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Smiles and plenty of sunshine started the day off for more than 850 graduates at Madonna University’s 58th commencement held on May 7. As the ceremony proceeded, graduates were inspired by the powerful words of the three accomplished leaders who received honorary doctorate degrees.

Encouraging the graduates to continue to grow, Sr. Mary Raymond Kasprzak, CSSF, minister general of the Felician Sisters, emphasized the importance of each day and added that each day was an opportunity for gain, not loss; and success, not failure. Sr. Raymond was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of humanities.

“Know what you want, set the goal and be flexible.” These words of advice flow naturally for Michael and Jo Obloy who have achieved much success in so many aspects of their lives. Michael is President of Special Drill and Reamer Corporation and LGM Special Sales, both located in Madison Heights. Jo Obloy is National Sales Manager for Audi Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles with Audi of America. Michael and Jo Obloy received doctorates of business administration degrees.

Michael has served on Madonna University’s Board of Trustees since 1999 and chaired since 2001. The Obloy family’s history goes back a generation at Madonna University. Michael’s father, Leo, was on Madonna’s board from 1984 to 1990 and from 1991 to 1996. Both Leo and his wife, Bernice, were awarded honorary degrees in 1991. As Michael Obloy spoke to the graduates, he referred to his parents and the great pride he had in their achievements. It was through their example that he was motivated to excel.

Jo informed the class of 2005 that she was the first in her family to go to college and “stopped out” after her sophomore year to get married. After a 16-year “leave of absence” to raise three boys, she returned to college and earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Walsh College. Jo became the first and only woman to join the executive leadership team of VW Credit. This was just the beginning of many “firsts” in her career. In 2001, she was selected by Crain’s as one of the top five women in business in Greater Detroit. Her accomplishments, a testament to her perseverance, provided motivation to the graduates to continue to move forward on their career paths.

For almost four decades, Sr. Edith Marie Agdanowski’s physical, intellectual and musical energy has been a terrific model for music students and faculty at Madonna. A graduate of Presentation Junior College (the forerunner of Madonna University) in 1943, Sr. Edith went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in music education from the University of Detroit and a master’s degree in music from the University of Notre Dame. A distinguished alumna award was presented to Sr. Edith who is greatly admired by all who know her.
Pope John Paul II Touched the Entire World

“Our beloved Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has been called home to God. To his dying breath, he has served God and the Church with unwavering love and his own steadfast faith in Jesus Christ. His tireless energy for the Gospel of Life has touched almost every person on this earth and leaves behind a legacy of hope and a path of solidarity and service for us to follow.”

Adam Cardinal Maida
Archbishop of Detroit
April 2, 2005

Madonna University’s Dietetics Program Take Top State Awards

Madonna University’s Dietetics Program swept high honors at the Michigan Dietetic Association’s Annual Conference in May.

Associate Professor Karen Schmitz, Ph.D., was recognized as the Outstanding Dietetic Educator for the State of Michigan. The director of the dietetics program at Madonna University for the past 10 years, Schmitz received the 2005 Service Learning Fellowship and the 2004 Summer Research Stipend from Madonna University.

“I am very lucky to have students who are ambitious, motivated to learn, and caring,” Schmitz said. “This award means the world to me because it was initiated by my students.”

Megan McMurray, who recently graduated with a bachelor’s degree in dietetics from Madonna University, was awarded the Outstanding Dietetic Student for the State of Michigan. Other students receiving the Michigan Dietetic Association scholarships were Jennifer Traub and Melissa Shannon. Lastly, Amanda Richert was honored as the Dietetic Student of the Year Award for Southeastern Michigan.

“These students have all worked very hard in the classroom and in representing Madonna University at nutrition events in the community,” remarked Schmidt. “I’m very proud to have them representing our program as they launch their own careers.”

Madonna University’s bachelor’s degree program in dietetics is accredited by the American Dietetics Association (ADA) and provides eligibility for the post-degree supervised practice.
Larry LaCross can be described in one word: humanitarian. The May 2005 graduate will be missed on the Madonna University campus due to his diligence and tireless efforts to spread knowledge, inspiration and goodness to others.

A past community service coordinator for the Office of Student Life, LaCross was the leader of the Alternative Spring Break Program, where students served the needy and homeless in rural areas in South Carolina. He was a moderator and participant in several on-campus discussion groups including issues regarding diversity, Social Security, and the civic mission of higher education.

“Madonna University offers many ways for students to get involved both on- and off-campus,” said LaCross, a native of Alpena. “We’re always trying to build community. But, the greatest benefit is definitely the people.”

LaCross’ efforts didn’t go unnoticed in the community and he received the Commitment to Service award presented by the Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) on April 16. He was among seven Madonna University students who received awards from MCC for their outstanding contributions to community and commitment of service to others.

Other 2005 graduates who received the Heart and Soul Award were Patrick Fabian, St. Clair Shores; Megan McMurray, Monroe; Jennifer Pless, Sylvan Lake; Kamal Sayej, native of Palestine; Jenny Stofka, Erie; and Emily Vier, Dearborn.

Natalie Sarah Yeldo, a May 2005 graduate, is applying her new degree to the fashion world at Ralph Lauren in the Somerset Collection. Focused on honing her public relations and marketing skills, she strategically aligns herself for future promotions.

“Throughout my college career, I was taught to think against the grain as well as to be confident while facing many challenges that may come my way,” said the 23-year-old. “I feel as though my education at Madonna University has been an important foundation for my future success and growth.”

Her Ralph Lauren hiring transpired from an internship she was encouraged to apply for by Kathleen Richard, director of the Merchandising Management Program, Madonna’s School of Business. This opportunity yielded a trip to the corporation’s New York headquarters for orientation and introductions to top corporate executives, including the president of the company.

“It was an incredible opportunity for me to become familiarized with the roots of the company and what it really stands for,” remarked Yeldo, who earned a bachelor’s degree in merchandising management. “On our visit, we were also able to tour many of the Ralph Lauren stores as well as shadow some of the top sellers in the company.”

Natalie keeps current with fashion trends by reading and traveling. She recently returned from a two-week trip to England and Spain.

Madonna University Senior Seung-Wook Kang was awarded the Kimball ESL Scholarship in May 2005. Seung-Wook, a Korea native, is enrolled in the Hospitality Management Program offered through the School of Business and has an outstanding 3.72 grade-point average. He is expected to graduate in December 2006.

The Kimball ESL Scholarship is awarded yearly to a student enrolled in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program.

Fundraising for this year’s Kimball ESL Scholarship was arranged by its originators, Robert and Monika Kimball. The Kimballs, faculty members at Madonna University, held a joint 60th birthday party where their guests made cash donations in lieu of gifts.

“Robert and I created the scholarship in honor of our wedding day, July 15, 1995,” said Monika Kimball, associate professor and director of the ESL Program. “Since my husband’s field is education and since several other scholarships for education students already existed, we decided it’d be nice to benefit ESL students.” Robert Kimball, Ph.D., is Dean of the College of Education at Madonna University.

According to the couple, the guest list included 78 colleagues, friends and family members who were invited to dinner and dancing at St. Mary’s Cultural Center.
New Dean Brings Years of Experience to College

Kathleen O’Dowd, Ph.D., has been named the new Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and takes the station with an eagerness to learn, despite her doctorate degree and long tenure as a professor. “It’s interesting and exciting to be doing something new at this stage of my career,” said O’Dowd, who started at Madonna University in 1979. “I hope to be a strong advocate for all the humanities disciplines and the faculty who teach them.”

Already familiar with her colleagues and staff, O’Dowd describes them as “creative and watchful of the global market and events.” “It’s their creative ideas that formulate the new programs students require to be highly competitive in the workforce,” she said.

O’Dowd holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and received her master’s and doctorate degrees from Michigan State University. Anticipating future student needs, she plans to investigate possibilities for new master’s degrees in humanities disciplines and to increase opportunities for foreign study.

So, what sagacity does she pass on to the fall semester students? “Try to explore new things,” she advises. “Don’t cling to the things you already know. A college education gives you the freedom and time to explore many subjects you may never get another chance to investigate. This is especially important in the humanities as things like fine art, literature and music, once you’ve been introduced to them, can be a source of pleasure for the rest of your life.”

Redford Alumni Association Targets Madonna Students

With a generous gift of $25,000, the Redford High School Alumni Association/Edward H. McNamara Endowed Scholarship became a reality. The scholarship will provide educational opportunities for graduates of Redford High School in Detroit with the first scholarship to be awarded for the Fall Term 2006.

This spring, Bruce Berend, a senior partner with Plante & Moran, PLLC, and a member of the Redford High School Alumni Association, approached Madonna University on the Association’s behalf to inquire about the procedure for setting up an endowed scholarship.

Why Madonna University? Berend indicated that he had grown up in the area and knew the University had a reputation for quality as well as judicious stewardship. Former Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara founded the Redford High School Alumni Association and is a major benefactor of Madonna.

To inquire about or to establish an endowed scholarship, contact Sr. M. Danatha, director of planned giving, at (734) 432-5665, toll free (800) 852-4951 x5665 or email: sdanatha@madonna.edu.

Her Music Was an Expression of the Beauty of Her Soul

For 22 years, beginning in 1950, Sr. Mary Paulette Krakowski, CSSF, was head of the music department and taught at Madonna University. She then moved on to teach and serve as an organist at Felician College in Lodi, N.J.

When she returned to Michigan in 1975, Sr. Mary Paulette resided at the Felician Sisters’ Provincial house in Livonia and for the next 28 years served as liturgist and organist and directed the Felician Sisters’ choir, taught music in several nearby schools, and instructed students in private piano lessons.

Born in 1914, Sr. Mary Paulette entered the Felician Sisters’ Seminary at the age of 13. She professed perpetual vows in 1940. She earned a bachelor of music degree from New York’s Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart and completed a master of arts in vocal music at Wayne State University.

Through her music Sr. Mary Paulette was able to reach out and bring joy and fulfillment. There are two scholarships in the name of Sr. Mary Paulette Krakowski at Madonna University. The first scholarship is an Honorary Scholarship, which was established in her name by Madonna University in 1993. It is awarded to a music major. The second scholarship is endowed and was established in 2001 by one of her students, Mary Anne Barczak who graduated in 1957 with a bachelor’s degree in music education. Sr. Mary Paulette was one of Mary Anne’s most cherished music instructors.

“Sr. Paulette has formed and nurtured so many of us with the gift of music. We have gone on to teach and inspire others in various ways with the spirit she exemplified,” said Mary Ann Barczak.

Sister died on May 25, 2005. She is survived by two sisters, Regina Pilarski and Henrietta Szymanski.
Auction Gala Benefits Student Scholarships

Madonna University President Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa receives a donation from Tarik Daoud (left), a MU trustee and CEO of Al Long Ford and Robert P. Mallon, chairman of the National Auto Dealers Charities Foundation. The gift will support MU’s partnership Lebanon program.

Visitors from Uzbekistan came to Madonna University in January for a roundtable discussion on culture, social issues, education and religion.

(Pictured left) John and Jan Landis, 2005 auction general chairs, greet Mike and Jo Obloy, 2003, 2004 auction honorary chairs.

Auction attendees (l. to r.) are Helen Daoud, Terry Ahwal and Sr. Victoria Indyk.
MU Offers Learning Site at Convenient Orchard Lake Center

Madonna University makes education accessible by providing new options to students. Among its off-site locations is the Madonna University Orchard Lake Center. Easy access is one benefit of the Center, which is a short drive off I-75, M-5 or I-696. Students can choose from 85 courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Both day and evening class times are available to meet the needs of students with busy schedules.

Following is an overview of Orchard Lake Center’s fall course selections:

**Arts and Humanities:** communications, English, history and art history

**Business:** accounting, marketing, business administration, microeconomics, international studies, legal issues in business and international legal environment. Also available is an M.B.A. program.

**Social Science:** criminal justice and psychology

**Science:** biology, chemistry, physiology and math

For teaching certification, courses are available to earn an elementary provisional certificate or a secondary provisional certificate.

Fall Term begins September 6, 2005.

Ready to meet students’ needs

New Dean Brings Expertise to OLC

After a decade as the administrator responsible for several of the University’s off-campus programs, stretching from Gaylord to Southwest Detroit, James Novak, Ph.D., has been named dean of the Madonna University Orchard Lake Center (OLC), effective July 1. Novak’s career has focused on adult, part-time, transfer and non-traditional students, and the design of academic programs and services to meet the educational needs of local communities.

“The president, vice presidents and deans have created a new vision for the OLC, and how best to serve MU students here in this beautiful setting at the lake,” said Novak. “I’m excited about the unique opportunities we’ll have to work with Madonna faculty and support staff.

Along with providing high-quality undergraduate courses and post-graduate studies, we expect to program some lectures and musical events, to complement what has anchored people to this area.”

Novak holds a bachelor’s degree from Boston College and received his master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Michigan.

For complete information about the programs at OLC, visit [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu).

OLC Staff pictured (l. to r.) are Gordie Theisen, Anne Lies, James Novak and Lynn Layton.
Due to the small class-sizes at Madonna University Orchard Lake Center, students receive personal attention from professors and develop close friendships with each other. This cultivating experience has students sharing stories about themselves and their family heritage.

“When Chris told us who he was, we thought he was just kidding,” said Barbara Laboissonniere, assistant professor of English for Orchard Lake’s summer session of ENG 2090 Approaches to Grammar. “When we realized he was serious, we were just shocked.”

She’s referring to 27-year-old Chris Tennyson, who recently revealed to his classmates that he was the great-great grandson of Alfred Lord Tennyson. Lord Tennyson was appointed as poet laureate by Queen Victoria of England and was one of the most popular poets of the Victorian era.

“My great-great grandfather was chosen as poet laureate, because he could write what the whole population of England could understand,” remarked Chris. “In some of his writing, like ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade,’ he was trying to mask some dark times and shine some positive light on England.

I also want to be able to explain things that everyone can understand,” commented Chris. “The rhetorical grammar approach is one way to reach mass audiences.”

So, what’s it like to have a famous ancestor?

“Everyone expects that you are an expert in English Literature and History,” Chris laughed. “Though, we do have some fabulous family dinners filled with eloquent and descriptive-speaking conversations.

It’s interesting, because each generation has had careers that involved either writing or education,” said Chris, a history teacher at Groves High School. “My great-grandfather wrote the first Old Spice commercial. My father wrote speeches. I love to write, particularly, poetry.”

As a teenager, Chris took his first college class at Madonna University and later attended Columbia University where he earned his bachelor’s degree in political science. Upon returning to Michigan, he has once again chosen Madonna University to advance himself. He named the convenient location and classtimes; the pristine setting that overlooks Orchard Lake; and the University’s respect for maintaining quality education as his reasons.

“We are fortunate and blessed to have such a high caliber of students,” said Laboissonniere. “They bring impressive knowledge and worldly experiences to Madonna University.”

Although almost everyone in his family has been to England to visit Lord Tennyson’s castle, where Chris’ relatives still live today, he has yet to make the journey.

“I am eager to make the trip to England so I can experience the history first-hand,” he stated.

Chris Tennyson says his favorite piece by his great-great grandfather is The Eagle.

Famous Poet’s Ancestor Continues his Education at Orchard Lake Center

Polish Studies at Madonna University’s Orchard Lake Center

Madonna University Orchard Lake Center offers one of the largest Polish Studies programs in the country, which is taught by an interdisciplinary team of scholars. Beginning this fall, students can major in Polish Studies with a concentration in language, literature or art. Also available is a certificate of completion in Polish translation.

OLC OPEN HOUSE ON AUGUST 17

An open house will be held at the Orchard Lake Center on Wednesday, August 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Gordie Theisen at (248) 683-0523 or visit www.madonna.edu.
My first day as Marketing Director of Madonna University was like a breath of fresh spring air. Madonna University has a reputation for fostering a “family atmosphere” and faculty and staff lived up to their reputation. The students also took part in my welcome.

As I was going to lunch, students smiled or said hello as they passed me in the hall. At noon, a senior classman escorted me to the Take 5 Lounge, where students gather to have lunch, socialize or discuss school projects. On the way, the student shared her story about her health care major, her eagerness to graduate, and the excitement she felt about applying her quality education. It was invigorating to hear her enthusiasm; her apparent excitement brimming as she was about to reach her career goal.

I told the student that I, too, was excited over my graduation. In May 2005, I earned my master’s degree in marketing communication from Emerson College in Boston, Mass. Like the student, I am exuberant to be applying my education at Madonna University.

Although I attended graduate school in Massachusetts, my roots are deeply embedded in Michigan. I am a Western Michigan undergraduate, who has 15 years work experience in the fields of communications, journalism and marketing. Over the past six years, I’ve worked in the non-profit and educational industries.

A past marketing coordinator for Lansing Community College, I relish in the fact that I promote a product that is extremely important to our country’s future - a quality education. Not all marketers can say their product changes lives, hoists professionals to new levels or brings new opportunities to those who take this career path.

I look forward to providing information and news about Madonna University so that you will come to know what’s advancing the school to effectively compete in our global economy. I will share stories about the outstanding staff and faculty and alumni events. My greatest pleasure, however, will come from reporting on today’s phenomenal Madonna University students as they rise through the ranks to become tomorrow’s leaders.
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IN MEMORIAM

Father John West
Shared His Love

Many throughout Michigan grieve the loss of a prominent public leader of the Catholic Church, Father John West who died unexpectedly on April 14, 2005. Although Father West served at many Catholic parishes, he was pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington at the time of his death.

A man of great spirit and intellect, Father West was born in 1952. He was a graduate of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, St. John Provincial Seminary and the University of Detroit Mercy, earning degrees in areas of theology and religious studies. He was ordained a priest in 1980. Father West was, currently, serving as a Madonna University trustee, joining the board in 2000. He was a trusted voice, extremely articulate and sensitive to the needs of others. The spirit of God worked through this loving and compassionate shepherd who was loved by many. He is greatly missed.
Athletics

Crusaders Star in the Classroom

While most people have taken notice of the unprecedented success of Madonna University's athletics teams in terms of wins and losses, it has been an equally successful year in the classroom for the Crusaders.

During 2004-05, 14 Madonna University student-athletes were recognized as National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-America Scholar-Athletes. To qualify for this honor, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior, have a cumulative 3.5 grade-point average (GPA) or higher and participate in a sport. With only 52 student-athletes at junior or senior status, 14 honorees is an impressive number.

Madonna athletics also won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) All-Sports Trophy for the first time in school’s history. The trophy is presented to the top school in three men’s and three women’s sports in the conference. Madonna won conference titles in five different sports: volleyball, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s basketball and baseball. Additionally, the Crusaders finished second in the league in softball.

Listed below are the student-athletes garnering the NAIA honors:

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In addition, the baseball team was honored as one of six NAIA Scholar Teams for its overall team cumulative GPA of 3.11. Likewise, the volleyball and women’s basketball teams have been nominated for team awards presented by their respective coaching associations.

The Sport Management Department at Madonna University is holding its inaugural Career and Professional Development Sport Conference at Kresge Hall on Friday, Oct. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

By attending this event, you’ll learn about exciting and progressive industry topics such as sport agenting, sport journalism and more.

A sport management degree helps prepare individuals for careers in professional, collegiate, high school and recreational athletics.

Guest speakers will include sports executives, sport journalists, athletic directors and professors from the field of sport management. Cost for the event is $15 and includes lunch. For more information, call Kevin King (734) 432-5446.
Students

Martelle Johnson, a senior majoring in forensic science at Madonna University, authored a poem entitled “Seasons Come and Seasons Go,” which was accepted for inclusion in In Other Words.

Errin Brooks and Jennifer Golani-Hinchman, performed at the National Association of Singing Competition at Grand Valley.

Faculty and Staff

Shirley Charbonneau, assistant professor, social work, presented “Successful Teaching and Learning Strategies over Interactive Television,” at the 22nd Annual Baccalaureate Social Work Conference.


Barbara Wiltzie, adjunct associate professor, music, sent eight students to the National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition. Wiltzie, a mezzo-soprano, was one of four featured soloists in an opera concert to aid Tsunami victims. She was accompanied by Madonna University ’01 MSBA graduate Nicholas J. Nagrant.

Gerald Charbonneau, Ph.D., professor of sociology at Madonna University, has been honored with the Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award presented by Michigan Campus Compact. Charbonneau was nominated by his peers for the award due to his diligence in promoting community service to students.

A leader in the area of community studies, Charbonneau guides students through field placement in nonprofit organizations throughout the Detroit area. For the past six years, he has accompanied Madonna University students to Morelia, Mexico, to serve communities in need. He received special acknowledgment for his work at the University Rotary Club of Morelia, Mexico, for his “untiring commitment to those who need it the most.”

“I find students consider the service-learning opportunities ‘significant experiences’ and will recall them more often than just a lecture,” Charbonneau said. “Moreover, the idea of service takes into account the mission of Madonna University and working for social justice.”

Sharing his knowledge with others, Charbonneau presented the workshop “The Community Pedagogy” at the Society for Applied Sociology’s annual meeting held in Washington, D.C.

Cecilia S. Donohue, Ph.D., associate professor and chair, English and communication arts, published a biographical essay on Rita Dove and a critical synopsis of Dove’s most recent poetry in The Literary Encyclopedia, a British-based internet database. Her article “Teaching Travels in the 21st century; Points of Departure for the High School and Undergraduate Classroom,” has been published in the Spring 2005 issue of The Steinbeck Review.

Frank Hribar, vice president, planning and enrollment management, presented “Essential Elements of a Successful Recruitment Plan” at the Harvard Summer Institute and “Applying Market Research to Enrollment Marketing and Communications,” at a Noel-Levitz Conference.


The Honorable Fred M. Mester, an Oakland County Circuit Judge, was presented the Frances R. Avadenka Memorial Award at the Oakland County Bar Association Meeting Dinner. Judge Mester has served as an adjunct professor in the Paralegal Program at Madonna University.


Monica Migliorino Miller, Ph.D., promoted Madonna University Orchard Lake Center and the CICC Program on “EWTN Live” with Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Tune into MUOLC radio program each Saturday at 10 a.m. on Michigan Catholic Radio (AM 1090 in the Detroit area; 1080 AM in central Michigan.)

Jacqueline Steingold, adjunct assistant professor, social work, is one of the women featured in the exhibit at the Walter P. Reuther Library’s atrium on the campus of Wayne State University. The exhibit, “Hear Me Roar! Women & Social Justice Exhibit,” features well-known social workers and women activists from Detroit.

Janusz Wrobel, Ph.D., chair of the Polish Studies and East Central European Studies at Madonna University’s Orchard Lake Center, chaired two panels and delivered two papers at the VII World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies in Berlin, Germany.

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In March 2005, the Crusaders men’s baseball team began their championship season in Port Charlotte, Fla., amidst cheers from alumni, parents and friends who gathered to enjoy the sun and this traditional rite of spring.

During this first-time event, more than 50 members of the Madonna community gathered for a picnic. Here, new friendships were made, memories were shared and people showed their support for Madonna University Athletics. Fans enjoyed hearing from Head Coach Greg Haeger on the team’s status as well as from Andrea Nodge, vice president for University Advancement, who shared the latest news from campus.

We extend a special thanks to all who attended and congratulate the baseball team on their 40-16 record season and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship!

Graduation is an exciting time for students, families and the entire Madonna community. It marks yet another milestone of success as the graduates celebrate the completion of their degrees and embark on the next exciting phase of their lives.

During this important transition, I remind our new alumni, parents and friends that the Madonna University Alumni Office is available as a resource to provide news, information and opportunities for you to stay in touch. To subscribe to the MU Alumni Connection e-newsletter, send an e-mail to lhall@madonna.edu and include your full name, address and telephone in addition to your e-mail address. You can also visit our web site at www.alumni.madonna.edu to share your news and successes, and keep your contact information up to date.

On behalf of the more than 20,000 Madonna alumni, I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors and look forward to hearing from you!

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Resources for Alumni, Parents & Friends

Coming this fall, the University Advancement Department will launch new web resources to provide news and information on events, volunteer opportunities and services available at Madonna University. Visit www.madonna.edu and click on “Alumni & Friends” to learn more.

Subscribe to the MU Alumni Connection newsletter to receive timely news and special announcements. Send an e-mail to lhall@madonna.edu and include your full name, address and telephone in addition to your e-mail address. Parents & friends are welcome to subscribe!

The Alumni Office is working to develop new and exciting events for our alumni and friends around the country. We’re considering another event in conjunction with spring baseball in Point Loma, Calif., in March 2006. We’d like input from our alumni in California — call us at (734) 432-5811 or e-mail: cbooms@madonna.edu

SAVE THE DATE
Alumni Reunion
Saturday, October 1, 2005
In May 2005, the College of Nursing and Health awarded the first Flame of Excellence in Community Leadership Awards. Oakwood Healthcare System was honored with the Health Care Organization Partner Dean Mary Wawrzynski Award and alumna Marianne Simancek received the Community Advocate Upstream Award.

Retired Dean Mary Wawrzynski (left) presents the award to Carla O'Malley '79, executive director, Oakwood Healthcare Foundation and Lindsey West, manager, Oakwood Community Health.

Marianne Simancek '84 (left) receives the Community Advocate Upstream Award from Dr. Teresa Thompson, dean of Nursing and Health. Marianne works for St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Denise Korniewicz, BSN '74, is senior associate dean in the School of Nursing and Health at the University of Miami, Coral Gables Campus. She received the Pinnacle Award, a national mentorship award, from the Sigma Theta Tau International Honors Society for Nursing.

Jean Schonhardt, SSC ’77, was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Affiliate Council of The Engineering Society of Detroit at their 34th Annual Gold Award Banquet. She has taught at St. Valentine School for the past 28 years and has tried to expose her eighth-grade students to many hands-on learning experiences including the National Engineers Week Future City Competition.

Edward Mauer, OSF ’78, retired in 2004 after working for more than 30 years and opened his own consulting company. He works with clients in the areas of risk management in health care, fire protection and occupational safety and health.

Jodine Turner, BSN ’77, published the book The Keys to Remember. It is the second book in her fictional trilogy, Goddess of the Stars and the Seas.

Judy (Seiler) Parzych, ENG ’00, a teacher in the South Redford School District, published her first book entitled Expatriate Games.

Jeffrey Scott, EMS ’82, is a loss prevention group leader at Dow Corning Corporation. He is active as an Adult Boy Scout Leader, firefighter/paramedic instructor and medical staff member for the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games.

Sue Voyles, MSB ’86, received the 2005 Headliner Award at the annual Women In Communications of Detroit’s Matrix Awards. The award salutes outstanding personal and professional achievements of a WIC-Detroit member.

Spring Tea Celebrates Life

Lucille McIntosh (left), guest speaker and advocate on issues of aging, shared her inspiration with the 2005 graduates of the gerontology program at their annual Spring Tea on May 14. Pictured here with Anita Herman ’77, gerontology chairperson, Lucille gives a glimpse into the past with her original notebook from one of the first gerontology classes offered at Madonna University in the 1970s.

Submit your notes at www.alumni.madonna.edu
Calendar of Events

August
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Transfer Student Days (Madonna Mondays), 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., 432-5339
7 Infinity Yacht Cruise, 4-7 p.m., 432-5421
10 Downriver Center Open House, 6 - 8 p.m., (734) 324-8888
17 Orchard Lake Open House, 6 - 8 p.m., (248) 683-0523
30 School of Business Advising Night, 4:30 - 7 p.m., 432-5355

On-going

Fall Registration, Classes begin Sept. 6, 432-5400

September
6-10 Last Week to Register, 432-5400
6 Fall Term Begins
6-12 Welcome Week
6- Oct. 2 “War Requiem, a Visual Retrospective of War” Exhibit, 432-5710
8 Student Welcome Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
15 Mary’s Children Community Service, 12:30 - 5 p.m., 432-5419
16 Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing, Links of Novi, 432-5421
30 SLS 30th Anniversary Reunion, 432-5642

October
1 Homecoming 2005, 432-5811
2 National Life Chain, 1 - 3 p.m., 432-5419
4 St. Francis Day Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
6 Winter Term Class Schedule available online
9 Focus: HOPE Walk for Justice, 432-5425
9-15 Peace and Justice Week (Blanket Drive), 432-5419
12 Holy Hour for Peace & Candlelight Service, 7 - 8 p.m., 432-5419
14-15 Homeless Experience, 7 p.m. - 7 a.m., 432-5419
17 Winter Term Printed Class Schedule available
21 Career and Professional Development Sport Conference, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., 432-5446
22 Habitat for Humanity, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 432-5419
24 Winter Registration begins
26 Mass for Vocations, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m, 432-5419

November
1 All Saints’ Day Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
2 All Souls’ Day Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
4 Student Twilight Retreat, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m, 432-5419
17 Founders’ Day Interfaith Prayer Service, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
17 Christmas for Kids Drive Starts, 432-5419
19 Habitat for Humanity, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 432-5419
21 Founders’ Day Mass Presentation of Mary, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes

December
1 World AIDS Day, 432-5425
3 Marian Advent Retreat, 9:15 a.m. - 5 p.m., 432-5419
8 Immaculate Conception Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
11-16 Final Exam Week
17 End of Fall Term
23-Jan. 2 Winter Break - University Closed