

LEWIS ALUMNI & FRIENDS

MONTHLY JET-SETTER

Alumni and Friends,

As the days grow longer, it's evident that spring is on its way! At Lewis, we are approaching the midpoint of the semester, a time filled with reasons for celebration and a plethora of exciting opportunities on the horizon!

FEATURED EVENT:



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! Join us if you can at Stritch Hall and make your gift in person between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.! We will have sweet treats and refreshments! We will raise funds for **20 projects** nominated by faculty, staff, and students. To view this year's projects or make an early gift, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Over **500+** alumni voted for this year's sock design, which was revealed on February 21st. Thank you to all who voted! A gift of \$25 will earn you a pair of spirit socks.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

- **The FIRE: Story Sharing and Dinner – Tuesday, March 5, 2024:** Gather in community around "the fire" to share stories and break bread! This interfaith event

will explore how storytelling and story listening can make meaning and connect communities. This year, our theme will focus on active bridge-building across faith traditions. This event will be in the University Dining Room. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

- **Rob Delaney Scholarship Celebration - Tuesday, March 12, 2024:** Join us at 6 p.m. at Embers, 933 S. State Street, Lockport, IL, to celebrate the life of Rob Delaney. Rob was a beloved student, alumnus, flight instructor, aviator, and friend of the Lewis community and his legacy continues to live on through a memorial scholarship. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **Flyer Red Dinner - Wednesday, March 13, 2024:** Join us for an evening at Bolingbrook Golf Club to celebrate Flyers Athletics as we honor our new inductees into the Hall of Fame, as well as our 2024 Lasallian of the Year! Cocktail Hour begins at 6 p.m. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#) Can't make it? Consider sponsoring a student who'd like to attend. Sponsorships available as well.
- **Spring Men's Volleyball Reception - Saturday, March 16, 2024:** Come root for the Flyers Men's Volleyball Team as they take on Quincy University at 4 p.m. in the Neil Carey Arena. There will be a reception in the Seiler Room during the game for all Men's Volleyball alumni (wristband required). After the game, there will be an alumni gathering at Nik & Ivy's Brewing Company. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **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. [CLICK HERE TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS.](#)
- **CoHFAC Kickback - March 22, 2024:** Join us for a night as we celebrate our students' success and explore all of the wonderful things happening in Lewis University's College of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Communications (CoHFAC). The evening's program will include the honoring of Keith White, Professor Emeritus and former Chairperson of Theatre, as well as a host of fun activities! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **Br. Bernard Rapp Lecture on Faith and Science – Monday, April 8, 2024:** Learn about how Environmental Science and the Catholic Church overlap at "Fresh Waters: Science, Values, and the Role of Theology," the 3rd Annual Br. Bernard Rapp Lecture on Faith and Science at 3:30 p.m. in AS building. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **Celebration of Scholarship – April 17 & 18, 2024:** Mark your calendars for the twelfth annual Celebration of Scholarship. This event is a platform for students to present their work to the Lewis Community. Alumni are encouraged to attend! More details coming soon.

- **Godspell – April 19-21, 2024:** To purchase tickets for this show at Philip Lynch Theatre, [CLICK HERE.](#)
- **Golden Flyers 50 Year Reunion – Saturday, May 18, 2024:** Save the Date! We will especially honor our Class of 1974 (50 years since graduation!) as they are officially inducted into our Golden Flyers society. Don't miss this fun-filled day to reminisce with former classmates and fellow Flyers who are already a part of the society. More details are coming soon!

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



On Ash Wednesday, Lewis University's new Chaplain, Father Paul Novak, OSM celebrated Mass in the Sancta Alberta Chapel. We welcome Father Novak, who served on the Lewis Board of Trustees from 2014 to 2022, and ask God to bless him as he once again serves our Lewis community.

EVENT PHOTOS

Below are photos from our annual Laugh to Create Awareness event, an event that raises money for the Wellness Center and provides scholarships to those studying in the mental health field. To check out photos from our alumni events, [CLICK HERE.](#)



ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to Tony Cuzzone '15, who is now working as Administrative Sergeant for the Elmhurst Police Department.

Congratulations to Mia Sunday '23, who has taken an administrative position with Fairmont School District 89.

Congratulations to Michael McDougall '12 '16 who was named "2023 Airport Business Top 40 Under 40" by Aviation Pros magazine. He currently serves as the Florida Department of Transportation Aviation Program Manager.

Congratulations to Dr. Patrick Woock '92 on his recently published book, "Succession: Navigating Generational Success: A Comprehensive Guide for Family Business Leaders and Successors."

Congratulations to Tosha Jackson '09 who has been appointed Head of School at Daystar Academy.

Congratulations to both, Tania Forsman '07 and Alicia Hays (Holligan) '18, on being selected as finalists for the 2024 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Thank you to the following alumni who volunteered in the Alumni Career Panel, hosted by Lewis English Studies and Jet Fuel Review: Kayla Chambers '18, Andrea Holm '17 '19, Kammeran Hughes '21, Lydia Kozłowski '20, and Julie Nettles '21.

RECENT ALUM SPOTLIGHT

Matthew Epstein's '23 journey at Lewis University began with a decision driven by both academic ambition and personal values. Drawn to Lewis for its Catholic LaSallian roots and the opportunity to participate in the 3+1 program, Matthew transferred from the College of DuPage. He turned his passion for social justice into his area of study and majored in the Criminal and Social Justice program. Matthew was involved in honor societies like Alpha Phi Sigma and leadership programs such as the National Society of Leadership and Success. We are eager to hear where Matthew's Lewis degree takes him!



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.](#)



LEWIS ALUMNI ART & DESIGN INVITATIONAL

Thank you to the following artists who submitted original pieces: Rebecca Banasiak '97, Kelsey Papineau '22, Julia (Ardis) Grabinski '23, Kayla Feigl '20, Larissa Barnat '18, Israel Vega '18, Devin Ingram '18, Joe Lopresti '02, Barbara Eberhard '74, R.J. (Randy) Miller '74, John McIntire '78, Dave Pomatto '71, Savannah Klozik '23, Eric Lee '11, Alfredo Melendez '15, John Mikicich '72, Frances Kraus '17, Brennan Duffy '17, Mark Swain '93, Rachel (Fosler) Medina '22, Anabel Garcia Silva '23, Erin Jane O'Connor '92, Geneva Reed '12 and Jocelyn Murray '22.

The Lewis Alumni Art and Design Invitational will be open through March 22nd. Stop by the Brent and Jean Wadsworth Family Gallery to view the exhibit. The exhibit features 26 artists and over 60 works of art including paintings, drawings photography, sculpture, digital work, and mixed media.



CAREER EXPO

Career Services at Lewis University is hosting a Career Expo open to alumni. The expo will take place March 20, 2024 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm in the fieldhouse. This is a two-fold opportunity.

Lewis alumni will have the opportunity to meet with 70+ potential employers. Additionally, if you are an alumnus who is looking to hire Lewis seniors or alumni, you can register as well! To attend, please wear professional attire and bring plenty of resumes.

If you are an employer interested in attending the career expo to recruit talent: [CLICK HERE.](#)

If you are an alumnus looking for employment: [CLICK HERE.](#)

FREEWILL

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Protect those you love by creating a will through Free Will this month! 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?

Discover how you can make a difference in our schools and communities with an advanced degree from our [Department of Education](#). Inspired by Saint John Baptist de LaSalle, Patron Saint of Educators, we believe in educating both the mind and spirit. Our reputation for preparing educators has made our graduates highly sought after by local school districts, opening new doors of opportunity. To keep creating new opportunities for our students, we're continually creating new programs such as our new [Principal Preparation \(Endorsement Only\)](#) and [Technology, Learning, and Design Education: Technology Specialist K-12](#)

[Endorsement.](#)

And as an alum, you may qualify for a tuition discount as part of our [Frequent Flyer program](#). [Apply now](#) or contact the Office of Graduate Admission at (815) 836-5610 or grad@lewisu.edu to learn more.

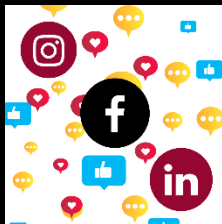
EXCITING NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

We are thrilled to introduce the latest addition to Lewis University's graduate degree academic offerings: the Reimagined Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MAOL) degree with stackable micro-credentials. The 10 courses, 30 credit-hour, innovative program empowers students to tailor their education to their specific career goals and learning objectives by selecting two micro-credentials from a diverse range of options, including Professional and Executive Coaching, Change Management, Training and Development, Human Resources and DEI, and Consulting. What sets our MAOL program apart is its direct alignment with industry-sought-after credentials, such as International Coaching Federation (ICF) certification, Association of



Change Management Professionals (ACMP) certification, Association of Talent Development (ATD) certification, Society for Human Resources (SHRM) certification, and Certified Management Consulting (CMC) certification. By offering students the opportunity to customize their degrees with micro-credentials aligned with these prestigious certifications, we are ensuring that graduates are equipped with the skills and knowledge demanded by today's competitive job market.

Great leaders possess a unique set of qualities that drive them to success: determination, adaptability, and a commitment to leading with purpose. At Lewis University, our MAOL program is designed to cultivate these essential leadership traits while providing students with practical skills to navigate complex organizational challenges. Through a career-focused curriculum and stackable micro-credentials, students will gain the expertise needed to solve problems, manage change, build effective teams, and make a meaningful impact in their organizations and communities. With the flexibility to choose micro-credentials tailored to their professional interests and aspirations, graduates of our MAOL program emerge as confident and capable leaders ready to excel in a rapidly evolving global landscape. Contact Shelia Boysen at boysensh@lewisu.edu.



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.

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](#).



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](#).

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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