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Our 80th year was quite remarkable, and the array of impressive accomplishments at Lewis has carried over into this year. For instance, numerous awards and recognitions have come our way. The most recent is our accredited arboretum designation from the Morton Register. We also have been honored for the third year in succession as a Tree Campus USA. At about the same time, we received notification of having earned the annual conservation award from a highly regarded Chicago-land conservation organization, as well as a special award from the Governor for outstanding progress in the area of sustainability and other environmental initiatives. These all relate to our commitment to provide a campus of beauty, spiritual nourishment and an environment that recognizes our obligation to be good stewards of God’s marvelous gift of creation.

Another external recognition, apart from the many academic honors that our faculty and students regularly receive, is that of additional validations of our overall institutional excellence. Lewis has once again been recognized as a top tier university by U.S. News & World Report and by The Princeton Review. In fact, the University’s ranking in the U.S. News & World Report advanced a remarkable six places in just one year. These gains are based on our constantly improving retention and graduation rates, our fine student academic profile, and our students’ expressed pride and satisfaction in their Lewis education. The University has also been identified as remarkable in our ability to work with good students to help them excel in their college goals and in their career readiness. Moreover, we are once again in the top 15 percent in terms of our welcoming and supportive environment for veterans and members of the military.

No wonder Lewis is one of a relatively few Illinois private universities to experience healthy growth this academic year, as we achieved a record enrollment of approximately 6,550 undergraduate and graduate students. In fact, we reached or exceeded our goals in virtually all enrollment categories, that is, traditional age underclassmen, adult accelerated students and graduate students.

As we continue to develop, we are making considerable progress in the provision of new and enhanced academic and student life facilities. Our splendid new Science Center is a remarkable ingredient in the steady growth of well-qualified science students, as well as in the expansion of student research under the guidance of faculty mentors. The new Mathematics and Computer Science Complex is enabling many excellent faculty to provide exceptional opportunities for students, all of which have a strong application to relevant careers. The complete upgrading of Sheil Hall has been extraordinary, and the same can be said for the expansion and major remodeling of the Oremus Fine Arts Center. We are in the process of acquiring the Saint Charles Borromeo Center from the Diocese of Joliet. This purchase will now allow for renovations to start this spring and summer, in anticipation of the eventual relocation of our College of Business and Graduate School of Management, as well as other academic and student life units.

These are but a few of a longer list of upgrades and new construction projects, including soon a second expansion of the College of Nursing and Health Professions building. Another project that will soon be undertaken is the complete remodeling of the academic section of our former Science Building and in perhaps a year later, the creation of a Humanities Commons there. Included in our next comprehensive fundraising campaign, besides improved facilities for the College of Nursing and Health Professions and the College of Business, will be a new Student Center, as well as various academic program initiatives, endowed scholarships and faculty positions, funding for new academic institutes, a fine enhancement of the Sancta Alberta Chapel, and more. All of these projects are in support of furthering student success as reflected in our new Strategic Plan for 2012-2017.

Soon we will be into the leadership phase of this new campaign for Lewis University and our strong and promising future. We can confidently pursue this goal, not only due to the successful attainment of the targets for our last campaign, but because of the growing culture of giving that exists at the University and among our trustees, alumni and other friends. We are making encouraging progress in our alumni’s level of giving and that of the parents of our students. Our most recent graduating classes have all stretched to give at higher levels each new year. The philanthropic support of our trustees is nothing short of exceptional. And our faculty and staff giving participation places us in the top 20 percent of all colleges and universities nationally.

These generous achievements are reflective of the consistency of selfless service and self-giving on the part of our entire University Community, for a multitude of good causes. Thank you as well to all of you who have been extraordinary in your investment in our Mission and our students, as shown in our annual President’s Honor Roll of Donors for 2012. Your wonderful spirit of giving and your reliable support are highly valued investments in our students and their overall development, as well as in our Mission as a remarkably fine University in the Catholic, Lasallian tradition. No wonder we and many others are so excited, grateful and confident regarding our current success and our very promising future. Lastly, please know that for you and for your exceptional generosity, we are most thankful!

Sincerely,

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DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF GIVING

by Kathrynne Skonicki ’12

Stewardship includes gifts of time, talent and treasure from students, faculty and staff. As part of the Lasallian educational experience at Lewis University, many students will hear De La Salle’s words, “God has chosen you to do his work.” Lewis University students have multiple volunteer opportunities to explore ways in which they begin to understand De La Salle’s words on stewardship. Students were engaged in more than 10,000 community service hours with more than 100 community partners in 2011. Their efforts as well as the entire Lewis University community were recognized in the spring of 2012, when the University was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the U.S. Department of Education. Lewis University was included among the nation’s leading colleges and universities, students, faculty, and staff for its commitment to bettering communities through community service and service learning.

Service from the first week

Service to others begins in the initial orientation of first year students stepping foot on campus. For more than a decade, Welcome Days has included the “SOAR into the Community” event. In August, more than 400 new incoming freshmen volunteered along with other Lewis University faculty, staff and peer ministers at various sites including Feed My Starving Children in Aurora and Schaumburg, Campfire USA in Bolingbrook, MorningStar Mission sites, Trinity Services in Will County, United Way agencies in Will and DuPage Counties and others.

Students who volunteered at the Feed My Starving Children sites hand-packed meals formulated for starving children. Prepared meals were shipped to countries around the world. Student volunteers for United Way agencies traveled to local communities and helped with activities including gardening and cleaning.

“We are grateful that these agencies are willing to offer these opportunities to our incoming students. In the spirit of a Catholic and Lasallian education, it is a great way for students to get a feel for the culture of service that is ever growing on campus,” said Sean Fagan, Coordinator of Lewis University Student Development and Leadership.

Domestic assistance

The Office of University Ministry actively promotes service, peace and social justice, providing numerous on-campus, local, national, international and post-graduate service opportunities.

The annual Habitat for Humanity Mission trip is a recent example. This spring’s six-day experience was in Cookeville, Tenn., where 12 students along with Brother Thomas Dupré, FSC, Associate Professor of Math/Computer Science and Steven Zlatic, Director of University Ministry, helped at a Habitat for Humanity resale store as well as in building a home.

“I think many students, through working with power tools and building a sub-floor, came away with a profound growth in confidence in themselves. Our evenings of sharing helped us all to connect with each other and discuss its connections to our faith and values,” commented Zlatic.

At the resale shop, the Lewis group built ladder racks, a wall and benches. They also prepared for the next part of their trip, which was helping to build a home.

At the home, the group assembled the house’s subfloor and constructed a shed. They were preparing the home for a blitz build, a one-week complete house build by Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

“Everyone gained many different skills throughout the week learning how to use power tools and learning how to build these things,” said Ryan Snow, a student leader of the trip. Kristen Yarka was the other student leader.

The group’s progress throughout the week impressed Snow, who is an Aviation Security major. He said, “At the beginning everyone was cautious or hesitant to jump in there and try something they had never done before. At the end of the week everyone was doing any
and every thing. It was really great to see this change."

One of the most rewarding parts of the trip was meeting the homeowners. The students were able to interact with the family and understand how their work would impact them for many years. Zlatic said, "I think many were especially touched by the future homeowner Lisa and her wonderful daughters."

The success of the trip was evident in many ways. Snow said, "Our goals were to serve the people of Cookeville, and in the process of doing this help everyone to see God within their work, the people of Cookeville, and themselves. I think we were successful with this. All the people of Cookeville we met were grateful for our work and presence there. It also seemed to me that everyone who went had a powerful experience on the trip."

Student trip participants were: Angela Cotta, Ariel Diamond, Kristen Granato, Sara Harms, Sarah Keib, Stephanie McKenzie, Ryan Newberry, Kathleen Picman, Stephanie Slivka, Danielle Volk, Kristen Yarka and Ryan Snow.

**International Call to Service**

Missions to South America and Southeast Asia also have transformed students, faculty and staff. Since 1998, more than 80 Lewis volunteers have worked in Sucre, Bolivia. “The mission trip changed me as a person, by helping me realize how fortunate I really am. The people in Bolivia are so grateful and so happy, yet they lack a lot of material goods. They helped me understand that happiness resides in the simple things,” said Sean Ruane, a double major in history and secondary education.

This year’s Diocese of Joliet’s annual University mission trip to Sucre, Bolivia included 12 Lewis University students, faculty and staff members. In June, students performed their service at six sites in Bolivia including an orphanage, two daycare centers and three hospitals. At the hospitals, they interacted with patients and doctors and observed medical procedures. Students also spent time playing with children, helping children through their daily activities and reading to them at the daycares and orphanage. In addition, students cooked, shopped, collected donations and painted murals at various sites.

Ruane added, “Now that I am back home, I am thanking God each day for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me. I plan on living each day with a sense of simplicity and humility in my heart.” In August, Ruane will continue serving others as a Lasallian Volunteer. A non-profit organization, Lasallian Volunteers is a program of the De La Salle Christian Brothers whose mission is to meet the educational needs of the poor.

While some were inspired to increase their volunteerism, others became more passionate about their career decisions. Kimberly Cammack, a nursing major said, “Observing in the hospital and talking with surgeons further assured me that I was destined to work in the medical field and help patients.” In addition to helping and observing in the hospital, Cammack taught boys at one of the orphanages how to brush their teeth and maintain proper hygiene.

Students on the trip included: Mayrna Akroush, Kimberly Cammack, Amanda Davalos, Jessica Kush, Ivette Manzo, Sean Ruane, Liana Vantrease, Monisa Victrum, Cassie Waliczek and Melanie Zaragoza. Martha Villegas-Miranda, Coordinator of Volunteer Outreach, and Dr. Lauren Rentfro, Assistant Professor of Secondary Education, were also participants on the trip.

**Service With Newly Found Skills**

Students are also taught how to be good stewards of their time and talents. During the 2011-2012 school year, Lewis University’s WLRA Radio and College of Nursing and Health Professions undergraduate nursing students raised $14,267 for the Lewis University Family Assistance Fund at Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital in Oak Lawn. More than $79,000 has been raised since the fund’s inception more than a decade ago.

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

The Lewis University Family Assistance Fund is the result of service learning collaboration between College of Arts and
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Sciences’ Communications Department and College of Nursing and Health Professions’ Professional Development course for the benefit of hospitalized children’s families. Under the leadership of Anne McShane, Assistant Professor and faculty chair, students in her Professional Development classes raise money throughout the year and host a “Change for Children” event each spring. Patrick Crowe and Jaimie Castonguay were the nursing students who co-chaired the 2012 event. Lewis University’s WLRA Radio Station held a “To Kill a DJ,” a continuous on-air marathon with pledged support under the leadership of instructor John Carey ’85, ’06, Director of Electronic Media, and chaired by student Joshua Bowen.

It’s A Team Thing

Organizations across campus provide opportunities to serve others in various capacities. In the 2011-2012 academic year, Lewis University athletes alone contributed more than 6,200 hours of community service, such as participating in community speaking engagements, volunteering at a soup kitchen, participating in a Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraiser, reading to grade school children, and collecting food and clothing.

As a NCAA Division II University, the Athletics Department encourages its athletes to serve others through its Spread Your Wings community engagement initiative. The program incorporates five commitment areas (academic, athletic, career development, personal development, and service) of the NCAA/CHAMPS Lifeskills program. Last year, the team that donated the most time was the Women’s Volleyball team, who volunteered a total of 800 hours. The Men’s Volleyball team volunteered 528 hours, the most of the men’s sports.

A Vital Source of Outreach and Support

Lewis students also call on alumni and parents to increase their annual giving participation, while also establishing relationships and updating those who are unable to come back to campus because of their distance. These Phonathon students are a key element to increasing financial support for Lewis University which contributes to its ongoing success.

As members of the Phonathon Family, all of our callers are committed to helping maintain and improve the Lewis experience for our students. These students value the high-quality education they receive at Lewis, and recognize the lifelong benefits that it provides. For this reason, our Phonathon students are not only calling to request financial support, but also to thank our donors for the great opportunities and experiences they have at Lewis University!

Project Gratitude

Each year Lewis scholarship students send personal thank you notes and Christmas cards to their benefactors who have given them financial support. In 2011, more than 100 incoming freshmen participated in a volunteer effort to write more than 1,500 personal thank you notes to our alumni donors. Every year around Thanksgiving time, students volunteer to participate in the University Thank-a-thon, in which students make phone calls to thank alumni, parents and friends who have generously supported Lewis.
Dr. Lauren Hoffman Presents Paper at the University of London
Dr. Lauren Hoffman (Educational Leadership) presented a paper this past March at the University of London entitled “Dignity, Well-Being, and Respect in Education: Implications for Educational Leaders from the Human Capabilities Framework.” The paper explored how the human capabilities framework informs the purpose, meaning, and practice of educational leadership for social justice. A critical qualitative research design using life history methodology was used with five participants in order to understand the influence of social, cultural, political, and economic factors on the development of capabilities. The paper concludes with an argument for re-conceptualizing educational leadership to be informed by critical pedagogy, cultural studies and public pedagogy, and arts, humanities and democratic citizenship.

Math/Computer Science Professor and Student Present Research on the Power Grid
Dr. Ray Klump (Mathematics/Computer Science) and undergraduate Computer Science major Brian Wilhelm presented a project for the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) entitled “Design of a Distributed Intrusion Detection System for the Electric Power Grid.” As the electrical grid grows increasingly automated and includes more and more renewable energy sources, the need for real-time communication networks that are hardened against cyber attack increases. Klump and Wilhelm have designed architecture for sharing news of cyber attacks against utility installations in real time so that the spread of such an attack and its effect on power delivery can be contained more effectively.

Welch Presents Poster at Symposium
Professor Lark Welch (Sport & Exercise Science) presented a peer-reviewed poster at the Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions Evidence-Based Practice Symposium, Provo, Utah this past August. The poster was titled “Bilateral Hip Labral Tears and Repairs in a Middle Aged Female: A Case Report.”

Harold McCay Contributes to Opera Set Design
This past May, Professor Harold McCay (Theatre) was part of the production of the Philippine opera version of Felipe de Leon’s work based on the novel, Noli Me Tangere, by Jose P. Rizal. The cast featured a diverse group of singers from the U.S., the Philippines, Canada, Bulgaria, Greece, Brazil and Mexico. McKay designed and painted the scenery for the production presented by KGB Productions & Da Corneto Opera at the Harris Theatre in Chicago.
Biology Professor Authors Article in Microbiology Journal
Dr. Jerry Kavouras (Biology) published "A Useful Roadmap Through the World of Algae, Protozoa, and Fungi" in the May 2012 issue of the *Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education*.

Professors Develop Theory on “Text Control”
Dr. Lynn Tovar (Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies) and Dr. Tracey Nicholls (Philosophy/Women's Studies) continue to expand their research on Text Control with the sponsorship of the Criminal Justice Department at the College of DuPage. Drs. Tovar and Nicholls over the last three years have been working on research related to the influence between digital communication; texting and GPS capabilities on cellular phones and its effect on domestic relationships. As a result of their extensive research on this particular phenomenon they developed a theory identified as Text Control. Drs. Tovar and Nicholls have both submitted articles for publication on the topic of Domestic Abuse and Text Control. Dr. Tovar presented on Text Control at the Midwest Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in September 2012.

Education Professor Conducts Research on Students with Disabilities
Dr. William Blackwell’s (Education) research on students with disabilities in charter schools has recently been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*. The article focuses on disparities in the enrollment of students with disabilities in charter schools, and provides recommendations for how charter school review boards can improve enrollment access for students with disabilities. He has previously presented on this work at the annual conferences of the American Education Research Association and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Faculty Members Participate in Lasallian Formation Program in Rome, Italy
Marvin Bates (Marketing), Mary Adams (Nursing), Dr. Dennis Cremin (History), and Br. Armand Alcazar, FSC (Theology) participated in the 2012 International Lasallian University Leadership Program in Rome, Italy from June 3-16. This international program is designed to enhance the understanding of, and commitment to Lasallian ideals and spiritual life. The program was held in Rome at Casa La Salle, a conference center within the Generalate (motherhouse) of the Brothers of Christian Schools. Conference sessions were facilitated by outstanding professors and Lasallian scholars from around the world. The conference had more than 70 participants from 27 universities, representing 11 countries. Brother Armand presented on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.
ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO RISE

More than 6,500 students are attending classes this fall on campuses in Romeoville, Albuquerque, Chicago, Hickory Hills, Oak Brook, Shorewood and Tinley Park as well as online. Enrollment has increased by more than 2,100 students in the last decade.

“We are blessed in having many gifted, dedicated and innovative persons throughout the University, ready to support our Mission of providing our diverse student population with a balanced blend of liberal learning and professional education. We begin our 81st year as an institution of considerable accomplishment, service and promotion of student success,” commented Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University. In recent months, the University has been named a College of Distinction, honored as a Best in the Midwest College by The Princeton Review, and recognized in the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service and received numerous other awards and recognitions.

New partnerships and academic initiatives attract students of diverse circumstances to Lewis University. New agreements with College of DuPage offer students a competitively priced, streamlined opportunity to earn bachelor’s degrees in criminal/social justice, fire service administration, education and most recently computer science. Additional agreements with Rush University in Chicago provide opportunities for Lewis University biology students to earn a bachelor’s degree from Lewis and a Clinical Specialty master’s degree from Rush.

To accommodate for the steady growth, Lewis University is continuously improving its learning environment for its students. A new Mathematics and Computer Science Complex opened in the new Science Center. Construction is advancing rapidly on the redesign, renovation, and expansion of the Oremus Fine Arts Center. First year resident students are enjoying the recently transformed Sheil Hall, a LEED certified residence hall. Other ongoing projects include additional classrooms for the new Humanities Commons, renovations of St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center and the move of the University’s Oak Brook Campus to a new and larger site in the same Village.

All the while Lewis University remains dedicated to its Mission as a Catholic institution in the Lasallian tradition. The 2012-2013 academic year began with 19 Christian Brothers engaged in ministry that continues the legacy of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the patron saint of educators. Lay persons also are taking a greater role in the Lasallian mission through numerous formation and leadership opportunities. This summer, Steven Zlatic was named Director of University Ministry. He is the first lay person to hold the position in the University’s history.

Students network with aviation professionals during the mentoring session at the Sept. 28 Chicago Area Business Aviation Association meeting at Lewis University.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT LEWIS CABAA EVENT

Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL), representative of the 3rd District of Illinois, gave an update on progress in Washington, D.C. over the past year and the challenges ahead for aviation during his keynote address at the Chicago Area Business Aviation Association (CABAA) meeting and mentoring session held on Sept. 28 at Lewis University’s Main Campus in Romeoville.

“Compromise is always essential to getting anything done,” said Lipinski to the crowd of more than 400 students, faculty, staff and aviation industry professionals. The most senior Chicago-area member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee encouraged the crowd to contact their representatives to ensure that their voices are heard by legislators, who will be deciding on funding for runway improvements, European Union Emissions Trading Scheme ramifications and budget cuts.

CABAA is a grassroots organization formed by business aviation professionals for the purpose of offering members information, training, and networking experiences to enhance the quality and quantity of business aviation operations in the Chicago area. CABAA has been supportive of future aviation business professionals though various scholarship opportunities (read more on page 17).

“We look forward to this opportunity every year as we connect our students with aviation professionals who share their accomplishments and provide valuable insights on how students can achieve their own success,” said Bill Brogan ’93, Chair of Aviation and Transportation Studies at Lewis University.
LEWIS ACHIEVES ARBORETUM STATUS

The Morton Register has granted Lewis University accreditation for its Romeoville Campus as an established arboretum. The University received this award for its impressive main campus by achieving certain standards of professional practices deemed important for arboretum and botanic gardens. Lewis University is a veritable arboretum with more than 2,800 trees in addition to wooded areas. The 376-acre campus features more than 140 varieties of trees.

“This designation recognizes our University’s commitment to providing the best learning environment for our students. Lewis has been developing its campus for more than 30 years with plantings to beautify its sweeping landscape and protect the environment. Our grounds staff is to be commended for their dedication in caring for God’s creation,” commented Brother James Gaffney, FSC.

From 1979 to 1989 on the Lewis campus, the late Brother Ambrose Groble, FSC, planted 189 trees from 36 species as part of a campus beautification project. Later Brother Augustine Kossuth, FSC, planted additional trees on campus and placed tags on them to assist people in identifying the different species. In 1999, Brother Augustine also produced a walking tour of campus so that visitors could explore the trees in their natural settings. Today, the walking tour includes more than 50 varieties.

We are proud to participate in this ‘win-win’ situation.”

Lewis University offers undergraduate degrees in Chemistry and Chemical Physics. Students are engaged in innovative learning, which involves research in areas of materials science, surface science and nanotechnology. Graduates of the program are enrolled in dental schools, medical schools, veterinary schools and other graduate studies. Graduates are also leaders in the industries of biochemistry, chemistry, environmental science or materials science.

This legacy of planting trees has been continued by Dwight DeVries, Superintendent of Grounds, and his staff. In 2009, the Romeoville Main Campus was designated a Tree Campus USA. The campus has received the annual honor each year since then.

ROMEOVILLE BUSINESS COLLABORATES ON NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

Lewis University and Nanophase Technologies Corporation (OTCQB:NANX), a technology leader in nanomaterials and advanced nanoengineered products, have entered a collaboration to investigate aspects of engineered nanoparticle dispersions in polishing applications. Nanophase approached Lewis University for its expertise in nanotechnology/substrate planarization and provided a research grant to support an undergraduate student researcher.

“This type of project provides a unique experience for our undergraduate students. Nanophase is another fine example of the industry leaders we are partnering with to address global scientific challenges,” commented Dr. Jason Keleher, Principal Collaborator and Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Keleher will also serve as the faculty mentor for Alessandro Mazza, who will be conducting the research.

Dr. Patrick Murray, Vice President of Research and Development at Nanophase notes “Nanophase is pleased to be collaborating with Lewis University and the Keleher group on this project. Lewis provides capability and expertise which will be valuable in helping Nanophase to grow its business, and, at the same time, Nanophase recognizes the value to the scientific community and to our nation’s future of involving students early in industrial research.

Lewis University student Alessandro Mazza conducts nanotechnology research.

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Lewis University hosted a dedication and reception in its new Mathematics and Computer Science labs on September 26. The event was attended by nearly 100 faculty, staff, students and alumni. The dedication featured a presentation by Alex Bratton, the CEO and Chief Geek of Lextra Global Services. Bratton’s presentation, “Mobile Technology is changing the world. Are you ready?” demonstrated how mobile technology is changing how we receive our information, interact with others, and do our jobs.

The new Mathematical Computing Lab focuses on teaching and investigating mathematical concepts using computers. The Networking and Security Lab hosts instruction in the design and implementation of computer networks and processes by which computer systems can be made secure against cyber attack. The Software Development Lab focuses on teaching students a variety of programming and software development techniques. Finally, the Ubiquitous Computing Lab explores issues related to non-traditional computing platforms, including the forefront of this innovative trend in higher education.

“We are very excited to pursue this initiative with the College of DuPage to offer their students a high-quality, cutting-edge degree in Computer Science,” said Dr. Ray Klump, Chair and Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. “COD’s CIT and CIS curricula provide their students an excellent set of computer skills. With the additional coursework we will provide their students, they will graduate both having mastered today’s technology and able to create tomorrow’s. Ultimately, this is going to mean great things for their students.”

COD PARTNERS WITH LEWIS IN EDUCATION & COMPUTER SCIENCE

College of DuPage and Lewis University have announced new enhanced agreements for Teacher Certification that offers COD students a competitively priced, streamlined opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lewis University in Elementary Education, Special Education or a combined degree in Special Education/Elementary Education.

“This is the first program of its kind offered to College of DuPage students wanting a career in teaching,” said Dr. Jean V. Kartje, College of DuPage Vice President of Academic Affairs. “Through this partnership, in just four years, our students will complete both their associate’s degree and a bachelor’s degree from Lewis University in education at a very competitive tuition rate. We are pleased to join with Lewis University to make this program available.”

Dr. Jeanette Mines, Academic Associate to the Provost at Lewis University said, “We are so pleased to have reached an agreement with the College of DuPage for their education students. This will be a great benefit to them as they enter the field of teaching.”

A new 3+1 educational agreement was also announced that enables students to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Lewis University at COD’s Glen Ellyn campus.

This program is open to all COD students who have earned an Associate in Applied Science degree in Computer Information Systems or Computer Internetworking Technology from College of DuPage.

“This is the fourth educational partnership we’ve completed with Lewis University in the past two years,” said Dr. Kartje. “These exceptional agreements offer quality education and training for students while keeping the attainment of a four-year degree affordable and accessible. We are extremely pleased to be at the forefront of this innovative trend in higher education.”

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Lewis University alumnus Dr. Charles M. Slack ’68, a Board Certified orthopedic surgeon, recently presented “Orthopedic Medicine: Past, Present, and Future…as I See It!” at the main campus in Romeoville. A Partner with the Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, a large group practice of orthopedic surgeons with multiple locations throughout the Chicago area, discussed advances in computer technology and biomedical engineering improvements. He also cautioned future healthcare providers of the double-edged sword of technology.

Treating a patient with respect, listening to the patient, empathy and hands-on care do not change as basic principles of patient care regardless of technology, concluded Slack.

After earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Lewis University, he received his medical degree from the College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Slack is also a recipient of the 2011 Lewis University Alumni Achievement Award for his contributions in healthcare.

The presentation was sponsored by The Colonel Stephen S. and Lyla Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Research. The Doherty Center funds research and scholarly initiatives and provides opportunities for research experiences for students with faculty mentors.
UNIVERSITY UPDATES

West Coast trio SoundProof open the Electronic Music Midwest festival at the Main Campus in Romeoville.

ELECTRONIC MUSIC SCORES ACCLAIMED PERCUSSIONIST

Electronic Music Midwest featured the highly acclaimed percussionist Andrew Spencer as their guest performer for this year’s EMM festival held October 11–13. Spencer performed at least once in every concert. EMM included its own mix of one-minute miniatures from the internationally acclaimed 60x60 project set as an audio installation welcoming audiences to each concert.

Spencer has performed as a soloist in the United States, Poland, Japan, Canada, and Costa Rica. He is timpanist with the West Michigan and Lansing Symphony Orchestras, and has performed in the Oregon Symphony, Spokane Symphony, and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

EMM brings a wide variety of electroacoustic music to the Midwest. The festival consists of nine short concerts about one hour in length containing a host of international composers and musicians.

The festival brings together vibrant and interesting artists of all forms. EMM creates a pleasant experience for audiences to listen to new works and speak with their creators in person. Dr. Mike McFerron (Music) was Director of this year’s Festival.

PLANEK NAMED DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, announced that Dr. John Planek has been selected as the sixth Director of Athletics in Flyer history. Planek brings a wealth of experience to Lewis, as he spent 12 years as the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at Loyola University Chicago. He was the Director of Athletics at Saint Ignatius Prep from 1997-99, following 13 years as the Associate / Assistant Director of Athletics at DePaul University (1984-97).

“The Director of Athletics position was highly sought by numerous qualified applicants, but Dr. John Planek stood out among them,” Br. James said. “His extensive background serving at other fine Catholic institutions, such as DePaul and Loyola, and his dedication to the total development of student-athletes, including their academic success and character growth, makes him a perfect fit for not only our University community, but also our Mission.”

While at Loyola, the Rambler Athletics Department made tremendous strides under Planek’s direction. All told, Loyola squads captured a total of 25 regular-season or tournament championships with a total of 10 NCAA Tournament appearances. The Rambler student-athletes were equally successful in the classroom as 73% of them achieved a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.0 or above, while 35% maintained at least a 3.5 GPA.

Planek played an instrumental role in several facility upgrades and constructions at Loyola, including a new softball / soccer locker room facility, and the installation of field turf and a new lighting system at the soccer / softball complex. He oversaw the renovation of the weight room in Alumni Gym and the construction of a new outdoor track at Halas Field. Planek then helped facilitate the construction of Loyola’s Norville Center, which houses new weight and athletic training rooms, locker rooms and meeting spaces for all Rambler squads.

Planek has a Ph.D. from Loyola, M.S. in Sports Administration from St. Thomas University in Miami and a B.S. in Accounting from Illinois Institute of Technology where he played collegiate baseball. A graduate of Fenwick High School, he and his wife Mary Alice have five children - Elizabeth, Mary Kate, John, Thomas and Margaret.

"West Coast trio SoundProof open the Electronic Music Midwest festival at the Main Campus in Romeoville."
Coming off a year that was all about the Lewis University freshmen earning their stripes, the 2012-13 women's basketball campaign will see how those student-athletes have transitioned into their sophomore season.

Lewis head women's basketball coach Lisa Carlsen, in her sixth year at the helm, sees the bright side of the eight-win season the Flyers had to endure in 2011-12.

“We took our lumps last year, as far as putting some really young kids in a tough situation against a great league with upperclassmen,” Carlsen said. “You do that in hopes of gaining valuable experience for the following year.”

The Flyers return much of their offensive production from last season, only graduating two players.

Carlsen is already excited to see what her squad can put together. The team came in to preseason camp with confidence and high expectations for themselves.

Forward Jess Reinhart and guard Jamie Johnson headlined the 2011-12 freshman class that all saw a lot of playing time in big situations for the Flyers. Johnson will sit out this season due to a knee injury suffered in preseason practice.

“A lot of it, especially with freshmen, is just a matter of confidence,” Carlsen said. “Once they were given the opportunity and the belief that they could be effective, I think confidence is a huge part of continued success.”

GUARDS >>

The Flyers return a strong group of guards for the 2012-13 season including senior Labrenthia Murdock. Murdock averaged 21.5 minutes and 9.7 points in 26 games played last season. She had 54 assists and 29 steals, adding 12 blocks.

“(She’s) somebody who has been an integral part of what we have done in the last three years,” said Carlsen. “The things she has learned in the first three years here will help her have the senior year she hopes to have and we hope she has.”

Carlsen thinks that Murdock’s maturity has made her a more dynamic, ‘x-factor’ athlete for the Flyers in her senior season.

“Labrenthia is a great athlete and competitor,” Carlsen said. “If she is consistent, and does the things I know she is capable of, it could be a very special year for her and the team.”

Joining Murdock in the backcourt this season for the Flyers is Nikki Nellen. Nellen saw playing time in 28 games with 15 starts in her freshman campaign. She averaged four points and had 61 assists and 15 steals.

“My expectations for her this year are really high as far as leading this team and having an understanding of what is expected on the floor,” Carlsen said. “We need her to stay healthy and for her to stay on the floor so we can do what we want to do.”

Alexus Gray will also be expected to step up her game from last year. She is a strong, versatile guard with the ability to score in bunches. Kristen Itschnier is another one of those sophomores who gained valuable experience as a freshman and is expected to have a great second year.

Sophomores Amy Mlynarski, Angel Brooks and Diamond Lane are the other guards the Flyers coaching staff are confident in their abilities to be solid contributors for the team in 2012-13. Alyssa Dengler is the lone newcomer at the guard position and is making great strides in transitioning to the college game.

FORWARDS >>

Carlsen smiles when she thinks of this year’s squad gaining more post players, including four of the five newcomers.

The Lewis staff will look to Reinhart to continue to be a focal point this season, with her ability to be effective in the paint. After a very good freshman year, averaging 11.6 points and 6.2 rebounds per game, and increased confidence she has done a great job preparing for her sophomore campaign.

Seniors Sam Rinehart and Hannah Koeneman have been given the task from the Flyers coaches to guide the ship for the youthful group of post players.

Rinehart has high expectations set for her to be a great leader as team captain. Last season she averaged over 21 minutes and seven points per game. She also pulled down 129 rebounds and had eight blocks.

“Sam has played a lot for three years and my expectations are for her to have a consistent senior season,” Carlsen said. “If she does that she will be a great contributor for what we are going to do.”

Koeneman saw limited time on the court for the Flyers, using last year to transition from volleyball to basketball. Appearing in 15 games off the bench last season, she averaged 5.8 minutes and 2.7 points while pulling down 22 rebounds.

“Hannah got in good shape over the summer and I think she is ready to step up and have a really nice senior year of basketball,” Carlsen said. “Just her experience in winning, being with the volleyball team and the success they have had, I think that plays a big part in a sense of leadership and expectations.”

While four of the five members of the 2012-13 freshman class are post players, Carlsen says their differences on the court
make the squad a more dynamic force.

Sophie Licht, at six feet tall, is not afraid of contact under the basket.

“Sophie is not soft and enjoys contact which is always great especially as a freshman,” Carlsen said. “I am excited for her to continue to get better everyday and help us especially as a rebounder.”

The Flyers’ staff is excited to see what Ali Walker, Alex Poole and Mariyah Henley can do out on the court with their different skill sets on defense and offense.

“All has good 15 to-18 foot range,” Carlsen said. “I think the speed and physicality will be an adjustment for her, but her future looks very bright as a flyer.”

Poole, while maybe on the shorter side of this year’s crop of post players, has the athleticism that allows her to get off the floor and use both hands to be an effective shot-blocker.

Henley has the versatility with the ball in her hands to score from the low block, the three-point line or drive to the basket. Carlsen expects teams to have a hard time matching up against her because Henley has the strength to overpower her opponents.

The Lewis coaching staff has decided to tweak the usual ways they get their offense.

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Jess Reinhart

with a good start to the season,” Carlsen said.

With confidence and expectations high for the women’s basketball team, Lewis is ready to hit the court flying.

SEASON RECAPS

WOMEN’S SOCCER
- Finished the 2012 season with a 10-7-1 record, 8-7-1 against Great Lakes Valley Conference teams
- Earned a spot in the 2012 GLVC Championship Tournament
- Senior Jenny Hyde was named All-GLVC Second Team
- Freshman Jessica Saffell was named All-GLVC Third Team
- Senior Aly Lansky was selected to the 2012 Capital One Academic All-District 4 Women’s Soccer First Team

MEN’S SOCCER
- Sophomore forward George Thomson was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week for the period ending September 9th, as he posted a goal and two assists in wins over both Drury and Missouri S&T. Thomson had the lone goal in the 1-0 win over Drury (Sept. 7) and added a pair of assists in the 2-1 come-from-behind win against Missouri S&T (Sept. 9).

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL
- Upset nationally ranked Indianapolis, 3-2, at Neil Carey Arena Nov. 2
- Carly Perschinski, Leigh Barea and Cassidy Parsons was named GLVC Baden Offensive Volleyball Players of the Week this season
- Amy Choi was named GLVC Baden Defensive Volleyball Player of the Week.
- The squad was 12-0 at Neil Carey Arena this season.

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
- Lewis junior Andrew McLain became the first Flyer in six years to qualify for the NCAA Cross Country Championships with a third-place finish of 31:09 at the 10K NCAA Midwest Regional, hosted by UW-Parkside, on November 3rd. McLain was also one of three top-10 finishers for the Flyers at the GLVC Men’s Cross Country Championships, as Lewis placed second overall at the race. That second-place finish is Lewis’ best finish in five years.

BASKETBALL
MEN’S PREVIEW

The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) is often considered the toughest Division II Men’s Basketball Conference in America.

Lewis University not only competes in the GLVC, but in the conference’s brutally difficult East Division. The final National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division II Poll of 2011-12 saw four GLVC East Division squads ranked in the Top-20.

Nine of the Flyers’ 12 losses last season came to those teams, including four defeats at the hands of National Semifinalist, Bellarmine College. That difficult schedule – along with 17 victories - helped Lewis advance to its first NCAA Basketball Tournament appearance since 2008.

“I thought it was a good season,” Lewis seventh-year head coach Scott Trost said. “It showed our young guys what it takes to get to that level.

“Now we not only have to get there, but win some games too,” Trost continued. “We had a lot of positives last season and hopefully we can build on that and make some more progress.”

Sophomore tandem Ryan Jackson and Julian Lewis hope to spearhead that progress.

Jackson – a 6-foot-2, 200-pound guard – hit the ground running as a freshman.

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
- Lewis, led by three top-15 finishers, placed second overall at the Division II SK National Catholic Invitational, hosted by Notre Dame on September 14.

SOFTBALL
- Lewis is ranked eighth overall in the NCAA Division II NFCA All-Academic Team rankings with a cumulative GPA of 3.48 for the 2011-12 school year.

WOMEN’S TENNIS
- Lewis juniors Zsofia Lanski and Zsofia Kranczicki placed fifth overall at the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships on October 12.

MEN’S GOLF
- The Flyers took second in the Phoenix Invitational (611 strokes)
- Freshman Alex Thode finished 5th overall with a 152 at the Phoenix Invitational
- The team won the UW-Parkside Fall Invitational by one stroke (611)
- Senior Brandon White and freshman Alex Thode tied for third with a 150.
Ryan Jackson

The Riverside-Brookfield grad started all 28 games that he appeared in, and averaged 13.0 points-per-game – which was second overall on the squad. For his efforts, Jackson was named the GLVC Freshman of the Year and to the Division II Bulletin All-Freshman Team.

“At times last year, Ryan was a go-to scorer for us,” Trost said. “He’s worked extremely hard over the summer and it’s clear that he has become a better player. “We’re looking to him as a leader and to evolve into one of the better guards in this league.”

Lewis – a 6-foot-5, 205-pound forward – appeared in 28 games last year, including 26 starts. He averaged 7.9 points-per-game and grabbed 5.0 rebounds-per-game, which was second-best on the squad.

“Julian really developed and I think he learned what it takes to be successful at this level,” Trost said. “I think he has a chance to be one of the top rebounders in this league, but now his game needs to evolve on the offensive end and he’s definitely capable of that.”

While Jackson and Lewis are still relatively new to the program, Trost’s most experienced player is senior David Bryant. Bryant – a 6-foot-4, 185-pound swingman – has appeared in all 89 Flyer games over the past three seasons. During his career, Bryant is averaging 7.1 points-per-game and is a 41.2% (100-for-243) shooter from beyond the three-point arc.

“David shoots the ball as well as anybody on our team,” Trost said. “He’s emerged as a leader and I know he wants to have a fantastic senior year.

“David’s looking forward to the challenge and I’m looking forward to him having a big year.”

David Bryant

Lewis junior guard Nick Valla figures to play a more prominent role in his second season in a Flyer uniform. Valla – who stands 6-foot-2, 195 pounds – appeared in all 29 games last year and averaged 5.0 points-per-game.

“Nick gives us some versatility on the floor,” Trost said. “He can play the point, play the off-guard and can even play small forward because he’s so strong.

“He’s a hard-nosed, tough kid that’s going to be an important part of what we’re trying to do as a program.”

Trost will have to replace graduated point guard Chris McClellan. McClellan is the best free-throw shooter in school history and ranks second in the Flyer annals in three-pointers made (228).

“Jarosz and Williams, both of whom saw limited action last season. Jarosz averaged 3.9 minutes in 18 games off of the bench, while Williams appeared in 25 contests and averaged 5.5 minutes-per-game.

“They’ve both gained some experience, and with experience comes a little bit of confidence,” Trost said. “Guys make the biggest jump between their freshman and sophomore years.

“(Jarosz and Williams) are talented players, but now they need to be able to lead and direct a team.”

They will be directing a frontcourt that is comprised entirely of freshmen and sophomores, including a 2012 recruiting class that all stand at least 6-feet-6 inches.

Trost is eager to put the freshmen quartet of Paul Baumgart, Brad Foster, David Heckman and Kyle Nelson to the test.

“I think those student-athletes are really, really talented and they all bring something different to the table,” Trost said. “It’s hard for a freshman to step in here and be an impact guy, but we need someone to do that in this post.”

Baumgart – who stands 6-feet-7, 205 pounds – is a tireless worker, according to Trost.

“Baumgart’s a very active and athletic player,” Trost said. “He has an understanding of how hard you have to work.”

Foster is the biggest of the bunch at 6-foot-8, 230 pounds.

“Foster runs and jumps very well for someone his size,” Trost said. “If his basketball skills keep developing, he has a chance to be one heck of a player.”

Heckman – a 6-foot-6, 210 pounder – is a fundamentally sound player, according to Trost.

“Heckman is a glue guy that does everything well,” Trost said. “He’s a great kid who’s an extremely hard worker who shoots it well and understands the game.”

Nelson – a 6-foot-7, 215 pound center – can bring it from both the inside and outside.

“Nelson is very skilled,” Trost said. “I think he’s going to be a really good player in this league.”

While this may be the youngest team in Trost’s coaching career, the Flyer skipper is encouraged by its potential.

“We just have to work and coach and get a lot out of our team,” Trost continued. “By no means are we using youth as an excuse.

“This is a process, but we’re going to be better in January than we are in November,” Trost continued. “If we get better 1% each day, then we’ll be a good team once January rolls around.”
Andrew Foundation Awards STEM Scholarships

The Aileen S. Andrew Foundation awarded Lewis University a grant of $25,000 toward the Aileen S. Andrew Endowed Scholarship for Math and Science Students. This fund provides financial support to talented students in the STEM fields.

National Security Agency and U.S. Department of Defense Awards Scholarship and Technology Grant

The National Security Agency/U.S. Department of Defense recently awarded a $355,000 grant for scholarships and additional information technology resources for Lewis University information security students. Lewis University was recently designated as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Fifteen National Defense University students who transfer to Lewis University will receive $325,000 in scholarships as they begin graduate studies in Lewis University’s Master of Science in Information Security.

The remaining $30,000 of the grant will be allocated to upgrade the College of Business virtual labs. “The grant will allow us to upgrade our information technology curriculum by offering new courses and improved learning via the virtual lab. Our students and our partners in the community will benefit from this grant,” said Dr. Faisal Abdullah, Chair and Associate Professor of Management Information Systems in the College of Business.

Lewis University Receives Gift from Harvey Trust

Lewis University was recently the sole beneficiary of the Edna S. Harvey Trust. Edna was the wife of Dr. Russell Harvey, who received an honorary doctorate from Lewis University in 1967. The amount of the trust gift was $278,606.

Music was such an important part of both Russell and Edna’s lives. Music, in fact, is how they met. Edna met Russell in Chicago while she was taking piano lessons. They later married and moved to Chicago’s Beverly neighborhood. While living in Beverly, Edna gave piano lessons from their home and Russell taught at De La Salle Institute in Chicago.

Russell founded the DuPage Symphony Orchestra in 1954 and remained there until his retirement in 1986. Edna continued to give piano lessons after the couple moved to Hinsdale. Even after Russell passed away in 1998, she continued to give piano lessons because it gave her so much joy to share music with others. After eight decades of giving piano lessons, Edna finally retired at the age of 97. Edna lived to be 100-years old before she died in May of 2011.

The Harveys gave their life to music and shared their gifts and talents with so many people. Lewis University is extremely grateful to be the beneficiary of the Edna Harvey Trust. The Harvey’s gift will benefit the expansion of the Oremus Fine Arts Center, which will allow the Harveys to continue to share their love of music with generations of future Lewis students.

Have you ever considered including Lewis in your estate plans?

It is easy to do when you are preparing or amending your living trust or will. Estate gifts may be of cash, securities, real estate, or other property and can be designated to a specific college or program of your choice within the University. If you wish to specify a particular use, we will assist your attorney in drafting language which reflects your goals. Here are samples of the language your attorney could use to include the University in your plans:

Unrestricted bequest

“I give [____ dollars] [____ percent of my estate] [a specific asset] or [the remainder of my estate] to Lewis University, a charitable, tax-exempt organization located in Romeoville, Illinois, for its general purposes.”

Bequest for a specific purpose

“I give [____ dollars] [____ percent of my estate] [a specific asset] or [the remainder of my estate] to Lewis University, a charitable, tax-exempt organization located in Romeoville, Illinois, to be used for the following purpose: [state the purpose].”

NOTE: To ensure that we are able to use your bequest as you intend, we strongly encourage the inclusion of the following language if a specific use is stated:

“If the need for funds for the purposes described above no longer exists at some future date, or if the above stated purpose should become impossible, impracticable, or inadvisable, Lewis University may within its discretion use these funds for an alternative purpose which most closely matches my intentions, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees and executive officers of Lewis University.”

For more information

Please contact Robert Kanonik, Director of Planned Giving, at kanoniro@lewisu.edu or call (815) 836-5813.

This information is not intended as legal or tax advice. We recommend that you consult with a qualified estate planning attorney when drafting your will or trust.
Alumnus Gives Back with the Gordon Nelson Aviation Scholarship

Gordon Nelson ’50 (Aviation) is a proud alumnus of the Lewis University aviation program and was a pilot for Eastern Air Lines for 33 years.

His love of aviation and Lewis University recently inspired him to establish the “Captain Gordon Nelson Aviation Scholarship.” This $1,000 per-year scholarship, which will last four years, will be awarded to a full-time student (junior or senior), pursuing a degree in the Department of Aviation, as well as their commercial pilot license.

Gordon feels very strongly about giving back as he received help from others during his time at Lewis University.

“My folks didn’t have a lot of money. When I worked in the kitchen at Lewis, I was able to get all the food I needed. I also worked as a janitor and Lewis paid me a few dollars an hour to clean rooms and so on. So basically I got my flying money from working as a janitor and in the kitchen at Lewis.

“My feeling is I’m looking to help a student who would aspire to do what I did. We’re going to need more pilots, as many are starting to reach retirement age.”


Gordon has returned to campus as an alumnus and is amazed by all the wonderful changes on campus. He was a recipient of the Lewis University Alumni Achievement Award at Homecoming on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

Aviation Students Receive Scholarships from CABAA

Eight Lewis University aviation students were recently awarded almost $50,000 in scholarships from the Chicago Area Business Aviation Association. Lewis University students received eight out of 12 scholarships offered by CABAA, an organization of aviation business professionals.

Senior Anthony Lalor received a Flight Safety Pilot Training Award, which is awarded to a senior with advanced training and potential for a career in business aviation. The award includes enrollment in a Citation II SIC pilot training course to be fulfilled at a flight safety training center in Toledo, Ohio. Upon completion of the course, Lawlor will have the skills to operate a Citation II, integrate the theory delivered in the ground school, and apply these skills to the operation of a Citation II aircraft. The Flight Safety Pilot Training Award is worth $17,600.

Senior Jacob Luedtke of Hampshire, Ill., received a $4,950 scholarship to participate in a Professional Maintenance Training Course in a flight safety training center in Wichita, Kansas. The course is designed to educate students on the latest aircraft maintenance trends, as well as foster a proactive, positive and safe aviation culture.

Students Greg Frister and Cody Marks of Orland Park, Ill., Wesley Griffith of Rockford, Ill., Rachel Walsh of Homer Glen, Ill., Robert Brancato of St. Louis, Mo., and Richard Antoniolli of Downer’s Grove, Ill., received a $4,000 scholarship that is awarded to students with a devotion to the business aviation industry and high levels of achievement.

CABAA is a grassroots organization formed by business aviation professionals for the purpose of offering members information, training, and networking experiences to enhance the quality and quantity of business aviation operations in the Chicago area. CABAA has been supportive of future aviation business professionals though various scholarship opportunities.
**Reggie Bustinza**  
Director of Alumni Relations  

Reggie comes to Lewis after spending six years at Bradley University as the Associate Director of Alumni Relations, where he earned both a bachelor’s and master’s degree.

“I’m very excited to be a part of the Lewis family, and I look forward to meeting and working with its many wonderful alumni. I know we can create a program that is worthy of this great University,” he said.

You can reach Reggie at (815) 588-7542 or bustinre@lewisu.edu.

**Joseph Volin ’08**  
Alumni Relations Coordinator  

Joe is a graduate of Lewis University ’08 (Philosophy of Law and Forensic Criminal Investigation) and he returns after working as a Residence Director for Illinois Wesleyan University.

“Returning to Lewis is an amazing opportunity that I am very excited about. I am looking forward to meeting as many alumni as possible and working to engage alumni in the life and Mission of the University,” he said.

You can reach Joe at (815) 836-5472 or volinjo@lewisu.edu.
Alumni Profile

John Caponera ’79

(Communications/Theater) is an actor and comedian who has starred on his own network TV show and has a very successful career as a stand-up comic.

A native of Chicago’s south side, John is best known for his impersonation of legendary Chicago Cubs broadcaster Harry Caray. John’s love of baseball is what led him to Lewis University, but by the time he graduated he had a new passion.

“My two high school baseball coaches graduated from Lewis and they talked to me about checking out Lewis. They told me it was a great baseball school and I wanted to play baseball in college, so I applied to Lewis and got in.”

After playing baseball his freshman year, under legendary coach Gordie Gillespie, John played summer ball under new coach Tom Dedini before his sophomore year. John, who played shortstop, needed glasses, but didn’t know it.

“I wasn’t seeing the ball coming off the bat until it was right on top of me and I made a few errors. Coach wouldn’t play me and by the time I got glasses, my fate had already been decided.”

During John’s sophomore year he was approached by Brother Ray Berta, FSC, about trying out for a part in a play he was directing. Brother Ray liked what he saw from John in his oral interpretation class and thought he would be a natural on stage.

“I went out for the play and landed the part of Billy Bibbit in “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest.” The show became a huge success on campus and I caught the acting bug from that. So I started going out for more plays and left the baseball dream in the dust.”

During his senior year at Lewis, John had a project where he had to deliver a comedy monologue. While other students chose to use the acts of Richard Pryor and Robin Williams, John created his own act. The act went over so well in the classroom that his friend told him about a talent show that was being held at a bar in Joliet. John won the talent show and took home $500. This led him to start doing stand-up comedy in the area.

John became a regular at the Comedy Room in Lyons, which led to him opening for other comedians on the road. John got his big break when he made it to Star Search. During his run on Star Search, John decided that he had done all he could do in the Midwest and that he needed to move out to Los Angeles to take that next step in his career.

While doing a show at the Comedy Store, John caught the eye of the president of NBC. That led to John being offered a spot on his own TV series on NBC. “The Good Life” debuted after the Super Bowl in January of 1994. After the show’s run, John continued to land acting roles while still doing his stand-up comedy. He returns to Chicago every Thanksgiving to do shows at Zanies Comedy Club. John credits Lewis for sparking his love of acting/comedy.

“If I didn’t realize I could be an actor at Lewis, I would have never pursued it. I had a great time at Lewis.”

“The Drowsy Chaperone” Theatre Reception:

Ray ’70 and Ina Brixey had a good time and caught up with others at the reception.

Board of Trustee member Jane Condon ’79, Dick Hunckler, Barb ’76 and Russ Smith enjoyed their refreshments at the reception before the play.
1970s

Michael Alexander ’72 (Sociology) accepted the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Portland. He is serving as Portland’s 13th League President and assumed the permanent position, running the League’s daily operations, in late August.

1980s

Jan Labellarte ’82 (Speech, Theatre) was appointed Principal of the new Arts Academy Charter School, an arts-enriched middle school in Salisbury Township in Bethlehem, Pa.

Dan Curtin ’84 (Graduate Business Administration) is a Senior Consultant and Principal of Curtin & Associates, and holds Human Resources Roundtables in West Hollywood, Calif.

1990s

Sharon Ayd ’90 (Graduate Business Administration) was elected as Chief Scientific Officer by the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Biologics, Inc.

Wendy Hegarty ’92 (History) was one of 29 Illinois teachers given the Exemplary Teacher Recognition Award which recognized her for outstanding achievement in the classroom. The award is given to teachers in Illinois by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Robert Voyles ’95 (Criminal/Social Justice) published the book Templar Eclipse.

Clare Keating ’97 (Graduate Business Administration) was named Vice President of Marketing at Preferred Meal Systems, Inc. in Berkeley, Ill.

Bryan Buck ’99 (Graduate Education) was appointed as the new Principal of Monroe Middle School in Wheaton after leaving the Oswego School District where he was Principal of Karl Plank Junior High School since 2006.

Robert Porter ’99 (Criminal/Social Justice) became the 1st Vice President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police which has 1,200 members.

Jenny (Bourn) Bindon ’00 (Liberal Arts) competed in the Olympics for the New Zealand Women’s Soccer team. This was her second appearance in an Olympic game. Her first was in the Beijing 2008 games.

2000s

Forest Reeder ’04 (Graduate Public Safety Administration) writes for fireengineering.com, a blog about everything firefighting. He is involved in implementing and coordinating in-service firefighter training activities.

John Sparlin ’04 (Graduate Education, Certificate of Advanced Studies) is now the Oswego School District’s first Executive Director of Administrative Services. He is overseeing the human resources, student services and communications departments.

Pat Monaghan ’06 (Sports Management) is entering his second season as assistant coach for the Minnesota State Mavericks Men’s Basketball Team.

Sean Smith ’08 (Graduate Counseling Psychology) was hired as the new Assistant Principal at Grande Park Elementary School.

Elizabeth Weber ’08 (Radio/TV Broadcasting and English) won the Prick of the Spindle Poetry Open Contest, receiving first place for her poem “To a Youngwife,” (first featured last fall in Jet Fuel Review), as well as an honorable mention for her poem “To the Boy in the Winter Coat.”

2010s

Amanda Hriszko ’10 (English) is the new Circulation Clerk for the White Oak Library District.

Jasmine Pacheco ’10 (English) recently began teaching composition at Joliet Junior College.

Nick Perakas ’10 (Athletic Training) was hired as Assistant Coach of the University of Toledo Women’s Volleyball team in July.

Jennifer Booth ’11 (Organizational Leadership) was named Manager of Cardiovascular Services at Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest, Ill.

Delia Goldrick ’11 (English) was the recipient of the Father Aquinas Award (Fall 2011) and will be coaching the speech team at Marian Catholic High School.

Kristin Johnson ’11 (Graduate Educational Leadership) was hired as the new Assistant Principal for Troy Hofer and Troy Shorewood Elementary Schools. After teaching at Troy for five years, she will now split her duties between the two schools.

Laura Medina ’11 (Graduate Secondary Education) was hired in a new teaching position at Aux Sable Middle School, in Joliet, Ill.

Erick Passarelli ’12 (English and Secondary Education) is the new Jr. High Language Arts and Reading Teacher at Holy Family School, in Shorewood, Ill.

Future Flyers

Guadalupe (Garcia) Ortiz ’06 (Political Science) and husband, Carlos, welcomed their third child, Charlotte Luna, on May 21, 2012.
Class Notes

Jackie (Kapust) Colberg ’00 (Business Administration) and husband, Ryan, welcomed identical twin boys, Hayden and Jackson, into the world on January 22, 2012.

Weddings

Daniel Miller ’04 (Aviation Administration) was married on May 5, 2012 to Heather Placek at Parkway Church in Oak Creek, Wis. The wedding reception was held at the home of the Milwaukee Brewers; Miller Park NYCE Club, where they had their first date in June 2007. The wedding party included many Lewis alumni including: Christopher Panagokos (Aviation), Krzysztof Wojtaczka (Aviation), Max Frenn (Aviation), as groomsman; and Heath Meyer (Aviation) and Adam Grunwaldt (Aviation), as ushers.

Kate Hafey ’05 (Theatre) was married to Adam Hinkle on May 20, 2012 in Grayslake, Ill.

Natalie (Brandalino) Leahy ’09 (Accounting/Finance) married Jereme Leahy at St. Anne Catholic Church, in Crest Hill, Ill., on June 30, 2012. She also passed her CPA examination in December 2011 and is working as an Accounting Manager for DORA Holdings, Inc.

Mary Ann (Flynn) Stokas ’10 (Graduate Nursing) married Dr. Michael Stokas on June 23, 2012.

In Memoriam

Kelly O’Brien ’04 (Graduate, Counseling Psychology) July 3, 2012

Victor Naut ’05 (Criminal/Social Justice) July 12, 2012

David Tikalsky (Aviation Maintenance) May 18, 2012

Duane L. Smith ’69 (Mathematics) June 7, 2012

Homecoming and Family Day

Lewis University’s Homecoming & Family Day took place on September 29, 2012 and was attended by approximately 600 alumni and friends. The beautiful weather allowed attendees to take part in all the wonderful events that took place on campus. At the Lewis Beach Party, alumni were treated to the sounds of Johnny Russler ’99 and the Beach Bum Band. The “Life’s a Beach” contest was a great success. Alumni who entered the contest received free admission to the Beach Party, a “Life’s A Beach” at Lewis t-shirt, and were entered into a drawing to win a $500 Southwest Airlines gift card. Congratulations to Katie Bogda ’03 on winning the drawing. Alumni and friends also took part in several events during the day, including: athletic events, Alumni Achievement Awards, and the Golden Flyers Reception for graduates of 1962 and prior.
Record Year for Signum Fidei Celebration

For 14 years, the Lewis University Board of Trustees has hosted the annual Signum Fidei Celebration. This year's gala received record support as more than $251,000 was netted for the Lewis Mission Fund which provides additional assistance to the University's most financially at-risk students. Since 2009, Signum Fidei has netted more than $730,000. To date, more than 160 students have been able to continue their pursuit of a Lewis degree through assistance from this fund.
All arrows are pointing up.

There has never been a better time than the present to be a Lewis Flyer as the last decade has been one of marked growth and advancement for the University.

Lewis’ facilities are constantly being enhanced, relevant academic programs continue to be added and existing ones strengthened, and the campus is more beautiful than ever. Total student enrollment now exceeds 6,500, making Lewis the 8th largest among private colleges and universities in Illinois. Ten straight years of record enrollment, academic quality indicators on the rise in virtually all measurable categories, upgraded facilities and technology, and high-quality faculty, athletic and extracurricular programs have all contributed to a burgeoning sense of pride throughout the Lewis community.

Accordingly, financial support for the University has also reached record levels over the last several years. This important philanthropic support has come from our alumni, parents, faculty and staff, and the many other thoughtful benefactors acknowledged throughout the forthcoming donor lists. “Lewis is emerging as an institution recognized for providing distinctive programs and exceptional value for our students,” noted Brother James Gaffney, FSC, who is now in his 25th year as President. “We are proud of our progress along many different fronts, and energized by the opportunities that exist for Lewis to become recognized among the top mid-sized Catholic universities throughout the Midwest.”

This increase in giving is reflective of the growing sentiment shared throughout the Lewis University community — that Lewis is a University on the rise. Alumni, parents and other friends are increasingly confident and excited about the University and its direction. The pride in being a Flyer is also growing as the University moves up in the rankings of national publications, most notably, its recent impressive jump from 41st to 35th in the U.S. News & World Report’s ranking of the top Midwest master’s level colleges and universities.

A welcomed result of this growing pride in the institution is the development of a culture of philanthropy at Lewis University. A culture of philanthropy is not only measured in participation rates and dollars raised, but also in the actions and mindset of the University community. Giving participation is increasing across all donor categories, and our regional outreach through service and volunteerism is steadily on the rise.

Some highlights of Lewis University’s record-level of financial support include:

- The University’s recent successful completion of a $30 million campaign – the largest in Lewis history and almost double its previous major fundraising campaign.
- The annual Signum Fidei Celebration, which provides funding for need-based scholarships, has grown from netting $13,000 in 2005 to $145,000 in 2010 to $251,000 this past September 2012.
- The faculty and staff 2011-2012 “We Believe” campaign resulted in 69 percent employee giving participation, which ranks Lewis in the top 20 percent of all colleges and universities across the country. Even more impressive, the 69 percent participation was a 25 percent increase from the previous year.
- Parent support has also been rapidly on the rise. This past year, almost 650 parents of Lewis students made a gift to the University which represented a 27 percent increase from the prior year.
- The number of seniors participating in the annual Senior Gift Challenge has increased by 63 percent over the past year, and the amount of funds contributed nearly doubled between 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Students giving to the University further builds an understanding of alumni philanthropy while they are young.
- Planned giving commitments have increased significantly. Forty-five planned gift commitments have been made to the University over the last three years (2010-2012), as compared to two between 2008 and 2009. Planned gifts are most commonly made to Lewis University through one’s will or living trust.
- Over the past year, alumni giving participation increased from 5.8 percent to 6.7 percent, a healthy increase given that the University added almost 1,400 new alumni to its overall base last year.
- Alumni support has become increasingly important, as it not only helps to propel Lewis forward and achieve goals within its strategic plan, but it also impacts the University’s ranking in publications like U.S. News & World Report. The Office of University Advancement has established an ambitious goal of reaching 10 percent alumni giving participation by 2017, designed with both of these purposes in mind.

“A stronger Lewis and a higher ranking are in all of our best interests,” commented Len Bertolini, M.S. ’11, and Vice President for University Advancement. “Alumni giving plays an important role in helping the University to deliver high-quality programs to a diverse student population, and also in our rankings. The higher that Lewis is ranked, the more valuable a Lewis degree becomes for our alumni. The University is constantly evolving in a very positive way and, relative to many other colleges and universities, Lewis is very young. The future of the University is extremely bright and filled with possibility; I am more excited each day by the growing culture of philanthropy that is emerging throughout the entire Lewis community. With continued increases in philanthropic support, the sky is truly the limit!”
Family and philanthropy—those have been the defining values for how Klint and Kay DeGeus have lived their 52 years together. As lifelong residents of Joliet, Illinois, they made it a priority to give back to the community in which they lived and worked. An insurance broker, Klint owned his own agency and for more than four decades was instrumental in raising funds for a wide variety of charitable causes, from the Girl Scouts of America and the Joliet Community Hospice to the Senior Services of Will County.

The couple also began an endowed scholarship with Brother James Gaffney at Lewis University to provide a helping hand to business students. After their oldest son, David, passed away in 2009, they refocused the endowed business scholarship in his memory.

“David earned a business degree from Lewis because he wanted to work with me in the insurance agency,” says Klint. “He loved his time at Lewis, from joining the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity to being a disk jockey for the Lewis radio station. He had a great love for New Orleans jazz music.”

David graduated from Lewis in 1985 with a bachelor’s degree in economics, and worked with his dad at the insurance agency for more than 20 years before he passed away at the age of 48.

He also led the way for other Flyers in their family as his sister, Kathleen, received her master’s degrees in school administration and as a reading specialist from Lewis. The DeGeus’ grandson, Tyler, is also following the family tradition, as a sophomore business student.

“Like his father, David was also involved in the community and we wanted to establish a legacy for him,” says Kay. The first recipient of the David DeGeus Scholarship is Brittany Granko, a junior business major, whom Klint and Kay had the opportunity to meet. “It was really special for us,” says Kay. “She told us how much it meant to her to have received the scholarship, especially since she is the first person in her family to attend college.”

Both alumni of Northwestern University, Klint and Kay know the value of a college education. “It’s even more important for students to have access to a college education today in order to get a good job than it was when we graduated,” says Kay, who was a full-time teacher before becoming a full-time homemaker.

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For both Klint and Kay, giving to Lewis is recognition of the important role that Lewis plays in the community. “I’ve seen great progress for Lewis under Brother James’ guidance,” says Klint. “His involvement in the surrounding community is one of the key reasons I originally wanted to start the scholarship.”

For Kay, naming the scholarship after her son, David, makes their family even more a part of the Lewis legacy. “David was happy at Lewis,” says Kay. “Living in the Joliet area, we’ve seen Lewis grow over the years into the outstanding school it is today. Through the scholarship, we want to make sure that students, especially those who are the first in their families to attend college, continue to have access to a high-caliber university that’s available right in our own backyard.”
Each year, when Martha Villegas Miranda ’98 watches a black-garbed sea of soon-to-be Lewis University graduates cross the stage at commencement, she can spot patches of vibrant color—Mexican stoles that she gave to the Latina/o students she mentored during their time at Lewis. For the students, the stole is a reminder to maintain their language and culture as they go on to make their own unique contributions in life. For Martha, the stole is a rewarding symbol of how the right support can make all the difference in achieving a goal.

The first in her family to go to college, Martha wasn’t sure college would even be an option since she received little support in high school, especially where finances were concerned. Her counselor nominated her for a Lewis-sponsored scholarship. “That was my ticket to go to college and it changed my whole life,” says Martha.

Growing up in the Northwest Suburbs, Martha watched her parents as they worked in the community—in the local church, or in starting a Latino health clinic—so it seemed a natural choice to her to gravitate toward social work. After receiving her degree from Lewis in 1998 and earning a master’s degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2000, she wanted to return to Lewis to give back to the university that gave her so much.

For the last 10 years, Martha has worked at Lewis as a member of the Multicultural Student Services Staff and as the Coordinator of Volunteer Outreach for University Ministry. “I came full circle, coordinating the programs I was involved in as a student, such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters and international travel, including the mission trip to Bolivia,” says Martha, the 2012 Joliet Diocesan St. Francis Xavier Partnership in Mission Award recipient.

The 2008 William C. Velasquez National Volunteer of the Year, Martha thinks it’s important to be a role model. “I want to motivate students to be involved, reaching out to others through ministry and outreach programs,” she says.

In addition to her work at Lewis, Martha has also tried to launch other first-generation Latina/o college students right from the start in high school by starting an annual Si Se Puede (Yes We Can) Conference at Lewis. Since she began the conference in 2004, it has empowered more than 3,000 high school students with information on admissions, financial aid, and how to get ready for college.

But it was a recent event with one of the students she mentored that prompted Martha to do even more for the next generation. “A very bright student whom I had high hopes for had to withdraw from Lewis because of financial reasons,” says Martha. “I saw myself in this student and I thought, ‘I have to do something so that this doesn’t happen again.’”

To help support students who face daunting financial challenges, Martha recently made a generous financial pledge to launch the Lewis Latina/o Leadership Scholarship. “Lewis invested in me and I would not be where I am today without that investment,” says Martha. “I’m hoping other donors come forward to make an investment in the lives…and futures of Latina/o youth.”
Anthony Sam ’07, ’08

From the first time Anthony Sam set foot on the Lewis campus, his decision was made about where he would build his future. As the first in his family to attend college, this Harvey, Illinois native had his sights set on making a difference for others as a lawyer...and Lewis provided the perfect blend of academic excellence and commitment to service to achieve his goals.

“I had a chance to attend some classes before enrolling and saw first-hand the real-world experience the professors bring to the classroom,” says Anthony. “They went beyond abstract values, to bring in practical experiences in the business environment.”

At Lewis, Anthony was drawn not only to the academics but to the sense of community that’s so much a part of university. “There was a feeling of inclusion here and the students were so welcoming,” explains Anthony. “I wanted to go to a school that not only gave me a good academic-based education, but also a values-based one. When you graduate from Lewis, you graduate with an ethical approach to leadership.”

While earning his degree in accounting, Anthony was immersed in the Lewis experience, living on campus and participating in many extracurricular activities, including the National Society for Collegiate Scholars, the Scholars Academy and four years on the Mock-Trial Team.

After completing his undergraduate degree in accounting, Anthony didn’t waste any time on furthering his career goals. He started on his MBA program at Lewis two weeks after receiving his bachelor’s degree. After completing his master’s degree in 2008, Anthony attended The John Marshall Law School, graduating in 2011.

Now a licensed attorney, Anthony is employed at the law firm of Teller, Levit and Silvertrust, focusing on commercial litigation. “My degrees from Lewis and my law school degree work hand-in-hand,” he says. “My business background has given me the experience to successfully negotiate disputes between my clients.”

While his Lewis education prepared him to achieve his career goals, Anthony thinks that it also instilled in him a commitment to those first-generation college students who are following in his footsteps. “As part of my education at Lewis, there was always a mandate that you should contribute to your community,” he explains. “I received a scholarship while I was at Lewis and I would not have been able to graduate without the assistance of others who gave to the university.”

Because of his commitment to giving back, Anthony has generously contributed to Lewis each year since he graduated. “Giving is the lifeblood of the university,” he says. “If we want Lewis to be around for the next century, we need to make sure that the university has the resources to provide access to education for those who need it most.”

Anthony also thinks it’s important to be a role model for other first-generation college students. “I want them to know that they can make it, too,” he says. “I’m hoping that my contributions will make it easier for Lewis to help other first-generation college students in their transition to becoming degree-holders.”

Anthony feels that the well-rounded education he received at Lewis prepared him well for the future, both academically and socially. “Even though I’ve graduated, I still feel a part of the Lewis family,” he says. “If each of us makes even a small contribution, together we can have a huge impact on Lewis achieving its mission for the next generation of students.”
Dolores ’83 and Mark ’82 Pavletic

The sky’s the limit for women who dream of a career in aviation, thanks to Mark ’82 and Dolores Weimer ’83 Pavletic, who are generous contributors to the Lewis Female Flyer Endowed Scholarship. Meeting in a history class, Mark and Dolores are both Lewis alumni who have been married for 29 years. While Mark holds a pilot’s license, his feet are firmly planted on the ground as a customer service relations manager for a fuel distribution company. Dolores is a pilot whose love of aviation began early. Both of her parents were general aviation pilots and her mom took her on her first ride in an airplane when she was in high school. Serving in aviation for more than 30 years, Dolores’ career now inspires those who want to fly in her footsteps.

While working on her sociology degree at Lewis, Dolores worked full-time at a flight school at Midway Airport to pay for her education. After graduation, she continued her education and attained her advanced pilot ratings, her commercial pilot’s license and an instructor’s certificate. Her extensive flying experience in air carrier, commuter airlines, cargo and passenger operations has taken her around the world. Dolores has worked for FedEx Express since 1989 in positions of increasing responsibility, including as an Assistant Chief Pilot. She is currently Captain for the Airbus A300/310 and Fleet Check Airman, overseeing operational issues and crew evaluations. Mark and Dolores’ son, Scott, is already following in the family footsteps, and is currently studying aviation maintenance at Lewis.

One of Dolores’ passions is mentoring young people, especially women, in aviation and she has lent her expertise on a number of levels to the next generation of aviation enthusiasts at Lewis. Since 2009, she has served as a member of Lewis’ adjunct faculty, teaching workshops and seminars on professional development in aviation. “I love working with our next generation of professionals because of their enthusiasm,” she says. “I want to give students real-world experience and information, providing guidance from my years in the profession.”

For her accomplishments in the aviation field, Dolores was recognized with a Lewis Alumni Achievement Award in 2009. “We need to bring the best and brightest into our field,” she says. “Women are under-represented in aviation and it’s been my mission to introduce young people, but especially women into the field.” To help accomplish this goal, she launched a student chapter of Women in Aviation at Lewis as well as a chapter for women professionals in aviation in the Chicago area. But Mark and Dolores also understand the financial challenges of pursuing a career in aviation and were determined to make a difference through their generous contributions to the Female Flyer Endowed Scholarship at Lewis.

“Students start out in the field and sometimes find it’s cost prohibitive since this career involves years of training until you find your dream job,” says Dolores. “We wanted to provide some financial assistance for students to continue to pursue their dreams. Aviation is a great career and it’s important to encourage…and support those who have a passion for it.”
Dear Friends:

I am most pleased to share that pride and confidence in Lewis University are at an all-time high. This is reflected in the article on page 23, “All Arrows Are Pointing Up,” which highlights the record levels of financial support contributed by our many generous donors. Your investment has helped provide the resources needed to fuel our growth and increase the quality of our programs, as indicated in part by the charts on this page.

I am fortunate to be able to experience the impact that your gifts have on the Lewis community. I feel the impact of your giving when I speak with students as they come to the Advancement office to drop off thank you notes they have written to those individuals who have made gifts to provide scholarships. I see the difference that your gifts make when I meet with faculty and learn of new programs we have established, like the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) program that offers students the opportunity to conduct undergraduate research under the mentorship of a faculty member in their discipline. And I see the impact of your gifts as I walk the campus and view the ongoing additions and enhancements made to our facilities. Every day, your gifts are advancing our Mission, and enabling Lewis to provide a high-quality education.

In addition to your generous support, we have been blessed to have Brother James Gaffney, FSC serve as President for the past 25 years. As we honor Brother James’ 25th year as President, I am asking you to support the Silver Challenge (see back cover). During Brother James’ tenure, Lewis has taken amazing strides as an institution. He has been an extraordinary leader and his dedication, especially to our students, remains unparalleled. If you have not already, please make a gift to help us meet the Challenge, and to honor Brother James for his tireless service.

Thank you, again, for all that you do in support of Lewis and our students. Your philanthropy is truly inspiring and it will allow the University to continue to achieve new levels of distinction in the years ahead. It is a privilege to be able to publicly recognize your generosity and partnership in the forthcoming pages of this publication.

Warm regards,

Leonard A. Bertolini, M.S. ’11
Vice President for University Advancement

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In this report, we acknowledge with gratitude all who have contributed to the financial wellbeing of Lewis University in the past fiscal year. While we have made every possible effort to ensure the accuracy of this report, we apologize in advance for any inadvertent misspelling or omissions. Please inform us at (815) 836-5471 so that we can correct our records and properly acknowledge your gift in a future publication.

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