

MONTHLY JET-SETTER

Alumni and Friends,

Now that you've gobbled up your turkey, put your feet up, grab some cocoa, and take some time to read about what's happening at Lewis!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Save the date or register for an upcoming event. We hope to see you soon!

- **Public Safety Administration Virtual Information Session – Monday, December 4, 2023:** Discussion will revolve around how the program explores principles of organizational leadership by examining proven practices, crisis mitigation strategies, emerging legal trends, and more. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **Laugh to Create Awareness – Saturday, February 24, 2024** - Beverly Arts Center (2407 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL 60655): Come enjoy the comedy of Mr. Derick, Maggie Dipaolo (Mother McAuley alumna), and Joe Kilgallon! For ticket and event sponsorships, please [CLICK HERE.](#)
- **TEDx Lewis University – Thursday, March 21, 2024:** Love hearing new ideas and perspectives? Plan to attend TEDx Lewis University where you can hear from members of the Lewis community who will give timely and passionate talks on a range of topics. TEDx Lewis University will take place at the Philip Lynch Theatre at Lewis. Mark your calendar!
- **Day of Giving - Thursday, March 21, 2024:** Mark your calendar and plan to show some Flyer love as we celebrate our Day of Giving! We will raise funds for different student-centered projects – there will be something for everyone! Stay tuned for more information!

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Veterans Day Flag Display

During the past two months, members of the Lewis University community submitted the names of loved ones who have either served our country (both living and deceased) or are serving currently. To honor these individuals, the Lewis Alumni Office and Office of Veterans Affairs & Recruitment coordinated a week-long flag display tribute at the entrance to Lewis. To view the list of veterans honored, [please click here.](#)



Campus Christmas Tree Lighting

On Monday, November 27th, the Lewis University Community gathered for the annual campus Christmas Tree Lighting. Students joined President Dr. David Livingston to illuminate this year's beautiful tree in front of North Hall at Brother Leo's Circle. Afterward, everyone enjoyed hot cocoa and caroling as they marked the beginning of the Christmas season at Lewis.





GET READY TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST LEWIS ALUMNI!

Join us in welcoming our newest Flyers into the Alumni Association. On December 15 and 16, over 1000 students will graduate and become alumni. Thank you to our alumni commencement speakers:

Matt Kwiatkowski '00, '06

Leticia Reyes Damian '18

Bridget Folliard Terrones '12

Christopher Hueg '11, '16, '23

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

WLRA 50th

On Saturday, November 4, Lewis' radio station, WLRA, celebrated its 50th anniversary! The night was a walk down memory lane for the more than 85 attendees who reconnected with old friends and raised funds for the WLRA Endowment Fund. A special thank you to the event sponsors: Tom and Carrie Drez, John and Kimberly Walsh, Angelo and Jeanne Lazzara, Scott Rowe (Chicago Business Development Group), Edward and Susan Tennant, Len O'Kelly, John Kilpatrick, Wayne and Mary Ann Draudt, John Carey, and Kim Hartman.

If you couldn't attend but would like to make a gift to the endowment fund in honor of WLRA's 50th anniversary, please [CLICK HERE](#).

To check out photos from the WLRA anniversary and other recent Lewis alumni events, [CLICK HERE](#).



CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Marcheshi, Plankis & Pogore, LLP

Ron Plankis, class of '73 accounting alumnus and MPP partner, is giving back to the next generation of accounting leaders through his philanthropic support of Lewis' Accounting Club. Accounting Club students have access to valuable career-building activities such as attending professional conferences through Ron's generosity. For students who want to take their education a bit further and be CPA-ready as they begin their job searches, his gift also helps to cover a portion of their CPA examination preparation and testing fees.



"I feel as though my Lewis education prepared me well for my first job out of college. To help pay it forward to the next generation of Lewis accounting graduates, I've been fortunate to be able to give back in a way that helps students take the initiative to grow professionally even before applying for their first job. I've hired Lewis students in the past, and based on those experiences, I couldn't be more confident in the direction the program is heading under, Dr. Iyad Rock (Assistant Professor of Accounting) and the Dean of the College of Business, Ryan Butt," stated Plankis.

Do you have an idea for a partnership that allows you to "pay it forward?" Let us know by replying to this email and we can put you in touch with someone who can work with you to make it a reality!

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Register or update your information in our Lewis Alumni Directory! This is a great way to connect with classmates and network with fellow Flyers. To update your information or register, [CLICK HERE.](#)



SAVE THE DATES
FEBRUARY 5-MARCH 22, 2024



LEWIS ALUMNI
ART AND DESIGN
INVITATIONAL

The Lewis Alumni Art and Design Invitational

In celebration of our 100th show in the Wadsworth Family Gallery, all **Lewis Alumni** are invited to submit up to **three works** of art or design for the Lewis Alumni Art and Design Invitational. Artwork submissions may be dropped off January 21 or 22. For more information, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Contact Gallery Coordinator, Natalie Swain, with questions swainna@lewisu.edu

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to get the latest information about all gallery events.

For additional Arts and Ideas Events, please [CLICK HERE.](#)



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE?

President's Circle members invest annually in different areas of need at Lewis. With an annual gift of \$1,000 or more, you automatically become a member. PC members are invited to special events and are given opportunities to engage with University leadership throughout the year. You can make your President's Circle gift with a personal check, credit card, matching gift, planned gift, or IRA charitable distribution. To become a member, [CLICK HERE.](#)

LOOKING TO MAKE A JOB CHANGE?

To check out Lewis U's Career Services resources for alumni: [CLICK HERE.](#)

Interested in volunteering as a classroom speaker, career advisor, mock interview analyst, or professional resource for students? Or maybe you'd like to represent your company at one of Lewis' job fairs? If so, please email alumni@lewisu.edu and we will connect you!

INTERESTED IN EARNING AN ADVANCED DEGREE?

Discover how you can make someone else's world a little better. As a student of Lewis University's **Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC)**, **Master's in School Counseling** or **Master's in Social Work (MSW)**, be taught the relevant areas of counseling, including personality, multicultural issues, counseling theories, interviewing and assessment skills, ethical behavior and more.

- CMHC program now accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
- School Counseling programs for licensed and non-licensed candidates that meet state requirements for eligibility for the Professional Educator License (PEL).
- Master of Social Work (MSW) program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

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



CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

To check out a comprehensive listing of all of our Lewis U social media channels, **CLICK HERE**. Like and follow the Alumni social media pages to receive updates on upcoming events and stories from Alumni.

FREEWILL 

DID YOU KNOW

Lewis University has partnered with FreeWill, an online tool that guides you through the process of creating a legally valid will. It's easy to use, free of charge, and can be completed in 20 minutes or less. In addition to taking care of your loved ones and their future, you can use this tool to start your legacy with Lewis University. To create your free will now **CLICK HERE**.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE LEWIS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

We welcome our newest Lewis Alumni Representative, Ken Burton from the Class of 2022! Ken serves as Fleet Supervisor in the Enterprise Rental Division at Midway International Airport. He also serves as an alum volunteer for an entrepreneur class in the College of Business at Lewis.

Become an Alumni Representative! Alumni Representatives make a commitment to serve their alma mater with their **time, talent, and treasure**. Would you like to learn more about the responsibilities of serving as a Lewis U Alumni Rep? [CLICK HERE.](#)

LEWIS U NEWS

To check out all the latest news from Lewis U, [CLICK HERE.](#)



FLYERS ATHLETICS

Thank you to all who participated in our Friends and Family campaign. Your support of our student-athletes allows them to excel academically but also pursue excellence in their respective sports. To stay up-to-date on our athletic programs, [CLICK HERE.](#)

MAKE A GIFT

Consider making a calendar year-end, tax-deductible gift to Lewis University and make an impact on a Flyer's education. To choose from a variety of impact areas, please [CLICK HERE.](#)

Questions? Please email Kathleen Hillsman in the Alumni Office at khillsman@lewisu.edu.

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