. It wasn't until years later, when he and his wife watched a recording of the game, that he realized he pitched against one of the biggest stars in Major League Baseball. "I'm one of the few pitchers to say 'I pitched to Mark McGwire and he didn't hit it out on me,'" Lucenta said.

John missed the entire 1977 season due to a severe injury to his left hand and when he returned to play in 1978, he had to make adjustments when catching the ball because he had yet to regain a full



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range of motion in his left hand. "The first year back, when the catcher would throw the ball back to me, I would bring my right hand over to assist my left hand in catching the ball because the strength just wasn't there yet," Lucenta said. "Fortunately, since I was a pitcher, we had the designated hitter rule, so I didn't have to bat."

John's love for the game of baseball hasn't diminished one bit. He still pitches in the Roy Hobbs World Series for seniors and has no plans of slowing down.



Other Lewis University Olympians include:

Jenny Bindon '01 (Liberal Arts) New Zealand Women's Soccer team, 2008

Rita Kalmikova '05 (Human Communications) Swimmer, Latvia

Charles Mulinga '96 (Social Work and Human Services) Track 10,000 meters, Zambia 1996

Ernie Young '87 (Marketing) Baseball Gold Medalist 2000



The first two issues of *The Shield* can be read online at www.lewisu.edu/TheShield



(Above): Br. Bernard Rapp, FSC, University Archivist, visits with John (Jack) Wolfe '48

Lewis Welcomes Back Alumnus After 64 Years!

After graduating from Lewis University (known then as Lewis College) in 1948, Jack Wolfe eventually became a mining engineer and moved to the Cleveland, Ohio area. He had not visited his alma mater for 64 years until a recent visit in February of 2012. He made his way back along with his wife Ellarita and daughter Lizbeth. Wolfe started his journey at Lewis in 1946 when it first began as a higher education institution and was one of the very first students to earn a degree from Lewis. While visiting the beautiful main campus in Romeoville, Wolfe toured the Philip Lynch Theatre, the Harold E White Aviation Center, Charlie's Place and visited with University archivist Br. Bernard Rapp, FSC. When he was a student at Lewis, Wolfe became the first editor of *The Shield* which was Lewis' first student newspaper. Wolfe was stunned by the growth of the campus and University and commented, "It stops my heart to see what you've done from what we started from. It's a quantum leap from then to now. It gladdens my heart. It's beautiful."

1950s

Richard Worland '58 (*Aviation Maintenance*) and his wife Rosalie have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

1970s

Joseph Armstrong, Ph.D. '79 (*Physics*) was featured in the news recently as a new member of the Aerospace Strategic Advisory Council of Bye Aerospace, Inc. Dr. Armstrong is Chief Technology Officer of Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc., a developer of thin-film flexible solar panels, and has been on the forefront in the development of lightweight, flexible photovoltaics for terrestrial, aeronautics, near-space, and space applications. Ascent Solar modules, named one of *TIME Magazine's* 50 best inventions for 2011, can be directly incorporated into standard building materials, transportation and space applications, and consumer electronics for portable power and durable off-grid solutions. Dr. Armstrong is a named inventor on five patents in areas including shape memory alloys, fuel cells, electronic circuit assembly, and thin-film PV technology, and on numerous pending patent applications.

John Doyle '77 (*Business Administration*) was hired as Executive Vice President at Slayton Search Partners in May 2012. He joined Slayton Search from Korn/Ferry where he was a Senior Client Partner. He brings over 20 years of experience in executive search to Slayton Search.

Bob Gillespie '71 (*Aviation Maintenance*) has announced his retirement as head coach at Ripon College.

Dean Marketti '76 (*Accounting '88* (*Business Administration*)) is the new Chief Information Officer at Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers.

Barbara Martin '77 (*Nursing RN to BSN*) **'85** (*Graduate Business Administration*), President and CEO of Vista Health System, is among the most recent appointments to the Board of Trustees of Lewis University.

1980s

Susan Steinmiller '88 (*History*) was the recipient of the distinguished WGN Teacher of the Month-March 2011. Only ten teachers each year are selected from the Chicagoland area, Northwest Indiana, and Southwest Wisconsin. Susan has been a teacher for 22 years, 19 at Gage Park High School. At Gage

she teaches AP Government, World Studies and AVID classes. This year she was promoted to the AVID Coordinator for her school where she leads a department of nine and a student population of 242. While at Lewis, she established the first Teachers of Tomorrow organization and was the historian for Sigma Delta.

Bob Verzak '81 (*Accountancy*) has been appointed by BMO Harris as Market President and will be responsible for developing the bank's market strategies in the Orland Park-Homer Glen area. He will work from BMO Harris' Orland Park location.

1990s

Tad Albano '93 (*Business Administration*) has been active in Ohio and regionally as a soccer official since 1999. He has also worked for years with children teaching martial arts and soccer. He owns Athens Soccer Academy and through this platform has organized leagues in the city of Athens, Ohio, for populations who have not had the opportunity to participate in soccer. He has been inspired to work with impoverished Appalachian communities and in 2012 is trying to bring a 3v3 soccer league to Trimble,

Ohio. He is the father of five children, and with his wife, home-schools their children.



Maryellen Basalone '95 (*Business Administration*) returned to the Lewis campus March 21 to serve as an extra for an episode of *The Boss*, a television series on STARZ starring Kelsey Grammer as a Chicago mayor. The show was filmed at a hangar in the Lewis University Airport, and Maryellen and hundreds of extras spent a very long day completing the shoot with cast and crew in the transformed hangar resembling a vintage O'Hare Airport.

Jimmy Barber '95 (*Business Administration*) is the Executive Director at the DuPage County Area Project, a charitable organization that works with local residents and agencies to prevent juvenile delinquency. He began as a volunteer 21 years ago and now also serves in the Kiwanis Club of Bolingbrook/Romeoville.

Class notes

James Bessler '98 (*Aviation Maintenance Management*) was named Director of Public Works by the Manhattan Village Board.

Michell Haase '97 (*Business Administration*) has founded *TravelinWheels.com*, an online resource dedicated to educating consumers with disabilities on the facilities and services available to them while traveling.

Richard Heim '93 (*Graduate Business Administration*) was named President of Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest.



Terry Granger '93 (*Graduate Education*) has been named as the new Principal and Chief Administrator for Bishop McNamara Catholic High School in Kankakee, Ill. Appointed by the Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, Granger most recently served as the principal of Maternity of the BVM in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Steve Marchio '92 (*Finance*) joined Old Second Bank as First Vice President of the company's commercial banking group.

Julie (Petrosus) Mestan '97 (*Marketing*) lives in Florida and is working in marketing. She and her husband have two children, a boy and girl, involved in baseball and soccer.

Missy Verhaeghe '98 (*Chemistry*) will climb Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, in June to raise funds and awareness for cancer survivors. After she beat cancer in 2010, her father was diagnosed with prostate cancer, although he is now reportedly "doing really well." Verhaeghe is passionate about fitness and the outdoors so when LiveStrong looked for cancer survivors to hike up Mt. Kilimanjaro, she was top on their list of candidates. She will be one of 20 cancer survivors who will make the hike. She is hoping to raise \$19,341, a dollar for every foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro's elevation.

Robert Wengel, Attended '93 (*Aviation Maintenance Management*) was named 2012 Facility Executive of the Year by *Today's Facility Manager* magazine for his role in a sustainability project at Shedd Aquarium.

and pass on the extraordinary knowledge and experiences I've had here in New York."

Shadi Beidas '05 (*Biochemistry*) received her MS in Biology from the Illinois Institute of Technology in May 2012 and plans to continue at IIT to get her doctorate degree in Biology.

John Castelli '06 (*TV/Radio*) is currently a senior editor for original programming for the Big Ten Network in Chicago, Ill. John's work can be seen on the Big Ten Network's "The Journey," a behind-the-scenes look at the Big Tens men's basketball programs and the rigors of a typical season for the student athletes. For more on John's work in broadcasting, visit the featured alumni on Lewis CONNECT at alumni.lewisu.edu.

Kevin Denney '09 (*Aviation Security*) has served two years in AmeriCorps Cape Cod where he was involved with disaster planning. He was recently promoted as a volunteer disaster supervisor and is assisting the Chicago Red Cross with a major project.

Kelly Dransfeldt '06 (*Sports Management*) was the keynote speaker at Morris Community High School's Honor Recognition Night. Dransfeldt visited his alma mater and addressed more than 200 honorees.

Thomas Guenther '02 (*Graduate Organizational Leadership*) was appointed College of Lake County's new Chief of Police.

Rebecca Herbert '08 (*Athletic Training*) is helping to blaze a new career path for athletic trainers as a physician extender within the orthopaedic practice of Dr. Steven C. Chudik at the Hinsdale Orthopaedics Sports Performance Institute in Hinsdale, Ill.

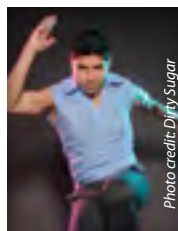
Jason Midlock '06 (*History*) was one of 17 area teachers to be honored with the Joliet Area Great Teachers Award from the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



The Burns family, Jim and Erin (Hicks) Burns '98 with their children Cali, Owen, Evie and Dean (in Erin's arms), with Sunni (Jones) Caruso '98 and Marc Caruso '97 and kids Nick, Charlotte and Mia, Bonnie (Dlotkowski) Evans '98 and John Evans and kids Joshua & Julia, Candy (Egan) Johnson '98 with Brooke & Cole, Becky (Vizza) McQuillan '98 and Scott McQuillan and kids Lizzy & Matty and Kathy (Woods) Arduino '98 & Mike Arduino '98 with kids Emily & Andrew all pulled together as team Eat. Pray. Dean.

Erin (Hicks) Burns '98 (*Business Administration*) and husband Jim Burns would like to thank the many Lewis alumni who have been helping to raise money for their son Dean's Cystic Fibrosis team, Eat. Pray. Dean. Two-year-old Dean was born with Cystic Fibrosis, a genetic life-threatening illness that affects the respiratory and digestive systems. The team has made a goal to raise \$28K this year to help find a cure. **Marie Koch '96** (*History*) has brought team Eat. Pray. Dean. to Maryland and will host the Eat. Pray. Dean. Maryland Great Strides Walk on June 10, 2012. **Sunni (Jones) Caruso '98** (*Nursing*) and **Candace (Egan) Johnson '98** (*Radio-TV Broadcasting*) have signed up to run their first marathon on October 7, 2012 in Chicago and will be raising money for Cystic Fibrosis while doing so. Many other Lewis alumni have joined in the effort to raise money for little Dean by joining the team, walking, and fundraising: **Becky (Vizza) McQuillan '98** (*Elementary Education*), **Bonnie (Dlotkowski) Evans '98** (*Nursing*), **Kathleen (Woods) Arduino '98** (*Elementary Education*), and **Mike Arduino '98** (*Management Information Systems*). Numerous other alumni have joined the fight as well by donating to the fund and sending encouraging words. To learn more about Dean and the Burns family visit www.cff.org/Great_Strides/JimandErinBurns.

2000s



Jason Aguirre '08 (*Theatre*) will be returning to the Lewis campus as a Guest Artist to

choreograph the Philip Lynch Theatre's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone." He recently completed the Professional Semester at The Broadway Dance Center in New York City, concentrating in theatre dance. During training, he had an opportunity to study with elite choreographers from Broadway and Hollywood. He says, "I'm beyond excited to return to Lewis

Forest Reeder '04 (*Graduate Public Safety Administration*) began his fire service career in 1979. He currently serves as Division Chief of Training and Safety for the Des Plaines, Ill. Fire Department. He is a past recipient of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors' (ISFSI) prestigious George D. Post Instructor of the Year award, and has been responsible for the design, implementation and coordination of in-service firefighter training activities as well as a full-service fire training academy program.

Dominic Rizzi '02, (*Criminal/Social Justice*) has been chosen to be the new Chief of Police in Yakima, Washington.

Evan Sather '08 '10 (*Computer Science, MS Information Security*) accepted the position of Linux System Administrator for the High Energy Physics Division at Argonne National Laboratory in Argonne, Ill.

Jennifer Schultz '08 (*General Administration Endorsement Certificate*), a Homewood-Flossmoor High School Psychologist, was awarded the Illinois School Psychologists Association's Presidential Award at the ISPA's annual state conference in Itasca, Ill.

Chad Tallon '08 (*Theatre*) returned to the PLT stage as a member of the National Theatre Players and their production of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" on March 20.

Erin Vandermore '02 (*Psychology*) was honored as Elementary School Counselor of the Year at the Illinois Student Counselor Association Conference on April 20, 2012.

2010s

Kristin Borgens '11 (*Marketing*) was hired as Marketing Coordinator by Pro-Motion Physical Therapy in Minooka, Ill.

Matthew Crawford '10 (*Elementary Education*) was one of 17 teachers area to be honored with the Joliet

Area Great Teachers Award from the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Stephanie Harmon '11 (*Special Education*) was named head varsity softball coach at Coal City High School in Coal City, Ill. She had a great softball career at Lewis, and is the Flyers all-time career home run leader with 34 home runs to her name.

Dr. Mike Moro '11 (*Doctoral Education*) was featured in the *Romeoville Patch* Newspaper as a noteworthy community member for challenging his students at Romeoville High School to think critically.

Kristin Murray '10 (*Political Science*) won the Malcolm Parson Award for Best MPA Paper while pursuing her graduate degree at Florida State University. Kristin attained a graduate research assistantship at FSU and has since won the Departmental Service award for Urban and Regional Planning for outstanding service to the department as well.

Gina Roache '11 (*Graduate Organizational Leadership*) has been named Executive Director of the Heart and Vascular Institute at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Ill. Roache has worked for Christ Medical Center since 1995, beginning as a telemetry nurse. As Executive Director, she will manage operations and expansion of the Institute.

Kayla Smith '11 (*Sports Management*) has been hired as the head softball coach at Marquette Catholic High School in Michigan City, Ind.

Steven Wynne '12 (*Criminal/Social Justice*) was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army on May 20, 2012. He is a Military Police officer and will participate in training in Kentucky and Missouri before reporting for active duty at Fort Stewart, Ga. with the 395th Military Police Battalion.



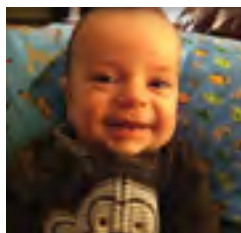
Future Flyers



Ericka Johnson '09 (*Criminal/Social Justice*) had a baby girl, Brooklynn Skylar McCall on October 22, 2011.



Kevin Miller '03 (*Computer Graphic Design*) and wife, Christine, welcomed a baby boy, Blake Alexander Miller (BAM) on December 1, 2011. Blake entered the world at 7 lbs 14oz and 21.75". He wants to be a Lewis Flyer volleyball player just like his dad.



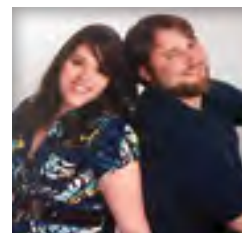
Kurt Schackmuth '98 (*History '02* (*Graduate Business Administration*) and wife, Eileen, welcomed their first child, Thomas Joseph Schackmuth, into the world on January 27, 2012.

Engagements

Ivan Calderon '04 (*Aviation Maintenance Management*) was engaged to Cristina Gomez on April 2, 2012. Ivan and Cristina, both educators in Chicago, are planning to wed next year.



Janelle Coats '05 (*Theatre*) is engaged to Michael Kolosh. They will be married on November 3, 2012 in Tinley Park, Ill.



Alysia Eberly '10 (*Elementary Education*) and **Brandon Daun '10** (*Elementary Education*) were engaged in October 2011. They met in their first education class at Lewis and now both are middle school teachers for the Diocese of Joliet. They are planning to be married in April 27, 2013.



Lindsay Grim '03 (*Political Science*) will marry Gerard Weik in November 2012. Lindsay, a women's volleyball alumna, is a Global Client Coordinator in Global Business Development for Baker & McKenzie LLP and is a coach for the Celtic Force Volleyball Club. Gerard works for Palos Courts and Celtic Force Volleyball Club while also volunteering his time with Lewis Men's Volleyball, who appeared this year in the NCAA Final Four.

In Memoriam

Brother Dominic Bedor, FSC, who served Lewis University from 1961-1965, died on April 1, 2012 in Chicago. A De La Salle Christian Brother for 60 years, he professed his final vows in 1959. Brother Dominic spent his years as an educator at six different high schools in the Midwest as well as Lewis University.



Harold Patrick Graham '63, Lewis University Trustee, passed away April 7. Pat started HP Graham Construction Company in 1969 with his wife Patricia and his love of building roads soon expanded into developing real estate in Illinois, Florida, and Hawaii. Most recently, he proudly worked with a group of local friends to found First Community Bank. Pat was a proud graduate of the Cathedral of St. Raymond School, Joliet Catholic High School, and Lewis University. He proudly served with

the Illinois National Guard. He sincerely believed in the power of education to change lives and gladly shared his time, talent, and treasure with his alma mater, most recently serving as a Trustee at Lewis University. He also served on the Parent Board and Board of Trustees at his daughters' alma mater, St. Mary's Notre Dame. Generations of students to come will continue to benefit from endowed scholarships in the Graham Family name at both St. Mary's and Lewis. Pat was a lifelong Joliet resident and member of the Cathedral of St. Raymond Parish, where he ushered noon Mass for many years. He was also a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus and Joliet Elks Lodge.

Timothy Bateman '79 (Economics)
April 17, 2012

Kenneth Boles '12 (Aviation Administration)
May 31, 2012

Mary Elisabeth (Kinsella) Galick '75 (Elementary Education)
March 11, 2012

Bernard "Bud" Lucchetti '49 (Pre-Veterinary)
May 2012

James Maggiore '70 (Accountancy)
April 2012

Dr. William Marker (Associate Professor of Economics)
June 5, 2012

Wayne Oklepek '77 (Elementary Education)
November 1, 2011.

John "Jack" Schaller '79 (Law)
April 23, 2012

John Waksmundzki (Aviation Flight student)
May 4, 2012.

William Walsh '55 (Finance)
March 3, 2012

What's new

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

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Alumni gatherings



Cubs vs. Sox Training Game: March 18, 2012 ❶ Lewis Trustee Tim Ferrarell '79, Robert Beckman '76, John McIntire '78, Trustee Kathleen Halloran '74, Vice President of University Advancement Len Bertolini '11, Trustee Clifton Kelly '78, Bill Hartmann '78, Kevin Newquist '78, Matt Senffner '66, and Vice President of Student Services Joe Falese '78 hang out together while enjoying the game. ❷ Jillian McGreggor and Elsie Brown enjoy catching up and watching the Cubs play the White sox at their spring training game in Arizona. **Science Center Dedication: March 23, 2012** ❸ Br. James Gaffney, FSC, Dr. Charles Crowder, and Congressman Dan Lipinski, take time to learn a few things from student Matt Kubacki about the laser optics lab in the Science Center. ❹ The LaGrippe Family, including Board of Trustees Vice Chair James LaGrippe '61, take a photo in front of the Robert "Bobby" LaGrippe Center for Biology Teaching & Learning that commemorates their family member. ❺ Mary Jane Whiteside and Board of Trustees Member Dennis Tonelli watch as a student demonstrates some of the new features in the Science Center. **"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" Theatre Reception: April 20, 2012** ❻ Candy Langert celebrated her birthday at the reception with husband Trustee Andrew Langert '73. ❼ Alumni Paul '02 & Julie '01 Malin, Israel '00 & Dina '07 Velazquez, and Roberto '02 & DeAnne '02 Suarez enjoyed each other's company at the theatre reception before the play. ❽ Thomas '88 and Carrie '88 Drez spent some family time at the reception with their daughter.

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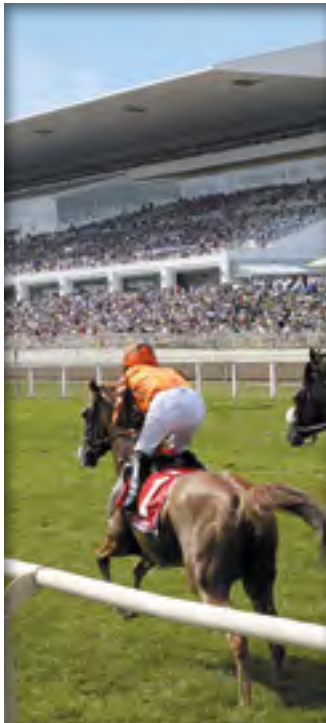
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Arlington Racetrack Alumni Event

August 12, 2012



Homecoming & Family Day

September 29, 2012

September 8, 2012
Signum Fidei Celebration



President's Circle Dinner

December 7, 2012



Cookies with Santa

December 9, 2012