

THE FOUNDERS

Founded in 1932 under the direction of the Chicago Archdiocese and Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Lewis began as the Holy Name Technical School, a school for boys which opened with only a handful of students. The school was established on a campus of 170 acres of farmland that was donated to the Archdiocese by

Michael Fitzpatrick and his sister, Frances Fitzpatrick of Lockport. From the beginning, Frank J. Lewis, the noted Chicago philanthropist and industrialist, took an active interest in the school. He assisted with the funding of various buildings that became the core of the campus. Brother Hildolph Caspar, FFSC and the German-speaking Franciscan Brothers of the Holy Cross from Springfield, Illinois played a critical role in those early years, serving as teachers and administrators.



SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

In the year 1679, shortly after his ordination to the priesthood, De La Salle began a new educational work in his city of birth, Rheims, France, where he opened a school for poor children. The education was practical and directed toward bringing Christian values into the workplace.

He opened other schools and brought his co-workers together as a religious congregation, known as the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the De La Salle Christian Brothers). The work of the Christian Schools flourished under his guidance and continues today through the educational efforts of the Christian Brothers and their dedicated partners in the Lasallian schools.

FOUNDERS WEEK

Founders Week is Lewis University's annual celebration of its Mission and heritage. This week presents us with the opportunity to reflect on our roots as a dynamic institution of higher education and to recognize and honor our faculty, staff and students for their dedication to Lewis University and our Catholic and Lasallian Mission.

For additional information about Founders Week, as well as digital versions of brochures, handouts, and other materials, please visit <http://www.lewisu.edu/welcome/foundersweek.htm> or contact Kurt Schackmuth, Director of Mission & First Year Experience at schackku@lewisu.edu or at extension 5810.

Save the date for **Founders Week 2009**: March 29 – April 5, 2009



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A Celebration of Lewis University's Mission and Heritage



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April 6-13, 2008

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

FOUNDERS WEEK OPENING LITURGY

Faculty and staff are invited to join students for this traditional *Founders Week* opening liturgy, which begins the week.

Sancta Alberta Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

FEAST DAY OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

FOUNDERS WEEK MEMORIAL MASS

Our annual *Founders Week* Memorial Mass is dedicated in gratitude for the remarkable generosity of Mr. Frank J. Lewis and family. It is also a time to remember other deceased members of the Lewis University Community.

Sancta Alberta Chapel, Noon

THIS OLD CAMPUS: A WALKING TOUR

Kurt Schackmuth, Director of Mission & First Year Experience, will lead a tour of the Lewis campus, highlighting historical places and answering your questions about Lewis history.

Oremus Fine Arts Center Lobby, 2:00 p.m.

20TH ANNUAL BROTHER DAVID DELAHANTY STUDENT ATHLETE AWARDS

Scholar-athletes will be recognized for their significant academic accomplishments at the special ceremony. These awards are presented in memory of Brother David Delahanty, FSC, who served as President of Lewis University from 1981-1987. A reception follows in the University Dining Room.

Sancta Alberta Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

TOGETHER FOR MISSION: A RECEPTION

Approximately 25 faculty and staff currently enrolled in or who have graduated from the *Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies*, the *Lasallian Leadership Institute*, or other Lasallian formation programs will attend this special reception in their honor hosted by the LaSalle House community of the Christian Brothers.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

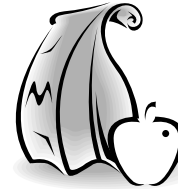
A Lewis University *Founders Week* tradition, *A Celebration of Service* honors employees marking significant service anniversaries and features the presentation of the De La Salle Medallions for Exemplary Volunteer Service, as well as the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award. A reception follows the ceremony.

Sancta Alberta Chapel, 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

LASALLIAN LUNCHTIME DISCUSSION

Join faculty and staff in a discussion of *Our Lasallian Universities: A Path of Mission and Association*, the text of an address given by Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria, FSC, Superior General of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Brother Alvaro reflects on the role of Lasallian Universities and the challenges they face, as well as the opportunities that exist, and also offers some examples for re-imagining the role of Lasallian institutions of higher education.



To receive a copy of the article and join in the discussion with colleagues over lunch, please contact Kurt Schackmuth at extension 5810 or via e-mail.

D'Arcy Great Room, Noon.

12TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION OF STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

The President will honor approximately 65 student volunteers for their generous commitment to others both on-campus and in the community. Two students will also receive the prestigious De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service in recognition of their outstanding volunteer efforts.

University Dining Room, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

15TH ANNUAL STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR CEREMONY AND APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Student employees will be recognized for outstanding service and enjoy lunch with their supervisors and other faculty and staff from the departments where they are employed. One student will be honored as "Student Employee of the Year."

University Dining Room, Noon

43RD ANNUAL DELTA EPSILON SIGMA INDUCTION CEREMONY

Numerous students and faculty members will be inducted into Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Catholic Honor Society, one of the oldest honor societies on campus.

Sancta Alberta Chapel, 6:30 p.m.



SUNDAY, APRIL 13

DE LA SALLE AWARDS PRESENTATION

The De La Salle Award is presented each year to individuals who provide extraordinary service and leadership for the benefit of the community and region. The ceremony includes a Mass and presentation of awards, followed by a reception. For more information, please contact University Advancement.

Sancta Alberta Chapel, 10:00 a.m.

CLOSING LITURGY & CELEBRATION

This closing liturgy for *Founders Week* will include the annual induction ceremony for the *Society of Lasallian Collegians*. The Society is an association of outstanding students who have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to the integration of their faith with giving service and investing in a caring community.

Sancta Alberta Chapel, 8:00 p.m.