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President's Perspective

This issue of the *Magazine of Lewis University* features the remarkable and entirely unexpected but very positive impact that Pope

Francis is having, not only on the worldwide Catholic community but also on millions of other believers and non-believers alike. It is so evident that he loves people, feels immense compassion for the suffering and victims of injustice, and is focused on finding common ground with other faith traditions through works of mercy and peace-making. Moreover, he is authentic in the simplicity of his personal lifestyle and his witness to the Church's calling to be poor for the benefit of the poor.

The Pope's example is a powerful reminder to all of us of the Mission of Lewis University as a Catholic university in the Lasallian tradition, to provide access to a quality education to those who are financially challenged. The academic readiness for college success of our incoming undergraduate students has never been better. Moreover, about one-third are first generation students. For that reason, it is important to the University that we provide endowed scholarship funding to make their hopes and dreams a reality. Scholarship Endowments are pivotal in our new Campaign for Lewis University. Accordingly, we are very grateful and enthusiastic in having recently received a gift of \$1 million from the Give Something Back Foundation of Mr. Robert Carr of Princeton, N. J. This grant is meant to ensure access to well-qualified but financially needy students from throughout Will County. Gifts of this sort will enable the University to better be able to be faithful to this dimension of our Mission Statement and pledge.

In less than one month, we anticipate the arrival of about 700 freshmen. At the same time, we will welcome the largest-ever group of transfer students, mostly from the surrounding community colleges. Many were pre-admitted to the University even as they were enrolled for one or two years of introductory courses at area community colleges as an inexpensive means of financing their education. Coupled with these two large groups of undergraduate, traditional-age students, there will be hundreds of new graduate students and degree-completion adult students.

The summer has been typically quite busy. The expanded and nicely remodeled Oremus Fine Arts Center has proven to be a wonderful venue for receptions related to various theatrical performances and art exhibits. The splendidly renovated academic wing for the former Science Building is truly exceptional, and establishes the standard for the Humanities Commons which will be established in a few years within the old Science Building. Meanwhile, extensive infrastructure work is underway at Saint Charles Borromeo Center, in anticipation of the relocation of the College of Business, the Graduate School of Management, and other academic units, in addition to providing residential accommodations for about 130 students. A small service facility is being constructed at the University Stadium, and we are hopeful to start work on a major building expansion for the College of Nursing and Health Professions fairly soon.

The same can be said of an initiative to upgrade the Sancta Alberta Chapel.

This summer has also been marked by numerous conferences and camps hosted on campus which have been attended by as few as 25 persons and as many as 750. Athletic camps have included soccer, tennis and volleyball, and the academic camps have included aviation, nanotechnology, leadership, and computer science (including one funded by a grant from AT&T for 9th and 10th grade girls to develop their knowledge and skills in that area.) It will continue into the fall. Numerous professional development workshops took place for area educators, including training for teachers in environmental studies. A large youth leadership conference was held on campus in June, under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Joliet. The De La Salle Christian Brothers sponsored four conferences and workshops this summer on the Lewis campus. In addition, orientation events have been held for incoming and prospective students alike. The consistent feedback that we receive is that Lewis University has developed a "culture of hospitality" (coupled with much competence and professionalism) that is second to none!

Finally, the summer has been marked by the receipt of special recognitions for the University. Included is the national accreditation of the programs provided by our Department of Social Work. Individual and team academic awards and acknowledgments have been received by our NCAA Division II programs. This includes All-America Scholar awards for student athletes and teams in such sports as women's and men's swimming, baseball, women's tennis, men's volleyball, track and field, and others. Furthermore, the Athletic Program earned their first-ever Commissioner's Cup for winning the most GLVC core sport championships last year. National and regional awards have been received by our student Flight Team, the *eFlyer*, the mock trial and mediation teams, the theatre program and other co-curricular events and organizations. Meanwhile, we had many students volunteer for mission service trips in various regions of the United States and in Bolivia this summer, and numerous individuals and groups were involved in study abroad experiences.

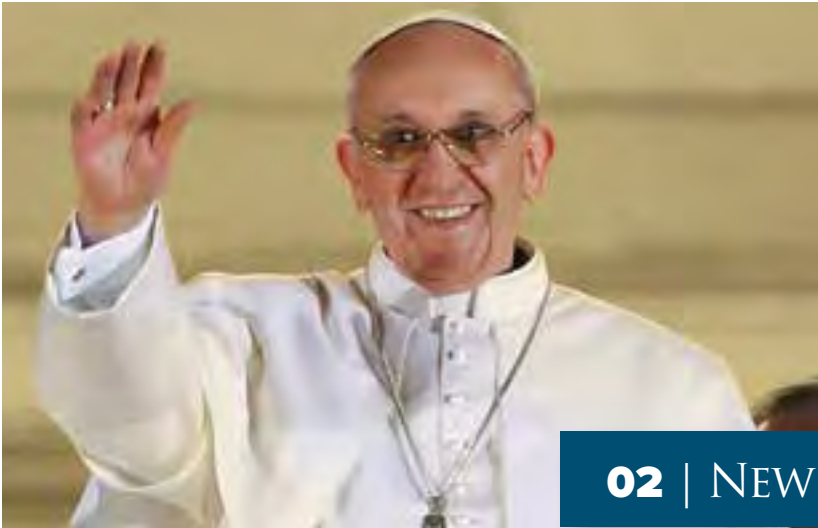
Thank you for the submission of family photos and timely updates for this Magazine, as well as for your generous support. We have realized all-time highs for alumni and other donor contributions, for the percentage of alumni donors, for faculty and staff giving, for parents' contributions, and for total contributions received. That is particularly encouraging because it reflects the confidence and enthusiasm that so many members of the extended Lewis family feel toward the steady progress of the University and its fidelity to our core Mission values. This continues to be a very hopeful and dynamic period in our history, as we prove once again that we can accomplish so much more together. The Lord holds forth an extraordinary future for this very fine University and the persons whose education we advance and whose lives we enrich.

Sincerely,

Brother James Gaffney, FSC
President, Lewis University

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NEW POPE BRINGS NEW HOPE

As Pope Francis was elected many were wondering what changes the new Pontiff will bring to his role and for the future of the Church. Lewis University faculty and staff commented on the new Pontiff and their views on how his leadership will affect lives.

Habemus Papam

By Kathrynne Skonicki

On March 13, the social media conversations were rampant, TV news crews ran live coverage from throughout the Vatican to the outer edge of the crowd in St. Peter's Square. Catholic and non-Catholic hearts around the globe rejoiced when they heard, "*Habemus Papam* (We have a Pope)."

The excitement continued as the new Pope, the first to be named Francis, stepped out of the door and his first words requested a blessing from the crowd. It was only the first step away from papal tradition that continues months later. The new pope wasted little time in issuing his first Tweet: "*HABEMUS PAPAM FRANCISCUM*," which translates to: "We have Pope Francis." According to MSNBC, the message on Twitter came within 30 minutes or so of Pope Francis being named, and to show the power of social media, it was re-tweeted 25,000 times within 10 minutes. Pope Francis has made a choice to reside in the Vatican guesthouse rather than at the papal apartments in the Apostolic Palace. He also has been known to cook for his own guards while they are on duty.

"We've seen a transformation in our lifetime of the papacy," Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC, Lewis University Catholic Scholar in Residence and Consultant, commented. The most recent bishops of Rome have displayed ecumenism and made attempts to better unite the globe. "Each has made their way for peace involving the world's leaders,"

Brother Jeffrey added. For example, Pope John Paul organized the first World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi in 1986. It was a day of fasting and prayer for 160 religious leaders in the hometown of St. Francis of Assisi. Pope Benedict XVI repeated the gathering 25 years later in the spirit of St. Francis.

"In a chapel, St. Francis of Assisi heard the invitation of Jesus to rebuild

his Church, which was falling into ruins," pointed out Steve Zlatic, Director of University Ministry. "He accepted that challenge with his entire heart."

Pope Francis, who selected the name in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, is expected to live out that Franciscan spirit. His implementation of the spirit may be gathering religious leaders for a day of prayer or organizing new initiatives – a sign in Pope Francis' first encyclical, "*Lumen Fidei*," which emphasizes life-changing faith.

"It's easy to understand why no other pope has chosen the name Francis since the saint died in 1225 A.D.," said Brother Armand Alcazar, FSC, Professor of Theology. "Francis of Assisi was known for his commitment to the poor and how does one commit to poverty while living in the papal mansion? Well, the new pope is showing us how, in refusing to wear the red shoes to Holy Thursday's embracing the soiled feet at a juvenile prison which included a woman Muslim; he's gathered a cohort of advisors to reconfigure lifetime curial members; and has sent letters to priests, bishops and cardinals telling them that they are most servant priests when they dress more simply, more approachably."

Brother Armand recently accompanied a group of faculty from Lewis to Rome. He said, "When this year's cohort of the International Association of Lasallian Universities met for the 7th time, once again we had our contact get us tickets to be "up

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close and personal" to the Pontiff at his general audience. Arriving three hours early for the event, we were told that our seats were given away. Insiders at the Casa Generalazia told us that this new Pope may do away with tickets altogether, giving no one special treatment. When Pope Francis did make his entrance, he came out an hour earlier than expected and the first place



he visited were those people in the far back of the square."

"I think he'll share a Latin American ecumenism that we haven't seen before. He had monthly prayer meetings with Pentecostal and evangelical Christians, which may indicate future actions," Brother Jeffrey predicted.

Already a sign of ecumenism has occurred at Pope Francis' installation Mass. Bartholomew I, the Archbishop of the world's Orthodox Christians, attended the event. It was the first time a patriarch from the Orthodox Church attended a papal installation since the two branches of Christianity split nearly 1,000 years ago. The historic moment was made possible through Pope Francis' predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI. A joint committee has been working to mend the fissure between the two churches.

Dr. Colonna, Professor of Theology said, "The implementation of Christian doctrine is at the local level. The changes that are going to affect us are going to happen at a local level, where

cardinals and bishops make the day-to-day decisions."

Rev. Dr. Kevin Spiess,

Professor of Business Administration, said that he believes that Pope Francis is concerned with consensus building. He said, "He wants to encourage more participation in administrative decision-making. He has also heard from the Cardinals who elected him that the Vatican offices need to better serve the Church throughout the world,

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“Habemus Papam” (We have a Pope)

and he has created a commission to provide financial oversight and be more transparent in their policies.” Related to that, the Catholic Bishops have asked for direct support from the Vatican for the Conferences of Catholic Bishops. Fr. Spiess said, “These Conferences are the voice of the local bishops. They represent the people at the local level. This is how they can influence decisions above.”

Because the Pope appoints the cardinals and bishops he will certainly encourage change. During his time as Pope, Benedict XVI appointed many bishops who were considered traditionalists. As a result, the leaders of many dioceses and archdioceses have leaders that emphasize traditionalism.

In addition to his appointments, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged worldwide participation in popular devotions, such as the Eucharistic adoration. There were several occasions in which he called

for a worldwide day of Eucharistic adoration, to mark the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Pope John Paul II on the other hand, utilized the methods of modern transportation and communication to affect people on the local level. Dr. Colonna acknowledged that Pope John Paul II was more charismatic and appeared to connect with people much more. He traveled the globe and drew large crowds.

Dr. Colonna recognized success with starting World Youth Day. He shared, “I had a student say to me ‘I thought of John Paul II as a father figure.’ His use of World Youth Day touched youths so much more than a Twitter account.”

What will be the way Pope Francis will connect with people on a local level? “From what I’ve witnessed to this point, Pope Francis appears to be focused on three areas that are dear to me—people, environment and

evangelism,” Zlatic, a Lewis University alumnus, weighed in.

“For centuries the Pope has been given the title *Pontifex Maximus*, ‘the greatest bridge builder.’ And, he has been doing just that,” said Brother Armand. “He has reached out to Jews, Muslims and even Atheists saying that they were his partners in bringing dignity to humanity. From taking public transportation daily while a cardinal before being elected pope, to paying his own hotel bill during the conclave, this pope has shown a simplicity and love for the poor that has been unprecedented in my lifetime. Pope Francis has given us a person to be proud of and he’s just full of surprises, usually of the most human kind.”

Fr. Spiess agreed that, “So far we have certainly seen him simplify the lifestyle of the Pope. He is trying

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He continued, “Pope Francis is very concerned about people. He is particularly concerned that this generation of young people will be unemployed, when he sees the huge percentages of unemployment around the world.” He said, “He has challenged the Church to meet young people where they’re at.”

He added, “He is also concerned about the elderly and sensitive to the care that they will receive.” He described Pope Francis as “simpler, more compassionate.”

Beyond caring for God’s people, the new pontiff will need to promote attention toward God’s creation of the Earth. “He’s going to have to address environmental issues,” Zlatic feels. Examples of caring for the Earth are

bountiful within the Catholic tradition as well as within the papal statements.

In 1989, Pope John Paul II shared his concern in a speech, “The Ecological Crisis: A Common Responsibility.” He said, “Faced with the widespread destruction of the environment, people everywhere are coming to understand that we cannot continue to use the goods of the earth as we have in the past. . . a new ecological awareness is beginning to emerge. . . . The ecological crisis is a moral issue.”

More than a decade later, his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, released his third encyclical letter concerned with the same topic. “*Caritas in Veritate*” (Charity in Truth), emphasizing that “charity demands justice: recognition and respect for the legitimate rights of individuals and peoples.” He wrote, “The environment is God’s gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility toward the poor, toward future generations and

toward humanity as a whole.”

Zlatic is pleased with the many ways that Lewis faculty, staff and students have come together over issues of helping the poor and encouraging sustainability, through retreats, volunteer Mission trips to Bolivia and Habitat for Humanity in the U.S., and in advocating for environmental concerns such as working with the Eco-Justice Center in Racine, Wisc.

Brother Jeffrey concluded, “Lewis University is inclusive and committed to its Catholic identity, Catholic and ecumenical outreach. It promotes a strong Catholic theology program, advocating a Catholic culture that sees the wider tradition of the Catholic Church. Faculty are dedicated to the Gospel and intellectual tradition.”

Education Professor Presents at Reading Convention

Linda Whitaker (Education) was a presenter April 21 at the International Reading Association's Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Her presentation, "The Dr. Seuss Book Picnic: Teaching Phonemic Awareness and Phonics to Beginning Readers" blended research with Pre-K/Grade 2 activities for home, school and community settings.

Professors Contribute to Book on African American Couples Counseling

Dr. Katherine Helm (Psychology) co-edited *Love, Intimacy, and the African American Couple*, published in March. She also co-wrote two chapters as well as the introduction and conclusion. Also included in the book were two chapters co-authored by **Dr. Tennille Allen** (Sociology). This book is intended for practicing clinicians, teachers, and counselors-in-training. Culturally sensitive approaches to counseling African American couples are emphasized.

Hoffman Presents Paper on Qualitative Research

Dr. Lauren Hoffman (Education) presented a paper entitled, "Qualitative Research in Higher Education: Critical Issues" at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in May at the University of Illinois.

Biology Professors Present at National Assessment Conference

Dr. Elizabeth Kozak and **Dr. Erin Zimmer** (both Biology) presented "The Evolution of a Biology Assessment Program" at the National Conference for Assessment in February at Texas A&M University.

Schultz Authors Essay on African American Farm Ownership

Dr. Mark Schultz (History) authored an essay titled, "Benjamin Hubert and the Association for the Advancement of Negro Country Life" in *Beyond Forty Acres and a Mule: African American Farmers Since Reconstruction* (2012). In his essay, Schultz examined the possibilities and challenges of African American farm ownership in the first half of the 20th century through the career of a black agricultural reformer and college president.

History Professor's Research Focuses on the Balkans

Dr. James Tallon (History) presented papers at the International Balkan Annual Conference in Tirana, Albania and the Balkan Worlds Conference: Ottoman Past and Balkan Nationalism in Thessaloniki, Greece. He also published "Reevaluating the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913" in *The Journal of the World War I Historical Association* (Volume 1, #4, Fall 2012).

Mishra Studies Nepalese Nationalism

Dr. Pramod Mishra (English) published "Linguistic Nationalism: Contestation over Nepal's Multicultural Future" in *Studies in Nepali History and Society* and presented "Mongrel or Multicultural? Nationalism for the 21st Century Post-Monarchy Nepal" at the 40th Annual South Asia Conference.

Kline Coauthors Work on Neoliberalism in Reality Television

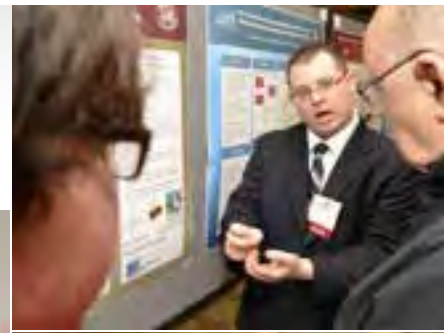
Dr. Christopher Kline (Education) recently coauthored an article in *The Journal of Youth Studies* titled "Neoliberal Exploitation in Reality Television: Youth, Health, and Spectacle of Celebrity 'Concern.'" This research claims that neoliberalism is a system of cruelty that gets theatrically enacted through reality television, a television subgenre that increasingly casts youth as its subjects. It analyzes the show "Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution" in an attempt to capture one manifestation of the exploitative damages of neoliberalism as well as to highlight its contradictory and harmful messages, especially as they relate to youthful bodies and their regulation.

Hancock Presents at Victorian Studies Association Conference

Dr. Catherine Hancock (English) presented, "'The Unknown Public:' Serial Publication and Marriage Law Reform in Wilkie Collins's *Man and Wife*" at the North American Victorian Studies Association Annual Conference.



(Above, left to right) Dr. Herb Childress, Dean of Research and Assessment at the Boston Architectural College, discusses his keynote address with Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost; Dr. Nan Yancey, Dean of Graduate Studies; and Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University. (Top right) Lewis student Steve Craig is among the more than 280 Lewis University undergraduate students, graduate students and alumni showcasing scholarly and artistic work during the 2013 Celebration of Scholarship. (Middle right) Attendees enjoy an artistic work exhibition, which was offered for the first time in the new Oremus Fine Arts Center space at the 2013 Celebration of Scholarship. (Lower right) Lewis student Kelly Tillman presents her research poster "Investigation of the Chemical Mechanical Planarization (CMP) of Sapphire."



Celebration of Scholarship Keynote Stresses Collaboration

On April 19, the second annual Celebration of Scholarship featured presentations of research and fine arts works by faculty and students. Dr. Herb Childress, Dean of Research and Assessment at the Boston Architectural College, offered the keynote address, "Wicked Problems: Why All of You Are Architecture Majors."

The nationally-recognized scholar, researcher and academic leader discussed various "wicked problems" such as: climate change, waste management, sustainable design and others to properly define "wicked problems". He further

defined "wicked problems" as those circumstances that require judgment beyond expertise.

He cited research that demonstrated his premise that the more successful scholars are those who are curious, collaborative and non-specific with their knowledge. He said, "No one person can be well enough informed to do it alone, we need partners."

The premise guides his own teaching. He gives group grades for his courses because he believes it prepares his students for their future professional lives. He said, "You are always

responsible for making the people around you smarter."

Once the grade books are set aside and a person enters the professional world, there is no longer individual scoring. The organization as a whole is successful or a failure. He said, "You are always responsible for the work of the whole."

Dr. Childress encouraged everyone to collaborate to solve the world's complex problems. He concluded, "None of us alone can do the work that these problems demand. But as one among the many."



The Jet Fuel Review Launches Fifth Issue

Lewis University's student-run and faculty-advised bi-annual literary journal, *The Jet Fuel Review*, recently released its fifth issue. The issue features faculty, staff, students and alumni and their personal works of art including fiction, nonfiction, poetry and art. It features original creative work by Lewis University English students Melissa Carrington, Kenneth Kubacki, and Professor Therese Jones, as well as artwork by Lewis University art student Nikki Nellen and Lewis University staff member Shaun Reynolds.

Editors of *The Jet Fuel Review* also publish an accompanying blog, which publishes articles written by students on a wide variety of inspired topics. *The Jet Fuel Review* is under the supervision of senior faculty adviser Dr. Simone Muench, Associate Professor of English, with assistance from Dr. Jackie White, Associate Professor of English.

Critical Media Conference Promotes Critical Awareness and Social Justice

The College of Education hosted a Critical Media Literacy Conference on April 6 on the main campus which provided an understanding on how mass media and media-generated messages impact today's world through informative sessions, panel presentations, keynote speakers and featured performances.

Paper sessions and a panel presentation were led by experts from various colleges and universities. Dr. Carl James, Director of The New York Center for Education and Community, and Ira Shor, researcher and educator, presented the keynote addresses.

James' research and teaching interests include examination of issues of equity, particularly in relation to access and inclusivity in schooling and education for marginalized youth. He has written on the educational, social, athletic and occupational experiences and attainment of black youth, issues of identification/identity pertaining to race, ethnicity, gender, class and immigrant status for students and the possibilities, challenges and limitations of suburban life for second-generation working class youth.

Shor researches the integration of social critique in education. He is an active supporter of dialogical teaching and a critic of a teacher-centered, authoritarian form of teaching. Shor is dedicated to the proposition that the classroom is the venue for the construction of knowledge, not merely for its inculcation.

In addition to the keynote speakers, there were two featured presenters: Debangshu Roychoudhury, doctoral student in psychology at City University of New York, is a rapper and artistic director of the Hip Hop Psychology Performing Arts Movement; and Lauren M. Gardner, doctoral student in psychology at the City University of New York, is the operations and organization specialist for The Hip Hop Psychology Performing Arts Movement.



Dr. Linda Aiken Presents Nursing Leaders with a Vision for Healthcare

Dr. Linda H Aiken, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN, recently discussed healthcare reform and the future of healthcare to an audience of chief nursing officers and Lewis University faculty and graduate nursing students at the Lewis University Oak Brook Campus. The director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research drew upon her passion and experience working at the federal level on healthcare reform for the Clinton administration to address the current state of U.S. healthcare.

Full implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2014, commonly known as Obamacare, will extend health insurance to more than 30 million Americans who are currently uninsured or underinsured. The nation's current healthcare workforce, practicing under prevailing regulations and legal scope of practice restrictions, will be hard pressed to provide reasonable access to care for current and new patients. While the Affordable Care Act will mandate insurance coverage for everyone, it has not addressed the current healthcare system and how it can meet the new demands. There is increased interest among health workforce policymakers and planners in strategies that would increase the production and effective practice of non-physician providers, especially advanced practice nurses, in order to improve access to affordable and appropriate care.

The 2010 Institute of Medicine Future of Nursing Recommendations proposed that the number of nurses with a bachelor's degree in nursing increase to 80 percent by the year 2020 and those with a doctorate should double. Mortality rates have declined in hospitals with staffs holding a higher level of nursing education. Dr. Aiken addressed some of the challenges that faculty will face in increasing the production of Advance Practice Registered Nurses. "There currently is not enough capacity for nursing schools to meet the new demands for APRNs," she said. She sees better participation by the community colleges in meeting these needs.

Dr. Aiken looked at some of the historic changes that have occurred in nursing, such as the practice of nurse midwives, as well as some of the newer models in healthcare, such as the move

to take care of patients in their homes immediately following an illness or surgical procedure. She discussed challenges and potential solutions. She said trends in demographics have also influenced marketplace needs such as the rise of retail clinics at Walgreens, and the baby boomer generation exerting national influence through organizations such as AARP. She believes that many of the more recent changes in the ability of nurses to lead healthcare reform have been due to the needs and influence of these external stakeholders. Her presentation concluded with a discussion of opportunities for nurses to influence the evolution of innovations in healthcare delivery that could substantially improve access to and quality of healthcare in the future.

Dr. Aiken is the director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research and The Claire M. Fagin Leadership Professor of Nursing and Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Dr. Aiken conducts research on the healthcare workforce and quality of healthcare in the U.S. and globally. She co-directs RN4CAST, a European Union funded study of nurse workforce and quality of care in 12 European countries, China, and South Africa. She was honored with the Academy Health Distinguished Investigator Award, the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research, and the Episteme Award from Sigma Theta Tau International. Dr. Aiken is a former President of the American Academy of Nursing, Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing, a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and a Fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Student Success Highlights



Kwiatkowski Earns Regional Airline Association Scholarship

Alex Kwiatkowski, second year aviation flight management major at Lewis University, was awarded the Regional Airline Association (RAA) Scholarship. The RAA represents North American regional airlines, and the manufacturers of products and services supporting the regional airline industry, before the Congress, DOT, FAA and other federal agencies.

The \$3,000 scholarship will contribute toward his flight training fees. The Wheaton resident is currently in the process of completing his Instrument rating. While studying at Lewis University, Kwiatkowski plans to earn his Instrument, Commercial, Multi-engine, and Certified Flight Instructor ratings and certificates. He said, "I have been blessed with an absolutely incredible flight instructor, Thomas Muntzenberger. Tom is always willing to meet outside of scheduled flight blocks to help me progress in my aspirations to be a professional pilot. Tom also pushes me to be the best student I can be, and I could not have asked for a better teacher and mentor."

Kwiatkowski is highly involved in the aviation community at Lewis University. He noted, "I am truly grateful for everyone Lewis has put in my life. I would not be where I am today without all the support I get from them, and words cannot describe how lucky I am to have found Lewis and the aviation community."

He is an active member of the Lewis University Flight Team, competing in the 2013 national SAFECON competition hosted by the National Intercollegiate Flying Association. He is

also President of the Lewis University chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives. In addition to his involvement in organizations, Kwiatkowski also works as a student employee for the Lewis University Flight Department, aiding in the dispatching of aircraft as well as management of the hangers and aircraft parking.

Kwiatkowski is grateful for the experience and support he has received at Lewis University. He said, "Lewis and the Aviation Department have been helping me all along the way. Megan Zahos, Lewis University Assistant Chief Pilot, has always been there to give me guidance and go above and beyond to help me succeed. If there were any questions I had or if I ever needed advice, she was always there to give me the help I needed."

In addition his extra-curricular activities, Kwiatkowski maintains an excellent academic standing, being recognized on the Dean's List for the entirety of his time at Lewis University. "Overall, Alex has proven to be an actively involved student, possessing high standards of academic achievement and a drive to become a professional in the aviation industry," commented Megan Zahos.

Post-Concussion Syndrome Presentation Helps High School Parents, Coaches and Athletes

Parents, coaches and athletes at Gardner South Wilmington High School received a lesson on Post-Concussion Syndrome from Lewis University graduate nursing students. As part of a practicum, the nursing students shared information about its diagnosis and treatment.

"It was very well received. The parents, coaches and athletes were eager to understand more about concussions. Our students were able to transfer their knowledge from the classroom and present it in a practical and informative way," commented Dr. Gwen Svoboda, RN, CNE, and Professor of Nursing.

The students provided similar, but higher level information to nursing

peers through an online continuing education activity and also to junior level undergraduate nursing students. Students who presented the information include Lisa O'Neill, Ann Podoba and Jennifer Paszkowski.



(Left to right) Lewis University undergraduate student Stephanie Tribo, Dr. Susan Sheffer, professor of psychology, and Lewis University 2011 alumna Jillian Reiher present research at the 20th Annual Midwestern Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology.

Psychology Students Present Research at ACCA symposium

Six Psychology students presented work at the 46th annual Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area (ACCA) Student Symposium at Elmhurst College. ACCA is a consortium of 15 private liberal arts colleges that was formed in 1966 to promote cooperation in education and training in the sciences. The symposium is an educational experience that helps students organize their thinking and address groups of people.

Students presented posters on the following: Stefanie Holden presented "The Effect of Males' Appearance and Personality on Females' Perception"; Donna Lordi-Schaefer presented "Judgment of Non-Normative Gender Roles;" Danielle Mosher presented "Social Media Use and Social Involvement"; Maggie Samples presented "Factors that Affect Job Satisfaction"; and Christopher Biag and Kathryn Strait gave an oral presentation "College Student's Attitudes toward Poverty Class Based on Religiosity."



Lewis University Nursing student Cara Terlep was selected for a 10-week externship with Mayo Clinic.

Mayo Clinic Summer Externship Program Includes Lewis Student

Lewis University nursing student Cara Terlep is in the midst of a 10-week externship with Mayo clinic. The 20-year-old is among 100 students nationwide spending the summer participating directly and indirectly with patient care in the Summer III Nursing Externship.

“The opportunity to be a part of one of the best medical centers in the world is something I never could have imagined for myself. This externship will allow me to experience what top-notch patient-centered care will be like,” Terlep commented.

The Poway, Calif., resident plans to graduate from Lewis University in May 2014. She wants to become a nurse practitioner, nurse educator and obtain a Ph.D. in public health.

She continued, “Lewis University is helping me achieve these goals by providing me with an excellent Lasallian-based education. The exposure to medical-surgical units, pediatrics units, labor and delivery units, psychiatry units, and critical care units have allowed me to get the best clinical nursing school experience possible. The collaboration and friendships I have made with my peers within the nursing program have been strong and essential to my success. My professors have been outstanding. They are passionate and care about my well-being not only within the program, but when I leave the program as well.”

Sports Management Students Raise Funds For McDonald House

During the spring semester, Sport Management students raised more than \$3,390 for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana. The students were enrolled in Foundations of Sport and Fitness Management, a course taught by Karen K. Lockyer, Professor and Department Chairperson.

The funds were enough to support 60 families’ one night stay at Ronald McDonald House. In gratitude, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana are recognizing Lewis University with an engraved brick for the Ronald McDonald House supporting the Lurie Children’s Hospital in Chicago.

The students are formed into teams in the beginning of semester with the goal of raising enough funds to purchase the brick. “The students set a great goal to help this worthy organization. The project develops many skills that will transfer into the workplace, such as project management, team building skills and logistical planning,” Lockyer commented. The students planned a



variety of activities, such as athletic tournaments and wristband sales.

The students involved in the project included: Tarek Aboukheir, Anthony Baldassano, Zachary Ballon, Cory Bonner, David Bryant, Nicholas Dicosola, Christopher Doogan, Shane Fergus, Katherine Fuerst, Victoria Hanford, Thomas Helwich, Mariyah Henley, Ryan Herron, Matthew Jemilo, Kara Jindrich, Brianna Koren, Sean Quirk, McKenna Ryan, Michael Schroeder, George Thomson, James Tufexis and James Weissensel.

“I’ve enjoyed doing this for a few years with the students. It gives me an opportunity as a faculty member to mentor them along the way,” Professor Lockyer added.

In previous years, the students enrolled in Lockyer’s Sport Management course raised more than \$5,000 benefitting the Chicago Hoops Classic Basketball Game and the Norm Van Lier Foundation.

The Flyer Wins First Place for Excellence from ASPA

The print edition of *The Flyer* has continued its winning tradition by earning a first place award for excellence and an award for “Best Sports Coverage” from the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA). This spring 2013 award marks the fourth consecutive time students’ efforts have received recognition by the organization.

ASPA judges reviewed issues of the print edition and analyzed content, artwork, design, organization editing and creativity. They used a detailed rubric as a scoring tool to evaluate each area and awarded *The Flyer* 950 out of 1,000 points. The maximum points were allotted in the content and artwork categories.

A special category award for “Best Sports Coverage” was presented to the sports editors for their ongoing efforts to provide quality and depth of reporting for readers. This year,

Kevin Ryan, sports editor and Brian Neal, assistant sports editor, enhanced the section by including Great Lakes Valley Conference statistics for the array of Flyer sports, additional graphic elements and ongoing comprehensive coverage of both Flyer and Chicago teams.

According to the ASPA, *The Flyer* editors publish a newspaper which “shows the creativity and journalistic knowledge of editors, reporters, photographers, designers and adviser.”

“While *The Flyer* has earned a first place award from the ASPA in the past, this year’s award is especially meaningful,” said Lisa O’Toole, Assistant Professor of Communication and Advisor of the biweekly print edition. “This year’s overall score of 950 points is the highest the publication has earned from ASPA judges.”

Honor Societies Induct 142 New Students

Lewis University continues to recruit students with high grade point averages and ACT test scores. This has resulted in students achieving higher academic success in the college experience.

Lewis currently has 16 honors organizations on campus, whose membership depends on the student's academic major and GPA. Induction ceremonies are held throughout the year. This spring, three societies inducted new members.

Nineteen students and faculty were inducted into Lewis University's chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, a specialized honors society in Mathematics on May 3.

The Lewis University Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing inducted 106 Nursing students. Sigma Tau International supports the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide.

The Lewis University Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha inducted 17 students into the Political Science national honor society.

Students Bookmark Fairmont Literacy Night

College of Education students and faculty assisted at Fairmont Literacy Night in Lockport. This year, 17 Lewis University students and four faculty members planned various activities for more than 60 Fairmont students to enjoy while their families attended an anti-bullying presentation.

Lewis students and faculty have assisted with the event for the last three years. Last year, they donated enough books to send home about a dozen books with each family in attendance. It enabled the families an opportunity to enhance their own home libraries, and encourage reading outside of school.

"It was a great way for our students to connect and service the community," commented Jennifer Buss, Assistant Professor of Special Education. Other faculty members involved in the event included Dr. Deb Augsburg, Chair and Associate Professor of Reading and Literacy, Dr. Mary Fisher, Assistant Professor of Special Education, and Dr. John Hackett, Academic Coordinator of Adult Programs.



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Flight Team Finishes Eighth Nationally

Lewis University Aviation Flight Team soared at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON), hosted by Ohio State University. The Lewis team earned eighth place overall, numerous individual awards and the Loening Trophy, which is annually awarded to the outstanding all-around collegiate aviation program in the nation.

"We are proud of our dedicated Flight Team students, faculty and staff for meriting the historic Loening Trophy as well as for excelling in knowledge and flight skills at SAFECON. The award represents superb achievement in aeronautical skills and signifies that Lewis University sets the standard for an overall outstanding collegiate aviation program," Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, commented. "Our commitment to the future of aviation and our emphasis on academics, community involvement, aviation skills, a comprehensive safety program and professionalism were key reasons for this award."

The Loening Trophy was first awarded in 1929 by Dr. Grover Loening, the first aeronautical engineer for the Wright Brothers. It is considered the most prestigious and oldest of all collegiate aviation awards.

SAFECON brings together teams from 29 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.

As a team, Lewis University continued its three-year Top Ten streak in the overall placement. In the ground events, Lewis University finished sixth in the nation. In the flight events, they finished in 16th place. Lewis University student Kayan Todiwalla earned the Harold S. Wood Award for Excellence, which includes an engraved propeller trophy and a \$1,000 cash award. The sophomore student was honored for his excellence in academics, aviation-related extra-curricular activities and non-aviation related extra-curricular activities.

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Individual highlights included Jacob Luetdke finishing as the 10th highest scoring contestant in the competition. Erik Rasmussen earned first place in the Certified Flight Instructor event. Of the 58 competitors in the Aircraft Preflight Inspection, James Vandeventer finished in third place and Robert Beckmann finished in fifth place. Finishing in fourth and fifth respectively, Jack Mullen and Rasmussen received high marks in the Ground Trainer event.

Lewis University Students Raise More Than \$100,000 for Advocate Hope Children's Hospital

Over the past academic year, College of Nursing and Health Professions undergraduate nursing students and WLRA radio students raised \$15,000 for the Lewis University Family Assistance Fund Advocate Hope Children's Hospitals in Oak Lawn and Park Ridge. More than \$100,000 has been raised since the fund's inception more than a decade ago.

The funds are used to assist families of hospitalized children in their greatest time of need. In the past, the funds have been used to pay for transportation to and from the hospital for children to have chemotherapy or outpatient services, medicine, clothes when being discharged, hotel rooms for families, bus passes and airline flights to the hospitals.

The Lewis University Family Assistance Fund is the result of service learning collaboration for the benefit of hospitalized

children's families between College of Arts and Sciences' Communications Department and College of Nursing and Health Professions' Professional Development course.

Under the leadership of Assistant Professor Anne McShane, students in her Professional Development classes raise money throughout the year and host a "Change for Children" event each spring. Lauren Janulis and Diana Moravec were the nursing student co-chairs for this year's event. Melanie Zaragoza also contributed greatly as a Student Nurses Association Public Relations Officer.

Lewis University's WLRA Radio Station held a "To Kill a DJ," a continuous on-air marathon with pledged support under the leadership of John Carey, Director of the Andrew Center for Broadcasting, and chaired by student Jodi Steinberg.

Aviation Students Earn First Place at Research Symposium

Collaborative research by Lewis University undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty recently earned a first place award at the Fourth Graduate Students Aviation research Symposium, hosted by the Purdue University Aviation Graduate Council.

Aviation graduate students Jennifer Pfeiffer and Jacob Luedtke along with Physics undergraduate student Elizabeth de Waard, presented "Determining the Hazardous Effects of Flight Deck Laser Illumination" at the symposium. Other authors of the study included: Dr. Randal DeMik, Associate Professor and Director of the Aviation and Transportation Studies graduate program; Dr. Stanley Harriman, Assistant Professor of Aviation and Transportation; Dr. Ryan Phillips, Assistant Professor of Aviation and Transportation; Dr. Charles Crowder, Associate Professor of Physics; Shane McHugh, Steven Foster, Michael Streit, Richard Antonioli, Ernest Knight and David York.

The Lewis University research study addressed the concern that laser attacks from people on the ground directed toward aircraft have increased more than 300 percent since 2005. The lasers aimed at aircraft windshields startles pilots and may cause injury. The study determined empirical evidence of laser intensity in the flight deck and the potential for harm



(Left to right) Jennifer Pfeiffer (M.S. Aviation), Elizabeth de Waard (B.S. Physics) and Jacob Luedtke (M.S. Aviation) presented their research on hazardous effects of flight deck laser illumination.

to the human eye at various distances. Study results revealed that relatively low-powered lasers had measured intensity levels through cockpit windshields at the 200 and 500 feet distances that may cause damage to crewmembers' eyes according to standards established by the federal government. At longer distances of 1,000, 1,500, and 2,000 feet, these same lasers did not reveal measured intensities at levels to cause damage to crewmembers' eyes. However, they were considered as having potentially distracting visual effects in flight that were further categorized as temporary flash blindness, glare or disruption and distraction or startle.

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Lewis University hosted its largest class ever at the 2013 May Commencement ceremonies with 970 graduates. In total, nearly 1,800 students graduated in December and May ceremonies. Lewis University awarded four honorary degrees at the Spring Commencement Ceremonies in May, recognizing the achievements of (top, left) Jay D. Bergman, president of a nationwide energy company and member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE); (top, right) Dr. Michael Vinciguerra, recently retired President of the University of St. Francis; (bottom, left) Rosemary Croghan, a registered nurse and Catholic education advocate; and (bottom, right) Reverend J. Bryan Hehir, Secretary for Health and Social Services for the Archdiocese of Boston and the Parker Gilbert Montgomery Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED TO RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, PHILANTHROPY AND BUSINESS LEADERS

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Mr. Bergman and Dr. Vinciguerra were honored at the Commencement Ceremony for Graduate Students on Saturday, May 18. During the Sunday, May 19 Ceremony for Undergraduates, honorary degrees were presented to Mrs. Croghan and Father Hehir.

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C.P.P.S., University Chaplain and Professor of Theology, and Reverend Kevin Spiess, Professor of Business Administration at Lewis University.

Dr. Suzanne O'Brien, Professor and Chair of Elementary Education, gave the faculty address Saturday during the Graduate Commencement Ceremony. Cassandra K. Myers of Huntley, Ill., presented the Student Lasallian Address as the representative of the undergraduates who received degrees on Sunday. Bryan Bolton of Downers Grove, Ill., and Melissa Farmer of Flossmoor, Ill., received the Father Aquinas Colgan Award at the Undergraduate Degree Ceremony for exemplary personal, intellectual and social development in the spirit of the Mission of Lewis University.

A dynamic business leader, Jay D. Bergman, President and CEO of Petco Petroleum Corporation, is also Chairman of the Board of American Heartland Bank and Trust Company located in Sugar Grove, Ill. He is also recognized for his very dedicated commitment to higher education. Along with his service on the IBHE, he is a Trustee for Illinois State University, making him the only person who currently holds a seat as a Trustee of one of the State's public universities while also serving as a member of the IBHE. In 2010, Bergman represented the IBHE as a guest speaker at the dedication ceremony for the building addition to the Lewis University College of Nursing and Health Professions. He also generously shares his time and talents as a Board member for the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago, and the Community Foundation of Will County.

Dr. Michael Vinciguerra is noted for his remarkable accomplishments at the University of St. Francis, particularly in developing a plan to enhance USF's vital presence in its neighborhood, and strengthen the university's Catholic and Franciscan identity and heritage. He successfully led efforts to establish a Rialto Square campus in Joliet and to expand and significantly renovate USF's campus. During his tenure, USF adopted a 15-year, \$70 million campus master plan that has resulted in acquiring all campus properties from its founding Congregation of Franciscan Sisters and providing for major enhancements throughout the campus. Dr. Vinciguerra also has forged partnerships within educational, corporate and civic communities that have advanced Catholic higher education.

Rosemary Croghan is a member of the founding board of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, established in 1996 as a way to help low-income students get an affordable private college preparatory education. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the national Cristo Rey Network, and is actively involved with the Big Shoulders program in the Archdiocese of Chicago where she is a Gallagher Scholar Mentor, counseling promising students who attend Big Shoulders schools. She and her husband, John Croghan received the prestigious Elizabeth Ann Seton Award in 2006 from the National Catholic Education Association for their exceptional generosity to the inner city schools of the Archdiocesan Big Shoulders Fund program. The couple has established the Cardinal's Award, given annually for teacher achievement in a Big Shoulders Fund-supported school. A



Chicagoan, Croghan has contributed throughout her life to education through personal service, creative vision and highly generous support. She has served as a Trustee for Loyola University and Loyola Academy.

Reverend J. Bryan Hehir is nationally known for his work in public service and social services. His extensive writings and scholarly research focus on ethics and foreign policy, as well as the role of religion in American society and world politics. Earlier in his career, he provided leadership as President of Catholic Charities USA, which at that time served as the national agency for local Catholic social services and spent approximately \$2.8 billion annually to help the needy. Along with his current positions with the Archdiocese of Boston and his faculty, he currently is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the American Philosophical Society, Council of Foreign Relations, the Arms Control Association, the Global Development Committee, and the Independent Sector. A priest who is a highly regarded academic and religious leader, Father Hehir is noted for providing ethical insight on sensitive political issues throughout his career.

NOTABLE HONORARY DOCTORATES AT LEWIS

Commencement at colleges and universities is the ultimate rite of passage for hard-working students. It is an event filled with much pomp and circumstance, history and cause for celebration as faculty, their students and families have committed time and effort into the end result of receiving an undergraduate or graduate degree.

At Lewis University, commencement is celebrated twice a year, in December and May of the academic year, and features among the various student achievement awards, honorary doctorate degrees awarded to carefully selected individuals. Lewis University began awarding honorary doctorate degrees in 1955, and has conferred a total of 119 honorary degrees as of May 2013 commencement.

Honorary degrees are bestowed on those who exemplify at least one of the University's Mission Values of Knowledge, Fidelity, Wisdom, Justice, and Association. In the decades-long period of granting these degrees, influential religious, philanthropic, business and civic leaders have received the honor on the University's Romeville campus. Many recipients are household names.

The following is a list of a few of the notable honorary doctorate recipients:

- Frank J. Lewis (*a Lewis University founder and namesake*) 1955
- The Honorable Richard J. Daley (*Mayor of Chicago*) 1967
- Gwendolyn Brooks (*Pulitzer Prize-winning poet*) 1968
- Margaret T. Burroughs (*artist, writer, co-founder, DuSable Museum*) 1972
- Joseph Cardinal Bernardin (*then Archbishop of Chicago*) 1983
- United States President Ronald Reagan 1984
- Thomas Skilling (*WGN meteorologist*) 1995
- Merri Dee (*WGN news anchor, now retired*) 1997
- Terry Hillard (*then Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department*) 2001
- Bill Kurtis (*TV journalist, producer and narrator*) 2001
- Dennis Hastert (*former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives*) 2002
- Lynn Thigpen* (*Tony-award winning stage and television actress*) 2003
- Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth (*Civil Rights activist*) 2004
- Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ (*Social justice advocate, inspiration for film "Dead Man Walking"*) 2007
- Arne Duncan (*United States Secretary of Education*) 2009
- The Honorable Judy Biggert (*then United States Congresswoman*) 2011
- Raymond LaHood (*former United States Congressman and Transportation Secretary*) 2011

*Awarded posthumously

FIRST CLASS GRADUATES FROM LEWIS UNIVERSITY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

The first graduates from the combined 3+1 degree program agreement between College of DuPage and Lewis University have graduated with B. A. in Criminal/Social Justice, just two years after the program started at the College of DuPage Campus in Glen Ellyn. Nine men and women received their degrees from Lewis University while taking all their classes on the College of DuPage's campus. Students in the program benefitted from a reduced tuition rate, the convenience and state-of-the-art COD facilities and the advantages of a four-year degree from Lewis University.

The program began in the fall semester 2011 and has enrolled nearly 100 students to date. The Criminal/ Social Justice degree partnership with Lewis University and College of DuPage was the first program of its kind between the two schools. Since then, Lewis University has entered agreements for degrees in Fire Service Administration, Education and Computer Science.

One of the benefits of the partnerships, said Lewis University Provost Dr. Stephany Schlachter, is that Lewis allows specific COD credits to transfer. That may



Nine graduates are the first to complete the unique College of DuPage/Lewis University Criminal/Social Justice Bachelor of Arts program. Currently, 96 percent of the students that begin the program complete it. Graduates of the 2013 class include: Tim Kozerski, Western Springs; Sharman Nunez, Darien; Paul Ondracek, Downers Grove; Milos Radenkovic, Willowbrook; Kathryn Shellstrom, Downers Grove; Matthew Youngwith, Carol Stream; Marie Johnson, Aurora; Cecilia Baltazar, Oak Lawn; and Antonio Tucker, Aurora. Eight of the students participated in the undergraduate Commencement Ceremony on May 19.

or may not always be the case for transfer students. "It might take you 4½ to 5 years to get your degree," Dr. Schlachter said.

One of the instructors in the program at COD, Villa Park Police Chief Robert Pavelchik, has a connection to both schools. Before being hired as a patrol officer in 1978 in Darien, Pavelchik took two years of classes at COD. Later, he went back to Lewis University to

take additional classes. Pavelchik, who teaches at least one criminal justice class per semester at COD, said the graduating students were right to complete their four-year degree now, rather than in stages as he did. He underscored the importance of a college education for those pursuing careers in law enforcement.

COMMUNITY LEADERS HONORED WITH 2013 DE LA SALLE AWARDS

Lewis University recognized seven members of the community with the De La Salle Award during a program that began with Mass and closed with a special award ceremony and luncheon on April 14. The prestigious award is presented each year to individuals who provide extraordinary service and leadership for the benefit of the community and region.

The 2013 award recipients represent a diverse, talented and distinguished group of leaders, with substantial accomplishments in their professions and devotion to improving the lives of all in their communities.

Award recipients for 2013 are: (back row, left to right) John Gordon, Project Manager for the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation; Vincent McGirr, now retired after serving for over three decades in teaching and administration at Joliet



Township High Schools; Thomas Grotovsky, Operations Manager for R. Berti Building Solutions, Inc.; and Rodney Tonelli, president of Ruettiger, Tonelli & Associates, Inc. (Front row, left to right) The Honorable Chrystal L. Gavlin, the first African-American Associate Judge in Will County; Dr. Dennis Killian, President

of the Heartland Cardiovascular Center in Joliet; and Patricia Merryweather-Arges, Governor-Elect for Rotary International District 6450. Br. James Gaffney, FSC (far right) presented the awards.



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SHE KILLS MONSTERS

SEPTEMBER 27-29
& OCTOBER 3-6

A comedic romp into the world of fantasy role-playing games, *She Kills Monsters* tells the story of Agnes Evans as she leaves her childhood home in Ohio following the death of her teenage sister, Tilly. When Agnes finds Tilly's Dungeons & Dragons notebook however, she stumbles into a journey of discovery and action-packed adventure in the imaginary world that was Tilly's refuge. In this high-octane dramatic comedy, laden with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres, and 90s pop culture, acclaimed young playwright Qui Nguyen offers a heart-warming homage to the geek and the warrior within us all.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

NOVEMBER 15-17
& NOVEMBER 21-24

Set in Alabama during the Great Depression, *To Kill a Mockingbird* follows the journey of two siblings. Scout and her brother, Jem, are being raised by their widowed father, Atticus, and a strong-minded housekeeper, Calpurnia. Atticus has been appointed to defend Tom Robinson, a black man framed for a crime he didn't commit. As the trial progresses, Jem and Scout witness their community in a tense tug of war between justice and racism. This timeless classic compels us to take an honest look at our nation's past and our moral responsibility to each other. Harper Lee found instant fame when *To Kill a Mockingbird* was published in 1960.

9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

DECEMBER 5-7

Fun for the whole family! 90 minute non-stop theatrical sleigh ride! \$10 general admission tickets. \$2 tickets for members of the Lewis community. Advance ticket purchase or reservations recommended. Half price tickets available with a donation of non-perishable foods to go to local shelters. Digital pictures onstage with Santa at 7 pm. \$5 proceeds go to the Philip Lynch Theatre Scholarship Fund.

MOONLIGHT AND MAGNOLIAS

FEBRUARY 14-16
& FEBRUARY 20-23

1939 Hollywood is abuzz. Legendary producer David O. Selznick has shut down production of his new epic, *Gone with the Wind*. The screenplay, you see, just doesn't work. So what's an all-powerful movie mogul to do? While fending off the film's stars, gossip columnists, and his own father-in-law, Selznick sends for famed screenwriter Ben Hecht and pulls formidable director Victor Fleming from the set of *The Wizard of Oz*. Summoning both to his office, he locks the doors, closes the shades, and on a diet of bananas and peanuts, the three men labor over five days to fashion a screenplay that will become the blueprint for one of the most successful and beloved films of all time.

AVENUE Q: THE MUSICAL

APRIL 4-6
& APRIL 10-13

Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, *Avenue Q* is part flesh, part felt, and packed with heart. Although the show addresses humorous adult issues, it is similar to a beloved children's show; a place where puppets are friends, monsters are good, and life lessons are learned. The musical tells the timeless story of a recent college grad named Princeton who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q. He soon discovers that although the residents seem nice, it's clear that this is not your ordinary neighborhood. Together, Princeton and his new-found friends struggle to find jobs, dates, and their ever-elusive purpose in life.

Lewis Wins First Ever Commissioner's Cup

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced on May 14 that Lewis University has captured the 2012-13 Commissioner's Cup, making the Flyers just the fourth school in the 11-year history of the award to take home the title. It is the first time that Lewis has won the prestigious award.

Lewis totaled 91.5 points to win the cup, outdistancing second-place Bellarmine (84.5) by seven points.

Northern Kentucky, who has won eight total titles, had won the previous five Commissioner's Cups.

"This is truly a tremendous accomplishment for our student-athletes and our staff," Lewis Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek said. "This award, coupled with our excellent academic achievement in the classroom, really speaks to the overall quality of our athletics program.

"The Commissioner's Cup is really a reflection of the commitment the University has made—and continues to make—to support our athletes and coaches."

The Commissioner's Cup is a traveling



trophy awarded for performance in the core conference championship sports including baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, softball and women's volleyball. The Flyer women's basketball team won the 2013 GLVC title, while the women's volleyball and softball teams each earned runner-up finishes in the conference tournament.

Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing A Success

Mother Nature provided a wonderful backdrop for Lewis University's 33rd Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing on June 7, held at both Prairie Bluff Golf Course in Crest Hill, Ill., and Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, Ill., as over 140 Flyer family, friends and alumni participated in the event.

The outing, sponsored by both Pullara Inc., and Dr. Pietro Tonino, helped raise over \$30,000 and is a major fundraiser for the Lewis Athletics Department. Those proceeds will go towards state-of-the-art Daktronics scoreboards for both the Lewis baseball and softball teams.

"A great summer day was enhanced by many Flyers enjoying a great round of golf with fellow classmates, teammates and friends all raising funds



for the Lewis Athletics Department," Lewis Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek said. "It was great to see so many at our outing and we very much appreciate their support."

At Prairie Bluff, the foursome (pictured left) of Rob Young, Kevin Twomey, Ray Kennelly, and Bob Tucker fired a 17-under par score of 55 to win the event. Individually, Joe O'Malley won the 'Closest To The Pin' contest at Mistwood.

event with a score of 63 (-9). Individually, Howard captured the 'Closest To The Pin' honors at Prairie Bluff, while Jim Regan aced No. 17 with a 150-yard five iron.

At Mistwood, the foursome (pictured left) of Rob Young, Kevin Twomey, Ray Kennelly, and Bob Tucker fired a 17-under par score of 55 to win the event. Individually, Joe O'Malley won the 'Closest To The Pin' contest at Mistwood.

Be sure to mark June 6, 2014 on your calendar for the 34th Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing!

View more photos from this year's event on the Lewis Alumni Website: alumni.lewisu.edu/PhotoGallery

Academic Accolades for Student Athletes

The Lewis University Athletics Department continues to achieve in the classroom, as Flyer student-athletes and teams were feted throughout the summer with several academic awards.

The Great Lakes Valley Conference recognized a record number of Flyer student-athletes as Lewis set a school-record with 158 Academic All-GLVC selections. The Flyers also had nine teams earn Team Academic All-GLVC Awards, as softball (3.59 GPA), women's golf (3.59 GPA), women's tennis (3.50 GPA), women's cross country (3.41 GPA),

women's volleyball (3.41 GPA), women's soccer (3.40 GPA), men's cross country (3.36 GPA), women's track and field (3.35 GPA) and women's basketball (3.31 GPA) all recorded cumulative grade point averages of 3.30 or above. Lewis had 23 student-athletes earn the GLVC Council of President's Academic Excellence award, given to those who have exhausted their athletic eligibility and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The GLVC also recognized two student-athletes as their GLVC Spring

Scholar-Athletes of the Year in Zsofia Lanstak (women's tennis) and Brandon White (men's golf). That award is given to an individual based upon athletic accomplishments, both team and individual, and academic performance in the season upon the award is based.

The Lewis men's basketball team received the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Team Academic Excellence Award given to member programs who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. The

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Kelly/Kraft Forever Flyers Challenge Proves Prosperous

Competition often brings out the best in Lewis University student-athletes. Evidenced by the results of the first Kelly/Kraft Forever Flyers Challenge, it was a fight to the finish for the combined \$10,000 prize, donated by former Flyers Clifton (Clif) Kelly '78 and Lester (Les) Kraft '55.

In all, \$28,247 was raised during the challenge, including the title gifts from both Kelly and Kraft.

The challenge was a six-week competition, lasting from March 21 to May 2, led by student-athletes to increase alumni giving participation and support. The \$10,000 will be divided between the first and second place finishers in two categories: the athletic program that generates the greatest percentage of giving participation from its alumni and the program that generates the greatest total number of alumni contributors.

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"The first year of the Kelly/Kraft Forever Flyers Challenge was an overwhelming success," Associate Director of Athletics Brian Summers '05 said. "We achieved our goals of doubling the giving rate of our Athletics alumni, connecting with new and older alumni, and providing assistance to our Athletics programs.

"The generous donations from all of our participating alumni will have a tangible

impact on our programs," he said.

The Lewis men's basketball team was the big winner as it collected prizes with both the highest percentage of alumni gifts (24.8%) and total donors (58). The Flyers, led by head coach Scott Trost, will collect a total of \$5,000 for finishing in first for the highest percentage (\$3,500) and second in total donors (\$1,500).

"This was a great initiative that allowed us to reconnect with our alums and get many of them involved again with Lewis Athletics," Trost said.

"Our players made a sincere commitment to engage our alums and we will use this money to help finance a foreign trip next summer," Trost continued. "We are very thankful for the support of our alumni and look forward to the competition again next year."

The baseball team had the most donors as 91 former alumni participated in the challenge, helping head coach Tim McDonough and his program to the \$3,500 first-place award.

"The team and I are so grateful to all of the alumni who supported the Forever Flyers Challenge," McDonough said. "Baseball has always been a tight knit group here at Lewis going back to Coach Gordie Gillespie, Tom Dedin and more recently, Irish O'Reilly.

The men's volleyball program finished in second place for the highest percentage of alumni participants, as 23.0% of their alumni contributed. Lewis head men's volleyball coach Dan Friend and his program won the second place prize money of \$1,500.

"Special thanks to Les Kraft and Clif Kelly for their support of this endeavor and for their service to the Lewis University community,"

said Len Bertolini, Vice President for University Advancement.

A 1955 alumnus, Kraft holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Lewis University. He played football from 1951 to 1955 and in 1991, was inducted into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame. He is a former Vice President at Rockwell International.

"I participated on the football team from 1951 to 1955, and we had a very good team those years. I owe a great deal to those memories I have from Lewis," says Kraft. "Without the education provided to me, I wouldn't have been able to be an officer in the Marine Corps and wouldn't have qualified for the first jobs I held. I want to be able to give something back, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity because of how the money raised will not only help the university, but help the athletic program that I value so much."

A 1978 alumnus, Kelly holds a B.S. in Public Administration from Lewis University. He played basketball from 1975 to 1978 and is currently Vice President and Senior Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management. He also serves as a member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees.

"Having had the opportunity to play basketball at Lewis for four years just changed my life," said Kelly. "I am a huge proponent of student-athletes and particularly Division II because those are pure student-athletes. The friendships that I forged through that are some of my best friends today. We all believe in the mission and in supporting the school. Lewis means so much to me and I'm proud to be a part of this challenge."

Baseball Team Takes GLVC Division Title

The Flyer baseball team made their second consecutive trip to the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament and won the Great Lakes Valley Conference East Division title with a record of 33-18 in 2013.

Lewis had eight players named as All-GLVC honorees, highlighted by Flyer head coach Tim McDonough's selection as the GLVC Coach of the Year.

Along with the conference awards, several Flyers were recognized on both regional and national levels. Those Flyers include junior pitcher Tom Helwich (ABCA and Daktronics All-Midwest Region First Team, NCBWA Second Team), senior pitcher Matt Frahm (Daktronics All-Midwest Region Second



Team; NCBWA All-Midwest Region; Academic All-America Second Team), senior first baseman/pitcher Michael Schroeder (ABCA First Team; Daktronics All-Midwest Region Second Team) and junior outfielder Jake Murray (ABCA Second Team).



Women's Basketball Wins Second GLVC Title In Three Years

The Lewis women's basketball team won the 2013 Great Lakes Valley Conference championship with a 76-61 defeat of defending champ, Maryville, on March 10.

The Flyers finished with 24 victories, helping them finish 23rd overall, in the final *USA Today* Coaches NCAA Division II poll. It was the most wins by a Lewis squad since the 2006-07 campaign when they went 27-4 overall.

Lewis head coach Lisa Carlsen was selected as the 2013 GLVC and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Coach of the Year.

Sophomore Jess Reinhart, who averaged 14.4 points and 7.2 rebounds-per-game, was named All-GLVC First Team and earned Daktronics All-Midwest Region Second Team distinction. Seniors Labrenthia Murdock and Sam Rinehart each were named to the All-GLVC Second Team.

Academic Accolades for Student Athletes

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Flyers also had two members on the NABC Honors Court, as senior David Bryant (3.52 GPA) and junior Nick Valla (3.31 GPA) each had cumulative GPAs of over 3.2.

The Flyer men's cross country and track and field tandem of Scott Tanis and Andrew McLain were recognized nationally by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Tanis was a Capital One Academic All-America Men's Track & Field/Cross Country Second Team selection with a 3.9 cumulative GPA, while McLain claimed Academic All-America Third Team accolades with a 3.84 cumulative GPA. Both are sports management majors. Former Lewis softball player Jayme Hefler was also selected as an Academic All-America Second Team selection, as she had a 3.72 cumulative GPA in athletic training.

Both the men's and women's swimming teams earned academic honors, as Tyson Polack was recognized as a College Swimming Coaches Association of America Swimming Scholar Honorable Mention All-American – given to those with a 3.5 grade point average at the semester and have achieved a 'B' time standard. On the women's side, sophomore Katie Hallenbeck also was named an Honorable Mention All-American, while the team claimed CSCAA Team Scholar All-America Honors with a cumulative GPA of 3.59.

The women's golf team had three players selected as Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-America Scholars, as Jordan Nichols (3.81 GPA), Vanessa Phillips (3.68 GPA) and Carly Shapiro (3.50 GPA) all had a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above.



Men's Volleyball Wins Second-Straight Regular-Season Title

The men's volleyball team picked up its second-straight Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) regular-season title as the No. 10 Flyers finished the season with a 20-10 record.

Redshirt junior setter BJ Boldog and redshirt sophomore outside hitter Geoff Powell earned All-MIVA First-Team honors while redshirt senior outside hitter Jay Petty and freshman middle hitter Bobby Walsh picked up Second-Team honors.

Powell also earned American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Second-Team and *Volleyball Magazine* All-America First Team honors. Boldog was named to the AVCA and *Volleyball Magazine* All-America Second-Team.

Boldog was equally as prolific in the classroom, as he claimed Capital One Academic All-America Men's At-Large Second Team accolades in June. Baseball Wins GLVC East.



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Award-Filled 2013 Campaign For Women's Tennis Team

For the second-straight season, the Lewis University Women's Tennis Team qualified for the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament, and the Flyers can thank the performances of juniors Zsafia Lanstiak and Zsafia Kranczicki.



Lanstiak and Kranczicki were both named to the 2013 ITA Women's Tennis All-America Team, as they finished the season ranked fifth in the nation in doubles play with a record of 26-2.

Lanstiak (top), Kranczicki

Lanstiak, the 2013 Great Lakes Valley Conference Player

of the Year, was recognized as an All-American in singles action with her record of 27-1, placing her 16th in the country. She was equally as successful in the classroom, earning Capital One Academic All-America honors for the second-straight season.

Head Coach Brett Bridel was named the GLVC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year for the second-straight season.

Student-Athletes Break Delahanty Record For 4th-Straight Year

Lewis student-athletes broke their school-record for the fourth-straight year at the 25th Annual Brother David Delahanty Awards, as 181 individuals were recognized.

The Delahanty Award recognizes student-athletes who maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher as of December 31, 2012. In total, 48.0 percent (181 of 377) of the student-athlete population were in attendance at the awards ceremony, and that group averaged a cumulative GPA of 3.61, an improvement over last year's GPA of 3.59. There has been an increase in award winners in the past nine years.

Softball Returns To NCAA Regional Tournament

After a one-year hiatus, the Lewis Softball team returned to the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament following their runner-up finish in the GLVC Tournament one week prior.

The Flyers (31-18) were led offensively by All-Region performer Jayme Hefler. Hefler, who was named to both the Daktronics, Inc. and NFCA All-Midwest Region First Teams, batted a team-best .388 with 57 hits, 45 runs scored and 26 stolen bases.

One of the biggest highlights for the Flyers in 2013, was defeating No. 1 Indianapolis, not once, but twice during the campaign.



McLain Earns Men's Indoor Track & Field All-America Honors

Lewis University sophomore Andrew McLain earned a personal-record at the perfect time, as the Fort Wayne, Ind., native placed eighth in the 5,000-meter run to earn All-America honors at the

NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Birmingham Cross Plex on March 8.

McLain crossed the finish line in 14:20.82. His previous best was 14:25.65 set in his first-place performance at the GLVC Championships (Feb. 23). He is the first Flyer to earn All-America accolades in track and field since Scott Barnas placed seventh in the indoor shot put in 2010.



Drogemuller Named All-American In 1,650-Yard Freestyle

Senior Brandon Drogemuller captured the third All-America award of his career and a lifetime-best in the 1,650-yard freestyle (15:34.70) with a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving National Championships.

Drogemuller, who also competed in the 500 and 1,000-yard freestyle races at Nationals, competed in the same three events at the NCAA Swimming Championships in 2011 and 2012. He holds two Lewis University pool records – 1,000-yard freestyle (9:30.77) and 1,650-yard freestyle (15:47.46).

Cheerleading Finishes Fourth At 2013 NCA Championships

The Lewis University cheerleading squad finished fourth in the All-Girl Division II competition at the National Cheerleading Association Collegiate (NCA) National Championships on April 12 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Lewis University posted the fourth-best score with 83.55 points while California Baptist University (94.18) won the overall event.

The Flyers competed in their 13th-straight NCA Collegiate National Championships.

Gifts, Grants & Scholarships

Lewis Receives \$1 Million Gift for Scholarship Program

This winter, the Give Something Back Foundation (GSBF) made a \$1 million gift to Lewis University as part of an innovative partnership program which aims to provide full college scholarships to promising, but financially disadvantaged high school students throughout Will County. Through a combination of GSBF and Lewis funds, as well as governmental grants, the program as constituted will enable more than 60 students to attend Lewis University tuition-free who otherwise would likely be unable to afford a college education.

The GSBF was established through the generosity of Robert Carr, a long-time former resident of Lockport, Ill., and currently the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. As a young man, he received a merit scholarship at a critical time in his academic career, which made it possible for him to finish his college education. Carr realizes how his college education helped him advance and prosper in today's society, and feels very strongly about giving the same opportunity to



other young, striving individuals who do not have the financial resources to attend the college or university of their choice. By establishing the GSBF, he wanted to give back to the Lockport area and surrounding community by helping disadvantaged, academically-oriented children who are committed to excellence, complete a college degree.

Carr was presented with an Honorary Doctoral degree by Lewis University at its 2008 Spring Commencement Ceremony in recognition of his highly accomplished business career and exemplary philanthropy. He is a graduate of Lockport Township High School and the University of Illinois where he received a B.S. and M.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science. Carr started his career



(Left to right) Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University; Mr. Robert Carr, Chairman and CEO, Give Something Back; Steve Cardamone '96 '00, Executive Director, GSBF; Robert Tucker, Associate Director, Give Something Back; and Len Bertolini, Vice President for University Advancement.

at Parkland College in Champaign, Ill., at the age of 21. After serving as a professor, president of the College's faculty and director of its computer center, he moved to the Bank of Illinois and started a software and consulting business for small and mid-sized businesses.

In 1997, Carr co-founded Heartland Payment Systems with Heartland Bank. Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. provides bankcard payment processing services to merchants in the United States. This involves facilitating the exchange of information and funds between merchants and cardholders' financial institutions, providing end-to-end electronic payment processing services to merchants, including merchant set-up and training, transaction authorization and electronic draft capture, clearing and settlement, merchant accounting, merchant assistance and support and risk management. It provides additional services to SME merchants, such as full-service payroll processing and related tax filing services, marketing solutions including loyalty and gift cards, and it sells and rents point-of-sale devices.

From its first card transaction processed on July 15, 1997, to the more than 4 billion transactions it handles annually, Heartland has grown to be the 6th largest payments processor in the United States by transaction volume, 8th

largest by transaction dollar value and 9th in the world.

Through an application process this fall, freshman high school students from throughout Will County will be selected for the scholarship program. Those who are chosen will participate in a leadership and mentoring program provided by GSBF throughout their high school years, and will ultimately matriculate in Fall 2017 to one of three institutions partnering in the program; Lewis University, Blackburn College, and the University of St. Francis. Each has received an endowment to help fund the scholarships.

"We are very grateful to Bob Carr and the Give Something Back Foundation for this quite wonderful gift," said Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University. "This scholarship program aligns very well with Lewis' Mission and certainly that of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, who have been committed to providing educational opportunities for the disadvantaged and underserved, tracing all the way back to the 17th century."

More information on this scholarship opportunity may be found by visiting the GSBF's website at www.givesomethingbackfoundation.org.

For more information on scholarships and financial aid at Lewis University, visit www.lewisu.edu.

Schmitt Scholars Recognized by Foundation

The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation welcomed 10 Lewis University students into its Schmitt Scholars Program, which promotes the development of promising student leaders. On April 26, students and their families joined Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, and representatives from the Foundation for a luncheon and presentation. Francisco Gonzalez gave the invocation preceding the luncheon and Danielle Ligocki shared remarks on what the scholarship meant to her.

The 2013 Lewis University Schmitt Scholars are: Kevin Beirne, John Collier Jr., Olivia L. Estrada, Francisco Gonzalez, Sara Harms, Danielle Ligocki, Jessica Ruiz, Angelina Samato, Martha Wilkins and Erica Vuilleumier.

Patricia Shevlin, Executive Director of the Foundation, and Brother James Gaffney, FSC, presented each student with a certificate and a biography of Arthur J. Schmitt. Shevlin shared her admiration of the students' leadership and provided words of inspiration to always strive to do more.

The Foundation has generously funded the Schmitt Scholar Program at Lewis



At the Schmitt Scholars event were: (from left) Danielle Ligocki, Martha Wilkins, Angelina Damato, Olivia L. Estrada, John Collier Jr., Sara Harms, Kevin Beirne, Jessica Ruiz, Francisco Gonzalez, Patricia Shevlin, executive director of the Foundation, and Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Erica Vuilleumier, Peter Wrenn and Bob Dow.

for many years, and has given well over \$1 million to Lewis since the program began in 1984. The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation was founded in 1941 in honor of the industrial executive born in Chicago who dedicated himself to helping

future leaders and innovators. For more information, visit alumni.lewisu.edu/SchmittFoundation.

Lewis Computer Science Department is on CloudOne

What began as a meeting between Paul Young, CAO and Founder of CloudOne, and Lewis University's Dr. Ray Klump to discuss cloud-based education and newly developed classes in Computer Science turned into an extraordinary learning opportunity for students. CloudOne provided the Computer Science department with a gift of private cloud space exclusively for use in Lewis' Computer Science courses, which will give students an edge over the competition in the job market and enhance an already strong and growing program at Lewis University.

"This really is an extraordinary gift," Dr. Klump, Chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, explained. "Being able to teach networking and security classes how to set up and maintain networks and integrate and deploy cloud-based servers



Dr. Ray Klump

alongside local wired and wireless networks in real time as opposed to simply in simulation gives students an edge in starting their careers. Most students have to learn this technical expertise on the job. Thanks to CloudOne's gift, students will go out into the job search with skills that most of their peers won't possess. That

makes them immediately productive to an employer."

CloudOne, a leading cloud-based IBM Software-as-a-Service company, provided the servers, software, and Cloud infrastructure to Lewis University, as well as the same customer service that it extends to all of its customers.

"Everyone at CloudOne believes in supporting education," Young stated. "We have been blessed to have the success that we have had with our organization and we all feel it imperative to pay it forward. This was a true opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students, as well as create a new generation of employable men and women with needed experience and skills right out of the classroom. We are pleased to be a part of this partnership."

For more information, visit alumni.lewisu.edu/CloudOne.

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Computer Science Endowment Creates Tomorrow's Opportunities

Dr. Paul Kaiser, Professor *Emeritus* of Mathematics and Computer Science, his wife Kathy, and their two children Kevin '96 and Carolyn '93 recently committed a generous gift of \$31,000 to establish a Computer Science Endowment. This endowment will provide the department a self-sustaining means beyond its annual operating budget of continual program and technology improvement.

"I've taught at Lewis for 35 years and I came to the University because of the great teachers. It is not the exception to the rule that you find an outstanding teacher at Lewis; it truly is the rule," Dr. Kaiser said. "Computer Science is a constantly growing program, because we all understand how quickly technology changes in today's world. We have tremendous program support from the University, donors, alumni and our faculty and staff."

Paul and his family are strong believers in community action, and have worked personally, professionally and politically to improve educational opportunities for students.

"There's a vicious circle in today's world: people need housing but cannot afford it without a job; they cannot get a job without a good education; and they will struggle obtaining a quality degree if they cannot afford the basics in life. That's why we feel it is important to create these opportunities to improve education. Endowments and scholarships will open new doors for students who may not otherwise have had such a life-changing opportunity," Dr. Kaiser added. "We believed we'd be able to garner support for a Computer Science Endowment, and I think the fact that our own faculty have committed to supporting the fund is proof of the positive direction in which this program is heading."

The endowment fund will aid the department in providing students with the latest technology and training available, making them forerunners in the job market upon graduation.



Bill and Nanci Greene (left), Dr. Paul and Kathleen Kaiser (right).

"My classes in Computer Science helped me prepare for the field I work in today," Kevin said. "I think it is important that schools have the ability to teach with state-of-the-art tools, and I am happy to do my part to support that. Many of my teachers went above and beyond to help their students get as much out of school as possible, and I would like to help the faculty provide the best possible education for students today and in the future."

Other initial key contributors to the endowment include Dr. Ray Klump, Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and his wife, Karen, alumnus and Computer Science Advisory Board member Bill Greene '72, Jay Johnson and Mike Skwarek '96.

Greene said, "My wife and I have been looking for an opportunity to give back to Lewis, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity. This endowment is exceptional in that it will continue to grow and provide funding for the department well down the road. Each gift makes a growing impact and I think with a program as outstanding as this one, the endowment will only gain more support and provide more tools and opportunities for students."

For more information on endowment opportunities, visit alumni.lewisu.edu/Give or contact the Office of University Advancement at (815) 836-5244.

Summer Research Program Receives Generous Support

This summer, seven students and seven faculty members are diving into scientific research during the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE). This is the fourth year of the program which provides a unique collaboration across various scientific disciplines. Dr. Jason Keleher, Assistant Professor in Chemistry, and Dr. William Chura, assistant professor in Biology, work together during the summer to create cross-departmental learning activities. According to Dr. Keleher, the program allows students the opportunity to discover "real world application of problem solving."

Among last year's participants was Samantha Rinehart '13, who called the SURE Program a "fast-forward to what grad school would be like." She presented research on "Ag-coated TiO₂ Nanoparticle Incorporated Hydrogels

for Application in Effective Antimicrobial Wound Management." Other presentations focused on topics that had applications in medical, environmental and technological use.

Faculty members also benefit from learning from one another, as each faculty mentor delivers lectures on various topics that include subjects such as ethics and data analysis.

This year, the Material Service Foundation, located in Westchester, Ill., generously provided Lewis with \$18,000 to assist in funding the SURE Program.

At the conclusion of the SURE Program, students will present their research during a symposium to be held August 8. Learn more about the program at cs.lewisu.edu/sure.

New Scholarships Established for Computer Science Students

On March 14, often referred to as “Pi Day”, Lewis University awarded its first Dana Dominiak Scholarship in Computer Science. The first recipient was William Hoffman, a junior Computer Science major. The \$1,000 scholarship, centered around the Pi theme, requires at least a 3.14 GPA and will be awarded annually on Pi Day. The scholarship is provided by alumna Dr. Dana Dominiak '91, who attended Lewis University on a full scholarship and is a graduate in Computer Science and Art at Lewis University.

In addition, Dr. Ray Klump, Chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, created a scholarship in



Dana Dominiak '91; Dr. Ray Klump, Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science; and William Hoffman, Scholarship Recipient). (Right) Dr. Ray Klump's father, Raymond E. Klump.

honor of his father, Raymond E. Klump. The \$1,000 annual scholarship will be awarded in the fall. Dr. Klump's father wasn't able to attend college and worked diligently to provide a solid education for his children. Now, Dr. Klump wishes to pass on that opportunity to students at Lewis University.

During its 40-year history, the Computer Science program has undergone continuous improvement and refinement to keep pace with changes in technology including the recent opening of four new labs to teach students how to program mobile and embedded devices, and better equip students to work on the front lines of cyber defense. Lewis University offers bachelors' degrees in Computer Science as well as minors in Computer Science and in Cyber Security Science. It also co-manages a Master of Science in Information Security. Students have the opportunity to pursue internships in the field, while being enrolled as students.

For more information on providing scholarship opportunities to Lewis University students, visit alumni.lewisu.edu/Give.



Senior Challenge a Success

Kudos to the Class of 2013 graduates who raised \$10,462.40 as of July 1 with 210 donors. Started in 1994, the Senior Class Gift Campaign renews a senior-driven tradition which encourages each senior to join together with his/her class to give a gift back to Lewis University. "The Senior Class Gift is our chance to celebrate our graduation and leave an enduring legacy at our soon-to-be alma mater. Lewis left its mark on us ... now let's leave our mark on Lewis," said a recent graduate. This year, gifts were made in honor of Brother James' 25th year as President of Lewis University. Pictured are Markeita Shell, Nikita Bactee, Melissa Farmer, Orla Power, Meredith Coffey, Ronald Pollak, Neosha Reese, Ashley Ross, Ramiro Reveles, and Brother James Gaffney, FSC.

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81% Participation from Faculty and Staff

Faculty and staff at Lewis showed their pride in the University with this year's We Believe! Campaign. 515 of the University's approximately 640 full-time employees



financially supported Lewis for a total of \$342,216 in pledges and gifts. The campaign

serves as an opportunity for the Lewis community to further demonstrate their commitment to the Mission and enjoy the satisfaction of making a difference in the lives of our students.

"I give back because I hope my small contribution will allow a student to complete their education," John Kilpatrick, Broadcasting and Electronic Media explained. "I was a lucky one graduating with no loans, but many of our students struggle during and after college. I want to simply help as much as possible."

Donors to the campaign know that one small gift can make a difference.

Barbara Lewis, Secretary for the Department of Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies, said, "I give so someone less fortunate can receive a quality education; and once they graduate and get a job, they can return the favor to someone else."

"The overwhelming success of this year's We Believe! Campaign demonstrates the extraordinary commitment that Lewis' faculty and staff have toward our Mission and students," said Len Bertolini, Vice President for University Advancement. "Our faculty and staff give so much of themselves to our students through their work on a daily basis. For more than 80 percent of our employees to go above and beyond that by generously extending their personal financial support is truly remarkable and speaks volumes about their commitment to Lewis and our students. I believe it confirms that our Mission is not just words on a document, but one that our employees embrace and do our best to live each day."



How Can My Gift To Lewis University Last Forever?

If you would like to create a lasting legacy here at Lewis, an endowment may be the ideal gift for you. Here are some common questions and answers about this type of gift:

What is an endowment?

An endowment is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for a specific program. Gifts to this fund are never spent but are instead invested, with a portion of the earnings used each year for the benefited program. Since the principal is never touched, the fund can last forever and touch many lives as the principal grows over time.

How will my endowment be used?

When you establish an endowment, you select the area you wish to support, such as scholarships, professorships, lectureships or program activities. Alternatively, you may choose to provide the University with unrestricted funds, which means Lewis can direct the annual portion to meet its most pressing needs.

Why is supporting an endowment gift so important?

Universities with larger endowments have a greater chance of attracting top faculty and students with endowed professorship and scholarship offers, as well as a wide variety of innovative teaching and research programs. The exceptional research and scholarly contributions of these talented people will surely expand upon our well-earned reputation for academic excellence.

What is the best way to fund an endowment?

An endowment can be created through an outright gift, through a bequest in a will, through beneficiary designations in retirement plans, financial accounts and insurance policies, or through a life income gift such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.

For more information, please e-mail Robert Kanonik, JD, Director of Planned Giving at kanoniro@lewisu.edu or contact him at (815) 836-5813.

alumni news

Dear Alumni,

When you get your copy of the *The Magazine of Lewis University*, what's the first part you turn to? While I would like to believe it's to my letter, if you immediately look up your year in the Class Notes section you are not

alone. Everybody likes to see what is happening with their classmates, and it makes us all proud to be a part of Lewis when we find out about the amazing things our alumni are accomplishing.

Assembling class notes is a process that relies on you. We want to share your stories and celebrate your success, but you have to tell us what they are. You can submit Class Notes and update

your contact information by either mailing in the cut-out form that you'll find in this magazine, or by emailing us directly at: alumni@lewisu.edu.

Even if you don't have anything you'd like to share at the moment, let

us know your email address by contacting us at

the address above so we can ensure you receive department newsletters and event invitations. There are many opportunities to be connected and email is one of the primary ways which we use to keep you informed. You can like us on Facebook by searching for Lewis Alumni, or join our private LinkedIn group, Lewis University – Students, Alumni, Faculty and Staff.

SHARE YOUR STORY



We would love to hear from you, and keep you connected with your alma mater.

Go Flyers!
Reggie Bustinza
Director, Alumni Relations

STUDIO THEATRE'S INAUGURAL PRODUCTION FEATURES ALUMNI

Lewis University's Heritage Theatre Company (HTC) recently held the first HTC production in the new Studio Theatre entitled "AlumNights: An Evening of Familiar Faces." HTC has been a collaborative company for the alumni and friends of the Philip Lynch Theatre (PLT) for more than 15 years. HTC has been the driving

force behind the incredibly successful Christmas show that will enter its 9th year in December. "AlumNights" was conceived and directed by Chad Tallon '08 of Essex.

The show included scenes and songs from previous PLT productions that span from "West Side Story" in 1982 to "Almost, Maine" in 2012.

AlumNights featured 6 PLT's 'familiar faces' including: Daniel Franke '05 and Monisa Victrum '12 from Joliet, Mary Elizabeth O'Hara '08 from Plainfield, Tim Karkowski '07 from Channahon, and Clare Sampson '12 from Romeoville. Working behind the scenes were Melissa Chicola '13 from Lockport (sound), Amanda Foresta '13 from Steger (box office), Ashley Daun '12 from New Lenox (stage manager), Jackie Sabani '08 from Plainfield and Celeste Mackey from Joliet (costumes), Stephanie Hill '11 from Romeoville (house manager), Christy Jones '06 (public relations) from Homer Glen, Becky Hicks (musical director), Andrew Nelsen '04 (lighting and set designer), and Jo Slowik '88 (props) all from Joliet.



"Wherever we go, 'cause we're Flyers!" parody from *GYPSY*: (center) Keith White '77, (clockwise) Mary Elizabeth O'Hara '08, Timothy S. Karkowski '07, Clare Sampson '12, Chad Tallon '08, Monisa Victrum '12 and Dan Franke '05 '08

KRISTLE LOWELL '12 BRINGS HOME THE GOLD

Lewis University Criminal/Social Justice alumna Kristle Lowell '12, has earned gold, silver and bronze medals in competitions worldwide for her performances on the double mini trampoline. From Team USA to the World Championships, her dedication and skill have earned her the highest recognitions – which also transferred over to her classroom performance.

“I came to Lewis because it was close to my training and my dad, Stephen Lowell '78, graduated from there with a degree in Psychology,” explains Lowell. “My dad had always spoken highly of Lewis and I just knew growing up that I wanted to attend there, too. The campus is gorgeous and the teachers are fantastic. I loved my time there.”

She won her very first USTA National Championship in 1998 on the trampoline. Since her first championship, Lowell has received



Kristle '12 and Stephen Lowell '78

impressive recognition including 51 National Championships all within in the AAU and USTA, 10 titles in synchronized trampoline with various partners, the Joel Ferrell AAU Athlete of the Year Award for 2008, the Athlete Memorial Scholarship Award in 2009, three-time and current USTA National Team Member, the Elite Cup Trampoline National Championship in 2009, 2010, and 2011, which is the highest honor in the USTA and remained undefeated within the USTA and AAU on trampoline.

At her first World Games trial in Texas in 2013, Kristle earned a gold medal. While still at Lewis, she



earned a bronze medal for her 2011 performance for Team USA in England. After

graduation, she was invited to participate in the Loulé World Cup in Portugal and earned two gold medals. She also competed in the Pan American Championships in Mexico, earning a silver medal. Currently, Kristle is a member of Team USA.

“When I was really young, I began with artistic gymnastics and gravitated toward the trampoline. I was pretty good at it, so I continued with it. It is such an amazing feeling now to walk out on the competition floor with the Team USA logo and know that I am representing my country. It reminds me of what is important – following your passions. Always pursue what you’re passionate about.”

Coached by Dr. George Drew, Lowell recently won the only American spot for trampoline at the upcoming World Games.

“My dad had always spoken highly of Lewis and I just knew growing up that I wanted to attend there, too.”

Lowell will be presenting Lewis with one of her retired Team USA leotards. Alumni, share your stories and accomplishments with us at alumni.lewisu.edu/ShareYourStory or at www.facebook.com/lewisualumni.



Some of the earliest female attendees of the Lewis College of Science and Technology included Jane Caldwell Stiker '56 (English), Arlene Olson, and Pat Klug

CAMPUS MEMORIES: WOMEN PAVING THE WAY

After World War II, the Lewis College of Science and Technology began to admit women as students and high school classes were discontinued. The College granted its first baccalaureate degrees in 1952.

Some of the earliest female attendees included Jane Caldwell Stiker '56 (English), Arlene Olson, and Pat Klug, all of whom return to Lewis as often as they can. Living in the barracks still situated on campus during the 1950s, the women adhered to different rules than today's generation of college students.

“Lewis is home. The campus has always felt like home to me. I loved the teachers and the other students.”

Wearing dresses instead of pants to class was required, and a curfew on both weeknights and weekends was enforced.

“Lewis is home. The campus has always felt like home to me. I loved the teachers and the other students,” explains Jane.

As three of the 18 women on campus at the time, Jane, Pat and Arlene all found comfort in having so many big brothers

watching out for them. Arlene fondly recalls cheering on the athletic teams as a cheerleader adorned in heavy, red corduroy pants and a white sweatshirt – when she wasn't attending class or working at her job on the switchboard, where she admits she accidentally disconnected then-President of the University, Admiral Herbert Grassie, many times. Arlene married standout athlete James Olson '56, and went on to raise three children.

“Lewis was a family, and I hope that students will always see it that way,” says Arlene. “We all enjoyed our time here on campus. We still come back and attend events together. While I didn't graduate, we all formed bonds and delight in getting together with our classmates from time to time.”

Pat also attended classes with Jane and Arlene. Pat met her future husband, Gerald Klug '55 (Business Administration), on the first day of school. She recalls how all of the football players stood outside the barracks to meet the girls on campus. Together, the couple had four children. Her daughter, Kathleen

Trojanowski '89, also attended Lewis and graduated with a degree in Accounting.

“All of us ladies were friends,” adds Pat. “There were so few of us and no sororities. We all got to know each other really well and spent a lot of time together studying or attending events on campus.”

Jane married her late husband, Jeff Stiker who became a professor at Lewis for many years. They raised two children in a home on campus. Jane, a long-time artist, has been woven into the Lewis fabric since her time as a student, serving as Dean of Women as well as providing paintings of the University. Jane was also on the cast of the very first play at Lewis, “*Stardust*,” in 1954.

For more information on Jane, Pat, and Arlene and to submit your own memory, visit alumni.lewisu.edu/CampusMemories.



Alumnae and sisters Mary Sue (O'Reilly) Dailey '77 and Nancy (O'Reilly) Gazdziak '78, celebrated their graduations a year apart in the second and third graduating classes for the then-newly established nursing program.

NURSING PROGRAM STILL CHANGING LIVES AFTER 40 YEARS

"As the oldest of eight children, I've always liked the sciences and helping people. Our mother recommended a bachelor's in nursing versus a diploma program, and practically speaking steered us to attend an in-state school to take advantage of the Illinois State Scholarship. There were very few nursing programs at the time in Illinois. Lewis had recently started a program close to where we live and so I applied," explains Mary Sue, whose husband Joe Dailey '77 also graduated from Lewis.

"One thing I remember most about Lewis is the focus on being a change agent," says Nancy. "Our professors wanted us to go out into the community and make a change. I've really kept that with me. We didn't know what it meant when we were 20 years old, but have grown to understand it, and promote healthy

change both for individual patients and within our communities."

"Being a change agent is a powerful aspect," adds Mary Sue. "If we touch one patient, we touch just that patient; if we touch the staff, we touch every patient they work with; and if we touch the entire hospital through our work, it also has a ripple effect. Lewis taught us that the details are really important."

Nancy serves as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the outpatient settings, while Mary Sue works in a hospital setting as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. Both are licensed Advanced Practice Nurses. They each have contributed more than 35 years to their respective specialties.

And what would they share with students who are currently in the nursing program?

"Find a good mentor and make sure they are an expert nurse. Use your resources, whether it is a hospital educator, unit leader, or preceptor. Don't ever stop learning. Treat your patients as you would expect your family to be treated," says Nancy.

"Get a job in healthcare, in a hospital or a nursing home. It will give you skills you'll need when you get out of school. The more experience you can get while you're a student will only benefit you when you've taken the boards and are seeking a job. Don't just do what's required; go the extra mile and that will make a huge difference when you begin your career," adds Mary Sue.

They both tell students to get involved. "Look for opportunities. Everything you do, whether making a visit to a nursing home or volunteering at a marathon or going to an extra lecture, has the potential to open doors. Get to know your professors. School is tiring, but you have to be willing to put the effort in. The job market is very tough right now so the more exposure you can get, especially in leadership roles, will open up opportunities and give another dimension to your education."



Fortune Kennedy

One instructor both sisters remember fondly is Fortune Kennedy (pictured at left), who they remember as very smart and helpful in making the transition from school to clinicals a comfortable one.

For information on supporting the nursing program through a scholarship or endowment, visit alumni.lewisu.edu or contact the Office of University Advancement at (815) 836-5244.

NURSING ALUMNI, join the Nursing Alumni Network. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (815) 836-5472.

CLASS NOTES

1960s



◀ **Anthony M. Lux '69** (*Mathematics, Physics*) recently announced his retirement from Merrillville Community School Corp.

effective June 30. He has been with the Merrillville district for 29 years, 19 as superintendent. Prior to being named Merrillville superintendent in 1994, he served as the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and personnel from 1984 to 1994.

1970s

Kenneth Anderson '73 (*Liberal Arts*) was recently hired as Vice President of Sales for ControlCam in Jacksonville, Fla. During his career Kenneth has been the recipient of numerous sales and marketing awards. He has an extensive track record creating and building technological sales organizations in both the geospatial industry as well as telecommunications. He has spent most of the past decade helping develop a leading provider of oblique aerial imagery services.



◀ **Albert E. Durkin '74** (*Business Administration*), a partner at Miroballi Durkin & Rudin LLC, in Chicago, has been elected to

the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association (*ISBA*). The board directs the operations and activities of the statewide organization.

Durkin, who has over 30 years of experience as a personal injury litigator, has been a member of the *ISBA* since 1977. Currently, he is serving his third elected term on the *ISBA's* Assembly, is co-chair the Standing Committee on Judicial Evaluations, and is a member of the Tort Law Section Council. He is a frequent speaker and contributor to the *Tort Law Section Continuing Legal Education and Tort Trends* publication.

1980s



◀ **Dr. Arvid Johnson '85** (*Physics*) became the ninth president of the University of St. Francis in Joliet after President Michael Vinciguerra retired

at the end of May. He is also currently the Lincoln-Way High School Board President.

John Roberts '85 (*Graduate, Criminal/Social Justice*) was recently appointed Police Chief for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

Thomas Carmody '88 (*Graduate, Business Administration*) was recently appointed as Vice President, Field Credit Manager at MB Financial Bank.

Thomas A. Hernandez '88 (*Journalism*) recently published a book of poetry called, *Abundance – A Collection*. This follows Tom's first book, *Chocolate Cows and Purple Cheese*, and *Other Tales from the Homefront*, published in 2009.

1990s

Bonnie Beardsley '96 (*Graduate, Nursing*) was recently hired as Dean of the Schumacher School of Nursing Program at Northwestern College.

Kevin Kaiser '96 (*Business Administration*) was recently promoted to Senior Vice President at Mesirow Financial. He has been in securities for 18 years and joined Mesirow in 2000. He is on the managed money advisory board and the mutual fund committee and holds the CIMA, AIF and CRPS designations. He is also a member of the Investment Management Consultants Association.

Clayton Kinard '98 (*Elementary Education*) was recently named Director of Communications for the City of Aurora.

2000s

Daniel Goggin '01 (*Graduate, Business Administration*) was recently named Chief Financial Officer of the St. Joseph Health System in Bryan, Texas. He was most recently the regional CFO for Providence Health Care in eastern

Washington. He also has served as CFO for the southwest market of Memorial Hermann in Houston, in addition to various roles for Seton Healthcare Network in Austin.

Andrew Nelsen '04 (*Theater*) received his MFA from the University of Iowa in May, with an emphasis on Scenic and Lighting Design. He returned to the Philip Lynch Theatre this past summer to design the set for "Legally Blonde". He has also designed a variety of sets for the University of Iowa.

William T. Budds '05 (*Criminal/Social Justice*) was appointed as Deputy Chief of Operations for the Downers Grove Police Department. He was hired as a patrol officer in 1988 and since that time, has served in a variety of positions within the department including juvenile officer, patrol sergeant, lieutenant of investigations, FBI terrorism liaison officer, and deputy emergency manager.

Victor Ancich '07 (*Accountancy*) was recently named Manager of the Audit Department for Legacy Professionals, LLP.

Jillian Kelm '07 (*Theater*) was recently appointed as the Assistant Audience Services Manager at Paramount Theater in Aurora, Ill.

Mark J. Ostap '08 (*Graduate, Educational Leadership*) was recently named as Principal for Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein, Ill.

Danielle Ratazak '07 (*Nursing*) was recently hired at Riverside Medical Center, West Campus, in Coal City, Ill.

2010s

Michael McDougall '12 (*Aviation Administration*) was named airport manager for Southland Field Airport in Sulphur, Louisiana this past January.

Chris Selefski '12 (*Theater*) appeared in Naperville's Brightside Theater's production of "Rent" this summer.



◀ **Major Roman Ortega Jr. '13** (*MBA*), was recently appointed Director of Veterans Affairs and Recruitment at Lewis University. In this position

he will be recruiting veterans as well as helping to advise and retain current military students and their dependents.

He most recently served as head of the ROTC programs (Director of Military Science) for Lewis University, Olivet Nazarene University and Wheaton College.

Weddings

Juan Devoto '03 (*Graduate, Business Administration*) was married to Magdalena Lopez Arano on April 12, 2013.



▲ **Janelle Coats '05** (*Theater*) was married on November 3, 2012 to Michael Kolosh at St. Joseph's Church in Joliet, Ill. The wedding reception was held at the Odyssey in Tinley Park, Ill. The wedding party included several Lewis employees and graduates: **Juline (Coats) Schumacher, Jeana (Coats) Bain, Sarah (Kolosh) Wiegman, Jena (Clasen) Yohann, and Jeff Keilman.**



▲ **Lyndsey Keating '10** (*Elementary Education*) was married to **Matt Clark '08** (*Economics*) on November 9, 2012 at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill.

Jennifer Rohde '11 (*Biochemistry*) was married to **Neil Shuey '12** (*Aviation Flight Management*) on August 26, 2012.



▲ **Gina Tediski '12** (*Political Science*) was married to Roman Churnovic on December 31, 2012. They recently built a new home and "have been enjoying every second of married life together."

Engagements

▶ **Krista Rue '07** (*Elementary Education*) is engaged to be married to Timothy Forster on October 4, 2013.



Future Flyers



▲ **Trisha Cahill '07** (*Elementary/Special Education*) and **Kyle Cahill '07** (*Aviation Maintenance Management*) welcomed their second daughter, Sydney Jane Cahill, into the world on September 3, 2012. She was 8 lbs. 1 oz. and 19 3/4 inches long. Trisha is currently working as a special education teacher at Sandridge Elementary School in Lynwood, Ill. and Kyle is working as a 1st year Mechanic for Southwest Airlines at Midway Airport in Chicago.



▲ **Veronica Lange '06** (*Elementary Education*) and **John Lange '03** (*Sports Management*) recently welcomed their son, Johnny Lange, into the world.

Michael Saladino '07 (*Graduate, Public Safety Administration*) and his wife recently welcomed twins into the world.



▲ **Kimberly (Malek) Haiduke '09** (*Elementary Education*) and husband, Rocky, welcomed Annabelle Grace Haiduke into the world on April 12, 2013.

Kayla Smith '12 (*Sport Management*) recently welcomed a baby girl into the world.

For more Class Notes, visit

alumni.lewisu.edu/ClassNotes

In Memoriam

Duane Specht '53
(Aviation Maintenance) January 31, 2013

George Woock '53
(Business Administration) April 1, 2013

James Edwards '56
(Political Science) November 18, 2012

Robert Twohill '59
(Aviation Maintenance Management)
April, 2013

Daniel Duggan '60
(Aviation Maintenance Management)
October 13, 2012

Patrick Carroll '62
(Accountancy) December 15, 2012

Thomas Ryan '66
(Economics) March 4, 2013

Selene Miller '83
(Accountancy) December 27, 2012

Robert Ligon '91
(Marketing) November 16, 2012

Richard Pervan '05
(Psychology) March 18, 2013

Michael Ordonez '09
(Business Administration) April 24, 2013



James M. Sauter '07
(Aviation Administration)
March 31, 2013



(Left to right) Brittany Davis, Br. James Gaffney, FSC, Lewis University President, Brock Massie '14, Valerie Davis-Massie '80, and Dr. Richard Massie '78

Dr. Richard Massie '78 (Education, Athletic Coaching) passed away unexpectedly on September 16, 2012. Dr. Massie recently relocated back to Chicago, from Texas in 2012, reuniting with his wife, Valerie Davis-Massie '80 and his children, a current Lewis University student, Brock Massie and daughter Brittany Davis.

Dr. Massie was a recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award in 2004 for his many contributions to the higher education community. He served as the Vice President for Student and Administrative Services at Shawnee Community College for over a decade. Dr. Massie was employed with the University of Florida, as the Assistant Dean for Student Services and promoted to Program Director for the University's College of Education's Institute of Higher Education. His earlier career, in higher education, began as the Director of Multicultural Services at the University of Texas at Arlington. He previously served as President of the Illinois Community College Chief Student Service Officers, and was a member of several other professional associations including the National Council for Student Development, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals.

Dr. Massie's road to success began at Lewis University, where he achieved his bachelor's degree in Education and Athletic Coaching. He completed his master's degree in Reading from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Florida.



Dedications and Blessings: OREMUS FINE ARTS CENTER: [1] (Standing) Br. Armand Alcazar, FSC, Br. Peter Hannon, FSC '68 (Seated) Br. Joel Dolan, FSC, Br. Phil Johnson, FSC and Br. Paul Joslin, FSC celebrate the rededication and blessing of the Oremus Fine Arts Center on March 13, 2013. **OAK BROOK CAMPUS:** [2] More than 60 joined in the celebration as the new Oak Brook Campus was dedicated and blessed on February 11, 2013. [3] The new location for the Oak Brook regional campus is just the latest in expansions and renovation projects Lewis University has completed in the last 18 months.



Bibbed Babies [1] Kristian O. Akiwowo, daughter of **Christopher Akiwowo '06** and Ashonta Akiwowo. [2] Ezekiel Alexander, son of **Stephany (Gran) Alexander '10** and **Martin Alexander '10**. [3] Patrick Jackson (PJ) Kurtz, son of **Mike Kurtz '01** and **Jackie (Vaughn) Kurtz '01**. [4] Grace Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of **Jacob (Jay) Johnson '98 & '07** and April Johnson. [5] Connor Kokat, son of **Jaclyn (Martino) Kokat '07** and **Chris Kokat '06**. [6] Sarah Mbuthia, daughter of **Margaret Mbuthia '11** and Alex Mbuthia. [7] Abigail Noelle (bibbed) and Drew Satunas, children of **Andy Satunas '01** and **Amanda (Driscoll) Satunas '01**. [8] Isabella Petrovski, daughter of **Lauren (McAleese) Petrovski '03** and Tode Petrovski. [9] Alaina Tabor, daughter of **Alyssa (Hancock) Tabor '07** and Charles Tabor. [10] Ian (bib) and Nate Vallaro, children of **Dan Vallaro '04** and Lindsey Vallaro



Recent Events **PRESIDENT'S JURIED ART COMPETITION:** [1] Alumnus **Cory McDermott '05** participated in the President's 5th Annual Juried Art Competition held in February in the Oremus Fine Arts Center new art gallery. **BEAUX STRATAGEM RECEPTION:** [2] **Suellen** and **Professor Emeritus Donald Cordano** enjoy an evening out at the Philip Lynch Theatre's *Beaux Stratagem* production on April 12, 2013. **PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE:** [3] Lewis University hosted its 18th Annual Philosophy Conference from April 9-12. Lewis alumni were among the speakers. **Michael Paradiso-Michau '99** (right) spoke on "The Ethics of Liberation as First Philosophy" and **Chimaobi Enyia '10** (left) served as the respondent.



Alumni Return... **THEATRE** **John Caponera '79** (seated center) (*Communications/Theater*) returned to campus on April 9, 2013 to speak to students. He is an actor and comedian who has starred on his own network TV show and has a very successful career as a stand-up comic. Read more here: <http://www.alumni.lewisu.edu/johncaponera> [1] Caponera with theatre students. **COMPUTER SCIENCE** [2] Chief Technology Officer **Dave Katauskas '96** of software firm Geneca, a current Computer Science Advisory Board member, arranged a visit to Geneca. Mike Denton, another Lewis alumnus who heads recruitment efforts at Geneca, talked about job search and interview skills.

alumni gatherings



SARASOTA, FLORIDA: Florida alumni gathered at the home of Trustee Edward & Sandy Prodehl in Sarasota on February 22, 2013. [1] (Left to right) **Chuck Novey**, **Greg Raclaw '62**, **Judy Rollins** and **Tom Rollins '65**. [2] (Left to right) **Brother James Gaffney, FSC**, **Vic Splitt '56**, **Greg Raclaw '62**, **Joe Falese '78**, and **Tom Carey**. **CHICAGO NETWORKING:** [3] Alumni gathered at the Palmer House in Chicago on April 16, 2013 for a networking event hosted by alumni (Left to right) **Tim Crawford '89**, **Dan Barry '89**, **Thom Mack '88** and **Tom Chlada '84**. **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** [4] Basketball alumni **Joy (Rauch) Bacino '02**, **Jessica Davis '09**, **Jenna Mooberry '09**, **Kelly Dianis '09**, **Devon Carbaugh '11**, **Kim (Harris) Fudge '04**, **Kady Currin '11**, and **Tracy (Buchholz) Summers '04** came back to campus to watch the women's basketball team on February 16. **TAU KAPPA EPSILON:** [5] More than 25 members of Tau Kappa Epsilon gathered for a reunion during basketball season. **MEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** [6] Alumnus **Kevin Miller '03**, **Mike Iandolo '10**, **Matt Gallik '12**, **Chris Haworth '98**, **Brian Schmidt '11**, **Craig Madson**, **Aaron Flick '11**, **Brett Krapil '06**, **Dave Kelenhofer '09**, **Nathan Klaas '10**, **Craig Boller '09**, **Billy Sahagian '09**, and **Tom Garvey '10** test their skills at a gathering of volleyball alumni on February 15. [7] Director of Athletics **Dr. John Planek**, Trustee **Joel Stava '78**, **Len Bertolini '11**, and **Deb Stava '78** cheered on the Men's Volleyball team as they won against Ohio State University on April 4, 2013.

Alumni Share Experiences with Students

Kevin Swartz '12 (MSIS), a Security Analyst and part of the Mobile Services team at viaForensics, spoke to students as a part of the Information Systems Speaker Series initiative on April 15. **Guy Thier '83** spoke to students about the advantages of a Computer Science degree in becoming an entrepreneur on April 17, 2013. **John Chmela '83** (Computer Science) creator of ZippyQ, the QR code business card, spoke to Lewis University computer science students about his business and the future of mobile technology. **Ben Oberc** returned to campus for a presentation to Marketing students on February 7, 2013. His son Blake currently attends Lewis. Oberc shared with students his motto: success is a journey. Oberc has worked throughout the marketing industry and is currently at Leo Burnett.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013

SIGNUM FIDEI CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

HOMECOMING & FAMILY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

COOKIES WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

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SEPTEMBER 27-29 &
OCTOBER 3-6, 2013

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

NOVEMBER 15-17 &
NOVEMBER 21-24, 2013

HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

DECEMBER 5-7, 2013

MOONLIGHT AND MAGNOLIAS

FEBRUARY 14-16 &
FEBRUARY 20-23, 2014

AVENUE Q: THE MUSICAL

APRIL 4-6 & APRIL 10-13, 2014

See page 15 for more information on
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