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A PRESIDENT'S *Legacy*

Dear Readers of the *Lewis University Magazine*:

I believe that you will find this particular *Magazine of Lewis University* to be very interesting and encouraging to read. Moreover, there are dozens of wonderful photos of people and happenings from throughout the fall semester. It has been a very good year for the University and especially for our students and faculty engaged daily in our ever-more distinctive educational programs.

Throughout the *Magazine*, you will find write-ups regarding a multitude of fine accomplishments, especially by our students and faculty. For instance, the Flight Team came in second place in the regional tournament which we hosted in October and will once again be going to the national championship contest in the spring. Our science students continue to be involved in challenging and worthwhile research projects, and increasingly they are being invited to regional and even national forums and conferences to present their findings. Each year, a group of gifted environmental students is invited to do research abroad to learn more about endangered species and natural preserves. Usually this is made possible because of a generous grant to underwrite their travel. This year that experience occurred in Costa Rica.

Furthermore, our student athletes continue to achieve special recognitions for their athletic successes and academic achievements. This semester is no different. In fact, we were recognized earlier this year for their collective attainment of fourth place nationally in NCAA Division II. Such accomplishments are not limited to intercollegiate athletics, of course. For instance, our Intramural Program has been ranked in the Top 50 nationally. The Office of Veteran Affairs and Recruitment has been identified as #1 in Illinois among all of private and public higher education and #2 nationally among all private universities and colleges by *GI Jobs Military Magazine*. Overall, the University is again ranked in the Top 30 among Midwest regional universities and in the Top 50 among the more than 240 Catholic colleges and universities in America.

Lewis has recently established what we call the Institute for the Advancement of Catholic and Lasallian Education. In this issue, you



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

will read about some of the very effective assistance they are providing to various schools. In addition, they present certain honors periodically to very deserving Catholic educators. Another important feature in this issue is the excellent progress being made by the University in attaining major grants. In just the last year, nearly \$3 million has been realized from federal grants, such as from the National Science Foundation. Those competitive grants are very difficult to secure, but once given, it is evident that in the eyes of those responsible at the federal level, Lewis is regarded as a very fine institution of higher education, and fully eligible for even more federal funding in the future, including for our STEM programs and our Health Sciences.

The Red Tie Ball and *Signum Fidei* Gala event drew a record attendance in September and raised the largest amount of support ever for our vital Mission Fund. That fund allows us to assist well-qualified students with the greatest financial need. Several hundred students have been assisted through the contribution during the last 5-6 years of almost \$1 million at those annual galas. We are especially grateful for the Mission Fund insofar as the current political stand-off in Springfield this year has delayed the arrival of urgently needed Monetary Award Fund grants for more than 1,000 of our most financially needy students. Many of these students have already maximized their tuition contributions based on their demanding work situations

and the limited financial support that their families can provide. We are firmly committed to help as many as possible to remain in school and to pursue their vitally needed college degrees. More than 80% of the top jobs in America now require a college diploma and that percentage is steadily increasing. Without having graduated from college, many citizens will have to settle for minimally satisfying or undercompensated careers.

Finally, there is an article here that speaks about the legacy of nearly three decades during which I have been privileged to serve as the President of this very special University. It is thoughtfully written and quite complimentary in its content. I am delighted that Lewis is becoming an ever-more distinguished University, especially in such distinctive academic programs as STEM (the natural sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics), which includes Computer Science and Computer Engineering, as well as Health Sciences and Aviation, Aerospace and Transportation. In addition to these and other high quality academic programs, the fact that we provide such a caring, encouraging and person-centered environment for our students, as well as having a unifying and inspiring Mission for our faculty and staff, adds much to our distinctiveness and appeal.

I am very proud of all that Lewis has become. There is no question that we are emerging as a superior University in so many categories of excellence, and much more progress will be achieved in the years ahead, built upon our current success. As we near the selection of the next Lewis President, we can all give thanks and praise to our Lord for blessing us and our students with women and men of immense dedication and competence spread throughout the University.

Sincerely,

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

Brother James Gaffney, FSC
President

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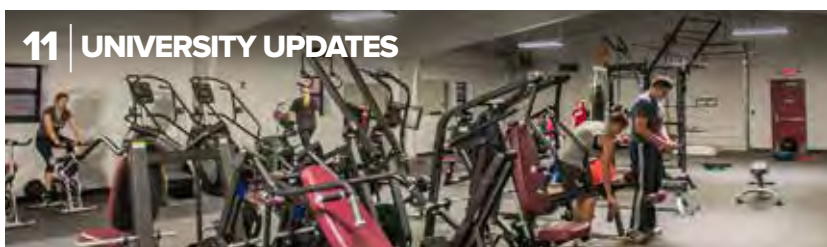
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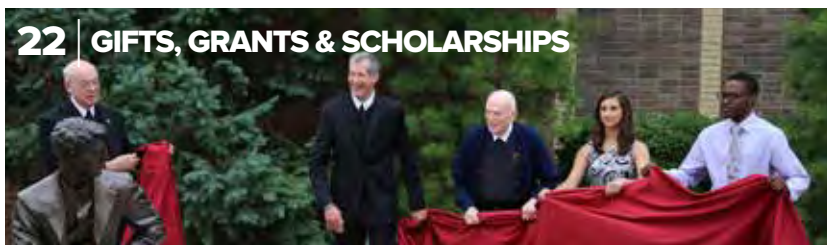
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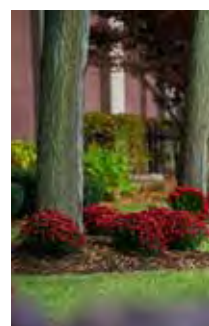


Br. James Gaffney, FSC

Student success has always been at the heart of his presidency.

Planning and development of new initiatives across the decades have built the reputation and image of the University into a nationally-recognized leader in Catholic higher education. With a clear vision and spirit of association, Lewis continues to excel in serving a diverse population of nearly 7,000 students as a teaching and scholarly institution.

President of Lewis University since 1988, Brother James Gaffney, FSC, has announced his plans to retire after the current academic year, on June 30, 2016. He has been part of the University community since the 1970s when he served as Provincial for the De La Salle Christian Brothers who sponsor Lewis University. He served for eleven years on the Board of Trustees, including ten years as chair, prior to 1986. Brother James was inaugurated President on October 2, 1988, and is recognized for revitalizing and expanding the University, providing leadership and vision that has resulted in an emphasis on academics, continuing growth, strengthening of Mission, campus expansion and improvements, and establishing ties with the community, always with a focus on students.



PLANNING TIED TO STRATEGY

- Continuous improvement has been built into the fabric of the University. The first strategic plan was developed in 1997. Since then, multiple plans have guided the University, in addition to a Campus Master Plan. Launched in 2011, the Campus Master Plan ties buildings and educational space to the University's strategic plan and fundraising.
- Fundraising became a priority for the institution, growing the endowment from less than \$500,000 to approximately \$46 million today (not including land).



CREATION OF AN IDEAL CAMPUS

- Expanded acreage, constructed buildings to support new and established programs, supported major renovations, and added regional sites. New buildings and major building renovations included four residence halls, a recreation and fitness center, science center, fine arts center, electronic media center, and state-of-the-art facilities for aviation, business, education, and nursing. Approximately \$250 million has been invested in numerous construction and renovation projects since 1988.
- Opened educational centers in the Chicago region and in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to provide an optimal learning environment for adult students.
- Online classes and degree programs were initiated and have grown to 10% of total credit hours.
- Achieved arboretum status.
- LEED certified buildings demonstrate commitment to sustainability.



COMMITMENT TO THE LASALLIAN EXPERIENCE

- Led a multi-year effort to revitalize and strengthen the Lewis Mission. Through Brother James' leadership, and with full support from faculty and administration, the University community has integrated the Mission values of Knowledge, Wisdom, Fidelity, Justice and Association into all facets of the student experience.
- *Signum Fidei* Gala, a major fundraising event held annually, was established to provide need-based scholarships for families experiencing difficult times during an economic downturn. This annual event continues today to be a major source of scholarship funds.

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS

- Overall enrollment of traditional, adult and graduate students grew from about 2,500 to nearly 7,000 due to increased programs and services for all students.
- Growth of academic degree programs to more than 125 undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Nursing and Health Professions and the School for Professional and Continuing Education.
- ROTC program approved on campus. Lewis is nationally recognized as a Military Friendly School.
- Named the Best for Vets among Colleges and Universities in Illinois for 2016 by *Military Times* and second among private universities in the nation.
- Expanded and enhanced strong NCAA Division II Athletics program and member of the Great lakes Valley Conference that now includes 20 sports for men and women, 86 GLVC championships and 163 NCAA postseason appearances. (Men's volleyball, men's and women's indoor track, men's and women's swimming have been added in the past 25 years.)
- Growth of intramural/club sports and facilities.

NATIONALLY RANKED

Top 30 Midwest Regional Universities





U.S. News & World Report has ranked Lewis University among the Top 25 Best Colleges for Veterans in the Midwest and a Top 30 institution in its ranking of Midwest Regional Universities. Lewis is listed as #24 on the list of top colleges and universities for assisting military veterans and active-duty service members in offering an affordable education.

FALL '15 STUDENT PROFILE

702
Incoming Freshmen
486
Incoming Transfers
104
Total Internationals
2,028
Total Graduate Students

“Lewis University’s inclusion in the veterans’ list for the first time recognizes how we offer much more beyond the GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program benefits for our students. Our Office of Veteran Affairs and Recruitment works with the Student Veterans of America Chapter to provide unparalleled support,” commented Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University.



Lewis placed 28th among regional institutions in the Midwest Regional Universities ranking with a full range of undergraduate majors and graduate programs.

Among the factors that were considered in the overall Midwest Regional rankings were peer assessment, freshman retention rate, 2014 graduation rate, class sizes, student/faculty ratio, high school rankings and acceptance rate of 2014 freshmen, SAT/ACT scores and average alumni giving.

“Our students’ impressive academic success is contributing greatly to Lewis University being named among the Top 30 regional universities in the Midwest. Our faculty provides unique opportunities to assure our students receive a quality, well-rounded education,” stated Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost.

The 2015 edition of U.S. News’ Best Colleges is available on usnews.com

Other notable highlights of the fall 2015 class includes: the largest number of students coming in as transfers, the largest number of international students (representing 40 countries), and total graduate students eclipsing 2,000 for the first time ever.

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Lewis Flight Team Hosts SAFECON

The Lewis University Flight Team advanced to the national level competition for the seventh consecutive year by taking second place at the NIFA Region VIII SAFECON competition. The regional event was held Oct. 6-10 at the Lewis University Airport in Romeoville.

Southern Illinois University finished first, followed by Parkland College in third, Purdue University in fourth, Quincy University in fifth place and Indiana State University in sixth place.

In addition to Lewis University's team honors, several Flight Team members earned individual awards. Kevin Deboissiere of Columbia, Md. earned first place in Short Field Approach and Landing Ranking. Jordan George (drop master) and Jon Brown (pilot) earned second place in the Message Drop Ranking. When they switched roles, they earned third place in that event. Brown and George earned first and second place, respectively, in the Ground Trainer Ranking. Douglas Jette placed second and Kyle Meyer third in the Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation (SCAN) Ranking. Deboissiere finished in third place in the Aircraft Preflight Inspection Ranking. He also earned second place in the Top Pilot Award competition. Deboissiere was the third highest scoring contestant.

The Lewis University flight team members include Trever Abraham (member), Leigh Agustin (competitor), Jon Brown, (competitor), Mike Calloway (competitor), George Chiampas (competitor), Geoff Culloton (competitor), Daniel Curran (competitor), Crystal Daugherty (member), Kevin Deboissiere (competitor), Jason Fourdraine (competitor), Jordan George (competitor), Kyle Jachcinski (competitor), Douglas Jette (competitor), Cody Kammerer (competitor), Taylor Klein (member), James Kobler (competitor), Alex Kwiatkowski (competitor), Patrick McCloskey (member), Kyle Meyer (competitor), Dan Radz (member), Thomas Roth (competitor), Raymond Sanchez (competitor), Kayan Todiwalla (competitor) and Calvin Warren (competitor).

The coaches of the flight team include Megan Zahos, Daniel Magner, Julia Harrington and Karyn Wojcik.



MathBash

Highlights Opportunities for Math Majors and Minors

Late Friday afternoon might seem like an unpopular time to have an event about math, but 40 students recently showed up to MathBash, a fun and informative event about the many opportunities open to those who study mathematics.

Assistant Professor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences Dr. Amanda Harsy created MathBash through a Discover Mini-Grant. It's a university-wide effort to help students find their purpose and vocation through the undergraduate curriculum. Harsy talked with the students about the different specialties within mathematics, the various job opportunities they could pursue as mathematicians, the makeup of the Lewis University program in mathematics and the importance of undergraduate research and internships in helping prepare students for employment and graduate coursework in mathematics.

The event also included an interactive group event in which teams of students gave a concise, precise explanation of the meaning of life, the kind of definition a detail-oriented mathematician would enjoy. The event concluded with a panel discussion. Four seniors in mathematics - Melanie Harrison, Anthony Kurt, Betsy Langland and Nicole Ware - gave students advice about courses and extracurricular activities that could strengthen their math preparation.



Environmental Science course goes to Costa Rica

Lewis University students learned about ecology and conservation this summer in Costa Rica. Dr. Jerry Kavouras, chair and associate professor of biology, led students enrolled in "Introduction to Environmental Science" on a trip to the Central American nation in May as part of a Travel Study program.

Some of the highlights of the nine-day trip included volunteering at the Pacuare Sea Turtle Conservation Project on night patrols, hiking through rain and cloud forests, and visiting active volcanoes. The trip gave students an opportunity to interact with the local culture, while learning about the biodiversity of this tropical country.

"Hopefully, by visiting the national parks and experiencing firsthand the difficulties in protecting endangered species, our students will gain an appreciation for conservation and support measures in the United States," said Dr. Kavouras. He led a similar trip in May 2013.

The students who attended the Costa Rica trip in 2015 included: Anthony Fredian, Manuel Lube, Alexa Mlyniec, Tabitha Ratay, Nicole Reidy and Nycole Torres.

Lectures Spotlight the Science of Light

Light was the focus of two lectures at Lewis University by Dr. Luiz Orozoco, a part of the American Physical Society Division of Laser Science Distinguished Lecturer Program and University of Maryland Physics professor.

"Why an International Year of Light?" was held on October 15. UNESCO declared 2015 as the International Year of Light, which coincides with anniversaries of six discoveries related to light during the last millennia. They have changed the way of

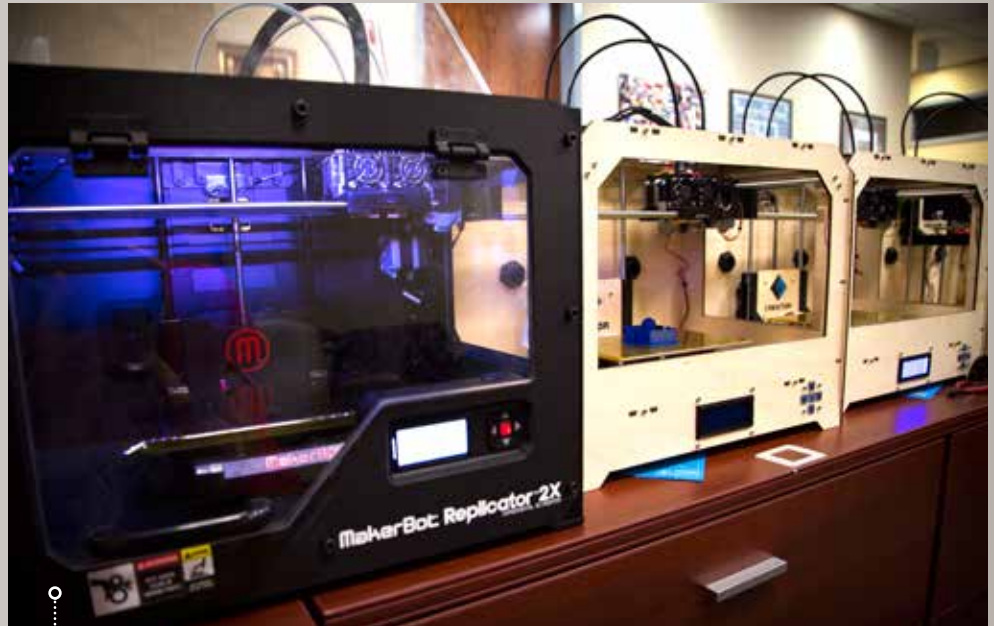
understanding the world and led to many technological developments. In this lecture, Dr. Orozoco presented an overview of the findings and concluded with scientific and technological developments carried out in the Joint Quantum Institute related to optical nanofibers.

"Optical Nanofibers" took place on October 16 as part of the Dr. Leonard Weisenthal Colloquium Series. Weisenthal is a professor *emeritus* in the Lewis University Physics

Department. The long-time Lewis faculty member inspired hundreds of young scientists as they explored and discovered new findings while earning a bachelor's degree. Weisenthal earned a Ph.D. in Theoretical Solid State Physics from Wayne State University.

3-D Technology at Work

Beautiful chess pieces are among the projects being produced in the new 3-D Printer Lab in the Mathematical and Computer Sciences area. A senior in Computer Science, Joe is doing an independent study to set up the Maker Lab and define its services. Made of a thermoplastic called ABS, the chess pieces were produced as the 3-D printers melted and deposited layer upon layer of the ABS filament to form the shapes. Also formed recently were a set of shapes that nest inside each other for Mathematics classes taught by Dr. Amanda Harsy Ramsay as well as a part that will be used in a Physics experiment.



These 3-D printers are a preview of what will be in the Maker Lab opening in the Spring of 2016. The 3-D printers are currently in use in the Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences.



Superman 2050 Performance Flies onto Lewis University Stage

An epic story in pocket proportions aired on October 13 in the Philip Lynch Theatre.

Seven actors share one tiny platform, just 3-by-7 feet of space, and upon it an original Superman tale unfolded. Set in a fictional 2050 Metropolis with a remarkable resemblance to Chicago, the show's imaginative, resourceful cast members used only their bodies and voices to create every prop, scene, sound effect, and character in a battle between Superman and Lex Luthor for the future of the Midwest's beloved high-speed rail network. Superman 2050 is bare-bones theater at its most physical and imaginative.



POWERHOUSE FLEX AND FITNESS CENTER OPENS

The Powerhouse Flex and Fitness Center Dedication took place on a beautiful Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Located just south of West Hall and west of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, the new 5,000 sq. ft. building is a weight training facility designed for students, faculty, and staff.

Jill Siegfried '85, Director of the Student Recreation and Fitness Center and Joe Falese '78, '84, Senior Vice President for Student Services welcomed the students, faculty and staff in attendance. Steven Zlatic '96, Director of University Ministry, led the group in prayer.

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University said that the design of the Center was based on feedback received from the President's Student Advisory Council (PSAC) and the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). The facility was constructed with a budget of \$500,000 for the building, and another \$100,000 for the equipment.

Students participating in the ribbon cutting included Gaby Rocco, Jason York, and Louis Cruz.

In keeping with the Mission of the University, Brother James said, "Lewis University has always promoted the development of the complete person. As we continue to grow, this new facility allows us to continue to support that goal."

SEARCH FOR NEXT LU PRESIDENT BEGINS

The Board of Trustees and the Lewis University community have begun the process of a search for the next President of Lewis University. R.H. Perry, a national search firm, has been retained for this process.

The general timeline for the search is: September - November, 2015, review candidates; December, 2015, identify several finalists for January on-campus visits; January, 2016, bring finalists to campus; February-March, 2016, announce the next President; July, 2016, next President begins term.

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Lewis President for 28 years, announced his retirement in May of 2015.



BROTHER JAMES GAFFNEY, FSC, INVITED TO ATTEND POPE FRANCIS CONGRESSIONAL ADDRESS

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, received an extraordinary invitation from Congressman Bill Foster. The U.S. Representative of the 11th District invited Brother James to be one of only 535 Americans to attend the historic address by Pope Francis to the United States Congress on September 24 in the House of Representatives.

The invitation was extended in celebration of Brother James' 28 years as President of Lewis University and in appreciation for the emergence of Lewis University as a leading higher education institution in the southwest region of Chicagoland and beyond.

In April 2008, Brother James was among the presidents from the approximately 230 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States who spent an hour with Pope Benedict XVI on the campus of the Catholic University of America in Washington. They were joined by the superintendents of education from most of the Catholic dioceses throughout America. "I believe it is accurate to say that our encounter with the Pope and his address to us far exceeded our already high expectations. The Pope's message was hopeful, affirming, encouraging and profound," added Brother James at that time.

Brother James was interviewed by several local media, including Chicago's FOX 32 News.

INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CATHOLIC AND LASALLIAN EDUCATION

To further support Lewis University's commitment to Catholic and Lasallian education, the University established the Institute for the Advancement of Catholic and Lasallian Education in 2014. With an emphasis on meeting the needs of those most marginalized, the Institute works toward supporting and strengthening Catholic and Lasallian education through six areas of service: leadership development, teacher preparation, professional development, outreach and consulting, grants and research and Lasallian formation.



The goals of the Institute are to:

- Prepare educators to be future leaders in Catholic and Lasallian schools.
- Prepare teachers for Catholic and Lasallian schools.
- Provide professional development for Catholic and Lasallian educators.
- Assist with outreach and consulting in Catholic and Lasallian schools.
- Conduct research for and about Catholic and Lasallian education, especially focusing on those most marginalized.
- Serve as a primary provider of initial and/or ongoing Lasallian formation for ministries in the Midwest District through, among other approaches, the Exploring Lasallian Mission (ELM) Summer Workshop and ELM Seminar Series.

Close to fifty Lewis faculty and staff have worked with our Catholic and Lasallian school partners. They have provided a range of services such as "Strategic Planning" with St. Joseph's High School in Westchester; a Health Fair for the students of San Miguel School Chicago; a "Rubric Development" workshop with the Montini High School faculty; a "Spirituality and Social Justice" seminar with the Bishop Noll High School staff in Hammond; on-site courses in Computer Science and Organizational Leadership for the students of St. Laurence High School in Burbank; an "iPad in the Classroom" workshop with Holy Family Elementary School faculty in Bensenville; and marketing consultation with Our Lady of Peace Elementary School in Darien and St. Andrew the Apostle Elementary School in Romeoville.

Worthy of special mention are the six school leaders of Joliet Diocesan schools who are 2013 graduates of the College of Education's faith-based principal preparation program. Dana Berg, Principal of Aquinas Catholic Academy in Kankakee, Anne Murray, Principal of Mother Teresa Catholic Academy in Crete, Chris Tiritilli, Principal of Holy Family School in Bensenville, Julie Noonan, Principal of St. Phillip the Apostle School in Addison, Michelle Picchione, Vice-Principal of St. Joan of Arc in Lisle and Barbara Delozier, Assistant Principal of Holy Family in Shorewood are all proud Lewis graduates making an impact in their respective schools.

Chris Tiritilli shares this about his Lewis experience:

"I had an overwhelmingly positive experience at Lewis University in the Type 75 Cohort at the Oak Brook campus. The program was Mission-based, comfortable and focused, which created an environment very conducive to learning. Each class was filled with guest speakers who were both current and retired administrators, from both private and public schools, who shared their wealth of knowledge and experiences. I was constantly engaged in meaningful and critical discussions regarding current trends in Catholic education.

"My professors were knowledgeable, provided clear and effective feedback, and always available for support and collaboration. The cohort produced a built in network of colleagues, who I have utilized throughout my first two years in administration.

"One of the most impressive aspects of Lewis University is the partnership and ongoing support that Lewis University



Dr. Jane Petrek instructs principal candidates in the faith-based program in Oak Brook.

staff members have extended to me throughout my first and second year as an administrator. I would highly recommend this program to anyone pursuing a graduate degree in any area of education."

Dana Berg recently offered this reflection:

"My experience in the Lewis 75 Cohort was a positive experience both professionally and personally. I was taught by wonderful group of experienced teacher leaders who treated those in the cohort as peers. These instructors were a wealth of knowledge and had professionally lived what they were teaching our group. The classes I took prepared me to become a principal in the Diocese of Joliet.

"Along with a great academic preparation, I also grew personally. The classes I took made me see educational issues with new eyes. I also met many wonderful people who I consider life-long friends and trusted colleagues. I loved my experience so much, I suggested that our son attend Lewis. He is currently a freshman at Lewis this year in the Computer Science Program."



2015 Bishop Roger L. Kaffer Outstanding Principal Award recipient, Rita Stasi (left), receives her citation from Dr. Pam Jessee, Dean of the College of Education.

The Institute also sponsors a breakfast annually for principals in the Joliet Diocese and honors one principal with the Bishop Roger L. Kaffer Outstanding Principal Award. Sister Carolyn Sieg, O.S.B. (St. Joan of Arc in Lisle), Dr. Mary Kelly (St. Petronille in Glen Ellyn), Maryann O'Neill (Montini High School in Lombard), Maureen White (St. Irene in Warrenville), Frank Glowaty (Saints Peter and Paul in Naperville) and Rita Stasi (St. Joseph in Downers Grove) are past recipients of this award.

The Institute's mission is best summarized by Brother Thomas Harding, FSC, President of St. Joseph High School in Westchester. "I am humbled and deeply grateful and appreciative for the willingness of Lewis University to be our partners as together we seek to advance our own shared Lasallian educational missions going forward."

Larry Wiers serves as the Director of the Institute and may be reached at wiersla@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5790.

STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT SURE SYMPOSIUM

Research on protection against laser attacks, improved wound healing methods, success measurement for mathematics majors, analysis of mutating proteins in cancer, more efficient data handling cyber security operations, proton pulses, new antibiotics, sol-gel stability after introduction to water and quagga mussel attachment to biofilms took place over the summer months by Lewis undergraduate students under the guidance of faculty mentors.

Students recently presented their work, including lab experiments and results, at the sixth annual concluding symposium for the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE).

"The SURE program has gotten better and better each year. Our number of students has increased. The scope of our research has expanded. The depth of our work has widened," said Dr. Bill Chura, associate professor of biology and program director. Nine faculty members mentored 10 students from biology, chemistry, computer science, physics, mathematics and environmental science in the 10-week program.

Titles of research projects and presentations follow:

- Chemistry major Michelle Zaleski presented "Design and Characterization of Laser Absorbing Nanocomposite Films for Aviation Safety Applications." Dr. Jason Keleher, chair and associate professor of Chemistry, served as her faculty mentor.
- Biology major Abigail Dodis presented "Synthesis of Nanocomposite Hydrogels with Viable Human Fibroblast Cell Growth for Wound Management." Dr. Bill Chura served as her faculty mentor.
- Mathematics major Betsy Langland presented "Determining the Success of a Mathematics Major." Dr. Amanda Harsy, assistant professor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, served as her faculty mentor.
- Biochemistry major Courtney Dial presented "Analysis of Normal Versus Mutated Cyclin D3 Protein Structure Using Molecular Modeling and Novel Polypeptide Synthesis." Dr. Sarah Powers, assistant professor of Biology, served as her faculty mentor.
- Computer Science major Michael Korzon presented "Efficient Compression of



Cyber Security Operations Data." Dr. Ray Klump, chair and professor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, served as his faculty mentor.

- Physics major Zak Aracara presented "Adventures into 'Dark' Places, Wrestling with Python [Script], and Dodging 8GeV Protons." Dr. Ryan Hooper, assistant professor of Physics, served as his faculty mentor.
- Biology major Lis Hardin presented "Cheaper than Dirt: the Search for a New Antibiotic." Professor Jeanette Pifer, instructor of Biology, served as her faculty mentor.
- Chemistry majors Zach Struzik and John Hodul presented "Crosslinking and Nanotemplating in Boehmite Sol Gel." Dr. John Parker, assistant professor of Chemistry and Physics, served as their faculty mentor.
- Environmental Science major Joseph McDermott presented "Biofilms Can Influence Quagga Mussel Reattachment." Dr. Jerry Kavouras, chair and associate professor of Biology, served as his faculty mentor.

The SURE program is sponsored by the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation and the Dr. Scholl Foundation.

Dr. Jason Keleher Honored as a Distinguished Lasallian Educator

Dr. Jason Keleher, associate professor and Chair of Chemistry, was awarded the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award by Lewis University. He was recognized for being an outstanding and creative teacher who encourages and nurtures his students.

“Lewis University’s Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award pays tribute to these modern-day educators – faculty and staff whose lives are characterized by what De La Salle called the spirit of faith and zeal – a strong faith in God combined with a commitment and energy focused on student success and the mission of education,” said Dr. Kurt Schackmuth, Vice President for Mission & Academic Services. He described the honor as Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, presented the award to Keleher.

Since his arrival at Lewis University in 2009, his energetic and steadfast commitment to Lewis student success produced numerous projects, publications and research. His collaborative efforts with faculty and students have brought opportunities for his students to go beyond traditional classroom learning.

“He is the kind of professor who exemplifies what we mean when we talk about professors who make a lasting impact on a student’s education and their college experience, overall,” described Schackmuth.

Corporate partnerships in research provided unique internships, grants and international presentation opportunities for students. Two consecutive years, Keleher mentored two students that presented research at the highly selective Council for Undergraduate Research Posters on the Hill event. His collaboration with aviation, physics and biology earned first place honors in a national competition. Keleher’s ability to mentor undergraduate students also secured the University a National Science Foundation grant to help retain students in the STEM fields.

Psychology Professor Writes Book on Human Sexuality

Dr. Katherine Helm (Psychology) has authored a new book titled *Hooking Up: The Psychology of Sex and Dating*, which is part of Greenwood’s “The Psychology of Everyday Life” series. Available this fall, the book is an engaging and comprehensive resource for high school and college students on modern topics in human sexuality. Several of Helm’s colleagues and graduate students made contributions to the book.

MIS Professor Contributes to Cybersecurity Seminar at Argonne National Laboratory

Dr. Ibrahim Mescioglu (Management Information Systems) presented his recent research on business analytics and risk management at Argonne National Laboratory in late August. He was an invited speaker as part of the Cybersecurity Seminar Series held by the Cyber Operations and Analysis Research Section. The title of his talk was “Analytics Oriented Risk Management with Data Mining for Pattern Discovery and Decision Support Vectors.”

Educational Leadership Faculty Member and Doctoral Students Present Research

Dr. Kip Kline (Educational Leadership), Michael Bulfin (Ed.D. student, staff member, and adjunct in History), and Kevin Beirne (Ed.D. student) presented a panel on their research at the Ohio Valley Philosophy of Education Society in Dayton, Ohio in September. The panel, titled, “Baudrillard, Black Mirror, and the Limits of Critical Media Literacy,” used philosophical analysis to explore the impact of contemporary media on K-12 and higher education.

Education Professor’s First Book Focuses on Math Curriculum

Dr. Erica Kwiatkowski-Egizio (Education) published her first book *Developing Mathematical Knowledge for Teaching* this past July. Two themes frame the research in this book: How do pre-service elementary teachers develop mathematical knowledge for teaching during a coordinated math methods course and field experience? And, what types of portfolio tasks lend themselves to documenting mathematical knowledge in teaching? Egizio’s work is published by LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing Company.

College of Nursing Students Study in Greece

Fifteen students from the College of Nursing and Health Professions traveled to Greece this past June to learn firsthand how socioeconomic changes can affect access to healthcare and, in turn, the wellbeing of a population. This was the second faculty-led trip to Greece for assistant professors Dr. Eleftheria Karapas and Jane Trainor. The students were keen observers of many different health variables during the visits to two large public, teaching hospitals - in Athens and on the island of Crete - as well as to the Doctors of the World free clinic.

Organizational Leadership Faculty Present at Midwest Academy of Management Conference

Dr. Michael Cherry, Dr. Sheila Boysen-Rotelli, and Dr. Scott A. Kerth (Organizational Leadership) led a panel discussion on “An Inter-Disciplinary Review of Leadership Development” focusing on the use of coaching, multi-rater feedback and role of leadership programs for adult learners at the Midwest Academy of Management in Columbus, Ohio in early October.

Dr. Dennis Cremin Honored at Huether Conference

Dr. Dennis Cremin, Professor of History and Director of the Lewis University History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest, was selected to receive the 2015 Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award from the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN). The prestigious award was presented at the Huether Conference on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, stated, “Dr. Cremin has been honored as a representative of the Midwest District of the Christian Brothers. He is to be commended for his impressive work with the History Center and involvement of our students in research and historical exhibits, as well his generous contributions to the community as a lecturer on various topics, including many on Chicago history.” Dr. Cremin also received Lewis University’s Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award in 2014.

Nursing Faculty Member Presents Research in South Africa

Dr. Linda Ryan (Nursing and Health Professions), gave a presentation entitled “Incorporating Caring Theory into Personal and Professional Nursing Practice to Improve Perception of Care” at the first South African Caritas Consortium, in Johannesburg, South Africa, this past September. The presentation was an overview of the collaborative work of Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) students: Mary-Beth Desmond, Suzen Horn, Kathryn Keith and Susan Kelby; and Nursing faculty members Dr. Janice Smith and Dr. Linda Ryan. The presentation highlighted the MSN students’ research study completed for their capstone project. The study found that by providing nursing education on Jean Watson’s caring theory, nurses’ competence in caring attitudes and behaviors improved significantly. The study also found increases in patient satisfaction following nurses’ education on Watson’s caring theory.

Professor of History Helps Actress Alfre Woodard Discover Her Family’s Story

Dr. Mark Schultz (History) reappeared on TLC’s “Who Do You Think You Are,” this time to help the actress, Alfre Woodard interpret documents from her family’s story in the nineteenth century south. Woodard told Schultz that she had attended Bishop Kelley High School (sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers) in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where a Christian Brother sparked her life-long interest in theater.

Arts & Sciences Faculty Host Graduate and Post-Doctoral Students from the University of Chicago

This past September, Lewis hosted doctoral and post-doctoral trainees from the University of Chicago for an on campus visit. Organized in conjunction with the Chicago Center for Teaching, the event included a welcome by Dr. Bonnie Bondavalli, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; classroom observations; small group discussions with junior faculty; and a panel discussion with department chairs. Collectively, the experience helped expose graduate students and post-docs to a “day in the life” as they contemplate career paths at teaching-focused institutions such as Lewis. Faculty participants included Dr. Tennille Allen (Sociology), Dr. Jennifer Buntin (Sociology), Dr. Mallory Havens (Biology), Dr. Jerry Kavouras (Biology), Dr. Laurette Liesen (Political Science), Dr. Eileen McMahon (History), Dr. Steven Nawara (Political Science), Dr. Sarah Powers (Biology), Dr. Mark Schultz (History), Dr. Carlene Sipma-Dysico (Sociology), Dr. James Tallon (History) and Dr. Erin Zimmer (Biology).

Marketing Professor Incorporates Mission Values into CRM Presentation

Professor Robert Bergman (Marketing) gave a well-received presentation on “15 Elements of a Great Relationship” to executives in the Marketing and IT fields at CRM Evolution-New York in August. He likened customer relationships with personal relationships using 15 elements that reflect well on Lewis’ Catholic and Lasallian virtues – trust, honesty, loyalty, commitment, respect and other positive principles. His message centered on the development of a marketing strategy through positive relationship building – principles he teaches students in his Marketing classes.

Graduate Assessment Presented at the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education

Dr. Jion Liou Yen (Institutional Research) and Dr. Nan Yancey (Graduate Studies) co-presented a panel session entitled “Overcoming Challenges in Implementing Graduate Program Assessment” at the Association for Assessment of Learning in Higher Education, held in June in Lexington, Kentucky. In the session, five panelists from four Chicago area universities first presented examples on how they have addressed particular challenges in graduate program assessment. Afterward, they engaged the audience in a few discussion questions such as how graduate level assessment differs from undergraduate level assessment, how to develop assessment frameworks for graduate-level programs, whether assessment of graduate student learning outcomes require scientific rigor, and how to connect graduate assessment with the processes already in place (e.g., program review).

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

BROTHER JAMES NAMED HONORARY FOUNDER AT RED TIE BALL/ *SIGNUM FIDEI* CELEBRATION

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, had high praise and voiced his personal gratitude for the splendid recognition that was presented to him at the 2015 Red Tie Ball/The *Signum Fidei* Celebration, staged most impressively on September 12, at the Palmer House in Chicago. "It is a privilege to be named the 20th Honorary Founder of Lewis University, joining such historical founding figures as Michael and Frances Fitzpatrick, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Frank J. Lewis, and the Franciscan Brothers of the Holy Cross, as well as the entire list of highly regarded Honorary Founders," he said following the ceremony. "I am deeply appreciative that the recognition of my service and leadership as President was part of such a delightful evening."

"The Red Tie Ball - The *Signum Fidei* Celebration has evolved into an exceptional event that is quite effective in raising funds for scholarships through sponsorships, ticket sales, and the enjoyable live auction," Brother James noted. "It also promotes the Mission of the University very well. It is wonderful that our marvelous students, volunteers and staff so enthusiastically collaborated in assuring that our guests greatly enjoyed the evening. As a vital fundraiser for scholarships and a way to strengthen relationships within the community to promote the University, the event provided an excellent opportunity to focus on the quality of Lewis programs and on our Catholic identity and Lasallian tradition."

The extraordinary support by sponsors and the nearly 500 attendees made 2015 another record-breaking year. Guests included many alumni, Trustees, and Congressman Dan Lipinski, Romeoville Mayor John Noak and the Honorable Edward Maloney, an alumnus and former state legislator. The event benefits the Mission Fund which provides scholarships for students facing financial hardship. This year, \$450,000 in total revenue was raised and is the greatest ever in the history of the *Signum Fidei* events.

Highlighting the event was recognition of Brother James Gaffney, FSC, as an Honorary Founder of Lewis University for his leadership, accomplishments and service as President.



A faculty member in the Theology Department at Lewis in the early 1970s, he subsequently served as Provincial of the Christian Brothers. In that capacity, Brother James also served as Chairman of the

University's Board of Trustees for 11 years. He has been a member of the Board for a total of 39 years. Since his inauguration as President in 1988, he has revitalized and greatly expanded the University, providing leadership and vision that has emphasized excellence in academics, dramatic enrollment growth, major campus expansion, integration of Mission throughout the University, a constant focus on students and strong ties with the community. Brother James was presented with a lovely, symbolic and meaningful Mission Star Sculpture, designed by Professor Leslie Colonna (Art & Design).

Proceeds from the Lewis University Red Tie Ball - The *Signum Fidei* Celebration benefit the Lewis Mission Fund, which provides additional financial assistance to the University's most financially at-risk students. Since 2009, approximately 275 students have faced the likelihood of having to withdraw from Lewis due to unexpected financial hardship. These students have been able to continue their pursuit of a Lewis degree through additional support provided by the Mission Fund. To learn more about the event or view pictures and video from this year's event, visit lewisu.edu/RedTieBall.

1 Board of Trustee member Mohra Gavankar presents Brother James Gaffney, FSC, with a special award as he was named an Honorary Founder of Lewis University.

2 Board of Trustee member Joel '78 and Deb Stava '78 enjoyed an evening with their daughter, Anne Stava-Murray and her husband, Sean.

3 Theatre students performed a special number for the event.

4 Brother James Gaffney, FSC greets Mary Jane Whiteside and Dennis Tonelli at the Red Tie Ball.



BOY SCOUTS RAINBOW COUNCIL RAISES \$83,000 WITH AWARDS DINNER

A record amount of \$83,000 was raised for the Rainbow Council Boy Scouts of America during its annual award program and dinner. The Rainbow Council Boy Scouts of America presented its 2015 Distinguished Citizen Award to Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, on June 17 at Lewis University at the Saint Charles Borromeo Center.

Over the past 105 years, The Boy Scouts of America has continued to evolve to meet the changing needs of our youth. This time-tested program promotes character development, citizenship training and physical fitness. Today, the Scouting program is delivered through six age-appropriate programs, for boys ranging from age 7 to 18. The Rainbow Council serves more than 4,500 young people in Will, Kankakee and Grundy counties. Last summer, Lewis University in conjunction with the Joliet Regional Port District opened their doors to the Rainbow Council Airfest 2014 where nearly 4,000 Scouts and their families learned about aviation and S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math) activities.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

LEWIS' FRIEND NAMED 2015 AVCA DIVISION I-II NATIONAL MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) named Lewis University head men's volleyball coach Dan Friend the 2015 AVCA Division I-II Men's National Coach of the Year, while Flyer assistant coach Matt McCarthy was selected as the AVCA Division I-II National Assistant Coach of the Year.

Friend, the 2015 Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Coach of the Year, mentored the Flyers to a mark of 27-4 and a national runner-up finish. A nation-best five Flyers were named All-Americans.

"It's an honor and privilege to be recognized by your peers," Friend said. "There are a lot of great coaches in our sport and I feel blessed.

"I would like to thank my staff, wife, family, Lewis University and our alumni for their continued support," Friend continued. "Most importantly, I want to thank our team, because they are a fantastic group of young men who have worked extremely hard.

"This would not be possible without them."



LEWIS MEN'S VOLLEYBALL FINISHES AS 2015 NATIONAL RUNNER-UP

Lewis men's volleyball fell 3-2 (21-25, 25-23, 25-15, 25-27, 23-21) in the 2015 National Championship match to Loyola on May 9. It was the first time ever the men's volleyball championship match featured two Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association teams. Senior outside hitters Greg Petty and Geoff Powell both had 20 plus kills in the

national title match as the Flyers came just short of a national title.

The Flyers finished the season 27-4, setting a program record for fewest losses in a single season. Lewis earned a MIVA regular season title on the way to their impressive season. Lewis was ranked No. 1 in the nation during the season before earning the No. 2 spot in the final national poll.

Senior Eric Fitterer took home the NCAA's Elite 89 Award. The award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 89 championships. Fitterer, a business administration major, owned a 3.86 cumulative grade point average.

LEWIS ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT PLACES PROGRAM-BEST FOURTH IN LEARFIELD SPORTS DIRECTORS' CUP

The Lewis University Athletics Department finished fourth in the 2014-15 NCAA Division II Learfield Sports Directors' Cup rankings released on June 4th. The fourth place finish is the best in school history, topping the previous high mark of 10th in 2000-01. NCAA Division II membership consists of 318 schools.

Lewis saw 12 of its 20 teams either qualify as a team or had individuals score points for their squad at their respective NCAA Championships.

"To finish in the top five is not only a wonderful accomplishment, it's a tremendously difficult and arduous task," Lewis Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek said. "It is a testament to the hard work and effort that our student-athletes, coaches and staff put forth this year."

The Flyers totaled 647.75 points, the most of any team in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Lewis' total is especially impressive considering the competition in the Midwest Region as two of the three teams ahead of the Flyers, Grand Valley State (1st, 965.50) and Ashland (2nd, 720.00), also compete in the Midwest Region.

The Learfield Sports Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 14 sports, seven women's and seven men's.

LEWIS ATHLETICS RAISES SCHOOL-RECORD IN ANNUAL CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN

It is the season for giving, and the Lewis University Friends and Family certainly gave back.

The second annual Flyer Friends and Family Crowdfunding Campaign raised \$64,977, shattering last year's standard of nearly \$50,000. It is the most money raised for the Lewis University Athletics Department in school history.

The campaign saw an increase of 32% in total campaign dollars raised. There was a total of 721 donors and gifts. This resulted in a 23.6% donor growth and 14.6% growth in gifts.

The funds raised will be used to purchase equipment, provide new training opportunities and travel to out-of-state competitions for all Flyer athletic teams.

"I want to thank Len Bertolini and his staff yet again within University Advancement, especially Kathryn Risor-Heise, for helping make this second annual crowdfunding campaign an even bigger success than the year before," Lewis Associate Athletics Director / Director of External Relations, Brian Sisson said. "Our student-athletes, coaches and staff did an even better job in spreading the word on this campaign."

The team that raised the most money during the campaign was the

Lewis men's basketball team, as they raised \$9,760.

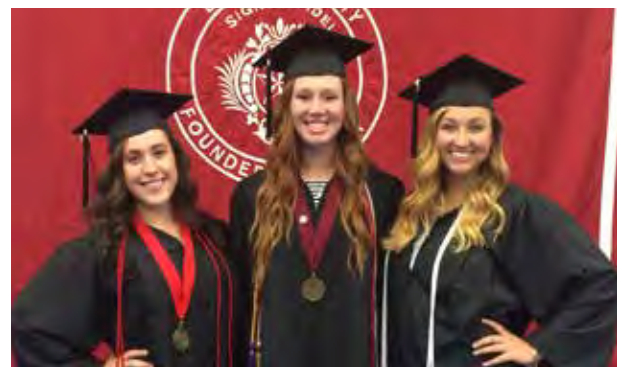
"I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Crowdfunding Campaign, because it proved to be a very successful endeavor," Lewis head men's basketball coach Scott Trost said. "Having this kind of support from our generous donors is a huge help to our program."

On the women's side, women's soccer raised \$5,530 while also securing the largest gift of \$2,500.

"I want to sincerely thank all the friends and family of the Lewis women's soccer team," Lewis head women's soccer coach Chris Koenig said. "To raise over \$5,000 really shows their commitment to Lewis Athletics."

The Flyer Friends and Family campaign ran from late Sept. – Nov. 30th.

"Coming off our best year both athletically and academically in school history, our supporters have stepped up as well and understand how important financial support is for our programs," Sisson said. "They want the Flyers to remain a leading program in Division II and this will help towards making that happen."



L-R: Bianca Garcia, Kelly Bowler, Kelsey Ullrich

LEWIS ATHLETICS RECEIVES NCAA PRESIDENTS' AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The NCAA announced on November 11th, that the Lewis University Athletics Department is one of 27 Division II member schools to be honored as part of the Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence program, for achieving a four-year success rate of 90 percent. The Flyers are also one of four Great Lakes Valley Conference schools to earn this distinction.

The Academic Success Rate is the percentage of student-athletes who graduate within six years of initial enrollment in college and includes virtually all Division II student-athletes, including transfers and those not receiving athletics scholarships. The national ASR is 71 percent for student-athletes who entered college from 2005-09.

Lewis' 90 ASR is the Flyers' highest performance since they recorded a 90 ASR for the 2002 entering class.

"This academic achievement really speaks to the efforts of our coaches, the students they recruit and the support they receive from our faculty and staff," Lewis Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek said. "A special thanks goes out to Courtney Schmitz, who oversees our academic pursuits, and to Dr. Nancy Workman, who provides guidance and oversight to our efforts."

KRISTEN GILLESPIE NAMED LEWIS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

The Gillespie legacy will continue both figuratively and literally at Lewis University.

Lewis University Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek announced on July 30 that he has hired Kristen Gillespie as the 12th head women's basketball coach in school-history. Gillespie, who served as the head coach at Division III Benedictine for the past four seasons, is the granddaughter of coaching legend and former Lewis Director of Athletics, head basketball and baseball coach Gordie Gillespie.

"The name Gillespie at Lewis University is synonymous with coaching excellence and now Kristen will be able to add to that legacy," Planek said. "We feel that the success of our programs have made Lewis a very desirable destination for coaches.

"Her experience as a player and coach at multiple levels with a strong knowledge of the Chicagoland recruiting market made her a very formidable candidate," Planek continued. "We are very excited to welcome Kristen to our campus."

The significance of coaching at Lewis is not lost on Gillespie.

"I've known from a young age just how special Lewis is," Gillespie said. "To be able to coach at the University where my grandfather started his collegiate coaching career is extremely humbling.

"This was a position that I have dreamed of since I broke into the coaching profession," Gillespie continued. "I would like to thank Dr. Planek and the administration for giving me this incredible opportunity and the selection

committee for making me feel so welcome during the entire process.

"I'm extremely honored and excited to take on this challenge."

Gillespie comes to Lewis after leading Benedictine to a record of 18-10 in 2015, which was the most wins by an Eagle squad since 2006. In four seasons, she recorded a mark of 54-53 (.505). She guided Benedictine to four-straight Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) Tournament appearances and mentored eight Eagles to All-NACC accolades during her tenure. The Eagles were equally as proficient in the classroom as they registered a cumulative grade point average over 3.0 in each of her four seasons.

Prior to her arrival in Lisle, Gillespie spent two seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the University of Illinois at Chicago from 2009-11, but her formative basketball acumen was developed at North Carolina State under legendary head coach Kay Yow.

Gillespie was a four-year letterwinner and three-year captain for the Wolfpack from 1996-99. As a junior, she was NC State's starting point guard on the 1998 NCAA Final Four squad and she was also selected as a Honorable Mention Academic All-American the following year as a senior.

Upon her graduation, Gillespie had brief stops as an assistant coach at both Central Florida (1999-2000) and UC Santa Barbara (2000-02), before returning to Raleigh to pursue her masters degree as a graduate



assistant under Yow. During her tenure, NC State not only advanced to the NCAA Tournament, but Gillespie played a key role in recruiting a Top 20 recruiting class in the nation in 2004.

Once she had received her master's degree from NC State, Gillespie spent two years as a high school head coach at Maclay School (2005-07) in Tallahassee, Florida, before coming back to Raleigh.

Gillespie returned to Yow's staff, but as a full time assistant coach and co-recruiting coordinator for the Wolfpack. In 2008, NC State went 21-13 and advanced to the WNIT Final Four. In that short span, Gillespie coached five players who played professionally, including a WNBA First Round draft pick, and recruited the 2010 Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Rookie of the Year.

Gillespie replaces Lisa Carlsen who was named the head women's basketball coach at Northern Illinois University.



LEWIS ATHLETICS FINISHES SECOND IN GLVC ALL-SPORTS TROPHY STANDINGS

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced on May 12th, that Lewis University has finished second in the annual All-Sports Trophy race for the third-straight season.

Indianapolis (194.5 points) won the title for the fourth-straight year, followed by the Flyers (174). Lewis claimed a pair of conference championships, winning both the GLVC men's and women's indoor track and field titles for the second-straight season.

"Our program has been competitively balanced from top to bottom and our

consistent finishes this season is indicative of the hard work that our student-athletes, coaches and staff have put forth," Lewis Director of Athletics Dr. John Planek said.

The GLVC All-Sports Trophy is presented to the institution that demonstrates the best all-around performance in the league's 20 sponsored sports. Points are allocated based on overall finish in the league standings and finish in their respective conference tournaments.

35TH ANNUAL LEWIS UNIVERSITY VARSITY CLUB GOLF OUTING CONTINUES TO PROSPER

The Lewis University Athletics Department and its Flyer faithful headed in droves to Cog Hill Golf & Country Club on Friday, June 5th, for the 35th Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing.

The Flyer friends and family did not disappoint, as the event raised 66.6% more than last year's outing. In all, there were over



200 golfers that participated in the event and played on both Course 1 and - for the first time - the world renowned Dubsdread (Course 4).

"The turnout for the event was incredible," Lewis Associate Director of Athletics Brian Sisson said. "Without the support of these golfers, along with our partners and tee sponsors - most notably Wight and Co. - this day would not have been possible.

"The goal of this event is to help make a positive impact upon not only our student-athletes, but our programs, and this was a wonderful way to kick off the summer."

Kevin Kennedy '76, Peter Grande '76, Joe Lorenz '79 and Dan Franchetti '76.

Brother Michael Quirk, FSC '75 '79; Tom Bogusevic '77; Rich McCallum '77; and Frank Kaminsky '93.

Jewel Koenig, Don Koenig, Lewis Head Women's Soccer coach Chris Koenig, and Ashly Koenig



LEWIS' FARROUGH PLACES THIRD AT NCAA WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lewis University junior Amanda Farrough placed third overall with another 6K school-record time to lift the Flyers to an 11th-place finish at the NCAA Division II Women's Cross Country Championships, hosted by Missouri Southern, at the Tom Rutledge Cross Country Course on Saturday (Nov. 21) morning.

Farrough finished 2.9 seconds behind individual champion Alexis Zeis (University of Mary) with a blazing time of 20:06.3 to earn All-America accolades for the second time in three seasons. The South Bend, Ind., native set her previous standard of 20:26.6 at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships just two weeks ago. Her finish is the best in Lewis history since Kasia Arient took home the individual championship in 1997.

"I thought Amanda executed her race perfectly," Lewis head women's cross country coach James Kearney said. "There were at least 10 runners that I thought had a chance to win. She was there, but it wasn't quite her day.

"Third place is nothing to scoff at, and I am unbelievably proud of her performance today."

Adams State won the team title with 83 points, while the Flyers totaled 335 points in the race to claim 11th place.

"We went all the way from not qualifying last year to 11th in the nation - which is a great accomplishment and I could not be prouder of our team," Kearney said.

Lewis senior Kristen Bonsor placed 48th overall with a time of 21:36.3, followed by a 111th-place showing of 22:16.5 by fellow senior Kayla Patterson. Flyer freshman Megan Shaffer was the fourth Lewis runner to cross the finish line with a 121st-place mark of 22:25.6. Lewis junior Mollie Dalton was the final Flyer to score with a 124th-place finish of 22:27.2.



GIFTS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



UNVEILING OF STATUE INSTALLATION HONORS CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

A ceremony was held on June 26, to dedicate a sculpture installation that includes a statue of a Christian Brother; a limestone bench inscribed with the words of Saint John Baptist De La Salle, "To touch the hearts of your students is the greatest miracle you can perform," and a plaque dedicated to the more than 110 Christian Brothers who have served at Lewis University. The project was funded through the generosity of the late James '61 and Mary Clare Sczepaniak.

Those who unveiled the statue were (l to r) Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University; Brother Larry Schatz, FSC Provincial, Christian Brothers of the Midwest; Brother Ray McManaman, FSC, professor of Theology who was one of the seven original Brothers at Lewis; alumnus Kyle Hayes '14 and student Mickey Juricic, '18.



FLYER HEALTHY CHOICES

On April 16, 2015, Lewis University was selected by the NCAA to receive a three-year grant, known as the CHOICES program, which seeks to promote positive socialization on college and university campuses.

Given the title Flyer Healthy CHOICES, the program seeks to expand on current campus-wide alcohol education programming and further enhance collaboration between the Lewis University Department of Athletics and The Center for Health and Counseling Services.

"Anytime we are able to enhance good work that we are already doing, it's beneficial. The collaborative nature of this initiative is its biggest strength, in my opinion," said Michelle Manassah, Director of Counseling Services and Project Manager for the grant. "Not only do we embrace the spirit of association in the University Mission, but we will be tapping into one of our greatest assets, the students themselves, to help educate peers."

The Flyer Healthy CHOICES program will be complete with peer mentorship programs, motivational interviewing interventions and workshops, as well as frequent on-campus events during high-risk drinking periods such as evenings and weekends.

The goal is to encourage student well-being by promoting physical, social and psychological development, as well as values clarification and ethical decision-making.

"The CHOICES program can be a great opportunity for students looking for leadership roles, students who aren't afraid to step outside of their comfort zones," says Dr. John Planek, Director of Athletics. "Self-accountability is something that we've seen at Lewis, but with this program the objective is to get students to influence positive decision making among other students; teammates, classmates and peers."

"Lewis University promotes the development of the complete person through the pursuit of wisdom and justice," says Manassah. "Prevention education around alcohol has an important role in contributing to that development."

LEWIS RECEIVES \$1.4 MILLION NSF NOYCE GRANT FOR TEACHER PREPARATION



Lewis University received a \$1.4 million National Science Foundation grant to support a project in “Using Reality-Based Learning Practicum and Mentoring Structures to Enhance STEM Teacher Preparation for High Needs Schools.”

Lewis University will use the National Science Foundation’s Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program to better prepare undergraduate majors in biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics to become 6-12th grade mathematics or science teachers. Three main components of the Lewis University Noyce Scholar program include scholarships, quality Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics teacher preparation and collaboration with community partners.

Scholarship levels are based on the cost of attendance and unmet financial need. Over a five-year period, 36 two-year scholarships will be awarded to biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics majors who simultaneously major in middle/secondary education and commit to program requirements. Upon completion of the program, Noyce scholars will earn both their double major and a Professional Educator License with endorsements in their content and grade-level specifications.

Enrollment into the program begins in August 2016. Each semester, a group of six students will be selected for the program. Noyce Scholars are selected based on current GPA, citizenship status, credit hours in biology, chemistry, mathematics, or physics, full-time enrollment, application essay and financial application.

The Noyce Scholar program builds upon Lewis University’s middle and secondary math and science teacher education program, which is steeped in comprehensive science content

and high-impact pedagogical practices. Noyce Scholars will work with a mentor during their coursework at Lewis University and continue the professional development relationship for two years after graduation. Noyce Scholars will participate in and present research in the area of STEM education. Noyce Scholars will benefit from expanded field experiences and revised teaching methods courses that will enhance their preparation to teach STEM.

Lewis University is collaborating with Joliet Junior College, the College of DuPage, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Three Rivers Manufacturers Association, Valley View Public School District 365U, Joliet District 86 and Oak Lawn District 218.

High-need schools benefit from the Noyce Scholars as they commit to teach full-time in a high-need school as a licensed teacher in mathematics or science for two years for each scholarship year.

Noyce Scholars will engage in a six-week Reality-Based Learning Summer Practicum with community-based partners, including the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and the Three Rivers Manufacturers Association. Scholars will participate in activities with STEM faculty and STEM and/or educational professionals working in the community, discovering how research translates into practice in the real world and how it can be applied to their future classrooms.

Joliet Junior College and the College of DuPage will partner with Lewis University in recruiting Noyce Scholar candidates as well as promoting better STEM teacher preparation through hosting pedagogical and content knowledge workshops throughout the year.

For more information, contact Dr. Dorene Huvaere, chair and professor of Secondary Education, at huvaerdo@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5885.

LEWIS UNIVERSITY RECEIVES NSF GRANT

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has approved a grant of \$201,123 to administer a Lewis University project on “Implementing and Investigating Mathematical Modeling as a Means to Demonstrate the Interdisciplinary Nature of Science and Increase STEM Retention.” The NSF Grant for Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) addresses ways to increase retention to assure student success and encourage continued interest in STEM-related careers.

Directors of this program include: Dr. Cynthia Howard and Dr. Raymond Klump (Computer and Mathematical Sciences) plus Dr. Jerry Kavouras and Dr. Sarah Power (Biology). Among those

key in assisting with the grant application were Jeffrey Ritchie, Director of Sponsored Programs and Research, and Vicky Tucker, Director of Institutional Analysis and Assessment.

“High praise to those involved in developing the application for this impressive grant,” said Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President. “It is timely to address retention in the STEM disciplines as Lewis continues to increase enrollment in various science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs. I am encouraged that this project will provide additional resources for our students, assisting in retention and encouraging them to pursue STEM careers.”

CREATING GROWTH IN STEM

Today's society is increasingly information-based and highly technological. The demand for employees skilled in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) continues to rise. There is also a lack of diversity in both gender and ethnicity of STEM students. For these reasons, Lewis has partnered with organizations to provide exceptional educational opportunities for current students and bring an interest in STEM to students well before they enter college.

AILEEN S. ANDREW FOUNDATION

The Aileen S. Andrew Foundation generously renewed its gift to support Lewis University. Their gift of \$50,000 supports both the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation's Endowed Scholarship for Math and Science and the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE program, see article p. 13). Both programs are important in the education and success of STEM students.

Among this year's SURE research projects between 10 students and faculty advisers are "Design and Characterization of Laser Absorbing Nanocomposite Films for Aviation Safety Applications," "Efficient Compression of Cyber Security Operations Data" and "Cheaper than Dirt: the Search for a New Antibiotic." The importance of the program is evident in the 100% acceptance rate of the SURE Program's participants who applied to a graduate program in the sciences.

The Andrew Foundation has contributed to their endowed scholarship since it was established in 2009, and to the SURE program since 2014. Endowed Scholarships at Lewis are made possible through support from foundations and donors including the Andrew Foundation. These generous donors show their interest in the future of our students and high value they place on education from Lewis. The Aileen S. Andrew Foundation Endowed Scholarship for Math & Science Students assists undergraduate level math and science students who show financial need. For more information, visit lewisu.edu/admissions/finaid/scholarships.htm.

GIRLS4SCIENCE CAMP EXPLORES COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences at Lewis University hosted a Girls4Science camp over the summer. The four-day camp introduced middle school girls to the exciting and fast-changing field of Computer Science. The camp was funded through a generous donation from Ingredion, Staples, Ecolab, Best Buy, PPG Industries, Caterpillar and Vulcan Materials Company.

The June 22-25 event gave the participants a chance to learn about various aspects of computer science, including programming, robotics and electronics. "The purpose of the camp was to introduce girls to the exciting and fast-changing field of Computer Science in a memorable way that would inspire them to want to learn more," commented Dr. Cindy Howard, associate professor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences. She designed the camp to teach participants the fundamentals of computer programming and the integration of software and hardware.

Outside of programming, the girls formed teams and created their own robots out of cardboard, construction paper, felt, feathers, Styrofoam and various other arts-and-crafts supplies. This gave



them an opportunity to see the programs they wrote "come alive," as they enabled their robots to move in response to signals around them.

Lewis University student helpers from Computer and Mathematical Sciences included Francisco Cano, Alison Cross, Grecia Equihua and Anthony Kurt.

"It was a great week for the camp participants as well as for the faculty and student helpers. It was wonderful to have a chance to share our love for this most exciting field with some really enthusiastic, creative, inquisitive and intelligent girls," stated Dr. Ray Klump, professor and chair of Computer and Mathematical Sciences Department.



Dr. Cindy Howard and Dr. Ray Klump accept a check from Paul Heintzelman, Director of Operations at PPG Industries, for the Girls Create with Technology program.



Thank you to Caterpillar Joliet for visiting campus and for supporting Lewis' Girls Create with Technology program, which introduces middle school girls to computer programming. (Left to right: Tamara Holman '02, Lewis University Associate Vice President for University Advancement Luigi Amendola '01, Jim Rink, and Amber Stoneking.)



MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

What more will we achieve together?

It is no secret that as tuition costs increase, many low-income and middle-class families find sending their children to college increasingly difficult. While Lewis has been able to keep tuition increases at a minimum – in part due to generous financial support from individuals and organizations – **more than 95 percent of Lewis undergraduate students receive financial assistance.**

In fact, the University provides more than \$41 million in financial aid and more than 150 named and private scholarships to its students each year. As the path to an education is paved for students in need of financial assistance, providing the right academic opportunities to succeed in their careers is also vitally important. Today, Lewis offers more than 85 undergraduate and 35 graduate programs.

The biggest impact happens when we work together. With record numbers of alumni and parent donors, increased support from faculty and staff, and partnerships and grants, Lewis University has also seen growth in President's Circle members. The President's Circle honors individuals who share in the University's vision to "prepare graduates who are intellectually engaged, ethically grounded, socially responsible, and globally aware." Showing support for Lewis with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more qualifies donors to become a part of the President's Circle, and more importantly, shows a commitment to investing in the University and the future of its students. Since 2010, membership in the President's Circle has grown by 47%, providing significant financial support to the University.

These generous donors have helped make Lewis the outstanding University it is today, and their gifts provide a strong foundation to build upon. Members receive regular informational e-mails, special invitations to campus events, and an invitation to the annual President's Circle Dinner, which was held this year on December 4.

Karen Gizzi '79, an alumna who along with her husband Alec '79 have renewed their support as part of the President's Circle, knows the importance of supporting the University. "Suffice it to say we fund what we deeply care about, and that is education. We've been blessed with the resources to support the institutions that hold the same values we do: Catholic Social Teaching. It has transformed both our lives and our children's lives."

For more information on how you can contribute to the University and be part of the President's Circle, contact University Advancement at (815) 836-5471 or universityadvancement@lewisu.edu.



GOT STOCK?

Did you know that giving appreciated stock is a popular and tax-wise way to support Lewis?

Alumni and other friends who give such appreciated stock actually receive a double tax benefit that enables them to magnify the impact of their generosity. They can deduct the full fair market value of their investment – not just what they paid originally – and they save again by avoiding all capital gains taxes on their "paper profit."

Take the example of Mrs. Jones. The stock she purchased in 2005 for \$200 is now worth \$1,000. If Mrs. Jones gives the stock instead of cash, Lewis University receives a gift of \$1,000 – the fair market value of the stock – and she can claim a \$1,000 charitable deduction on her next income tax return. In the 33% bracket, that's a tax savings of \$330. Furthermore, she avoids \$120 in capital gains taxes that would be due whenever she sold the stock. **The result: After figuring her tax savings, a gift of \$1,000 costs Mrs. Jones only \$550.**

We'd be happy to discuss how you can best use appreciated stock to make a satisfying gift to support our students. For more details, please contact Robert A. Kanonik, J.D., Director of Planned Giving, at (815) 836-5813 or kanoniro@lewisu.edu.

ALUMNI NEWS

2015 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Each year, Lewis University hosts the Alumni Achievement Awards, honoring several alumni who stand out in their personal and professional lives. This year's recipients were honored on Saturday, October 3 at a special dinner at Lewis University's St. Charles Borromeo Center.

Pictured are (left to right) Brother James Gaffney, FSC; Michael McClain '91, John Clavio '91, Mary Otting '12, Kathy (Cook) Lyons '74, Michael Fedoruk '10, Dr. Dana Dominiak '91, Stephen Gulden MA '04, and Rich Panico '73. Not pictured is Karen (Benefield) Burgess '08.

To read more about the incredible achievements of these alumni, visit alumni.lewisu.edu/Awards.

ALUMNAE SHARE SUCCESS AT CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

More than 140 alumnae of Lewis University shared their experiences at the Celebrating Women in Leadership Conference on October 9 on the main campus in Romeoville. Following the success of last year's event, Lewis University women came together to network, educate, mentor, inspire and motivate each other.

The one-day, female-focused conference offered career development opportunities, ways to help attendees achieve personal goals, and a chance for Lewis alumnae to meet and network with fellow graduates.

Participants heard from keynote speaker, alumna Dolores Pavletic '83, who is Airbus Fleet Captain, Senior Manager Flight Operations and Flight Standards at FedEx Express, and a member of Lewis' Board of Trustees. The other presenters included:

- Latina D. Harris '94 – The Power of Visual Goal Setting
- Terry Arya, MA '14 – Marketing Yourself: What is Your Personal Brand?!
- Dr. Dana Dominiak '91 – The Only Woman in the Room: Technology Startups from the 1980s to Today
- Amy LaFine, MSN '01 – Leading Your Team



Back Row (left to right): Amanda Noel, MA '03, Michelle Mikka-Van Der Stuyf '00, Terry Arya, MA '14, Lisa Groeper '83 Front Row (left to right): Dr. Dana Dominiak '91, E. Elaine Harris '03, MBA '08, Amy LaFine, MSN '01, Genesis Hey '06, MA '10, Latina D. Harris '94, Janet Viano, Stephanie Wise, Stephanie York, MA '13, and Dolores Pavletic '83.

- Genesis Hey '06, MA '10 – Breaking Down Barriers: Steps to Create Positive Life Changes
- Janet Viano and Stephanie Wise – Re-inventing Yourself: A Journey of Self Discovery & Sowing Seeds for the Soul
- Lisa Groeper '83 – Why I Say YES When I Want to Say NO
- Stephanie York, MA '13 – Negotiating Professionally and Personally
- E. Elaine Harris '03, MBA '08 and Michelle Mikka-Van Der Stuyf '00 – Leading the Next Generation: A Woman's Responsibility to Future Female Leaders

Visit alumni.lewisu.edu to learn more about the conference.

MICHELLE MIKKA VAN DER STUYF '00

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

After two years as Chief Technology Officer of BizStrat Technology, Michelle Mikka-Van Der Stuyf '00 was named the company's new President and CEO in April 2015. A software development and technology consulting company, BizStrat seeks to deliver a big company result with a small company feel, with diverse projects customized to fit client's resources, expertise, timeline and budget.

"When you have a passion for building technology solutions that are above and beyond, the creative and innovative results that break those barriers actually presented an opportunity for me that I would have never imagined possible," Mikka-Van Der Stuyf said. "I always pushed boundaries, tried to do things better, faster, smarter and faced challenges with a 'can do' attitude."

"Since the addition of a Willowbrook location in May, I will be increasing our exposure, tailoring and slimming down our



product portfolio, and working with marketing teams to give our website and marketing endeavors a face lift, with the intent of aligning them with the emerging social media style," Mikka-Van Der Stuyf said. "Our goals are to increase sales in the consulting division, both independently and through implementation of our software solutions, while increasing our software sales with the general release and launch of our line of solutions in the mobile/touch/kiosk space in fall 2015."

As BizStrat continues to grow, opportunities for others will surface with the creation of new jobs, especially for college students and recent graduates. Mikka-Van Der Stuyf says the company "believes in supporting future talent," adding an internship program in 2014.

"We have already awarded four college students (Lewis, Elmhurst and Loyola) an opportunity in database administration experience," Mikka-Van Der Stuyf continued. "Also, upcoming internships will include website design, technical sales, implementation, technology consulting and software testing/demonstration."

Showing further compassion for growing professionals, Mikka-Van Der Stuyf is an active member of the Advisory Board for Mathematics and Computer Science at Lewis.

"I bring a corporate view, a foundation view and an alumni view to the endeavors specifically in Math/Computer Science," said Mikka-Van Der Stuyf. "Since I received my education at Lewis while I worked in technology, I have a perspective on what worked as a student who was in the field."

Mikka-Van Der Stuyf is also on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Technology Foundation and Co-Chairs the Ladies in Technology Program.

"Although I have only been on the board since fall 2014, the time has been productive," Mikka-Van Der Stuyf said.

"We have found that there are many crossovers where we can help Lewis, both corporately and through the Illinois Technology Foundation and most recently with Lewis' trek to increase their own work with women in Mathematics/Computer Science."

Throughout her career Mikka-Van Der Stuyf has had opportunities to travel on business to an array of countries, including Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Barbados. She says traveling gave her the chance to learn various currencies, products, laws, markets, and challenges; each of which broadened and deepened the toolkit of experience/exposure to deliver great solutions in her line of work.

Mikka-Van Der Stuyf encourages Lewis students to build great relationships with peers and educators, and take the time to look up from your books.

Do you know an alumni who should be featured? E-mail us at alumni.lewisu.edu!

CLASS NOTES

1970s

Dr. Raymond M. Goga (Non degree) '71 published *And the Band Played Nam*.

Dr. Lea Johnson (Psychology) '71 president of Maria College of Albany, New York, was recognized as a distinguished Plainfield High School graduate by the Plainfield Foundation for Excellence Alumni

Hall of Fame at a special ceremony at the Foundation's annual dinner and auction on Friday, April 10, 2015. She was nominated in the Education and Humanities category.

Alumna Dinah L. Archambeault (Liberal Arts) '74 was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from The John Marshall Law School. The award recognizes alumni for significant achievement in their careers, sharing their time and talent at John Marshall and supporting the school's mission.

Former DuPage County Chief Judge (18th Judicial Circuit) **John T. Elsner** (Liberal Arts) '75, '78 says he retired from the bench for the chance to represent the DuPage County Forest Preserve District.

Forest preserve commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of Elsner as the head counsel for the district.

Governor Bruce Rauner reappointed **Robert Cantone** (Law) '78 to the Illinois Human Rights Commission. He has served on the commission since 2011. Cantone is an attorney focusing on personal injury claims. He has acted as an arbitrator for the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration program since 1990. He is also a member of the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. Cantone earned his bachelor's degree from DePaul University and his law degree from Lewis University College of Law.

1980s

The Most Rev. Joseph R. Cistone, Bishop of Saginaw ordained Deacon **Robert Kelm** (MBA) '85 to the priesthood. Kelm is currently assigned to Prince of Peace Parish in Linwood.

Nadine Roy (Physics) '85 joined the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association Foundation Board. The Board turned to Nadine when it "needed someone with a business perspective to help steer it through a needs assessment and strategic plan."

ANN RUBINO '86

TAKING HISTORY TO THE CHILDREN

Ann Rubino '86 obtained a degree in Elementary Education and went on to serve as an adjunct faculty member at Lewis University training future teachers in methods of science teaching. After her retirement, Ann found another career path that trumped retirement – published author.

“My husband always told stories to the kids and grandkids of his time growing up in Italy,” says Ann. “Once I retired and wasn’t so busy, I thought it might be a good idea to write down his stories and preserve them for future generations of our family. With some encouragement from my kids, the idea evolved into making these memories into a book that could be enjoyed not just by our family, but by others. And that’s how the whole route to publishing started.”

Ann, who holds a holds a MT(ASCP), B.A.Ed., M.S. Ed. and an Endorsement in Gifted Education, began the simultaneously arduous and



joyous task of assembling her husband’s stories in a way that would appeal to children.

Her husband left Italy at age 12 in 1948, and Ann found that there were many more stories of growing up in Italy that were tucked into the hearts of the family’s Italian friends. She began writing those stories down, too. After many drafts and revisions, the idea for *Peppino, Good as Bread* came to fill page after page of her first novel.

Peppino would not become just any novel; it would become a way for children to understand a piece of the history of World War II. The story focuses on a little boy, Peppino, and his journey through World War II in Italy as he struggles to survive day to day with his mother. She’s found

that many adults have been interested in reading it as well.

“The experiences of these men and women are important because life was so different during that time period. Peppino is forced to live in a basement by the Fascist mayor commandeering his home. When today’s children think of living in a basement, they might think of video games and television while relaxing on a comfortable couch, which is far from how this little boy in World War II lived. It’s important for them to see how difficult life was for their ancestors and how much these men and women had to overcome to give them the life they now have.”

As an experienced educator, Ann was able to tailor her writing to middle school readers. She did plenty of research on dates and locations to properly build the setting and the plotline for the book. For pieces of the puzzle that needed to be included, such as certain war-time events that young Peppino would not have actually witnessed in person, she built them into conversations or other ways for the little boy to

hear about what was happening out in the world.

Ann’s second novel is *Emmet’s Storm*. This book is set in Northern Iowa in 1888. Emmet is a socially awkward little boy with a mind for science. During a blizzard, he has theories for why the stove flame is burning a certain color and the consequences, but making others believe in him is a major hurdle. Again, her book focuses on middle school students and teaches them something while providing an interesting plotline to keep their attention.

“Emmet loves science and he’s always drawing out his plans and ideas, and we’ve included drawings within the story to capture the attention of children,” says Ann. “I want each story to take children on an adventure and show them there is so much more out there in the world to learn about.”

Ann still has more ideas and has no plans to stop writing. She has sat on the review board of *Science & Children* magazine and has worked as a consultant for the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

1990s



Charles H. Ramsey (*Criminal/Social Justice, Graduate C/S.J*) '90, '91 Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department, joins Dr. Calvin Edwards at the Lewis University hospitality event at the IACP Conference held in Chicago on October 26, 2015. He was also a speaker at the conference. Commissioner Ramsey received an honorary doctorate from Lewis in May 2015.

Jackie Mitchum (*Elementary Education*) '92 is now co-principal at Independence Elementary School in Bolingbrook.

2000s



Heather Warthen (*Journalism*) '03 was recently awarded third place in the National Newspaper Association’s 2015 Better Newspaper Editorial Contest’s Best Obituary category. She received the award for one of her pieces

as a writer in *The Orland Park Prairie* on Jane Caliendo, a longtime Sandburg teacher and coach. Heather is currently Chief Events Officer for 22nd Century Media, one of the Chicago region’s fastest-growing media companies.

Prairie State College (PSC) announced that **Dr. Natalie J. McGathey** (*Mathematics*) '05 has met the college’s expectations for tenure, including commitment to student success, collaboration with peers, and dedication to the college’s mission and core values. McGathey is

JAYME (DOYLE) SQUIRES '14

SINGING HER WAY TO THE TOP

While Jayme (Doyle) Squires '14 may have gone through seven changes of her major during her time at Lewis University – ultimately choosing Computer Graphic Design – she has begun a career path from the one area of study she worried she wouldn't be able to pursue after graduation: music.

"Today, I work for Actors, Models and Talent for Christ (AMTC) talent company, a non-profit ministry that represents talent in film, fashion, theater and music. I'm a coach and mentor for singers and songwriters, and I travel throughout America and Canada scouting for talent," says Jayme.

One doesn't have to look much further than Jayme for musical talent, however, as the aspiring singer and songwriter is making a name for herself in the industry.

"I have written for a few different publishing companies and artists, including Conexion, Disney, and



Universal Records. It's a long process to find out if your song has been chosen or included on an album, and right now I'm just waiting to find out."

In addition, Jayme has held onto quite a few songs that are special to her – too special to sell to another artist or company. She was contacted by a small independent record label that wanted to do a project with her which resulted in the recent debut of her first album.

"It was a lot of fun to put the album together," says Jayme. "I love to sing and perform but I'm a homebody as well. In my job I may travel a lot, but I always come back to home base. I enjoyed getting to be the singer in the booth this time. The experience making the album

was hard work, but I loved every minute of it. My niece Natalie loves it and thinks Taylor Swift and I are best friends because she can hear both of us on iTunes."

Jayme did create an EP – or extended play, a musical recording with more than a single but less than a full album – during her freshman year at Lewis. With help from Lewis faculty Mike Progress, Dr. Mike McFerron, and Mark Swain, Jayme was able to find a major and excel in her education while maintaining a full-time job. She was even able to complete an internship at SOS Children's Villages where she taught students how to record and write music, one of her favorite opportunities during her time in college.

Jayme is seeing more opportunities for her music now than she ever thought possible.

While the future looks exciting, Jayme is just enjoying each day of the journey. "I'm excited to see where my own music will take me, but I'm really content with where I'm at and am grateful for the opportunity to see how it all will continue to grow."

"Too often we don't take the time to see what is going on around us, which can deepen your education immensely and prepare you for a successful career," she said. "This is what makes you rise above the rest and gets you noticed. Don't short change your opportunities by zooming in too close, take the time to widen your view of everything."

For more information on Jayme or to listen to her music, visit JaymeSquires.com.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics and joined the PSC faculty as an assistant professor in 2012, after serving as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Purdue University North Central in Westville, Ind.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education named **Donna Martin (MSN) '06**, Assistant Professor of Nursing at Lewis University, a 2015 Nurse Educator Fellowship Award recipient. The Nurse Educator Fellowship program promotes the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher education that award

nursing degrees. The fellowship supplements the recipients' salaries and helps to defray professional development and continuing education expenses. "I love watching the 'light bulb' go on when students make the connection between what they are learning in the classroom and the application of this material in the clinical setting," Martin said.

Romeoville High School Dean of Students **Michael Strode (Graduate Educational Leadership) '07** is the new Romeoville High School Assistant Principal for athletics and activities.

The Daily Herald ran a story about alumnus **Christopher Zielinski (History) '07**, curator of macro artifacts in the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, who educates museum guests on the harsh realities of war.

Lauren Martens (History) '08 has served as an Assistant Coach at Clear Falls for the past five years and has been named the new Head Girls' Basketball Coach at Pearland High School in Pearland, Texas. Martens was a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference

Women's Basketball Championship team in the 2006-2007 season.

Guin McGahan (Psychology and Theatre) '08 and her husband, Tim are the proud parents of a baby girl named Ella Rae. She was born on February 5, and weighed in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and 20 inches.

2010s

WHAT ARE THE NEWEST ALUMNI UP TO?

Valley View school board elected **Chrystal Hansen** (*Applied Sociology & Political Science*) '10 as the new Vice President. Hansen has been a Bolingbrook resident since 1992 and has served on the school board since 2011.

Joe Volin (*Philosophy of Law and Forensic Criminal Investigation*) '08 and **Summer Hallaj** (*Political Science*) '10 married on May 23, 2015 in the Sancta Alberta Chapel.

Chris Williams (*Sport Management*) '10 took over as the Frederick Keys Box Office Assistant, during his first season in professional baseball. Williams spent the last four-and-a-half years as the Assistant Warehouse Manager for Humboldt Manufacturing.

Jaclyn Devitt (*Criminal/Social Justice*) '11 married **Robert Brancato** (*Air Traffic Control Management*) '12 on February 7, 2015 in St. Louis, Mo.

Sherri Kavanagh (*Organizational Leadership*) '11, '13 of Joliet, is one of three founders and co-leaders of The Compassionate Friends of the Greater Joliet Area, a support group for families who have lost a child of any age. All three founding members lost sons when their respective children were in their 20s. The Compassionate Friends is a national organization based in Oak Brook, with more than 650 chapters nationwide. This particular chapter meets every month at Hope Lutheran Church in Shorewood.



Kylen Mills (*Broadcast Journalism*) '12 is now a reporter at KOKH FOX 25 News in Oklahoma City.

Armando Talancon (*Aviation Administration*) '12 and **Girolama Manzella** (*International Business*) '12 were married on May 16, 2015.

Monisa Victrum (*Liberal Arts*) '12 completed an internship with Oregon Shakespeare Festival as the second assistant director.

Matthew Wulff (*Criminal/Social Justice*) '12 and **Jennifer Robertson** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) '12 announced their engagement. The couple will marry in 2016.

Sean Argenbright (*Criminal/Social Justice*) '14 was sworn to duty on the Valparaiso Police Department at City Hall by Mayor Costas on January 15, 2015.

Charles Pierce (*Graduate Public Safety Administration*) '14 was promoted to Sergeant in the St. Charles Police Department.

Sean Smith (*Mathematics*) '14 of Twigg Sport Management Group competed in the MELD Classic July 4 Run this year, coming in second overall for the 8k. He has personal bests of 4:15 for the mile, 14:29 for 5k and 24:51 for 8k. The proceeds from the run & walk benefit the Rockford MELD, a non-profit agency in the community that provides programs for young parents and their children.

Sabra Thomas (*Theatre*) '14 performed in Bolingbrook's Theatre on the Hill world premier April production, *Made of Stars*.

Alex Veeneman (*Journalism*) '14 was named as SPJ's Volunteer of the Month for January. Chicago-based Veeneman is media editor and contributing writer for *Kettle Magazine*, an online publication based in the United Kingdom. He oversees coverage of the British media scene, as well as writes on UK media trends and UK current affairs. Veeneman is also a member of the UK Student Publication Association, which aims to support and promote the work of student journalists and publications across the UK.



Danielle Coffman (*Graphic Design*) '15, former member of the Lewis University Women's Golf Team, is a merchandiser/buyer at Barrington Hills Country Club.

Katherine Fuerst (*Sport Management*) '15, was chosen for a Digital Marketing Coordinator position for Spectra at the Sears Centre Arena.



Shane Gustafson (*Mass Communications*) '15 accepted a position as a reporter at WMBD-TV in Peoria, Ill.

Former Lewis Men's Tennis great **Armand Levandi** (*Business Administration*) '15 competed at the World University Games.



Kayla Kelley (*Education*) '15 landed her first teaching position at Thomas Jefferson Junior High in Woodridge, Ill. teaching 7th grade math. "I have had amazing teachers at Lewis over the past four years who have made my college experience not only memorable, but inspiring. I hope to be as influential in my students' lives as they have been in mine."



Tom Logan (*Aviation Administration*) '15 was accepted into Navy Officer Candidate School. Upon completion, he will go to Flight School to become a Naval Aviator.



Jade Osowski (*Mass Communications*) '15 is Communications Coordinator at Kelly Scott Madison in downtown Chicago. Jade served as an editor on *The Flyer* student newspaper which won Best of Show by the Associated Collegiate Press. She also worked in the Office of Marketing and Communications and wrote a weekly blog on the University's Student Life Tumblr site.

VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI MAKING NEWS

Former Lewis volleyball player and the former Blue Demon volunteer assistant, **Craig Boller** (*Sport Management*) '09, returned to DePaul and will be charged with working with the team's setters, as well as pin attackers and blockers. Boller joined Delaware's staff in April of 2013 and was awarded the AVCA's 30 Under 30 Award that year.

In May 2013, former Lewis assistant men's volleyball coach and setter **Mike Iandolo** (*Criminal/Social Justice*) '10 led Team Florida Wave to the Men's Open Division title at the USA Volleyball Open Nationals Championship on May 28 in Louisville, Ky. Iandolo was also named Most Valuable Player of the tournament. For the past three years, Iandolo has played overseas in the Netherlands (Abiant Lycurgus, 2013-14) and in Sweden

(Falkenbergs Volleybollklubb; 2014-15). This season he is playing in Cyprus for Nea Salamina VC. For his Flyer career (2008-10), Iandolo is second in school-history for assists (3,389) and fourth in aces (101).

Matthew McCarthy (*MBA*) '12, now in his sixth season as a Flyers assistant, is a two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association Thirty Under 30 Award recipient (2013, '15). That award honors up-and-coming talent at all levels of the sport. McCarthy is responsible for recruiting, training middles, budget, working practice and several other daily activities. He is primarily in charge of the Flyer block defense that currently is ranked No. 1 in the country with 3.39 blocks-per-set.

Former Lewis men's volleyball opposite hitter and **Eric Fitterer** (*Business Administration*) '14 has signed a contract to play professional volleyball for CAI-Voleibol Teruel in Teruel, Spain. Fitterer helped Lewis finish as national runner-up in 2015.



Geoffrey Powell (*Computer Science and Graduate Information Systems*) '14, '15, former Men's

Volleyball team member, accepted a full-time position at Lextech Global Services as a software engineer where he develops iOS and Android enterprise applications for clients.

Former Lewis University men's volleyball student-athlete **Greg Petty** (*Physics*) '15 signed a contract to play professional volleyball for Leka Volley in Kuopio, Finland. Petty concluded his four-year Lewis career in May, helping the Flyers finish as national runner-up. He finished his career as a Flyer third in aces (121) and 10th in kills (972). In 2015 he was named an American Volleyball Coaches Association Second Team All-American. He was an honorable mention selection in 2014, and played for Team USA at the 2015 World University Games in Gwangju, South Korea.

IN MEMORIAM

Eugene Sari '49
March 20, 2015

Rocco M. Mavigliano '52
June 18, 2015

Donald L. Cordano '56
September 7, 2015

William T. Schmars '59
April 21, 2015

Alonso S. Fuster '60
February 1, 2015

Henry J. Geibel '66
July 17, 2015

Frank L. Guagenti '69
February 20, 2015

Daniel J. Lambert '70
January 16, 2015

Robert F. Gronemeyer '71
March 6, 2015

David R. Lambert '73
April 13, 2015

Louis Tartaglia '74
April 15, 2015

James W. Hall '74
January 2, 2015

Margaretta R. Graves '75
January 21, 2015

George B. Kramer '75
January 24, 2015

Betty L. Davito '75
February 4, 2015

Edward C. Kaps '75
February 5, 2015

Edwin J. Lewandowski '76
February 16, 2015

William J. Galardi '79
April 22, 2015

Sally E. Deacy Murray '84, '95
March 17, 2015

Jeffrey J. Bergbower '85
June 7, 2015

Scott A. McGinley '89
January 22, 2015

Lawrence F. Berg '91
January 31, 2015

James J. Michonski '91
April 3, 2015

Cathleen J. Davis '92
July 23, 2015

John P. Balsamo '92
August 6, 2015

John J. Ahern '00, '01
February 15, 2015

Donald G. Noyd '04
February 26, 2015

ALUMNI EVENTS



Returning to Campus

Bill Storie '69 spoke to Dr. Dennis Cremin's history class on September 22.



Huckleberry Finn Reception

Guests joined a special Huckleberry Finn Theatre Reception prior to attending the production on October 2, including Dustin Long '06 and his wife, Jenny.



Network: Lewis – Naperville

Alumni gathered at Quigley's Irish Pub in Naperville on Tuesday, October 20 for a Network: Lewis event. Pictured (l-r) are John McIntire '78, Jonathan Hicks '14, Rich Crowley '91, Rosanne Chirumbolo '95, Mike McAuley '91, Martin Romo '15, Herman Walter '86, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Joe Volin '08, and Greg Pardini '77.



Chicago Blackhawks

James Gary '65 (Mental Skills Coach for the Chicago Blackhawks) came to speak at Lewis on March 31. Students had an opportunity to see his Stanley Cup championship rings up close.



Gallery Talk

Jenni Chi '95 hosted a Gallery Talk at the Brent and Jean Wadsworth Family Gallery, Oremus Fine Arts Center on Thursday, September 17. Jenni works in a style reminiscent of the old masters and conducts a personal, sometimes rather sly dialogue with the Italian Renaissance.



Young Alumni Brewery Event

Young alumni and faculty sampled craft beers and took a brewery tour, given by Pollyanna Brewing Company part-owner Paul Ciciora '91, at the Young Alumni Brewery Event at Pollyanna Brewing Company on August 17. Pictured are (l-r) Theresa Pila '07, Colleen Pawlik '06, Veronica Lange '06, Jamie McLaren '07.



Golden Flyers at Arlington Racetrack

Donald '59 and Judith Casper and Frank '59 and Mary Korpowicz enjoyed a day out at Arlington Race Track on August 9.



Class of 1965

The class of 1965 came together for a class reunion on July 21 and 22. The reunion kicked off with a golf outing at Prairie Bluff. The men enjoyed campus tours, a golf outing, reception and dinner, and of course, catching up with classmates.



Network: Lewis – Chicago

The Lewis University Alumni Association hosted a Network: Lewis event at Fado Irish Pub in Chicago on April 29. Alumni attendees included (l-r) Anthony Sam '07, Summer Hallaj '10, Brian Bishop '02 MBA '04, Adam Smetana '14 and David Hansen '14.

Chemistry and Physics Lab Dedication

On April 16, Chemistry and Physics labs were dedicated to two long-time professors and strong supporters of Lewis University: Sister Noel Dreska, OSF, and Dr. Philip Hogan.



Sister Vivian Whitehead, OSF, Br. James Gaffney, FSC and Mrs. Elvira Hogan, wife of the late Dr. Hogan, were there to unveil the remembrance plaques that are placed outside of each lab.



Many family members of Dr. Philip Hogan attended the dedication.



Many Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, show here with Br. James Gaffney, FSC, attended the lab dedication in honor of Sr. Noel Dreska, OSF.



Sox vs. Cubs – Arizona

On March 27, alumni gathered at Sloan Park, Mesa, Arizona to watch some Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox pre-season action. Guests included Joe Falese '78, Tom Dedin '62, and Board of Trustee member Brother Michael Quirk, FSC, '75 '79.

Network: Lewis – Aviation Alumni

The Lewis University Aviation Alumni Organization held a networking event on March 24, 2015. Pictured are a few of the attendees, Bill Brogan '93, Gordon Nelson '50, and Marty Lionikas '13.



Golden Flyers Luncheon

Alumni gathered at the annual Golden Flyers Luncheon on October 3. This celebration of the class of '65 and prior years brought back many joyful memories of their time at Lewis College. Pictured are: (Top photo, l-r) Mary Karpowicz, Jim McDonough '58, Betty McDonough, Frank Karpowicz '59, and Brother James Gaffney, FSC. (Above, l-r) Matt Connor '55, Pat Callahan '55, Brother Bernard Rapp, FSC, Les Kraft '55, and Jack Azman '55



Aviation Event

On July 23, Aviation alumni gathered in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the Charcoal Pit II for a get together.

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JAN02 Alumni Volleyball Game and Match

JAN23 Alumni Day

FEB13 31st Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

FEB26 Wine Tasting in Sarasota, Florida

MAR12 Cubs vs. Sox in Arizona

MAR21-24 "Your Flight Plan" Life Skills Week

APR07 History Dinner and Lecture

JUN10 36th Annual Lewis University Flyer Athletics Fund Golf Outing

JUN18 **A Celebration of Brother James Gaffney, FSC**

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