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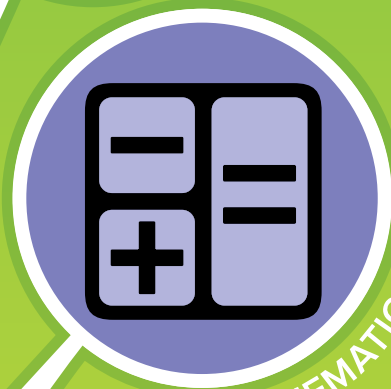
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All good wishes as we delight in the summer that we at times doubted would ever arrive, back in the harshness of a very difficult winter. Summer is always a busy period here at Lewis, as we enroll nearly 2,500 undergraduate and graduate students in summer courses, seminars and travel-study experiences. In addition, we sponsor a dozen or so academic and athletic camps, including in the field of aviation. We also host numerous conferences and professional workshops with attendance ranging from a few dozen to several hundred participants. Each summer we are privileged to host the Joliet Diocesan Youth Leadership Conference for upwards of a thousand young persons. This year, we will also have on campus close to 4,000 Boy Scouts for an aviation educational gathering.

Still further, ten of our top undergraduate students are engaged in an intensive, eight-week program of scientific research, under the tutelage of six dedicated faculty members serving as their mentors and research guides. In addition, 100 college and high school students applied for the 35 openings in our STARTALK foreign language institute, sponsored by the United States State Department. This year, the languages of instruction are Chinese and Russian. At the same time, we are preparing the way for the start-up of our intensive program of English language instruction, initially for a few dozen international students, and eventually for several hundred or more annually.

Meanwhile, we continue to develop and implement relevant and high quality new academic programs. Presently, we are launching a graduate degree program in Data Science and a second in Business Analytics. Computer Engineering is another innovative undertaking that starts this coming fall. We have also begun an undergraduate program in Spanish. Two programs under development and expected to be ready shortly are in aviation, that is,



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an academic undergraduate degree in Unmanned Aircraft Systems and another in Aviation Technology.

New construction and major renovations are progressing well. The splendid, large new addition for our College of Nursing and Health Professions will be ready for occupancy in late July. The newly acquired and remarkably transformed Saint Charles Borromeo Center will become the home of our College of Business and Graduate School of Management at about the same time. Also to be housed there are some lab settings for the Sport and Exercise Science Department, and later the School for Professional and Continuing Education will relocate there. Also being readied is Benilde Hall, which is becoming the home of social and behavioral sciences, including Psychology, Social Work, Political Science and Sociology, as well as for Organizational Leadership and Justice, Law and Public Safety. Other major remodeling and new construction initiatives will follow.

Our enrollment looks to be quite sound and we probably will set yet another record this coming fall. Both the freshman class and the number of transfer students may also

break all past records. This pattern of steady growth and new program introduction is also characteristic of our two sites in Albuquerque, New Mexico. One area of special pride generally is that Lewis enrolls the highest percentage of veterans and active military personnel of any independent university in Illinois. Our Army and Air Force ROTC programs are also quite successful and we are graduating very capable, academically accomplished cadets who are men and women of character. Speaking of good character, we are very proud that our student athletes, who are always impressive in their academic and athletic achievements, this year also received the highly coveted All-GLVC Sportsmanship Award.

Much appreciation to our many generous benefactors, including our proud and accomplished alumni, who now number almost 40,000 and whose giving participation is at an all-time high. Your investment in the Mission of the University and in the outstanding success of our students is deeply appreciated. As I begin my 27th year as President of the University, I marvel at the ongoing transformation occurring here at Lewis as we most certainly enter into a new historic era. We continue to provide an outstanding, values-based education and are steadily becoming a regional university of ever greater distinction. Accordingly, we are grateful to our God and to our many friends who have helped make possible marvelous happenings in the lives of our students, and through them, great new opportunities for society, for their faith communities, and for those most in need of compassionate care and greater justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Br. James Gaffney, FSC". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Brother James Gaffney, FSC
President

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GROWING STEM

at Lewis University



Long before the term “STEM” became popularized by scientists and the media, Lewis began as a “technical” school, offering aviation courses to high school boys in 1932. “STEM” is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and is the topic of discussion from the kindergarten classroom to the White House. Why is STEM so important? With population growth and advances in technology, all industries have become more dependent on technology. **STEM fields like engineering, computer science, chemistry, biology, physics and healthcare, need professionals with knowledge of technology who can develop technical solutions that are critical to our nation and the world.**

In response to this ever-growing need, Lewis University has been developing and expanding our degree programs in the STEM fields. Establishing and strengthening partnerships, delving into research impacting our environment and communities, and expanding programs and facilities - Lewis University’s investment in the STEM fields is timely.

Why STEM?

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has projected a medical professional shortage, and creating qualified individuals to serve in the health professions is a priority of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Additionally, the STEM fields are seen as a vital component of national security.

A report by the National Academies Committee* on Prospering in the Global Economy of the 21st Century stated, "Having reviewed trends in the United States and abroad, the committee is deeply concerned that the scientific and technological building blocks critical to our economic leadership are eroding at a time when many other nations are building strength." Indeed, many of the world's greatest challenges require the STEM fields yet there is evidence that the U.S. is falling behind and efforts must be improved.

Lewis University remains committed to preparing qualified individuals ready to serve in the high-demand STEM fields. This is evident in our dedication to growing STEM programs at the University.

The five-year enrollment in STEM programs at Lewis University has been on an upward trend. This is also correlated with the opening of the Science Center in the spring of 2012. STEM departments had 334 majors in fall of 2009 and 562 majors in fall of 2013, a 59 percent increase.

* National Academy of Science (2010). *Rising Above the Gathering Storm, Revisited: Rapidly Approaching Category 5*. National Academies Press, Washington, D.C.

Partnerships and Programs

Lewis has established and maintained partnerships with regional organizations where our students can gain valuable practical experience to expand their education and career prospects.

Partnerships with medical schools, graduate and professional schools, as well as cooperative agreements and research projects with institutions like Argonne National Laboratory and Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Nanophase Technologies and Sherwin-Williams provide students with opportunities to expand their learning.

And now, students can get an advantage over their peers in seeking STEM careers before beginning college. High school seniors can be assured of consideration for medical school with opportunity for dual acceptance into Lewis University and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine's (LECOM) Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) program. The same opportunity also exists for dentistry and pharmacy – guaranteed admission to the programs through pre-admission and successful participation in LECOM.

The Biology Department has several articulation agreements or pre-professional programs in STEM fields such as dental hygiene, radiation therapy, radiography, and vascular ultrasound technology among others. A degree and certificate program in Biomedical Sciences will begin this fall for people who already hold a bachelor's degree and wish to apply to medical school, but lack the necessary prerequisites.

Lewis University has developed an agreement with the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), for attracting pre-engineering students. Students may receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Lewis University and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (concentrations in either mechanical or aerospace) from IIT in this five-year program.

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(Left to right) Lewis University student Samantha Rinehart, Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost, Congressman Bill Foster (IL-11) and Dr. Jason Keleher, Chair and Assistant Professor of Chemistry discuss STEM research during the 2014 Posters on the Hill event in Washington, DC. Rinehart was the only student chosen from Illinois to participate.

Rinehart Honored with Research on Display in Nation's Capitol

Samantha Rinehart presented her team's research in a poster presentation for the 18th Annual Posters on the Hill event on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Only 60 students in the country were selected to present posters at the event.

The Council on Undergraduate Research hosts the annual undergraduate poster session on Capitol Hill for members of Congress. The research team of Rinehart, senior Biology and Chemistry major; Jeromy Rech, sophomore Chemical Physics major; and Dr. Jason Keleher, Chair and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, co-authored the paper that supports the poster.

The poster "Photo-active Biomimetic Nanocomposite Films for Next Generation Water Purification Applications," investigates films that will use only solar energy to remove pollutants from drinking water. The filters are made from non-toxic compounds that mimic biological structures and degrade contaminants in drinking water into environmentally friendly byproducts.

"Dr. Keleher proposed this project to me not only because it incorporates my interests of organic chemistry and material science, but this project addresses the growing necessity for clean water in developing nations. Without clean water, the quality of life in populations is greatly reduced. Our project investigates a water purification system that doesn't produce harmful byproducts or require electrical energy," Rinehart explained. She is a 2013 Lincoln Academy Student Laureate, honored by the State of Illinois for excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

Rinehart and Keleher were among the student and faculty mentor participants invited to a Young Professional Panel with members of the White House Office of Science and Technology in the White House executive offices. Lewis University Provost Dr. Stephany Schlachter also was in Washington to represent Lewis University where she met with various advocates of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiatives. ♣



Additionally, this fall an undergraduate degree will be offered in Computer Engineering by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The same department will begin a Master of Science in Data Science to meet the growing demand for data analytics. Also, the College of Business will offer a Master of Science in Business Analytics.

Interdisciplinary Partnerships

Lewis STEM-related disciplines partner together in the classroom. The College of Nursing and Health Professions (CONHP) has a relationship with the Aviation Department as some of the safety processes used in healthcare have come out of the aviation profession. These so-called “human factors,” or human error, impact both safety in the cockpit and the clinic. CONHP also partners with other sciences. For example, the pathophysiology class content in Biology complements what nursing students are learning in their labs, and math calculations are critical to medical dosing to ensure patient safety.

CONHP enrolled its first Doctor of Nursing Practice cohort in fall 2013. The DNP is Lewis University’s second doctoral program (the Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Ed.D. program in the College of Education began in 2009). This 100 percent online program prepares practicing nurses to be leaders in the healthcare arena.

Research

Student-led research is conducted year-round at Lewis, including the popular Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) taking place on campus this summer. During the spring semester, several students presented and won awards for their research in STEM-related areas such as:

- Student Samantha Rinehart recently presented her research with Dr. Keleher and classmate Jeromy Rech to legislators during the Center for Undergraduate Research Posters on the Hill event. (p.3)
- Chemical Physics student Julianne Truffa recently won the Frances Krausz Seabright Award for best presentation at the Iota Sigma Pi Chicago Chapter

Annual Undergraduate Symposium hosted by the Chemistry and Physics Department at Lewis University. (p.5)

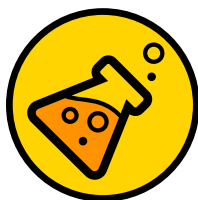
- Student-research, “Flight Deck Laser Illumination: A Study of the Hazardous Effects” won first place in the Graduate Student Poster Session category at the University Aviation Association Fall Education Conference recently held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (p.5)

Interdisciplinary collaboration among STEM fields provides exceptional opportunities for Lewis University students. In fact, Lewis University has a research center devoted to such collaboration. The Colonel Stephen S. and Lyla Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research supports interdisciplinary collaboration on STEM-related research initiatives such as a partnership between Chemistry, Physics and Aviation - on reducing the hazardous effects of flight deck laser illumination and testing nanoparticle coatings for airplane windshields.

Expanding to Meet the Need

In recent years, Lewis University has invested in a new Science Center, computer labs, nursing simulation labs and more.

The new Science Center houses academic departments of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics.



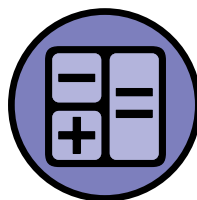
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It is no secret that there is a critical demand for healthcare professionals. The College of Nursing and Health Professions has been expanding its programs and square footage to address the nursing shortage as well.

In addition to the original South Hall expansion in 2010, a new wing for the CONHP is nearly complete and is scheduled to open for the fall 2014 semester. This expansion will provide three more simulation labs for undergraduate and graduate nursing students, resulting in a total of six simulation labs on the main campus.

There is also a simulation lab at the Oak Brook Campus, which is used primarily by graduate nursing students who are becoming nurse practitioners. These simulation labs mimic a hospital setting, so that students can learn in a risk-free setting. The Oak Brook site also has numerous “outpatient” exam rooms, so the students can practice in a setting like a doctor’s office. As a result, students are becoming skilled in the latest technology and clinical practices, and ready to face the challenges of the healthcare environment immediately after graduation.

With dedicated and experienced faculty, vital programs and state-of-the-art facilities, Lewis University is doing its part to develop STEM professionals to meet the growing demand. Read more about the many student projects and accomplishments in the following pages. 🍀

Chemical Physics Student Wins Award at Undergraduate Symposium

Julianne Truffa recently won the Frances Krausz Seabright Award for best presentation at the Iota Sigma Pi Chicago Chapter Annual Undergraduate Symposium hosted by the Chemistry and Physics Departments at Lewis University.

Truffa won the award for her presentation on “Biomimetic Polyaniline Nanofilms for Conducting Film Applications.”

The award is in honor of Frances Seabright, who was one of the first members initiated into Aurum Iodide, the Chicago Chapter of ISP, and was active in women’s groups across Chicago.

At the symposium, female undergraduate chemistry students from several Chicago area universities present their research and exchange ideas. This year’s symposium included students from Aurora University, Benedictine University, Elmhurst College, Northeastern Illinois University and Saint Xavier University. As the featured keynote speaker, Dr. Laure Dussubieux from the Elemental Analysis Facility at the Field Museum presented “Where Chemistry Meets Anthropology.”

Other Lewis University students who also presented included: Samantha Brain, Kathleen Hallenbeck, Caitlin Higgins, Lisa Janes, Amy Mlynarski, Andrea Portillo, Samantha Rinehart, Kelsey Schmitt and Danielle Volk. Sarah Parker was a co-author of a poster with Lisa Janes, but was unable to attend the event.

Dr. Jason Keleher, Chair and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, mentored all of the research projects that were presented by Lewis University students. 🍀



Students who presented at the Iota Sigma Pi Chicago Chapter Annual Undergraduate Symposium

Aviation Graduate Symposium Held on Campus

The fourth annual Aviation Graduate Research Symposium was recently hosted by Lewis University. Graduate students from Purdue University and St. Louis University came to present scholarly work along with the Lewis University graduate students. A panel of industry experts was invited to review the students’ work. Topics of the presentations focused on safety, as well as technology. The event was co-sponsored by the Colonel Stephen S. and Lyla Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research at Lewis.

Lewis University students and their research presentations included: Patrick McCarthy, “A Safety Analysis of Maintenance Repair and Overhaul Facilities,” Esho Orah, “Application of Marketing Techniques for Sales of Very Light Jets,” Jacob Luedtke, Hubert Bilan and Zachary Widell, “The Development of Laser Attenuating Films for Use in Aviation,” and Joseph Burlas, Steven Emmert and Matthew Moy, “Flight Deck Laser Attacks: A Study to Mitigate Crew Exposure.”

A judging panel scored each presentation and abstract. Scoring reflected presentation quality, methodology of the study, and research relevance within the aviation industry. Judges included Scott Campbell, CFO of Chicago Executive Airport; Capt. Nick Caulfield, Assistant Chief Pilot of Southwest Airlines; Dr. Marvin Jackson, DOT/FAA Great Lakes Region/Office of Aerospace Medicine; Candice Smith, The Boeing Company; Capt. Dolores Pavletic, Fleet Manager of FedEx and member of the Lewis Board of Trustees; and Joseph Kason, OPS supervisor of the Chicago Department of Aviation. 🍀



(Left to right) Lewis University student Cody Marks is congratulated on the James Rardon Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Student of the Year Award by Robert Jones, Assistant Professor of Aviation.

Cody Marks Awarded AMT Student of the Year

Cody Marks received the James Rardon Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Student of the Year Award from the Aviation Technician Education Council. The award recognizes the outstanding achievement of an Aviation Maintenance Technician student who has demonstrated excellence academically as well as through involvement that makes a direct impact on the student's associates, school and community.

"I was nominated by the Aviation Maintenance faculty as the most deserving student to compete for the award among my peers. My teachers supported me throughout the process and helped to write my application to compete nationwide," Marks said.

Marks has competed for the Lewis University Flight Team for three years, and has been a leader for the American Association of Airport Executives group. Outside of aviation, he has been a part of the President's Student Advisory Council (PSAC) since 2011.

Aspiring to become both a professional pilot as well as an aviation maintenance technician in the field of agricultural aviation, Marks recognizes that he wouldn't have been able to achieve this award without the Lewis University faculty who has worked with him along the way. "They have all gone beyond simply teaching the technical knowledge necessary to be successful in the aviation industry. Many have helped to shape the goals I have for the future, as well as demonstrated to me that I can also be successful like they are," Marks said.

Theatre Students Spend Spring Break Studying in NYC

Twelve Lewis University students spent their spring break in New York City as part of the NYC Theatre 2014 Travel Study Program. The study trip provided students with an opportunity to learn more about the qualities of a professional theatre production and the benefits and concerns of living and working in New York City.

"The chance to see four extraordinary productions in a short period of time was an exceptional benefit to our students," Keith White, Professor and Chair of Theatre, said. White and Harold McCay, Professor and Theatre Technical Director, led the trip.

Experiencing what is considered the most professional current theatre productions in one of the country's most vibrant cities and the center of theatre life in the United States, students attended a theatre production each night of the trip. The four productions included "Aladdin," "Kinky Boots," "Outside Mullingar" and "Pippin." Students also enjoyed guided tours of the 9/11 Tribute Center & Memorial and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Students who attended this year's NYC Theatre Travel Study Program trip included Samantha Agins, Olivia Colanto, Allie Dimielle, Laura Fox, Emma McGee, Marcus Newell, Kawaan Panama, Katelynn Papineau, Michael Progress, Briana Reidy, Rachel Tau and Erika Young.

The travel study program develops skills in writing, communication, information literacy and critical thinking. The students enhanced their skills through writing four production analysis papers and discussions about each production. They also connected with Lewis University alumni currently working in the field.

Online Student Newspaper Wins Award

LewisFlyer.com earned an honorable mention from Student Society for News Design in the 2014 Overall News Website category. The 26th annual College News Design contest was hosted at the Missouri School of Journalism. *LewisFlyer.com* is the online student newspaper for Lewis University.

LewisFlyer.com recently won first place in the "Best in Show" contest at the 23rd Annual Associated Collegiate Press Best of the Midwest College Journalism Convention held in Minneapolis.

The spring online staff members included David Hansen, online editor-in-chief; Andrea Earnest, assistant online editor; Adam Smetana, online community manager; Will Hoffman, special projects editor; and Tyler Jankowski, photo editor.



Computer Science Presents Research on Cyber Security

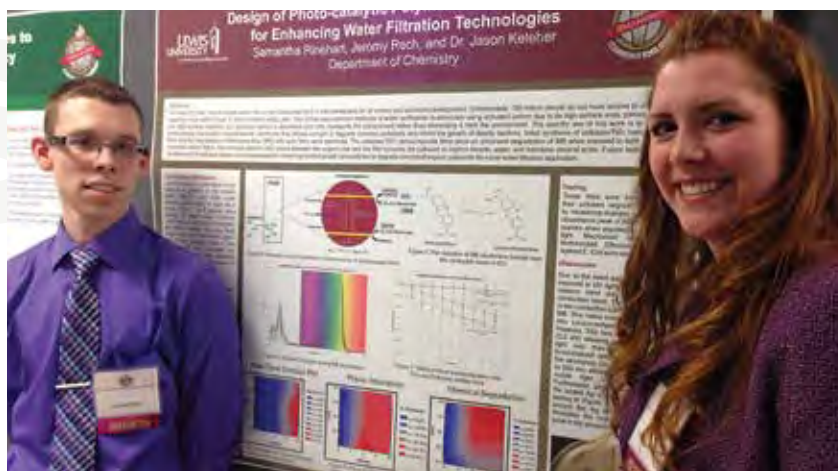
Ian Ziarko presented his undergraduate research work entitled “Secure Exchange of Intrusion Detection Data among Coordinating Groups” at the 2014 Meeting of the Council of Undergraduate Research (CUR) held at the University of Kentucky.

Ian Ziarko of Mokena presented his undergraduate research work at the 2014 CUR Meeting.

The meeting is the premier event on CUR’s calendar, celebrating undergraduate research from all major fields. Generating a lot of interest, Ziarko presented his work during a concurrent session to an audience of academicians, professionals and students.

Dr. Ray Klump, Professor and Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science said, “It is quite an honor to be chosen to present at CUR. This speaks to the quality of Ian’s accomplishment.”

Ziarko’s research, which he performed under the guidance of Dr. Klump, focuses on how to make electric utilities nationwide aware of an impending cyber attack. His work proposes a mechanism based on the so-called “Federated Model” developed at Argonne National Laboratory to keep the network of national laboratories apprised of impending and successful attacks. Not only did Ziarko describe the idea in his presentation, but he also simulated it in software, demonstrating that it could greatly improve the grid’s ability to deal with a coordinated cyber attack.



Jeromy Rech and Samantha Rinehart present “Photocatalytic Biomimetic Filters for Non-Energy Required Water Purification with Additive Antimicrobial Properties.”

ACCA Symposium Highlights Student Work

Lewis University students from Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics, and Psychology presented work at the 47th annual Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area 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 provides an opportunity for students to speak to an interested audience on a meaningful academic topic. It is an educational experience that helps students organize their thinking and address groups of people. Students are given the opportunity to verbally share the excitement of their intellectual labors and discoveries in a formal, 15-minute presentation and receive feedback and ideas from the audience.

The following Chemistry students presented with Dr. Jason Keleher, Chair and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, as their faculty adviser: Julianne Truffa, Logan Johnson, Lisa Janes, Sarah Parker, Kelsey Schmitt, Kathleen Hallenbeck, Samantha Brain, Caitlin Higgins, Nathan Hoffman, Amy Mlynarski, Kevin Kuchler, Andrea Portillo, Danielle Volk, Samantha Rinehart, Jeromy Rech and Hubert Bilan.

Five Computer Science students presented with Joseph Ninh Van Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, as their faculty adviser: Vanessa Basick, Jessica Dreher, Jose Marquez, Mark Braasch and Jesus Guzman.

Physics majors Alec Pickett, Alessandro Mazza and Jordan Kaiser presented with Dr. Ely Leon, Assistant Professor of Physics, as their faculty adviser.

Psychology majors Jessica McKenzie and Elizabeth Michener presented. Dr. Valerie Hill, Associate Professor of Psychology, served as McKenzie’s faculty adviser and Dr. Chwan-Shyang Jih, Professor of Psychology, served as Michener’s faculty adviser.

Students Present Invasive Aquatic Research at Illinois State Academy of Science

Erin Cox and Kaitlyn Curtis presented their poster titled, “Changing Patterns in Attachment as *Dreissena* Populations Mix” at the 106th Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Academy of Science held this spring at Governors State University.

The students were studying the attachment of the two invasive species, which physically and chemically alter submerged surfaces in North American fresh waters. They used slides placed in the Milwaukee Harbor of Lake Michigan to collect samples over a four-week period and then compared how many attached larvae of *Dreissena polymorpha* (zebra mussel) and *Dreissena bugensis* (quagga mussel) were present among the different treatments.

Previous research demonstrated that surfaces covered with biofilms had a greater number of zebra mussel postveliger larvae than initially clean surfaces. However, with quagga mussels among the *Dreissena* populations, the trend is no longer present.

“This research provides greater insight on the environmental cues these organisms use to decide where to attach,” said Dr. Jerry Kavouras, Chair and Associate Professor of Biology at Lewis University. He served as a faculty mentor for the project.



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Celebration of Scholarship

Nearly 300 Lewis University undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty showcased their scholarly and artistic work April 10 during the 3rd Annual Celebration of Scholarship. Entries were accepted from submitted abstracts through a blind-review process. Expert and lay judges evaluated the poster presentations that reflected the best of undergraduate and graduate scholarship for 2013-2014.

Several awards were given to poster presentations. Dr. Jason Keleher, Chair and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, mentored all the undergraduate poster winners. First place honors went to the poster “Probing Surface Interactions of Copper Substrates with Respect to Activation Energy and Electrochemistry Properties” by Meghan Nichol. “The Effectiveness of the Luminol Presumptive Test for Blood Under Arson-Like Conditions,” by Samantha Brain, Nathan Hoffman and Caitlin Higgins earned second place. Third place honors were bestowed upon “Photocatalytic Nanocomposites for Alternative Clean Fuel Production” by Danielle Volk, Andrea Portillo and Kevin Kuchler.

Graduate posters earning honors included first place “Protecting the Company’s Data in this BYOD Era” by Magnolia McShane. She was mentored by Joseph Tomsic, Instructor of Management Information Systems. “Differences in Deaf Education” by Brian Dunne earned second place honors. Dunne was mentored by Richard Clish, Assistant Professor of Secondary Education. Third place honors were earned by the team of Christopher Hueg, Saule Grybauskas and Caitlin Slattery. Dr. Christopher Palmi, Assistant Professor of Secondary Education, mentored them in creating the poster “Inclusive Literature and Reading Interest in a Diverse Classroom.”

Before the presentations, Dr. Arnulfo Azcarraga, internationally recognized scholar and Professor of Computer Science at De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines, offered the keynote address “Lasallians Connecting Seas: Scholarship, Ethics, and Collaboration.”

Andy Shaw Shines a Light on Government During Jane Addams Forum Lecture

“We’re watching. We’re shining a light on government and holding government officials accountable because better government is our right and their responsibility,” explained Andy Shaw, President and CEO of the Better Government Association, on April 3 during Lewis University’s Jane Addams Forum Lecture. The former television reporter added, “These are our tax dollars, not theirs and they need to be spent honestly, efficiently, accountably, and transparently.”

Shaw shared statistics of civic engagement, the importance of exercising our right to vote and the work of the Better Government Association. He said, “We are investigating, we’re litigating, we’re educating and we’re advocating for the better government that we deserve.”

Andy Shaw’s animated and informative discussion urged the audience to take part in the civic process, to pay attention to how their tax dollars are being spent and to reach out to him personally or to the Better Government Association if they feel something is not right in their communities. The crowd of students, faculty and staff, and Roger Claar, Mayor of Bolingbrook were welcomed by Dr. Jerome Blakemore, Chair of the Department of Social Work and by Dr. Stephany Schlachter, University Provost. Dr. Laurette Liesen, Chair of the Department of Political Science, introduced Shaw.

Graduate Education Practice Leaders’ Network Meeting Held for Nursing Leaders

The College of Nursing and Health Professions (CONHP) held a meeting of nursing leaders on May 16, in the D’Arcy Great Room. The meeting was designed to begin the dialogue of developing a common vision between education and practice of the knowledge, skills and competencies that will be needed by nurse leaders in the future. Evaluations of the program were excellent and many said it should be held at least twice per year.

More than 20 nurse leaders from multiple hospital and healthcare settings attended. Nurses in attendance included senior nursing administrators in positions such as Director of Cancer Care Center, Director of Nursing Professional Practice, Director of Clinical Care, and Vice President of Compliance and Quality from such organizations as Rush Copley, Advocate Healthcare, Cadence, Edward and Ingalls systems.



Andy Shaw, President and CEO of the Better Government Association, spoke April 3 during Lewis University's Jane Addams Forum Lecture.

Shaw is an award-winning Chicago journalist who spent 37 years covering local, state and national politics, business, education, and day-to-day news at the City News Bureau of Chicago, *Chicago Sun-Times*, NBC 5 and ABC 7. In 2009, Shaw transitioned from 26 years as ABC 7's political reporter to executive director of BGA. He was named president and CEO in 2011.

The lecture, founded in 1993, is named after the founder of the world famous Hull House, a community settlement house on Chicago's near West Side that helped new and poor immigrants adjust to life in the United States. She actively supported the campaign for women's suffrage and the founding of the American Civil Liberties Union. Addams was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931 for her international efforts for world peace. The annual lecture is also a memorial tribute to Brother Lawrence Porretta, FSC, the long-time chair of the Lewis University Social Work Department who founded and moderated the Student Social Workers Association at Lewis University.



Joe Falese '78, '84 swears in Mike Kelly as Police Sergeant.

LUPD Appoints New Sergeant

The Lewis University Police Department (LUPD) has selected its first Police Sergeant. Police Officer Mike Kelly will be promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant, joining the LUPD leadership team as a patrol supervisor. Officer Kelly was the Director of Campus Safety at North Central College for 11 years before joining LUPD in 2012. He has been a police officer since 2006, working part-time as a patrol sergeant with the Naperville Park District Police Department. Mike is an accomplished police "Use of Force Trainer," who is certified to instruct police officers on defensive tactics, OC aerosol projectors (pepper spray) and expandable baton.

Following his formal promotion to Sergeant, Mike will be assigned to provide after-hours supervision to LUPD staff working afternoon and midnight shift (2pm-6am) as well as collaborating with the Chief and Deputy Chief on various special projects. Mike attended an 80 hour "Supervision of Police Personnel" training program presented by Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety this June in preparation for his new role.

St. Charles Borromeo Re-designed for Business and Adult Students

With the successful purchase of St. Charles Borromeo from the Diocese of Joliet, Lewis' Facilities Department has been working diligently to prepare the space for the College of Business and the School for Professional and Continuing Education. Classes in the new space will begin in August for the fall 2014 semester. Some of the new space includes: 9 new classrooms, 2-tiered auditorium rooms, 2 meeting rooms, 4 computer labs, 2 student lounge/study

areas, the Lowell Stahl Center for Entrepreneurship & Real Estate, new restrooms, and a new wheelchair lift.

The gym will be temporarily utilized during the fall 2014 term for the Sport & Exercise Science program. Sport & Exercise Science is in need of additional space due to continued enrollment growth; therefore, 4 new lab spaces will be created within the St. Charles Borromeo gym for that program.



New open meeting space as well as classrooms have been added to the newly renovated St. Charles Borromeo Center.



Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, president of Moraine Valley Community College, and Brother James Gaffney, FSC, president of Lewis University, sign partnership agreements that will create pathways for students to earn not only an associate degree from Moraine Valley but also a bachelor degree from Lewis University in Criminal/Social Justice and Nursing. A video about the agreement is available at: http://youtu.be/JzH6K3E4_EA

Moraine Valley Community College Enters Partnership with C/SJ Program

Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC) and Lewis University have signed an agreement that provides an affordable pathway for students to complete both the associate and bachelor of arts degrees in Criminal/Social Justice. The AA to BA Partnership Program will offer classes at Moraine Valley's Palos Hills campus and Lewis University's Hickory Hills campus.

Full-time students enrolled in this program will receive a special partnership scholarship during their studies at Lewis University. Additionally, students enrolled in this program will pay Moraine Valley tuition rates for the first 80 credit hours and complete the last 48 credit hours at a reduced tuition rate, resulting in significant savings while earning a Criminal/Social Justice bachelor's degree.

During the first part of the 128 credit-hour program, students will complete 80 credit-hours of Moraine Valley courses. They will earn the Criminal Justice Associate of Arts degree at MVCC. Students then will complete 48 credit-hours of Lewis University course work, taught by Lewis University faculty at Hickory Hills Campus, 9634 S. Roberts Road.

Lewis University has a national reputation for its bachelor's and master's programs in Criminal/Social Justice (C/SJ) and Public Safety Administration. The Lewis undergraduate program in C/SJ is the second largest in Illinois.

For more information, contact Michelle Mega, C/SJ Director of Recruitment and External Relations, at megami@lewisu.edu or by phone at (815) 836-5342.

An important component of a Lewis education is that our graduates learn to give back to their communities in meaningful ways. Here are a few examples of that outreach to others.

Gonzales Receives the 2013 Presidential Volunteer Service Award

Lewis University student Adrienne Gonzales received the 2013 Presidential Volunteer Service Award for her volunteer contributions during her history internship last year at Naper Settlement in Naperville. She earned the Bronze Level designation for her 150 hours of volunteerism.

The President's Volunteer Service Award program was granted by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, which recognizes volunteer contributions to communities and promotes more service. The award applauds and honors Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

As a history intern over the spring and summer in 2013, Gonzales gave tours for school and summer camp groups, as well as senior citizens and young families, explaining the history that is recorded within the outdoor museum that is Naper Settlement.

"I greatly enjoyed my time interning at Naper Settlement as I developed more confidence in my public speaking skills, adapted lessons and learned to think on my feet," said Gonzales. "All of these skills will help me succeed as a teacher in the classroom. Naper Settlement has helped me grow as an educator."



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Lewis University students assist at the Eco-Justice Center in Racine, Wis. The group worked on a self-sustaining farm while learning about caring for the Earth and justice for creation.

Spring Break Trip Sheds Light on Helping Others

Lewis University students recently completed their annual Lewis University Ministry Alternative Trip Experiences (LUMINATE) Spring Break service trips. This year, 35 students participated in five different service projects, in locations from Milwaukee to Missouri. LUMINATE provides students weekend or week-long service experiences during Fall Break, Spring Break and May.

Cassie Anciulis and Erin Richards led the trip to assist in construction of a Habitat for Humanity home and deck in Cookeville, Tenn. Trevor DeCook, Ricky Fontan, Megan Hernandez, Bridget Kay, Steve Molenstra and Kaitlyn Sendzik participated in the trip.

Yolanda Franco and Nikki Rodighiero led the group helping to renovate a house for the North Grand Neighborhood Services in St. Louis, Mo. They also served at The Bridge soup kitchen. Jeff Brick, Sam Linehan, Jessica Jordan and Jamie Palamkunnel participated in the trip.

Sean Cleary and Toni Focosi led the group that assisted at-risk boys on the Lives Under Construction ranch in Lampe, Mo. The group completed farm chores and major facility repairs. "The boys' stories touched our hearts and we greatly enjoyed working with them on the farm," Focosi commented. Lexi Austring, Brittany Gorski, Kimberly Nakutis, Nate Robenhymer, Alex Stewart, Stephanie Vargas and Kylie Walsh participated in the trip.

Sara Harms led a group to serve adults with disabilities at L'Arche in Clinton, Iowa. James Fields, Michael Jaeger, Megan MacDougall and Katie Picman helped with Spring cleaning and participated in evening activities.

Abby Michels led a group to Milwaukee to interact with several ministries. Marvin Gomez, Michael Harris, Alex Heaney, Jessica Kaluzny, Lizzie Lorang and Penelope Strid shared meals with the hungry and homeless at St. Benedict the Moor Parish. They also assisted with Growing Power, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, House of Peace food pantry and donation center, the Urban Ecology Center and the Hunger Task Force.



Computer Science students Jose Marquez and Andrew Camphouse used Lego Mindstorms to teach students at Lukancic Middle School in Romeoville.

Computer Science Majors Teach Robotics at Middle School

Lukancic Middle School students in Romeoville learned about robotics in six innovative sessions using Lego Mindstorms from Lewis University Computer Science students Andrew Camphouse and Jose Marquez.

Camphouse and Marquez helped the middle school students develop their skills from beginning robot design and basic programming to an advanced level where they can build sumo-style robots that try to push each other out of a combat ring.

"Jose has led the overall design of the course, plotting out a path for elevating the student's skills from the basics of robotics and programming to more advanced and impressive construction and programming techniques. Andrew has done a good job lending his own programming insights and prior experience building Mindstorms robots," said Dr. Ray Klump, Professor and Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science. "Thanks to Jose and Andrew's great work, Lukancic students received an awesome opportunity to enter the field of Computer Science in a compelling and empowering way."

The technology sessions were made possible by a program sponsored by Three Rivers Education Partnership (TREP). TREP, which is supported by manufacturing interests in Will and Grundy counties, aims to improve the preparedness of area students in mathematics, science, and engineering so that they can support the current and future work of local industries.



Students remove invasive species on the Burnham Centennial Nature Trail on the Main Campus in Romeoville.

Sustainability

Lewis University Marks Earth Week April 22-25

Lewis University united its Earth Day and Arbor Day events to form Earth Week. The weeklong celebration began with Earth Day, April 22, and concluded on Arbor Day, April 25.

The Sustainability Council kicked off the week in Charlie's Place, promoting the week's events, sharing recycling tips and distributing prizes. Later that day, a clean-up of the Burnham Centennial Nature Trail took place to remove invasive plant species.

During the week, the council hosted a Zero-Waste Sustainability Picnic. Displays showed the many different sustainability organizations on campus. A documentary film "Growing Cities," was shown followed by a Skype chat with the film's producer and director. Steve Tiwald, founder and Executive Director of Green Earth Institute, and Dwight DeVries, Lewis University Superintendent of Grounds, joined the discussion as well. The film was an official selection in the 2014 Princeton Environmental Film Festival and the Wild & Scenic Film Festival.

Earth Week concluded with the annual planting of native species in honor of Arbor Day on the Burnham Centennial Nature Trail.

Sustainability as Opportunity

The 5th Annual "Come Clean, Go Green" student awards were announced on March 31 in the University Dining Room following a keynote presentation by Lewis University alumnus, Robert Langert '78, Vice President for Sustainability at McDonald's Corporation. The topic of his keynote presentation was "Sustainability as Opportunity: From Doing Good to Driving the Bottom Line."

Zach Sherman won 1st Place for his proposal to install solar panels in a facilities shed to charge batteries for facilities tools and equipment. William Hoffman and the *Online Lewis Flyer* took 2nd Place for their creation of an online app for students to compare gas mileage. The 3rd Place prize went to Jose Marquez who did a cost/benefit analysis of using tablets instead of desktop computers in the computer labs. Eight proposals were submitted and reviewed by Donald Castello (Facilities), Dr. Jennifer Consilio (English), Brother Thomas Dupré, FSC (Mathematics), Dr. Jerry Kavouras (Biology), Dr. Lauren Rentfro (Education), and Ken Osmun (Wight & Co.).

Mr. Langert has been engaged in social responsibility issues since the late 1980s. In his current role, he contributes to a wide range of areas including McDonald's commitment to the environment, Balanced Active Lifestyles, supply chain sustainability, and more. As one of the largest food companies in the world, McDonald's spends \$30 billion annually on food and paper products. Because of their vast outreach around the world, McDonald's has made a commitment to their communities to work with their suppliers for the welfare of animals and the environment.



Robert Langert '78, Vice President for Sustainability at McDonald's Corporation, presents a keynote presentation, "Sustainability as Opportunity: From Doing Good to Driving the Bottom Line."

Mr. Langert said that there needs to be a balance of consideration of the ethical issues of treating animals humanely, as well as the effect on the business operations. Currently McDonald's serves a sustainable fish sandwich and coffee that is certified by the rain forest industry. They are in conversations with the beef and pork industries to develop standards and definitions of sustainable meat, with a goal of purchasing that by 2016. They also worked with other companies doing business in the Amazon to stop over-farming there.

The "Come Clean, Go Green" contest is sponsored by the Sustainability Council. The mission of the Sustainability Council is to develop policies and strategies that reflect Lewis University's commitment to sustainable practices, which meet our current needs without compromising resources for future generations. The Council promotes responsible environmental stewardship to accomplish its mission, which calls for personal responsibility in the care of the planet.



Color-themed waste stations are in Charlie's Place—a blue bin for recycling, a green bin for composting and a black bin for landfill.

Campus Composting Efforts Strengthened

Lewis University's largest dining hall on campus, Charlie's Place recently expanded its program of composting pre-consumer food scraps, which includes all food waste created during meal preparation throughout the day, to also including post-consumer food scraps.

The program expansion began on April 7 to start off a month-long celebration of environmental sustainability. Within the first month of collecting pre-consumer food waste, four tons had been diverted from the landfill. Today, that number is reaching over 40 tons being taken away.

"It was the success of this program, as well as a student waste audit that helped make the decision to expand the program to include post-consumer waste," said Jaclyn Boyle, Facilities Coordinator for Sustainability and Administration. "This audit was performed by Lewis University students, and revealed that, each week in Charlie's Place, approximately 260 pounds of post-consumer food waste was being sent to rot in a landfill."

Post-consumer composting asks students, faculty, staff and visitors to be mindful when disposing of leftovers from their meal. Color-themed waste stations are in the dining hall—a blue bin for recycling, a green bin for composting and a black bin for landfill. The color themed bins are continued throughout the university as the existing recycling bins were modified to accommodate the addition of composting.

The start of composting at Lewis University was assisted financially and technically by the Compost Collection Network. It helps institutions and businesses participate in commercial compost programs by providing technical assistance and essential supplies such as compost bins, signage, and biodegradable bags. The network is funded through The Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust.



Spring Commencement

Br. James Gaffney, FSC with His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI and James LaGrippe '61.



Dr. Faisal Abdullah



Br. James Gaffney, FSC with Dr. Carmen Cervantes



Ralph Campagna



Dr. Pamela Jessee, Br. Armand Alcazar, FSC and Dr. Jeanette Mines



Nelson Sabatini '62

Awards & Recognition

Four honorary degrees were conferred at Commencement Ceremonies in May, recognizing the achievements of Nelson J. Sabatini, Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene (Retired), State of Maryland; Ralph Campagna, Executive Director, Off The Street Club; His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago; and, Carmen M. Cervantes, Ed.D., Executive Director, Instituto Fe y Vida. Sabatini and Campagna were honored at the Graduate Degree Ceremony on Saturday, May 17. On Sunday, May 18, at the Undergraduate Degree Ceremony honorary degrees were presented to Cardinal George and Cervantes.

At Saturday's ceremony, 264 graduate students received their degrees, and 624 undergraduates participated in Sunday's ceremony. Elizabeth Lorang received the Father Aquinas Colgan Award and Natalie Asp presented the Student Lasallian Address.

Nelson Sabatini '62

A distinguished and highly principled public servant and an accomplished leader in the healthcare industry, Nelson J. Sabatini is widely recognized for his significant and lasting contributions to both federal and state healthcare programs and systems. He is noted for his pioneering achievements in the development of the federal Medicare and Medicaid programs. Sabatini also served with distinction under both Democrat and Republican administrations, serving the State of Maryland as Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for governors from both parties, initially during 1991-1994 and then again during 2003-2004.

A Lewis alumnus, earning a degree in Psychology in 1962, Nelson was born and raised in Rochester, New York. He later pursued graduate work in Public Administration at George Washington University. Upon graduation, Sabatini held key leadership positions for the Social Security Administration through 1988. In addition, during that same era he served in several executive positions at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, working directly with Secretary Casper Weinberger, and later with Under Secretary Frank Carlucci at the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. For nearly a decade, Sabatini was a senior executive for the University of Maryland Medical Systems, receiving an honorary doctorate in recognition of his service and leadership. He was later appointed to the faculty at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and was a consultant on the innovative CVS Minute Clinic initiative. Sabatini became President and CEO of the Care Improvement Plus Health Plan, a prescription drug healthcare plan for Medicare beneficiaries, and is currently owner of the Sabatini Consulting Group LLC, located in Severna Park, Maryland.

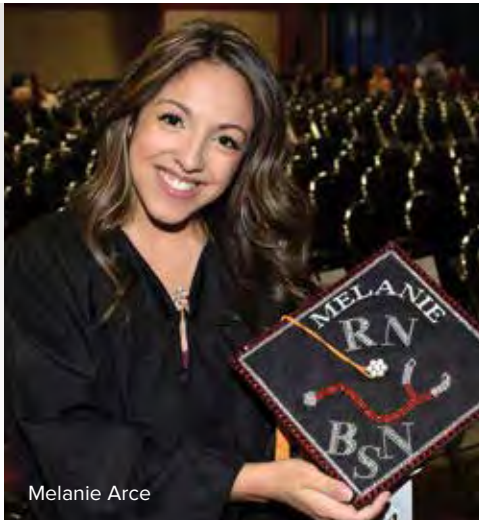
Longtime residents of Maryland, Nelson and his wife Marilyn, a Lewis alumna, have a son, Michael, and two granddaughters. Currently, Sabatini serves on the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission and on the boards of Johns Hopkins' Greenspring Health Systems; the Heritage Foundation Advisory Board; and the Milbank Memorial Fund Advisory Board, a foundation that seeks to provide access to the best available evidence to inform healthcare policy and population health.

Ralph Campagna

Highly regarded for his extraordinary dedication to young people in need, Ralph Campagna has devoted more than 50 years of service to the Off The Street Club on Chicago's West Side, providing leadership as its Executive Director since 1981, and helping to improve the lives of thousands of children. His life and career have been focused on Chicago's oldest club for needy boys and girls, founded in 1900 by Brother John McMurry, as the first Club of its kind for inner city kids. Campagna has generously invested his time and energy into strengthening the Club for thousands of young people who enjoy a safe place to do homework, play video games and participate in activities, while being protected from gangs.

Campagna grew up on Chicago's West Side where he started going to the Off The Street Club when he was a child. A graduate of St. Mel High School, sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, Campagna earned bachelor's degrees in Speech and Education at Northeastern Illinois University. As a college student in 1965, he marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Alabama. After graduation, he taught in Chicago for a number of years, while also visiting the Off The Street Club after school each day to volunteer. Ultimately, his dedication resulted in the club becoming his life's work. Campagna first received an offer to join the Club's staff in 1961. In 1977, he accepted an invitation to participate on the Club's Board of Directors, and later he became the first club member in history to work his way up the ranks from member to director.

888 students received their degrees this May.



Melanie Arce



Ross Reed with Br. James Gaffney, FSC



Kyle Hayes

Campagna's wholehearted commitment to his community and to Chicago youth in need has received widespread recognition. President Ronald Reagan recognized Campagna in 1987, *Newsweek* named Campagna one of "50 Unsung Heroes" in the United States in 1988, and he has been honored for his community involvement by the Chicago Father's Day Committee, which named him "Father of the Year" in 1993. Illinois Governor Jim Edgar acknowledged Campagna in 2003 as "an invaluable asset to the children of Illinois," while the Chicago Commission on Human Relations bestowed its Brotherhood Award to Campagna for his work in promoting diversity and racial harmony.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI

Archbishop of Chicago since 1997, His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI, has been remarkable in his faith-filled, engaged leadership and commitment to the 2.3 million Catholics in the Archdiocese. Cardinal George has selflessly and effectively ministered to the laity, his fellow clergy and the larger community. He has been supportive of Catholic education at all levels, including higher education. In

addition, his service has included advocacy regarding civic and safety concerns throughout Chicago's neighborhoods and the suburbs, including the building-up of a community of caring, respect and interfaith cooperation. Cardinal George's leadership and rigorous work ethic demonstrate the efforts of the Church in improving the everyday lives of people throughout the world and upholding the dignity of human life itself.

The first native Chicagoan to lead the Archdiocese, Cardinal George was born and raised on the city's northwest side, attending St. Paschal Parochial School. He attended the St. Henry Preparatory Seminary in Belleville, Ill., a high school seminary of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. After making his perpetual vows in 1961, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1963. Cardinal George earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Theology from the University of Ottawa; a master's in Philosophy from Catholic University of America; a doctorate (Ph.D.) in American Philosophy from Tulane University; and a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from Pontifical Urban University in Rome. Multilingual, Cardinal George speaks English, French, Italian, Spanish and some German.

Archbishop George was elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals in 1998 and participated as a cardinal-elect in the papal enclaves that selected both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. He was elected Vice-President and then as President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Cardinal George has served with great impact and dedication on multiple committees for the USCCB, the Pontifical Council "Cor Unum," the Congregation for Divine Worship, the Discipline of the Sacraments, and other papal assignments. A Trustee for both the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and Catholic University of America, the Cardinal sits on the Board of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and he is a Chancellor for the University of St. Mary of the Lake.

Awards & Recognition

Dr. Carmen Cervantes

Nationally recognized as an exceptional leader in Latino educational ministry, Dr. Carmen Cervantes is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Instituto Fe y Vida (Institute for Faith and Life), dedicated to empowering young Latinos for leadership in the Catholic Church and in society through the provision of formation programs, biblical pastoral ministry, research and publications, and advocacy. Fe y Vida, now celebrating its 20th Anniversary, assists Latino youth to develop maturity, hope and faith, as well as to pursue further education, preparing them for community and professional leadership.

After coming to the United States in 1979, she earned a doctorate in Education from the University of the Pacific in California. Cervantes has made a substantive impact and gained great respect for her leadership skills, particularly for co-founding the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry in 1990 and the National Organization for Catechesis with Hispanics (NOCH). In addition to her teaching at the university level, she created various programs and handbooks for Fe y Vida, which was established in 1994. Animated through her visionary leadership, the personnel at Fe y Vida have effectively developed a Leadership Formation System, as well as conducted applied research for pastoral ministry, creating resourceful publications, and carrying out a vibrant biblical ministry in the USA and Latin America.

A prolific writer, Cervantes is a distinguished contributor to many publications, having served as writer and general editor of *La Biblia Católica para Jovenes*, a study Bible for Latino youth and young adults, as well as the weekly *Diálogos*

Semanales con Jesús (Weekly Dialogues with Jesus) series. She is the highly-respected author of more than 20 religious education books, as well as numerous articles written for journals and other publications. The first Latino professional to work for the Christian Brothers' Saint Mary's Press in Minnesota, Cervantes holds special memories of being trained there to edit while writing a bilingual collection of books to be used in ministry with young Latinos. She is on the editorial team there for *The Catholic Youth Bible*.

Lorang Receives Father Aquinas Colgan Award

Elizabeth Lorang is a very active member of the Lewis Community, serving as an EPIC Retreat leader and LUMINATE service trip participant with University Ministry, a WLRA DJ, and member of Psi Chi International Honor Society and the Lewis University Psychology Club. She also volunteered with Feed My Starving Children, MorningStar Mission and World Apostolate of Fatima.



Elizabeth Lorang



Dr. Bonnie Bondavalli with Natalie Asp

Asp Presents Student Lasallian Address

Natalie Asp was a Student Navigator, member of Phi Alpha Social Work Honors Society, Delta Epsilon Sigma Honors Society, Theta Alpha Kappa Honors Society, Society of Lasallian Collegians and the President's Student Advisory Council. She also was a Core Team Member for the Koinonia Retreat and Catalyst Social Justice Retreat with University Ministry. "Some of my most impactful experiences at Lewis have been those opportunities through the Lewis University Ministry Department," Asp says. Her ministry experiences allowed her to apply concepts from the classroom while living out her passion to serve others.

Founders Week Awards

Lewis celebrated Founders Week in April by honoring the service of faculty and staff who have given 10 years of service or more to the University.

In addition, each year two awards are given to those who exemplify the Lasallian mission. This year, two faculty received those awards, Dr. James Burke and Dr. Dennis Cremin.

De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service

Dr. James Burke, Associate Professor of Theology, was honored with the De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service Award. As a Third Order Franciscan, Burke has voluntarily chosen to focus his life on service, prayer, scholarly work and a commitment to being a peacemaker, working for social justice, and caring for the poor and marginalized.

Burke is devoted to teaching peace and the promotion of social justice and does so through the integration of service learning pedagogy in his Christian Social Teaching course. He also supports the Catalyst social justice retreat for students and the Exploring Lasallian Mission program for faculty and staff. He has served alongside his Lewis University colleagues in various capacities, including at the Warren Sharpe Community Center in Joliet. He is a regular supporter of the nonprofit organization, Noté Karacel Uganda, which provides much-needed assistance to the community of Alenga located in northern Uganda.

The core of Burke's volunteer work centers on what he does for his local church community, St. Nicholas Parish in Evanston, where he is a highly valued member of the Finance Council. He recently served as a keynote presenter for part of the parish's "Pilgrimage to Vatican II" lecture series, in which parishioners and others learned more about the 50th anniversary of this dynamic period of the Church.

Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award

Dr. Dennis Cremin, Professor of History and Director of the Lewis University History Center, was awarded the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award. He was recognized for his ability to engage students, where he brings his discipline to life and what he does to impact his students' educational experience. His students graduate from Lewis University with real world experience and skills, a greater appreciation for history and a newfound value for sense of place.

"Through his teaching, Dennis models the kind of personal interaction with students, mastery of subject matter, and innovative pedagogy that typifies what we value most in Lasallian educators," Dr. Kurt Schackmuth, vice president for Mission and Academic Services, said when presenting the award. "He engages and inspires students, incorporates real-life experiences and values into his coursework and challenges students to think outside the box – and outside the classroom."

An adept storyteller, Cremin is known for his ability to bring history to life in the form of local, national and international field trips, excursions and travel study experiences, as well as through museum exhibits, publications and lectures. His recent book, *Grant Park: The Evolution of Chicago's Front Yard*, was named Book of the Year by the Illinois State Historical Society (see p. 19).

English Professor Explores Young Adult Latino/a Literature

Dr. Jackie K. White (English) presented a paper, "Julia Alvarez's New England as New Territory of Pan-Latinidad" at the annual MELUS (Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the U.S.) conference in Oklahoma City, on March 9, 2014. The paper examines this prize-winning Dominican-American's use of Mexican migrants and Central American refugees as contributing to the cultural shifts and economies of Vermont and draws on White's scholarship in the growing field of Young Adult Latino/a literature.



English Faculty Member Recognized for Short Story

Professor Therese Jones (English) was awarded Honorable Mention for a short fiction story that she submitted to the Tuscany Prize for Catholic Fiction competition. It will be published in March (2014) in *The Tuscany Prize Book of Short Stories*, which will contain seven other winners' works.

History Research Explores 19th Century

Dr. James Tallon (History) presented a paper entitled "Urbanism in the Ottoman Balkans" at the 19th Century Society Association Conference in Chicago on March 22, and served as a moderator at the same conference. He also presented a paper entitled "The Transformational War of the Ottoman Empire, 1910-1923" at the Society of Military History Conference in Kansas City, Mo. on April 4.

Dr. Mustafa Presents Paper at MLA Conference on the Works of Wilde and Poe

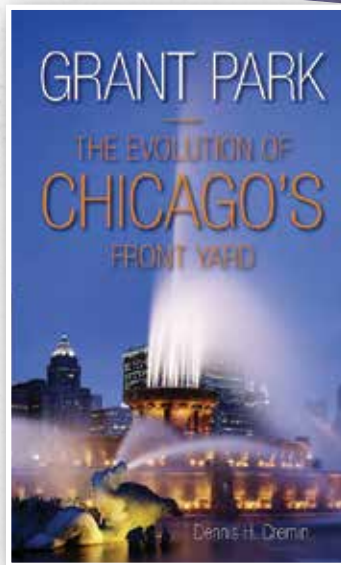
Dr. Jamil Mustafa (English) presented “Apparitional Allegories,” a paper focused on links between the works of Oscar Wilde and Edgar Allan Poe, this past January at the annual Modern Language Association convention in Chicago. The presentation developed from research he conducted with manuscript and published versions of Wilde’s poem “The Harlot’s House” in 2012 at UCLA’s William Andrews Clark Memorial Library while participating in “Oscar Wilde and His Circle,” a five-week National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar.

Finance Professors Co-Author Article in the *Journal of Financial Planning*

Dr. Robert Atra (Finance) and Dr. Yuntaek Pae (Finance) had their paper “Likely Benefits from HIFO Accounting” published in the January 2014 issue of *The Journal of Financial Planning*. HIFO (Highest In, First Out) accounting is a strategy that investors can employ to maximize tax benefits when selling shares of an investment. Using a simulation, the study demonstrated the extra wealth investors could create by accounting properly for taxable investments, such as mutual funds.

Dr. Nawara Co-Authors Paper on the Effects of Social Policy and Income on Voting

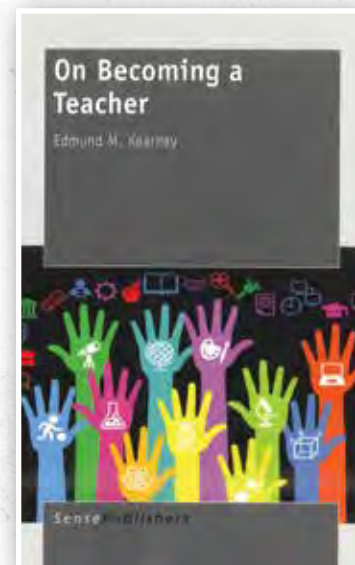
Dr. Steven Nawara, (Political Science), presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, this past April with Dr. Chris Kypriotis from Warren Wilson College. Their paper is titled “Post-Materialism for the Masses: The Effect of Income, Social Policy, and Redistribution on Vote Choice” and it analyzes the competing influences of social policy concerns and personal income on vote choice in American elections after accounting for an individual’s place in the redistributive tax system. Their results show that social concerns are most important to voters who are not affected by redistribution and less important to those greatly affected, either positively or negatively.



Dr. Cremin Earns Book of the Year Award

Dr. Dennis H. Cremin, Professor of History and Director of the Lewis University History Center, recently received the Russell P. Strange Book of the Year Award from the Illinois State Historical Society for his book titled *Grant Park: The Evolution of Chicago's Front Yard*. Dr. Robert McColley, Professor Emeritus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, presented the award on behalf of the ISHS. The event was held April 26 at the Executive Mansion in Springfield, Ill.

Dr. Cremin’s book shares how the evolution of Grant Park was a gradual process, at first fraught with a lack of funding and organization, and later challenged by erosion, the railroads, automobiles, and a continued battle between original intent and conceptions of progress. Throughout the book, Cremin shows that the parkland continues to serve “as a display case for the city and a calling card to visitors.”



Dr. Kearney Authors Book on Teaching

Dr. Edmund M. Kearney, Chair and Professor of Psychology recently authored a book *On Becoming a Teacher* (2013). The book is designed to help both beginning and experienced teachers explore the foundations of excellent teaching.

Kearney’s book is written as a series of essays. Designed first for new teachers, topics are divided into six major topics: an introduction to the field, essential attributes of a great teacher, classroom culture, getting to know the students, teaching, and the process of continuous improvement.

The book was recently published by Sense Publishers.



34th Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing A Success

For the first time in many years, the Lewis University Athletics Department returned to Cog Hill Golf & Country Club for the 34th Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing, held Friday, June 6.

Illinois' finest links did not disappoint as Cog Hill drew over 200 Flyer family, friends and alumni to Courses 1 and 3. The event, in previous years, had been held at both Prairie Bluff Golf Course (Crest Hill, Ill.) and Mistwood Golf Club (Romeoville, Ill.).

The outing was sponsored by Pullara Inc., Dr. Pietro Tonino, alumnus Ken Gabriel and 24 different individuals/companies that sponsored holes. All proceeds of the event will go to the Lewis Athletics Endowment Fund.

"In an effort to engage more of the Lewis University community, we made the decision to move the event back to Cog Hill," Lewis Director of Athletics Dr. John Planeck said. "There was an increase in attendance and everyone had a great day of both golf and camaraderie with our Flyer family."

Be sure to mark June 5, 2015 on your calendar for the 35th Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing!

Irish O'Reilly Number Retired

Lewis University's all-time winningest baseball coach Irish O'Reilly's No. 14 jersey was retired on May 3rd at Brennan Field, prior to the Flyers' doubleheader against Bellarmine.

O'Reilly, the 11th all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division II history, amassed a 982-771-8 (.560) record at the helm of the Lewis baseball program. In addition, his 1980 team's 61 victories established the school's single-season record. All told, his teams won at least 30 games 19 times in 29 seasons.

He collected eight conference titles, 14 NAIA/NCAA postseason appearances, including five top-five finishes. O'Reilly's 1980 squad finished second in the NAIA National Tournament, and his 1988, 1990 and 1994 teams placed third in the NCAA Tournament.

O'Reilly was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Hall of Fame in 2008 and also had 41 players that went on to play professionally.



Brother James Gaffney, FSC, presents the framed jersey to Irish O'Reilly and his wife, Pat, on May 3, 2014, during the ceremony retiring Irish's number.

Lewis Athletics Finishes Second in GLVC All-Sports Trophy

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced on May 12th, that the Lewis University Athletics Department was a runner-up in the annual All-Sports Trophy race for the second-straight season.

The GLVC All-Sports Trophy is presented to the institution that demonstrates the best all-around performance in the league's 20

sponsored sports. Points are allocated based on overall finish in the league standings and finish in their respective tournaments.

Lewis totaled 181.5 points, and finished second to Indianapolis (198.0 points), which captured its third-straight All-Sports Trophy.

The Flyers received conference championships from their men's and women's indoor

track and field squads and the women's outdoor track and field team. The men's cross country squad finished second at the GLVC Championships, while the women's volleyball, women's basketball and women's tennis squads won their respective regular-season division titles.



Softball Coach George DiMatteo Retires

After 31 years at the helm of the Lewis University softball team, head coach George DiMatteo announced his retirement.

One of the all-time winningest coaches in Division II history, DiMatteo ends his career with a record of 1,032-539-6 (.658). He has the 20th most wins in NCAA history and the sixth most in NCAA Division II. DiMatteo was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference

Coach of the Year six times and guided the Flyers to 10 GLVC Championships.

A 1976 graduate of Lewis, DiMatteo helped the Flyers to 13 berths into the NCAA Tournament, including two College World Series appearances (2000, '01) and a national runner-up finish in 2001. In 2000, DiMatteo and former assistant coach Keith Grenke were selected as the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) NCAA Division

II Great Lakes Region Coaching Staff of the Year.

DiMatteo has mentored several hundred student-athletes during his career and saw eight GLVC Players of the Year and five All-Americans during his tenure. He also made sure that his players were successful in the classroom, as Flyers softball was consistently ranked in the Top 20 programs in the country in cumulative grade point average.



Lewis Athletics Places 28th in Learfield Sports Directors' Cup

The Lewis University Athletics Department saw 10 of its 19 Division II teams either qualify as a team or had individual score points for their squad at their respective NCAA Division II Championships.

Those performances have translated into a 28th-place finish in the 2013-14 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup, which is the Flyers' best showing since a 10th-place mark following the 2000-01 campaign.

The Flyers finished with 438 points, tying them with Rollins for 28th in the country. Grand Valley State won its ninth Directors' Cup and finished with 1,030 points, outdistancing second-place West Texas A&M by over 300 tallies. Lewis had the third-most points of any team in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, following Indianapolis (4th, 649.75) and Drury (11th, 567). The Flyers had the sixth-most points in the Midwest Region, including teams from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Great Midwest Athletic Conference.



Levandi Named GLVC Men's Tennis Player of the Year

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced on April 17th that Lewis University junior Armand Levandi has been named the GLVC Men's Tennis Player of the Year.

Levandi, who was ranked No. 10 in the country for singles play at the end of the season, finished with a record of 26-2 in singles play and 16-7 in doubles.

Summers Named Athletics Director at Christian Brothers University

Christian Brothers University announced on April 25th that Lewis' Associate Director of Athletics and Director of External Relations Brian Summers has been hired as their new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Summers - who just completed his 13th year at Lewis University - oversaw all athletics department fundraising, including corporate sponsorship sales and the department booster club, the Varsity Club. He also directed department marketing and promotions efforts; and provided NCAA compliance oversight for departmental fundraising and



promotional activities.

Summers also created Lewis' "Spread Your Wings" program to align the department with the University Mission and the NCAA Division II Strategic Positioning Platform. The program incorporates the five commitment areas (academic, athletic, career development, personal development and service) of the NCAA/CHAMPS Lifeskills program.

Women's Tennis Advances to 'Sweet 16'

Led by 2014 GLVC Player of the Year, Zsafia Kranczicki and two-time GLVC Player of the Year, Zsafia Lanstiaik - the Lewis women's tennis team returned to the NCAA Division II 'Sweet 16' for the second time in the past three seasons.

Kranczicki and Lanstiaik both made the All-GLVC Team for the fourth-straight year, while sophomore Megan Nguyen and freshman Ana Banic were also selected. Lewis' Brett Bridel earned his third-straight GLVC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year award.



Men's Volleyball Returns to NCAA Tournament

For the second time in the past three seasons, the Lewis men's volleyball team advanced to the NCAA Tournament, as the Flyers received an at-large berth following their fourth-straight 20+ win season and runner-up finish in the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Championship.

Helping the Flyers' cause was the performance of a school-record three AVCA All-Americans, including redshirt junior outside hitter Geoff Powell (First Team), redshirt senior BJ Boldog (Second Team) and junior outside hitter Greg Petty (Honorable Mention).



Lewis Men's Track and Field Enjoyed Successful '14 Season

The Lewis men's track and field team turned heads among its peers in 2014, as the Flyers won not only the 2014 GLVC Indoor Championship, but had a pair of dual All-Americans for the first time since 2005 in Andrew McLain and Isaac Jean-Paul.

McLain (5,000-meter run) and Jean-Paul (high jump) both finished in the top eight in their respective events during the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

Jean-Paul was crucial in helping Lewis to its first GLVC Indoor Championship since 2005, as he won the high jump with a conference record leap of 7'1 1/2". For his efforts, he was named the GLVC Field Athlete of the Year. Lewis head coach Dana Schwarting was also named the GLVC Indoor Coach of the Year. The Flyers also received wins from Kevin Dorenkamper (60-meter hurdles) and Matt Jemilo (800-meter run) and their 4x400 relay team.

McLain (10,000-meter run), Jemilo (800-meter run) and the 4x400 relay also won GLVC Outdoor titles along with junior Jared Harkness (javelin), as the Flyers finished third overall as a team. McLain's time of 31:11.10 in the event was a new conference record.



The Lewis University Men's and Women's Track and Field teams celebrate their 2014 GLVC Indoor Championships.

Women's Track and Field Captures Two GLVC Titles

The Lewis women's track and field team had always found themselves near the top of the GLVC, but the Flyers can now pronounce themselves 'the tops' as they won both the 2014 GLVC Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

Lewis' Amanda Farrough was selected as the GLVC Indoor and Outdoor Freshman of the Year. During the indoor championships, Farrough won both the 1-mile run and 3,000-meter run events, followed by an outdoor title in the 1,500-meter run.

Flyer sophomore Chantel Stennis won three events (100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 4x100 relay) at the GLVC Outdoor Championships, earning her GLVC Track Athlete of the Year honors. She followed up that performance with a pair of All-America outings in the 200 and

400-meter dashes at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Lewis senior Megan Marchildon won the heptathlon for the second-straight year at the GLVC Outdoor Championships. She added an All-America and school-record performance of 5,114 points in the heptathlon at the NCAA Championships. She was also named the GLVC Indoor Track Athlete of the Year, following her third-straight win in the pentathlon at the conference championships.

The Flyers' final All-America outing came from junior Rebecca Priesler. Priesler tied for eighth in the pole vault at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Lewis head coach Dana Schwarting was named the GLVC Coach of the Year at both the GLVC Indoor and Outdoor Championships.



Tarin Named GLVC Freshman Men's Swimmer of the Year

Lewis' Victor Tarin was named the GLVC Freshman Men's Swimmer of the Year, as he helped the Flyer men's swimming team to a fourth-place finish at the conference championships.

Highlighting the meet for Tarin was a first-place and school-record A-Cut showing of 4:25.49 in the 500-yard freestyle.

Tarin also broke school-records in the 100-yard freestyle (44.97, B-Cut), 200-yard freestyle (1:37.45, B-Cut) and swam a leg of the school-record setting 400-yard medley relay (3:22.55).

Lewis Athletics Nets Four Capital One Academic All-Americans

For the third-straight year, Lewis University had at least four representatives on the Capital One Academic All-America Teams, as voted on by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Lewis University's BJ Boldog (men's volleyball) and Armand Levandi (men's tennis) both earned Academic All-America® Men's Division II At-Large Team honors. Boldog (3.8, Marketing) was named to the first team, while Levandi (3.62, Business Administration) claimed third team accolades. Boldog is the eighth Lewis student-athlete in school-history to be named to the Capital One Academic All-America® First Team.

Lewis' Alec Pickett, the 2013 GLVC Defensive Player of the Year, was named to the Academic All-America Men's Soccer Second Team with a 3.97 cumulative grade point average in Physics.

Flyer outfielder Ben Albano was selected to the Academic All-America® Division II Baseball Second Team. Albano entered the spring semester with a 3.60 cumulative GPA in Business Administration.



Albano Racks Up Postseason Baseball Awards

Lewis outfielder Ben Albano enjoyed a productive senior campaign that saw him come home with several postseason awards. Recipient of the GLVC Council of Presidents' Academic Excellence Award, the West Dundee, Ill., native was named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference East Division Team, Daktronics All-Midwest Region First Team, America Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Midwest Region Second Team, National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Honorable Mention All-America Team and a Tino Martinez Award semifinalist.

Albano led the GLVC in slugging percentage (.651), was second in doubles (17) and third in batting average (.391) and total bases (110).



Brawner-Henley Hauls in Postseason Women's Basketball Accolades

Lewis sophomore forward Mariyah Brawner-Henley turned in a season to remember in 2013-14.

The Skokie, Ill., native was named GLVC Player of the Year, WBCA Honorable Mention All-America and to the Division II Bulletin All-America Fourth Team as she helped the Flyers (23-6) to the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight season. The Flyers ended 2013-14 ranked 18th in the nation in the Women's Basketball Coaches

Association final poll.

Brawner-Henley, a Daktronics All-Midwest Region First Team selection, led the GLVC in scoring (18.2 ppg.) and rebounding (12.1 rpg.) and led the nation in double-doubles (23).

Following the season, Lewis head coach Lisa Carlsen was named both the Russell Athletic/WBCA Region 4 and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year.

176 Student-Athletes Earn Delahanty Awards

The Lewis University student-athletes continue to get it done in the classroom, as 176 Flyers were recognized at the 26th Annual Br. David Delahanty Student-Athlete Awards at the St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center on April 7th.

The 2014 Delahanty Award recognizes student-athletes who maintained a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.25 or higher as of December 31, 2013. In total,

44.1% (176 of 399) of the student-athlete population were in attendance at the awards ceremony, and that group totaled a cumulative GPA of 3.61.

The Lewis women's track and field team had the most Delahanty Award winners with 24 recipients, which accounts for 13.6% of the 176 award-winners. The Lewis women's golf team had the highest percentage of Delahanty Award winners on their roster of

any Flyer team, as 75.0% of their student-athletes were awarded.

Two student-athletes that received special recognition were Alessandro Mazza and Amy Choi. Both took home the Senior Student-Athlete Award, given to the male and female senior student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA.

Gifts, Scholarships & Grants

Gifts That Leave a Lasting Impression

With the rising costs of a college education, scholarships play a major role in providing many students with the opportunity to pursue a degree. Each year through the generosity of alumni and friends, students at Lewis University have access to over 150 scholarship opportunities for continuing their education. One such scholarship, the late Sister M. Noel Dreska, O.S.F. Endowed Scholarship, provides assistance to eligible students who share the same

Dr. Arvid '85 and Anne (Jordan) Johnson '87 met at Lewis University as Sr. Noel, hosting Anne on a tour, stopped at a classroom where Arvid was a lab assistant. As the couple dated, married, and raised a family, Sr. Noel remained a confidante and close friend through phone calls and outings, including trips to Brookfield Zoo and White Fence Farm with Anne and their three sons.

"Sr. Noel was always a great teacher," says Arvid, current President of the University of St. Francis of Joliet. "She cared not only for a student's learning, but for the student as a whole person. She played many roles for those students: teacher, mother, disciplinarian, guidance counselor, and mentor. Her love of physics from the very basic to the very complex was evident in the way she taught. She carried this immense zeal for her profession. She loved teaching and she loved her students."

Endowed scholarship funds are designed to be permanent and perpetual. The principal of the fund is professionally invested to produce income, with a portion of it being used to provide a scholarship award to a deserving student or students. The principal remains untouched, so the endowment can last into perpetuity – just as they hope the legacy of Sr. Noel will continue forever.

"She was a bundle of vibrancy," Anne adds. "Full of energy from sun up until sun down. She always had time for anyone who needed her. When we thought about the best way to give back to Lewis, honoring Sr. Noel's legacy was key. Students of the sciences who experienced

her enthusiastic teaching can work with us to provide today's students the opportunity to learn and grow from professors with the same love of teaching."

Sr. Noel, a Franciscan and longtime member of the Physics Department at Lewis University, served as a Professor of Physics as well as Chair of the department at Lewis from 1972 to 2002, becoming one of the first women in the country to chair a science department at the university level. Through her profound faith, she developed a course on physics and faith intended to lead students to a deeper understanding of the relationship that existed between reason and faith, believing that science and religion work together in telling the story of the universe. She received many accolades throughout her career, including the Distinguished Midwest Lasallian Educator Award – but her proudest moments came from the success of her students.

Both Arvid and Anne cite the importance of endowed scholarships in creating an opportunity for students to attend Lewis and be successful while also providing passionate and dedicated professors. "Scholarships recognize academic talent and zest for learning, giving students who might not have otherwise had the chance to secure an education—the opportunity to now go out into the world and make it a better place," explains Arvid. "And Sr. Noel did just that – she made the world better."



Dr. Arvid '85 and Anne (Jordan) Johnson '87 will match dollar-for-dollar gifts made to the Sister M. Noel Dreska, O.S.F. Endowed Scholarship Fund up to \$25,000. Share in Sr. Noel's legacy by visiting alumni.lewisu.edu/Give.

passion for physics that she brought to her classroom every day at Lewis for 30 years. Today, two former students – a couple she introduced on campus – have created a fundraising challenge to grow the scholarship created after her passing in 2003, offering to match dollar-for-dollar gifts made to the endowed scholarship up to \$25,000.

A Beautiful New Space For The Arts

The Clifford and Rita Berglund Community Room is among the many recently expanded spaces within the Oremus Fine Arts Center at Lewis University. In the Berglund Community Room, patrons can enjoy the many exhibits and showcases of student and professional art. The room also has the flexibility to host small meetings or receptions.

The impetus for creating this new space within the Brent and Jean Wadsworth Family Gallery was the affinity that Clifford and Rita Berglund have for the University. Cliff was the recipient of many honors during his lifetime, including an honorary doctorate degree from Lewis during the 2008 Commencement Ceremony. Rita served as a member of the Cultural Advisory Board for 25 years and received the St. Genesius Award in 2003.

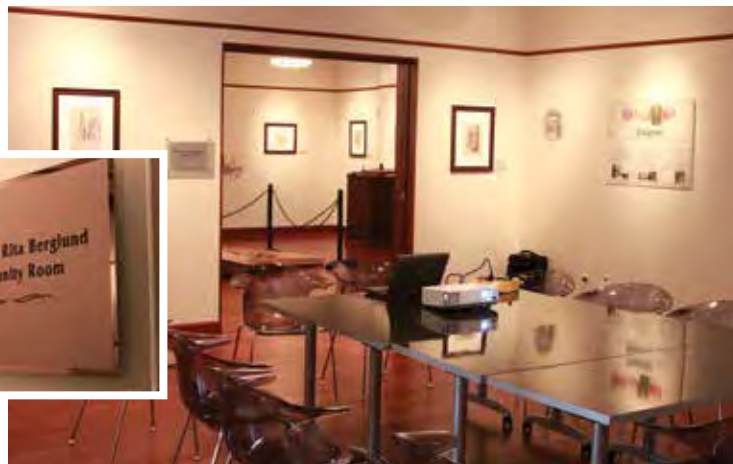
Rita has always had a passion for the arts. She loved performing arts and was involved in music and drama.

At Lewis, she took a few classes and performed with the Lewis College Chorale in the 1970s.

As Cliff and Rita visited the University and learned about the plans to expand the Oremus Fine Arts Center, they immediately wanted to support it. Season ticket-holders for many years, they enjoyed countless productions at the Philip Lynch Theatre.

Cliff passed away in July 2013, but his generosity and spirit live on at Lewis. The couple was very pleased to see this new space provide a better environment for the arts to thrive when it re-opened in early 2013.

Rita says, "It's a marvelous University. The Mission Statement is so important to the idea of providing an education for students. They get a complete education – not just studies – but also moral values, kindness and sharing. You feel great knowing you



In the Berglund Community Room, patrons can enjoy the many exhibits and showcases of student and professional art.

helped the students as they go on in life to perform leadership roles in their communities and touch other lives."

Keith White, Professor and Chair of the Theatre Department said, "These spaces show our students the importance of fine arts in a Lasallian and liberal arts education. These changes certainly benefit our students, first and foremost. The new spaces provide growth opportunities for our students, our programs and future generations."

The new gallery, which includes the Brent and Jean Wadsworth Family

Gallery and the Clifford and Rita Berglund Community Room, hosts continuous exhibitions by students, faculty, and Chicago-based artists. One of the most highly-utilized buildings on campus, the Oremus Fine Arts Center hosts student performances, concerts, community events and lectures each year and is visited by more than 28,000 patrons from surrounding communities.

Learn more about the expansion at alumni.lewisu.edu/GiftsAtWork, or visit alumni.lewisu.edu/History to learn more about how the campus has grown over the years.

Taking Stock: Reduce Your Taxes While Supporting Lewis University

by Robert A. Kanonik

With the stock market reaching all-time high levels, gifts of appreciated stock can be a tax savvy form of giving for our alumni and other friends. In most cases, you can deduct the full fair market value of the donated shares for tax purposes. But there is a bonus – you will also typically avoid the capital gains tax that would otherwise have been due when you sold the shares. Information on how to make this kind of gift follows.

Electronic Transfer

Stocks can be electronically transferred by instructing your broker to transfer the specified shares in the name of Lewis University to: DTC # 2669, for further credit to Account 22-62302. (This is a Northern Trust Company account in the name of Lewis University. Our contact at Northern Trust is Patricia Nolan, (312) 557-2937 or PN55@ntrs.com.) Please send us a copy of your written instructions along with a letter indicating the purpose of your gift.

Stock Certificates

Please mail the unsigned certificates along with a letter stating the purpose of your gift and, in a separate envelope, mail one endorsed stock power form per certificate to: Robert A. Kanonik, J.D., Director of Planned Giving, Lewis University, One University Parkway, Romeoville, IL 60446-2200. (Note: You may obtain a stock power form from your broker or bank.)

To ask questions or coordinate a gift of stock, please contact Robert A. Kanonik, JD at (815) 836-5813 or kanoniro@lewisu.edu



One Man's Gift Becomes Many People's Treasure

Estate Gifts Carry on Your Legacy and that of the University

Lawrence Zlogar '69 was a hard-working student arriving at Lewis after three years at Joliet Junior College. After graduating from Lewis with a degree in Accounting, he spent 30 years as an accountant at Caterpillar where he put

the education he so strongly valued to use. His sister, Kay Senffner, described him as a "quiet, soft-spoken man and a devout Catholic." An avid bowler, fisherman and outdoor aficionado, Lawrence understood the importance of working towards your goals and embracing life to its fullest – which is why he chose to make an extremely generous estate gift of more than \$89,000 to the University.

A lifelong Joliet resident, Lawrence worked full time and did not receive any financial assistance while attending Lewis. Throughout his life, however, he developed a profound understanding of the financial challenges faced by today's students and wanted to provide for them a means of accomplishing their academic goals. Kay says, "He attributed so much of his success back to Lewis." A loyal donor to the University for over 20 years, his

last gift – made after his passing in 2012 – will provide devoted students transferring from Joliet Junior College and majoring in accounting the opportunity to focus on their education and ultimately make a positive impact in their communities upon graduation.

The Lawrence C. Zlogar Endowed Scholarship fund enables his legacy of excellence in the field of accounting to continue. Gifts from your will or living trust are a wonderful way to create extraordinary opportunities for future generations of our students. For more information on estate gifts, please contact Robert A. Kanonik, JD, Director of Planned Giving, at (815) 836-5813 or kanoniro@lewisu.edu.



Kay and her husband Stan Senffner pose with a photo of Kay's brother, Lawrence Zlogar '69.

Second Annual Forever Flyers Challenge A Success

They may have been trailing with just hours to go, but the Lewis University women's golf team, led by head coach Skip Steffey, made a last minute surge to win both categories of the Second Annual Forever Flyers Challenge and earn \$7,000 towards their program.

Steffey said the winnings will go toward enhanced video equipment and a further expansion of training at off-campus indoor facilities. The Forever Flyers Challenge, which lasted from March 3-May 1, was a coordinated effort between Athletics and University Advancement to increase alumni giving to meet mutually beneficial goals.

Steffey's squad won both the biggest increase of giving participation from the 2013 challenge to this year, as well as the greatest percentage of alumni contributors for 2014. In all, the women's golf team secured gifts from 44.8% of their alumni base, which is a 31.5% increase from their performance in 2013 (13.3%).

The women's golf team will receive \$7,000 from challenge donor Lester (Les) Kraft '55 for winning each category, while men's volleyball (percentage of participation) and women's basketball (increase from 2013) each earned \$1,500 for their respective programs—also contributed by Kraft.

The entire athletics department, including the \$10,000 contribution from Kraft, raised a total of \$24,028.14 for the Forever Flyers Challenge. As a whole, 15.24% of eligible alumni participated in the challenge, which was an increase from 14.1% in 2013.

"I am very thankful to each of the 391 alumni athletes who contributed to this year's campaign," Lewis Associate Director of Athletics Brian Summers '05 said. "In particular, I'd like to thank Lester Kraft for his generosity and commitment to Flyer athletics. His gift has allowed us to reconnect with hundreds of alumni and spur a

spirit of giving that focuses on what you give, not how much." His words were echoed by Steffey, head men's volleyball coach Dan Friend, and head women's basketball coach Lisa Carlsen.

This was Kraft's second year of supporting the Forever Flyers Challenge. Kraft, a former Lewis University student-athlete, was a member of the football team from 1951-55. A 1955 alumnus, Kraft holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Lewis University. Now retired, the former Rockwell International Vice President was inducted into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame in 1991.

To learn more about the challenge, visit alumni.lewisu.edu/ForeverFlyers.



From Brennan Field to MLB Fan Cave

Michael Bolling '12 named one of the "Dwellers"

While the Guerin College Prep High School freshman basketball team worked on their homework, their coach, Michael Bolling '12, was surfing the Internet and checking social media. It was "a stroke of luck" that he saw the link for the MLB Fan Cave Dwellers application on Facebook. After writing a brief, 50-word essay, Bolling continued through the interview process and was one of eight chosen to be a Cave Dweller. With his love of baseball, his experience as a collegiate and Frontier League baseball player and his degree in Multimedia Journalism from Lewis, he was the perfect candidate for the MLB Fan Cave.

Bolling, a Chicago Cubs fan, has loved baseball ever since he was a little boy. He started playing at age four because of his mother, Maura, who's from the Dominican Republic and knew family members of Sammy Sosa.

"She said, 'It's Cubs or nothing,'" Bolling remembers with a big smile. Although Bolling's father, Darius, is a Chicago White Sox fan, Bolling continued to root for the Northsiders and for the player that made him most excited about baseball.

"Sosa got me excited about baseball because he was an outfielder, too, and was hitting the ball all over the yard," he said. Bolling has been an outfielder since he was 11 years old and recalls what his coach told him about deciding to place him there.

"You don't have an arm to pitch or catch, and you're too fast to play infield," his coach said.

Bolling played baseball throughout high school. When it was time to go to college, he went to Triton College to play. (Coincidentally, that's also where another one of Bolling's favorite baseball players, the late Kirby Puckett, went to school and played baseball for two years.) During his sophomore year at Triton, Lewis' Coach Tim McDonough went to see Bolling play.

"We don't have tons of scholarship money to give you, but we want you to be a part of Lewis' baseball program," Bolling recalls McDonough saying to him.



Bolling happily transferred to Lewis University for his junior year. He was familiar with Lewis because he had visited the Romeoville campus with friends who went there and the location allowed his family to watch him play baseball.

Among his many accomplishments at Lewis University include leading the GLVC in stolen bases in 2011 (31) and 2012 (34), leading the team in runs scored in 2011 (37) and being selected to the All-GLVC First Team in 2012.

Academically, Bolling was a Broadcast Journalism major but then switched to Multimedia Journalism in 2011. He speaks fondly of his teachers in the Journalism department and the hands-on instruction he received.

"I liked the small school atmosphere," Bolling says. "I didn't want to be a number. I wanted to be someone people knew."

After graduating from Lewis, Michael continued his baseball career. He played in a winter league in Palm Springs, signing with the Schaumburg Boomers of the Frontier League, but was released after Spring Training. Although it was a hard learning experience, Bolling continued to play. A coach noticed him, and Bolling ended up finishing the summer league on the Frontier Greys out of Sauget, Ill.

Bolling landed a job as a baseball video evaluator at the National Collegiate Scouting Association (NSCA), which helps student athletes and their parents navigate their way through the college recruitment process. As a baseball video evaluator, Bolling edits the highlight tapes for high school athletes which get sent to colleges and universities in the hopes of earning these athletes scholarships and the opportunity to play collegiately. For Bolling, his job at NSCA is important because his work is about "giving back" to other athletes who were in his position.

At the MLB Fan Cave, he is using Twitter, Instagram and Vine to respond to baseball fans who constantly tweet. "I'm interacting with fans through social media. That's my job! If I could do this job for the rest of my life, I'd be happy."

According to an MLB Press Release, "The MLB Fan Cave is a unique event space at 4th Street and Broadway in New York City's Greenwich Village, mixing baseball with music, popular culture, media, interactive technology and art. In addition to watching every single MLB game each day, the Cave Dwellers will create a steady stream of digital content while interacting with MLB players and celebrities and chronicling their experiences in the MLB Fan Cave through social media."

Another part of his job is occasionally writing what's trending in baseball on the MLB Fan Cave Blog, which has included a compilation of his All-Wrigley Team in celebration of Wrigley Field's 100th birthday and his memory of the 2008 Cubs Opening Day in a Cave Dwellers' Favorite Opening Day Moments blog post. Bolling also participates in the taping of the show *Off the Bat* on Mondays, which airs on Tuesday evenings on MTV 2.

Being an MLB Fan Cave Dweller is just the latest chapter in Bolling's baseball career, and he acknowledges that without Lewis University and the friendships he's made, it might not have been possible.

"I am here because of Lewis. The one-on-one time is where I got my knowledge. I have to thank Lewis. My experience was unbelievable. I met guys and girls who will be friends for the rest of my life. The relationships I made while at Lewis were very important to me because they helped me continue to be myself! My friends at Lewis made it easy for me to do things well because they accepted me for who I am."

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Katie Poetz '10

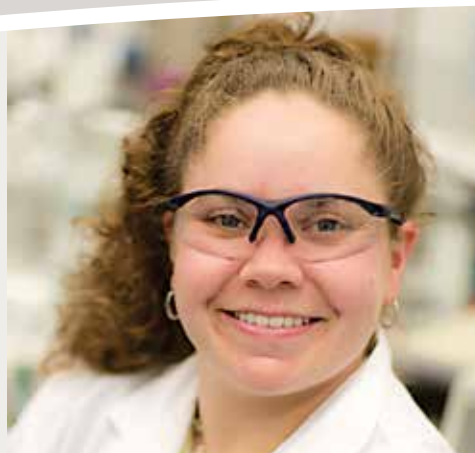
Creating Reactions in the Chemistry World

After graduating in 2010 from Lewis University with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry, Katie Poetz continued to pursue her goal of becoming a research professor at a university, or a researcher at a pharmaceutical company. Now a resident of Potsdam, NY, she is a fourth year graduate student pursuing a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry in the research lab of Professor Devon Shipp at Clarkson University.

"My thesis work is focused on developing novel biomaterials, in particular surface-eroding polyanhydrides and polymer-peptide conjugates. Polyanhydrides and polymer-peptide conjugates have potential for delivery of therapeutics and tissue engineering," Katie says.

Recently, Katie was awarded a National Science Foundation East Asia and Pacific Summer Institute fellowship to study at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia under the guidance of Professor Sebastien Perrier. The prestigious award allows Katie to spend eight weeks investigating the conjugation efficiency between various peptides and polymers for drug delivery and tissue engineering applications – or in layman's terms, "Peptides are comprised of amino acids in a specific sequence, and based on this sequence the peptides have the ability to arrange into fibers or penetrate cellular membranes. Polymers can be introduced in order to add functionality the peptides do not possess."

Katie has been able to attend three conferences



across the world and give presentations at each, providing her astounding educational opportunities: the International Conference of Young Chemists, that was held in Amman, Jordan, the IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) MACRO World Polymer Congress held at Virginia Tech, and the American Chemical Society spring meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Katie fondly remembers the professors who started her on the path to her Ph.D. "The professors in the Chemistry Department at Lewis were extremely supportive and very encouraging," Katie says. "The small class sizes allowed for me to get to know my professors and my professors get to know me. Dr. Wendy Burns and Brother Pierre St. Raymond, FSC, were role models for introducing me to chemistry and providing support throughout my career. I am so grateful for Dr. Jason Keleher, as my first research experiences were in his lab. He has helped me tremendously in getting to where I am today."

Katie is just beginning her career, yet she follows the same advice she'd give to others: "Always work hard and you will learn something from every experience you encounter. Remember, nothing is impossible."



Gibran Carter '03

Turning A Passion for Sports Into a Passion for Life

Gibran Carter '03 came to Lewis in 1999, transferring from East Central University in Oklahoma to the Lewis University basketball team. A scholarship recipient, Gibran focused his studies on the arts and communication and graduated with a B.A. in Graphic Design.

"I loved my time at Lewis, especially the camaraderie with my teammates. We had a great time," he recalls. "Some of us who worked the Michael Jordan basketball camp in Elmhurst had the opportunity not only to be part of the camp, but to meet and play basketball with the basketball great himself."

Gibran was at Lewis at the start of the Graphic Design Program.

"We were in a small room and our professor, Paul Mitchell, had maybe four computers at the time in the Graphic Design Program. By the time I left, we had moved into the computer lab in the Fine Arts Center, so the program had definitely grown over a few years," he says.

Originally from California, Gibran moved to Chicago in his teens and moved back to California upon graduation.

He says he "stumbled upon" a graphic design job for Forbes Industries, and spent four years designing custom furniture for hotels, casinos, yachts, mobile bars, and more.

"My time there was an exceptional experience," says Gibran. "I learned even more, building upon the foundation I had from Lewis. Now, I spend my time building my entrepreneurial venture, Birt (Basketball In Real-Time). Birt builds off of my two favorite things, basketball and technology. It's a mobile app that allows basketball enthusiasts to share their basketball experiences. It's been wonderful to help out the basketball world and connect users worldwide on an engaging platform."

As for advice for aspiring entrepreneurs of any age? "It's a gamble, and you have to really have faith and believe in your ideas. I actually keep a little notebook of ideas and I'm constantly jotting them down. You just have to go and do it. Don't worry about the what-ifs – those always happen. Believe in yourself and what you want to do and you can accomplish it. It won't happen overnight and there will be trials and tribulations, but just keep at it."

All Roads Led to Lewis

Lewis Sweethearts “So Very Proud” to See Sons Become Flyers

“We spent a lot of time together at Lewis, 210” says Rosann (Mars) Halick '77 of her husband Gary Halick '75. “He would help me with Economics, which was not my strength even though I loved Professor Larry Hill. Gary had all the qualities that I was looking for; he was caring and loving, honest, easy to talk to and had many of the same interests as I did.”

At the urging of Gary's roommate, Robert Wieland '77, the couple met and began dating at Lewis when Rosann was a freshman and Gary was a senior.

“I was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Little Sisters and selling candy as a fundraiser. Gary came over to buy a box from me and needless to say, he continued to buy more boxes of candy. After Gary graduated, we continued to date and in 1979, we were married. We have been married 35 years this year and are the proud parents of Lewis University student Brendan '16 and recent alumnus Matt '14.

“We never wanted to influence their decision-making too much because we wanted them to choose their own college. Because they both attended De La Salle High School in Concord, Calif., they already had exposure to the Lasallian teaching and philosophy,” Rosann says.

The Lasallian educational experience began with their father Gary, who attended Driscoll Catholic High School in Addison. “Brother James Gaffney, FSC, was one of my teachers at Driscoll Catholic. At one point, I had him for three classes. We go back a long way,” says Gary.



(L-R) Br. James Gaffney, FSC, Gary '75, Matt '14, Rosann '77 and Brendan Halick.

His son Matt received a special letter from Brother James after his formal acceptance letter from Lewis.

“Matt received a handwritten letter that said, ‘We want someone like you at our school,’” Gary recalls.

That letter and its welcoming words helped guide Matt to enroll at Lewis. Later on, when it was time for Brendan to look for colleges, he did look at other institutions but, in the end, enrolled at Lewis like his parents and brother before him.

Both Gary and Rosann are happy that their sons decided to attend Lewis. “The campus is really beautiful now and has grown so much. There are so many more class offerings and opportunities for academic specialties. There are also many more clubs and activities,” Rosann says. “It is a good opportunity for them,” Gary adds.

All the members of the Halick family have been involved with different activities during their time at Lewis, and the brothers recognize there are a lot of similarities between themselves and their parents. The “double brothers,” as Matt refers to himself and Brendan, are both Phi Kappa Theta fraternity brothers, lived in Pope John Paul II together and are marketing majors. Like their father, Matt and Brendan participate in intramurals. Brendan works for Sodexo Food Services, and both parents had campus jobs

as well. Gary was a Science Lab Proctor and Rosann worked as a Teacher's Assistant.

Matt was extremely involved in Campus Ministry, serving as a Peer Minister and actively volunteering locally and internationally as well. Over Christmas Break 2013, Matt traveled to the Philippines as a volunteer and was so moved by that experience that he and his brother went back this summer to volunteer again. Matt also will begin his two years as a Lasallian Volunteer in the fall. “The best part of Lewis is that there are so many opportunities to excel; in the classroom, yes, but in all the activities,” said Matt.

Gary currently works as Director of Quality Improvement for Western Pacific Renal Network, a company that improves the quality of care of patients on dialysis. Rosann is the Director of Youth Faith Formation at St. Bonaventure Catholic Community in Concord, Calif.

“Each place has had its opportunities, but Chicago is home,” Rosann says. And so is Lewis University.

As for Matt and Brendan, they are enjoying their time at Lewis, and when asked if they hope their own children continue the legacy of their family, a very typical 20-something answer is given. “We'll talk in ten years,” Matt said, as Brendan softly nodded his head in agreement.

Aviation Alumni Have New Opportunity for Involvement

On April 26, the Lewis University Alumni Association (LUAA) officially recognized and launched the University's second official affinity group, the Lewis University Aviation Alumni Organization (LU-AAO). LU-AAO was created by a group of alumni currently working in the aviation industry with the support of faculty from the Aviation and Transportation Studies department. Its goals are to provide networking, mentoring, and professional development opportunities for alumni currently working in the aviation field as well as to improve collaboration among the Lewis University aviation community. LU-AAO created the networking committee and professional development committee to help reach its goals. If you would like to join a LU-AAO committee, please contact Joe Volin '08, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at volinjo@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5472.

Nursing Alumni Network Continues Providing Opportunities

On March 26, the Lewis University Nursing Alumni Network (LU-NAN) hosted its first event, *Mentoring in the Moment*. The event provided an opportunity for alumni and graduating students to network with each other. The next event scheduled for LU-NAN is a webinar that will discuss lateral violence in hospitals on August 6, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. LU-NAN provides professional development and networking opportunities for alumni from the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Speakers for this webinar are Linda Steffens '07 MSN '10, and Dr. Belinda M. Wholeben, professor of psychology at Rockford College. To learn more about LU-NAN events please visit alumni.lewisu.edu/LUNAN or to get involved with a committee, please contact Joe Volin '08, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at volinjo@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5472.



Rick McCallum '77 Hollywood Stuntman



You've probably seen Rick McCallum on your television or movie screen without knowing you were looking at a Lewis alumnus. Even if you knew him, you may not recognize him, thanks to the transformation he undergoes to play his roles. As a stuntman, he is often made to look like someone else.

Shortly after his graduation from Lewis University, McCallum moved to California to build his career in Hollywood as a stuntman – and from his impressive resume, he has unquestionably succeeded. Now a stuntman, stunt coordinator, actor, and writer, McCallum has worked on more than 70 movies during his career, with more on the horizon.

"I always wanted to do stunts," says McCallum. "My roommate Jerry Clemens '77 and I were known for pushing the envelope, performing our own stunts around campus. I graduated with a degree in criminal/social justice, interviewed for jobs, and thought about the future. I realized that by being a stuntman, I could have fake bullets aimed at me as opposed to the real ones I'd face as a police officer. Then I headed out to California."

In 1981, McCallum found himself acting in his first film, a Chuck Norris movie, *Lone Wolf McQuade*. His role for his first production involved getting beat up. While many of his roles are in horror movies like *Hatchet* (2006) and *The Devil's Rejects* (2005), he has also worked on productions including *J. Edgar* (2011), *Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult* (1994), and *Baywatch Nights* (1997). If you're an avid fan of one of the most-watched shows currently on television, *The Walking Dead* on AMC, you've probably seen the online *Cold Storage* webisodes. McCallum served as stunt coordinator alongside writer and director Greg Nicotero.

The list of actors and actresses he's worked with is long and includes

Clint Eastwood, David Hasselhoff, the Baldwin brothers, Hank Azaria, Blythe Danner, and Angie Harmon. He's also been cast as the stunt double for many stars, including Oliver Platt, Greg Evigan, Patrick Warburton, Barry Bostwick, and Sid Haig. One of his closest friends is Kane Hodder, who played Jason Voorhees in four of the *Friday the 13th* films.

"One of my favorite movies I've worked on was *Hatchet 2*. I was able to co-star in that one, and I have one of the most ultimate demises in the history of horror movies, or so I've been told," McCallum says. "You get to travel the country and the world in this business. You meet some really great people along the way. Chuck Norris and Clint Eastwood are two of the nicest guys you could ever meet. I never think of what I do as exciting until I talk to other people about it, then I realize that it is pretty interesting. I've had some great experiences and always look forward to the opportunities still ahead."

While he enjoys the warmth that California provides, he still holds a place in his heart for his alma mater.

"I really miss being at Lewis," says McCallum. "I made a lot of good friends there that I still talk to today. I had the chance to catch up with a few recently when I came back to Chicago. I had some pretty good teachers, too, like Professor Richard Prince. He taught a writing class and really helped me get into writing. Good times, good memories."

For more featured alumni like Rick McCallum, visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/FeaturedAlumni. You can also take a look at McCallum's work on IMDB.com.

Guinevere Grana McGahan '08 Aspiring Actress

Guinevere Grana McGahan recently appeared in an episode of *Chicago Fire*, playing both an injured runner and a nurse, as well as playing an injured runner on *Chicago PD*. A Theatre and Psychology major at Lewis University, she is currently in the process of auditioning and finding an agent – and in the meantime has been working on her craft through Chicago-based projects.



She's met renowned director Neil Burger who directed *Divergent*, calling him a really nice, artistic, and amazing director. He directed her in a scene filmed in the studio with the movie's lead actors and actresses. And though she's headed to stardom,

she holds a special place for Lewis in her heart.

"My favorite memories are those of the Philip Lynch Theatre. There was nothing better than living, breathing, and being part of the theater program," she says. "I'd like to thank my theater professors for molding me into the actor I am today. The work they do is admirable and the education one receives in the theater program is very well-rounded. And a special thanks to Keith White '77 and Jo Slowik '88 for their continued support and mentoring. I'm also so grateful to my psychology and general education professors for their passion, support and willingness to go above and beyond."

Guinevere held the role of a featured extra in the movie *Divergent*, playing an Erudite Adult, or you may have seen her as a restaurant patron in *Mindgames*. She also played Tina in the interactive comedy "*Tony n' Tina's Wedding*" in Chicago for over a year.

"I hope to continue acting both on television and stage," says Guinevere. "It would be great to land a role on a TV drama. I've had so many great experiences. I would have to say doing shows every weekend in the heart of the city with such amazing actors during the run of *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* would top my list."

STAGE STARS

Jason Aguirre '08 Center Stage

Jason Aguirre has performed at the well-known experimental theater space LaMama with Pascal Rambert's *A (micro) history of world economics, danced*. He's participated in pre-production for the Broadway Revival of *Jekyll and Hyde* directed by Tony Nominee Jeff Calhoun. In addition, he's done background work for *Law and Order: SVU, Blue Bloods, Law and Order: Criminal Intent, Mercy, and Made in Jersey*.

So what's next for this performer, the son of Lewis graduates Gerardo '99 and Theresa '89 Aguirre?

"I just finished workshopping an Immersive Theatre production called *krāv*, and will be working on it a bit more as there are future workshops in the works," he says. "As a member of the sketch group, DNA Comedy, we recently performed our show *AFFIRMATIVE REACTION: A Dance Comedy Show*, to a sold out audience at The Upright Citizens Brigade Theater. We've also performed in several showcases and variety shows featuring guests such as Ilana Blazer – Comedy Central's *Broad City* – and Hari Kondabolu – *The Tonight Show with David Letterman*."

Jason's also a choreographer, working with students at The Broadway Dance Center in preparation for their Professional Semester industry showcase. He's currently studying improv comedy and sketch writing at the Upright Citizens Brigade as well as continuing to create and workshop material with DNA Comedy.

A 2008 graduate of Lewis University with a major in Theatre and a minor in Marketing, Jason currently resides in Astoria, New



York, and has his sights set on television roles.

"Television is the dream at this point. I love the idea of being part of something that reaches people in their homes on a weekly basis. It's one of the most exciting forms of

storytelling there is right now. Every new experience is completely visceral and exciting to me," he says.

Jason is quick to share his appreciation of Lewis faculty and staff including Celeste Mackey, Harold McKay, Jr., and Kevin Trudeau. And while choreographers Lane Napper of Nickelodeon's *iCarly* and *Victorious*, and Richard J. Hinds of Broadway's *Newsies, Rocky, and Jekyll and Hyde* have served as mentors to Jason while providing remarkable advice and opportunities, he is most grateful to fellow Lewis graduates.

"I owe a great deal of gratitude to alumna Kay Cannon, writer of *Pitch Perfect*, for taking time to meet me in my first year in New York. My path towards improv and sketch writing is because of her. Jo Slowik '88 was always so incredibly generous with her time and support during my years at Lewis, never letting me settle for being a mediocre actor. Keith White '77 is an incredible teacher and friend, with an infectious and inspiring passion for theater."

Learn more about Jason at www.jason-aguirre.com.

Kayce Alltop '00 Laughter is the Best Medicine

Kayce Alltop says she's been lucky enough to work at many theaters and on many commercials, both on-camera and as voice over. The Chicago-based theater major aspires to be a series regular on a quality sitcom – she says she's "your next crazy neighbor" – or to have an Oscar-winning performance in a Scorsese drama.



"Either of those would be really cool," Kayce jokes.

Her most notable projects to date include feature film *PWNERS*; on-camera commercials for Walmart, McDonald's and Gdine; voice over work for Tombstone, Ziploc, McDonald's and the video game *The Conduit*; and print work for Pop Tarts and a cover of *Fortune Magazine*.

"I perform with and help run pH Comedy Theater in the Andersonville neighborhood of Chicago," the actress says. "We do improv, sketch, stand up and original shows five nights a week. I book our private shows and corporate workshops, and teach Level 1 of our training center. I also teach voice over and produce voice

over demos with Voice Over Tech Chicago. If I'm not at one of those places, I'm at auditions!"

Kayce has had some amazing opportunities to showcase her work, including performing for a month at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the world's largest arts festival which takes place every August in Scotland's capital city.

"It was so magical! Thousands of performers and theater goers are all in one city at the same time. We would have a show every night with a different, amazing audience. Not only did I get to perform, but I saw some of the best and craziest performances ever," she says.

Being in the Chicago improv community, Kayce is surrounded by people she admires for their exceptional skills.

"If I were to pick one person who I am crazy about, it would be Joan Cusak," laughs Kayce. "She is a hero of mine. I would love a career similar to hers."

Her fondest memories of Lewis encompass the preview parties after rehearsing a show for months. Chet Kondratowicz, Keith White '77 and Kevin Trudeau served as her role models, helping mold her into the performer she is today.

"They taught me everything from professionalism and confidence to diction and stage make up. It was a wonderful four years at Lewis!"

Learn more about Kayce at kaycealltop.weebly.com.



CLASS

1960s

John Flanyak '68 (*Chemistry*) received a patent for a new packaging device. John spoke to the Joliet and Chicago sections of the American Chemical Society meeting held at Lewis University on February 20. The title of his talk was "An Alternative Career in Chemistry."

Matt Senffner '66 (*Biology*), a former athletic director for Providence Catholic High School who coached at the school for 38 years and guided it through its transition from Class A to Class AA competition, was inducted into the Joliet Sports Hall of Fame on June 17. He coached all nine of the school's state champion football teams at Providence and won an IHSA-record 300 games.

1970s

Dale Galassie '75, MA '79, MS '93 (*Political Science, Education, Criminal/Social Justice*) was recently appointed by Gov. Quinn to Chair the Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board which regulates hospitals, long-term care and ambulatory care facilities.

1980s

Richard DeVitto '80 (*Graduate Criminal/Social Justice*) has been an adjunct faculty member at Lewis since 2009 and teaches in the Justice, Law, and Public Safety Studies Program. Rich retired as a Federal Agent in 2009 and has been consulting in government integrity programs since then. Rich is also a certified fraud examiner and president *emeritus* of the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Thomas Tongue '84 (*Biology, Chemistry*), Director of Product Development at Innovative Food Processors, Inc. (IFP), presented a course lecture on agglomeration and encapsulation at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus on March 31. The lecture is part of an Ingredient Functionality course taught by Dawn Bohn, Ph.D. and Youngsoo Lee, Ph.D. in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department. This is his second year providing classroom teaching for this course.

Michael Mitchell '86, MBA '97 (*Business Administration*) is now a parts production manager at Caterpillar and resides in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

1990s

Cynthia R. Hodges '91 (*Graduate, Nursing*) has been included in the Strathmore's *Who's Who Worldwide Edition* for her outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of education. Cynthia has over 22 years of experience in the educational field. Currently, she is the Nursing Program Administrator for the Chicago Board of Education in Chicago.



Marie Ryan '94 MA '12 (*Management Information Systems, Special Education*) received the Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award from the Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE). Marie accepted the award at the IACTE's Legislative Reception in Springfield, Illinois on May 6. Marie was nominated by Dr. Pam Jessee, Dean of the College of Education at Lewis University. The purpose of IACTE is to stimulate improvement in the education of professional school personnel in Illinois. She is in her second year as a special education teacher and case manager at Joliet Central. Prior to teaching, she spent 16 years in the business sector working for information research companies in operations management.

Kevin M. Warner '97 (*Liberal Arts*) was recently named executive director of USA Synchro. Previously, Kevin served as USA Synchro's Education Director and has been the organization's Chief Operations Officer and Transition Director since October 2013.

If you wish to send in your alumni note, please email it to alumni@lewisu.edu

2000s

Christina M. Galassi '00, '10 (*Nursing; Graduate, Nursing*) recently was awarded tenure at Prairie State College. The college's expectations for tenure include commitment to student success, collaboration with their peers, and dedication to the college's mission and core values. Christina joined the PSC faculty teaching nursing in June 2011. She assisted the nursing department with preparing for and successfully completing the NLNAC re-accreditation process in 2013. She also has taken on responsibility for the Nursing Club as its freshman-level faculty liaison, and has served on the pinning ceremony committee.

Matthew J. Blackmore '01, '03 (*Special Education; Graduate, Education*) was recently hired as the Carlisle School District's new high school principal. Matthew previously worked as a principal at Ogden High School and previously spent eight years in Ankeny High School and at Plainfield North High School.

Jill Karwoski '01 (*Sport Management*) was promoted to head coach of Quinnipiac University Softball. Karwoski was previously hired as the interim head softball coach in 2013. She will be the seventh head coach in program history and the third at the Division I level. Jill was the head coach at Merrimack College for the 2011-12 season; the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Boston College from 2007-2011; and head coach at Morehead State University of the Ohio Valley Conference from 2004-2007.

Katherine Choudhary '03 M.Ed., '08 (*History, Educational Leadership*) of St. Raymond Nonnatus Cathedral in Joliet CCW, leads the Baptismal Prep workshops at the cathedral and the monthly "Guardians and Angels" program, which provides a prayerful, crafty and fun place to gather for children from birth through kindergarten and their caregivers. She also runs a Facebook group for a community of Catholic women to grow in their faith through monthly book discussions.

Harley Piercy '03, MA '06 (*Sport Management, Organizational Leadership*) and his wife Kate welcomed son, Hugh Laurens Piercy, on February 25.

NOTES

Dr. Louis L. Lee, Jr. '05, '09 (*Graduate, Education; Doctor of Education*) was recently appointed assistant superintendent of Indian Prairie District 204. He will oversee District 204's three high schools. Dr. Lee previously served as principal of Oswego East High School; assistant principal of District 204's Granger Middle School; associate principal of Lincoln-Way East High School in Frankfort; and was a science teacher at Cooke Magnet School in Waukegan. During his tenure at Lincoln-Way East, he taught chemistry and also served as a football coach, dean, assistant principal for attendance and assistant principal for student services.



Lora (Stepusin) '06 (*Aviation*) **MBA '08** and **Jim MacKenzie '03** (*Aviation*) **MBA '08** recently welcomed their first child, Madeline (pictured above), on January 16, 2014.

Guy J. Papa '07 (*Graduate, Psychology*) was recently hired as an Associate Attorney for the Law Offices of Francis J. Discipio, a DuPage criminal firm. Guy will concentrate his law practice on criminal defense, real estate, personal injury, and workers compensation. Prior to joining the Law Offices of Francis J. Discipio, he worked for 15 years as a police officer.

Maggie Senese '07 (*Political Science, Criminal/Social Justice*) welcomed Erin Elizabeth on August 12, 2013. Erin joins big brother, Victor, and big sisters, Cailin and Molly.

Ashley (Baron) Backhoff '08 (*Elementary Education*) has been selected as a Great Teacher Winner by the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce. Ashley has taught for District 86 for the past five years, previously as a substitute teacher and currently as a first grade teacher.

Robert Culp '08 (*Special Education*) has been selected for the 2014 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator 3X program for his innovation and use of digital media in the classroom. An ELA Literacy Coach for Joliet Public Schools District 86, Robert has been selected as one of the top 16 applicants and will be a Lead PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator. In recognition of his efforts, he will receive year-long professional development opportunities and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC, to participate in a two-day digital education summit. Robert also works as an adjunct professor at Lewis University in both the Reading Literacy and Special Education departments.

Erik D. Anderson '09 (*Graduate, Secondary Education*) was married to Cathleen Kimble on March 3, 2013, at the Naperville Church of Christ. They currently live in Illinois and are both teachers.

Michelle Cullen '09 (*Special/Elementary Education*) has been selected as a Great Teacher Winner by the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce. Michelle has taught for the

past five years at Taft Elementary School as an intermediate level adaptive skills, behavior, and communications classroom teacher.

James O'Hagan '09 (*Graduate, Educational Leadership*) was recently appointed to the Rockford Public Library Board of Trustees. A native of San Mateo, Calif., he relocated to Rockford two years ago. He is currently the Director of Instructional Technology & Library Services for Rockford Public Schools 205. He has worked in education for 15 years as a teacher, technology integration specialist, assistant principal and director.

2010s

John Andrick '12 (*Graduate, Organizational Leadership*) was recently promoted to Campus Director at Globe University-Moorhead. John joined Globe University in 2013 as director of education.

Justin Homer '12 (*Criminal/Social Justice*) was recently engaged to Amanda Derhake. The couple is set to be married on September 20, 2014.

Rebecca Kowall '13 (*Human Resource Management*) accepted a human resources consultant position in March 2014 with Sikich LLP in Naperville, Ill. As of May 1, 2014 they extended her a permanent position as HR Generalist on their Human Capital Team.

Molly Szilard '13 (*Contemporary Global Studies*) was recently named "Intern of the Year" for the Indiana House Republican caucus. Molly is a member services intern who works with Representatives Bob Behning, Martin Carbaugh and David Ober.

IN MEMORIAM

Maurice Alfred '85
(*Speech*)
March 25, 2014.

Bruce Blado '86
(*Graduate, Business*)
March 18, 2014.

Robert Briski '77 (*Business Administration*)
May 5, 2014.

Jennifer Cashen '77
(*Elementary Education*)
April 29, 2014.

Donald Cisek '69
April 4, 2014.

Kelly Flynn '06
(*Graduate, Nursing*)
February 14, 2014.

Anthony Gregory '78
(*Accounting*)
April 17, 2014.

Joseph Hemrick '64
(*Accounting*)
March 23, 2014.



James Knesek '82 (*Fire Service Administration*)
February 8, 2014.

Joseph Kowsky '69
(*Spanish*)
February 14, 2014.

Michael Kulig '58
(*Pre-Veterinary*)
April 29, 2014.

Paul F. Lucas '58
(*Chemistry*)
April 26, 2014.

Michael Maude '48
(*Pre-Veterinary*)
March 10, 2014.

Verna Moret '73
(*Accounting*)
February 26, 2014.

Kent Morris '70
April 8, 2014.

Joan Nadeau '77 (*Elementary Education*)
January 7, 2014.

Gerald O'Connell '59
(*Accounting*)
January 11, 2014.

Edward Riordan '41
January 18, 2014.

Edmund Saluga '86
(*Nursing*) April 1, 2014.

Thomas Scott '80
(*Graduate, Business*)
April 25, 2014.



Kay Bolden Book Launch: (L-R) Charles Jones '66, Kay Bolden, Betty Byrd '82, Michael Parker '77, and Brother James Gaffney, FSC, gather to celebrate the launch of Kay's book, *She Lives In You! The Kathleen Bolden Story*, on April 2, 2014.



Avenue Q Theatre Reception: (Top photo) Stephanie Knudson '08 and Imran Shamim '07 join other young alumni to watch the *Avenue Q* production at the Philip Lynch Theatre on April 4, 2014.



Georinis Family Visit: Br. James Gaffney, FSC (far left) welcomed the family of the late Dr. Thomas Georinis, a longtime faculty member in the College of Business. Pictured are: Stacy Georinis '10, Peter Georinis '08 and Angela Georinis.



Career Fair: Carl Day '96 (center) and Ricardo Pena '13 (right) take part in the Career Fair held at Lewis University on February 21.



Irish O'Reilly Jersey Retirement: (Left photo, L-R) Bruce Phillips, John Weber '93, Dr. John Planek, Ben Bachmann '98, Irish O'Reilly, and Joe Falese celebrate the retirement of Irish's number. See *article on p. 20*.

EVENTS



Pictured are Brittany Miller, Alyssa Moseley, Kyle Hayes, Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, Ross Reed, Lauren Pratl, Esmeralda Cordova, Rachael Tracey, and Samantha Rinehart. Not pictured: Amanda Halley

SENIOR CHALLENGE

Kudos to the Class of 2014 graduates who raised \$10,755.87 as of June 30 1 with 193 donors. The Senior Challenge Campaign is a student-driven fundraising effort that has been a tradition at Lewis since 1994. Each year our graduating seniors are asked by their peers to make a gift to Lewis. The students choose an area of the University that they want to support, and they can dedicate their gift to a parent, favorite faculty member, coach, or other loved-ones.

“I was fortunate enough to receive a scholarship from Lewis and the majority of funding for those scholarships comes from the generosity of alumni, parents, students, and friends. I want to contribute so that I can help future students the way that others have helped me! I want to give back to the school that has done so much for me,” says Rachael Tracy

Since 2011, the Senior Challenge has raised nearly \$30,000 to support Lewis University.

Thank you, Senior Challenge donors!



Schmitt Scholars: The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation welcomed 10 Lewis University students into its Schmitt Scholars Program. Front row (from left): Gregory Chomko, Jasmine Hester, Magdalena Jazowski, Donna Thompson, Patricia Shevlin, executive director of the Schmitt Foundation, Maryann O'Neill, Sarah Harms, and Meghan Faloon. Back row: Kevin Beirne, Dan Mayworm and Peter Wrenn of the Schmitt Foundation, Maggie Munson, McKenna Lulic, and Brother James Gaffney, FSC. The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation has granted Lewis University more than \$1.3 million dollars over the past twenty-five years. The Foundation supports Schmitt Scholars programs at Lewis and a number of other Catholic universities in the Midwest. Schmitt Scholarships recognize both academic distinction and leadership qualities.



Brother James Gaffney, FSC, (far left) presented the awards. Award recipients include (left to right): Kathryn Bolden, Executive Director of the Warren-Sharpe Community Center; Michael Airdo, Founding partner of Kopon Airdo, LLC, law firm; Mary Jaworski, Executive Vice President of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Annette Leck, Executive Director for Will County Habitat for Humanity; Rudy Mahalik, Jr., President at Poehner Dillman & Mahalik, Inc.; the Honorable Thomas Thanas, Circuit Judge in Will County; and Kevin O'Donnell, Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Joliet.

COMMUNITY LEADERS HONORED WITH 2014 DE LA SALLE AWARDS

Lewis University recognized seven members of the community with the De La Salle Award during a special ceremony on Sunday, April 13, 2014. This prestigious award is presented each year to individuals who provide extraordinary service and leadership for the benefit of the community and region. The 2014 award recipients represent a diverse, talented and distinguished group of leaders. For more information on this year's recipients as well as past recipients, visit alumni.lewisu.edu/Awards.



CNN ANALYST, VATICAN CORRESPONDENT SPEAKS DURING *SIGNUM FIDEI* LECTURE

John L. Allen, Jr. Vatican correspondent and senior Vatican analyst for CNN, spoke during the 12th Annual *Signum Fidei* Lecture March 20 at Lewis University. Allen, also associate editor of the *Boston Globe*, talked to the crowd of about 300 people inside the St. Charles Borromeo Center on the university's main campus in Romeoville. Retired Bishop John R. Gorman of Chicago was in attendance as well as clergy and lay people from parishes in northern Illinois, Lewis University students, faculty, and staff.



Ashley '17 is one of 30 student callers who connect with Lewis alumni, parents and friends as a part of our Phonathon program.



When Ashley calls, will you answer?

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