



Alumni and Friends:

Spring is in full bloom at Lewis! The season of renewal is here, and Lewis University is bursting with exciting events and opportunities! From celebrating student scholarships to reconnecting at alumni gatherings and reunion events, our Flyer family continues to grow and thrive. Dive into this edition of the Jet-setter to explore upcoming celebrations, exciting ways to stay connected, and the incredible achievements of our alumni!



YOU TURNED UP THE VOLUME

Lewis University's **Day of Giving** was a chart-topping success, thanks to the incredible generosity of our Flyer family! With the electric energy of our Open House at Stritch Hall, we surpassed our goal and made a lasting impact, raising more than **\$125,000**. Let's all join in a standing ovation for **Ed and Jody Sanchez** who offered a **\$25,000** matching gift and for **Kim Mills of Leaders Link Communities** who offered **\$1,000** matches to key initiatives including the College of Education and Social Sciences, the Women in Business Club, the St.

Augustine College Student Financial Assistance Fund, the College of Aviation, Science and Technology, and the Access-Ability Club. Special thanks to **Sodexo, Fat Ricky's, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers of Romeoville, and Crumbl Cookies of La Grange** for fueling the fun with delicious treats throughout the day. Together, we turned up the volume for our students and we can't THANK YOU enough!

To view photos from the day, click [HERE](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS



Spring Visit Day Volunteer Opportunity – Saturday, April 12, 2025: Join us as an alumni volunteer while prospective Lewis University students visit campus. Answer questions and accompany students on tours as they prepare to make their college decisions. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Baseball Championships 50th Anniversary & Alumni Day – Saturday, April 12, 2025: Join us as we welcome back our Flyers Baseball alumni for a doubleheader against Quincy University and honor the 50th Anniversaries of our 1974, 1975, & 1976 Championship teams. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Arab American History Month Event - Wednesday, April 16, 2025: In honor of Arab American History Month, join us for a powerful evening exploring the Arab American experience through the lens of the Oscar-winning documentary, *No Other Land*. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion, offering insights into the film's themes and the broader cultural and historical context and the opportunity to participate in a Q & A session with the panelists. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Softball Alumnae Day– Saturday, April 26, 2025: All Lewis Softball alumnae, families, and friends are welcome to join us as the Flyers take on the University of Indianapolis in a doubleheader. There will be an alumnae tent with refreshments during both games. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



4th Annual Out of Darkness HOPE Walk – Saturday, April 26, 2025: The Lewis Social Work Department, Active Minds, and the SAMHSA Suicide Prevention Grant Project Safety Net are hosting the 4th Annual Out of the Darkness HOPE Walk, in partnership with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Come out to the beautiful Lewis campus and join community members as you walk for a great cause! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Run the Runway – Sunday, May 4, 2025: Get ready to lace up and hit the runway! Lewis University is hosting Run the Runway, a unique run/walk experience at Lewis University Airport. This event is a fundraiser benefiting two incredible Lewis aviation clubs: Women's Air Race Classic Club and Women in Aviation Club. Come out, get active, and support our future aviators! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Lewis University Accounting Banquet - Thursday, May 8, 2025: Join us for a special evening designed to bring together alumni, students, and faculty to celebrate the success of our accounting program and foster meaningful connections within our community. Enjoy an evening of networking, recognition, and inspiration as we celebrate the growth and excellence of our accounting program. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Golden Flyers Reunion and Induction of the Class of 1975 - Saturday, May 31, 2025: Calling all Flyers who graduated 50 or more years ago! Join us for our annual Golden Flyers Reunion as we induct the Class of 1975 (50 years since graduation!) into this society. Don't miss this fun-filled day to reminisce with classmates and fellow Flyers. Hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate and the reunion event is free for Golden Flyers and a guest. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Flyer Athletics Golf Outing – Friday, June 13, 2025: Join us for the 45th Annual Flyer Athletics Golf Outing at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. Dinner and a silent auction will follow golf. Sponsorship opportunities are available. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



EAA Airventure Oshkosh Alumni Event – Saturday, July 26, 2025: Join your fellow Lewis Flyers and aviation enthusiasts from around the world at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh! Stop by Lewis’ booth (#53) all week long and plan to join us there on Saturday evening for our alumni gathering with free food and drink! More details on how to register coming soon!

CAMPUS NEWS



CAREER EXPO

The Field House was packed Wednesday, March 12 for one of the largest Career Expos in Lewis history! With 102 employers present, students and alumni had incredible opportunities to connect, network, and take the next step toward their future careers. A huge thank you to all the organizations that participated and to Lewis’ amazing Career Services partners for hosting such a successful event!

FACULTY NEWS



Congratulations to **Ann Guernon**, Interim Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Associate Professor, Speech-Language Pathology on being inducted into the Speech-Language Pathology Academy as a Distinguished Fellow at the National Academies of Practice Conference (pictured left with Arvie).

Congratulations to **Dr. Arvie Vitente**, Director and Professor in Lewis’ new Doctor of Physical Therapy program, for being named Emerging Interprofessional National Academies of Practice Member of the Year.

Congratulations to **Dr. Amanda Harsy**, Professor of Mathematics and Director of Mathematics, who was recently published as part of the collection, “Cutting EDGE Mathematics: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Enhancing Diversity in Graduate

Education Program." Dr. Harsy co-authored the paper, "Optimal Tile-Based Self-Assembly of DNA Dipyramids and Trapezohedrons" in Springer Nature Research in the Mathematical Sciences. Her co-authors are Drs. Cory Johnson (California State University, San Bernardino), and Jessica Sorrells (Converse University).

MISSION & MINISTRY

Lenten Season at Lewis (Sancta Alberta Chapel)
Mass during the Week: Mondays & Wednesdays at Noon |
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. | Sundays at 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: 30 minutes before Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.
Rosary: Monday through Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome!

Happy Lasallian Heritage Month from Lewis University!

As we approach St. John Baptist de La Salle's Feast Day on April 7, we celebrate his lasting legacy as the founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. His vision of accessible, transformative education continues to thrive, with nearly 3,000 Brothers and 90,000 Partners serving close to one million students across 1,100 educational ministries in 80 countries. Join us in honoring this rich tradition and the impact of Lasallian education around the world! St. John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.



**April 20:
Easter Sunday
blessings to all!**

ARTS & IDEAS



Spring is in full bloom, and so is our Arts and Idea Program! From the creativity of the President's 17th Annual Art Exhibition to the captivating theater performance, *Ride the Cyclone*, and the inspiring Senior Capstone Exhibition, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Click [**HERE**](#) to explore the full lineup and reserve your spot!

13TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP



CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Join us for the extended community hour of Lewis University's 2025 Celebration of Scholarship on April 23th from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Fieldhouse on our Romeoville campus!

Listen as students share their cutting-edge research, innovative ideas, and artistic creations, as well as answer questions. You will no doubt be impressed by the in-depth work and preparation of our Flyers. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

SPRING INTO PLANNING AHEAD



Spring is the perfect time for a fresh start! As spring begins to bloom, why not take **20 minutes** to plan for your loved ones? With FreeWill, creating a **FREE** will is as easy as a spring breeze—giving you the ultimate peace of mind as you plant the seeds for your future! Plus, you'll have the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy at **Lewis University** if you choose. To learn more, please click [HERE](#).



EXPLORE GRADUATE DEGREES AT LEWIS

Lewis University's [**Master's in Project Management**](#) has acquired accreditation from the PMI Global Accreditation Center for Project Management. This accreditation elevates our program with a level of prestige and graduates preferred candidates in the Project Management industry, setting them up for greater success as the field continues to grow.

[**Apply now**](#) or contact the Office of Graduate Admission at (815) 836-5610 or grad@lewisu.edu to learn more.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Attention MSOT Alumni! We invite you to join us on Tuesday, April 22, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM in Dorothy Day Hall, Room D013 to connect with the 2025 MSOT cohort and share your insights and experiences. Your guidance can make a meaningful impact as these students prepare for their careers. We'd love to have 2-4 alumni participate in this engaging discussion. If you're available, please reach out to Amrendra Kumar, PhD, MSOT, OTR/L at (815) 588-7180 or akumar9@lewisu.edu.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Every Lewis University alum is a member of the Lewis Alumni Association. If you would like more information about how you can get involved as a volunteer in the classroom, as a mentor, on social, etc., please contact Brandon McGhee '08 '10 at mcgheebr@lewisu.edu.

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to **Donna Martin '06** on receiving the 2025 Nurse Educator Fellowship award from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Congratulations to **Abishek Maggu '01** on the new position at Meta as a Senior Systems Executive.

Congratulations to **Kristyn Mitich '09** on receiving the 2024 HR Excellence Award for the Boeing Company.

Congratulations to **Jaylen Bush '21**, who started a new role with United Airlines as a Senior Representative - NOC Security Desk.

Congratulations to **Magdalena Guzy '21** for starting a new position as Procurement Administration Assistant at DesignPac.

Congratulations to **Bianca Gallegos '18** for starting a new position as a Paralegal at the Walt Disney Company!

Congratulations to **Tom Mendoza '08** on being named the Head Volleyball Coach at Marquette University.

Congratulations to **Kristin Johnson '11 '16**, who received the Illinois State Board of Education Award for Excellence School Administrator.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Perella '99**, who received the Illinois State Board of Education Award of Meritorious Service Team.

Congratulations to **Dr. Byung-In Seo '94**, who recently published her book, *Building Disciplinary Literacy Skills: A Teacher's Guide for Secondary Students*. The book is available for purchase via Amazon, [HERE](#).

FLYERS ATHLETICS



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WOMEN'S ATHLETICS AT LEWIS UNIVERSITY

On Wednesday, March 26th at Lewis' Flyer Red Dinner at Bolingbrook Golf Club, the following video was shown as a tribute to the 50th anniversary of women's athletics at Lewis. The video contains stories from women who changed the landscape of

women's athletics at Lewis University. To watch the video, please [CLICK HERE](#).



FLYER FEATURE

Meet **Isaac Jean-Paul '16**, who was recently inducted into the Lewis University Flyers Athletics Hall of Fame. His story is one of resilience, self-discovery, and a literal leap of faith. To read more, click [HERE](#).

To keep up with all the latest news and updates from athletics, [CLICK HERE](#).

HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to **George DiMatteo '76, Joe Falese '78 '84, Amanda Farrough, Isaac Jean Paul '16, Reetta Laakonen, the members of the 1981 Women's Volleyball Team, and the members of the 2001 Softball Team** on being inducted into Lewis Athletics' Hall of Fame on March 26th. Additional congratulations to **Janeen Decharinte** on being honored as the Brother Raymond McManaman Lasallian of the Year!



FLYER THROWBACK



As we celebrate **50 years of Women's Sports at Lewis, Beverlee (Lisy) Dallmann '79** shared this fantastic snapshot from the 1975 women's tennis team, where she was a proud member. The following year, in 1976, she was honored with a sportsmanship award for her dedication and contributions to the team.

If you have photos from your time at Lewis, we'd love to see them! Share your memories by emailing alumni@lewisu.edu with a description of the photo.

If you are a supporter of Lewis University, we would love to hear from you! Your story and the reasons behind your generosity are inspiring, and we want to know what motivates your support. Please take a moment to share your "WHY" with us by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Together, we are building brighter futures and a better world!

Support our Flyers

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