

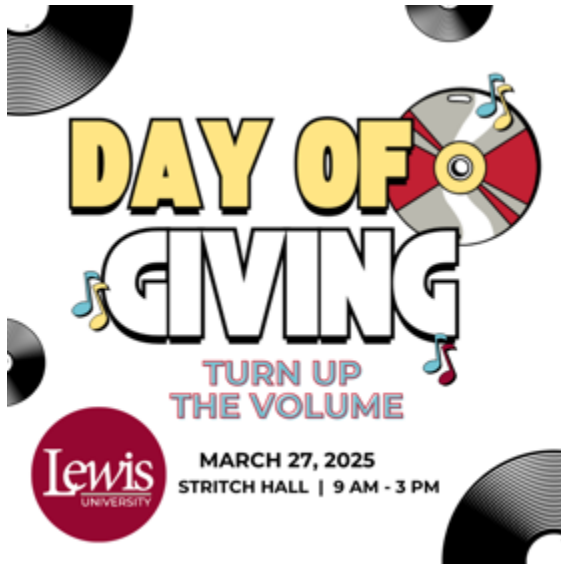
LEWIS ALUMNI & FRIENDS

MONTHLY JET-SETTER

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Alumni and Friends:

It's a grand month to be a Lewis Flyer or friend! Between the CoHFAC Kickback on Saturday, the 8th, and the Flyer Red Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction on Wednesday, the 26th, to our ultimate generosity jam of Flyer pride with Day of Giving on March 27th, along with every other event in between, we've got something for everyone. Whether your eyes are Irish or not, you'll be smilin' as you reconnect with old friends and make some new ones! Enjoy this month's Jet-setter and, "May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold, and at the end of your rainbows, may you find a pot of gold." Happy March!



LESS THAN A MONTH TO DAY OF GIVING...

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, March 27th**, when Flyers everywhere will be cranking up the volume to support 25 different student-centered funds at Lewis! Never in your **"Wildest Dreams"** did you think you'd have so many choices but it's Day of Giving and **"This is What You Came For."** From midnight to midnight on March 27th, yes, **"All Night Long,"** we will be watching that giving meter rise, even if we have to drink **"Espresso"** to stay awake. And to top it off, we want to **"Shout"** from the rooftops that you can double and even in some cases triple your gift because of the incredible matching gifts that are being offered!

Click on the graphic to learn more or make a gift by mail with the **"Signed, Sealed, Delivered"** return envelope you received. Or, join us in person during our daytime **"Celebration"** at Stritch Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.! **"Time After Time"** our Flyer family proves that they are simply **"The Best,"** so let's **"Come Together"** and TURN UP THE VOLUME on March 27th for the Day of Giving! If you have a **"Heart of Gold"** and want to offer a match, please contact Krysten McGee at 815-836-5966 or kmcgee2@lewisu.edu.



DAY OF GIVING SPOTLIGHT: The Lewis Access-Ability Club

The Access-Ability Club at Lewis University fosters inclusivity by bringing students with and without disabilities together for events and activities that promote awareness and understanding. Founded by Esli, a student who is blind, the club emphasizes the importance of accessibility, guided by the motto: "Inclusion is the key to unlock Access-Ability." Day of Giving contributions will support club events, meetings, and the purchase of accessible materials, ensuring all students can fully participate and engage in campus life.



DAY OF GIVING IMPACT STORY

Past Day of Giving contributions have provided invaluable hands-on learning experiences for students. For example:

"In November 2024, we welcomed professional artist, Jesse Howard, to lead a 2.5-hour drawing workshop for 20 art students," shares Natalie Swain, Art Gallery Coordinator for the Wadsworth Family Gallery. "Students received individualized instruction and valuable critiques—at no extra cost to them—thanks to Day of Giving funds."

UPCOMING EVENTS



Brother Bernard Rapp, FSC Lecture – Monday, March 3, 2025: Lewis University invites you to join us at 3:30 PM in the University Dining Room (AS-104C) for a thought-provoking lecture by Dr. Christiana Zenner of Fordham University. Her presentation will explore the global need for clean water, the impact of social values, and how theological ethics can inform our actions. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



CoHFAC Kickback - Saturday, March 8, 2025: Get ready for a night you won't soon forget at the 2nd Annual CoHFAC Kickback! Enjoy unlimited food and drink, fantastic activities, and an engaging program. The CoHFAC Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to alumnus and longtime Associate Professor of Communications, **John Carey**, and the studio theatre will be renamed in memory of **Keith White**. This event has been **SOLD OUT!**



Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - Contemporary Russian National Security Studies: Strategy, Policy & Global Implications: Join our Department of World Languages for an engaging discussion on Russia's National Security Strategies in the 21st Century. **Col. Roman Ortega Jr. '13**, an expert in security studies, will provide an in-depth analysis of the historical, geopolitical, and cultural factors shaping Russia's defense policies. From its imperial past to modern cyber tactics, this seminar will explore how Russia's experiences continue to influence its global strategy.



Flyer Red Dinner – Wednesday, March 26, 2024: Join us for the 6th Annual Flyer Red Dinner at the Bolingbrook Golf Club for an unforgettable evening celebrating the achievements and spirit of Flyers Athletics as we induct a new group into the Hall of Fame. Sponsor a student or reserve an entire table to invite others. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Sczepaniak Spring Lecture "Another Twenty-Five Years at Hull House (1910-1935): Jane Addams, Planning, and Housing Reform" - Thursday, March 27, 2025: Join Ann Durkin Keating and Dr. C. Frederick Toenniges, Professor of History at North Central College, who will present on current research that focuses on housing reform and early urban planning in the context of the Roaring Twenties and Great Depression. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Spring Visit Day Volunteer Opportunity – Saturday, April 12, 2025: Join us as an alumni volunteer while prospective Lewis University students visit campus. Answer questions and accompany students on tours as they prepare to make their college decisions. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Golden Flyers Reunion and Induction of the Class of 1975 - Saturday, May 31, 2025: Calling all Flyers who graduated 50 or more years ago! Join us for our annual Golden Flyers Reunion as we induct the Class of 1975 (50 years since graduation!) into this society. Don't miss this fun-filled day to reminisce with classmates and fellow Flyers. Hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Flyer Athletics Golf Outing – Friday, June 13, 2025: Save the date for the 45th Annual Flyer Athletics Golf Outing at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. Outing details and sponsorship information coming soon!

Announcing the Fifth Annual Event

TED^x Lewis University

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**TUESDAY,
MARCH 4, 2025**

7PM, Philip Lynch Theatre

Join us as members of the Lewis University community take the stage to give very timely talks on some of today's most relevant topics.



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QUESTIONS?

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Tedx at Lewis University - Tuesday, March 4, 2025: Join us as members of the Lewis University community take the stage to speak about some of today's most relevant topics at 7 p.m. in the Philip Lynch Theatre. **[PURCHASE TICKETS NOW!](#)**

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CAREER EXPO
WEDNESDAY, 3/12/25



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CAREER EXPO

Get ready to take the next step in your career! The Lewis University Career Expo Job & Internship Fair 2025 is happening on **Wednesday, March 12, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.** at the **Field House in Romeoville, IL**. Meet **70+** top employers actively recruiting for internships and full-time positions. Don't miss this opportunity to network, explore opportunities, and launch your future! Click **[HERE](#)** for more info!

CAMPUS NEWS



NEXT STOP: UNITED AIRLINES!

On February 19th, more than 50 Lewis aviation students had the incredible opportunity to visit United Airlines Headquarters at Willis Tower, and attend the annual "State of United Aviate Program Watch Party Celebration." This milestone marks a significant step in their journey toward a career in aviation. Featured were two Lewis University alumni speakers who are now United Airlines pilots. When asked how it feels to work for United, one of them replied "It's amazing to be a United pilot."

Since October 2023, Lewis University has proudly partnered with United Aviate, providing students with a clear hiring pathway to the flight deck and securing opportunities for lifelong careers as pilots at United Airlines. This partnership is shaping the next generation of aviation professionals and helping our students soar to new heights!



FLIGHTCHECK AT LEWIS

Kenzel Mitchell, a Flightcheck employee, visited our Aviation Maintenance classroom to provide students with valuable insights into the aviation industry and what to expect in their future careers. He also met with recipients of Flightcheck's scholarship through Lewis University.

MISSION & MINISTRY

Lenten Season at Lewis (Sancta Alberta Chapel)

Ash Wednesday Mass: March 5 at 4:30 p.m.

Mass during the Week: Mondays & Wednesdays at Noon |
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. | Sundays at 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes before Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Rosary: Monday through Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome to take part in these sacred traditions throughout the Lenten season at Lewis!

Mission and Ministry is turning up the volume for two impactful Day of Giving projects—the **Koinonia retreat** and a **Mission Trip to the Philippines**. For generations, Koinonia has been a defining moment in the Lewis experience, offering a mix of friendship, reflection, and faith at LaSalle Manor. However, for many Flyers, the cost is a barrier. Your support can help sponsor retreat costs and ensure that any student who wants to attend can do so.

In June of 2025, Lewis students hope to travel to Bago City, Philippines, to build homes for families in need, living out the Lasallian mission of service and community. In order to make this trip happen, students hope to raise funds on the Day of Giving to offset the cost. Let's make some noise for these change-makers and support their important outreach in the Philippines.



START YOUR SPRING CLEANING EARLY



Getting ready to start your spring cleaning? How about taking 20 minutes to tidy up your future planning for your loved ones? Create a FREE will and give yourself the ultimate peace of mind! Through FreeWill, the process is easy—and you can even leave a lasting legacy at Lewis University if you choose. Now that's a lucky charm worth sharing. To learn more, please click [HERE](#).



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

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 mcgheeb@lewisu.edu.

ALUMNI NEWS

Thank you to **Matthew Kwiatkowski '00 '06** who coached our student cybersecurity team at the Atlantic Council Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge.

Thank you to Illinois State **Senator Meg Loughran Cappel '17** who visited Lewis' campus recently for an insider's look at our thriving Early Childhood Education facility.

A big thank you to **Ronald Plankis '73**, for his generous support of our Accounting Program and our students' participation in the 2024 IMA Student Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA.

Congratulations to **Kristina Sauter '25 and Erin Clifford** for being selected as finalists for the 2025 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Congratulations to **Loretta Furtute '04** for being selected as finalists for the 2025 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Leadership.

Congratulations to **Kristle Lowell '12** on becoming the proud owner and CEO of Flying Saucers Trampoline & Tumbling in Tinley Park, Illinois.

Congratulations to **John Carey '85 '06** who will receive the Lewis University CoHFAC Lifetime Achievement Award on March 8th.

Congratulations to **George DiMatteo '76, Joe Falese '78 '84, Amanda Farrough, Isaac Jean Paul '16, Reetta Laakonen, the 1981 women's volleyball team and the 2001 softball team** who will be inducted to the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame on March 26th.

Congratulations to **Lisa Carlsen, Wendy Hegarty '92, Jill Karwoski '01, Karen Lockyer, Erin Murphy-Lorenz '79, Laurie Goolsby-Schoenfeld '94 and Catherine "Tat" Shiely** on their induction to the Lewis University Academy of Coaches. Several of this years inductees are pictured below.



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.**](#)



FLYERS ATHLETICS

The Lewis University Athletic Department announced that five new members and two teams will be inducted into the Lewis Athletics Hall of Fame on March 26, 2025. The ceremony will occur during the **Flyer Red Dinner** at Bolingbrook Golf Club in Bolingbrook, Illinois, starting at 6 p.m.

To keep up with all the latest news and updates from athletics, **CLICK HERE.**

Together, we are building brighter futures and a better world!

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