



Alumni and Friends:

Just a few short weeks ago, we celebrated the end of another academic year and welcomed a new class of graduates into the Lewis University alumni family. As we shift into summer mode, there are great opportunities to stay connected to your fellow Flyers! Check out the latest and greatest in updates, stories, and events here in this month's *Jet-setter*.

To view, a beautiful tribute to the parents who make the Lewis experience possible for their children, click [HERE](#). Thank you to every single Flyer parent for the way you have supported your child's journey toward achieving his or her degree!

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!





CELEBRATING POPE LEO XIV

The Lewis University Alumni Office joyfully welcomes Pope Leo XIV as the newly elected leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

"Oh, I know your campus well," Pope Leo XIV told Lewis' President, Dr. David Livingston on May 15 when they met during an audience with the Christian Brothers in Rome. The pontiff relayed that Lewis University was on the shortlist of potential schools when he was a teenager.

To learn more about the president's visit with the Holy Father, click [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



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. Great sponsorship opportunities are available!

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.**](#)



Summer Alumni Gathering – Wednesday, June 18, 2025:

Come meet up with other Lewis alumni at Embers Taphouse in Lockport! There will be a cash bar and light appetizers will be provided by the Lewis Alumni Office. [**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.**](#)



Doctor of Physical Therapy Virtual Information Session – Wednesday, July 9, 2025:

Join us for a VIRTUAL information session for Lewis University's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program! This program is the perfect fit for anyone looking to take their career in Physical Therapy to the next level. To learn more and register for this session,

[**CLICK HERE.**](#)



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 (7/21- 7/26) long and plan to join us there on Saturday evening for our alumni gathering with free food and drink! Click [HERE](#) to register for Saturday's event or [HERE](#) to let us know you plan to stop by and enter the raffle during the week.



Doctor of Physical Therapy Virtual Information Session – Thursday, August 7, 2025: Join us for an additional in-person information session for Lewis University's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program! We offer a comprehensive, lockstep sequence, full-time entry-level curriculum, designed for completion over 7.5 consecutive semesters. To learn more and register for this session, [CLICK HERE.](#)



"Black at Lewis: Building Community, Honoring Legacy" – Wednesday, August 27, 2025: Join us for the Second Annual Black at Lewis Welcome Reception, an opportunity to welcome first-year black students and their families to the Lewis community. Held as part of Lewis University's Black August observance, all are welcome to join in solidarity, celebration, and support. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Lewis Fest – Saturday, October 4, 2025: Join us for our third Annual Lewis Fest, a day filled with Flyer fun for students, families, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends! In addition to lunch, there will be plenty of activities including a bounce house, airbrush tattoos, DJ, performance by the Flyer Spirit Squad, caricatures, henna art, and Women's Volleyball game against Upper Iowa! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Signum Fidei - Saturday, October 25, 2025: Save the Date! This year's celebration in support of Lewis University's Mission Fund will take place at the Hilton/Oak Brook Hills and will include an open bar, full dinner with reserved seating, inspiring program, and dancing. "Maggie Speaks," the band that performed for us at the House of Blues, will provide the music. We are especially excited to honor the transformative power of Lasallian educators – those who have taught at Lewis and those who have graduated from Lewis and using their talents to teach. Our Lasallian educators ARE Signum Fidei, The Sign of Faith for so many, and we hope you will join us in celebrating them on October 25. Discounted tickets are available for educators and young alumni. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATE ASSISTANTS IN THE ALUMNI OFFICE



Please join us in celebrating **Carrieana Larry '21 '25**, our incredible Graduate Assistant in University Advancement, on earning her MBA from Lewis University!

Throughout the past year, Carrieana has been an invaluable part of our team, creating engaging marketing materials, managing dynamic social media content, and providing essential support for our alumni engagement outreach. Her hard work, creativity, and dedication have made a lasting impact, and we couldn't be prouder of her accomplishments both academically and professionally.

Congratulations, Carrieana! We will miss you and cannot wait to see how your future unfolds!



"One of the greatest joys of working in higher education is watching a student step into their potential—and that's exactly what we've had the privilege of witnessing this year with one of the University Advancement's Graduate Assistants, **Hajira Sultana '25**. Hajira won the 'Crowd Favorite' award in the Business Pitch Competition and also received an award for 'Outstanding Performance' at the recent Celebration of Scholarship. Her creativity, work ethic, knowledge and genuine spirit shine through in everything she does. She's been an amazing Graduate Assistant, and it's been an honor to support and learn alongside her." - Krysten McGee, Executive Director

Hajira, we cannot wait to see what your future holds and we will be cheering you on!



Please join us in celebrating **Annalise Waner '23 '25**, our amazing Graduate Assistant for the past TWO years in University Advancement, on earning her Master's degree in Social Work from Lewis University!

Throughout the past two years, Annalise has been an incredible manager of our student workers who make calls to alumni and provide support for much of our stewardship outreach. Her initiative and leadership in taking on various fundraising and engagement projects has been invaluable and we will miss her terribly.

Any employer would be very lucky to have Annalise on their team and we are happy to learn that she has secured an excellent job as a Social Worker in Burbank!

CAMPUS NEWS



Bishop Spies Visits Lewis

On Tuesday, April 29, Joliet Diocesan Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies and Justin Reyes, Director of Catechesis and Evangelization for the diocese, visited Lewis University. Bishop Spies gave a presentation titled, "A Catholic Perspective on Care for Creation." The well-attended event began with a brief reception, followed by Bishop Spies' presentation. Afterward, there was a moderated conversation about *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' second encyclical "on care for our common home," followed by a small group discussion period.



Run the Runway

On May 4th, nearly 200 members of the Lewis University community came together for the inaugural *Run the Runway* event, a morning of fitness, fun, and Flyer pride. Held right on the runway, this unique event supported two student organizations: the Women's Air Race Classic Club and the Women in Aviation Club. Thank you to everyone who laced up their running shoes and took part in this inspiring celebration of aviation and community spirit!

A big thank you to **Captain Dolores Pavletic '83, Jackie's Pub, Robert Allen, United Airlines, Christopher Haworth '98, Tuskegee NEXT, and ASI Construction** for sponsoring the Run the Runway event!



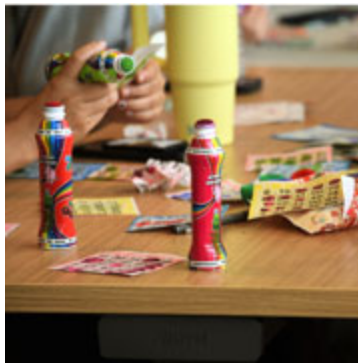
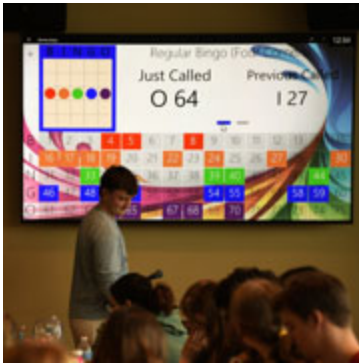
Piper Aircraft at Lewis

On Tuesday, May 6th, aviation students at Lewis University had the opportunity to hear from Shawn McClain of Piper Aircraft, who visited campus to share insights about the aviation industry and potential career paths. Piper Aircraft, a leading manufacturer of general aviation aircraft, based at Vero Beach Regional Airport in Florida, is a proud partner of Lewis University.

Pictured are Ryan Philips and Shawn McClain during the visit.

Community Hour

The Old National Bank Student Lounge in the Gaffney Center was jam packed on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 23, when Lewis' Student Senate sponsored their "Community Hour" Bougie Bingo gathering.



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Divine Mercy Sunday Mass

Above are scenes from the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass on April 27 in the Sancta Alberta Chapel, captured beautifully by the Photography Club.



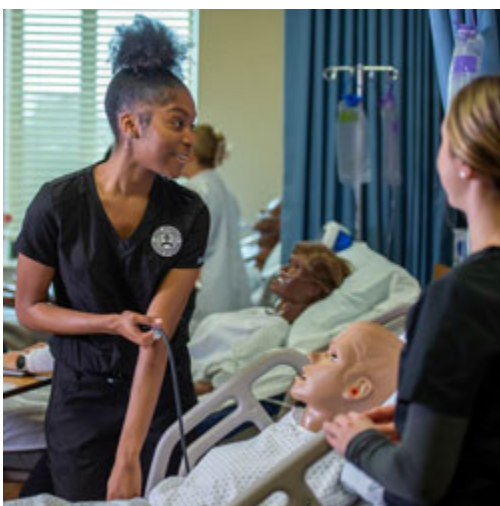
Brothers' Egg Hunt

After Sunday Mass in the Sancta Alberta Chapel on Sunday, April 27, the annual Christian Brothers' Easter Egg Hunt (pictured above) was held on campus. Students had a ball as they hunted for Easter eggs, particularly the coveted golden egg!

A SUMMER TO-DO



As we welcome summer, it's a time for sunshine, slowing down, and thinking ahead. While you enjoy the longer days and well-deserved breaks, take just 20 minutes to invest in peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones by creating a FREE will through FreeWill. It's a simple and meaningful way to care for those who matter most—and, if you choose, to leave a lasting legacy at Lewis University. Just like summer, it's the perfect opportunity to pause, reflect, and plan for what's next. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



EXPLORE GRADUATE DEGREES AT LEWIS

For more than 40 years, Lewis has produced qualified and compassionate nurses for Chicagoland's vast healthcare network. Our healthcare partners know they're receiving expert practitioners and innovative leaders dedicated to transforming practice in an increasingly complex system. Our Lewis [Master's in Nursing](#) program faculty work one-on-one with you in our state-of-the-art simulation hospital rooms and acute care labs, giving you a safe space to learn the latest techniques, practice problem solving, and develop strong clinical judgment skills.

As a result, our healthcare partners provide our students with a variety of clinical experiences in both in-patient and community settings, exposing you to real-world healthcare issues in diverse patient populations. If a full degree is more than you need, you can also enroll in a [Certificate of Advanced Study or Non-Degree program](#).

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

PROJECT MANAGEMENT PMP CERTIFICATION TRAINING

The College of Business at Lewis University is offering two upcoming opportunities to complete your PMP certification training at our Oak Brook campus. Choose between June 2–6 or August 11–15, 2025, with sessions running daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 1111 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL. The course includes daily lunch and is available for \$1,200. Current Lewis students, alumni, and PMI Chicagoland active members can use promo code "LUPMP" to receive a \$250 discount. Don't miss this chance to enhance your project management skills and boost your professional credentials. Click [HERE](#) to register.

SHOWCASE YOUR LEWIS ACHIEVEMENT



Having just celebrated Commencement, we are filled with pride for our newest Lewis University graduates—and we're also thinking of you, our alumni. Your diploma represents the hard work and memories you created during your time at Lewis. Now, you can showcase your achievement with a beautifully crafted Lewis University diploma plaque, perfect for your home or office. It's a stylish way to honor your success and keep the spirit of Lewis with you wherever life takes you. To order, click [HERE](#).

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 **Laurie June Georgia (Markatos) '02 '04 '11 '12** on becoming the assistant coach for the Greek National Softball team. She was recently inducted into the Lewis University Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the 2001 softball team.

Congratulations to **Sara Tlusty '13** on becoming the Oak Lawn – Hometown Middle School Associate Principal.

Congratulations to **Brianne Meyer '15 '17** and her husband, Andy, who welcomed their first baby, a little boy, into the world on August 14, 2024.

Congratulations to **Lauresha Hawkins '10** on her recent graduation from Claremont Graduate University with a Master of Public Health and a concentration in Health Promotion, Education, and Evaluation.

Congratulations to Bolingbrook High School Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, **Erin Clifford**, on winning the Illinois Golden Apple Winner for Teaching Excellence! Erin teaches the Lewis U dual credit *Intro to Early Childhood* course at Bolingbrook and earned an endorsement at Lewis. On May 6th, the Golden Apple Foundation surprised Erin Clifford (pictured below) with this award. She is one of 11 teacher award recipients in Illinois. Following a highly competitive process, the 2025 teaching award recipients were selected from more than 470 nominations of 9th-12th-grade teachers.



FLYERS ATHLETICS



It's been a standout spring for Lewis Athletics! **Delaney Garden** made history by earning both GLVC Player and Pitcher of the Year in softball, while Head Coach **Becky Pearl** was named Coach of the Year. The Flyers shared the GLVC Regular Season Championship and had four players named All-GLVC.

Baseball clinched its sixth **GLVC Regular Season title**, while men's and women's track and field captured the **GLVC outdoor championship titles**—marking the fifth for the men and an incredible ninth straight for the women.

Men's lacrosse celebrated **13 All-GLVC honorees**, with **Domenic Tarello** repeating as Specialist of the Year, and women's lacrosse saw **six players recognized**. Plus, **Jordane Dookie** was named GLVC Freshman of the Year in tennis!

The Lewis University Athletic Department recently won the **Great Lakes Valley Conference Commissioner's Cup** for the third straight year and fourth time in school history!

From record-breaking achievements to championship titles, it's been a spring to remember for Flyer Nation. To learn more, [**CLICK HERE.**](#)

Go Flyers!



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!

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