

LEWIS ALUMNI & FRIENDS

MONTHLY JET-SETTER

CONGRATS TO OUR SOON-TO-BE GRADUATES!

Alumni and Friends:

Spring has arrived at Lewis University, bringing with it blooming campus landscapes, a buzz of activity, and a sense of excitement as our students wrap up the semester. As finals approach and commencement nears, we prepare to celebrate the newest members of the Flyer family—graduates ready to embrace their vocations and make a meaningful impact on the world. In this edition, discover ways to stay connected and take part in upcoming events that continue to shape the Lewis experience!



Thank you to the Flyer Photography Club for capturing our campus in bloom!



REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

Lewis University and the world mourns the passing of Pope Francis, we want to share with you the link to a recording of "The 21st Show," where Dr. Dennis Cremin, chair and professor of history at Lewis University, recently shared his insights on the legacy of Pope Francis, who died on April 21. To learn more, click [HERE](#).

May Pope Francis rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2025 GLVC Outdoor Track & Field Championship Alumni Gathering - Saturday, May 3, 2025: Join us for an exciting weekend as Lewis University hosts the 2025 Great Lakes Valley Conference Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Lewis Stadium! All Flyer Track & Field alumni are invited to stop by our Alumni Tent May 3rd, starting at noon for refreshments, reconnections, and a front-row seat to cheer on our Flyers. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Run the Runway – Sunday, May 4, 2025: Get ready to lace up and hit the runway! Lewis University is hosting Run the Runway, a unique run/walk experience at Lewis University Airport. This event is a fundraiser benefiting two incredible Lewis aviation clubs: Women's Air Race Classic and Women in Aviation. Come out, get active, and support our future aviators! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Lewis University Accounting Banquet - Thursday, May 8, 2025: Join us for a special evening designed to bring together alumni, students, and faculty to celebrate the success of our accounting program and foster meaningful connections within our community. Enjoy an evening of networking, recognition, and inspiration as we celebrate the growth and excellence of our accounting program. [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 and the reunion event is free for Golden Flyers and a guest. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



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. Sponsorship opportunities are available. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



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 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 throughout the week.



Signum Fidei - Saturday, October 25, 2025: Save the Date! This year's celebration will take place at the Hilton/Oak Brook Hills and will include a sit down dinner, dancing and open bar. "Maggie Speaks," who performed for us at the House of Blues will provide the music. We are excited to honor the transformative power of Lasallian educators – those who have taught at Lewis and those who have graduated from Lewis that are creating a better world by sharing their teaching talents with America's youth. Mark your calendar for a night when the Lewis community comes together in support of the Mission Fund as "Signum Fidei," the sign of faith. Details are forthcoming.



NURSING STUDENTS ACHIEVE

Huge congratulations to our 2024 nursing graduates on their remarkable success!

With an incredible **98% pass rate** on the NCLEX-RN exam, our students continue to set the bar high, surpassing both state and national averages!

To learn more, click [HERE](#).



LEWIS PLACES SECOND

The Lewis University Maintenance Technician Competition Team competed in April at the Aerospace Maintenance Council (AMC) Competition in Georgia.

Our Lewis competitors won two individual events and finished 2nd Place overall! Congratulations to each of these competitors as well as their coach, **Matthew Franklin**. Additional thanks to **United Airlines** for their sponsorship and support of our team!

LEWIS IN THE NEWS

- FOX 32 Chicago recently highlighted the Lewis University Air Traffic Control program in a Special Report, "Lewis University Trains Future Air Traffic Controllers Amid Growing National Shortage." This feature pointed out a nationwide shortage of air traffic controllers by approximately 3,500, and offered a solution by expanding training, funding, and policy changes. Lewis University was highlighted for playing a key role in training future controllers. To learn more, click [HERE](#).
- On April 13, Lewis University Athletics held a blood drive in honor of Caleb Koenig, son of Women's Soccer Head Coach Chris Koeing. Recently featured by FOX 32 Chicago, the news segment highlighted Caleb's challenges with TAR syndrome and his reliance on monthly transfusions to survive. The blood drive was held to support Caleb and raise awareness about the ongoing need for blood. To learn more, click [HERE](#).

FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to **Dr. Vesna Markovic**, who was nominated and elected as President of the Board of Directors for Fulcrum Point New Music Project.

MISSION & MINISTRY



The entire Lewis University community is invited to celebrate with our graduates and their families at Commencement Mass on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in Sancta Alberta Chapel. The celebrant for the Mass will be Fr. Paul Novak, University Chaplain, and **all are welcome to attend.**

ARTS & IDEAS



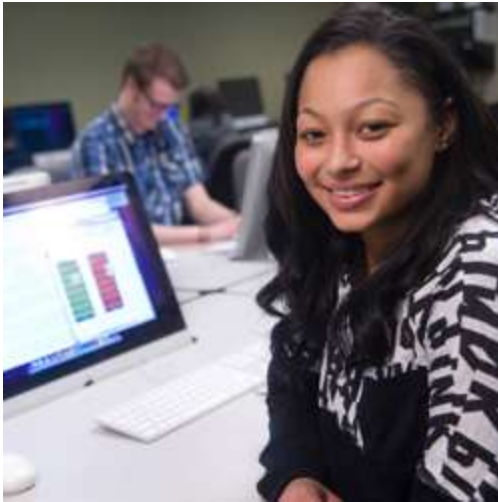
to view the full schedule!

As the spring semester winds down, there's still time to enjoy the final events of our Arts & Ideas Program. Whether it is the last performances of the theater production, *Ride the Cyclone*, or the Senior Capstone Exhibition, these cultural events offer a perfect way to wrap up the academic year. Click [**HERE**](#)

PLANT SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE



As the spring semester winds down and graduation approaches, it's a season of reflection, fresh beginnings, and planning for the future. Take just 20 minutes to invest in peace of mind for you and your loved ones by creating a **FREE** will through FreeWill. It's a simple, thoughtful way to care for those you love—and, if you choose, leave a lasting legacy at Lewis University. Just like spring, it's the perfect time to plant seeds for what's next. Click [**HERE**](#) to learn more.



EXPLORE GRADUATE DEGREES AT LEWIS

Discover the opportunities that await you in Lewis' new graduate programs.

- **Artificial Intelligence, MS** – Our new Artificial Intelligence, MS will equip you with the in-depth knowledge and practical skills to build and implement modern AI systems.
- **Management Information Systems, MS** – Our Management Information Systems, MS will help you master strategic technology leadership, data analytics, and cybersecurity, with a special emphasis on AI applications for business.

Both programs start Fall 2025. **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



As Commencement approaches, 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 SPOTLIGHT

Pictured is Lewis University President Dr. David Livingston, with social work alumna **Martha Villegas Miranda '98** at the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Conference in Chicago, IL.

Martha continues to live out the Lasallian mission through her work as Director of the TRIO Talent Search REACH Program at Broward College. In this role, she supports and mentors 500 first-generation, low-income middle and high school students in Fort Lauderdale, FL, guiding them toward brighter futures. Her dedication to empowering young people is a true reflection of what it means to be a Flyer making a difference in the world!

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to **Trevor Nash '20 and Lauren Brennan '19 '22** on their recent engagement on March 28 in Pensacola Beach, FL.

Congratulations to **Chris Kontos** on being named Regional Director of Operations at McNeill Hotel Company.

Congratulations to **Zorriante Brown '06 '09** on receiving the 68th Annual Honors Convocation Best Student Teacher in Special Education award.

Congratulations to **Richard Joyce '73 '83**, who recently published his book, *Spring Valley Is a Mining Town*. To learn more or purchase the book, click [HERE](#).



Thank you to all our alumni who helped on April 12th's Prospective Students Day. Pictured are: **Amina Hart '12, Kelly Kolton '17, Natasha Lawson, and Sheldon Sherman '95.**

FLYERS ATHLETICS



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

On Saturday, April 12th, we proudly celebrated the members of the 1974, 1975, and 1976 Lewis University Baseball National Championship teams with a special brunch, followed by a doubleheader against Quincy University—capped off by two exciting wins for the Flyers!



FLYER FEATURE

Meet **George DiMatteo '76**, who was recently inducted into the Lewis University Flyers Athletics Hall of Fame. The longtime head softball coach guided the Flyers to more than 1,000 wins in his 31-year career. To read more, click [HERE](#).

To keep up with all the latest news and updates from athletics, [CLICK HERE](#).



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!

Support our Flyers

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