

LEWIS ALUMNI & FRIENDS

MONTHLY JET-SETTER

Alumni and Friends,

As the season of gratitude unfolds, the Lewis University community is filled with the spirit of appreciation. While students continue their academic pursuits, we're reminded of the invaluable support and dedication of our alumni who make their success possible. This month, we give thanks for YOU, our Flyer family, by sharing inspiring stories, and highlighting opportunities to stay connected with Lewis!

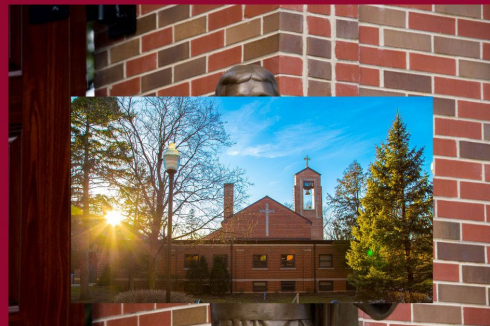


ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1

"ALL YOU HOLY MEN AND
WOMEN, PRAY FOR US."

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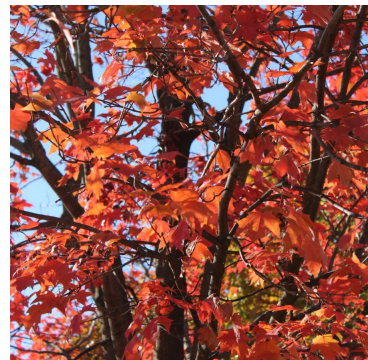
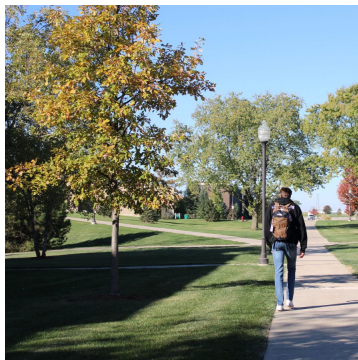
ALL SOULS DAY



WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE SOULS WHO HAVE GONE
BEFORE US. MAY THEY BE RESTING IN THE PEACE
AND JOY OF HEAVEN.

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NOVEMBER 2



Many thanks to Brother Peter and the Photography Club for continually capturing and sharing the beauty of Lewis University!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

- **Pumpkin Pitch - Saturday, November 2, 2024:** Join us in Lot W from 9 a.m. to noon for pumpkin launching and composting with Physics students. Also, included are electronic recycling and paper shredding. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION.](#)
- **Volleyball Alumnae Weekend – November 15 & 16, 2024:** Join us in Neil Carey Arena for a weekend of games, food, and friendship as we cheer on the Flyers at two games! We will have food and drinks for our Women's Volleyball alumnae in the Seiler Room during both games. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **Open Mic Night at Embers – Thursday, November 21, 2024:** Do you have a talent (song, poem, story, etc.) you're dying to share? Join us at 7:30 p.m. at Embers Tap House (933 S. State St., Lockport, IL). This event is hosted by the English Studies "Jet Fuel Review" and the Music Department and is open to the public. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **"Laugh to Create Awareness" Comedy Night – Saturday, February 8, 2025:** Save the Date! Our annual Laugh to Create Awareness night will be back at the Beverly Arts Center. Proceeds benefit Lewis' mental health counseling services as well as scholarships for students studying to become mental health counselors. It is a night of laughter and raising awareness for mental health. More information coming soon!

Students at the center, **FOR A BETTER WORLD**

COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN



NEW RANKING

Lewis University has been named one of the most environmentally responsible and sustainability-committed colleges in the nation by the Princeton Review. "We are delighted to recommend Lewis University to students who want their 'best-fit' college to also be a 'green' one," said Rob Franek, The Princeton Review's Editor-in-Chief. "Lewis University, which offers excellent academics, also demonstrates a strong commitment to sustainability in its campus programs, policies and practices." [READ MORE HERE.](#)

COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN

Early this spring, Lewis University President Dr. Livingston introduced our bold new comprehensive campaign, *Students at the Center for a Better World*. With a goal of raising **\$50 million**, this campaign focuses on three key pillars: enhancing our campus through capital projects, growing our endowment, and providing vital support for scholarships and programs. At Lewis, our mission is to deliver a transformative education grounded in our Lasallian values. Philanthropy plays a critical role in fulfilling this mission, and with your support, we can shape a brighter future for our students and the world. [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE.](#)

FIRST GEN FLYERS

The week of November 4-8th marks Lewis University's First Gen Flyers Celebration Week, a time to celebrate and support our first-generation college students. Throughout the week, students can participate in various events designed to foster connections, access valuable resources, and celebrate their academic achievements.

As a Lewis alum, we invite YOU to be a part of this special week! If you're a first-generation Flyer, we'd love to hear your story. If you have advice for current first-gen students, please share that too. Submit your story or advice by clicking [HERE](#).



HONORING OUR VETERANS & ACTIVE MILITARY AT LEWIS

Thank you to all those in our Lewis community who serve in our nation's armed forces. This Veterans Day, we will honor our veterans with a flag display at the main entrance, recognizing the service of those individuals tied to our Lewis community. An on-campus Veterans Day ceremony will also be held. To register or learn more, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Would you like to honor a living or deceased veteran by supporting military-affiliated students at Lewis? Consider supporting the Major Erich J. Sauer Endowed Scholarship. Established by alumnus Colonel Roman Ortega '13 in memory of his friend Erich, this scholarship provides financial assistance to veterans pursuing their education at Lewis. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Lewis University has a President's Circle? This distinguished group of donors plays a vital role in advancing the University's mission by giving \$1,000 or more each year. Their generosity directly supports the vision of Lewis University, enhancing opportunities for students and the entire community. As a member of the President's Circle, you'll be invited to exclusive events, including the annual President's Circle Dinner, and have unique opportunities to engage with University leadership. You can make your gift through various methods such as personal check, credit card, matching gift, or planned giving.

Join the President's Circle by November 15, 2024 to secure your invitation to this year's special event. Thank you to the 1,104 members whose contributions make a lasting impact on Lewis University students!



SIGNUM FIDEI RECAP

On October 19, 2024, Lewis University held its annual Signum Fidei Celebration, raising more than **\$320,000** for the Mission Fund. More than **430** members of the Lewis community came together to celebrate and support this important cause. Bryan '82 '93 and Mary '82 '93 Durkin were honored for their invaluable contributions, which have enabled countless students to benefit from an exceptional Lewis education. They shared their personal story of meeting during freshman orientation, falling in love, and building a life together founded in the values they learned at Lewis. The late Dr. Juan Ojeda, St. Augustine College Dean of Students, was remembered for his 28 years of dedicated service. Finally, we extend our deep gratitude to our generous sponsors who made this evening possible. To see a list of our Signum Fidei sponsors, please [CLICK HERE](#).

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE PHOTOS FROM SIGNUM FIDEI!!](#)



OUR LASALLIAN ROOTS

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. Pause for a moment of reflection as you listen to the Official Hymn for ["Pilgrims of Hope."](#)

As Lasallians, we are called to act. We are called to live deeply within the realities and signs of the times that we are faced with, and not allow the injustices and threats to peace that we may encounter, to become like wallpaper or background noise. May our faith, and our Lasallian community, nurture the beautiful seed of purpose that is inside of each of us, and provide the light it needs to grow.

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to **Kyle '21** and **Carrie Bugee** on their recent marriage—wishing you a

lifetime of love, joy, and endless blessings together!

Congratulations to **Jocelyn Pasindo '24** who is the winner of the Young Alum survey swag raffle.

Congratulations to **Dr. Rob Culp '08 '19** who is competing in the new CBS reality show, *The Summit*, set in the New Zealand Alps! He has also taught as an adjunct for the Lewis' education department. He is currently the English Language Arts Coordinator for Joliet D86.

Congratulations to Lacrosse alumnus **Kai George '24** who was drafted in the fifth round and 61st pick by the Vancouver Warriors.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Meet Dr. Okey Enyia, a 1999 biology alumnus who recently graduated from George Washington University School of Public Health with his doctorate in health policy. "My life story consists of seasons where I was either the initiator of strategic career moves or the strategic career move chose me. Lewis University chose me." [CLICK HERE TO READ HIS STORY.](#)



FLYERS ATHLETICS

We are nearing our goal of raising \$160,000 for our annual **Athletic Funds Campaign**, but we still need your support! Your generous contributions have already made a tremendous impact on the success of our 500+ student-athletes and 23 sports teams, helping them thrive both in competition and in the classroom. To make a gift and contribute to our championship culture, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Below are a few photos from the recent Lewis Crossover on Oct. 12. To stay up-to-date on all things athletics, [CLICK HERE.](#)



INTERESTED IN EARNING AN ADVANCED DEGREE?

Our Lewis University's **Master's in Project Management** has earned accreditation from the



PMI Global Accreditation Center for Project Management. This honor provides our graduates with a level of prestige that makes them a preferred candidate in the Project Management industry and sets them up for greater success as the field continues to grow.

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

Explore New Career Paths with Continuing Education

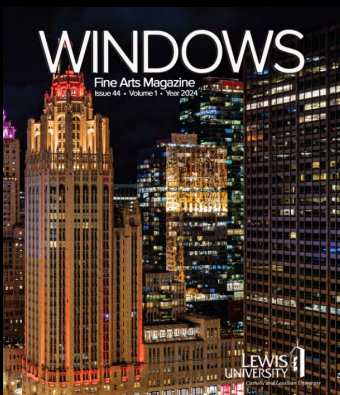
Thinking about changing careers? Lewis University's online Continuing Education courses can help you explore new fields and gain the skills you need to make a transition and succeed. Our courses are designed for adult learners, career changers, and lifelong learners.

Continuing education isn't just about learning new skills; it's also about building connections. Our programs offer ample networking opportunities, connecting you with industry professionals, peers, and potential mentors. This network can be invaluable for career advancement and exploring new opportunities. With expert instructors and flexible schedules, you can learn at your own pace and on your own time. Discover new opportunities and take the first step towards a brighter future by enrolling in our next session. Visit our **Continuing Education Catalog** or contact our admissions office at continuinged@lewisu.edu for more details.



MISSION & MINISTRY

Lewis University warmly invites students, alumni, and community members to join us for Mass at the Sancta Alberta Chapel. Mass is celebrated on Mondays and Wednesdays at noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend!



WINDOWS FINE ARTS MAGAZINE

Windows Fine Arts Magazine presents its annual magazine contest! Submissions are open to all Lewis University Alumni. Writing submission categories are Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction, Academic Essay, and Research Report. Categories for Visual Art are Painting, Drawing, Crafts, and Sculpture. Digital Art submission categories are Photography, Graphic Design, and Digital Illustration. The contest ends **January 26th, 2025**.

For more information and to download the entry form, **[CLICK 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!

FREEWILL



As we gather with loved ones this Thanksgiving season, it's a time to reflect on the importance of family and securing the future. Protect those you cherish by creating a will with FreeWill—an easy-to-use online platform that helps you craft a legally binding will in under 20 minutes. Lewis University has partnered with FreeWill to offer this free service, ensuring peace of mind for you and your family. This season of gratitude is also an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by including Lewis University in your plans, supporting future generations. 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.](#)

If you are interested in what's going on at Lewis, please join our Alumni Rep meeting on **January 15, 2025** at Noon! Message Brandon McGhee at mcgheebr@lewisu.edu for the link!

LEWIS U NEWS

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



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.

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.](#)

MAKE A GIFT

Consider making a gift to Lewis University and change a life in the process! There is no

greater gift than an education, particularly one rooted in Lasallian values. To choose your impact area and make a gift, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Questions? Please email Kathleen Hillsman in the Alumni Office at khillsman@lewisu.edu

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