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The Big Apple, of course.

LEFT: Mary Ann Lee, from the Office of the Registrar, took the Madonna Now with her when she visited the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

RIGHT: Graphic Designer Jill Hamilton-Krawczyk snapped this photo of the magazine with Johnny Depp at Madame Tussaud’s Wax Museum, also in New York.

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Some 960 graduates joined the Madonna University alumni ranks during the sixty-third commencement ceremony, Sunday, May 2, at Compuware Arena, in Plymouth, Mich. Approximately 765 students received a bachelor’s or associate degree, with the remainder earning a master’s degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees were bestowed upon C. David Campbell, president of the McGregor Fund, and Lu Hongjun, president of Shanghai Institute of International Finance. Both passionate advocates for Madonna University. Campbell was instrumental in awarding Madonna $375,000 in grants from the McGregor Fund over the past four years for information literacy and science education programs. Lu has recruited more than 500 Chinese students to Madonna University, and helped establish the executive MBA program with doctors/hospital administrators in Jinan, China.

The Distinguished Alumna Award was given to Sr. Marie Ann Stamm, professor of religious studies. She has served as police chaplain for 30 years. In her more than half a century as an educator, Sr. Ann has taught every grade from kindergarten through the university level. She served as head of Madonna’s religious studies department for more than 20 years.

Ernest I. Nolan, provost and vice president for academic administration presided over the commencement ceremony. The invocation was given by Ann Lampkin, director of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, with vocals performed by graduate Sara Storti, and interpreted by Sign Language Studies graduates Bridget Mitchell, Megan Gaines, Rebekah Gilmore, Dianna Budner, Amanda Evenson, and Holly Kuhnle. Charles Derry, coordinator of the broadcast and cinema arts program, was the mace bearer.

Many Madonna graduates and their families attended the Graduation Mass held the Thursday evening prior to commencement.

“Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”

– Herman Cain
Sometimes, how you ask the question dictates the answer. That’s why members of Madonna’s newest club ask middle and high school students “where are you going to college?” instead of “are you going to college?”

“It’s about making college seem more attainable to those students who didn’t think they could go,” said SCOPE Club member Rachel Griffith, a sign language student at Madonna University. “We want all students to believe that through a higher education, they can reach their goals,” she said.

The mission of SCOPE—Students Creating Opportunities to Promote Education—is to increase college awareness and enthusiasm among the youth in the Metro-Detroit area. Each SCOPE member accomplishes this by not only serving as a role model and educator, but also as a bridge for young people on the path to college, said Olga Martinez, club advisor.

This spring on Madonna’s campus, SCOPE students talked with eighth-graders from St. Damian Parochial School about their goals through high school, and helped them start thinking about going on to college.

During the past academic year, the SCOPE Club has participated in more than 25 college access and readiness programs like the St. Damian event. Collectively, over 360 Madonna University students and 85 faculty and staff members have impacted the lives of more than 1,200 youth, parents, and families, said Martinez. “These are impressive figures, especially since our club is less than a year old.”

Members of SCOPE also spend time mentoring and tutoring students from area schools. On a regular basis they visit students at Warrendale Charter Academy. Students there have responded very positively to the additional instruction, said Rafael Garza, assistant principal at the Academy.

While seeing a smile on a young student’s face when they finally get the answer to a tough math question is rewarding, it’s not the only thing Madonna students take away from the program.

“Through the organization, I have learned to be respectful of others’ lifestyles and opinions,” Griffith said. “Everyone is raised differently so we need to respect that and be able to find a way to connect with them no matter the differences between us. I feel SCOPE has made me a better student by showing me how blessed I am.”

Art Class Explores Animation

Beginning this fall, students can enroll in the Moving Image Course, Art 3210; an animation class designed to teach students the creation of movement and animation through the use of sequential images, drawing, and software tools.

“This course should be very interesting and valuable to any student wishing to begin an exploration of basic animation techniques,” said Doug Semivan, chair of Madonna’s art department.

“The Moving Image course will add to the skills and portfolio of the graphic designer, fine artist and those majoring in broadcast and cinema arts. We hope this course leads to a new major that combines both the art program and the broadcast and cinema arts program,” Semivan said.

Students taking the course also will be introduced to methods of hand-drawn animation, rotoscoping, key frame animation, and compositing. Upon completion of the course they will have learned to create and distribute engaging animations that display careful planning, consideration, and creativity; to design and produce time-based projects; to evaluate and collaboratively critique animation projects of peers; and to critically assess their own animation interests, skills, and creativity.

Prerequisites for the class are ART 1050; ART 2070, and ART 3150.

New Writing Major Offered

Designed for students pursuing or considering a career as a writer, the new writing major or minor provides a theoretical framework, intensive practice, and professional guidance in writing. Students can choose from an array of electives that suit their areas of interest, said Ann Russell, writing program director at Madonna.

“If you glance at the program information sheet, you may think we’re only offering one creative writing course. Actually, we’ll be offering classes that focus on a variety of creative genres as ‘workshop’ courses, under the rubric Topics in Writing,” Russell said.

The writing program prepares students for careers in which writing expertise is either the central requirement or a highly-valued attribute. A key advantage of the major is its flexibility. Whether students are planning careers as fiction or nonfiction writers, as editors or as professionals in other fields that demand significant writing skills, the writing program opens doors to employment opportunities, Russell said.

Students interested is declaring writing as a major must complete the composition sequence (WRT 1010 and 1020) before taking the major courses, because 1020 is a prerequisite for several of the WRT courses.

Sociology Degree Online

All of the major courses for a degree in sociology (34 semester hours) now are offered online. Thanks to 3 + 1 degree completion articulation agreement with Wayne County Community College, students can complete a bachelor’s degree online.

Madonna Sociology Department Chairperson Michelle Proctor said, “Being able to finish your degree online is very convenient—for transfer students, for students who seek a fast track to graduate school, and for working adults.”

Proctor said there also are sociology electives and general education classes available online. “It’s possible that some students could complete their entire sociology degree online,” she said. To create an individualized plan of study, Proctor encourages students to meet with an advisor.

Taught by applied sociologists, Madonna’s sociology classes provide students opportunities to apply their knowledge to real-world problems. An internship also is required of all sociology majors, and according to Proctor, it serves as a nice springboard to a career or graduate school.

Career areas where sociology majors can apply their knowledge and research skills include: marketing, social services, anthropology, nonprofit organizations, and government.
EMBRACING DIVERSITY

By Jim O’Neill, Ph.D., professor of psychology

How Catholic universities recognize and affirm diversity was the focus of a thought-provoking presentation by Monsignor John Zenz, Madonna trustee, as part of the University’s Diversity Week activities last February.

Throughout his remarks, Zenz referenced several sources including Ex Corde Ecclesiae by Pope John Paul II. He noted that Catholic universities create a “sacred space” in which “diversity is discovered and unity strengthened” through the source of truth: God.

Throughout Catholic higher education, there is a long tradition of encouraging openness to various ways of knowing and of exploring the boundaries of what is known and unknown about our world and ourselves. Zenz explained that in order to be truly open to other views, “we must know as profoundly as possible the concrete detail and depth of our own heritage and tradition.”

A faculty member at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and Pastor of Holy Name Parish in Birmingham, Mich., Zenz described our heritage and tradition. The Catholic university essentially is a manifestation “in miniature” of the mystery of the Pentecost, the formative moment of the Catholic Church in which each Apostle was filled with the Holy Spirit, as represented by the flame of the Holy Spirit.

As Pope John Paul II stated, the flame in the Catholic university represents the “creativity and dissemination of knowledge for the good of all humanity,” with God as the “Source.” Acquiring “wisdom from above,” or sapientia desurum, the Madonna motto, is not unlike the philosophy of other faith-based universities. It is the “sacred space” in which “diversity is discovered and unity strengthened” through the source of truth: God.

In contrast, Zenz noted that the Catholic view of space is “radically specific. From and through the specifics of the Eucharist and communities of faith, the whole Church comes to life… the local Church is the universal Church.” It is from the local and immediate that we encounter our understanding of God. As he stated so eloquently, “globalization destroys the particular and the local for the sake of ‘sameness’ detached from the giveness of place.”

Globalization has the consequence of homogenizing the world at the expense of diversity in its many forms, including the diversity of thoughts and values. As a Catholic University, Madonna offers a sacred space to develop our local selves—intellectually, personally, and spiritually—within the context of our global lives as members of a rich and varied world and as children of God.

Zenz compared diversity with globalization, which has gained traction since World War II in several ways, including economic globalization, countries have created worldwide financial institutions such as the World Bank to guide international commerce. Cultural globalization in its modern form is driven mostly by the worldwide marketing of Western cultural industries (e.g., Hollywood) and communication technology (e.g., cell phones).

While there have been benefits to globalization, such as instantaneous access to a wealth of information, Zenz pointed out that the space created by globalization and a global vision characterized by sameness results in a sense of rootlessness. He illustrated his point with the movie, Up in the Air. George Clooney’s character, Ryan Bingham, spent most of his time away from home, traveling across the country to places that looked and felt the same as his home town. Yet, he felt detached everywhere. He was up in the air without any roots.

Study Shows Education Affects Children’s Health

For the past two years, Jim O’Neill, psychology professor, led a massive study concerning children’s health education, the results of which prompted the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to recognize the Michigan Model for Health as an effective program for promoting mental health and preventing drug abuse and violence among youth.

“The results from this recent study provide further evidence that health education can contribute to the prevention of multiple unhealthy behaviors as early as the elementary years,” said O’Neill, who mentored more than 30 undergraduate and graduate students in this research, while leading Madonna’s reaccreditation project.

The two-year study followed more than 2,500 students in 52 school buildings across Michigan and Indiana—the largest health-education study of its kind. O’Neill, and colleague Jeff Clark from Ball State University, found that students who received the Michigan Model for Health lessons were up to three times less likely to use drugs, and were able to reduce their aggressive behaviors by almost 30 percent. A report from the study has been accepted for publication in the Journal of School Health.

“Parents may find it difficult to believe that fourth and fifth grade students drink or use tobacco products. However, this study showed otherwise, as 9.3 percent of fourth graders reported drinking more than a few sips of alcohol in their lifetime, and 5.3 percent reported drinking in the past 30 days,” O’Neill said. “In addition, 4.8 percent of the students reported ever using tobacco in their lifetime…”

President is Golden

Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa celebrated her Golden Jubilee—50 years as a Felician Sister. She achieved this pinnacle through untiring service, prayerful dedication, and good-natured collegiality.

A math major at what was then Madonna College, she began her career as a math teacher, and an elementary and secondary school administrator. Sr. Rose Marie has spent more than 30 years working at the college level.

As vice president for academic administration in the late ‘80s, she spearheaded Madonna’s international programs (she actually pulled information out of her wastebasket to follow-up on it, which resulted in a program in Taiwan.) She has visited more than 25 countries, including Syria and the United Arab Emirates (Dubai) last April.

Sister Rose Marie with her niece and godchild, Judy McKeith, a 1980 Madonna graduate in nursing.

Under her leadership, Madonna began offering master’s programs in business, nursing and education, and just recently launched its first doctoral program in nursing practice.

As Madonna University’s sixth President, Sr. Rose Marie’s strategic vision brought about construction of the environmentally-friendly, LEED-certified Franciscan Center for science and media programs—Madonna’s first, stand-alone academic building constructed in 40 years.

At a special Jubilee brunch, many members of the University community offered hearty congratulations to this accomplished and talented woman!
Bidding and Buying for Scholarships

More than 200 guests attended Madonna's Scholarship Celebration held in April at Laurel Manor, where they bid on silent auction items, bought raffle and 50/50 tickets—all while enjoying a strolling supper and the music of Steve King and the Dittilies. The event raised some $57,000 for student scholarships. Special guest Mrs. Michigan 2009, Jeannette Greco Pavlowski, ’01, ’05, and two Madonna scholarship recipients thanked the guests and spoke about how important scholarships are in making a Madonna education affordable for more students. Pavlowski took the opportunity to announce she was establishing a scholarship for deserving Madonna students.

People are talking about Madonna University

Madonna University starts conversations. This was evident at Madonna’s inaugural Alumni Networking Event this spring, which brought graduates, staff, and area recruiters together for a chance to make new contacts and learn new job skills.

Tamya Kimble, ’09 MBA, has found that graduating from Madonna University can be a good conversation starter. “People are impressed with the reputation of Madonna,” she said.

When Kimble moved to a table where they were talking about networking, a recruiter asked her to send a résumé and to call. “I’m glad I came,” said Kimble. “It’s been a good Friday.”

The free event offered alumni a chance to take a seminar on résumé writing and interviewing, and to participate in table talks about business practices, community service, and financial planning.

“I took away a few new tricks that I think I should be able to use in my job search. I also met several nice people from different backgrounds, which is always a good thing,” said Mike Corrigan, ’07 BA professional and technical writing. “Overall it was a nicely executed event that should be helpful for new graduates and those new to the job market. I came away with a few business cards and some more networking experience,” Corrigan said.

Carole Booms, director of alumni relations and annual giving at Madonna said the attendees of the event had many positive things to say and the university hopes to expand the event next year.

Top to bottom:
Alumni Director at Madonna University Carole Booms, standing, talks with alum Joan Nardi, ’51, center, and a group of other Madonna graduates during a group talk session about volunteer opportunities.

Liliana Norstray, ’09 Madonna graduate, talks with fellow alumni at the networking event.

Madonna University graduates talk with recruiter Mike Danczak (center left) about job opportunities and ways to get noticed by recruiters.

1 - Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, with John and Lina DelSignore, owners of Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, the event partner. 2 - Local 4 reporter Roger Weber and his wife Corinna, a member of the event committee, with Andrea Nodge, vice president for advancement (center). 3 - Madonna alumna Linda Grimsby, ’85 and Madonna President Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa. 4 - Darryl Quinn, ’07, tries out the Detroit Tiger recliner, which was purchased during the silent auction by Nancy Crosslin. 5 - Scholarship recipient, pre-med major, and scholar-athlete Katie Martin gave Pavlowski’s crown a try. 6 - Teresa Thompson, dean of Nursing and Health, with Ted and Barbara Leonard from the Baueravic Foundation. 7 - Faculty from the College of Education supported the event. Mary Tomczyk, Marjorie Checkoway, Jill Robinson and Karen Obrauk, college dean. 8 - Sr. Rose Marie with Livonia residents Clare McAuliffe and her daughter Christina ’06. 9 - Livonia’s First Lady Patt Kirksey was one of the 50/50 raffle ticket winners. She’s pictured here with Mrs. Michigan and Steve King, the emcee, and a Madonna master’s student.
A Mass and Dedication ceremony was held for Madonna University’s Cardinals Square, which honors the selfless achievements of the Cardinals of the Archdiocese of Detroit: Adam Cardinal Maida, Edmund Cardinal Szoka, Edward Cardinal Mooney† and John Cardinal Dearden†.

In a rare assembly of the highest ranking leaders of the Archdiocese of Detroit, a public Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron on Tuesday, June 1, at 4 p.m. During the Consecration he was joined by Cardinals Maida and Szoka, Bishop John Quinn of Winona, Wis., Bishop Paul Bradley of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Bishop Francis Reiss of Detroit along with monsignori and priests from across the state.

A procession to Cardinals Square was led by members of the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Peter Claver, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and the International Order of Alhambra, all dressed in full regalia.

Addressing the gathered crowd, Cardinal Maida took the opportunity to congratulate the Felician Sisters and the entire Madonna community for its outstanding fidelity and strong Catholic tradition. He said, “In keeping with the spirit of St. Francis, it is fitting that we gather here in the garden, after all, in the garden Adam and Eve once walked with God. It was in a garden that Mary Magdalene met the risen Lord, and in the garden of our souls we cultivate our unique sharing in the presence of the Holy Spirit. I hope and pray that this garden will be a place of reflection and renewal, a reminder of the heritage of the past and the promise of the future.”

Cardinal Szoka shared with those in attendance his reflections on why he was a Cardinal and who Cardinals Square was meant to honor. He summarized by saying, “So the Pope, in making me a cardinal, was honoring not just me personally, but honoring the people, the priests, the bishops, the deacons, and the laypeople of the archdioceses of Detroit. I think that is the meaning of this square. It’s to honor the archdiocese of Detroit, and that means all of its people.” •

† Deceased

At the Mass, Bishop John M. Quinn (top) and Bishop Francis R. Reiss join Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron (bottom) on the altar.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Condolences to Poland for President’s Death

The Felician Sisters and the Madonna University community extended heartfelt sympathy to the people of Poland and Polonia on the tragic death, April 10, 2010, of the President of the Republic of Poland, Hon. Lech Kaczyński and First Lady Maria Kaczyńska.

Condolences were expressed for the families of the entire presidential entourage killed in the airplane crash near Smolensk, in western Russia. The group, which included many prominent Polish government officials and civic leaders, was on its way to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the atrocious Katyn massacre. President Kaczyński, age 60, was the national leader of Poland since 2005.

Middle East Students Live Madonna Values

Emissaries from Madonna University traveled to the Middle East in April and discovered that a great University extends well beyond its campus boundaries, in the hearts and minds of those who share its mission.

“When I returned from Syria and Dubai, I was struck with the idea that a University community is not bounded by geographical limits. Our students and graduates in Dubai reflected so many of the values that we, on the Livonia campus, encourage every day,” said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president of Madonna University.

Accompanied by Naji Arwashan, honorary consul for Syria and Ernest Nolan, Madonna provost, Sr. Rose Marie visited the University of Kalamoon (U-K), Syria’s first private college. Representatives of both universities signed a memorandum of agreement to promote educational exchange that will begin with an exchange program in dietetics.

“The University of Kalamoon presents a wonderful opportunity for collaboration and partnership. Our students who have learned some Arabic while growing up would feel at home there, since the classes are in English.

Lastly, they stopped in Dubia, where they attended the graduation of 60 students from Madonna’s undergraduate and graduate business programs. The delegation also participated in the inaugural celebration for the new London American City College, and observed and assessed the instructional model utilized in Dubai.

“Visiting Dubai and meeting many of Madonna’s students confirmed for me the effectiveness of our online degree-completion and MBA programs. As Indian and Philippine ex-patriots living in the United Arab Emirates, these students cannot enroll in state-funded schools or universities, so they must find a private institution to pursue advanced education,” Nolan said. “The students are positive about the program and appreciate the fact that Madonna has made a world-class degree accessible, at an affordable tuition.”

About Cardinals Square:
The design of Cardinals Square reflects the theme of sin and redemption. Elements arranged in a triangle signify the Blessed Trinity. An apple tree represents original sin, while light and water reflect our redemption. This lovely garden plaza features religious statues and multi-seasonal plants, and designated areas for personal reflection, or for collegiate interaction among Madonna’s diverse student body. A Crucifix on the wall, a fountain in the center, and a statue of Mary, the Madonna, will be added to the Square at a later time. All named-gift donors will be listed on the Cardinals Square donor wall. Call Ryan Ambrozaitis at 734-432-5837 for details.

To Prisoners He’s Family

Living Madonna’s values

At 54-years-old and having struggled with school early in life, going to a university seemed a daunting task for Eric Cox. But he had a promise to keep—to help his Native American brethren.

Standing six-feet, two-inches, with broad, muscular shoulders and the rough hands of a mechanic, it’s no surprise that Cox is a former U.S. Marine who owns a motorcycle repair shop. What’s unexpected is that he serves as a spiritual guide and counselor to Native American inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan.

As a Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian, Cox understands the culture of the Native American people. At least three times a week he visits some 29 inmates in Milan, in an effort to help them find their way back to traditional Native American ways. “A lot of the men don’t have any family in the area, so I use their family’s visitation time. It’s very important for them to have contact with the Native American community outside the iron house,” said Cox, who runs a sweat lodge ceremony and leads a talking circle for them.

Cox wanted to be more than a role model to the inmates. He wanted to help them overcome their deepest problems, which for many is addiction.

“I gave the need to work with these inmates on a higher level. It was important that I not only work to help them understand addictions, but also in a manner that might lead them to a job helping others, if they wanted. When they get out of prison they will be able to give back to their communities,” Cox said.

Having served 27 years in the Marine Corps as a motor transport chief, a hands-on hand combat specialist, and a recruiter, Cox doesn’t back down from a challenge. In the culinary Cox discovered he had a learning disability, which is why he wasn’t excited about going back to school.

“I knew it wouldn’t be easy, but I had told the inmates what I was going to do for them—become someone who understands addictions and understands them and their background,” Cox explained.

When he registered for classes at Madonna, he also asked for assistance from the University’s Office of Disability Resources (ODR). “When Eric came into my office and told me what he wanted to do and why, I was really touched. This man is so sincere in his desire to help others,” said David Stokes, ODR advisor and counselor. “I knew he would be successful here at Madonna.

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In just two semesters, Cox successfully completed the six classes needed for a certificate in addiction studies, and hopes to get state certified. In addition to his work at the prison, Cox plans to do outreach work for Michigan’s 12 Native American tribes.

“Everyone at Madonna was so positive and professional throughout the whole process. I am very grateful to them.” •

Campus Ministry Students Honored

Chosen by their peers for their demonstrated leadership through service, four Madonna University students were honored with the John Paul II Campus Ministry Award during the May Crowning Mass. “These students were selected because they work every day to help others and to help make this school and this world a better place to live. We are very proud to have them as part of our Madonna family,” said Sr. Anita Taddonio, director of campus ministry at Madonna University.

Fall 2009 recipients were John Allasio and Jean Chase. Allasio graduated with highest honors this spring with a bachelor’s degree in English. He served as co-chair of the Torches of Christ and Mary, which raises money to support a pregnancy center and meets to reflect on Sunday Mass readings. An altar server, Allasio also tutored students in the Writing Center. He received the 2010 St. Catherine Award, and was selected by his professors as a recipient of the Ernie Nolan Arts and Humanities Award.

Jean Chase, a junior theology major and Tota Pulchra member, participated in the group’s spring break weekend missionary experience. Chase recruits members to Campus Ministry and plans events and retreats. She initiated the Praise and Worship group and began planning Madonna student participation in World Youth Day 2011.

Winter 2010 recipients were Christopher Din and Erica Muise. Din, a senior studying theology, served as co-chair for spirituality for the past three years and as a member of the Torches of Christ and Mary. He organized Campus Ministry liturgical ceremonies and was point person for retreats. Din co-chaired the Franciscan Spirituality group and, as an extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, presided at the weekly adorations. After graduation, he plans to enter Sacred Heart Major Seminary and become a priest.

Senior nursing student Erica Muise is a member of Tota Pulchra. She hosted the alternative spring break weekend evangelization experience and presented at Lenten Youth Day 2010. Director for the second annual passion play, she also led students in planning the May Crowning.

Successful Seniors

The following students were selected by their professors as recipients of the 2010 Ernest Nolan Award for Distinguished Achievement in the Humanities, L-R William Gregory, writing; Barbara Dame, master of arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages; Adam Plomaritas, religious studies; Mark Pikula, broadcast & cinema arts; Susan Knighton, music education; Stephanie Beatty, sign language studies; Lauren Seppanen, professional and technical writing; Leslie Banks, graphic design; John Allasio, English; Cari Ann DeLamielleure, English/journalism; Christopher Austin, journalism/PR; Margaret Porter, sacred theology; Adam Plomaritas, religious studies; and Elizabeth Kuzawinski, music.
Baseball Makes History/Wins Conference Awards

A day after Madonna’s baseball team recorded the program’s 650th all-time win, Head Coach Greg Haeger won his 400th career game, March 9, defeating Evangel University 6-2. Madonna baseball’s second ever head coach, Haeger amassed his career wins at Madonna. He becomes just the third coach in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) history to reach 400 wins.

For the third straight season and the fifth time in the last six seasons, Haeger was named WHAC Coach of the Year. He led the Crusaders to their third straight WHAC regular season title and second straight trip to the NAIA national tournament. He also coached the team to a program-best 48 wins and a No. 10 ranking in the nation—the highest finish ever for a Madonna baseball squad.

All-WHAC first team selections included Seniors John Ballarin; Zach Flavin; and Ted Toune; junior Matt Kay; and freshman Jeremy Gooding. Ballarin and Gooding anchored the Crusader pitching staff this season. Toune, Flavin, and Kay are three of the team’s top four hitters.

Named honorable mention all-league were senior righty Kyle Bolton; junior second baseman Jeff Bultinck; sophomores Robert Fraser and Tom Hansen. Toune and freshman catcher Donny Holland made the Gold Glove team, second baseman Jeff Bultinck; sophomores Robert Fraser and Tom Hansen.

Conference Awards for Women’s Basketball

The Crusaders finished the season at 14-15 overall and appeared in the WHAC title game for the third time in the last four seasons.

Junior guard Tabatha Wydryck was named to the All-WHAC first team, the all-defensive team and the Academic All-WHAC team. She also made the NAIA All-America honorable mention team; the first time in her career. Joining Wydryck on the all-academic team was senior Kim Olech.

Freshman Shantelle Herring was named to the all-newcomer squad while sophomore Katie Martin made the Champions of Character team.

Softball Sets Records/Earns Honors

Senior first baseman Cat Sidor was named the league’s Player of the Year, junior All-American Jess Irwin was awarded a third straight Pitcher of the Year award and head coach Al White took home his third straight Coach of the Year award.

White led the Crusaders to the program’s fourth WHAC regular season title in the last seven years and surpassed the 400 win plateau with the Crusaders 7-4 come-from-behind win over Indiana Tech April 24. He became the first softball coach in WHAC history to win 400 games.

Irwin became just the second pitcher in NAIA history to pass the 1,000 strikeout mark and currently ranks second in the country in total strikeouts.

Also named to the WHAC first team was junior short stop Kelly Lesko. Selected honorable mention were sophomore pitcher Hallie Minch and freshman third baseman Erica Landess.

Listed on the All-Academic and the Champions of Character teams were Sidor, Irwin, Rachael Kethe, Tara LaMilita, and Ashley Shay.

Men’s Basketball Garner WHAC Awards

Freshman Kevin Henry was named to the All-WHAC third team as well as the league’s all-newcomer team. Henry led Madonna in scoring with 13.1 points per game and 94 assists.

Junior Ryan Bahnmiller was selected to the Academic All-WHAC team and sophomore Mitch Cieslak made the WHAC Champions of Character Team.

Kudos to Madonna Athletics

The Catholic High School League named Madonna University as the 2010 James Leary School of the Year. This award, presented annually since 1980, recognizes the school that best exemplifies spirit, sportsmanship and cooperation. Madonna is the first university to receive the honor.

Catholic League Director Vic Michaels saluted the great staff at Madonna for hosting a multitude of league events including the annual volleyball and baseball championships. “If you have ever attended a Catholic League event at Madonna, you will notice something. There doesn’t appear to be anyone from Madonna working. Do not get me wrong, you would see Bryan Rizzo, Coach Abraham, Coach Haeger, Patrick Moore, Brian McClain and even his son Trevor at the score table. You would see Madonna athletics serving as line judges or chasing foul balls and Sr. Rose Marie may stop in to grace us with that wonderful smile. But none of them look like they are working. They may stop in to grace us with that wonderful smile. But none of them look like they are working. They always look like they truly want to be there to make our student-athletes welcome and that does not go unnoticed.” Madonna Athletics Director Bryan Rizzo said. "We truly appreciate the relationship we have with the Catholic League and are glad to be of service to it and to the many fine student-athletes it represents."
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Giving at 734-432-581 1 or e-mail financial aid, advance the University's academic and student life, provide Gifts to the Annual Fund enhance ways to stay connected to the University. graduates discover simple and effective contributed her time, talent and treasure Madonna University Annual Fund campaign. For nearly 60 years Nardi has contributed her time, talent and treasure to Madonna, most recently helping new graduates discover simple and effective ways to stay connected to the University. Gifts to the Annual Fund enhance academic and student life, provide financial aid, advance the University’s mission and support the areas of greatest need. Interested in learning more or volunteering to help? Call Carole Booms, director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving at 734-432-8511 or e-mail booms@madonna.edu. Martha (Benito) Sterton ‘57 (sociology) moved back to Guam after graduation where she taught middle school for two years. Sterton married a navy pilot and moved to San Diego, Calif, where she continued to teach elementary school. After her husband passed away, she took time off to raise her four children. Sterton re-entered the workforce as owner and publisher of San Diego Weekly, a legal notice newspaper. During her time at Madonna, Sterton made many close friends she stays in touch with still. After ten years at the paper, Sterton is retired and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, playing bridge, lawn bowling, and doing yoga.

M. Joan (Kaminski) Nardi ‘51 (fine arts), a graduate of the first class of lay women at Madonna, will serve as Chairperson of the 2010-2011 Madonna University Annual Fund campaign.

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THE JUNG WØN

Lee ’05 (journalism and public relations) returned to Korea after graduation and worked for the Korea International Trade Association as part of the American team. Lee worked doing public relations, specializing in trade between Korea and America. She enjoyed teaching, so she earned a master’s degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages. Of her time at Madonna, Lee said, “This was my first time in a foreign country. I was scared of the school program, but all of the professors and staff were wonderful to me. I even met my husband in America.”

Debbie (Nicks) Lynch ’06 (English) is founder of Organic Girl and Baby Sweet Pea skincare products in Brighton, Mich. Lynch’s skincare line offers a variety of hand-made products with natural botanicals and plant-based preservatives. Lynch is busy selling her products at local markets and online.

Cal Simpson ’02 (marketing) and ’09 (masters business administration) is the lead sales and marketing associate for Transportation Logistics. Simpson has worked in media, sales, and event marketing. Simpson is in the process of going back to school for a Ph.D., with the goal of teaching at the college level.

Emily Davis ’10 (master’s clinical psychology) has been accepted into the doctoral program in clinical psychology at Carlos Albizu University in Miami, Fla. Davis has worked in Detroit and Westland in child and adolescent psychiatry.
Remembering... those who have passed

Aline DeSeranno

A devoted Madonna benefactor and friend, Aline DeSeranno, 97, died peacefully in her home May 24, 2010, in Detroit, she married Rene DeSeranno May 23, 1939. Mrs. DeSeranno will be remembered for her religious devotion and love for the Felician Sisters of Madonna University. After her husband’s untimely passing in December 1983, Mrs. DeSeranno completed her term on Madonna’s board of directors. Together with her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and John Stevens, Mrs. DeSeranno gave $1 million dollars in 1995 for the purchase of the Maertens Building. It is a fitting tribute to Aline’s father Gustave Joseph Maertens.

The DeSeranno Educational Foundation funded an endowed scholarship at Madonna University, renamed the Cold Heading Foundation Endowed Scholarship, for the family business. The DeSeranno and Stevens families are members of Madonna’s Mother Mary MaDeSales Lifetime Giving Society, as well as members of the President’s Cabinet of annual giving donors. In 2007 they were honored with the Crystal Madonna Award.

Kevin West

When you talk to friends of Kevin West, they will tell you he liked to stop by just to say hi and to chat. This seemingly effortless openness and kindness drew people to Kevin.

“He was a stalwart friend and colleague and the way he interacted with us left an indelible mark,” said Dr. Ernest Nolan, provost and vice president for Academic Administration at Madonna.

Kevin died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, after a heart attack. He was 51. He grew up on Detroit’s east side and graduated from Osborn High School. Kevin earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in sociology from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

In 1996, Kevin joined Madonna University as an adjunct sociology instructor. In 2001, he became director of service learning, which involved incorporating community service into the curriculum. Kevin’s work not only made a difference to those he served, it also garnered several awards, including the 2007 Jimmy and Roslynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration.

“He was a great combination of enthusiasm, likability and academics,” said Stephen Rabigi, a former student. Everyone who spent time with Kevin felt his passion and commitment to civic and student engagement as well his absolute love for his family, said Dr. Karen Ross, dean of the College of Social Sciences at Madonna University.

“Kevin left his imprint on our hearts, on our campus and in our world,” said Ross. “May we continue to be inspired by his life.”

Kevin lives on in the memories of his wife Maureen, his children, and all those who had the privilege to work alongside him or have him as an instructor.

Why Madonna?

ISAAC ST. JOHN ’09
Recruiter | Admissions Office

“I chose Madonna for three reasons; the soccer program, scholarships, and the idea that Madonna would further my Catholic education. Madonna also actively welcomes homeschooled students to its community, which allowed me to receive a scholarship and create a plan that really fit with my goals.

But I did not know I was coming to Madonna until the soccer coach told me I had made the team, that phone call made my mind up. Soccer played a large role in my life and I knew I had to attend a college with a respectful program. I played with various colleges, but the Madonna team had a character unlike any other. The team was fun, welcoming, willing to help and most of all a family. Seniors would have lunch with freshmen, schoolbooks would be passed around the team as needed, teammates had your back no matter what.”

St. John graduated with a degree in accounting and now works in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, recruiting high school students. A job he says energizes him. “I like the idea that I am helping support people so that going to college is not a daunting experience,” St. John said.

He shares his first-hand experience at Madonna with prospective students. “Madonna is really a place that gets to know you,” he said. “The people here really cared about who I was and what I wanted to accomplish. I was not a number—I was a friend.”

Beverly and Leola Mayes ’10

Southfield | Criminal Justice

This mother and daughter duo transferred to Madonna in 2008 to complete bachelor’s degrees in criminal justice. After their second semester, Leola, age 84, was diagnosed with lung cancer. In December that year, her son died.

“All of the students and faculty at Madonna have been so supportive and helpful to me and my mother,” said Beverly. “It’s like a family here,” Beverly explained. “Madonna stole our hearts.”

Leola was Beverly’s inspiration. When the stress of school, fixing meals, doctor’s appointments and hospital stays made Beverly consider throwing in the towel, Leola would say; “No matter what challenges you encounter, follow your goal. Put Him [God] first and everything will fall in place.”

Honor students and members of Chi Alpha Epsilon, a national honor society, the pair often questioned how they would pay for classes and a scholarship would come along. Beverly explained: “God always answered our every need.”

The youngest of nine children, Beverly saw how important education was to her mother who worked three jobs to ensure all of her children got an education. Beverly plans to start law school in the fall, and hopes one day to become a judge.

Leola’s most treasured award is her Madonna diploma. “It makes me feel like a million dollars,” she said. “I want to show my grandchildren and all young people that, if I can do it, they can do it.”

This feature page will appear at the end of each edition of the Madonna Now magazine. Why Madonna highlights students, faculty, staff members, alumni and benefactors, and the reasons they attend, work for, give to, volunteer at, and love Madonna University. If you know of someone who should appear on this page, please provide their contact information to Karen Sanborn at 734-432-5843 or ksanborn@madonna.edu.
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