Pope Addresses Christian Brothers on the Anniversary of De La Salle’s Death
Each year since 2009, Lewis University has earned the status of Tree Campus USA - a program which recognizes college and university campuses that effectively manage trees and engage students. A group of students in a Lewis Conservation Biology course have defined the value of trees on campus. Read their findings at lewisu.edu/sustainability/campustree.htm
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Pope Francis invites the Brothers of the Christian Schools to continue in their passion to educate those discarded by society and to promote a "culture of the resurrection" that offers hope for a new life.
The Brothers of the Christian Schools, also known as Lasallians, are commemorating the 300th anniversary of the death of their Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle.

He established the Institute of religious brothers in France, in 1680, to provide quality education for poor children.

In an address to the Brothers, Pope Francis praised St. de La Salle as “a pioneer in the field of education, who created an innovative education system for his time.”

The Pope said the Saint’s legacy is still remarkable today for its vision of the school, the concept of the teacher, and innovative teaching methods.

**RIGHT TO EDUCATION**

Considering these three elements separately, Pope Francis said de La Salle’s vision of the school made clear that all people, even the poor, have a right to education.

“He gave life to a community of lay people to carry out his ideal, and was certain that the Church cannot remain a stranger to the social contradictions of its times,” he said.

Most education in 17th century France was done by priests. The formation of the laity as teachers was therefore revolutionary, and the Lasallians became a type of “lay monk” dedicated to teaching poor children.

**REVOLUTIONARY TEACHING METHODS**

The Pope said the Saint also put into practice new teaching methods, enlightened by “an extraordinary pedagogical realism”.

He held lessons in French – rather than the Latin that was widely used at the time – and divided pupils into homogeneous groups in order to better educate them. De La Salle even held seminars to form teachers in the countryside and founded Sunday Schools for adults.

“He dreamed of a school open to all,” said the Pope, “and thus dealt with even the most extreme educational needs, introducing a method of rehabilitation through school and work.”

**TEACHING AS A MISSION**

Pope Francis then reflected on St. John Baptist de La Salle’s concept of the teacher.

“He was certain that schooling was an important reality, which requires adequately-prepared instructors,” said the Holy Father.

Taking stock of the structural deficiencies of his day’s educational system, de La Salle decided that teaching is not just a job but a mission, and surrounded himself with people who had natural qualities conducive to education and formed them in the “dignity of the teacher.”

**OFFER HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION**

Finally, Pope Francis urged the Brothers of the Christian Schools to “imitate his passion for the least and discarded” and to contrast the culture of death with a “culture of the resurrection”.

“Never tire of seeking those who find themselves in the modern ‘graves’ of bewilderment, degradation, discomfort, and poverty,” he said, “to offer hope for a new life.”

What are some of the current trends in hiring?

In addition to career readiness competencies (soft skills), employers surveyed in the 2019 College Recruiting Trends by the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at MSU, have assigned a much higher value to a candidate’s ability to do the job. This is where internships and related experience are imperative. Employers are taking a closer look at the candidates’ prior work and commitment to their careers/goals. Candidates can expect interview questions regarding how they manage their careers, what professional organizations they are involved in, and how they plan to keep current with advances and trends in the industry.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Job Outlook 2019, employers look for the following skills on a resume: “written communication skills, problem-solving skills, the ability to work on a team, initiative, and analytical/quantitative skills.” While many applicants are tempted to use colorful infographic style resumes, most current applicant tracking systems (ATS) are unable to process documents filled with charts, tables, and embedded graphics. The infographic version would be suitable for in-person usage; however, applicants must always have an ATS-friendly version to use when uploading the resume in the formal application process.

If I am looking for a new job, what are your recommendations?

Utilize a variety of sources to review what is currently available in the field. Who do you know and how can you build your network? Check the job boards in your professional associations or publications you subscribe to. Review your LinkedIn connections and search for affinity groups or communities of practice where the hiring authorities regularly “chat” or host professional development, training, or conferences. Over 75 percent of all jobs are found through networking, so this where a job seeker should spend most of his/her time. Look for Lewis alumni working for either a company you are interested in or in a career you want to pursue. Conduct informational interviews and check Glassdoor for information about a specific company.
How has the digital world impacted the job search?

80 percent of employers used social media in their recruiting efforts according to the NACE Job Outlook 2019. HR is using technology to make the screening process more efficient. Most resumes are never seen by human eyes. They are eliminated through online applicant tracking systems that scan for keywords, experience, competencies, training/education, grammar, and spelling.

With the advancement of cameras in electronic devices and to save time and money traveling, over 55 percent of employers in 2016 used some form of video interviewing during the application process. This impacts how job seekers should prepare for interviews. Interviewing by webcam, whether live or pre-recorded, calls for applicants to use eye contact with the camera, engaging an audience they may not be able to see.

What are some of the best ways to present my experience without giving away my age?

Age proofing one’s resume can be done by providing only the past 10-15 years of work experience. Include your most recent training, current credentials, and continuing education courses that you participated in. Include your degrees but omit the graduation dates if they are older than 25 or 30 years. Utilize a summary of qualifications or key competencies at the top of the resume to help you get noticed.

How can I tactfully ask about culture, salary, benefits, and things that will help me to know if this is a good fit?

Do your own research first. Review write-ups or news articles on best places to work, current press releases for the company, and conduct your own informational interviews. Follow companies through social media such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. What are they posting and what are others commenting about in return? Check with the Better Business Bureau for complaints. Use Glassdoor for salary and other information about a company. Review their website for mission and vision. Read the About Us section and see if their values align with your values. Never ask about salary or benefits in the first interview. You can also get a sense of the culture and satisfaction of current employees by noting the demeanor (positive or negative) of the employees who are interviewing you. When given the chance to ask questions in the interview, don’t be afraid to respectfully ask questions about the culture.

What does Lewis offer for alumni that I should take advantage of?

For a list of alumni services and resources, visit our website page that is specifically for alumni, adults and graduate students at lewisu.edu/resources/careerservices/alumni.htm. Alumni are strongly encouraged to take advantage of their Lewis University network by attending job fairs and networking events hosted by Career Services. Many of the companies represented not only have entry level positions, but have positions for mid-career professional as well.

Create a career management account in Flyers Get Hired, powered by Handshake at lewisu.edu/gethired. The Handshake system is connected to over 300,000 employers. There is a library of resources in your account that includes resume samples and information on Big Interview, a video recording interview practice software. Upload your resume to be reviewed or schedule an appointment with a career advisor. Please follow the resume format recommended in the Resources and review the information on the website before requesting an appointment.

For alumni who are not looking for jobs, how can we help current students at Lewis University?

The alumni association is collecting information from alumni interested in volunteering. Alumni can help by posting internships and employment opportunities in our Flyers Get Hired/Handshake system (or passing along the posting information to their Human Resources colleagues). Our current students are aware that alumni reach out to hire fellows Flyers for internships and professional positions through this system. Last but not least, alumni are encouraged to welcome connection requests from current students seeking advice and information.

TOP INTERNSHIPS 2018

Apple
Argonne National Laboratory
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Bureau of Labor Statistics
Chicago Department of Aviation
Chicago Tube and Iron
Cornelius
Drug Enforcement Administration
Enterprise Holdings
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Magid
Menards
Metra
Ozinga
Panduit
Pomykala Group
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Southwest Airlines
State Farm Insurance
SWC Technology partners
The Catalyst Schools
Trans States Airlines
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
United Airlines

Please visit the website for additional information at lewisu.edu/careerservices
COLLEGE DEAN APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce the appointments of new deans for the Colleges of Aviation, Science and Technology, effective August 1; Nursing and Health Sciences, effective July 1; and Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications, effective July 1, 2019.

**College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications**

**DR. LAURA FRANKLIN** becomes the inaugural dean of the College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications at Lewis University effective July 1, 2019.

Franklin is currently professor of Music and chair of Fine and Performing Arts at Saint Louis University, where she has served since July 2015. Under her leadership, the Fine and Performing Arts has experienced unprecedented growth and progress in all areas, including fundraising, community partnerships, curricular development, student recruitment, and facilities improvements.

Franklin is an active percussionist, performing regularly as a chamber and orchestral musician, in addition to being a solo marimbist. A well-known percussion pedagogue, she is a founding member of the National Conference on Percussion Pedagogy (NCPP), and has served on the Board of Advisors for NCPP since 2001. She is a board member of the International Council of Fine Arts Deans, a former board member of the National Association of Schools of Music, former board member of Percussive Arts Society International and a former chair of the Percussive Arts Society International Research Committee.

Franklin said, “I am honored to join Lewis University at this transformative time in its history. I look forward to engaging our students in meaningful experiences in humanities, fine arts and communications, and I am excited about working alongside highly dedicated staff and faculty to build and showcase the programs in this new college.”

Franklin earned the Doctor of Musical Arts in Percussion Performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the Master of Music in Performance and the Master of Music in Musicology from the New England Conservatory of Music, and the Bachelor of Music in Performance from Texas Tech University.

**College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

**DR. SUSAN MULLER** becomes the dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Lewis University effective July 1, 2019.

Currently Professor of Applied Health Physiology at Salisbury University, Muller earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Health Education from the University of Maryland. She holds the Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) and Clinical Exercise Physiologist (CEP) credentials and remains active in both Health Education and Exercise Science, particularly in the areas of assessment and accreditation.

Muller’s research spans a wide range of topics from immunohistochemistry and spirituality to teacher retention issues. While her main interest is in body image perceptions and their influence on health behavior. She has co-authored two books on non-profit leadership and another on wellness for teachers. She remains active in her profession having recently served on the Board of Directors for the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and currently on the Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES).

Muller said, “I am excited to join Lewis University and their exceptional nursing and health sciences faculty. This new structure which brings together a multidisciplinary approach to healthcare is very innovative and where the current practice of healthcare is going. Teams of specialists will treat patients as we address the needs of the whole person. The nursing program at Lewis has an outstanding reputation, and the addition of new programs in OT, SLP and exercise science are very much needed across all populations.”
Dr. Christopher White will become the inaugural dean of the new College of Aviation, Science and Technology at Lewis University on August 1, 2019. Currently White is Professor of Physics and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He has served in various administrative capacities there including Vice Provost, Research & Academic Affairs; Vice Provost, Academic Affairs; and Chair, Department of Physics.

Since arriving at Illinois Tech, Christopher White has been an active and well-funded collaborator on high-profile particle physics experiments conducted at research facilities across the United States, in Europe, and in China. He has held numerous leadership positions within his research community and at Illinois Tech, including chair of IIT’s University Faculty Council. He is a laureate of the Breakthrough Prize for Fundamental Physics and has received Illinois Tech’s highest awards for teaching and scholarship. His passion for science education is surpassed only by his desire to improve outcomes for all college students.

White said, “I am thrilled to become a member of the Lewis University community, and am grateful for the opportunity to collaboratively lead the new College of Aviation, Science and Technology. Lewis has always had an outstanding reputation and a nationally-recognized aviation program. The national emphasis on STEM education and its growing importance to success throughout the world, will prepare Lewis graduates to become leaders in their fields. I look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence in teaching here and in bringing collaborative research projects with industry.”

White received his Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1986, and a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis in 1990.

Lewis University is pleased by the recent announcement from Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) that the Joliet Regional Port District will receive $6 million in state funding to build an air traffic control tower at the Lewis University Airport (KLOT).

About 100 students are currently enrolled in the Air Traffic Control Management major at Lewis University with more than 250 scheduled for flight training this fall. It is the only AT-CTI Certified school in Illinois (Air Traffic - Collegiate Training Initiative).

Our current ATC students, including double majors and ATC minors, intern at many of the Chicagoland FAA facilities during the fall and spring semesters while many have and will intern at various facilities around the contiguous United States and Alaska during a summer term, granting them the flexibility to travel elsewhere. The department facilitates those internships for the students. They take personal possession of the experience with facility POCs to customize their schedules.

“Unquestionably an air traffic control tower will serve to enhance the airport’s attractiveness and utility to the aviation dynamic in Chicago while adding an additional layer of critical safety to the operation. Without any debate, this development will benefit users and attract additional business to the aerodrome,” stated William Parrot, professor and director of the AT-CTI program.

KLOT is one of the top five busiest airports in Illinois and ranked in the top third in the nation. The addition of the tower will increase safety and offer a higher level of service to the public flying into KLOT.

Keith McGill, Chief Pilot and Director of Flight Operations at Lewis said, “As our flight program continues to grow in size to meet the demand of the pilot shortage, having the control tower will provide our pilots with additional opportunities to develop their skills working with air traffic controllers and improve our operational efficiency.”

The FAA initially approved Lewis University as an AT-CTI school in 2007. The first Lewis University student to graduate with the degree completed the program in 2009. Today, Lewis University is one of only 36 schools in the nation designated to be an AT-CTI certified school.

Eight Lewis University Computer Science students place third at the annual State of Illinois Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition this spring.

Under the mentorship of Dr. Jason Perry, assistant professor of computer science, the team of students set up services and thwarted attempted attacks for eight hours of intense competition.

They configured firewalls, network monitoring and protection tools, email clients and servers, databases, web servers, and other tools typically found on a corporate network, all the while trying to make sure those services kept operating securely against repeated attacks from a team of “red team” hackers.

They also had to document their work and present it to the judges to verify that their systems and strategies worked correctly.

“For six of these students, including one freshman, this was their first such competition, so placing so well in this state tournament was particularly impressive, and it bodes very well for our future outings,” Dr. Ray Klump, chair and professor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences at Lewis University, commented.

The students who represented Lewis at this year’s Illinois CCDC were John Kegaly, Monique Cauty, Mariusz Gil, Ricky Gil, Chastity Logue, Zachary Offerman, Brian White, and Michael Wilson.

The ultimate tug-of-war competition took place on April 27 at Lewis University Airport. The fundraiser for Special Olympics consisted of teams who battle in pulling a 24-ton jet supplied by Republic Airways.

Each team raised a minimum of $500 to participate. Teams consist of a maximum of 10 members but can choose to pull with fewer than 10, if desired. Groups competed to pull the plane 12 feet in the fastest time. All proceeds collected through the Plane Pull went to benefit the more than 23,000 traditional athletes and over 17,000 young athletes (ages 2-7) currently participating with Special Olympics Illinois.

“This is a great opportunity for a group to make a difference in the lives of athletes in the Special Olympics of Illinois,” said Eric Jones, co-chair and assistant professor of the Aviation and Transportation Department at Lewis University.
The print edition of Lewis University’s student-run newspaper, The Flyer, earned a First Place with Special Merit award from the American Scholastic Press Association.

The Flyer is “an outstanding overall example of a scholastic publication in format, content and presentation” stated the ASPA judges of the First Place with Special Merit honor.

The College Point, New York academic organization also recognized the publication with an award for Outstanding Front Page. ASPA judges identified the front page of the December 10, 2018 award as “outstanding” for its design and news coverage of the mumps outbreak on the Romeoville campus. The Flyer editors earned the award in the “Colleges/Universities Enrollment of 2,501+ Students” category.

Educators evaluated the writing, content, layout, design and photography of two complete issues. Student editors’ efforts were evaluated in six categories: content, page design, general plan, artwork/illustrations, editing and creativity. Out of a possible 1,000 points, The Flyer earned 970 points. The maximum points were earned in the general plan and artwork/illustration categories while near perfect scores were awarded in the content, page design and creativity categories.

“You and your staff are to be commended for the attention to detail, the layout and for creating a large publication so many times throughout the year,” said the ASPA judges in their letter to the newspaper staff. “Your hard work and dedication to the craft are evident.”

Assistant professor of communication, Lisa O’Toole, adviser to the print edition of The Flyer, expressed pride in the student editors’ accomplishments. “Including these awards, The Flyer has earned a total of seven awards this academic year,” O’Toole said. “Our editors are able to create a quality publication while balancing full-time coursework and other employment. It is a privilege to work with such dedicated students.”

Assistant professor of communication, Hayley Miller, adviser of the online edition, also collaborates with the staff on the print edition. She believes the staff earned these awards due to their ability to work as a cohesive team. “The staff recognizes and embraces their interdependence with each other,” Miller said. “They demonstrate support and respect for each other and the publication’s audience. These awards recognize their genuine commitment to quality journalism.”

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Chemistry students from Lewis University presented their research to thousands of chemists from around the world at the American Chemical Society National Meeting and Expo in Orlando, March 31 – April 3.

ACS is the world’s largest scientific society whose mission is to empower members to advance chemistry, elevate career potentials, expand networks, inspire future generations, collaborate globally and build communities that provide scientific solutions.

Notably, several Lewis University chemistry student posters were presented at the Sci-Mix Poster Session. This poster session is considered a distinction for the presenters as they represent the best of what their division has to offer in terms of science and presentation. Only the top 10 percent of abstracts from each division are selected to present at this session.

- Tala Zubi and Carolyn Graverson presented a poster on “Probing the Interactions Between Polymeric Filtration Media and Nanoparticle Dispersions Relevant to Copper (Cu) Chemical Mechanical Planarization (CMP).”
- Katie Wortman-Otto and Allie Mikos presented a poster on “Uncovering Key Nanoparticle/Chemistry Adsorption Mechanisms Relevant to Shallow Trench Isolation (STI) and Copper (Cu) Chemical Mechanical Planarization (CMP) Performance.”
- Tommy Beckmann and Dany Danhausen presented a poster on “Synthesis and Antibacterial Enhancement of Biomimetic Hydrogel Matrices for Wound Management Applications.”
- Karlie Cummins and Rachel Lullo presented a poster on “Investigating Amyloid Beta Peptide Aggregation in the Presence of Copper and Zinc.”

Chemists attend the national meeting to connect with chemistry professionals, discover cutting-edge research, attend industry workshops and meet more than 200 exhibitors of new technological developments.

The following Lewis University students also presented at ACS Orlando:

- Nicole Yuede presented a poster on “Synthesis and Design of Biomimetic Conductive Nanocomposites to Enhance Key Surface Adsortion Phenomena in Microbial Fuel Cells.”
- Danny Maurer presented a poster on “Analyzing Molecular Structure of Liquid Crystals to Develop Wavelength Independent Films to Mitigate Laser Attacks on Aircraft.”
- Jordan Shanahan presented a poster on “Design and Characterization of PANI@UiO-66 Composites as a Highly Tunable Photoelectrode Material.”
- Amber Tabaka and Erik Sanchez presented a poster on “Comparison of Cu-Ligand Complexes for AB-42 Therapeutic Chelating Agents.”

Lewis University undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty showcased their scholarly work and creative endeavors April 11 during the Eighth Annual Lewis University Celebration of Scholarship.

The day began with a keynote address from Brother Ernest J. Miller, FSC, Vice President for Mission at LaSalle University. His talk focused on Lasallian higher education, “Teach, Learn, Transform and the Challenge of Living an Examined Life.” Following the tenets of De La Salle, he spoke of the integration of faith, learning and living well. He said, “A Lasallian education calls us to ask, ‘What are the ends of knowledge, for whom and for what?’”

Brother Ernest completed a D. Min. at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He graduated from The Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University with a M.A. in International Affairs; LaSalle University with a M.A. in Education; Georgetown University with a Master in Liberal Studies; and Loyola University New Orleans with a B.A. in Political Science. He has presented at numerous conferences, workshops and retreats on Lasallian historical and educational themes, Catholic social teaching, church history, human rights, and religious brotherhood, among others. In 2010, he was the Convener of the Lasallian Convocation on the Rights of the Child at the United Nations in New York.

During the day there were over 150 concurrent sessions, poster presentations, art show winners, creative works, performances and business plan presentations. Accepted Celebration of Scholarship entries were selected from more than 170 submitted projects. Judges evaluated the poster presentations that reflected the best of undergraduate and graduate projects for the past year.

The student award ceremony was sponsored by HardyStocks. Awards were given to the following poster presentations.

In the graduate student category the first, second, and third place projects were:
• First Place – “Impact of Nurse Navigator on Stroke Patients” by Jennifer Gomez.
• Third Place – “The Development of an Amino Acid Cellulose-based Composite for Enhanced Metal Remediation” by Costa Panayiotides and Dina Hejja.

Because of the large number of undergraduate student posters there were two separate categories for awards — math and science, and humanistic disciplines.

The first, second and third place math and science posters were awarded to:
• Second Place – “Characterizing the Efficacy of Antimicrobials from Soil Microorganisms on Inhibiting the Growth of Antibiotic Resistant Strains” by Christina Snitko.
• Third Place – “Synthesis of a Novel Biomimetic Polymer Brush for Post-CMP Cleaning” by Tanner Bedwell.

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The first, second and third place in the humanistic posters were awarded to:

- **First Place** – “Quality Improvement through Patient Centered Care: Chemotherapy and Dialysis Carts” by Michael Russell, Catherine Zambrano, and Erica Horn.
- **Second Place** – “The Advantages of Building Strong Coalitions in Diverse Communities” by Stephanie Casales.
- **Third Place** – “Access to Inclusive Practices in Catholic Schools” by Caley Oltman.

Undergraduate students had an opportunity this year to submit their applications representing completed projects to be considered for the Dr. Stephany Schlachter Excellence in Undergraduate Scholarship Award. Finalists for the award were:

- **Improving Plant Growth in Contaminated Soils with Fungi** by Brandon Popp, Sharbel Dawalibi, Alex Serrano, Lillian Catala, Jesus Munoz, Sarah Brietzke, and Joseph Pryzdia.
- **Engaging in the Design Process: Brother James Gaffney, FSC, Student Center Art Installation** by Julianna Walen, Victoria Foster, Paulina Zougras, Ashley LaFayette, Brianna Knutsen, Alberto Gomez, and Audrey Pearson.
- **Winner** - “Assimilation through Sound” by Christian Mietus and Jacob Decharinte.

The program is an intensive course offered by FAC to select universities. Lewis University is one of only five colleges in the world to offer students this exceptional experiential learning opportunity.


In 2016, the first travel study group of students to the University of Tennessee’s Forensic Anthropology Center included David Wright and Seth Veloz, both graduates of Lewis University. Both Wright and Veloz are now employed as death investigators for the Will County Coroner’s office and point to the travel study at FAC as having a fundamental impact in changing their career paths.
The Lewis University community gathered to celebrate service and recognize employee milestones at the 27th Annual “A Celebration of Service” Recognition Ceremony held on April 17, 2019. Employees reaching milestones ranging from 10-50 years of service were honored. Also, faculty and staff with retirements from June 2018 through December 2019 were recognized.

Three prestigious Lasallian medallions were awarded honoring the following individuals:

**Kathy Bruss**, assistant director of graduate and adult financial aid, was awarded the De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service. On campus, she has been an active member of the “We Believe! Campaign” Committee since its inception in 2012, helping faculty and staff across the University to give back and support the mission of education. Off campus, she is actively working cases as a CASA volunteer and additionally, serves as a peer mentor for new advocates, assisting them to become acclimated to this challenging and emotional volunteer experience. CASA advocates must have strong personal boundaries – finding the line between getting to know children and forming a relationship, while advocating for the child’s best interest in an un-biased manner.

**Dr. Gretchen Hoge**, assistant professor of Social Work, was awarded the De La Salle Medallion for Excellence in Community Engaged Learning. This award honors a faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in engaging Lewis students in community-based learning. A key role played by Dr. Hoge has been to accompany two different student leaders, known as Community Engaged Learning Facilitators, as they develop their roles as liaisons between her class and the community, as well as empowering them to guide reflective processes with their peers in her class. She also has been invested in building her own dynamic relationships with community agencies, such as Heart Haven Outreach (H2O) and the Boys and Girls Club of Joliet, thus strengthening the quality of community engaged learning incorporated into her class and implementing best practices.

**Michael Progress**, assistant dean of the College of Business, received the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award. One of the University’s most prestigious awards, the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award honors a faculty or staff member who exemplifies the ideals of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in his or her work at the University to foster Gospel values in the lives of faculty, staff and students. Progress embodies three traits, in particular: a relational style, a sense of humility, and a love of learning – of all of which he employs for the benefit of Lewis students. His career at Lewis is built on relationships that advance the success of our students. Over the years he has cultivated a network of connections with colleagues on campus in the spirit of Association, that have enabled him to solve problems for students, remove barriers that might make it difficult for them to be successful, and empower them to be successful in the classroom and in their post graduate experiences. Faculty are equally impressed with what he does to ensure they are supported in the classroom.

Lewis celebrates the service anniversaries of faculty and staff each year during Lasallian Heritage Month.
Lewis Women’s Track and Field Edges Indianapolis For Fourth Straight GLVC Outdoor Title

It once again came down to the final race but the Lewis women’s track and field team prevailed edging Indianapolis by 0.5 points for its fourth straight GLVC Outdoor Track and Field title and 10th overall at Stokes Stadium in Kirksville, Mo., May 2-4. The Flyers finished the competition with 180 points while the Greyhounds had 179.5 points.

Lewis trailed the ‘Hounds by 3.5 points heading into the 4x400 meter relay. Indianapolis posted a time of 3:57.69 to win the first heat. The Flyer team of Vivica Phillips, Teresa Zaragueta, Heather Batterham and Ashleigh Macleod won the event with a time of 3:52.02 in heat two to leapfrog UIndy for the title.

Lewis won eight events at the meet led by Cierra Pulliam with wins in the long and triple jump. Ashleigh Macleod won the 800 meter run after breaking the GLVC meet record in the preliminary round. Jada Hoffman won the 100 meter dash, Joelle Ataessien took the top spot in the 100 meter hurdles and Lane Kadlec took the gold in the shot put. The Flyers 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay teams also came away victorious.

Macleod was named the GLVC Track Athlete of the Year, Hoffman was the GLVC Freshman of the Year and head coach Dana Schwarting was named the Women’s Coach of the Year.

Lewis sent four representatives to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Kingsville, Texas where it picked up two All-America honors and finished in a tie for 17th with 14 points. Kianna Clark entered the NCAA Championships ranked 19th in the country in the hammer throw but finished as national runner-up in the competition.

Clark was seventh place in the standings heading into her final two throws. On her second to last attempt recorded a throw of 57.35 meters (188'2") which was a personal best by 1.74 meters. She also set a new school record in the event.

Pulliam picked up the final All-America award of her stellar career with a third place finish in the triple jump. Her best jump came in her second attempt jumping 42'0.75". She finished her career as an eight-time All-American between indoor and outdoor.

Also competing the NCAA Championships for the Flyers were Kadlec and Macleod. Kadlec finished 10th in the shot put and Macleod was 19th in the 800 meter run.
Men’s Volleyball Has Banner Year in 2019

Lewis University’s men’s volleyball team had a banner year in 2019 winning the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) regular season and postseason titles for the first time in the same season since 2012 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the eighth time in program history.

The Flyers opened the season with seven wins in their first 11 matches of the season highlighted by a five-set win at Cal State Northridge and a sweep of Penn State. Lewis ran off a season-best 11-match winning streak from Feb. 8-March 21. During that winning streak the Flyers rallied for a five-set win at Ohio State and won both matches against Loyola by 3-1 scores to take control of the MIVA race.

Lewis had its winning streak snapped in a five-set loss at Ball State on March 23 but closed the regular season with wins over McKendree, Ohio State, Quincy and Lindenwood to finish the regular season with a record of 22-5 and 13-1 in the MIVA to earn the top spot in the MIVA Tournament.

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Lewis earned the fifth seed in the national tournament and squared off against fourth seeded USC in an NCAA Opening Round match at Long Beach State. The Flyers dropped the opening set to the Trojans before rallying to win the next three to win 3-1 and advance to the semifinal round. Michael Simmons set an NCAA record for digs in a four-set match with 17 against USC.

Lewis met top seeded Hawaii in the semifinals but were defeated by the Rainbow Warriors in four sets. Hawaii won the first two sets but the Flyers were able to force a fourth set with an epic 32-30 win in set three to extend the match.

Lewis was rewarded for its success on the court this season as four players earned All-America honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). Ryan Coenen, Tyler Mitchem and Matt Yoshimoto earned second team honors while Simmons was an honorable mention selection.

In addition, the Flyers had six players land on the All-MIVA team with Coenen, Mitchem, Simmons and Yoshimoto earning first team honors while Julian Moses and TJ Murray were named to the All-MIVA Second Team. Yoshimoto was named the MIVA Player of the Year joining Victor Rivera and Drew Pickering as the only players in program history to win the award. Lewis’ six total All-MIVA selections are tied for the most in a single season in program history. Head Coach Dan Friend was named the MIVA Co-Coach of the Year for the second time in his career.

Simmons was also named to the Google Academic All-America First Team. He is the fourth player in program history to earn the honor joining Jose Martins, BJ Boldog and Eric Fitterer.

Grant Holve was named the recipient of the NCAA Elite 90 Award. The Elite 90, an award founded by the NCAA recognizes the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point-average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s 90 championships. Holve is the third Flyer in program history to win the award joining Ian Karibiener and Fitterer.
Kelliher Nominated For NCAA Woman Of The Year Award

Lewis University’s Jessica Kelliher has been nominated for the 2019 NCAA Woman of the Year award, announced Wednesday by the NCAA. She is among a record 585 student-athletes nominated across all three divisions of the NCAA with 131 coming from Division II schools with honorees in 23 different sports.

Established in 1991, the NCAA Woman of the Year award recognizes graduating female college student-athletes who have exhausted their eligibility and distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service and leadership throughout their collegiate careers.

Conferences will select up to two nominees each from the pool of school nominees. Then, the Woman of the Year selection committee, made up of representatives from the NCAA membership, will choose the Top 30 honorees – 10 from each division. The selection committee will determine the top three honorees from each division from the Top 30 and announce the nine finalists in September. From those nine finalists, the NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics then will choose the 2019 NCAA Woman of the Year.

The Top 30 honorees will be celebrated and the 2019 NCAA Woman of the Year will be named at the annual award ceremony Oct. 20 in Indianapolis.

Kelliher closed her collegiate career as the all-time leading scorer in Lewis and GLVC history with 2,764 points. She climbed to fifth all-time in Division II history in points scored while her 1,093 field goals made are good for second all-time in Division II history.

Kelliher was named the D2CCA Ron Lenz National Player of the Year and was named the Google Cloud Academic All-America Team Member of the Year for Division II Women’s Basketball. She is a two-time WBCA and D2CCA First Team All-America selection and a two-time Google Cloud Academic All-America First Team selection. Kelliher was the GLVC Player of the Year for each of the past three years and was the GLVC Freshman of the Year in 2016. She won 20 GLVC Player of the Week honors during her career.

Kelliher was the recipient of the GLVC’s Richard F. Scharf Paragon Award which is awarded annually to the one male and one female student-athlete in the conference. She is also a three-time GLVC Scholar-Athlete for women's basketball. Kelliher bolstered her 3.86 cumulative GPA with a near-perfect 3.93 mark this spring semester after a 4.0 in the fall. She is an eight-time Dean’s List selection, received the Brother David Delahanty Award for academic excellence four times and garnered the Senior Departmental award in Organizational Communication.

For all the latest on Lewis Women’s Basketball, stay tuned to LewisFlyers.com and follow the team on Facebook at Lewis Women’s Basketball and @LewisWBBall (Twitter and Instagram).

2018-19 by the Numbers

- 05 Conference Champions
- 08 NCAA Appearances
- 13 All-Americans
- 07 Conference Players of the Year
- 01 National Player of the Year
- 04 Conference Coaches of the Year
- 02 Regional Coaches of the Year
- 02 NCAA Semifinalists
## Fall Schedules

For updated schedules of all Flyers games, visit [lewisflyers.com](http://lewisflyers.com)

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On June 14, the Annual Flyer Athletics Fund Golf Outing was held at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. There were approximately 170 golfers. Thank you to our alumni and friends who attended this year’s Flyer Athletics Fund Golf Outing.
An indoor high school girls soccer team navigates big questions and wages tiny battles with all the vim and vigor of a pack of adolescent warriors. A portrait of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for nine American girls; facing the world with the utmost fortitude, they set an example of sisterhood. Amid the rivalries and tragedies, they are warrior tested and ready to uphold their title of the Wolves. In 2017, The Wolves received the American Playwriting Foundation’s Inaugural Relentless Award, and was a finalist for three other awards including the Pulitzer Prize. “An ensemble of distinct female characters without leaning on romantic partners or traditional feminine tropes to define them.” – Theatermania.

Directed by Jo Slowik
Recommended for patrons 13 and up.

NOV. 15-17 & NOV. 21-24, 2019
by Garson Kanin
15-year-old gifted Christopher has an extraordinary brain. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being touched, and he distrusts strangers. Now Christopher stands beside his neighbor’s dead dog, Wellington. Finding himself under suspicion, Christopher is determined to solve the mystery of who murdered Wellington, and he carefully records each fact of the crime. But his detective work takes him on a thrilling journey that upturns his world. Simon Stephens’s adaptation of Mark Haddon’s bestselling, award-winning novel, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time offers a richly theatrical exploration. The Broadway production received 5 Tony Awards including Best Play of 2015.

Directed by Kevin Trudeau
Recommended for patrons 13 and up.

FEB. 14-16 & FEB. 20-23, 2020
by Mark Haddon and Simon Stephens

Inspired by Shakespeare’s The Tempest, this jukebox musical is packed with rock ‘n’ roll classics such as Heard It Through the Grapevine, Young Girl, Good Vibrations, and Gloria. Blast off on a routine flight and crash into the planet D’Illyria where a sci-fi version of The Tempest set to rock ‘n’ roll oldies unfolds with glee. The planet is inhabited by a sinister scientist, Dr. Prospero; his delightful daughter Miranda; a faithful robot on roller skates Ariel; and an uncontrollable monster whose tentacles penetrate through space. Return to the Forbidden Planet won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Musical in both 1989 and 1990. “The best rock ‘n’ roll show in town.... You just have to laugh at the death defying puns...” – Daily Express.

Directed by Keith White. Recommended for patrons 13 and up.

APRIL 17-19 & APRIL 23-26, 2020
by Bob Carlton

More more information, or to purchase tickets online, visit lewisu.edu/plt
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Day of Giving Brings New, Student-Led Ventures to Campus
The Lewis University Sustainability Club broke in their newly unveiled picnic table made from 550 lbs. of plastic bottle caps as the result of a student-led crowdfunding initiative! This table was funded through the Day of Giving campaign and donations from our #LewisUAlumniWhoCare! Next time you’re on campus, take a walk on the #LewisU Burnham Centennial Nature Trail and learn more about #LewisU’s commitment to sustainability at lewisu.edu/sustainability.

Poppy Comes To Life
Remember when Lewis held the crowdfunding campaign to build Poppy? Guess what? Poppy is in the final stages of being completed. Thanks to the generous donors who continue to support the project, the students have been able to upgrade Poppy’s printed face to a more advanced LCD screen. This fall, the students (and Poppy) will be conducting experiments, and are looking forward to completing interesting tasks around the lab and campus! Join us on Facebook and Instagram to see.
Alumni Volunteers

Thank you to all of our recent alumni volunteers!

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Harry Chan ’11
Olivia A. Lemberger ’11
Abraham Y. Alramhi ’18
Emma K. Maki ’18
Haley L. McCabe ’18
Timothy D. Mizdak ’18
James R. Black ’71
Melissa Blisk ’18
Amber P. Milliron ’15

Leadership Panel Discussion
Adrienne L. Guerrero ’10
Sonya Lee ’17

Future Flyers Celebrations - Panel Discussion
Kevin P. Davenport ’11
Olivia L. Estrada ’16
Marissa R. Mangala ’16
Chelsea L. Smith ’15

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Amber P. Milliron ’15
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Jason P. Siegel ’04
Charity A. Wlodarski ’12

Business Plan Competition
Terry L. Arya ’14

Celebration of Scholarship Judge
Timothy Czuba ’00
Michael J. Giurato ’68
Jonathan J. Hicks ’14
Donna J. Papineau ’78
Katelynn A. Papineau ’16
Donald F. Pratt ’81
Lauren E. Pratt ’14
Jennifer M. Sopchich ’13

Lasallian Volunteer Speaker
Jessica F. Kaluzny ’17
Julia A. Mach ’18

Laugh to Create Awareness for Mental Health Event
Ken Houbolt ’88 (Chair)
Timothy C. Cooper ’97
James L. Elsea ’07
Abel X. Herrera ’89
Karyn A. Houbolt ’88
Beth A. Sack ’89
Michael G. Sack ’89

CME Group Visit Guides and Presenters
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Cyber-Attacks: Students Finding Answers

Corporate Partner Provides Experiential Capstone Project

Cory Lang and Adam DeRoss know all about being versatile and prepared for today’s workforce. In a world that is increasingly technological and vulnerable to cyber-attacks, Lewis students are developing innovative security solutions. However, they aren’t tackling this alone; students are able to engage in experiential learning by partnering with local companies – like G&W Electric - to take on actual issues and cultivate working solutions during capstone projects.

Since January 2019, Cory and Adam have been working on their capstone project with the help of corporate partner, G&W Electric in Bolingbrook, and their professors, Dr. Ray Klump, chair and professor of computer and mathematical sciences, and Eric Spangler, assistant professor of computer and mathematical sciences. This project is the first ever conducted at Lewis that focuses on graduate-level cybersecurity research while working with a corporate partner.

Their project is based upon highlighting weaknesses in the setup of computer and electrical hardware and the way this hardware “talks” to each other. In doing this, Cory and Adam learned how cyber-attacks occur and how they can be prevented. G&W Electric engineers have been able to come out to campus to guide them and provide real, working equipment for Cory and Adam to use for the project.

“Certainly, I hope we can participate in more partnerships like this one over time, where we have an opportunity to explore open and interesting research questions and contribute results that could have a profound position impact. As an educator, I feel great satisfaction seeing students apply what my colleagues and I have taught them to answer open-ended questions that are in intense, current, areas of research interest,” says Dr. Klump. He adds that this type of corporate partnership allows students to deepen their understanding of the course material and apply their knowledge to real issues. “Cory and Adam’s work is important because it demonstrates conditions under which that automatic control can be manipulated. This is the threat that cyber-attacks pose against critical infrastructures. I like that these kinds of projects give students the opportunity to research and solve important real-world problems.”

Cory and Adam say this hands-on learning experience has prepared them for the next endeavors in the cybersecurity field and both are looking to fill in the gaps where cybersecurity employment is needed most. Dr. Klump says that’s what it’s all about.

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“We have been focusing for some time on upping the real-worldness of our curriculum. Mastery emerges where theory and application meet. All of our capstone courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels aim to engage students in the problems presented to us by real companies and non-profits. While still in school, students see what they have learned in prior courses is actually meaningful and they gain confidence in wielding it to do real things. Not all schools can do that but we can because we’ve made a concerted effort to make those important connections to area companies and organizations. Our students reap those benefits,” says Dr. Klump.

Cory Lang and Adam DeRoss both earned their Master of Science in Information Security from Lewis University.
Alumnus Hiring Interns and Opening Doors

Internships are key to gaining vital real-world experience before a student graduates and enters the job market. Not only do they enhance experiential learning, but they also give a student the opportunity to see if this is indeed the path they want to take moving forward in a career.

Which is why Gary Pomykala ’81 has opened doors at The Pomykala Group, LLC, to Lewis students interested in an accounting internship. For many years, Gary and his company have welcomed in students from Lewis University (where he received his bachelor’s degree) and DePaul University (where he received his master’s degree).

“I grew up with the thinking that one should take opportunities and listen. Even if you don’t agree with something, there is a chance to learn from the good and the bad. Always keep your eyes and ears open and go to work with the mindset that you’re going to learn something new. Stay positive. Find a couple of mentors, people you can trust and look up to – then watch and learn from them. That’s what we try to do here for students, to give them a firm start in choosing their path. Lewis gave me great mentors and role models, and I want to carry that forward.”

Yet it isn’t just Lewis students who find a home at The Pomykala Group (TPG). Currently, five Lewis graduates are employed amongst Gary’s team – a team which has grown significantly over the years.

(Left) Lewis is always a part of Gary’s day, from interns to employees, to his baseball jacket proudly hanging in his office.

Check out the Interview with Career Services article on pg. 4
Visit Lewis University’s Career Services website at lewisu.edu/careerservices to learn more about the resources available to you:

- Flyers Get Hired
- Employment Projections
- Application to Graduate Programs
- LinkedIn Groups
- Resumes, Cover Letters, References and Thank You Notes
- Use Your Resume to Nail the Interview
- Interviewing Tips
- Chat with a Career Counselor

(Top photo) Gary and the Lewis grads: Jason Petrbok ’12; Adrian Gutierrez ’18; Alejandra Lopez ’18; Kara Verdone ’16; Gary Pomykala ’81.

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Talking About Mental Health

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, approximately 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. - 43.8 million, or 18.5% - experiences mental illness in a given year. Access to services is important - as is taking away the stigma of mental illness and opening new doors for treatment.

“Not too long ago, a family member of mine who battles depression was in the hospital for a suicide attempt. While I was there visiting, people would ask why I was there. For several days, I just said whatever came to mind. I wasn’t proud of it. I ran into another friend and I told him the truth. His response was that he was in the same hospital for the very same reason. Right then and there I realized this is the problem: we need to talk about it,” says committee chair, Ken Houbolt ’88.

With the stigma surrounding mental health, Lewis University’s Center for Health and Counseling Services works throughout the year to enhance awareness of mental health. They also provide invaluable services, including counseling, screenings, testing, and Stress Relief Week – all to empower Lewis University students to maintain and enhance their physical and emotional health and well-being.

Lewis alumni also care about the mental health of students, and approached Lewis with an idea that would benefit mental health services for students and the community. Ken and the committee wanted to put together an event that would not only raise money for an important cause, but bring people together in a memorable way. With a group of alumni and friends from the south side of Chicago, the committee put together the first Laugh to Create Awareness Comedy Night to benefit mental health services.

“We said we wanted to do five things,” says Ken.
1. Create awareness for mental health issues and depression.
2. Create a scholarship for a Lewis University student, focused on a career in counseling.
3. Make a donation to Pillars Health, which is based in LaGrange and gives quality care to people in need of mental health services.
4. Provide funding to Lewis University’s Center for Health and Counseling Services to extend mental health awareness communication to all Lewis students.
5. And finally, make people laugh!

The committee achieved all their goals. “The event was heartwarming and fun, and the comics were hilarious,” says Dr. Anne Rapp, Dean of the School of Graduate, Professional and Continuing Education, who attended the event. “The alumni’s dedication to raising awareness about mental health and supporting graduate students in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program was inspiring. Lewis’s Mission is truly a part of their lives.”

Thank you to the committee, including Abel Herrera ’89, Beth Sack ’89, James Elsea ’07, Karyn Houbolt ’88, Ken Houbolt ’88, Chair, Mike Sack ’88, Norine Radice, Ray Gralak, Steve Radice, and Tim Cooper ’96.

For video and photos from the event, visit facebook.com/LewisUAlumni.

Save the date for next year’s event – February 29, 2020!
Lewis Alumna Caring for All Students

Lewis alumni are living out the mission and bringing hope and light to communities around the world.

When Jessica Pina ’17 began her internship at San Miguel School in Back of the Yards, her parents weren’t exactly thrilled with the neighborhood. Yet she knew almost immediately that San Miguel was home and that the children would become her family.

“The kids here are fantastic. They are smart and strong because they have had to go through so many struggles. They have to be careful walking to and from school. They can’t go outside past a certain time to play with their friends. I think getting to connect with these kids and watch them overcome these struggles is what makes this more than a job. When we take the kids to visit universities or go on retreats, you can see how grateful and appreciative they are for what they have. I am blessed to have the opportunity to expose them to new paths in life; paths that will take them beyond their dreams.”

Jessica, a graduate support and college readiness coordinator, is in her second year of full-time work at San Miguel. Her job is to transition eighth graders into high school and work with students and parents to give counseling on which schools are best fit for their goals.

“I keep in contact with our high school students, because we make sure to follow our kids after they graduate eighth grade. We do field trips, baccalaureate Mass, and college preparation. I also teach a college readiness course to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders—basic skills like how to make sure to utilize their planner correctly or calculate their grade. We also help build confidence and teach them about what college is and what is available to them.”

Social work always tugged at Jessica’s heart, and after receiving her bachelor’s degree in social work, she knew she wanted to get involved in helping other people. Students at Lewis are encouraged to not just find a job, but find their calling. Many students intern and begin their careers at Lasallian partner institutions like San Miguel, De La Salle Blackfeet, and Christian Brothers Services.

“I did my internship at San Miguel my senior year and fell in love with this place. It has such a sense of community. We are a small school so I have a lot of interaction with students and their families. One student who recently graduated worked really hard, because she was undocumented. It was tough for her to find scholarships to apply for, and working with her and her family was really amazing. She never gave up trying to find opportunities for herself. It’s amazing to see these young kids trying to find everything they can to achieve higher education, especially coming from a neighborhood like this where there is violence daily.”

Through it all, Jessica is motivated by the hard-working attitude of her students and the spirit of the school. “I think my social work professors at Lewis did a really good job in preparing me. I was really scared when I started my internship, but Lewis has always given me a sense of community and faith, which is what I feel when I’m here at San Miguel.”

If you are an alumnus working at a Lasallian institution, let us know! Email alumni@lewisu.edu.
A Career that Leads to Giving Back

Nearly 20 years ago, Bill Leavelle ’92 ’96 set out on a journey - one that would pave a path for his future and change his life forever.

Bill’s journey began during his senior year of high school when he was recruited to run as a part of the Track and Field team for Lewis University. As soon as he stepped foot on campus, Bill knew that he was destined to be a Flyer.

He was both a dedicated student and athlete. Between class and practice, he even made time to be involved in student government and a fraternity on campus. But during his time at Lewis, he struggled with finding his true calling – as many young adults do. Bill remembers professors like Brother Mark McVann and Fr. Kevin Spiess helping him find his way.

“Father Spiess gave me advice that changed my life,” he says. “My father wanted me to go into the U.S. Secret Service or FBI, but I did not really know what I wanted. Father Spiess and I talked a lot about it, and he encouraged me to pursue a career in the private sector.

Soon after, I decided to pursue a career in business and never looked back.”

Now, with over 19 years of experience as a leader in the metal industry, Bill’s journey continues. He works as the Chief Commercial Officer for Arbor Metals, Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of specialty metals products. Think about the appliances in your home or everything that surrounds us like the airplanes we fly, the buses we ride, or the cars we drive – they are all made out of metal. Well, Bill plays a role in that through his everyday work. From Michigan and California to Oklahoma and Texas, Bill’s career has allowed him to travel around the world and make an impact on the people living in it.

“When I look back on my career, I have no regrets; I feel that I have done ‘right’ by everyone I have worked with,” adds Bill. “That is the difference between a Lewis graduate and a graduate from another university – we have clear moral and ethical boundaries that were instilled in us as Flyers. My education has helped me become who I am.”

Bill has come a long way, and yet, his journey at Lewis is not over. He recently established an annual scholarship that will assist with the expense of a college education and pave the path for current students at Lewis – just as a path was once paved for him.

“I was able to graduate debt free because of scholarships I received as a student-athlete, so my hope is that this new scholarship helps relieve financial expenses that come with a college education,” says Bill. “I am a proud Lewis alumnus and am happy to give back to the students at the university.”

Class Notes

Lewis Alumni Flying Together

There was an all Lewis Aviation flight deck across the skies of the U.S. in February when Kayan Todiwala ’15 (Aviation Flight Management & Aviation Administration) ’16 (Aviation Transportation) and Kyle Meyer ’16 (Aviation Administration) ’17 (Aviation Transportation) Management & Aviation Administration had the unique opportunity to fly together. Both trained and received their bachelor’s and master’s degrees in aviation from Lewis University.

Kayan Todiwala (pictured left) is currently a Captain at Trans States Airlines. Kyle Meyer (right) is a First Officer at Trans States Airlines.

Their similarities don’t stop there. Both Kayan and Kyle were teammates on the Lewis University Flight Team, were also flight instructors, and were graduate assistants in the aviation department.

“It’s rare to fly with someone you know in aviation. It was a coincidence we saw our names together on the flight paperwork. We used to fly together all the time in Lewis’ C172 Skyhawks and now to get to do it again aboard a jet with passengers was a thrill for both of us.”

“Having the training and education we received at Lewis has been instrumental in our success early on in our careers and we know it will continue to support us as we progress in the aviation industry,” said Captain Kayan Todiwala.

Dr. Randy DeMik, Co-director of the Master of Science in Aviation and Transportation added, “I am honored to have worked with both of these outstanding pilots here at Lewis University!”
Class Notes

Do you have news for us?
Send your update and photos to alumni@lewisu.edu

Awards

Mary Sue Dailey ’77 (Nursing) was awarded the Nurse Leader of the Year Award at Good Samaritan Hospital. Victoria L. Cobbett ’95 (Nursing) & James D. Driscoll ’79 (History) were inducted into Lemont High School’s Hall of Fame by Superintendent Dr. Mary Ticknor. This is the highest honor Lemont HS awards to alumni and recipients are recognized for making significant contributions to society.

Announcements

Kenneth S. Gabriel ’77 (Accounting), CPA, has been appointed to ERP Maestro’s Board of Directors. Kenneth was chosen for his leadership skills and proven track record in the accounting and business management fields.

For Albert Reszel ’80 (Art), raising awareness for breast cancer research is more than a hobby. Al’s wife, Terry, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010. In mid-2015, Al and Terry launched Pink Pedals 4 A Cure / Terry’s Ride through The Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF), and in June 2016, at the age of 57, Al set off on the organization’s inaugural ride. During this solo bike ride, Al biked 547 miles from St. Paul, Minnesota to Chicago, Illinois. In the last few years, Al and Terry have raised a total of $22,000 for BCRF. This year, Al is taking a break from cycling to map out his largest endeavor yet: A 6,000-mile solo bike ride stretching from Anchorage, Alaska at the Bering Sea and ending at the global headquarters of BCRF in New York City. Al hopes this ride will raise the largest amount for BCRF to date. To learn more about Pink Pedals 4 A Cure/Terry’s Ride and Al’s 6,000-mile planned journey, visit pinkpedals4acure.org.

Angelica Dabrowski ’17 (Psychology) received the Celebration of Community Partnership Award. This award was given to her through Heart Haven Outreach, a youth empowerment program located in Bolingbrook, for excellence in her work at the program. Angelica worked there as a volunteer as an undergraduate, and now works as a Youth Outreach Specialist. Vincent M. Imhoff ’84 (Political Science) Vincent and his law firm Imhoff & Associates has been awarded the Best DUI Defense Legal Firm of 2019 by the Best of Los Angeles Award.

Lawrence T. Thompson ’82 (Elementary Education) was honored by Joliet Central High School Athletics for winning his 300th game as head coach of the boys varsity basketball team. Larry graduated from Joliet East in 1977 and earned his bachelor’s from Lewis. He went on to earn his master’s degree from Chicago State in 1992. Michael Progress ’92 (Marketing) ’96 (MBA) ’01 (M.A. Counseling Psych) ’13 (General Studio Art) ’16 (Social Media Marketing) and former professor Dr. Frank Rose visited the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in April along with three guests from Wuhan City, China. During this visit, Bryan Durkin ’82 (Business Administration) ’93 (MBA), Shane Burke ’09 (Economics and Finance), and Colin Donnally ’16 (Finance and Marketing) took time to greet the group and guide them on a tour.

Congs to our very own Chief of Lewis University Police Department, Michael Zegadlo. Chief Zegadlo ’96 (History) recently completed the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police and Staff Command program. The SPSC is an intensive 10-week program that prepares law enforcement managers.

Jane T. Lazzara-Ables ’98 (Biology) earned her doctorate of veterinary medicine at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts, West Indies. She completed one year of internship in New York and now lives and practices veterinary medicine in Northwest Indiana. She is a Registry of Approved Continuing Education speaker and serves as a board member for Humane Indiana.

Matthew A. Goodwin ’04 (Criminal Justice) ’12 (Public Safety Administration) was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in August 2018 and has been selected to command the Criminal Investigation Division Battalion in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Courtney Everett ’11 (Theatre) joined Wisconsin Public Radio in Madison after serving seven years as on-air talent for WEAU 13 News. Hear about non-profit organizational management from Lewis University MAOL Lewis University: Alumni & Friends Geneva Reed ’12 (Organizational Leadership), as she shares her experience running her non-profit, Freddie Mae Leverston Leadership Foundation. Listen to this podcast and others from the Career Discovery podcast series here: https://bit.ly/2KeJ2i8

Kayla Ryan ’15 (Elementary Education) says elementary education has always been in her blood. Lewis University helped her to realize her dreams of entering the education field after transferring to Lewis. She credits her fellow students and professors in Education for preparing her for her career. “My classes were practical, enlightening, engaging, and encouraging. She earned her degree in
elementary education, and now teaches sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade level Language Arts in Joliet. This is her fourth year there. For Kayla, it’s a labor of love and about exemplifying the Catholic Lasallian values she learned at Lewis. “I love the students. The students are the reason I am there, the fuel to the fire. Being reminded of the Lewis Lasallian mission helps me to continue to grow as a teacher. I try to remind myself to be a transformative educator, multicultural leader, and social justice advocate every day.” Kayla’s lifelong learning experiences have only just begun. She recently returned to Lewis and will earn a master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Literacy and ESL this year. “Lewis’ standards brought spiritual beliefs back into my everyday life, and as my grandma always tells me, ‘You are doing God’s work’.”

Mary Huggins ’17 (Political Science) is entering her third year of Law School at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law. After serving on numerous boards for student organizations and coaching the Black Law Student Association’s Trial Team to the national tournament, she was selected as the Chair of the Mock Trial Team for the Society of Advocates Trial Team. She has also been selected to work as a practicing student attorney at the Clark County District Attorney’s Office and the Thomas and Mack Legal Clinic in Education Advocacy. Mary graduated in 2017 with bachelor’s degrees in Economics and Political Science.

Mike Frale ’17 (Theatre) recently joined Schaumburg Summer Theatre as their first ever Company and Productions Manager. This will be his 7th season with SST after having served as assistant director for the last two years.

TOP GUN Instructor Pilot

Lieutenant Jeff “Bits” Sargis ’08 (Aviation Flight Management) was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in March of 2011, earned his Wings of Gold in February 2013, and joined an operational FA-18E Super Hornet squadron in January 2014. Following a successful deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve aboard the USS Harry Truman in 2016, Jeff was nominated to attend the Navy Fighter Weapons School, TOPGUN. Upon graduation from TOPGUN, Jeff transitioned from the FA-18E to the F-35C Lightning II and returned to TOPGUN staff as an instructor pilot. He is currently responsible for developing U.S. Navy F-35 tactics, techniques, and procedures and providing graduate level instruction in advanced F-35 tactics.
Engagements

Alyson Brady ’17 (Criminal Justice & Aviation Security) ’18 (Aviation Transportation) and Ian Aker got engaged on August 17, 2018.

Makenzie Murphy ’18 (Nursing) and Tyler Casey were engaged on May 7, 2019.

Kelsey Wallace ’15 (Communications) ’19 (MBA) and Jeremy Maynard got engaged on May 20, 2019.

Marriages

Kyle Hayes ’14 (Journalism) ’15 (Organizational Leadership) and Eva (Gonzalez) Hayes ’15 (Psychology & Sociology) were married on May 11, 2019.

Melanie (Arce) Wilke ’14 (Nursing) and Mike Wilke were married on May 18, 2019.

Brittani (Alston) Ball ’15 (Music Merchandising) and Nick Ball were married on May 5, 2019.

Births

Janell (Coats) Kolosh ’05 (Theatre) and her husband, Mike, are proud parents of their new daughter, Emma Rose. Emma was born on March 18, 2019, weighing 8 pounds and 1 ounce. Big sister Madeline is very excited.

Erin M. (Domaracki) Gugliotta ’13 (Elementary Education) and Frank R. Gugliotta ’15 (Aviation Administration) recently welcomed a son.

Joseph Volin ’08 (Philosophy of Law & Forensic Criminal Investigation), and Summer Hallaj ’10 (Political Science) welcomed their son, Theodore Joseph Volin, into the world on February 7, 2019.

Retirements

Roger F. Cardoni ’76 (Criminal Justice) retired from his position as a police officer in Western Springs.

Thomas Cepeda ’00 (Criminal Justice) retired from his position as detective from the Chicago Police Department.

John E. Oboikovitz ’02 (Business Administration) retired from Kroeschell Engineering after 11 years as a Project Manager. He was responsible for the on-site mechanical and electrical system installations at various United States Air Force Bases in the lower 48. Prior to joining Kroeschell Engineering, he worked at Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, Ill. for 13.5 years.

In Memoriam

Frederick S. Kozlowski ’66 (Accounting) May 5, 2019

Dawn M. Martin ’97 (Business Administration) April 10, 2019

Lisa M. Michalski ’92 (Marketing) February 26, 2019

Joseph J. Pratl ’86 (Liberal Arts) March 25, 2019

Thomas G. Rollins ’65 (Management/Accounting) April 8, 2019

Donald J. Thompson ’62 (Accounting) March 14, 2019

Lasallian Nurse Retreat

In April, the College of Nursing and Health Professions held the 4th Annual Lasallian Nurses Retreat: The Virtues of a Lasallian Nurse. Senior undergraduate students, alumni, and faculty explored how the virtues of a Lasallian educator fit well with an individual’s call to be a nurse.

Alumni Inbox

“I am currently the director of an early childhood program located in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago. When I took over last year we had 21 enrolled students. After a year of hard work I am proud to say that we have 51 enrolled children for next year. I am very thankful for the wonderful education I received from Lewis.” – Virgie Berry ’10

Send us an update on your life and career to alumni@lewisu.edu!
Nearly 300 alumni and friends returned to campus on May 4 for Alumni Day and the Beer & Bacon Bash! You can see all the photos on Facebook at facebook.com/LewisUAlumni (tag yourself in the photos and send us others to share). Special thank you to alumnus Paul Ciciora ’91 of Pollyanna Brewing Company for providing the beer for this event!

Save the date for next year’s event: May 2!

In June, alumni gathered at Pollyanna Brewery for a tour and evening out with fellow alumni. Thank you to the host, Paul Ciciora ’91, of Pollyanna! Lewis will be hosting pop-up happy hours all over this year – find out about the next one by visiting alumni.lewisu.edu/Popup!

Brewery Tour

Alumni News

Events Roundup Learn more about upcoming events at alumni.lewisu.edu/Events.
Event Flashback: TKE Reunion

Thanks to Phil Law ’69 for sending in this great shot of his vintage Roadster! Phil snapped this picture in front of Fitzpatrick Hall during the 50-year Tau Kappa Epsilon reunion in 2017. Phil says this car reminds him of his dear friend, Joe Breault ’68, and brings back fond memories of his time at Lewis.

Commencement

Congratulations to all of our August and December 2018 and May 2019 graduates, and welcome to the Alumni Association! We are so very proud of you, and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events both on and off campus. Visit us at alumni.lewisu.edu to learn more about upcoming events, benefits for alumni, and opportunities to volunteer!
We’ve had so many great events this spring!

LASALLIAN NURSING RETREAT
4/6/2019

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP
4/11/2019

PHILIP LYNCH THEATRE ALUMNI NIGHT
4/12/2019

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP SERIES (NONPROFIT)
4/18/2019

SPECIAL OLYMPICS PLANE PULL
4/27/2019

FORE FLYERS GOLF OUTING
5/10/2019

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP SERIES (MEDICAL)
5/16/2019

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP SERIES (EDUCATION)
6/20/2019

Upcoming Events / Save The Dates

Attend an event with Lewis! We’re always excited to reconnect with our alums at events. Want to see what’s coming up? Visit alumni.lewisu.edu/Events or “like” us on Facebook at facebook.com/LewisUAlumni to be the FIRST to know about events!

CUBS VS BREWERS GAME
SEPTEMBER 7

THE SIGNUM FIDEI CELEBRATION: A NIGHT IN VENICE
SEPTEMBER 21

THE ENCOUNTER DEDICATION
SEPTEMBER 24

CLASS OF 1969 REUNION WEEKEND
OCTOBER 11

BOO AND BREW AT POLLYANNA
OCTOBER 26

GIVING TUESDAY
DECEMBER 3

PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE DINNER
DECEMBER 6

SANTA’S WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 8

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