The University community ended another encouraging academic year with a glorious Commencement Weekend in mid-May that featured the graduation of our first doctoral students. In fact, the first of those doctorally-prepared graduates who walked across the stage, Dr. Kathleen Heinrich, has the unique status of having earned her baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees from Lewis University. Among the handful of distinguished honorary doctoral degree recipients was United States Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, who was typically very gracious and highly laudatory.

Amid a busy summer schedule of classes, conferences and athletic and academic camps is a series of major upgrades and enhancements throughout the campus. For instance, there is a large scale renovation project underway in South Hall, the home of the College of Nursing and Health Professions. An addition will be constructed there in the fall, thanks to the generosity of a benefactor. Plans are advancing well for a similar upgrade and remodeling project in the Oremus Fine Arts Center, which will also include a very useful addition to that building.

Meanwhile, a six-month project has commenced for the detailed architectural drawings for the complete remodeling of the Science Building and a large addition to that important structure. If the worldwide economic recovery is advancing by the end of the next academic year, we hope to be underway in the construction phase. This gives us time to seek contributions at all levels for this very significant initiative. It will allow us to continue growing enrollments in the natural sciences and nursing, which are rapidly developing programs here at the University. In addition, there are dozens of other campus improvement projects underway, including in the sophisticated and quite advanced academic technology required in classrooms and laboratories throughout campus and at our regional sites.

Despite the challenging economy, our enrollment remains strong. We are steadily approaching a total of 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students here on campus, at our five regional sites, at other locations where we offer courses, and through the online methodology for course delivery. We will soon be starting-up a broad marketing effort in the Albuquerque area, where we anticipate offering adult degree-completion programs and graduate degree programs as early as this coming fall. It is an interesting and exciting opportunity as we become situated in one of the fastest growing regions of the country. Our current preference is to expand in this country and not overseas, even while we further solidify our competitive presence throughout the populous Chicago region.

The detrimental impact of the current recession has affected many of our students and their families, much as it has at every other college or university nationwide. Even as we announce the lowest tuition increase in a decade, we continue to be concerned and responsive to those families that have been hit the hardest, to avoid jeopardizing the ability of some students to continue their higher education. Compounding this situation is the fiscal reality in Illinois wherein the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 state budget incorporates a drastic and entirely unwise reduction in the need-based grants for students in the private and public sectors. Lewis University enrolls approximately 1,200 students who are dependent on those Illinois grants to be able to afford a high quality private education here. We are working diligently to convince the members of the General Assembly and the Governor to come to an agreement on a more realistic, responsible and adequately funded state budget, one that does less harm to the needy, the poor and the marginalized throughout Illinois. In addition, we are seeking generous contributions from alumni and others to assist the dozens of students hit hard by the recession, as we put together a special $1 million Mission Fund to ensure their ability to continue towards the completion of their degree.

Moreover, the University is pleased to have been approved as one of approximately 600 colleges and universities to be able to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Post-9/11 GI Bill programs for returning veterans. We anticipate enrolling dozens of veterans during the next few years through this federal program, as a recognition of their valor and patriotism. In addition, we have a robust ROTC program, enrolling an increasing number of young men and women affiliated with the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force and perhaps soon the U.S. Marines.

Just recently, we had a group of about ten students, faculty and staff return from having spent several weeks of very dedicated voluntary service in Sucre, Bolivia, as part of a diocesan mission trip. Earlier in May, several dozen volunteered for a week of generous work with the Habitat for Humanity organization in Kentucky, and last January, six persons volunteered two weeks of service with a similar organization in Bacolod, Philippines, in cooperation with the Diocese of Joliet and St. LaSalle University in that region. This summer, we have a number of faculty research projects underway, including some by gifted science students, and many of the faculty and students research initiatives are funded by The Colonel Stephen S. and Lyla Doherty Center for Aviation and Health Science Research. Lastly, please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 3rd, when the University will host on campus hundreds of guests for the 2009 Homecoming and also Family Day.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Gaffney, FSC
President, Lewis University
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Lewis students are gaining invaluable experience for their future careers, as well as making a contribution to society through community-oriented projects.

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Biology Students Take Vital Role in MRSA Project

The Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) Monitoring Project was initiated in 2007 to generate antibiotic resistance profiles for various pathogenic strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* found in selected environments in the Chicago area, and to perform various genetic analyses of selected isolates. The data will be used to create an updated epidemiological database of clinically relevant strains of MRSA in the community.

Undergraduate students are involved in the research at every level of the Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) Monitoring Project. They initiate ideas, collect, store and test samples, and document their findings. More than 100 samples were collected and all *S. aureus* colonies in the media were identified and isolated.

“Being a biology major, it is rewarding to be able to take the skills and knowledge I learned in class and lab and apply it towards a funded project. … It is nice to be able to understand why the topics we learn in class are so important to science related careers,” commented Danielle Boyd.

Melissa Pomeroy added, “Not only is it a valuable educational experience, but it could potentially aid in the treatment of a dangerous, potentially lethal disease. I think it’s fantastic that even as an undergraduate, I can make some sort of scientific contribution to the world now.”

Students worked under the supervision of Dr. James Rago, Assistant Professor of Biology. Dr. Rago said, “When students have a sense of ‘ownership’ in the project, they often come up with some great ideas, and they learn to gain confidence in their ability to come up with (and to test, and interpret) their own ideas.” The benefits of the project will extend beyond their undergraduate years.

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*Melissa Pomeroy*
Health Outreach Improves Outcomes for Children with Asthma and Allergies

Asthma is the leading chronic childhood disease in the U.S. and the asthma hospitalization rate in Chicago is nearly double the national average, according to the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago.

Two nursing faculty are trying to reverse that trend through their work with the Diocese of Joliet Catholic Charities Head Start Program. Sheila Berkemeyer, MSN, RN and Anne McShane, MSN, RN presented asthma and allergy educational programs to family and staff caregivers of more than 750 children enrolled in the Head Start early childhood education program. McShane said, “It has strengthened our collaboration and partnership with Catholic Charities.”

Erika Czopkiewicz, a nursing major, plans to work in labor and delivery, postpartum or neonatal Intensive Care Unit after graduating in December 2009. She completed a clinical course at St. John the Baptist Head Start in Joliet. She said, “The faculty and staff at St. John’s really depend on Anne and Sheila to educate them about allergies, asthma, and other important and serious conditions.” The project inspired her to get involved in community education after earning her degree. She said, “I have realized that nursing is more than just taking care of sick people in the hospital. Nursing is a multi-dimensional profession that involves teaching, being an advocate for a patient, and being the healthcare professional that recognizes the slightest changes in the condition of a patient.”

Awareness of allergies and asthma is very critical to Czopkiewicz, who is the mother of a 5-year-old child with allergies and asthma. She said, “Anne and Sheila’s educational programs at Head Start could really help the faculty and staff become more aware of signs and symptoms and how important it is to keep foods away from children that are allergic to them. With education, each classroom teacher could also teach the classroom children so they are aware of why some kids cannot eat certain things. Knowledge is power and even though not every child or person may have an allergy or asthma, it’s become so common in the community that everyone should know about it.”

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Student Success with Biofilms

Pamela Wilcher, a 2008 Lewis University alumna, currently conducts chemical, physical and microbiology testing on products in a quality assurance laboratory for a gelatin company. Her research project on the “The Effect of Temperature on the Production of Soluble Proteins and Carbohydrates from Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli,” was influential on her current career. She commented, “The project was a good start to help me understand what I might be doing the rest of my life because at that point I really became committed to working in a laboratory as a career.”

The significance of biofilms in medicine has increased steadily over the last two decades since it has been found that bacteria living in biofilms are resistant to antibiotics and disinfectants. It is believed that a better understanding of factors affecting biofilm development may ultimately lead to improved control measures or treatments for infectious diseases.

Wilcher worked on the project for a year collecting data, analyzing it and sharing it with the greater community. Her work on the biofilm project was recognized when she presented her results to professionals at the American Society of Microbiology General Meeting in Boston. She said, “Even to have been considered was such an honor because this was the first time I was doing research and learning along the way.”

Wilcher worked under the direction of Dr. Jerry Kavouras, Assistant Professor of Biology.
Computer Simulation of Hospital Emergency Department Surge Capacity

Emergency departments throughout the United States are regularly stretched to their limits. Contributing factors include a shortage of beds, limited emergency room capacity, lack of available medical staff, and insufficient supplies. While surges in emergency department usage occur daily and somewhat predictably, it is far less clear what would happen in the event of a health crisis, such as a pandemic or a bioterrorism event.

The Computer Simulation of Emergency Department Surge Capacity project was designed to develop a tool for simulating the surge capacity of a network of healthcare providers. Using the greater Chicago area as its setting, the tool would attempt to predict the availability of beds throughout the network of hospitals that serve the city and suburbs as random emergencies occur throughout the region and as historical daily surge profiles take shape. The tool would enable healthcare policy makers to determine how best to increase bed availability by adjusting systems and introducing new facilities.

Mathematics and computer science students compiled data and attempted to develop the surge capacity tool. Alumni Karen Benefield and Trina McNamara, class of 2008, presented a paper about the project in November 2008 at Argonne National Laboratory.

The students were mentored by Dr. Raymond Klump, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, and Dr. Marne Bailey, Assistant Professor of Biology. “This project gave us the opportunity to emulate the graduate school mentor/mentee relationship here at the undergraduate level,” commented Dr. Klump.

Computer Science Students Develop Application for Housing Center

Eight students in a Software Engineering course developed a contact management tool for the Northwest Side Housing Center (NWSHC) in Chicago. The students developed a tool and database to manage contacts, perform e-mail blasts, generate mail merges, record donations, and automate sending out reminders for donations.

“It’s going to enable us to keep track of all the good work we do and keep in contact with all the people we serve,” commented Cathy Lazuka, co-executive director of NWSHC. The center services include assistance to homeowners and potential homeowners in securing loans. NWSHC has seen its workload increase tremendously with the current housing situation. In 2008, NWSHC provided education and services to more than 5,000 people.
New Majors Reflect Changes in Society

Three new undergraduate majors will make their debut this fall: chemical physics (B.S.), paralegal studies (B.A.), and organizational leadership (B.A.)

CHEMICAL PHYSICS reflects the demand for products that are smaller and stronger in today’s society. A number of hot research topics, including areas of materials science, surface science, and nanotechnology, require an in-depth knowledge of both chemistry and physics. There is also much work being done to better understand the physical processes that take place in chemical reactions and chemical bonding. Such understanding can lead to advances in any chemistry-related industry, including pharmaceuticals and plastics.

PARALEGAL STUDIES is a popular field because of the increasing demand for legal services in every aspect of our society. Paralegals may perform functions delegated by an attorney, such as conducting interviews with clients and witnesses, conducting legal research, and drafting documents. Paralegals are typically employed by lawyers, law offices, corporations, or governmental agencies. They do not perform attorney functions, such as providing legal advice or representing a client in court.

In many organizations, supervisors today are required to have a bachelor’s degree. Students in the ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP program will pursue multiple understandings of both leadership and organization. They will be prepared to utilize their knowledge to the highest level of effectiveness in organizations, and to develop skills in human relations and management operations, while being introduced to critical and strategic perspectives.

The College of Education will offer an evening, accelerated format for ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION. The coursework is designed for working professionals who wish to become school teachers, and will provide students with the knowledge and skills to become successful classroom teachers. The College of Education will also offer an elementary certification program (03) for teachers who hold a bilingual certificate (Type 29). People who are eligible include individuals who are working as bilingual teachers and hold a degree from outside of the U.S., or adults who have a bachelor’s degree in a non-education field.

Beginning this fall, two additional graduate programs will also be offered ONLINE: information security (M.S.) and organizational leadership (M.A.). This format will benefit adults who need to take advantage of the convenience of an online program. Lewis already offers the Public Safety Administration (M.S.) and Nursing (M.S.) online.

For additional information on these programs, contact the Office of Admission at (815) 836-5250 or the Office of Graduate and Adult Admission at (815) 836-5610.

Veterans Will Reap Rewards With Yellow Ribbon Program

Lewis University is among the first institutions of higher education in Illinois to participate in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs new Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program. The Yellow Ribbon Program includes federally-funded tuition as a provision of the new Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. The program is set to provide assistance to eligible veteran students beginning this August. More than 100 veterans are already attending classes at Lewis.

“Lewis University is proud to welcome returning veterans, providing them with fine educational opportunities,” commented Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President. “Along with our values-based programs, Lewis is working to provide services tailored to the needs of veterans, those still active in the military and reservists. Support services for veterans also are being developed.”

Recently, Lewis University has increased efforts to ensure that veterans have a positive transition from combat to
A free iPhone application is now available for Lewis University’s radio station, WLRA 88.1 FM. Within seconds, mobile media users can download the free application “WLRA-FM” to the radio station that offers a traditional college radio mix of musical genres—ranging from the newest dimension in alternative, rock, reggae & calypso, rap, country, multi-cultural, talk, news and Lewis University sports.

The iTunes store name of the application is WLRA-FM Lewis University’s College Radio Station / 88.1FM “The Start.” It offers mobile media users an alternative to commercial radio. “This is another step in our convergence of media at Lewis University. This application gives our audience an option to tune into WLRA through mobile media,” commented John Carey, ’85, ’06, Director of Electronic Media.

WLRA joins a handful of other college radio stations around the nation with their own mobile media application. Lewis University’s WLRA was the first college radio station in the country to become entirely digital and created the slogan “Digital radio – press Start.” The student-run radio station is one of three Illinois-based college/university radio stations accessible on iTunes, a digital media player supported by Apple. There are about 70 college/ university radio stations from across the nation featured on the media player.

Lewis to Continue Christian Brothers Legacy in New Mexico

Lewis University is now actively making plans to offer academic programs in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Lewis will offer classes at the Kirtland Air Force Base Education Center beginning with the fall semester 2009 and will look to expand offerings, with plans for a permanent site in Albuquerque in the near future.

Lewis plans to continue the programs there that were recently discontinued at the College of Santa Fe-Albuquerque. CSF was founded in 1859 by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, prior to New Mexico becoming a state in 1912. Lewis will continue to provide a private education focusing on the values of our Lasallian heritage.

Initial programs to be offered in Albuquerque include: Business Administration (B.S.), Information Technology Management (B.S.), Management (B.A.), Criminal/Social Justice (B.A.), Organizational Leadership (B.A.), and Healthcare Leadership (B.A.).

Official Higher Learning Commission approval is expected in August 2009.
Lewis Students Study Abroad

Lewis University students studied abroad May 9-20 and visited St. Peter’s Basilica, the Roman Forum and Coliseum in Rome, the Uffizi in Florence, and the Basilica d’ San Francesco in Assisi, among other sites. Sixteen students were enrolled in a “Christian Faith and the Arts” course, “Ancient World” course, or independent study. The itinerary included visits to churches, museums and other sites of historical or cultural significance.

“The May trip to Italy showed me the value of ‘hands-on’ learning,” commented Katie Feldkamp. “Not only did I learn about theological interpretation and historical significances, but I had the pleasure of exploring a culture and lifestyle different from my own,” she said.

Dr. Dominic Colonna, Chair of Theology and Associate Professor, and Dr. Dennis H. Cremin, Director of the Lewis University History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest and Assistant Professor, led this year’s program.

Dr. Colonna said, “This is the best interdisciplinary experience course I have ever been involved with. Dr. Cremin speaks Italian well, a skill that helped open unique doors for us. In addition, the students received several positive comments from tour guides and hotel staff, who found our students interesting and engaging.”

Cremin added, “We also made a trip to the Christian Brothers’ Generalate in Rome. Brother Michael French, FSC, a sibling of Lewis University President Emeritus Brother Paul French, FSC, gave a tour of the complex that included the church with the remains of St. Jean Baptist de La Salle.”

The trip was part of the Lewis University Travel Study program, which provides a unique and intensive short-term international experience to students while earning course credits. More information is available by contacting Christopher Swanson, Director of International Study Abroad, at studyabroad@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5993.

Community Turns Another Page in Bible Discovery

Close to 150 students, faculty, staff and community members attended two presentations of “From Inspiration to Illumination: An Introduction to the Saint John’s Bible,” on January 28 and 29 in the Sancta Alberta Chapel. The Saint John’s Bible is the first commissioned handwritten, monumental illuminated Bible in the modern era. Replicas of select pages were on display in the Caterpillar Art Gallery on the main campus.

Saint John’s Abbey and University commissioned the piece to ignite the spiritual imagination of believers. The Saint John’s Bible is being created by a group of scribes and artists in a Scriptorium in Wales under the artistic direction of Donald Jackson, one of the world’s foremost calligraphers and Senior Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s Crown Office at the House of Lords. When completed in 2009, the Bible will have a permanent home at Saint John’s Abbey and University.

Tim Ternes, Director of Programming and Exhibitions at Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at Saint John’s University in Collegeville, Minn., guided attendees through the story of the Saint John’s Bible. His presentation featured videos, samplings of tools, and interaction. The Saint John’s Bible exhibit has incorporated many of the characteristics of its medieval predecessors to ensure the work will last for centuries. Ternes explained how the project is being written on vellum, using quills, natural handmade inks, hand-ground pigments and gild such as gold leaf, silver leaf and platinum.
University Ministry Conducts Mission Trip to Philippines

Six Lewis University students and staff participated in a mission trip to Bacolod City, Philippines over the winter break along with students and staff from the University of St. Francis and Benedictine University. The trip was sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet and marked the second University Mission trip to the Philippines.

Lewis student Megan Angellotti said, “I went on the trip in the first place to strengthen my faith in God, but I had so much more happen to me. In the end, the reason I went on this trip was so that I could see God in other people and use the gifts God gave me to help others.”

Working on the Paraíso site in the village of Banago, the group stayed at the Balay Kalinungan retreat house on the campus of the University of St. LaSalle, a Christian Brothers University. The group built two houses in the village through the organization Gawad Kalinga (GK), which means “to give care” in Tagalog. The GK organization is similar to Habitat for Humanity, building houses with volunteers which are then given to poor families that need shelter. The families must put in 350 hours of "sweat equity" to be considered for getting a house. The houses are simply made, one room 16 x 16 feet with a small bathroom off the back of the house. Most families that need a GK home are living in squatter villages in bamboo or tin huts. These squatter homes are built close together and are usually flooded out during the rainy season.

Sabrina Poulin, University Minister, reflected on the benefit of the missionary work: "Mission trips help students to open their eyes to world problems and give them resources and experiences for solving those problems — empowering them to change the world."

Mónica Agüero, another Lewis student, felt grateful for her experience. She said, “I saw the spirit of God at a different level in the Philippines. The strong faith that all the GK village people possessed is beautiful. They have nothing in comparison to many. Despite their circumstances, they are able to thank God for what they do have.”

Brother Thomas Dupré, FSC, Chair of Math/Computer Science, commented, “On a trip like ours, you’re reminded in a very concrete way of the problems millions of people face. And you’re also reminded of your responsibilities to those who have less than you.”

Historian Brinkley Celebrates Lincoln’s Illinois Roots

Award-winning author and historian Douglas Brinkley shared insights and dispelled popular myths about President Abraham Lincoln during a presentation, “Lincoln: From the State of Illinois to the Nation,” on February 12 on the main campus. The Lewis University History Center: Urban, Cultural and Catholic History of the Upper Midwest hosted the event on the occasion of the Lincoln Bicentennial. It was co-sponsored by Lewis University and Give Something Back Foundation in Lockport.

Brinkley discussed how the nation appreciated Lincoln’s Illinois perspective of the country as encompassing more than the East Coast. He also complimented Lincoln’s ability to communicate with the nation using common vernacular in an uncommon setting in 19th century. Brinkley said, “He found the magical rhythms of the Bible prose and put it into our national politics.”

Not only has Lincoln “provided solace for great leaders,” but there are lessons in Lincoln’s life for today’s American citizens that are in the midst of a national financial crisis, added Brinkley. He said, “The point of history is to remind us that our own, times are not uniquely oppressive.”
Bishop Sartain Urges Students to Include the Internet in their Faith Experience

Encircled by college students and their ministers, Bishop J. Peter Sartain of the Joliet Diocese evoked Facebook and the Internet while discussing the Apostles at Pentecost. The bishop urged the young adults to continue to represent Christ in every facet of their life, including the Internet. He reached out to the young adults during a special Mass Feb. 17 on campus.

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, welcomed the crowd of 100-plus worshipers. He pointed out the diverse crowd of students and representatives from several higher education institutions in the area.

Bishop Sartain’s homily focused on encouraging students to live a Christian life. He acknowledged that there are several temptations for college students. He said, “We live in a culture today when it is possible to gossip online, to say the most-unkind things online, to belittle online, to hurt online; and it’s possible to say it without taking any responsibility.”

However, he pointed out that words and actions can have positive consequences. Followers of Christ can follow in the footsteps of the Apostles and impact others using the communication tools of their generation. Bishop Sartain said, “My prayer for all of us is that—not only do we change the people we hear and see, but we change the world.”

Nursing Students Assist Community While Learning

Nursing students were busy making their rounds this spring to various centers in the community. They visited a South Suburban Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) site in Chicago Heights to assist the staff and volunteers and interact with clients.

“It provides a conducive environment for the students to expand their knowledge, learn to serve without prejudice, and fidelity to caring for their profession of nursing,” said Young Hee Ho, MSN, RN, Adjunct Professor of Nursing. “It is a community population approach to nursing practice,” continued Ho. She is the clinical instructor for the Promoting Healthy Community course.

Before the semester began, nursing students were assigned to community health nursing practice settings. Then the students observed, participated, and practiced professional nursing in the delivery of care to clients in the community setting.

“This work benefits the students in that we receive hands-on experience and practice working with real people in real situations. It is great for us to participate in community service to learn about the type of resources that are available for people in the communities,” commented senior Katherine Wehr.

The students assisted in various ways at the centers, including assessment and admission of new clients. Also during their visits, the students presented 20-30 minutes of informational discussion. Topics included: tips on exercise and safety, heart health, diabetes, smoking cessation, fast food in a healthy way, Tai Chi, stress management, and checking for radial pulse.

“During the presentations, the clients asked many important questions and seemed very interested in what we had to say. Some of the clients also took notes on what we were saying. It made me feel that the work that was put into the presentation was worth it,” commented Ashley Bastl, who presented information on smoking.

Ashley Bastl, Amanda Malchick, Jaclynn Medhat, Amanda Nawojiski, Stephanie Prokop, Katherine Wehr, Ashley Wright and Jian Yu are a few nursing students that worked at the South Suburban PADS site.
**Students Raise Record Amount for Children’s Hospital**

A combined effort of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, Student Nurses’ Association, the Student Governing Board, and WLRA (88.1 FM) raised a record $12,020 for the Hope Children’s Hospital Family Assistance Fund program, which provides financial support to low-income families with hospitalized children to cover the costs of medication, food, and hotel stays.

Two WLRA “To Kill a DJ” broadcast marathons were held in the fall and spring, raising $8,240. More than 20 students took on six-hour radio shifts for the cause. Mark Serratore, sophomore radio/TV major, served as the chair of the WLRA fundraising effort this year. John Carey, Director of Electronic Media commented, “We are very proud of the hard work of our students and grateful to our community that was so generous with the donations.”

Also, donations were brought in by students enrolled in Professor Anne McShane’s Professional Development course as part of a service-learning project. McShane commented, “This was an opportunity for our students to help the community with compassion while learning about the profession of nursing. We look forward to this endeavor each year.”

**Applied Sociology Students Learn Value of Philanthropy**

Students enrolled in Applied Sociology recently raised more than $4,000 for two agencies: Elaingel’s Angels in Naperville and Humane Haven in Bolingbrook. Two teams of students devoted their spring semester to learning and applying fundraising skills to assist the private foundations.

Team 1 raised $1,850 for the ovarian cancer educational and support foundation, Elaingel’s Angels. The private foundation provides educational support for families of members suffering from ovarian cancer.

Team 1 raised funds by organizing a volleyball tournament held April 11 at the Naperville YMCA, bake sales, raffles, and adding personal donations. The students raised awareness and valuable lessons about fundraising while celebrating the memory of Elaine Jungnickel, who died from ovarian cancer.

Team 2 worked together to raise $2,360 for Humane Haven, an animal shelter in Bolingbrook. The team organized the shelter’s annual bowling fundraiser, including bowling, raffles, food, games and opportunities to adopt homeless pets. The event held on April 18 was very successful, attracting more participants and raising more money than previous fundraisers held by the organization.

**Children’s Advocate Featured in Annual Forum**

Dr. Kimberly A. Svevo-Cianci, Executive Director of Child Rights and Protection Consultancy, presented the Brother Lawrence Porretta Memorial Lecture as part of the annual Jane Addams Forum held on March 11. For more than 25 years, Svevo-Cianci has been traveling the world advocating for the protection of children. She presented a seminar on “Confronting International Child Welfare Issues.”

The memorial lecture is named in honor of Brother Lawrence Porretta, FSC, former chair of the Department of Social Work and Human Services, who died in 1994. In 1993, Brother Lawrence founded the University’s Jane Addams Forum, which brings noted speakers to campus to discuss issues of cultural, societal and intellectual relevance.

**Real Estate Panel Offers Ideas on Saving Planet and Wallet**

The Lowell Stahl Center for Real Estate Studies sponsored a speaker series on February 26 for real estate developers and interested others. The first panel discussion focused on “Sustainable Building and Site Design: Saving the Planet and Saving your Wallet.” The environmental and economical benefits of sustainable design and construction were highlighted along with simple changes homeowners and residents can make in their own dwellings to save money and help the environment.

The panel indicated that “green” building and sustainable design are becoming more popular with municipalities as they look to marry their needs with the available space to make the least amount of impact as possible. They also find that the “greening” of our spaces saves money on maintenance and energy costs.

The second panel discussion focused on the effectiveness of the economic stimulus package and government bailouts. A panel discussion of real estate and banking experts described benefits of these programs and their effectiveness in helping individuals and the real estate industry. They discussed how real estate transactions were consummated in the past, the current climate for financing commercial real estate transactions, and offered suggestions on what might be done in the future to help avoid recurring crises in the commercial real estate sector.

More information about the speaker series or the Lowell Stahl Center for Real Estate Studies is available by contacting Scott Krafthefer at krafthsc@lewisu.edu or (630) 573-1740.
More than 300 people explored career possibilities available in aviation during the annual Women and Minorities Aviation Career Conference held on March 28. Aviation professionals discussed aviation security, aviation maintenance, aviation administration, air traffic control and piloting.

“The conference was an excellent opportunity to meet women and minority leaders in the industry and discover the path they followed to success. It’s a good occasion to ask questions on an individual basis,” commented Bill Brogan ’93, Chair of Aviation and Transportation Studies.

“This is a good opportunity to encourage everyone to pursue their dreams and not be discouraged,” added Captain Dolores Pavletic ’83, Assistant Chief Pilot at FedEx. She has been flying for 30 years and expressed enthusiasm for the amount of interest in the event.

During the conference, Lewis University and the International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading donated two computers to the Young Eagles program of the Tuskegee Airmen Chicago “DODO” Chapter. Duane Hayden, Vice President of the DODO chapter, was among the chapter’s representatives accepting the donation.

The Young Eagles program introduces children, ages 7-17, to aviation with up-close overviews of aircrafts and simulators. Tammera Holmes, President and CEO of AeroStar Corporation, shared her success story as a former participant in the One Young Eagles program. The Maywood native expressed gratitude for the program that introduced her to a career in aviation.

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, has announced the appointment of Dr. Bonnie Bondavalli as the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Bondavalli holds a doctorate in sociology from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., a juris doctorate from John Marshall Law School in Chicago, and a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Illinois State University. Previous to arriving at Lewis University, she served as acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Concordia University in River Forest, Ill. Dr. Bondavalli also taught and chaired Concordia’s Sociology/Social Work Department.

From 1972-1979, she was as an assistant professor in the Sociology and Criminal Justice departments at Illinois State University in Normal. From 1994-96, she served as an assistant defender for the Office of State Appellate Defender in Elgin, Ill. Dr. Bondavalli is a member of the DuPage Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the American Sociological Association.

“Since I came to Lewis in 2004 as Associate Dean, I have been impressed with the students and faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, the department and program chairs, and my colleagues in the Dean’s Office. I look forward to working with them to build on current strengths and explore new opportunities for the College,” Dr. Bondavalli commented.

Women and Minorities Reach New Heights in Aviation Careers

Bondavalli Appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Pictured are: (left to right) Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, Mike Julius, a Midway Airport Tower Controller, Tammera Holmes, President & CEO of AeroStar Corporation, Lou Freeman, a Southwest Airlines Pilot, Bill Brogan, Chair of Aviation and Transportation Studies at Lewis University, and Duane Hayden, O’Hare International Airport Department of Aviation.
Summer Camps at Lewis

Aviation Camp

High School students interested in aviation experienced piloting a small aircraft, training in a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-approved flight simulator and saw the inner workings of O’Hare International Airport in Chicago, among other activities during the Aviation Summer Camp. The camp was held June 22-26. Aviation history, meteorology and flight theory were a few of the topics Lewis professors discussed during the camp.

Participants also accessed the Lewis fleet of 25 airplanes; experiencing air travel with a flight instructor. Another highlight of the camp’s itinerary included a trip to O’Hare to experience how one of the nation’s busiest airports operates. A guided bus tour of the airfield and discussion with Chicago Department of Aviation staff in the communications center offered a behind-the-scenes perspective.

Bill Brogan, Chair of Aviation and Transportation Studies and Associate Professor of Aviation, said he hopes the camp conveyed “a real love and interest in aviation.” The 1993 Lewis alumnus previously served as Assistant Commissioner for the City of Chicago’s Department of Aviation, Airport Operations Supervisor for O’Hare International Airport, Chief Airport Operations Supervisor for Midway International Airport and Airport Manager of Merrill C. Meigs Field.

Theatre Camp

Lewis University’s Philip Lynch Theatre (PLT) in partnership with Heritage Theatre Company (HTC) provided a unique musical theatre experience for children ages 6-12 years old. The newly formed “Actors Academy” offered theatre classes for junior drama stars for two weeks in July.

On the last day of class, participants performed "America’s Tallest Tales: The Musical" complete with costumes, lights and props on the beautifully intimate PLT stage. Participants also had two free public outdoor performances at Kidzfest sponsored by Lewis University in downtown Joliet.

Lewis' Actors Academy was an educational experience including dance, music, and acting. A local educator for over 30 years, Barbara Eberhard ’74 is the Academy’s director. The Lewis University alumna taught for 4 years at the Rialto School of the Arts. Her company, Eberhard and Friends, is now with Lewis University’s Actors Academy. She was recently named a recipient of the 2009 Joliet Area Great Teacher Award for commitment to the highest standard of teaching excellence.

RAD Camp

The Recreational Activities Day (RAD) Camp was held for three weeks over the summer. Tennis, swimming, sand volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, Frisbee golf, whiffleball and hiking were among the scheduled activities.

The camp is staffed by the Student Recreation and Fitness Center staff and Lewis University students. They are selected for their knowledge of activities, capacity to work well with children, and the ability to be positive role models. Students also provided wellness tips to camp participants.

High school students were given an opportunity to get hands-on experience with aircraft during the aviation summer camp.

Actor Academy participants practice for their production, “America’s Tallest Tales: The Musical.” The 6-12-year-old children performed the musical July 31 and August 1.
Student Accomplishments Recognized Regionally

Students Win Awards at International Women in Aviation Conference

Members of Lewis University’s Women in Aviation student organization attended the spring 20th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference in Atlanta, Ga. The conference is a networking event where professionals and students have the opportunity to meet.

Lewis students met aviation professionals from around the world involved in every aspect of the industry, from astronauts and CEOs of major airlines, to crop dusters and barnstormers.

“This was an excellent experience for our students, they were able to gain exposure to the industry and see all they can do in the field of aviation—they really didn’t realize all they could do,” commented Megan Montgomery, Staff Advisor to Lewis’ Women in Aviation organization.

Students also were awarded scholarships and internships at the conference. Lisa Ehn, junior Aviation Flight Management major, received the Memphis Belles Conference Scholarship. Jennifer Alicz, junior Aviation Flight Management major, received the 2009 ExpressJet summer internship. Lindsey Ucki, freshman Aviation Flight Management major, received a Conference Travel Scholarship and The Rice Foundation Award. Tiffany Bilski, Lewis University Flight Instructor, was awarded the ExpressJet Training Scholarship.

Mock Trial Competitors Win Scholarships

Four Lewis University students competed in the National Undergraduate Diversity Mock Trial March 27-28 at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Fifty-six students competed on 18, three-person teams. Lewis’ four student competitors led four individual teams and two of them received $21,000 in tuition waivers.

Freshman Michael Park’s team placed first in the competition. For his first-place finish, he received a $15,000 tuition waiver to John Marshall. He also placed fifth in Individual Advocacy. Sophomore Kaity Worst’s team placed 13th and she took 20th place in Individual Advocacy.

“This is an excellent finish for such a young team; we sent freshman and sophomores,” said Dr. James Houlihan, Coach of the Mock Trial and Mediation teams and Pre-Law Advisor. He continued, “Imagine how well they will do with more experience.”

The tuition waivers awarded to the Lewis students, $21,000 total, will be applied to tuition at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago and shall be subject to the student’s successful application, admittance and good standing at the school.

Students Program Their Own Computer Success

Three Lewis University students achieved success at the annual Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area (ACCA) Computer Programming Competition. Urszula Budz, Jonathan Heerdt, and Nathan Adams earned second place in the Advanced Division at the contest held at North Central College in Naperville.

“The students worked on seven computer programming problems for four hours. The programs tested the students’ ability to write code quickly in C++ to address unfamiliar problems requiring the use of sophisticated computation and logic,” explained Dr. Ray Klump, Associate Professor of Computer Science.

At least one year of programming courses were required for students entering the Advanced Division. Brother Thomas Dupré, FSC, Chair of the Math/Computer Science Department, applauded the students. He said, “This is the best I can remember our students doing in this competition. We’re proud of their placement in this tough division, especially since most of the other schools had more teammates.”
Math Major Invited to Do Research at Summer Institute

Junior Brittany DiPietro was invited to participate in the Summer Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics Research Institute (SUMSRI) from June 1 - July 17 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. A Math major, she conducted research in one of three fields during her seven weeks at the Institute: Number Theory, Discrete Mathematics, or Multivariate Statistics. DiPietro also was accepted to the Mathematics Research Experience for Undergraduates at Missouri State University, but took the SUMSRI invitation.

Brother Thomas Dupré, FSC, Professor and Chair of Mathematics/Computer Science, said DiPietro is an outstanding student whose potential has been recognized by her acceptance to two prestigious institutes. The summer experiences are similar to internships and include a stipend plus room and board. An honor student, DiPietro holds a 4.0 GPA. She is treasurer of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the Math Honor Society. She plans to pursue graduate studies and possibly go on for a doctorate. DiPietro plans to be a mathematician or statistician, possibly for the government, and eventually, would like to teach college math. She will graduate from Lewis in May 2010.

A catcher for the Lewis University Flyers Women’s Softball team, DiPietro has received Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors, and received the Brother David Delahanty, FSC, Award for Academic Excellence among Student Athletes. She also is a Peer Minister and tutor at Lewis. DiPietro is a graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy where she was a member of JCA’s Honor program, the National Honor Society, the “A” honor roll and helped the 2004 softball team to a regional championship.

Psychology Students Present Research

Lewis University students presented research April 30 at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago. Lewis psychology students have presented papers at regional and national conferences for 24 consecutive years.

Andrew DeVito and Carmen Gallegos presented “Emotional Intelligence and its Relationship to Perceiving Nonverbal Communications.” DeVito explained, “The topic of emotions and nonverbal communications is literally something we deal with everyday. By researching this topic, we garner a more comprehensive view into how people perceive themselves and other people on the level of emotions. It was fascinating to see the statistics dealing with body language recognition and emotional understanding.”

Kelly Scott presented, “The Impact of Media Exposure on Male College Students’ Belief about Sexual Assault Myths.” She presented the same research at the 41st Annual Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area (ACCA) Student Symposium at Lewis University. Scott commented, “One out of every four women in college has been sexually assaulted, and without proper education and discussion, this number is not going to go down.”

Samantha Zilka presented, “The Effect of Video Imagery and in vivo practice on Balance Beam Performance.” The gymnastics coach started the project because of her interest in sports psychology. She plans to present her current study at the national convention for the Association for Psychological Science (APS).

The Flyer Newspaper Wins Awards

The Flyer newspaper recently won nine awards from the Illinois College Press Association: Honorable Mention – Newspaper General Excellence (The Flyer); Honorable Mention – Feature page design by Luke Baker (McDonald’s layout); Honorable Mention – In-depth reporting (Election 2008) by Ervin Olson and Luke Baker; Honorable Mention – Headline Writing – by Megan Callahan; Third Place – Sports feature story - Alex Gasick; Third Place – Headline Writing – Brandon Wall; Second Place – Sports page design – Jason Beneventi and John Gambino; Second Place – In-depth reporting (Making the Case series) – Natalie Schutz, Stephanie White-Olson and Brandon Wall; Second Place – News Story – Leslie Bolin (Home for the Holidays).

The Flyer also won First Place for Newspaper General Excellence “Best of Show” award at the recently concluded Best of the Midwest college media convention held in Minneapolis, Minn.
Dubai’s Success Offers Lessons to Students

Dubai’s rapid economic growth in recent years inspired the College of Business and Graduate School of Management to sponsor its first travel study trip there over the spring break. Dr. Rami Khasawneh, Dean of the College of Business led the trip that included visits to several economic and cultural centers, including the Dubai Chamber of Commerce, the Dubai Financial Markets, Dubai Mercantile Exchange, local businesses (including a ceramics, environmental technologies and pharmaceutical companies), and Abu Dhabi, the largest of the seven Emirates and the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

Bashir Zayid, a chemistry major commented, “I learned more about the different culture. It is quite different from here.” The trip also inspired the Lewis student to consider future possibilities. Zayid continued, “I did not expect myself to enjoy the trip as much as I did, and to actually start thinking about job opportuni-

College of Business Creates International Opportunities

Symposium Helps U.S. and Japanese Business Leaders Connect

A symposium featuring key leaders in education, energy, and business from Japan and the U.S. was held on April 23 in Sancta Alberta on the Lewis main campus. The College of Business, the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), the official overseas trade agency of Japan, and the Will County Center for Economic Development partnered to present “U.S.—Japan Collaboration and Opportunities: a Dialogue.”

“The College of Business is reaching out to the community to help strengthen international business relationships, produce jobs, and promote economic development in the Chicago area,” said Dr. Ian Gladding, Director of the Lewis University International Business and Contemporary Global Studies program.

Gladding continued, “This dialogue is one of many conversations we are initiating to boost the local economy, mentor students in obtaining practical experience in addressing real business challenges, and keep our institution a place to exchange ideas, acquire knowledge and enhance understanding of international business opportunities and ethical responsibilities.”

Japan is the largest economy in Asia and the second largest in the world, pointed out Dr. Frank Rose, Lewis University Professor and co-organizer of the symposium. He commented, “The U.S. has close political and economic ties with Japan and, for business owners seeking to expand their markets, the symposium will highlight opportunities to enter the Japanese market through export and contacts with Japanese firms.”

Muneo Takashi, Chief Executive Director of JETRO’s Chicago office, added, “The suburban Chicago area has for many years been a favored location for Japan-affiliated companies doing business in the U.S., and also for American companies that have had success in Japan.”

Michio Katsumata, Professor and Director of the Library and Information Center at Akita International University in Japan, spoke from experience as a leading journalist, commentator on U.S.—Japan relations, and a university leader on the Japanese economy as well as the U.S.—Japan economic relationship. Steven Gan, President of Stellar Risk Management Services, Inc., in Northbrook, Ill., shared his experience as the founder and president of Advance & Associates Co., Ltd., the first company to create and implement the before and after sales total credit risk management product line system in Japan.

Gen Hajime Ito, President of JETRO New York, shared his insights on energy policy. One of Japan’s most experienced environmental policy planners, he has 30 years of governmental experience at Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Sam Cremin, Global Director of Marketing Communications at Molex, Inc., in Lisle, shared how his state-of-the-art electronic connector company has profited from successful business with Japan for almost 40 years.

Representatives from Lewis University collaborate with members of the Japan External Trade Organization on April 23

Dubai’s Success Offers Lessons to Students

Dubai is quickly emerging as a trading, services, financial, transportation and leisure hub for the region. The city’s economy is estimated at $46 billion, with extensive real estate developments.
First Doctoral Graduates Share Their Experiences

Lewis University conferred its first Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degrees during the May 16 Commencement. Recipients were: Louis Lee, Assistant Principal at Lincoln-Way East High School in Frankfort; Kathy Heinrich, fifth-grade teacher at Eagle Point Elementary School in Plainfield; Karen Sullivan, Principal of Cowlishaw Elementary School in Naperville; and Heather Hickman, English teacher at Argo Community High School in Summit.

Kathy Heinrich

Kathy Heinrich, one of the four recipients of a Doctor of Education at Lewis University, is a fifth grade teacher at Eagle Point Elementary in Plainfield. She has been teaching in the Plainfield District 202 for 10 years, since she graduated from Lewis University in 1999 with a double major in elementary education and finance. She also graduated with double minors in philosophy and economics.

Heinrich also completed her master’s degree at Lewis, making her the first student in the University’s history to graduate with a bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degree granted from Lewis.

“I enjoy going to school, and was ready to really challenge myself,” said Heinrich when asked why she chose to pursue a doctoral degree. “I plan to continue to teach in my present position as a fifth grade teacher now that I’ve completed my degree. However, as a result of my new knowledge from the program, I will teach in a different way; one that is more critical and highly reflective,” she continued.

Heinrich’s positive experiences at Lewis as both an undergraduate and graduate student influenced her decision to earn her Ed.D. at the University. “I respect the moral vision and Mission of the school, and consider myself honored to attain another degree through the University,” said Heinrich.

Although the program was long, challenging and stressful, it was also life-changing. I see the system of education in a whole new way, and see my role as an educator to be both urgent and promising,” commented Heinrich. She also credits her family for supporting her, “My family has been a huge support to me during all of my doctoral studies. My mom and my husband were helpful in many ways, but most helpful were their words of encouragement.”

Heather Hickman

Heather Hickman, has been teaching for nearly 11 years. For the past nine, she’s been teaching English, mostly World Literature, to high school seniors at Argo Community High School in Summit, where she also serves as the school newspaper sponsor. Hickman currently is an adjunct instructor at Lewis University.

Hickman chose to further her education with an Ed.D. when she realized, “The best teachers stay current through furthering their education and keeping part of themselves in the academy (university) by teaching both places.” She hopes to find a position where she will be able to teach part-time in the K-12 system and at the university level.

Hickman has degrees in English and education from the University of Iowa and a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Northern Illinois University.

She chose Lewis’ program in part because of its focus on social justice and partly because, “I was immediately taken by Dr. Hoffman’s vision and what I felt she, Dean Mines, and the Lewis College of Education could offer me,” said Hickman recalling her impression of the program during an information session.

“My family has been unbelievable. I don’t think they realize it, but by asking me about my program and my research they kept me focused,” said Hickman on how she managed to complete the program. “Of course I wanted to finish for myself, but I also really didn’t want to let them down. My friends and colleagues have also been a huge support. Their interest drove me in a similar way as that of my family, but they were also there to edit papers, talk about tough theories, and listen to the occasional vent when I got overwhelmed. I work with some phenomenally smart people,” she continued.

She added, “In the end, it’s not about the degree or the university granting it, it’s about what those who earn the degree do with it. I am very confident that those of us earning this degree from Lewis will be social justice advocates, activists, and educators.”
Louis Lee

Assistant Principal at Lincoln-Way East High School in Frankfort, Louis Lee pursued his doctorate, “To contribute one ‘grain of sand’ to the entire world of education.” The former investment broker and regional manager for the Minneapolis-based TCF Financial has been teaching since 2001. Louis was also was on the football coaching staff at Lincoln-Way East High School and part of the 2006 State Championship Football Team coaching staff.

Lee received a degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his master’s degree in secondary administration from Lewis University. “Pursuing an Ed.D. will allow me to obtain a terminal degree in the area of education. To reach the pinnacle of your chosen career is a goal few obtain but is a worthwhile one to achieve,” said Lee about continuing his education.

Lee looks forward to gaining access to new opportunities that previously would not have presented themselves. He continued, “My career goals have always been based on the realization that I would have my Ed.D. one day.”

“I received my master’s from Lewis and was always impressed with the level of expertise held by the professors. The Lewis program has a deliberate focus on social justice which separates it from other area programs,” said Lee about why he chose Lewis for the degree program. He continued, “Under Dr. Hoffman’s leadership this program will easily distinguish itself based on its social justice component and emphasis on moral and ethical leadership.”

A doctoral program is strenuous and time consuming, but Lee could count on the support of his wife to help him see it through. “Words cannot describe my wife’s level of support. She has been there for me both emotionally and spiritually. Without her, this degree would not be possible.”

Karen Sullivan

Karen Sullivan’s professional life has been rooted in education. She began her career right out of graduate school with a position as a speech/language pathologist. Sullivan completed her undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Now, with Ed.D. in hand, she became the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for Elmhurst District 205 on July 1, 2009.

“Furthering my education was on my life ‘to do’ list,” said Sullivan when asked why she chose to pursue the degree. “I’ve just always thought that I would want to pursue a doctorate at some point in my career.”

When asked why she chose Lewis University’s program, she replied, “Simple...Dr. Laurie Hoffman. I have known her for many years and I knew that if she was associated with the Lewis program that it would be a high quality, top-notch program from the very beginning. I also knew that Laurie was the type of person that would be supportive of her students and want them to finish successfully.”

The support Sullivan received from her family was paramount in her successful completion of the strenuous program. “I absolutely could not have done this without the support of my family especially my husband, Dan. He took over most of my home responsibilities while I went to class, the library, or just parked in front of my laptop. My children were understanding about their mom missing some of their sporting events, school events, etc. I truly feel that my family sacrificed a lot in order for me to accomplish this goal.”
Lewis University awarded honorary degrees to four distinguished professionals at its spring Commencement Ceremonies on May 16 and 17. Honorees included United States Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Development at the Erikson Institute Barbara Taylor Bowman, Emmy-award winning host and writer for Chicago’s WTTW Geoffrey Baer and Illinois State Senator Edward D. Maloney (D-18).

**Arne Duncan**

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan told the graduates, “A fight for quality education is more than a fight for education, it is a fight for social justice.” Former CEO of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), he was confirmed as Secretary of the United States Department of Education on Inauguration Day, January 20, 2009. Duncan received national attention in his efforts to raise educational standards and student performance in the city schools. He was the longest-serving education superintendent in a major U.S. city (2001 to 2008).

A magna cum laude graduate from Harvard University with a degree in sociology, Secretary Duncan learned early in his life about the value of a good education and the challenges of urban education. As CEO of the CPS, he worked to open 100 new schools, expanded after school and summer learning programs, closed underperforming schools, increased early childhood education and college access, and increased public-private partnerships around education initiatives.

**Barbara Taylor Bowman**

For more than five decades, South Side of Chicago native Professor Barbara Taylor Bowman has tirelessly devoted herself to teaching and changing lives by her remarkable contributions to the field of early-childhood education. Professor Bowman is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and recipient of Master of Arts degree in Education from the University of Chicago. After completing her advanced studies, she travelled to Shiraz, Iran, where she and her husband, the noted pathologist Dr. James Bowman, helped to start a hospital, medical school, and nursing school. She returned to Chicago and teaching, and in 1966, her life and career took a significant turn.

The Head Start program was designed to improve the education of socioeconomically disadvantaged children and required teachers prepared to work with these children. Two friends from the Chicago Laboratory School asked Professor Bowman to join them in creating an institute for training teachers of at-risk children. Chicago philanthropist Irving B. Harris supported their project, which was named the Erikson Institute. Professor Bowman served as its President from 1994 to 2001. She is currently the Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Development at the Institute. She also serves as the Chief Early Childhood Education officer for CPS.

Bowman has chaired and held leadership positions on numerous boards, is the author of more than 50 articles, book chapters, and edited volumes, and frequently speaks at conferences and universities in the U. S. and abroad. She has not only investigated racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity in early-childhood education, but she also has used her award-winning scholarship to make a strong case for educational equity in Chicago and nationwide.

**Geoffrey Baer**

Best known as the host and writer of WTTW’s popular Chicago-area tour programs, Geoffrey Baer is Chicago’s Emmy-award winning storyteller and city ambassador extraordinaire: a knowledgeable, inquisitive, ardent explorer and generous public guide to the history and diversity of Chicago and its surrounding suburbs. Baer regularly appears on WTTW’s flagship nightly news program Chicago Tonight. Throughout his 19 years...
with Chicago’s premiere public broadcast station he has written and produced numerous other documentaries, along with cultural and entertainment specials for WTTW and PBS.

Baer’s own story—his background, education, and experiences—uniquely qualified him for his outstanding, successful work and service in public media. Reared in Highland Park and Deerfield by parents who, as he notes, embraced a spirit of “multi-culturalism” long before the term was coined he studied abroad in both high school and college, travelling and pursuing education throughout Europe and, as he recalls, “came home … believing that higher education has a higher purpose—to nourish one’s curiosity and to give context, a sense of history and the tools to be a lifelong learner.”

Baer told the graduates about the time he piloted a flight simulator at Lewis for the taping of the Southwest suburbs documentary. “The mind has tremendous power to bend reality…. It is time for new ways of doing things. The fantastic power of our minds can open up new ways of seeing things, new opportunities.”

Baer earned a bachelor’s degree in radio and film from Miami University and a master’s degree in theatre from Northwestern University.

Edward D. Maloney

A 1968 Lewis University alumnus, Illinois State Senator Edward D. Maloney has dedicated his life to education and civic service, serving the people of his community and the State of Illinois as a State Representative in the 1990s and now as a leader in the Senate for the past six years. As Chair of the Higher Education Committee, currently in his second term in the position, he has been a leading advocate of financial assistance for college students. From an early age, Sen. Maloney enjoyed politics and sports—affinities he attributes to being born and raised on Chicago’s Southwest Side. He learned to appreciate the vital connection between mind and body, and between knowledge and service, by attending Catholic schools, including Leo High School, and then Lewis University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in political science. He earned a master’s degree in education from Chicago State University.

Reflecting on his undergraduate years at Lewis, he said that Lewis helped shape his values. He said, “It is important if you’re going to make a difference to get involved in the community.”

Sen. Maloney remains a positive influence in education, having been an active member of the St. John Fisher Parish School Board, the Saint Xavier University School of Education Advisory Board, the Leo High School Alumni Association, and the Lewis University Alumni Association. In recognition of his outstanding service to the citizens of Illinois and for his steadfast commitment to those with special needs, he received the Alumni Achievement Award from Lewis University in 2005.

José Guerrero Delivers Student Lasallian Address

Graduating senior José Guerrero presented the Student Lasallian Address at the undergraduate Commencement ceremony on May 17.

Diversity and social justice are the two tenets of the University’s Lasallian Mission that have impacted Guerrero most. “As a member of an underrepresented group, I am a witness of Lewis’ commitment to diversity. Thanks to it, I have had the opportunity to contribute to and associate myself with the diverse community of learners and teachers at Lewis,” said Guerrero. He understands and embraces his responsibility to continue in the struggle for his own dreams. “I shall utilize any resources within my reach to ease others’ struggles and I shall encourage other graduates to do the same,” he said.

Guerrero, who is the first in his family to receive a college degree, plans to attend graduate school to pursue a Ph.D. in Medical Physics or Biomedical Engineering.
Seniors Receive Fr. Aquinas Colgan Award

Vivian Acosta and Furqaan Mustafa were named Father Aquinas Colgan Award recipients this spring. This award goes to outstanding graduating seniors. To be eligible for nomination, a student must be an undergraduate who has qualified for graduation, who is a four-year student of Lewis University with a minimum GPA of 3.0, and who has demonstrated exemplary personal, intellectual and social development in the spirit of Lewis University’s Mission. Acosta earned a degree in Special Education and Mustafa earned a degree in Management Information Systems.

Arts Gala Salutes Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO)

Held on March 7, the Arts Gala presented the St. Genesius Award to the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO) for 50 years of teaching and challenging young, talented orchestra musicians. Receiving the award and citation from Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President, were Pamela Nogal, Executive Director of MYSO, and Dr. Lawrence Sisk, Professor and Chair of Music at Lewis University and Music Director for MYSO. Entertainment in the theatre was provided by Melissa Withers, piano, and her sisters, Andrea, violin, and Rachel, flute—all of whom are current or past MYSO members. Professor Keith White (Theatre) served with considerable skill as emcee for the evening.

The Arts Gala annual fundraiser, is a benefit to assist community, cultural and educational programming at Lewis University.

Barbara Eberhard ’74 (Speech) and Steve Eberhard.
Jaime Hurtado ’79 (Economics), Patrina Hurtado, Libby Macke and Br. James Gaffney, FSC Lewis University President enjoy the Arts Gala.

Cultural Advisory Board members include (from left, seated) Mary Jane Whiteside, Kim Roolf, Renee Tonelli, Joy Alexander, Mohra Gavankar, Elaine Ruettiger, Rita Matichak; (standing) Keith White, Barbara Gutierrez, Susan Perry Peyla, Sherri Reardon, Chet Kondratowicz, Lynne Lichtenauer, Lorin Lynch, Barbara Eberhard, Joan Rogers and Carol Wassberg.
Founders Week Highlights Mission and Heritage

Lewis University celebrated Founders Week on March 29-April 5 with activities including liturgies commemorating the opening of the celebration, the Society of Lasallian Collegian Induction, the 21st Annual Brother David Delahanty Student Athlete Awards, the Annual President's Recognition of Student Volunteers, and Annual Student Employee of the Year Ceremony and Appreciation Luncheon.

“De La Salle: The Exemplary Manager,” was presented by Kurt Schackmuth, Associate Vice President for Mission. He discussed how the founder of the De La Salle Christian Brothers used a management style, certain leadership traits, and an innovative approach to education that is similar to the methods used in today’s business world.

“The Social Psychological Implications of the Life and Teachings of St. John Baptist De La Salle,” was presented by Dr. Susan Sheffer, Assistant Professor of Psychology, and Steven Zlatic, Associate Director of University Ministry. Dr. Sheffer combined the story of the life and teachings of the De La Salle with an exploration of the social psychological concepts and theory from modern research.

A Celebration of Service recognized faculty and staff members marking significant anniversaries of service, in addition to honoring Dr. Laura Sloan, Professor of Special Education, with the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award and Jim Cowan, Graphic Design Director, with the De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service.

Community Leaders Honored with 2009 De La Salle Awards

Lewis University recognized 10 members of the community with the De La Salle Award during a special ceremony on March 22. The De La Salle Award is presented each year to individuals who provide extraordinary service and leadership for the benefit of the community and region. Award recipients for 2009 are (left to right) Dr. Paul and Mrs. Ann Rubino, who established the Dr. Paul and Mrs. Ann Rubino Elementary Science Endowed Scholarship at Lewis University; Ray Waldman, Retired Chief Meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service for Chicago and Illinois; Jan Gehrig, Past President of JACOB; Sister Ann Ellen Quirk, BVM, Founder of the Kuzma Care Cottage; Rey Gonzalez, Vice President of Corporate Diversity for Exelon Corporation; Patricia Magee-Burford, Retired AT&T employee and community leader; Mark Hanson, Partner of Fabrizio & Hanson Peyla and Kawinski, PC; Deacon Ed Petak, Director of Pastoral Care, St. Joseph Medical Center; and Pam Kostecki, Division Director for Community Services, Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet. For more information on the award recipients visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu
Being a Division II Student-Athlete

By women’s basketball and softball student-athlete Kelly Dianis

When it comes to managing sports and academics, it is important to have a great daily routine and budget your time wisely.

The best way to effectively balance both is organization. If you are organized and have a plan, there will be less stress and you’ll be able to accomplish much more.

Because we are student-athletes, our education is always first. If we put forth the maximum effort to get the most effective results in the classroom, you can also concentrate on the athletics side.

During the school-year, my routine does not vary much from day-to-day. I get up around 8 a.m. for class and grab breakfast on the way. Depending on the day, I’d finish my classes around noon or 1 p.m. and then get lunch.

Our basketball practice times varies from day to day, but I usually have some time after lunch and before practice to do some homework or just relax. Every other day we lift as a team and then practice for around two hours. Following practice, we’d go get some food and then go back to my dorm to do homework or hang out with my teammates.

The fall is when I am able to do both softball and basketball and my days are very packed with demands for both teams. I love having a set schedule with many things to do. I go to class in the morning. In between classes I would have a basketball individual with three other teammates to work on individual skills in the small group. We have more time during individuals for more one-on-one help from our coaches that we may not have with a bigger group. When that ends, I would go to the rest of my classes for the day.

Editor’s Note: Dianis is a four-time Delahanty Award winner and has a cumulative GPA of 3.43.

Steffey Takes On Additional Duties As Head Men’s Golf Coach

Lewis head women’s golf coach Skip Steffey has accepted additional responsibilities and will take over the helm of the Lewis men’s golf squad, replacing the retired Dennis Troy.

As the women’s golf coach, Steffey was a part-time coach, but will now assume full-time responsibilities. “We’ve decided to make an investment into our golf program and I knew that we did not have to look any further than Skip Steffey,” Lewis Athletics Director Dan Schumacher said. “His dedication to his players, both present and past, and his golf knowledge is unquestioned. I look forward to seeing both programs grow.”

Last season, Steffey saw two of his players, Amy Sachs and Jamie Siedlaczek, place in the top 10 at the Great Lakes Valley Conference women’s golf tournament, marking the first time since 1998-99 that two Flyers have accomplished that feat. For his efforts, Steffey was named the 2009 GLVC Women’s Golf Coach of the Year.

“I’m thrilled to take on the additional challenge of coaching the men’s golf team,” Steffey said. “The overall opportunity to be a part of Lewis Athletics is great. I welcome the challenge of coaching the men’s team and I hope to build upon what Coach Troy has done for the past 15 years.”

Pickering Named To AVCA All-America Volleyball Second Team

The 2009 men’s volleyball campaign was capped with the selection of Lewis senior outside hitter Drew Pickering to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division I-II Men’s All-America Second Team.

Pickering is the sixth Flyer to earn AVCA All-America honors and the first since Ryan Stuntz’ honor in 2003.

The 2009 Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Player of the Year, Pickering led the MIVA in kills (4.15) and points (4.84). He finished his career fifth all-time in Lewis history in kills (1,348), sixth in digs (630) and second in aces (139).

Joining Pickering on the All-MIVA first team were classmates Billy Sahagian (MB), Nick Perakes (L) and junior Mike Iandolo (S). Senior middle blocker Alex Vigansky was named to the second team.

The Flyers finished the season ranked No. 12 in the nation and with 21 wins, marking the second-straight 20-win campaign. It’s the second straight season Lewis finished the season ranked in the top 15.

Lapimaa Named Tennis Freshman of the Year

The Great Lakes Valley Conference announced that Lewis University’s Uno Lapimaa has been named the GLVC Men’s Tennis Freshman of the Year.

Lapimaa played a crucial role in helping the Flyers to their first berth in the GLVC Men’s Tennis tournament in six seasons, as the Estonia native is 22-10 overall in singles action, including a mark of 7-2 against GLVC opponents. He also teamed with fellow All-GLVC honoree, Tonis Irdoja, at No. 1 doubles for the Flyers and finished with a mark of 21-9, including a record of 8-2 against conference opponents.

Irdoja, who competed at No. 2 singles for the Flyers, is 23-8 on the season with a mark of 8-1 in GLVC action.

Irdoja and Lapimaa’s selection to the All-GLVC squad is the first time since 2006, that Lewis has had an honoree on the team.

“We are very fortunate to have Uno and Tonis here at Lewis,” Lewis head men’s tennis coach Brett Bridel said. “I knew they would be among the best players in the GLVC and they are still getting better every day.”
Softball Advances To NCAA Regionals

Expectations are typically set high for the Lewis University softball team, as they consistently rank among the best squads in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Lewis had its ups and downs during the 2009 campaign, but their upward swing came at just the right time, as the Flyers won nine of their last 13 games to advance not only to the GLVC Championship game, but to the NCAA Midwest Regional for the fourth-straight season.

Senior Courtney Lyons led the charge for the Flyers both in the circle and at the plate. Lyons batted a team-best .322 among Flyer regulars, earned 12 victories and finished with an ERA of 1.69. She also fanned 158 batters on the campaign, which gave her the school-record for career strikeouts with 567 K’s. For her efforts, Lyons was named to the All-GLVC Second Team.

Senior Kelly Dianis also made history for the Flyers, as she broke the school-record for career home runs with her 28th round tripper in a Lewis uniform.

Lewis junior infielder Kara Harmaty claimed All-GLVC Third Team honors after batting .275 with 19 RBI, while senior pitcher Julie Wingerter was named to the Academic All-District V Softball Third Team with a cumulative GPA of 3.78 in mathematics.

Earlier in the season, Wingerter was named the Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division II Pitcher of the Week following her no-hitter of Wilmington (DE) on March 1st.

Coates Earns All-American Honors

Junior Jason Ament and sophomore Kevin Coates represented Lewis at the NCAA Division II Swimming Championships in Houston, Texas. Coates earned All-America status in both the 1000 and 1650 freestyle by finishing eighth in both races and setting school records of 9:16.83 and 15:33.92, respectively. Ament missed Honorable Mention All-American status by less than a second in the 1000, touching the wall in 9:27.91 for 17th place. Their performance helped Lewis finish 22nd in the nation, marking the men’s fifth straight top 25 performance.

Knaperek Named All-American in 60-Meter Hurdles

Lewis University junior James Knaperek became the first male student-athlete to reach All-American status in track and field in two seasons, as he placed eighth overall in the 60-meter hurdles at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Knaperek is the first Lewis male student-athlete to earn Indoor Track and Field All-American status since the Flyers Distance Medley Relay team of Adrian Myers, Geoff Rozovics, Mike Eck and Andy Tremble placed third in 2007.

He also was a member of Lewis’ 4x200 relay team that won the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor Championship, along with Chris Leibrand, Donnie Lesnick and Austin Bailey that helped push the Flyers to a third-place overall finish at the meet.

Leibrand also took home the 400-meter dash title at the GLVC Indoor Championship with a time of 49.37, while senior Dan Probst added a victory in the indoor shot put (52’1 1/4”).

Knaperek and Leibrand both proved to be instrumental in the Flyers’ third-place finish at the GLVC Outdoor Championships, as each won one event. Knaperek was victorious in the 110-meter hurdles (14.68), while Leibrand placed first in the 400-meter dash (48.45).

One individual record was set during the outdoor campaign, as junior Scott Barnas won the shot put at the DePauw Invitational with a heave of 53’4 1/2”.
Junior Butler Claims All-American Honors In Long Jump

While new to the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships, Lewis University junior Ashley Butler performed like a seasoned veteran, as the Pontiac, Illinois native earned both Indoor and Outdoor All-American honors in the long jump.

Butler also played an instrumental role in helping the Flyers to second place finishes in both the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

During the indoor championships, Butler captured titles in the 55-meter dash (7.16), 200-meter dash (25.73), long jump (18' 8 1/4") and as a member of the 4x200 relay (1:44.54) along with Michelle Ruff, Maggie Boban and Kayla Murphy.

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Despite those performances in the championships, it was Butler’s classmate Christine Kustra that took home the hardware for the Flyers as she was named both the GLVC Indoor and Outdoor Female Athlete of the Year.

At the indoor championships, Kustra won the 55-meter hurdles (8.41) and the heptathlon with a school-record 3,506 points. She also added runner-up finishes in both the long jump (17' 2 1/4") and triple jump (35'5").

The outdoor championships featured much of the same for Kustra as she was victorious in the triple jump (36' 6 3/4"), 100-meter hurdles (14.94) and 400-meter hurdles (1:05.16) while adding a runner-up finish in the long jump (17'3 1/4").

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The Flyers, propelled by two first and second-place finishes from Butler, also hosted and won the Chicagoland Indoor Championships.

Sloboda Honored With Grant Burger Media Award

Lewis University Assistant Sports Information Director Derrick Sloboda was selected as the 2008-09 NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region honoree for the American Volleyball Coaches’ Association (AVCA) Grant Burger Media Award. Presented each year by the AVCA, the honor focuses on hard-working, dedicated individuals across the country who have been involved in the advancement of the sport of volleyball.

Sloboda is responsible for all news releases, publications and stats for the women’s volleyball program. He assisted with the coordination of the 2009 Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship hosted by Lewis. Sloboda also assisted at the 25-team inaugural 2008 GLVC/GLIAC Crossover held in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Lewis women’s volleyball program won their third straight GLVC Championship in 2008. The Flyers posted a perfect 19-0 record at home and enter the 2009 season with a 27-match win streak at Neil Carey Arena.

“It feels great to be recognized,” Sloboda said. “The job is an easy one when you have a great coaching staff to work with and a group of hard working student-athletes.”

Sloboda, a 2005 graduate of Indiana University, is entering his third year with Lewis. He serves as the contact for nine of Lewis’ 18 sports.

Three Flyers Earn All-GLVC Baseball Accolades

The Lewis baseball program earned three All-GLVC selections for the first time since 2002. Junior starting pitcher Joe Scumaci earned second team honors while senior catcher Chris McCall and junior outfielder Scott Householder took home third team accolades.

Scumaci posted a team-best 2.42 earned run average, the lowest for a Lewis starter since 2000. He finished with a team-best 6-4 record and a .252 opposing batting average. He was at his best against the best, recording victories over GLVC Tournament teams Indianapolis, Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky.

McCall led the team in hitting (.350), on base percentage (.459) and slugging percentage (.579). He knocked in 29 and hit seven home runs. McCall is Lewis’ first all-conference catcher since Andy Sweet in 2004.

Householder was second on the team in RBI (31), batting average (.300) and slugging percentage (.514). He had 10 multiple hit and eight multiple RBI games.

The three helped the Flyers to a 20-32 mark, it’s the first time Lewis has won 20 contests since 2002.
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Last summer, Beck worked as an Intern at the Dubois County Bombers Baseball Organization. While working for the Bombers, Beck was given the role as Stadium Operator. She assisted with public relations, promotions, ticket sales, and game-day activities and responsibilities throughout the stadium.

Lewis Varsity Club Golf Outing

The 29th Annual Lewis University Varsity Club Golf Outing, presented by Wight and Company, was a resounding success, as nearly 200 golfers participated in near flawless weather conditions at both Mistwood Golf Club and Prairie Bluff Golf Course on June 12th.

“To have close to 200 golfers participating in the outing shows the great support Flyer Athletics receives from its alumni and friends, and we are very grateful for that,” Lewis Director of Athletics Dan Schumacher said.

All proceeds from the fundraiser, approximately $23,000, will benefit Lewis Athletics and will go towards renovating the varsity locker rooms and adding bleachers in Neil Carey Arena, home of the Flyer Basketball and Volleyball Teams.

The locks that are currently in Neil Carey Arena are over 30 years old and will be replaced with professional style “open” lockers. Alumni and friends can help make this a reality by sponsoring a new locker for $250. For more information, please contact Assistant Athletics Director Brian Summers at (815) 836-5228 or at summerbn@lewisu.edu.

The current bench side bleachers will be completely removed and replaced with floor level chairback seating. Additional media seating will also be installed.

The new seating arrangement for Neil Carey Arena will also allow for Lewis Athletics to open a “Club Suite” above the bleachers for donors, alumni and friends.

The suite will feature social beverages and appetizers in the Seiler Room, where the game can be viewed on a large projection screen and have that big arena suite ‘feel’.

The “Club Suite” will feature tables and pub chair seating for a ‘bird’s eye’ view of the court while enjoying food and refreshments. Contact Summers for more information on how to enjoy the luxury of our “Club Suite”.

Winners from the outing include the foursome of Bob Borgstrom, Dave Reid, Greg Thorson and Terry Novotney, as they took home the low group score at Mistwood, coming in at 15-under par.

Ken Gabriel, Matt Chorski, Paul Rybarczyk and Brian Gabriel took home the low score of 13-under at Prairie Bluff.

The threesome of Jane Condon, John Cassin and Len Bertolini claimed the low mixed group score of 11-under at Mistwood, while the Koenig foursome of Chris, Don, Jewel and Todd was first at Prairie Bluff, with a low total of 5-under.

Individually, Jim Van Eck won the straightest drive contest on hole #12 at Mistwood, while Fred Cicco won the same award on hole #7 at Prairie Bluff.

Closest to the Pin honors went to Scott Trost (#7, Mistwood) and Joe Kozminski (#3, Prairie Bluff).

Be sure to mark June 11, 2010 on your calendar for the 30th Annual Varsity Club Golf Outing!

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She was also a captain for the Flyers during her senior season where her team posted a 38-20 overall record.

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English Professor Presents Paper at Medieval Association  
Dr. Dawn Walts, Assistant Professor of Medieval and Renaissance Literature, presented a paper entitled “Embodying Time in Pearl” at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Medieval Association at St. Louis University. Tracing the homiletic tradition of the laborers in the vineyard from Matthew 20: 1-16, Dr. Walts argues that the Pearl-Poet employs the parable as a way to emphasize the embodied nature of time as depicted in the laboring body of the harvest. As he incorporates complex temporal systems and symbols to reflect distinctions within the social body, he links the religious with the economic and the spiritual with the social.

Business Dean Serves as Editor and Editorial Board Member  
Dr. Rami Khasawneh, Dean of the College of Business and Graduate School of Management, was invited to serve as an editor for the Proceedings of the 2008 International Conference on Technical Barriers to Trade and Standardization published in 2009. He is also serving as a member of the Editorial Board for the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs Conference (ACBSP) Proceedings.

Assistant Professor of Business Administration Presents Two Papers in Mexico  
Dr. Roberto Gamarra presented two papers at the Academy of Business Administration Conference in Cancun, Mexico, on December 20, 2008: “Identifying Technologically Sophisticated Export Markets for Manufactured Products” and “Cross-Functional Strategies for Technological Learning through Exporting.”

Education Faculty Co-Present on Topic of Learning and Technology  
Dr. Seung Kim, Assistant Professor of Secondary Education and Dr. Nancy Kennedy, Associate Professor of Elementary Education, presented “Empowering Pre-Service Teachers with Technology: An Authentic Approach,” at The National Technology and Social Science Conference, April 5-7, Las Vegas, Nev. The study explored the effectiveness of integrating technology in social science to make learning genuine and active through the authentic instructional approach. It also compared different instructional methods to determine which method is most effective in empowering pre-service teachers in both content areas and technology.

Associate Dean of Education Co-Authors Conference Paper  
Dr. Kimberly King-Jupiter co-authored a paper entitled “KEMET Academy: A University Outreach Model for Addressing the Wholeness of Learning in a Rural Context.” It was presented at the American Institute of Higher Education Conference in Nashville on April 29.

Education Professor Presents Paper at AERA  
Dr. Lauren Hoffman, Associate Professor of Education and Director of the Ed.D. program, presented a paper at the American Educational Research Association Convention in San Diego in April, 2009. The paper was entitled “Scholarship and Social Activism: Expanding Viewpoints and Perspectives.”

Communications Professor Assists in the Training of Chaplains  
Dr. Cathy Ayers, Professor of Communications, has been working with Marketplace Chaplains USA: America’s Employee Care Program to provide training in communication skills for their chaplains. Dr. Ayers has authored a training manual on Listening Skills that was published by the organization and is working on another manual about Intercultural Communication. Marketplace Chaplains USA is modeled on chaplaincy for the military and provides support for employees of companies who hire their services.
Faculty Members Collaborate on Chapbook

Dr. Simone Muench, Assistant Professor of English/Creative Writing and Dr. Philip Jenks, from the Political Science Department have co-written a chapbook titled Little Visceral Carnival (Cinematheque Press, 2009). Recent poems of theirs will be appearing in Superstition Review, Drunken Boat, 42 Opus, Bombay Gin, and Puerto Del Sol. Dr. Muench also has a poem accepted for the 2010 Alhambra Poetry Calendar: 365 Classic and Contemporary Poems (Alhambra Publishing, Belgium).

Sociology Faculty Member Co-Authors Two Journal Articles

Dr. Thomas Brignall, III, Assistant Professor of Sociology, recently co-authored two journal articles. One, published in 2009, is titled “The ‘Unmaking’ of Prejudice: How Christian Beliefs Relate To Prejudice Against Homosexuals” and was published in the Journal For the Scientific Study of Religion. The second, published in 2008, was titled “Online Gaming Communities and the Neo Tribalism Movement” and was published in Theory & Science.

Music Faculty Member Performs Electroacoustic Selection in Chicago and Fort Wayne

Dr. Mike McFerron, Associate Professor of Music performed his electro-acoustic “Torrid Mix: Featuring DJ Jazzy King and Master L.T.” on April 18 at the meeting of the Society of Electroacoustic Music in the U.S. (SEAMUS) National Conference, in Ft. Wayne, Ind. and on May 15 as part of the Chicago Composers Forum Experimental Piano Series in Chicago.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Receives Board Certification

Dr. Thomas Bristow became Board certified, receiving his diplomate from the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology. He also was made a “Fellow Member” of the American College of Professional Neuropsychologists.

Political Science Professor Receives Research Grant

Dr. Alba Hesselroth, Assistant Professor of Latino/a Studies received a research fellowship from the American Political Science Association (APSA) to travel to Bolivia and conduct field research on “the role of policy ideas and non-state actors in economic policy change: a comparative analysis of the impact of policy ideas and non-state actors in the Bolivian and Peruvian processes of market oriented reform.”

Art Instructor’s Work Featured in Nationally Juried Art Competition

Ancestral Salt and Pepper Cellars, a functional sculpture by art instructor Leslie Colonna, was accepted in a nationally juried art competition, 1 + 1, at Terra Incognito Gallery in Oak Park. The exhibit ran from March 21- April 23. Colonna says, “My artwork is meant to express a reverence for nature and the spiritual in food. It is of a male and female couple, symbolic of life and a duality in nature, posed in reverence, and who reverently offer their spice bowls to the viewer.” The piece won the purchase prize in the exhibit.

Education Faculty Member Inducted into Delta Epsilon Sigma

Richard Clish, Assistant Professor of Education, was inducted into the Lewis University chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma National Catholic Honor Society on May 1.

History Professor Writes about Literature of the “Sox Side”

Dr. Eileen McMahon, Assistant Professor of History recently authored an article called “The Literature of the Sox Side,” which was published in the Fall 2008 issue of Chicago History Magazine. Dr. McMahon looks at how Chicago writers, such as Finley Peter Dunne, Ring Lardner, James T. Farrell, Nelson Algren, and a few others have included the Chicago White Sox in their writings. All themes related to baseball in American literature are reflected in these authors’ works, such as acceptance of winning and losing in life; lost innocence; connections between generations; sports as social safety valve; and redemption.
Wight and Company has been announced as the Gold sponsor for the annual Signum Fidei Celebration on Saturday, September 12 at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Wight’s partnership with Lewis to underwrite event costs through this generous $25,000 sponsorship, ensures that funds raised at the event provide needed scholarship support for students through the new Lewis Mission Fund for Student Financial Assistance. Wight was also the lead $10,000 sponsor for the 29th Annual Lewis University Varsity Club Golf Outing on June 12.

Grant Enables High School Students to Study Foreign Languages

A $43,543 grant to Lewis University from STARTALK - National Foreign Language Center is providing tuition for high school students to attend two-week courses in Chinese and Arabic during the Summer Language School on the Romeoville campus. The grant also funds cultural experiences including field trips to Chicago’s Chinatown, the Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago, and the Bolingbrook Mosque, guest speakers, lessons in tai-chi and lion dancing, movies, documentaries, cooking lessons, songs, crafts, traditional games, theater skits and readers theater.

Lewis Creates Mission Fund in Response to Economic Need

Lewis University has announced the creation of a new Mission Fund to provide added financial aid for students, particularly for those who are experiencing difficulties in today’s economy. Students whose families face severe financial challenges, such as those experiencing job loss or home foreclosure, are eligible to apply for grants from this new fund.

More than 80 percent of Lewis undergraduate students currently receive some form of aid, through scholarships, grants, student employment, or loans. The new fund is designed to assist current students who are facing severe financial challenges that may interfere with their ability to progress toward their undergraduate or graduate degrees.

The new Mission Fund will be directed to current students, such as Alejandro, a 19-year-old freshman who was recently at a crossroads in financing his Lewis University education. As the first of his family to attend college, he experienced difficulty in trying to find sufficient funds to complete payment of his tuition for the spring semester. Difficulties in a family business and other expenses had depleted his education fund and Alejandro recalled, “I just wanted to give up.”

Lewis University’s financial aid options are expected to make a greater impact when added to the improved opportunities the federal government recently included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Program. The new federal economic stimulus legislation contains $17 billion for additional funding for Pell Grants, $200 million more for Work/Study jobs, and $13 billion for Education Tax Credits.

“The University is seeking up to $500,000 in contributions from alumni and community donors, to match the $500,000 in the Mission Fund, all for the benefit of students whose families have been hit hard by the current recession,” said Daniel J. Allen, Vice President for University Advancement. Please visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/give or contact University Advancement at (815) 836-5370 to make a donation or receive more information.

Health and Human Services Grant Aids Graduate Nurses Specializing in Education

The College of Nursing and Health Professions has again been awarded the Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship (AENT) grant for the 2009-2010 academic year. The grant, issued by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides funding for graduate nursing education in selected programs to support preparation of nurses in advanced practice roles. Those in receipt of the grant must commit to working in medically underserved areas upon graduation.

The 2009-10 award for $46,857 is the largest amount received by the University for the AENT grant, more than $14,000 higher than the previous year. Funds go directly to the students and are used to support tuition and when applicable, a stipend.

To qualify, graduate nursing students must be enrolled full-time (9 hours/semester) in nursing education, nursing administration, or nurse practitioner programs. Students taking less than a full course load are eligible for the funding if they are within a year of graduation.

The University typically awards funding to 4-5 applicants per year depending on the amount of funding available and number of applicants. The amount of funding given to each student varies, but can range between $2,000-5,000.

For more information about the grant or the College of Nursing and Health Professions, please contact Kathy Lisak at (815) 836-5355 or lisakka@lewisu.edu, or Dr. Nan Yancey at (815) 836-5878 or yanceyna@lewisu.edu.
Gift Funds Nursing Building Renovation

A very generous gift of $500,000 will provide significant renovations to the College of Nursing and Health Professions Building in South Hall. Interior preparation and reconfiguration work in the building has begun this summer, with a new main entrance and lobby planned for fall 2009. The project includes a new, high technology nursing simulation lab and additional classroom space to allow Lewis to expand nursing student enrollment, which had previously been capped, providing more qualified graduates to fill critical positions in the national nursing shortage.

New Center for Service Learning

A $10,000 grant from the Bringing Theory to Practice project of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, will include development of a core curriculum for the planned Lasallian Center for Applied Research and Engagement (LCARE). Dr. Gail Gehrig, Sociology Department Chair, has spearheaded the University initiative and will serve as the Director for the LCARE program.

Each year hundreds of Lewis University students engage in service at local community organizations. This funding will expand and build on previous activities by providing support and training to faculty members on developing courses in cooperation with community partners, developing and implementing course objectives and creating effective assessment procedures. These courses will be the foundation for the future of LCARE. Grant funds will also provide for an LCARE Web site and program manual to maintain an active bank of resources, lists of participating interested community partners and contact persons, along with LCARE course descriptions, student reviews and testimonials. In addition, the site will include opportunities to dialogue with community partners, political leaders and interested citizens.

Scholarships

- Thomas Secor (Accounting ’68) made a bequest provision in his will of $25,000 to establish the Thomas J. Secor Endowed Scholarship, designed to assist junior or senior year undergraduate theatre majors. Secor has a long-standing affiliation with Lewis University’s Theatre Program, contributing in many ways to the program’s success for more than three decades. Of special note, Secor provided musical accompaniment in 1976 to Gypsy, the first musical ever performed in the Philip Lynch Theatre. He has provided vocal and musical direction to Lewis’ summer theatre productions for the past decade as well. He is also generously funding two annual scholarships, beginning in the 2009-2010 academic year, for Theatre or Music majors with financial need.
- A gift of $20,000 from a charitable donor recently established the Brother James Gaffney Annual Business Scholarship. The $5,000 per year scholarship will be awarded to a student with demonstrated financial need and the intent to study in the College of Business from Joliet Catholic Academy, Providence Catholic High School, Joliet Township High School (West or Central), or the Lincoln-Way Community High Schools.
- Dr. Sarode Pundaleeka of the Sarode Foundation made a gift of $5,000 to fund the Sarode Foundation Annual Scholarship to students of Indian or minority descent studying in the field of healthcare.
- Lewis University offers sincere condolences to Amy (Higgins) Rybak ’03 and Andrew Rybak ’06 and the entire Rybak family on the death of their infant son Nathan Andrew. Nathan was the grandson of William Rybak ’73, Chair Emeritus of the Lewis University Board of Trustees. The family has established the Nathan Rybak Memorial Scholarship at Lewis University to honor the life of Nathan. Many family members and friends have already made generous contributions to this scholarship. If you are interested in making a gift to this fund please contact University Advancement at (815) 836-5370.
- Lewis gratefully acknowledges The Aileen S. Andrew Foundation for a gift of $50,000 to fund the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation Endowed Scholarship for Math and Science Students. The scholarship will assist undergraduate math and science students with confirmed financial need.

Nursing PDAs

Nicor Gas presented a check for $5,000 on April 22, 2009 to Lewis University for funding PDA Technology for the College of Nursing and Health Professions Adult Nurse Practitioner Program.

Dr. Nan Yancey and Dr. Peggy Rice are presented with a donation from Nicor Gas Community Relations Director, Carmen Morales ’79 (Accounting).
Where Are They Now?

Perrino Receives Adam Smith Award

Joe Perrino ’75, President and CEO of Home Run Inn Group, was honored as the Adam Smith Alumnus of the Year on March 12 at the University’s 11th Annual Award Ceremony. At age 16, Mr. Perrino began working in his family business at Home Run Inn. His first job was helping his father, Nick, make their world-famous pizza dough in the kitchen of their original 150-seat Chicago restaurant. After graduating from Lewis in 1975, Mr. Perrino began working at the family business full time. In 1981, under his leadership, the restaurant was expanded to seat 550 which was an immediate success. Today, through Mr. Perrino’s leadership and direction, Home Run Inn Pizza has expanded to eight restaurant locations with frozen pizza retail sales throughout 20 states. Home Run Inn currently has 750 employees.

The Perrino family is well-known for its philanthropic endeavors. Mr. Perrino is a member of numerous trade organizations and serves on the boards of the Restaurant Association, the National Frozen Pizza Institute and the Management Association of Illinois. He is also a recipient of the Lewis University College of Business 2006 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

In the News

Charles Kehoe Recognized by the Chaplain’s Association

Charles Kehoe ’67 (Psychology) was presented with the 2009 C.A.R.E (Chaplains’ Association Recognition of Excellence) Award from The American Correctional Chaplains’ Association at their Interfaith Service which was held at the American Correctional Association (ACA) 2009 Winter Conference in Kissimmee, Florida on January 11. He was recently named Superintendent of the Richmond Juvenile Detention Center.

Charles Ford Honored as Lasallian Educator

Professor Emeritus Charles Ford (Criminal/Social Justice) received a Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award Sunday, March 29, from the Midwest District of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. He was one of eight persons honored that day at a ceremony held at Sancta Alberta Chapel. Professor Ford was honored for nearly 20 years as a Lasallian educator and administrator, as well as for his continuing support for the Lewis University Community. Ford ’87, ’89 holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in Criminal/Social Justice from Lewis University. He also attended the FBI Academy, the National Crime Prevention Institute at the University of Louisville, and the Harvard University Senior Management Institute—Police Executive Research Forum. He holds Illinois teacher certification in Police Science.

Amanda Miracle ’08 (Chemistry) received a fellowship as a member of the inaugural cohort of Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows. The program takes traditional science, math and engineering majors and career holders and turns them into high school math and science teachers in urban and rural areas in-need throughout Indiana. Miracle says, “I received my inspiration to become a teacher while I was at Lewis and am very grateful to have found my calling in such a supportive environment.”

In the News

Thomas J. Ruzevich ’96 (Graduate Criminal/Social Justice) was featured in the Neighborhood Star Newspaper on December 12, 2008. The former Secret Service Agent gave middle school students at St. Damian School in Oak Forest a taste of what it is like to have worked with United States Presidents, and talked about his current job in the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division.

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Alumni Connecting on New Website!

Since the early February launch of Lewis CONNECT, the new Lewis University alumni and friends Web site, many Flyers are reconnecting to Lewis and to each other. Have you registered as a Lewis CONNECT member? Visit www.alumni.lewisu.edu/email today. Registration takes less than a minute, you’ll get links to all the Lewis alumni social networking groups, find out how to locate former classmates and friends, and stay informed of valuable business networking opportunities, alumni gatherings, news, special events and reunions.

In addition to an all new look and feel, the Web site now features:

• Alumni Business Directory, to locate fellow Flyers by business or industry
• Class Notes online, with the ability to both submit and read class notes by alumni year
• Events calendar, downloadable to your own calendaring program, with detail on each event including Google maps, RSVP information, and in some cases online event registration
• Photo gallery of pictures from alumni gatherings that users can download or order prints
• Individualized giving history, for logged in users to review their gifts supporting Lewis University
• Links to Lewis alumni pages on social networking sites (Facebook, Linked In, My Space, Twitter)
• Alumni polls that offer a way for you to vote for event gatherings and provide valuable input on the alumni benefits you want
• Online giving, now available with designated giving: to specify gifts across several different funds in one transaction
• Archives of alumni interest news, e-newsletters, magazines and annual reports

Class Notes

1960s

Joseph Petrosko ’69 (Psychology) after a three-year stint at UCLA, has worked for the last 34 years at the University of Louisville. He served the university in several capacities and is currently Distinguished Teaching Professor in the College of Education and Human Development and is a department chairperson. His professional areas are educational research and statistics. As well as teaching in the U.S., Petrosko has taught in China and the Czech Republic.

1970s

Robert M. Brusich ’77 (Psychology) took a position with the Christian Brothers Services in Marketing and Business Development.

Barbara (Porazinski) Eberhard ’74 (Speech) was recognized as an outstanding educator by the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Robert M. Gierut ’76 (Business Administration) is currently Vice President of Employee Relations with The Chicago Transit Authority.

Patricia (Carlin) Gierut ’77 (Nursing) is currently Transplant Coordinator at Northwestern University Medical Center and recently won the Excellence in Nursing Practice Award.

Robert Landi ’74 (Business Administration), ’85 (Graduate Business Administration) completed his first year as Director of Development and Assistant Baseball Coach at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard.

Michael D. Lesiak ’79 (Accounting) took a position with the Christian Brothers Services as the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

Michael Michalski ’71 (Management) has been retired about 5 years from RR Donnelley printing company. Michalski has two sons and five grandchildren. Michalski works summers at the Chicago Bears training camp in Bourbonnais.

Linda Paskiewicz ’77 (Nursing) has been hired as the new Director of the Department of Nursing at Saint Mary’s College.

Daniel Petrosko ’70 (Business Management) recently retired from his full-time position with the College of Lake County, where he was employed for 33 years. Petrosko served the College in several administrative positions including Director, Academic Computing and Director, Education Technology. He most recently served at the College as a Professor of Computer Information Technology and was among the first faculty there to teach online courses. He has had international consulting projects in England, Finland and Ukraine. He has currently achieved Professor Emeritus status for the College of Lake County and plans to continue teaching on a part-time basis. Petrosko and his spouse, Alberta, who is employed by the Village of Northbrook, live in Northbrook, Ill.

Michael F. Turk ’74 (Accounting) has been re-elected to the Joliet City Council.
1980s

**John Chalekian ’87** (Graduate Business Administration), joined Sikich LLP (Aurora, Ill.) in 2007 as their Director - HR Consulting Services responsible for developing this practice area. He is a seasoned business professional who has more than 20 years of human resource experience in both major corporations and small businesses. Chalekian resolves client issues related to employment law compliance, recruiting, performance, and HR process improvement that impacts the bottom line. In addition, Chalekian is a business instructor for local or online universities teaching HR (undergrad and graduate) courses.

**Edward Green ’86** (Aviation Maintenance Management) directed the production of *Amateurs* in November. The show was produced by the Community Players in Naperville, and performances were held at Community United Methodist Church.

**Thomas Hernandez ’88** (Journalism) has published his first book *Chocolate Cows and Purple Cheese, and other tales from the homefront.*

**Jeff Kowalis ’81** (Business Administration), a renowned Civil War collector, owns/manages the Lexus of Orland, Lexus of Merrillville and Orland Toyota dealerships.

**Loree (Levitt) Kowalis ’80** (Nursing) took a break from her surgical nursing career to raise their two sons, Chris and Cody; she has returned to the workforce and now manages the Lexus Boutique in Orland Park. Both Jeff and Loree are independent published authors, and coauthored the book *Died at Gettysburg.* Loree is a regular contributing author to various journals, newspapers and publications. Jeff is currently doing research for their next book.

**Ann Klusmeier ’83** (Graduate Business Administration) was highlighted in *The Kansas City Star* on April 11, 2009 in their story “How I got the job: Ann Klusmeier, 55.” Ann is the Business and Academic Manager at Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics.

**William A. Lorenz ’89** (Finance), ’93 (MBA) has been appointed as the Managing Director, Central and SE Division at Merrill Lynch.

**Edward Novick ’89** (Business Administration), ’90 (Graduate Business Administration) is proud to be serving as President of the Lewis University National Alumni Association since July 2006, and proud of the progress achieved as a developing alumni association. Ed lives in Midlothian, Ill. with his wife, *Tina (Lardizabal) Novick ’89* (Biology), and their three children. Ed’s brother *Rev. Michael Novick ’90* (Mathematics), is a Catholic priest and pastor at St. Laurence O’Toole Parish in Matteson, Ill.

**Michael Van Mill ’88** (Finance) is the President & CEO of the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County.

**Stephen Weber ’86** (Accounting) has joined the James E. Hears & Associates LLC firm as a new partner. Weber served as County Auditor for eight years (2000-2008) and worked for 14 years as Deputy Auditor.

1990s

**Nancy Capocy ’96** (Graduate Nursing) was recently granted Certified Advanced Hospice Administrator status by the California Association for Health Services at Home. Capocy is the Director of Hospice and Palliative Care at CNS Home Health & Hospice in Carol Stream, Ill.

**John Dahlberg ’91** (Criminal/Social Justice), ’05 (Graduate Criminal/Social Justice) was honored by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, being designated as a Certified Police Chief through the association’s Police Chief Certification Program. This designation signifies that Dahlberg has met the highest standards of competency and conduct for his profession.

**Arinda Feiwel ’99** (Graduate Education) works at Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez Elementary School and was nominated for the 2009 Kohl McCormick Early Childhood Teaching Award.

**Jackie (Raguckas) Ford ’93** (Nursing) has worked the majority of her career in a hospital setting in oncology. For five years, Ford worked as a Clinical Leader on the Oncology Unit at Edward Hospital and became the Manager of the Short Stay Unit at Edward Hospital in 2006. In July 2008, she became manager of Medical Oncology where she had been a nurse for 10 years. “I love my job and Lewis has set me on track to have a wonderful career. Thank you!!”

**John Fricke ’93** (Aviation Flight Management) and his wife, Tracy, live in Schaumburg with their two children Lauren (4) and Ryan (2). Fricke is currently a Captain for Southwest Airlines based in Chicago.

**Laura Lynn (Galloway) MacDonald ’91** (Theatre) is working for Milwaukee Repertory Theater as a Literary Assistant. She is a member of Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas, The Dramatists Guild and Network Member of Chicago Dramatists. She finds herself in Chicago once or twice a week to pursue her playwriting.

**Christina (Hanson) McCain ’98** (Marketing) has been with Nordstrom’s since graduation from Lewis. She was recently named Regional Merchandise Manager of the Year for 2008 in the Accessories Division of Nordstrom.

**Mark Midlock ’90** (Graduate Business) was promoted to Vice President at Harris Bank and is an Audit Portfolio Manager in the bank’s corporate audit division.

**Steve Pozgay ’99** (Theatre and Radio/TV Broadcasting) is still working at Florida Rep in the box office. He has branched out to another local up and coming theatre company called “TheatreZone” in Naples. He was a followspot operator for Copacabana and worked running crew for *Stepping Out* with Donna McKechnie. Next, he’s appearing as the bass singer for the sailors quartet in The Naples Players upcoming production of the musical *Anything Goes.*

**Ernest W. Ray ’93** (Theatre) directed the musical *Baby* at the University of St. Francis’ Moser Performing Arts Center Studio Theatre. The plot revolved around three couples each expecting a child and each with different reactions.

**Andrew Nelsen ’04** (Theatre) designed the set.

**Bill Yohnka ’98** (Political Science) is the Executive Director at the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce.
2000s

Anna Mae Svrusis ’00 (Nursing) celebrated 44 years in nursing this July; 40th wedding anniversary in April; and turned 65 in May. Certified in Medical Surgical and Gerontology, she is working at Hines VA Hospital in Maywood, where she is teaching blind soldiers and diabetics how to manage their medications and testing. She and her husband Anthony reside in Orland Park and have two children and four grandchildren.

Jenny Bindon ’01 (Liberal Arts) played basketball and soccer for Lewis University and just recently competed in the Beijing Olympics 2008 for the New Zealand Football (Soccer) Team.

Elizabeth Bobrowski ’04 (Criminal/Social Justice) has been working full time as a police officer at the Villa Park Police Department since graduation.

Lauren Black ’05 (Computer Graphic Design) has been promoted to e-commerce graphic designer at ULTA. Black anticipates receiving her master’s degree in business administration from Lewis this year.

David Bruno ’03 (Special Education), ’06 (Graduate Educational Leadership) has been selected as the new principal for Glen Ellyn’s District 89’s Glen Crest Middle School. Andrews at District 89’s Glen Crest Middle School.

Juan Carrillo ’05 (Business Administration) and Adrian Myers ’08 (Sport Management) have been signed to the Indiana Invaders, a professional track and field club in Indianapolis.

Michael Eck ’06 (Marketing), ’08 (Graduate Business Administration) is currently working full time for Lewis University in University Advancement Communications. Upon graduation, Eck started a marketing and media company E&A.

Ann (Hanson) Fink ’01 (Print Journalism) was recently named Business Development Director for Peskind Law Firm.

Sharon Hawks ’08 (Business Administration) was recently named Executive Director for Human Resources for Valley View School District. Hawks anticipates receiving her master’s degree in business administration from Lewis this year.

Siham (Karam) Ibrahim ’01 (Business Administration), ’03 (Graduate Business Administration) received her Doctoral Degree in Management/Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix.

Brian Karwowski ’00 (Chemistry) opened a new practice Park Avenue Wellness in Elmhurst in November 2008. He is a chiropractor.

Jose Lagunas (Theatre) appeared in the film Silent Shame which was featured in the 25th Chicago Latino Film Festival.

Adam Lindley ’08 (Graduate School Counseling and Guidance) is presently a school guidance counselor at Indian Creek High School in Shabbona.

Tom McEllin ’05 (Graduate Public Administration) has been promoted to Fire Chief for the Village of Oak Brook Fire Department.

Andrew Nelsen ’04 (Theatre) designed the set for the production of Baby directed by Ernest W. Ray ’93 (Theatre) at the University of St. Francis’ Moser Performing Arts Center Studio Theatre.

Terry Pitts ’05 (Management) has been promoted to Terminal Manager in Birmingham, Ala. with BP.

Cheryl Roelfsema ’08 (Graduate Business Administration) was appointed Vice President for Business Services and Finance by the Illinois Valley Community College Board of Trustees. Prior to this appointment, Roelfsema served as the Interim-Vice President for Business Services and Finance for IVCC since April 2008.

Christina Spiros ’06 (English) performed the role of Rosalind in Joliet Drama Guild’s production of Moon Over Buffalo at the Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park Theatre.

Chad Tallon ’08 (Theatre) is pursuing his master’s degree in acting at Western Illinois University. He also appeared in the production of Urinetown: The Musical.

Natalie S. Widlak ’03 (Accounting and Finance) was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Institute of Management Accountants - Chicago Chapter for the 2009-2010 term. Widlak is an Accountant with CNA Financial Corp. and also sits on the Young Adult Board of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

Laura Wisniewski ’07 (Theatre) appeared in Moraine Valley Community College theatre department’s upcoming production of The Glass Menagerie. Wisniewski performed the role of Laura and Jim Lis (future Lewis graduate), who appeared in such PLT productions as Equus, The American Clock, and Beauty and the Beast, performed the role of Jim, the gentleman caller.

Audra Sybert ’02 (Music Merchandising) is Marketing Manager for Noble Fool Theatricals at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Ill.

Jason Aguirre ’08 (Theatre) is in the Noble Fool Theatre production of Altar Boyz in St. Charles, Ill.

Joseph Volin ’08, Matthew Coglianese ’04 and Madison (Ultis) Seidler ’08 were featured for their creative works in this spring’s Lewis University Windows Fine Arts Magazine.

Shannon Bajak ’09 (Forensic Criminal Investigation) was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army on May 17. She is a Transportation Corps Officer and attended Officers Basic Course at Fort Benning, Ga. in June and Fort Eustis, Va. in July after which she will report for duty with the Illinois National Guard.

Nicholas A. Panczyszyn ’09 (Criminal/Social Justice) was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army on May 17. He will attend Officers Basic Course at Fort Benning, Ga. in April 2010 and then Fort Huachuca, Ariz. in June 2010. He is a Military Intelligence Officer who will report for National Guard active duty at Machesney Park, Ill., with the Headquarters company of the 33rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion.

Emery E. Taylor ’09 (Criminal/Social Justice) was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army on May 17. He is an Infantry Officer and will report for duty to the Illinois National Guard. Taylor is a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) which is awarded to cadet graduates in the top 20 percent across the nation.
Engagements

Lauren Black ’05 (Graphic Design and current MBA Student) to David Schmitt, both of DeKalb.

Jeffery Flott ’06 (Graduate School Counseling and Guidance) to Stephanie Brown, both of Dwight.

Timothy Harrison ’06 (Special Education) to Stephanie Ann Maes, both of Homer Glen.

Weddings

Christine (Pasquale) Holzman ’06 (Elementary Education) and Mark Holzman on June 27, 2008.

Wedding Anniversaries

1 Year
Adam and Christina (Payton) Grunwaldt
March 15, 2008
James and Hope (Lyons) Zawaski
May 24, 2008
Brian and Tracy (Buchholz) Summers
August 16, 2008
Peter and Tracey (Drzal) Miller
October 4, 2008

5 Year
Brian and Melanie (Lowman) Karwowkski
April 2003.
Kevin and Christine (Quigley) Miller
August 7, 2004
Nicholas and Michelle (Smith) Oswald
August 21, 2004

10 Year
Gary and Shawn Altman
April 30, 1999

20 Year
Jeff and Loree (Levitt) Kowalis
August 8, 1989

25 Year
Bryan and Mary (Connelly) Durkin
March 17, 1984

30 Year
Joel and Debra (Baron) Stava
June 8, 1974

35 Year
Andrew and Candice Langert
June 8, 1979

40 Year
Anna Mae and Anthony Svrusis
April 12, 1969

50 Year
Donald and Suellen (Brehn) Cordano
August 29, 1959
Stanley and Maryanne Sobieski
August 2, 1958

65 Year
William and Billie Limacher
July 20, 1944
Future Flyers

Luigi Amendola ‘01 (Business Administration and Finance) and his wife, Kristin welcomed their second daughter Ava to their family in March 2009. Ava joins 2-year-old sister Sophia.

Jeana (Coats) Bain ‘04 (Graduate Organizational Leadership) and husband Jeffery, celebrated the birth of their second son, Bryce Carter Bain in April 2009. Bryce has a brother Jackson, age 1.

Katherine (Schaefer) Choudhary ‘03 (History), ’08 (Graduate Education Leadership) and husband, Mujahid ‘Mushaq’ Choudhary ‘02 (Management Information Systems) and ’04 (Graduate Business) celebrated the birth of their first son, Anthony Nicholas Choudhary in December 2008.

Mary (Connelly) Durkin ‘82 (Business Administration), ’83 (Graduate Business) and her husband Bryan Durkin ’82 (Business Administration), ’83 (Graduate Business) celebrated the adoption of their son, James Thomas Ming Durkin on November 13, 2008. James has four older sisters.

Melanie (Lowman) Karwowski ‘98 (Nursing) married Brian Karwowski ’00 (Chemistry) in April 2003 and welcomed their son Jacob Samuel Karwowski in June of 2008.

Cynthia (Manalo) Krietsch ’96 (Nursing) and Major Ryan Krietsch ’96 (Physics) welcomed their third child Alice to their family in July 2008. Alice joins 5-year-old sister Hanna and 2-year-old brother John. Cyndy and Ryan live with their family in Newport News, Va. where Ryan is stationed in the Air Force serving as an F15C pilot.

Lynn (Imber) Meier ’96 (Marketing) and her husband, Mark Meier, ’97 (Marketing) welcomed twins Bode Jack and Annika Katherine in May 2009. They were welcomed home by big brother Cam. The Meiers reside in Rockford, Mich.

In Memoriam

Nicolas Beaudion ‘65 (Business Administration) passed away January 6, 2009. Born in Chicago, a Joliet resident most of his life and a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving on the S.S. Eleanor Roosevelt. Retired teacher after 27 years at St. Raymond’s School and worked at the University of St. Francis. Member of the Cathedral of St. Raymond and the Knight of Columbus Council #382. Beaudion was a devoted Cubs Fan.

Marjorie (Denhartog) Bunnell ‘88 (Nursing) passed away April 9, 2009.

Joseph Burke ’90 (Graduate Criminal/Social Justice) passed away May 1, 2009, at age 56. During his distinguished 30-year career with the Chicago Police Department, Joseph P. Burke worked on task forces with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the FBI’s anti-terrorism unit—an assignment that took him to Oklahoma City in the aftermath of the deadly federal building bombing there.

Robert Cameron ‘71 (Sociology) passed away on June 24, 2008.

Charles Grandt ’69 (Political Science) passed away on April 11, 2009.

Monica Gustafson ’93 (Graduate Business) passed away on March 23, 2009.

William Hudson ’78 (Criminal/Social Justice) passed away on January 27, 2009. William was a retired Chicago police officer who spent much of his 32-year career with the K-9 unit, took over as commander of the Illinois American Legion last July.

Joseph (Kajdanowski) Kaye ’78 (Criminal/Social Justice), (Business Administration). Husband of Cathy (Antonick) Kaye ’79 (Business Administration), son of Joseph. Joe was a United States Secret Service Agent, serving with several Presidents. He was a Signum Fi Epsilon, and Sigma Delta Member. Cathy was a Sigma Delta member and Joe (Krazy) was her “Big Brother.” He was awarded the Distinguished Presidential Award in his efforts in protecting The White House on September 11, 2001.

William Palka ’58 (Sociology) passed on January 6, 2009.

Willard Osborne ’77 (Criminal/Social Justice) passed away February 2, 2009. Willard served in the Navy for 15 years and in the Army Reserve for 16 years. He retired after 31 1/2 years working at the Illinois Department of Corrections in Sheridan.

Gail (Keller) Patinos ’88 (Graduate Organizational Leadership) passed away on March 13, 2009.

Rasa (Solinumas) Poskocimas ’77 (Chemistry) passed away on March 13, 2009.

Michael Reicher ’80 (Business Administration) passed away on December 14, 2008. Michael was recently honored at March spring training game between the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs, as the first pitch was dedicated to his memory. He was an avid Cubs fan.

Michael Riley ’72 (Education) passed away on October 8, 2008.

Lisa (Birkle) Rodano ’84 (Nursing) passed away in 2005.

Do you have alumni and friends photos you want featured? Send in your pictures to alumni@lewisu.edu

Hall of Fame Luncheon: 2/14/09

Members of the 1966 Baseball Team and Gordon Gillespie

Lou Chignoli ’66 (Master of Arts Educ Psych Phil), John Stopa ’66 (Business Administration), and John Lucenta ’68 (Business Administration)

Br. James Gaffney, FSC, Lewis University President, and Don Ladas

Alumni Volleyball Gathering

Tom Mendoza ’08 (MIS), Lindsey Grim ’07 (Political Science), Rory Harrison ’05 (Education), Sarah Mckinney ’07 (Political Science), Theresa Nugent ’07 (Liberal Arts), and Matt Mueller ’05 (Economics). Bottom Row: Justina Begemann, Andrea Morrone ’08 (Education)

Alumni and Friends Gather in Florida: 2/19-20/09

Alumni and friends gather for a dinner reception in Sarasota, Florida.


Alumni enjoy the sunshine at Hohohkam Stadium in Mesa, Arizona.

Dustin Long ’06 and Jean Middleton ’07 enjoy the game.

Michael ’83 and Janice Blake enjoy the baseball outing.

Alumni Swim Gathering: 5/2/09

Alumni Swimmers connect back at the pool.
What's new

in your life that you would like to share with your fellow alumni? It may not seem like news to you, but your former classmates at Lewis would like to hear about you. Take a little time to let us know – we'll see that your news gets into the Class Notes section of The Magazine of Lewis University as space permits. Photos are welcome, but due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee publication.

Please fill in the information below, or logon to www.alumni.lewisu.edu and submit your class notes online. □ Check here if address is new.

Name ________________________________________________________ (Maiden) ________________________________________________
Home Address _____________________________________City________________________________State _____________Zip___________
Phone ( ___ ) __________________________________________________________________________Gender__________________________
Class Year(s)_______________________________________Major/Program_______________________Birth Date _______________________
Business Name_____________________________________Job Title_____________________________________________________________
Business Address ___________________________________City________________________________State _____________ Zip___________
Business Phone ( ___ )_______________________________E-Mail Address _______________________________________________________
Career/Family News (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)________________________________________________________

Would you like to be a board member of the Alumni Association or serve on a standing committee? ______________________
Interested in mentoring to current students? Visit the jobnet site in the ‘Career Resources’ section of www.alumni.lewisu.edu to sign up as a mentor.

Please clip and fax to (815) 836-5535, e-mail the information to alumni@lewisu.edu, or mail to Lewis University, Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, Unit 1068, One University Parkway, Romeoville, Illinois 60446-2200

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2009 Black Student Union Ball

Board of Trustee Member, Michael ’77 (Public Administration) and Angelique Parker are shown here with the Tuskegee Airmen, Dr. Welton Taylor and Melvin Knazee at the 2009 BSU Ball.

“The Academy Is...” Concert: 4/24/09

The Academy Is... rocked the Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

Alumni Soccer Game: 4/19/09

In April, the current women’s soccer team played against young soccer alums in the “Kicks for Cure Game” to benefit the Susan G. Komen and Breast Cancer Network for Strength Foundations.
11th Annual Event
Signum Fidei Celebration
Saturday, September 12
Palmer House Hilton
Grand Ballroom, Chicago

The 2009 Signum Fidei will honor
William Rybak, Chair Emeritus of the
Lewis Board of Trustees. Your presence
and participation at this event will help
fund much needed scholarships for Lewis
University students, and you’ll enjoy a
fabulous evening.

For more information, visit www.
alumni.lewisu.edu/sigfi or please contact
the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations
by phone at (815) 836-5667.

Homecoming and Family Day
Saturday, October 3
Lewis University Romeoville Campus

Mark your calendar! A detailed brochure will be mailed this summer listing all
the reunions and events and registration information, but to be sure you don’t
miss any information, register on Lewis CONNECT at www.alumni.lewisu.edu

Events being planned for our 2009 Homecoming & Family Day include:
- AIDS Walk
- Golden Flyers Luncheon
- Athletic Hall of Fame Cocktail Reception
- Missouri S&T vs. Lewis Volleyball Game
- University Mass
- Alumni Awards Dinner
- Oktoberfest with Beer Garden
- “Leaving Iowa” PLT performance
- A variety of class and affinity groups reunions – if you are interested in planning a
  reunion for your club, dorm, team or organization, please contact the Office of Alumni
  and Parent Relations at alumni@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5545.