

Happy New Year, Flyers and Friends!

As 2024 kicks off, let's embrace the excitement of fresh beginnings and endless possibilities! Here at Lewis, we're excited to keep you in the loop with all the latest happenings. Stay connected and informed as we embark on a new year filled with opportunities, growth, and great memories. Here's to 2024, Flyers and friends!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

- Laugh to Create Awareness Saturday, February 24, 2024 Beverly Arts Center (2407 West 111<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>CLICK HERE.</u>
- 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 2024 Day of Giving! We will raise funds for different student-centered projects – there will be something for everyone! Stay tuned for more information!

## **WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!**

On December 15 and 16, over 1000 students graduated and became Lewis alumni. Congratulations to each and every one of them! Thank you to our volunteer alumni commencement speakers: Matt Kwiatkowski '00, '06, Leticia Reyes Damian '18, Bridget Folliard Terrones '12 and Christopher Hueg '11, '16, '23. If you are interested in serving as an commencement alumni speaker to welcome graduates into the Alumni Association, please email Kathleen Hillsman at <a href="mailto:khillsman@lewisu.edu">khillsman@lewisu.edu</a>.









# **FLYERS CREATING A BETTER WORLD**

"Education should be accessible to anyone who wants to pursue it—no financial barriers should stand in the way of that. That's why I established the Bridget Folliard Terrones Annual Scholarship. Several years ago, I was able to turn my college dreams into a reality thanks to generous financial support, and now I want to give back by doing the same for others." These are the words of Bridget Terrones '12 (pictured with her scholarship recipient), who served as an alumni speaker at Commencement on December 16. We are grateful for her generosity of both time and treasure.

## **EVENT PHOTOS**

We challenge you to attend at least one alumni event this year! To check out photos from our alumni events, **CLICK HERE.** 



### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS**

Katie (Gilman) McCulley '04 was recently inducted into the Illinois High School Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame on November 11, 2023. She was also just notified that she will be inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of fame in February of 2024 for playing and coaching for the city of Springfield. Katie helped lead her team to a 2nd place finish in the state of Illinois in the 2022 Fall volleyball season for Lutheran High School. Congrats, Katie!

Congratulations to Lewis University alumnus and member of the Board of Trustees, Larry Tucker '84, who was honored by Marist High School in Chicago on Saturday, December 2! During a fundraiser to celebrate the school's 60 year history, and before a crowd of more than 750 guests, it was announced that the newest Marist facility, a 75,000 square foot Sportsplex would be named the "Larry Tucker Marist Sportsplex." Photo credited to Marist High School.



## **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.

# The Lewis Alumni Art and Design Invitational

In celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:swainna@lewisu.edu">swainna@lewisu.edu</a>

Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> to get the latest information about all gallery events.



SAVE THE DATES FEBRUARY 5-MARCH 22, 2024



LEWIS ALUMNI ART AND DESIGN INVITATIONAL

For additional Arts and Ideas Events, please **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 <a href="mailto:alumni@lewisu.edu">alumni@lewisu.edu</a> and we will connect you!



#### **PLAN FOR 2024**

Planning for the new year? Make creating a will a priority for 2024! 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 have the option to establish your legacy at Lewis University. To create your free will now CLICK HERE.



# INTERESTED IN EARNING AN ADVANCED DEGREE?

Health Information Managers are becoming more integral members of today's medical teams. That's why our Master's in Health Information Management has been designed to teach you the industry standards for the collection, analysis, interpretation, and use of health information in support of healthcare needs and coordination. Classes are held in a convenient online format in 8-week sessions and as an alum, you could qualify for our Frequent Flyer 20% tuition discount.

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.

# FLYERS ATHLETICS



Congrats to all the fall sports teams on their hard work and athletic successes! Good luck to our spring sport teams, as they begin their seasons. To stay up-to-date on our athletic programs, **CLICK HERE.** 

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

Looking for new opportunities in the new year?

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.** 

# **MAKE A GIFT**

Consider making a 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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