



Welcome, Lewis University Class of 2030!

Flyers and Friends,

We hope you had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. Even though summer is not officially over, there is something so special about fall on our Lewis campuses. The leaves will soon change color, the calendar will fill up quickly, and Lewis will be calling you back.

As we approach the 25th anniversary of September 11, we invite you to join us for a **25th Anniversary of September 11 Ceremony** on Thursday, September 10, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Center on our Romeoville Campus (101 Airport Road, Romeoville, IL 60446). May our entire Lewis University community be united in solemn reflection and prayer for all those who lost their lives on September 11, and all those impacted by the events of that day.

Warmly,

The Lewis University Alumni Office Team

NATIONAL NEWS

Money Magazine's Best Colleges in America 2026 recognizes Lewis for our dedication to academic excellence, affordability, and preparing students for success beyond graduation.

See why Lewis made the list <https://bit.ly/4zgwjzC>

UPCOMING EVENTS

September Event Spotlight: Signum Fidei—Flight Path to the Future: A Night to Soar
October 24, 2026
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Westin Chicago Lombard

This year at Signum Fidei, we will recognize the remarkable legacy of aviation at Lewis and the generations of alumni who have made an impact across the industry. But this special evening is about much more than aviation. It is a night for the entire Lewis community—alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, students and supporters—to come together and celebrate the University and Lasallian Mission we share.

Just as important is the purpose behind the evening. Proceeds from Signum Fidei will support the **Mission Fund**, which provides assistance to Lewis students facing unexpected financial challenges. These resources can make the difference in helping a student remain enrolled, stay focused on completing a degree, and continue moving toward the future they came to Lewis to build.

We hope you will join us for an evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing, and live music from Maggie Speaks. It will be a chance to celebrate Lewis, our students, and the community that makes their success possible.



September

Coloring to Heal: Ruth Hong Art (Art Exhibit) - August 17 - September 20, 2026 | Making art allows Ruth Michalsen (she/her) of Ruth Hong Art to appreciate the present. She lives with complex PTSD. She uses a variety of mediums, especially her own cut photographs, to depict personal experiences. Her work explores life's themes including mental health, childhood, and self-compassion. Ruth resides in Romeoville, Illinois with her husband and two boys. | Wadsworth Family Art Gallery | Free admission

September 11th 25th Anniversary Ceremony - Thursday, September 10, 2026 | 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Center - 101 Airport Rd., Romeoville, IL 60446 | All are welcome. | On-site parking is available.

Adam Smith: What He Said, What He Didn't - Tuesday, September 15, 2026 | Professor Gregory Harms will provide an introduction to the thought of Adam Smith. Along the way, he will demythologize Smith, and show him to be the moral philosopher he was. Harms is an independent scholar long specializing in US foreign policy and the Middle East. He lectures, keeps a blog, and publishes articles on *CounterPunch*, *Truthout*, *Mondoweiss*, and *Juan Cole's blog, Informed Comment*. He is also the host of a podcast called "The Inquiry," which discusses politics, culture, and philosophy. Harms has traveled throughout Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza, and has been interviewed on BBC Radio. An award winning author, Harms has taught philosophy as an adjunct professor for almost fifteen years; his areas of specialization are moral and political philosophy. He spends most of his time in the company of Rousseau and Adam Smith. He is presently working on a book on the latter. | 2 p.m. | Location: AS 158A | Free admission

MAN CAVE: Volumes I and II (Theatre Production) - September 21, 2026 | The Timothy Mooney Repertory Theatre presents: MAN CAVE, a One-Man Sci-Fi Climate Change Tragicomedy, Volumes I and II! Six years ago, Tim Mooney brought "Man Cave; a One-Man Sci-Fi Climate Change Tragicomedy" to Lewis University. "Man Cave" featured "the last man on Earth, broadcasting to whatever Klingons, Vulcans or Tralfamadorians might still be listening." "Man Cave" was only one of SEVEN one-man shows, Mooney has brought to Lewis over the years. Now, Tim has returned to the theme of the original "Man Cave," with a

SEQUEL. That second play now combines with "Volume I" to present a two-part "one-two punch" in a single evening! Those who caught the original "Man Cave" may remember that play ending on a "cliffhanger," with lots of people wondering just what happens next! | 7:30 p.m. | Keith White Theatre in Oremus Fine Arts Building | Free admission

October

My Town, My Country by Lewis University Alumnus, Bill Bartelt '70 (Art Exhibit) - October 1-23, 2026 | Gallery Talk: October 22, 2026 | Bill Bartelt grew up in Joliet, the son of a farm dealer, in the days when it was still both a "cow town" and a "railroad town." The fascination for both has never left him. During a Chicago career in show business, Bill painted the rails, bridges, and watertanks that he first loved as a kid. Travels around the countryside kept him close to his rural roots, and the hills, forests and rivers have kept him sustained and inspired. | Wadsworth Family Art Gallery | Free admission

Women's Volleyball Alumnae Weekend - October 2-3, 2026 | Join your fellow Women's Volleyball alumnae back on the Romeoville campus to cheer on the Flyers at two weekend games! | Friday, Oct. 2: Flyers vs. Missouri S & T at 6 p.m. in Neil Carey Arena | Saturday, Oct. 3: Flyers vs. Maryville University at 3 p.m. in Neil Carey Arena | Reception in the Seiler Room for WVB alumnae and their guests during both games. | Registration is required. | For more information and to register, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Lewis Fest - Friday, October 2 - Sunday, October 4, 2026 | Join fellow Lewis students, families, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends for a weekend of activities, fun, and community at our annual celebration of Lewis Fest! | There will be athletic games, activities for kids of ALL ages, food and drink, theatre performances, Mass, and more. For the full weekend line up of activities and to purchase tickets, [CLICK HERE](#).

The Gods of Comedy (Student Theatre Production) - October 2-4, 2026 and October 8-11, 2026 | This is a fast-paced comedy by Ken Ludwig about two young classics professors, Daphne and Ralph, who make a career-changing discovery: a supposedly authentic, unknown manuscript of the ancient Greek playwright Euripides. When the manuscript goes missing, Daphne desperately calls on the gods of ancient Greece for help—and to her shock, the Greek god Dionysus and the Muse Thalia actually appear. Instead of quietly solving the problem, the two immortal visitors create chaos across a prestigious university campus. | Play times vary by date | Philip Lynch Theatre | For more info and to purchase tickets, [CLICK HERE](#).

Live Sound Boot Camp - Saturday, October 3, 2026 | As a music teacher or church musician, you are often the conductor, the roadie, and the sound engineer all at once. This live sound bootcamp is designed to strip away the intimidating factors of live audio and provide you with a repeatable, professional workflow. | 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Lewis University Romeoville Campus - One University Drive, Romeoville, IL | To register, [CLICK HERE](#). Questions? Please contact music@lewisu.edu.

"They Cloned Tyrone" (Film Screening & Discussion) - October 7, 2026 | Join us for an in person film screening of, "They Cloned Tyrone," a pulpy sci-fi mystery with sharp social commentary that follows three unexpected allies as they uncover a chilling conspiracy hidden in their neighborhood. After the screening, join us for a discussion exploring race, surveillance, power, and satire in contemporary Black cinema. | 4:30pm | University Dining Room - AS 104C | Free admission.

2026 Men's Volleyball Fall Festival - Friday & Saturday, October 9 & 10, 2026

MVB Legacy Golf Outing - Friday, October 9, 2026 | Join fellow MVB alumni, parents, family and friends as you hit the links to support the Lewis University MVB Legacy Endowment Fund. | Start: 9 a.m. | Sanctuary Golf Course - 485 Marley Rd., New Lenox, IL |

For more information and to register, [CLICK HERE](#). Questions? Please contact Dan Friend at friendda@lewisu.edu.

MVB Fall Festival Activities - Saturday, October 10, 2026 | Join MVB alumni, parents, family and friends on Lewis' Romeoville Campus for a variety of activities. | One University Pkwy., Romeoville, IL 60446 | For more information and to register for any and all activities, [CLICK HERE](#).

MVB Potluck Picnic - 1 p.m. | MVB will provide the main dish and attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. | Gazebo on University Green

MVB Red/White Scrimmage - 3 p.m. | Cheer on the Flyers during an intrasquad game! | Neil Carey Arena

MVB Alumni Game - 4:30 p.m. | Alumni are invited to take the court and relive their Lewis glory days! | Neil Carey Arena

Flyer Baseball Golf Outing - Saturday, October 10, 2026 | Grab your clubs, bring your Flyer spirit, and join us for a day on the golf course in support of Lewis' Baseball student-athletes. | 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. | Links at Carillon Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544 | Registration is required and sponsorships are available. Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 30. For more information and to register, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Film Screening - The Voice of Hind Rajab - Monday, October 19, 2026 | This film screening is part of this year's annual Gros Institute Peace Teach-In. Through the preserved recordings of six-year-old Hind Rajab's final phone calls and the efforts of her family to keep her story alive, [The Voice of Hind Rajab](#) explores memory as a form of resistance and storytelling as an act of communal care. | 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | St. Charles Borromeo Flight Deck (Romeoville campus) | Free admission | To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

Gros Institute Memorial Event - Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | The World We Refuse, the World We Build: Resistance, Community, and Collective Survival—In a time of escalating authoritarianism, ecological crisis, and social fragmentation, resistance cannot only be about opposing what harms us. It must also be about building the relationships, practices, and forms of solidarity that make collective survival possible. Drawing on movement history, abolitionist thought, mutual aid, and years of organizing experience, Kelly Hayes will explore how refusal can become a generative force: a refusal of abandonment, isolation, disposability, political despair, and the lie that we are powerless. She will consider what it means to build communities capable of protecting one another, sustaining struggle, and expanding our sense of what is possible. This talk will invite participants to think about revolution not simply as a distant event, but as the ongoing work of becoming people who know how to care for one another, resist together, and create the conditions for a more livable world. | 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. | University Dining Room AS 104C | Registration is required for this free event. | Free will donations to Gros Institute accepted. | To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

Signum Fidei: Flight Path to the Future—A Night to Soar - Saturday, October 24, 2026 | Join us as Lewis University proudly celebrates its enduring legacy in the world of aviation, all in support of the Mission Fund (providing vital financial support for students experiencing unanticipated crises, like the loss of a parent) | 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. | Westin Chicago Lombard | Cocktail attire | Reserved seating, cocktails, dinner, and dancing to the music of "Maggie Speaks" | Sponsorship opportunities available | Discounted tickets for young alumni | For more information and to purchase tickets, please [CLICK HERE](#). Submit your aviation career update and headshot for display at Signum Fidei to alumni@lewisu.edu.

November

Kathryn Gauthier and Gregorio Mejia: A 50 Year Retrospective (Art Exhibit) - November 5-25, 2026 | Gallery talk November 5 at 7 p.m. | Multidisciplinary artist Kathryn Gauthier is a graduate of Emmanuel College and Trinity Rep Conservatory. Her extensive fine art career has progressed in tandem with her interests in the performing, culinary, and healing arts. She

maintains memberships and frequently shows with CAVA, CSA, and Woman-made Gallery, and is represented in art collections in Chicago and Massachusetts. Gregorio Mejia, a graduate of the American Academy of Art, has distinguished himself with numerous awards throughout his 50-year career. He maintains memberships in the Palette & Chisel, CSA, CAVA, and the National Portrait Society among others. In addition to his fine art career, he is an experienced muralist, advertising production artist, and painting instructor. | Wadsworth Family Gallery | Free admission

Debating the 2nd Amendment - Monday, November 9, 2026 | Join Br. Peter Hannon and Dr. Mark Schultz of the history department in a debate over the meaning of the 2nd Amendment. How do we strike a balance between freedom and responsibility? | 1 p.m. | AS 024 | Free admission

Deathtrap (Student Theatre Production) - Friday, November 13- 5 and Thursday, November 19-22, 2026 | Deathtrap is a dark comedy-thriller by Ira Levin that combines mystery, suspense, and humor. Rather than relying on gore or violence, Deathtrap builds tension through clever writing, misdirection, and shocking revelations. It became one of the longest-running comedy-thrillers in Broadway history and was later adapted into the 1982 film Deathtrap starring Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve. | Directed by Kevin Trudeau | Philip Lynch Theatre | To purchase tickets, [CLICK HERE](#).

Timothy Archbold: Music for Cello and Piano - Monday, November 16, 2026 | Join us for an unforgettable evening of classical music as renowned cellist, Timothy Archbold, takes the stage at Lewis University. This extraordinary artist will perform a captivating program featuring beloved classical works alongside newer compositions. | 7:30pm | St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall | Free admission



Don't miss the exciting lineup of our Arts & Ideas program. To learn more and discover the full schedule of Arts & Ideas offerings, please [CLICK HERE](#).

ALUMNI OFFICE INTRODUCTIONS

The Lewis University Alumni Office team is excited to welcome **Annalise Waner '23 '25** back to the Romeoville campus. Annalise was a Lewis cheerleader during her undergraduate years, and then managed the Alumni Office's Student Call Center for two years while earning her Master's degree. Now she has returned to serve our alumni as a Gift Officer. You many know Annalise's mother, Linda, a member of the Class of 1976 and a dedicated champion of Lewis.

"My name is Annalise and I'm a Lewis double alum from Darien, Illinois. I graduated with my Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 2023 and my Master's degree in Social Work in 2025. Lewis has been an incredibly meaningful part of both my personal growth and professional development. Returning to the University feels like a natural opportunity to serve the community that has played such an important role in shaping who I am today. I



look forward to meeting you as a member of the Alumni Office team."



Alumni Office Graduate Assistant, **Hanna Hale '26 '27**, recently graduated from Lewis University with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and a minor in Digital Marketing. During her undergraduate experience, Hanna was actively involved in the Lewis community, serving as a Senator at Large on Student Senate and holding leadership positions within the Marketing Club, including Secretary and Director of Communications and Marketing. She currently serves as Vice President of the Marketing Club while continuing her Lewis journey as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of University Advancement. Hanna is also pursuing her Master of Business Administration, with micro-credentials in Project Management and Strategic

Leadership. She is excited to continue growing professionally while giving back to the university that has played such a meaningful role in her academic and personal journey.

Caitlyn Heckenast '28 is new to Lewis University. She graduated from Point University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She currently serves as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of University Advancement while pursuing her Master of Social Work degree, with hopes of becoming a school social worker. She is thrilled to be a part of the Lewis community and is looking forward to growing professionally and academically during her time at Lewis.



A Great Night at the Ballpark

A little questionable weather forecast wasn't enough to keep our Lewis baseball fans away! Thank you to all of our **alumni and friends who joined us at the Joliet Slammers game on August 13**. We had a great time catching up with fellow Flyers, enjoying the ballgame and showing our Lewis spirit from the stands.

And we have to give some special shout-outs to both **Lewis University President, Dr. Christopher Sindt**, who stepped up to the mound like a pro, and the Joliet Slammers who took such good care of us!

We're grateful to everyone who came out and made the evening such a memorable one. To check out photos from the game, [CLICK HERE](#).



CAMPUS NEWS

In Memorium

Brother Neil Kieffe, FSC

With gratitude and prayer, we remember Brother Vincent Neil Kieffe, FSC, a beloved educator, mentor, and De La Salle Christian Brother whose leadership helped shape Lewis University and its nationally recognized aviation program.

Brother Neil dedicated his life to serving students and advancing the Lasallian mission. His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and the aviation building that proudly bears his name.

Please join us in praying for Brother Neil, the De La Salle Christian Brothers, and all who mourn his passing.

May he rest in God's eternal peace.

To read Brother Neil's obituary, please [CLICK HERE](#).



Mission and Ministry

All are welcome to celebrate, pray, and reflect together, regardless of faith tradition at the **10th Annual Mass of the Holy Spirit** on Wednesday, September 15, 2026 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall. A reception will follow.

Daily Mass is celebrated Monday through Thursday (except the fourth Wed of the month) at noon in the Sancta Alberta Chapel. All are welcome.

Sunday Mass is celebrated on Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Sancta Alberta Chapel. All are welcome.

An **Interfaith Prayer Gathering for the Common Good** will take place every fourth Wednesday of the month at noon. Upcoming dates are September 23 and October 28 in the Sancta Alberta Chapel. This gathering is sponsored by the Gros Institute and all are

welcome.

If you are interested in being a part of or financially supporting Lewis University's **December Mission Trip to the Philippines** and building a house for a family in need, please contact Nia White at nwhite1@lewisu.edu.

Join Us in Celebrating Hispanic-Serving Institution Week



This Hispanic-Serving Institution Week, Lewis University is proud to celebrate its first year as a designated Hispanic-Serving Institution. This status represents more than a label. It reflects an ongoing commitment to expanding opportunity, affirming belonging, and creating pathways for student success. We're building on this milestone by deepening our support for students and families and advancing our mission of transformative, inclusive education. To learn more, please [CLICK HERE](#).

College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communication Faculty Member on Artificial Intelligence

AI is reshaping higher education and Lewis faculty members are helping students navigate what comes next. In a recent The New York Times article, Lewis University Associate

Professor, **Dr. Jordan Canzonetta** (pictured below) shared how she encourages students to recognize the pitfalls of relying on AI while building confidence in their own writing and ideas. Read the article at <https://nyti.ms/460IN0Z> (subscription required)



New Degree in Cardiovascular Sonography Being Offered

Lewis is launching a new B.S. in Cardiovascular Sonography, giving students hands-on clinical training and specialized experience at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Students will gain experience in echocardiography, vascular sonography, and cardiovascular imaging while preparing for careers in patient care. To learn more, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Lewis University is Reading...

This fall, the Lewis University Faculty/Staff Book Club will read, "These Truths: A History of the United States," by Jill Lepore, exploring America's enduring promise and shortcomings from the Declaration of Independence through the Constitution as we commemorate the nation's 250th anniversary. We invite you to read with us. Pictured below is Dr. Dennis Cremin, History Department Chair.



Summer Undergraduate Research Experience: Allyson Boehm (pictured below with Dr. Ann Guernon and Dr. Carol Szymanski)

"This summer, I had the opportunity to participate in the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) at Lewis University, during which I was able to explore clinical reasoning and adaptation in speech-language pathology. Through literature reviews and focus groups with experienced SLPs, I gained a deeper understanding of how clinical reasoning develops and how supervisors can support students as they learn to become more flexible clinicians. This experience allowed me to strengthen my research, communication, and critical thinking skills while learning more about the connection between research and clinical practice. I would like to extend my thanks to my mentors, **Dr. Ann Guernon** and **Dr. Carol Szymanski**, for their support and guidance throughout this experience. I am incredibly grateful to everyone who supported me throughout this experience and especially excited to carry what I learned into my future academic and professional journey!"



College of Business Internship Recap: Marc Kirby (pictured below left)

"And just like that, my summer at **Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME Group)** has come to an end. I came into this internship hoping to learn as much as I could, and I'm leaving with a completely new perspective on Client Development & Sales. Coming from a direct sales background, it was great getting exposure to the relationship management side of the business — understanding clients, building trust, and seeing how strong relationships drive long-term value. A special thank you to Holly Stachon, who was alongside me in Chicago throughout the summer. We worked on a lot together, learned a ton, and had a great time doing it. Shoutout as well to Daniel Steingarten, who was part of the CD&S intern team in New York. Huge thanks to Joe Grider for giving me this opportunity and for his leadership throughout the summer, and to Andrew Lee and Bianca Voss for all of their guidance and support along the way.

And thank you to everyone across CME who took the time to teach me something, share advice, or make this experience what it was. I'm leaving with new skills, great relationships, great memories, and a much clearer idea of where I want to take my career next.

Thank you, CME. It's been a great summer."



Does Your Employer Offer Internship Opportunities?

Do you own or work at a company that offers internship opportunities to college students? Lewis' College of Business is eager to connect with you. If you would like to explore partnering to provide internships to Lewis CoB students, please contact Brie Brubaker at brubakbr@lewisu.edu.

Celebrating Lewis University Police Department's Comfort Canine

Recently on National Dog Day, we highlighted the work of Jet (pictured below), the Lewis University Police Department's comfort canine and a valued member of the Flyer community. Through his presence across campus, Jet helps foster connection, provide comfort, and support the well-being of our students, faculty, and staff. Whether he's attending campus events, visiting with students, or offering a friendly greeting, Jet embodies the care and compassion that help make our Romeoville campus a welcoming place to learn and grow. Thank you, Jet, for the positive impact you make each day.



Student New Flyer Guide: Renan Benegas (pictured below)

"I am absolutely grateful for all of my peers and faculty members who have made this role such an incredible experience. Being able to connect with our new Flyers, support them and their families around campus, and help them feel confident and welcomed in our community has been truly awesome. Moving forward, I just want to continue giving back to my community and finding every possible way to make a positive impact, and of course I'll be looking forward to another exciting year and the opportunity to become a Flyer Guide once again!"



New Employee Mission Orientation: Rajani Dhakal, Graduate Assistant in the Office of Community Engagement and Experiential Learning (pictured below with Lewis President, Dr. Christopher Sindt)

“The idea of community especially stayed with me. Working in Community Engagement and Experiential Learning, I thought I understood community but yesterday reminded me that it reaches far beyond one department. It is something we all build, contribute to, and carry together. Being commissioned as a Lasallian educator made that feeling even more meaningful. I left feeling not only welcomed into the Lewis community, but also more connected to its purpose and the role I have in contributing to it.”



FLYER ATHLETICS

Year in Review

For a review of the 2025-26 year in Lewis University Athletics by John Ashaolu, Assistant Vice President for Athletics, please [CLICK HERE](#).

New Women's Basketball and Volleyball Locker Room

The Lewis University Department of Athletics recently completed one of the most transformational renovations for its female sports programs with entirely new locker rooms for the women's basketball and volleyball teams inside Neil Carey Arena (see ribbon cutting photo below).

Thanks to a substantial gift from the family of **Mary Moskal Buckley '82**, the women's

basketball and volleyball programs at Lewis will enjoy some of the top locker room facilities not only in the state of Illinois, but across the Midwest and Division II.

"We are incredibly grateful to the family of Mary Moskal Buckley for their generosity in making these locker room renovations possible and for honoring Mary's legacy as a Lewis Athletics Hall of Famer and former women's basketball standout," Assistant Vice President for Athletics *John Ashaolu* said. "Their support is a great example of the direct impact philanthropy can have on the experience of our student-athletes."

To learn more about this newly dedicated space, please [CLICK HERE](#).



ALUMNI NEWS



Move-In Day

We would like to thank every Lewis alumnus who showed up to our Romeoville campus on August 19 to offer helping hands to our first year Flyers and their families. Move-in Day was a true exercise in generosity of spirit by our alumni volunteers who unloaded cars, trudged up stairways carrying bags, bedding, and bins. We'd like to give a special Flyer shoutout to our Sheil Hall alumni volunteers from **Zeta Phi Beta** (pictured above) whose laughter and kindness really made their mark on the day.

Congratulations to alumna, **Sister Megan Zeugner, F.M.A., '15**, who recently took her first vows as a Salesian Sister. The Salesian Sisters are the second-largest order of Sisters in the Roman Catholic Church. Their main work is teaching, foreign missions, and youth apostolates like orphanages and hostels. Sister Megan majored in education at Lewis and is remembered by Brother Peter Hannon FSC, a Professor of History, as an outstanding straight-A student in his American History course. Sister Megan took first vows in New Jersey after spending several years on the Salesian mission in Egypt and teaching next year in New York. "To all my family and friends, with a grateful heart. I want to thank you so much for your accompaniment and prayers."

Congratulations to **Abigail Brown '21**, who graduated from Northern Illinois University College of Law in May of this year. She was awarded the Thurgood Marshall Award and has accepted a position with the Cook County State's Attorney Office.

Congratulations to **Riley Christensen '23** who also graduated from Northern Illinois University College of Law School in May. Riley served as Student Senate President during her final year at Lewis and is currently employed by the Joliet law firm she interned at while attending Lewis.

Michael Pikuza '17 graduated from Lewis nine years ago with his bachelor's degree in International Relations and went on to serve in the Peace Corps in the Republic of Moldova.

After completing his Peace Corps service, he pursued a Fulbright grant as an English Teaching Assistant in Madrid, Spain. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the program, and he completed his Fulbright experience earlier than expected. He went on to pursue a master's degree at the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 2023 with a Master of Global Affairs, concentrating in Sustainable Development. Michael is now living in Europe, as a dual citizen of Lithuania and the United States, and is currently seeking opportunities within the areas of linguistics, integral human development, and international peace studies.

Last month, **Rudy Horist '04** (pictured on right), who earned his Master's degree in Public Safety Administration at Lewis, was honored by the McHenry City Council with the McHenry Police Department's Distinguished Service Award for his work as Fire Chief for the McHenry Township Fire Protection District.

Sean Noonan '13 '19 is currently a candidate for DuPage County Sheriff in the upcoming November 3rd General Election. Sean earned both his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Social Justice and Master of Science degree in Public Safety Administration from Lewis as a two-year track athlete, after transferring from the College of DuPage.

Kelly Kolton '17, who earned her MBA at Lewis, was recently honored with a GDUSA American InHouse Design Award for her integrated marketing campaign celebrating AAUW Naperville's 70th Anniversary. She currently serves as Senior Marketing Manager at Stout and continues her board role as Co-Vice President of Membership for AAUW Naperville.



Congratulations to alumni, **Alex Fried '14** and **Danielle Vitagliano '16** (pictured at left), who were married in Chicago on August 28!

The Joliet Junior College Board of Trustees appointed **Tim Bradley '15** of Coal City to fill the vacated position formerly held by Jim Budzinski. The seat will be up for election in April 2027. Tim is a former three-term (2013-2025) Trustee for the Village of Coal City. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic and the board of Santa Claus is Coming to Grundy County. Tim, a graduate of Joliet Junior College, graduated from Lewis with a degree in Finance and works in wealth management for a local bank. He will seek election to a full term in April 2027.



Congratulations to alumnus, **Jeffrey Keilman**, who earned his Master of Public Safety Administration degree at Lewis in 2012. Keilman was recently promoted to Deputy Chief of the Hodgkins Police Dept.

Congratulations to Flyer twin brothers, **Luke and Zachary Pekol**, this year's recipients of the **Frank Glowaty Legacy Scholarship**. Selected from students across eight Catholic schools, Luke and Zachary each received a \$2,500 scholarship recognizing their academic excellence, leadership and commitment to service. Both 4.0 GPA students and Division I Men's Volleyball student-athletes, Luke and Zachary exemplify the impact Lewis students are making in the classroom, on the court and in their communities. The scholarship, now in its fourth year, honors **Lewis alumnus, Frank Glowaty '67**, who earned his B.A. in Business Education.

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.

FreeWill—Peace of Mind Begins with a Plan

FREEWILL 

With **FreeWill**, you can create your will in just minutes—at no cost—and gain peace of mind knowing your wishes are clearly in place. It's simple, secure, and one more way to care for the people and causes you love, like Lewis University.

This fall, take a moment to plan ahead and cross this "to do" off the list.

Because a little planning today can provide a lot of peace tomorrow. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Flyers

ANNUAL FUND

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FLYERS ANNUAL FUND?

Every student success story at Lewis begins with a community that believes in their future. Support of the **Flyers Annual Fund** strengthens scholarships, academic excellence, and hands-on learning experiences that help students thrive. Together, we continue a tradition of generosity that changes lives and advances the Lewis Mission for generations to come.

If you're deciding to give to Lewis for the first time, we ask you to consider the Flyers Annual Fund as a way of directing your generosity toward the Lewis student or program with the highest priority need. If you have a specific Lewis area you traditionally support annually, maybe you'd consider giving a portion of your total gift to the Flyers Annual Fund.

No matter how you give to Lewis University, our students are the direct beneficiaries of your generosity, and we **THANK YOU**.

Learn more about the Flyers Annual Fund by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Questions? Contact Megan Lewis at 815-836-5244 or mlewis12@lewisu.edu.

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