

MONTHLY JET-SETTER

Alumni and Friends,

The fall semester is well underway, and there are a multitude of exciting updates to share with you.

The *US News & World Report* rankings were just released, and Lewis University achieved our highest-ever historical ranking! **Lewis University ranked #13 out of 164 Midwest Regional Universities, across 12 states.** To learn more about this historical moment, [CLICK HERE.](#)

FEATURED EVENT:



Please join us **Saturday, October 21** at the House of Blues Chicago for our annual **Signum Fidei celebration!** We invite you to enjoy a fantastic evening of music, dancing, food, and drink, all in support of the Mission Fund. **During the evening's program we will honor the many years of dedicated service of Mary DeGraw.** To learn more about the event, purchase tickets, or register as a sponsor, please [CLICK HERE.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

- **Lewis Crossover Cross Country Invite - Saturday, October 7:** Flyers Cross Country is hosting its annual invitational on October 7th (first race at 9:45am)! It's the biggest D2-only meet in the country and usually has 30+ different schools in attendance. They invite all alumni to attend and support the Flyers!

- **Gros Memorial Event - Thursday, October 19:** Keynote Speaker, **Leah Thomas**, author of *The Intersectional Environmentalist: How to Dismantle Systems of Oppression to Protect People & Planet*, will inspire the Lewis Community on issues related to environmental justice at 7 p.m. at Lewis University's Convocation Hall. To purchase in-person or streaming tickets, please [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **Women's Soccer Alumnae Game - Friday, October 27:** Cheer on the Flyers as they take on the University of Illinois at Springfield. At halftime, all alumnae players will be invited onto the field for a presentation of the 2022 Cornerstone Award to Alexandra Dennis '23. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **WLRA 50th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, November 4:** Celebrate the 50th anniversary of WLRA at De La Salle Hall at 5 p.m. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

ON THE MOVE

The School of Graduate, Professional and Continuing Education has relocated to Lewis University at Oak Brook. To serve our existing student population on main campus, we still have office space in Romeoville located in the Learning Resource Center, LRC-G03. Lewis University at Oak Brook is located at 1111 W. 22nd Street, Suite 700. As SGPE is expanding and growing, our move to Oak Brook will allow us to better serve our student population and expand our outreach for our Continuing Education offerings.

AROUND CAMPUS

Lewis University ushered in a new era of innovation and growth in the **College of Nursing and Health Sciences** on September 14th. The project will create new laboratories, new rooms, and upgraded classrooms. Lewis will be adding a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program, expanding our health science offerings. Below are some photos from the groundbreaking ceremony.



The **James P. '60 and Mary C. Sczepaniak Lecture** took place on **Thursday, September 14**. Several guest speakers were featured and the topic of discussion was the 175th Anniversary of the Illinois and Michigan. The lectures began in October 2016 as a legacy to Jim and Mary Clare Sczepaniak. Their generosity provides scholarships, enhancements and a history lecture series.



ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

Lewis Fest was a fun day filled with Flyer-themed festivities, bringing together students, families, alumni, faculty, and staff in celebration of our inaugural event. The day was especially significant for the classes of '83, '93, '03, and '13, who had a special reunion at our Alumni Beer Tent. Thank you to all those who attended!

To check out more photos from our recent Lewis alumni events, [CLICK HERE](#).



LEWIS U NEWS

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



HONORING OUR VETERANS & ACTIVE MILITARY AT LEWIS FOR VETERANS DAY

This Veterans Day, we would like to recognize and honor all those active-duty military and veterans who are connected to our Lewis University community. Please submit the names of the service members you'd like to be included (living and deceased alumni veterans, family members, friends). All names submitted will be honored with a small flag displayed on campus during the week of Veterans Day. To submit the name of anyone you'd like to honor, please [CLICK HERE.](#)

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.](#)



Larissa Barnat ('21),
Submerged, oil on canvas

SAVE THE DATES
FEBRUARY 5-MARCH 8, 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 and entry form coming soon, [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.](#)



FLYERS ATHLETICS

Be the Ultimate Flyers Athletics Supporter!! Our Lewis student-athletes have kicked off their efforts to raise funds for their respective teams with the help of their **FRIENDS & FAMILY!** Show some love for your favorite athlete, coach, or team with a gift by [CLICKING 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?

In today's data-driven economy, innovations in technology have become key pillars as sources of growth. That's why Lewis has developed master's programs in **Computer Science, Data Science** and **Cybersecurity** that are designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge to impact the world for the better. Or, you can earn a **certificate in Data Science or Computational Biology and Informatics** if that better suits your professional needs.

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 this 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?

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**.

MAKE A GIFT

Consider 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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