Since the inception of Madonna University’s baseball program in 1989, the University has rented and leased fields in several off-campus locations on which to practice and play baseball.

“With the demand of baseball continuing to escalate, Madonna University needs to have its own field for baseball practice and games,” said Bryan Rizzo, athletic director. “Some students are drawn to an educational institution because of their love for baseball and other sports. Additionally, sports often provide academic achievement incentives for such students.”

We are now building a baseball field in response to this dire need! The field will also be made available for use by public and private high school tournaments; for camps and clinics; and for various community groups.

Madonna University’s national award winning athletics program continues to expand, including the baseball program. Lead gifts have been received to help begin our “Field of Dreams,” now we are inviting friends and alumni to help us “hit a grand slam” to reach our $700,000 goal.

Visit www.madonna.edu to view all baseball field giving options and to make an online pledge or payment (credit cards accepted); call us at (734) 432-5588; or, mail your gift to:

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Located in Southgate, the Madonna University Downriver Center (MUDC) provides students the opportunity to complete many of the undergraduate and graduate academic programs that are offered at the University’s main campus in Livonia.

Madonna University President Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF, Ph.D., stated, “This new thrust for Madonna University will provide an expanded opportunity for people living in and around the community of Southgate. I am confident that the Madonna University Downriver Center will eagerly support the accelerated goals of students seeking to complete a college degree and advance in their careers. The University plans to be a valued partner with schools, businesses, and social service agencies in the Downriver community, educating individuals who will make a positive impact on the quality of life in the area.”

Frank Hribar, vice president for planning and enrollment management, commented, “With well over 1,500 alumni currently living in the Downriver area, the University has developed a solid reputation. The establishment of the Downriver Center continues our commitment to deliver educational opportunities in flexible formats,” he explained. “The quality and character of the faculty and staff, and their interactions with students of all ages, is the essence of our strength and one of our distinctive assets.”

Extensive course offerings will be a priority. “We expect this to be a long-term commitment and hope to become identified as an asset to the surrounding community by offering high quality values-based academic programs that respond to real educational needs,” said Ernest Nolan, Ph.D., vice president for academic administration.

This fall, Madonna University will offer the following academic degree programs at the Downriver Center:

- Certificate in Addiction Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)
- Teacher Certification: English, Language Arts, Mathematics for Elementary Teachers, History, Computer Science and Early Childhood Education
- Master of Science (MSA) in Administration: Educational Leadership
- Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT): Teaching and Learning
- RN to BSN Degree Completion
- Master of Science in Nursing Administration (MSN)
- MSN/MSBA – Nursing and Business Administration

For information regarding the Downriver Center, call 734 432-8888.
This fall, Madonna University will offer the following academic degree programs at the Orchard Lake Center:

**BUSINESS PROGRAMS**
Undergraduate
- Accounting
- Marketing
- Human Resources Management
Graduate
- MBA

**TEACHER CERTIFICATION**
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
With majors in:
- Communication Arts
- English
- History
- Language Arts
- General Science
- Social Science

**ST. MARY’S COLLEGE PROGRAMS**
- CICC — Catholic Integrated Core Curriculum
- Polish Studies
- Sacred Theology
- Philosophy

**ADDITIONAL MAJORS**
- Communication (BS)
- Criminal Justice
- General Education
- Political Science
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Med
- Psychology

**FUTURE (JANUARY 2004)**
- RN to BSN Program
- Master’s Program in Education
- Continuing Education

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**Orchard Lake Center**

Effective July 1, 2003, St. Mary’s College of Orchard Lake became a part of Madonna University.

“Formal discussion on the possibility of an affiliation between St. Mary’s College and Madonna University began in March when The Board of Regents of The Orchard Lake Schools, chaired by Leo V. Peterson, voted to approach Madonna University,” said Michael H. Obloy, chairman of Madonna University’s board of trustees. On April 17, Madonna University’s board voted to approve the consolidation with St. Mary’s College.

“This is an historical year for Orchard Lake Schools as we are observing the 100th anniversary of the death of Father Joseph Dabrowski, who founded the Orchard Lake Schools in 1885 and who invited the Felician Sisters to minister to the people of North America,” said Fr. Timothy Whalen, chancellor, Orchard Lake Schools. “This is a perfect match with Madonna University and we are all very excited as this provides a new future for a College (St. Mary’s) which has existed for over 100 years, knowing that its values and traditions will be carried forth.”

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF, Ph.D., Madonna University president, said, “We will work very hard to provide a ‘seamless transition’ for the students at Orchard Lake who continue with Madonna University.”

To ensure the continuation of the CICC program on the Orchard Lake campus, the Ave Maria Foundation will provide a three year grant totaling $1.2 million. In July 2000, St. Mary’s College became affiliated with Ave Maria University, which provided generous financial support to strengthen St. Mary’s Catholic core curriculum.

“Over the past three years, the Ave Maria Foundation has provided considerable funding to upgrade the curriculum, technology and the physical plant at the college, as well as bringing in new faculty committed to St. Mary’s mission as a Catholic college,” said Nicholas J. Healy, Jr., president, Ave Maria University.

Ernest Nolan, Ph.D., Madonna University vice president for academic administration, said, “Faculty and staff currently working at St. Mary’s College are being reviewed and hired by Madonna University on an individual basis, depending on qualifications, need and financial limitations.” A review by the North Central Association - Higher Learning Commission will take place within one year of the consolidation, Nolan said.

Flexibility for all students will be a major focus. “All of our traditional and non-traditional students will now have even more choices as far as location and programs, and we fully expect to attract additional students from Oakland County,” added Sr. Rose Marie.

For information on the Madonna University Orchard Lake Center, call the Admissions Office, 734-432-5339.
Kudos are in order for the social work department upon a very successful visit from representatives of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Initially accredited in 1981 and with the last accreditation in 1995, social work program faculty, staff and students diligently prepared for nearly two years for the review of the program’s policies, procedures and course offerings.

“These accreditors are very experienced and specially trained,” said Karen Neuman, Ph.D., associate professor and chair, social work department. “They were quite comfortable with the access to information made available to our students through our library and technological services, as well as that of our creativity in serving those who do not have ready access to higher education, such as students in Gaylord and in Southwest Detroit.”

Shirley Charbonneau, Gaylord program coordinator and assistant professor, social work, explained that with the off-campus sites, not only were the usual academic aspects reviewed, but there was the additional scrutiny of community partnerships, student services, facilities, technology, and all levels of academic support.

“The site team was clearly impressed by the institution’s implementation of systems and procedures to take care of the academic needs and supports of the off-site facilities, as well as by the University’s support for off-site programs as the embodiment of our mission,” Charbonneau said. “Although we have had permission from the Commission to proceed in Gaylord and Southwest Detroit, this is the first time the off-campus programs have been officially evaluated by accreditors. During the exit conference when the team said that they had no concerns regarding the outcomes in all three sites, it was a moment that affirmed all of the hard work that has been done across this University and by our community partners since 1996.”

Neuman added that although the accrediting process can be grueling, remaining an accredited institution reflects the continuing quality of Madonna University’s standards. Response materials to the site team’s comments must be submitted by Madonna University representatives by August, with final results expected in October.

“The recent site visit was a wonderful opportunity to publicly recognize the excellent curriculum and outstanding faculty that Madonna’s social work program offers,” stated Karen Ross, Ph.D., dean, college of social sciences. “Our current social work faculty and staff have contributed the vision and leadership necessary to advance our University’s ability to offer academic programs in different Michigan locations to future social workers.”

Site visitors with MU administrators and faculty
How long have you been at Madonna University? What is your area of concentration/specialty?
I have been at Madonna three and a half years. My specialty is in health care social work and administration.

What was your role in preparing for the accreditation process? What is the benefit of having Madonna’s Social Work program accredited?
I viewed my role essentially as a team leader, trying to coordinate and lead the faculty on various tasks that needed to be done. Although I wrote the bulk of the self-study document, it was very much a team effort. Shirley Charbonneau, MSW, assistant professor, wrote the portions that described our off-campus programming initiatives. Ozzie Rivera, MSW, assistant professor and director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, helped with field, and Barbara Jean Scott, MSW, assistant professor, with the affirmative action content. Cindy Wallet, social work secretary, was also involved in major portions of assembly and details. It really took everyone to accomplish the job.

The advantages of an accredited program are that employers and graduate schools know the content, skills, knowledge, values, standards and expectations that graduates have been taught. This assures a level of mastery in critical skills when our graduates go out and work with clients. In addition, students are eligible for admission into accelerated master’s degree programs.

The Social Work program focuses on preparing students with the knowledge and skills for practice of promoting social and economic justice among people who are vulnerable and discriminated against. Where must social work educators focus their energy? What should current students focus on?
I think the beauty of the social work profession is its dual focus on the person AND the social environment. This means that social workers intervene with individuals and families, but also work to make the world a better place for people to function in.

Helped Bring Social Work To SWEEP
Sr. Annette Zipple, RSCJ, Religious of the Sacred Heart, MSW, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Organization of Latino American Social Workers (OLASW) Michigan Chapter for her contributions to the Latino community and the community-at-large. She was honored with a plaque and recognized for her hard work at Los Galanes this April. Sr. Annette was instrumental in working with Madonna University representatives to bring its social work program to Southwest Detroit as part of SWEEP (Southwest Detroit Women’s Educational Empowerment Project).

Pictured: Sr. Annette Zipple (left) with Debbie Graczyk, coordinator and advisor, SWEEP.
Admitted to the social work program in 1998, **Carmensita Buentello** is one of the initial students in SWEEP (Southwest Detroit Women’s Educational Empowerment Project). Consistently taking classes every semester, she plans to finish her field practicum by spring 2004 and will be the first in her family to graduate from college.

“SWEEP has been a Godsend to my life,” said Buentello. “Had SWEEP not presented itself, I would not have progressed in my college career as rapidly as I have.”

In addition to being a mother of four, Buentello is very active in the Latino community, volunteering for church and school activities. She has served as a translator for various community projects and has worked in family advocacy in the area of children’s mental health. Currently, Buentello works at the Karmanos Institute, offering mammography screening to uninsured women of Wayne County and one day hopes to start a cancer support group for Latina women in Southwest Detroit.

Last year’s statewide recipient of the Organization of Latino American Social Workers (OLASW) scholarship, Buentello has also received the Latinos de Livonia scholarship and has been on the dean’s list for the last three years.

“It’s been a long road,” Buentello added. “I am very thankful that Madonna University took a vested interest in the women of Southwest Detroit and saw possibilities in us that no one else might have seen. I can’t say enough about the faculty and staff who have made such a wonderful change in my life.”

Established in 1998 with 27 students, the Southwest Detroit Women’s Educational Empowerment Project now enrolls over 50 students. It is designed to expand access to higher education for women in Southwest Detroit. It is made possible with the cooperation and support of many community organizations, particularly the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Metropolitan Detroit.

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**Thompson-McCully Foundation**

has provided students enrolled in the Southwest (Detroit) Educational Empowerment program (SWEEP) an opportunity to complete a college degree. In 2001, Madonna University received an award of $240,000 ($120,000 per year) from the Foundation to pay for tuition and other support for the students who are primarily Latina, African American, and Appalachian-born white women in southwestern Detroit.

“With the first graduates ready to complete the requirements for their degrees in May 2004, the impact of these students will be felt very soon in terms of improving the quality of life in southwest Detroit,” said Ernest Nolan, Ph.D., vice president for academic administration.

Pictured: Sr. Rose Marie, Madonna University president with John Ziraldo, executive director, Thompson-McCully Foundation

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**Community Outreach Partnership Center Grant**

Service Learning Director Kevin West has been working with the Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) project with the University of Michigan both the Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses, along with nine southwest Detroit community organizations. Through this project, which was funded for $399,000 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Madonna University will receive approximately $100,000 over the next three-year period to further expand its partnership with All Saints Neighborhood Center in southwest Detroit. The project focuses on education, Internet access, environmental quality, safety and security, and diversity.

The DeRoy Testamentary Foundation awarded a grant of $7,500 to Madonna University to provide financial aid to empower southwest Detroit women in a manner that will have life-long impact and beyond.
A FUN EVENING FOR ALL

A casual evening with tasty Italian food and silent auction bidding marked the University’s first “Italiano Night” held on Saturday, April 26. With close to 250 guests, many of whom were Madonna University faculty and staff, the event got off to a great start with more than 400 items up for bid.

“On behalf of the students of Madonna University, we are extremely grateful for all of those who dedicated their time, talents, and financial support to make the 15th Annual Around the World and Beyond Scholarship Dinner Auction a great success, as well as our first ‘Italiano Night.’ Together, we pursue the mission of education for truth, goodness and service — the purpose for which Madonna University was founded,” said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF, Ph.D., Madonna University president.
“Through your success, others will be encouraged,” said Robert Thompson, founder of the Thompson-McCully Foundation and honorary doctorate degree recipient in business administration at Madonna University 56th commencement on Saturday, May 3.

“My experience has taught me that there are many things to accomplish in our lives, particularly to help others who are less fortunate than we are. Your education has provided you the wisdom to succeed and your accomplishments will serve as an example, helping to make a difference in the lives you touch,” he added. This is true of Robert Thompson, himself, who organized the family foundation to serve the needs of others. Madonna University students have benefitted from this fund through a grant which provides scholarships and academic support needs for the Southwest Detroit Women's Empowerment Project (SWEEP). See page 8.

Also awarded honorary degrees were Sr. Mary Lauriana Gruszczynski, CSSF, Ph.D., who, during her 45 years at Madonna University, served as a faculty member, academic dean and vice president for university advancement; the Honorable Joseph K. Knollenberg, United States House of Representatives, representing the 9th District; and Reverend Monsignor Stanley Edward Milewski, D.H.L., M.Div, chancellor emeritus, Orchard Lake Schools.

As the head of Madonna University’s Advancement Office from 1975 to 2002, Sister Lauriana helped to raise millions of dollars for developing academic programs, building new facilities and improving student services. When accepting her award, Sr. Lauriana, too, commended the graduates for their
achievements and invited them to reach out. “You are a gift of God to others. Let us pray for one another and for world peace.”

Congressman Knollenberg’s litany of achievement is evidenced by his strong record of constituent service and focus on improving the quality of life in Southeast Michigan. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, he recognized the needs of independent higher education and was instrumental in realizing a congressional award for Madonna University. In speaking to the graduates, the congressman urged them to engage themselves in public service.

For 43 years, Monsignor Milewski passionately served the Orchard Lake Schools. His devotion to the teachings of the Catholic Church, welcoming attitude promoted at the Orchard Lake Schools, and care for the needy, reflect the mission and values promoted by Madonna University. A longtime friend of the Felician Sisters, Monsignor, upon accepting his honorary degree, elaborated on the tremendous respect he has for the Felician Sisters, particularly those who have led the University as president. He assured the graduates of the quality of their “Madonna University” education and gave them his blessing to go out in the world and make the best of their opportunities.

As the commencement drew to a close, Sr. Rose Marie, president, along with the board and faculty, mirrored the inspiring remarks of the honorary degree recipients, “Go, therefore, and use the knowledge you have gained to choose work that will benefit your brothers and sisters, protect the environment, and bring justice and peace to all.”
Master’s Degree Program: Flexible, Enriching

A new graduate-level degree for students who seek an interdisciplinary academic program incorporating the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences will begin this fall. The 30-semester hour master of arts in liberal studies (MALS) degree program is flexible, allowing students the opportunity to take elective courses in education, business, English, hospice education, nursing and linguistics.

“The focus of the MALS degree program is social change in the 21st century,” explained Dwight Lang, Ph.D., professor and coordinator of the new program. “There will be an emphasis on social structural change, changing cultural expressions, and change in science and technology. A MALS degree will prepare students for the demands of tomorrow’s workplace where individuals will need to solve complex problems and communicate with other employees outside of their area of specialization.”

Students in the program will engage in stimulating classes that enhance critical thinking skills, with an opportunity to comprehend and make effective written and verbal arguments. They will be asked to seriously examine how they can participate in a rapidly changing society and how institutions might be structured to meet people’s needs, Lang said.

Course delivery methods are flexible to accommodate busy, working adults. Classes are offered on alternate weekends and online, and are scheduled to reduce the number of days that students must be present on campus.

Ernest Nolan, Ph.D., vice president for academic administration, added that the MALS program is designed to “enrich the student’s perspective on a broad range of issues and will have immediate application in the workplace as well as in the student’s personal life. The University’s values framework as a Catholic, Franciscan institution of higher learning will inform discussion of the complex ethical questions we need to face as the world around us changes.”

For more information, contact Dr. Dwight Lang at (734) 432-5569 or e-mail dlang@madonna.edu.
PRE-PHARMACY PROGRAM
Starts This Fall

Beginning this fall, Madonna University will add an associate’s degree in pre-pharmacy to its many career-oriented undergraduate degree programs. The two-year program will focus on current requirements for entry into doctoral schools of pharmacy in Michigan. Students may wish to complete a bachelor’s degree in other areas of study, such as nursing, chemistry, physics or biology.

“The demand for pharmacists is far exceeding the supply, especially in Michigan,” said Theodore Biermann, Ph.D., dean, College of Science and Mathematics. “The need is there, and we want to be part of it.” Program requirements consist of 42 semester hours in biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, physics, analytic geometry/calculus, government, economics and computer science. Students will also complete 25 semester hours of general education requirements within the humanities.

For more information, contact Dr. Theodore Biermann, dean, at (734) 432-5515.

New Private Security Certificate Adds Credentials

Madonna University is expanding opportunities for students in the criminal justice field. The new nine-hour private security certificate will be offered beginning in the fall 2003 semester.

“This new certificate is in response to the popularity of the private investigation certificate that was added two years ago,” explained Barry Sherman, associate professor and chair, criminal justice department. “The certificate necessitated the need to develop the Introduction to Private Security course, taken in conjunction with two existing courses, Interviewing and Investigative Report Writing and Introduction to Criminal Justice,” Sherman said.

All courses will be offered in the evenings to accommodate busy, working adults.

Sherman added that both the private investigation and private security certificates are in areas that have seen unprecedented employment growth in the last few years. “However, the private security certificate offers students an opportunity to graduate from Madonna University with credentials in addition to their bachelor’s degree in criminal justice,” he said.

Students in other disciplines may pursue the certificate to fulfill general education requirements. Continuing education credits are available for non-admitted students.

For more information, contact Barry Sherman at (734) 432-5546.
EDWARD H. MCNAMARA ESTABLISHES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

A longtime friend and benefactor of Madonna University, Edward H. McNamara has provided educational opportunities for Madonna students since 1989, when as Wayne County Executive, he created the McNamara Scholarship Fund.

“I did this because I truly believed that higher education was the key to a better life for underprivileged Wayne County students,” said Ed McNamara.

Since its establishment, the Fund has awarded almost $600,000 in scholarships to several hundred students attending ten colleges and universities. Madonna University has received $82,500 in scholarships from the Fund since it was launched.

This year the Fund will provide more than $300,000 in endowed scholarships to Wayne County colleges or universities to continue funding higher education opportunities for many years to come. At the request of Edward McNamara, the Fund’s Board of Directors voted to donate $100,000 to establish an endowed scholarship at Madonna University. Recipients of the The Edward H. McNamara Scholarship must be a Wayne County resident, sophomore or higher status with a 3.0 grade point or above, and a full time student demonstrating a need for financial assistance.

The McNamara family has been most generous to Madonna University over the years. In 1995, Edward McNamara and his wife, Lucille, established the Lucille McNamara Endowed Scholarship which is awarded to eligible Madonna University deaf or hard of hearing students or future teachers of deaf or hard of hearing persons.

VIVYAN SCHOLARSHIP TARGETED FOR HOSPICE STUDENTS

Kelly Rhoades, Ph.D., chair of Madonna University’s hospice education program, along with many others who appreciated Doreen Vivyan’s dedication to hospice, are working very hard to raise funds for the Doreen Vivyan Endowed Scholarship.

“We are a bit over halfway to having raised the full $10,000 to complete the endowed scholarship in Doreen’s name,” said Rhoades. “Doreen was a graduate of the first certificate program in hospice. She was the ‘epitome of hospice’ and many people, including her daughter Kelly Nowak, want to commemorate her outstanding contribution as a hospice advocate and volunteer coordinator.”

To learn more about how to establish or contribute to endowed scholarships or ways to make other planned gifts to Madonna University, contact Sr. M. Danatha, director of planned giving, at 734 432-5665.
This past October, alumna L. Pat Kramek (Gruszczynski) celebrated her 50th anniversary as a graduate of Madonna by joining her friends at the annual alumni reunion on campus.

As is true to her nature, Pat continuously gave support to her alma mater to enhance educational opportunities for students. She loved teaching and began her teaching career in the Gaylord school district as an elementary school teacher. This past December, she established a charitable gift annuity to Madonna University.

Unexpectedly, Pat Kramek died on April 7, 2003. A professor of psychology, she taught college for nearly forty years. Her love for teaching will be remembered. Upon her death, the L. Pat Kramek Endowed Scholarship was created through the residuum of the variable annuity. The scholarship is designated for undergraduate and/or graduate students pursuing teacher education on a full- or part-time basis at Madonna University.

“My sister, very much appreciated the education she received at Madonna and enjoyed sharing her knowledge,” said Sr. Lauriana, former Madonna University vice president for advancement and one of three surviving siblings of the Gruszczynski family. “She loved art, reading, music, traveling and visiting with friends and family. We will miss her, however, through the scholarship, her dedication to teaching and desire to assist students will be honored.”

L. Pat Kramek, 1952 Alum, Leaves Legacy

Professor Honors Parents and Felician Sisters

Lorraine Jakubielski, Ph.D., professor in education, recently established the Dr. Lorraine I. Jakubielski Scholarship in Memory of William and Lottie Jakubielski Endowment Scholarship Fund through a gift of $10,000.

“This fund honors my parents, expresses gratitude to the Felician Sisters, and recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement,” said Jakubielski. “It also bears witness to the value of Catholic education in opening doors to a meaningful and fruitful life.” The education professor further explained that her parents held Catholic education in high esteem and admired the selfless contributions the Felician Sisters made, particularly in the higher education arena.”
Since 1987, Madonna University has had athletics, but no athletic logo. That can no longer be said. “The athletic department has always gone by the nickname ‘Crusaders’, but until now there has been no visual identity,” said Bryan Rizzo, athletic director. The new logo features a Crusader with shield in hand, behind a word mark “Madonna.”

Traditional school colors of royal blue and gold, as well as highlight colors of black and gray, are used in the new logo. The logo has been designed to symbolize the qualities that students, faculty, staff and alumni say best describe Madonna athletics: strength, pride, quality, tradition and teamwork.

The image will serve as the official logo for Madonna’s athletic department and provide uniformity throughout the department, explained Rizzo.

“We wanted to create a Crusader logo that could be used by all of our teams and the department, and also have it be something that we were all proud of,” said Matt Fancett, sports information director.

University Vice President Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz agrees that the logo is a perfect fit. “The spirit of a crusader – one who champions the ideals of a cause and the best of efforts – is what our new logo communicates.”

On April 11, 2003 a new era began for Madonna Athletics as Madonna University Athletics Director Bryan Rizzo announced the hiring of Bill Durham to head the Crusaders men’s and women’s newly established golf programs. “We are extremely excited to bring in someone with the experience and level of expertise that Bill Durham possesses,” said Rizzo. “He brings with him the knowledge of having played on the collegiate level and working as a professional with collegiate golfers. Growing up in Livonia, he knows how important the community is to Madonna University.”

NEW LOGO FOR ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

ATHLETE PROFILE:

CHRI S WOODRUFF

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger calls Chris Woodruff an accomplished hitter and the outfielder certainly was just that for the Crusaders. In his four seasons as a starter, the Redford Catholic Central graduate has hit above .300. He ended his senior season hitting .325 with a team high of 31 runs batted in.

“He’s was one of the best I ever coached because of his work ethic,” said Haeger. “He always spent extra time in the batting cage taking swings. He had a good swing when he got here, and he made the necessary adjustments to succeed at this level.”

The Livonia native is a rare combination: he hits for power and average. Wooduff had 19 extra base hits and a .629 slugging percentage this past season. Wooduff himself attributes his power supply to Madonna’s workout program.

“I could tell somewhere between his freshman and sophomore seasons that not only was he going to be a great player on the field, but that he would take a leadership role on the team as team captain. He got the job done in the classroom, as well,” Haeger said.

Wooduff was twice selected to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference All-Academic team after carrying above a 3.5 GPA in business. He added to his list of accomplishments when the Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and Verizon selected Wooduff as a Verizon Academic All-District performer and the NAIA honored him for the second time as an Academic All-American.
Having established a scholarship in 1989, Latinos de Livonia, along with matching funds from the Ford Motor Company Fund, have contributed more than $100,000 to Madonna University, providing scholarships to Hispanic students.

Pictured left to right: Jose Rodriguez, Manuel Reyes, Sr. Rose Marie, and Hector Ramirez.

Future Students

Orientation Day in June attracted many enthusiastic students.

Livonia Fire Department

During the week of March 17, the Livonia Fire and Rescue team practiced ice rescue training drills on Madonna University’s St. Francis Pond.

Marquee

Finishing touches are made to the new marquee.

Latinos de Livonia

Sr. Rose Marie, president, expresses her gratitude to Sodexho District Manager Phil McKenzie for the Sodexho donation of $50,000 for installation of air conditioning for the dining and banquet rooms in the University Center. Chuck Middaugh (seated), food service general manager at the University Center, and Leonard Wilhelm (standing), Madonna University vice president for finance and operations, look on.

Sodexho
This May, Dr. Jim O'Neill, associate professor, psychology, was appointed to the Scientific Advisory Panel of the National Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute. The institute was recently established by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) and funded by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Adine Golemba, assistant professor, communication arts, presented Armando Aburto Cedeno, director, Colegio NOVEL in Morelia, Mexico, with Madonna University's gift of a laptop computer equipped for video/audio exchange. The computer was purchased with funds from an Ameritech grant, administered by Shirley and Dr. Gerald Charbonneau.

This spring, Dr. Roger Crownover, associate professor, history, spoke at the Metro-Detroit Historian’s Collegium, hosted by Madonna University, and at Shrine High School for two tenth grade classes on historical events. Dr. Crownover has been appointed the new history department chair as of this fall, following Dr. Randal Hoyer, professor, history, who served as department chair for 25 years. Hoyer will continue to teach the Civil War, Foreign Policy, American Economics and Business History, and the Idea of Justice courses.

In March, Dr. Lorraine Jakubielski, professor, education, presented a paper on current educational reforms in Poland at the annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters at Hope College. Dr. Edie Woods, professor and psychology chair, and Rachel Parker, a senior psychology major, spoke on “Self-Esteem, Locus of Control, the Imposter Phenomenon and Academic Achievement in High School Students.”

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Johnson, associate professor, mathematics and computer science, who received final approval for his Ph.D. in computer science from Wayne State University.

In February, Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) awarded Dr. Anne Sullivan Smith, associate professor, nursing, a venture grant for her project entitled “Promoting Health Decision Making by Teens.” Smith is one of eight award recipients in the 25th venture grant cycle, financial awards ranging up to $2500.

On Tuesday, February 25 in celebration of Black History Month, Madonna University recognized Elmer Anderson, a long-time friend and supporter of the University and founder of the African-American Sports Hall of Fame and Gallery. Anderson’s picture was added to the Wall of Fame outside of the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA).

Linette Popoff-Parks, professor and chair, music, delivered two pre-concert lectures during the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra 2002-2003 season.

Dr. Kelly Rhoades, chair and associate professor of the hospice education department, was the recipient of the “Educator of the Year” award for 2003-2004 from the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

In January, ten Madonna University students joined over 100,000 participants in the 30th Annual March For Life in Washington, D.C., thanks to an anonymous $1,000 contribution.
Congratulations to **Rosemary Leslie**, the 2002 Ability is Ageless recipient. She was honored at the Hyatt Regency for her outstanding service and commitment in the president's office, as well as for her previous years of service at Madonna University, primarily in the School of Business.

In October, **Dr. Gerald Charbonneau**, professor and chair, sociology, presented "Community Studies at the Undergraduate Level" at the 20th annual meeting of the Society for Applied Sociology in Sacramento. He also received a Carl P. Miller Discovery Grant from the Rotary Club of Livonia for a project that benefited the health, educational and nutritional needs of women and children in El Realito, Mexico.

**Miriam Long**, assistant professor, mathematics, presented a workshop entitled "Problem Solving with Links to Literature" for teachers of grades 1 through 3 at the DACTM annual conference at Lamphere High School.

**Richard Benedict**, associate professor, education, recently published an article in *Principal Leadership*, a publication of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

**Dr. Cecilia Donohue**, associate professor, communication arts, has written entries on Anne Tyler and her novel, *Ladder of Years*, for *The Literacy Encyclopedia and Literary Dictionary*, a British-based electronic database.

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Shannon Kairis, a senior in the College of Education, spent two months in northwest England this winter, thanks in part to the generosity of education faculty member Dr. Stewart Wood, associate professor.

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Audrey Zavodsky, Ph.D., MAS ’85, BSN ’80, spoke to second graders at Tonda Elementary School in Canton as part of their Race to Reading program, a two-week program that encourages children to read every day. Zavodsky, a veteran race car driver who recently won the Panoz GT Pro series event at Sebring International Raceway in Florida, strongly advocates the importance of reading and getting an education.
On Monday, April 21, videotaping of a documentary film entitled *Dom Polski: Dance Hall Days of Detroit’s Polonia* began on Detroit’s west side. The film is a counterpart to Laurie Gomulka Palazzolo’s book entitled *Horn Man: The Polish-American Musician in Twentieth-Century Detroit*. The daughter of the late Ted Gomulka Sr., one of Detroit’s prominent Polish-American bandleaders during the polka era, Palazzolo’s book is forthcoming in October. She has also produced three audio CD projects in conjunction with the book.

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A member of the Madonna University Alumni Association Board of Directors, Brian Belesky maintains an ongoing relationship with his alma mater. As an active alumnus, Belesky enjoys the relationship he shares with the University. He has generously volunteered his time at many University events.

“At Madonna University, you are treated with respect,” said Belesky. “You and the faculty develop a relationship where you are known by name, both inside the classroom and out. Upon graduation, I took more with me than just a diploma. I left with a feeling of community and family.”

Belesky is currently employed as a master control operator at WDBW TV Channel 20 in Southfield and was recently appointed to serve on the Civic Theatre Committee in Farmington.

1990’s

Joyce Jones, ’87, is currently studying religion at Andrews University, a theological seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Karen (Lindberg) Suokas, MSB ’99, ’89, is the manager of IT Customer Focus and Global IT Liaison for Yazaki North America, Inc.


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Awarded Hyatt’s Rising Star Award, Charles Mahabir, HMG ’00, is a food and beverage manager at Hyatt Hotels in Dearborn. He is in the running for Manager of the Year.

Laura Prince, GER ’00, works as a tour guide and host for Pure Kauai, a company that provides health and fitness vacations packages for travelers to the tropical island.

As the Community Relations Director of HAVEN, a nationally recognized nonprofit leader in Oakland County that promotes the elimination of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, Claudia Nafsu, ’00, spends most of her time giving presentations to schools, churches, police departments, and other organizations and foundations. Her part-time position is working with the supervised parenting time program at HAVEN. A graduate in the hospice education program, Nafsu is currently working on her MBA and master’s degree in hospice education.

Michele (Muscat) Bilbia, CJ ’01, is a probation officer for the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills.

A law student at Wayne State University, Sandy Sharp, MSN ’01, was honored with the famous Book Award for her work in Legal Analysis and Applied Theory.

Marilyn Grazioli, ’01, ’87, was recently nominated Nurse of the Year by Nursing Spectrum. Marilyn is currently Clinical Administrator at Kingswood Hospital in Ferndale, Michigan.

Terrance Springer, ’03, has been selected to attend the Michigan Police Corps Academy at Ferris State University. In a statewide competition for graduating seniors, he was selected for one of 22 federally funded positions.

Marico Benson (center), a December 2002 criminal justice graduate, volunteers to coach a youth after-school basketball program.

Sue Oser
JPS ’00

Alumna Experiences
Life Through Culture

A graduate of Madonna University's Japanese Studies program, Sue Oser is enjoying life in Korea. Having worked as an English teacher in Berlitz for more than two years, she is considering pursuing work in a university setting, after studying for a TESOL certificate through a special program at Hanyang University.

“I was lucky that I knew about opportunities in Korea, because of two friends that I met my senior year at Madonna University,” explained Oser. “Rita and Juliet were both from Seoul. When I came to Korea, I met Rita a few times and even celebrated the holidays with her.”

Oser has always had a passion for writing, and has kept many journals since she’s lived in Korea. In order to be published in Ratapallax magazine for the United Nations Year of the Mountains, she literally climbed a mountain for the exposure. “It was hard work and it took a long time, but I managed it. That’s mainly what life is about anyway,” Oser said. She hopes one day to write her own book about Korea, or publish her own scrapbook in relation to her writings about the country.

In addition to her teaching and writing activities, Oser was elected the first foreign vice president of Fountain, an English club that was established about 20 years ago. She is also involved with many social clubs, such as the Humanities Association of Korea (HAK).

2002-2003 DECEASED ALUMNI:
Please remember the following alumni who have passed away:

- Colomane Brutkiewicz, ’52
  - January 27, 2002
- Cynthia Porter, ’95
  - March 25, 2002
- Cecily Farragher, ’64
  - September 25, 2002
- Joan Lambert, ’73
  - October 1, 2002
- Christopher Bisset, ’00
  - October 31, 2002
- Bette Arzarian, ’73
  - November 1, 2002
- Maureen Costa, ’91
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- Fred Cromie, ’76
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- Frank Makowski, ’97
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- Sally Myers, ’73
  - December 2, 2002
- Robert Grima, ’80
  - November 1, 2002
- Francis Buckley, ’75
  - December 22, 2002
- Alfred Pawlak, ’76
  - February 6, 2003
- Michael Whitmore, ’81
  - February 19, 2003
- Sheila Wysong, ’83
  - March 15, 2003
- Brenda Winter, ’89
  - March 25, 2003
- Pat Kramek, ’52
  - April 7, 2003
- Mary Beth Pierson, ’89
  - April 17, 2003
AUGUST
1  Deadline for Winter 2004 financial aid applications
4, 11  Transfer Student Days (Madonna Mondays), 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.,
18, 25  Rooms 1000 & 1004, 432-5339
8  Deadline for web registration
22  Deadline for fax-in registration
29  Final day for on-campus registration

SEPTEMBER
2  Classes begin: Term I/Fall
2-8  Add-drop period: Term I/Fall
9  Student Welcome Mass/Mass of the Holy Spirit, 11:30 a.m.,
    University Chapel, 432-5419
12  Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing, Links of Novi, 432-5421
19-21  Student Leadership Weekend with Michigan Campus Compact,
      4 p.m. 432-5419
30  Filing deadline for graduation (May 2004)

OCTOBER  – Respect Life Month
4  Alumni Reunion 2003, 432-5740
5  National Life Chain, 1-3 p.m., 432-5425
12-18  Peace and Justice Week
12  Focus: HOPE Walk for Justice, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., 432-5419
15  Holy Hour for Peace, 7 p.m., 432-5419
20  Fax, Web & Mail-in registration begins: Term II/Winter
23  Vocations Awareness Mass (lunch following), 11:30 a.m.,
    University Chapel, 432-5419

NOVEMBER
1  All Saints’ Day Mass, 11:30 a.m., University Chapel, 432-5419
1  Open House, 1-4 p.m., Take 5 Lounge, 432-5339
10  In-person registration begins: Term II/Winter
20  Founders’ Day Interfaith Service – Spirit Week begins,
    11:30 a.m., 432-5419
26  Thanksgiving/Founders’ Day Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
27-29  Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER
5  Chorale concert, 7:30 p.m., 432-5708
6  Marian Advent Retreat, 432-5419
7  Christmas with our Friends, Liturgy, Brunch, 432-5737
7  Chorale concert, 3 p.m., 432-5708
8-13  Final exam week
13  End of Term I

Due to the fact that this calendar may not be all-inclusive and/or is subject to change, please check with the department sponsoring the event for verification and for additional information.
## Volleyball

**September**
- 5  Julie Martin Memorial Tournament ...... TBA
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- 9  Rochester College .......................... 7 p.m.
- 19 UM Dearborn ................................. 7 p.m.
- 23 Siena Heights University ................. 7 p.m.

**October**
- 3  Madonna Classic ............................ TBA
- 4  Madonna Classic ............................. TBA
- 18 Cornerstone University .................... 1 p.m.
- 28 Aquinas College ............................ 7 p.m.

**November**
- 4  Concordia University ........................ 7 p.m.
- 6  Saginaw Valley State University ...... 7 p.m.

## Sports Schedule

### Men's Soccer

**August**
- 23 Alumni Game ............................... 6 p.m.

**September**
- 1 Indiana Wesleyan ............................. 4 p.m.
- 13 Concordia University ..................... 2 p.m.
- 16 Spring Arbor University .................. 4 p.m.
- 20 Aquinas College ............................. 2 p.m.

**October**
- 18 Cornerstone University ................... 2 p.m.
- 19 Saginaw Valley State University ...... 2 p.m.
- 21 Indiana Tech ................................. 3 p.m.
- 28 Siena Heights University ................. 3 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

**September**
- 15 Concordia University ...................... 3 p.m.
- 17 Spring Arbor University .................. 4 p.m.
- 20 Aquinas College ............................. 12 p.m.

**October**
- 18 Cornerstone University ................... 12 p.m.
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- 29 Siena Heights University ................. 3 p.m.