



Alumni and Friends:

#LewisULove is in the air this Valentine's season! At Lewis University, we're all about "showin' the love." Whether you met the love of your life at Lewis, you love seeing what current Flyers are up to, you're passionate about what you do and love sharing that passion with students, or you love getting back to campus and being a part of our upcoming events, WE LOVE YOUR #LewisULove! Enjoy this month's Jet-setter, and consider joining us at this month's big comedy event to support mental health counseling and scholarships, attending a lecture for Black History Month, or volunteering in the classroom to share your experience with students. Happy Valentine's Day, Flyers and friends!





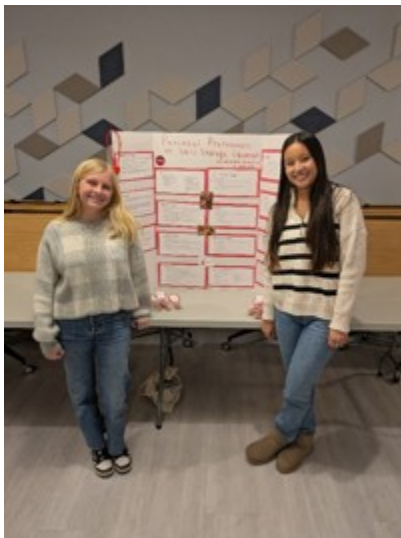
THE COUNTDOWN TO DAY OF GIVING HAS BEGUN...

Get ready for our 2025 Day of Giving on **Thursday, March 27th**, a day of generosity, where Flyer-loving hearts will be **"Dancing in the Street"** to support 25 funds at Lewis! Flyers, we will need your **"Help!"** on March 27th if we want to make a real difference. This day is about just being a part in any way you can, whether you're **"Walkin' on Sunshine"** or **"Livin' on a Prayer."** Every gift counts toward our goal!

We'll kick things off with a **"Celebration"** at Stritch Hall that includes breakfast goodies from 9 to 11 a.m. and a swag prize wheel for students who **"Walk This Way"** to take a spin! Then the afternoon snacks and drinks continue for visitors who may be **"Running on Empty"** and are **"Hungry Like the Wolf."** Anyone can stop by to make a gift, grab a snack, or check on our Day of Giving progress.

"Time after Time," we have met our Day of Giving goal and once again this year, we **"Ain't Too Proud to Beg"** to make this a **"Beautiful Day"** of enhancing the Lewis experience for our students in so many different ways. So, Flyers and friends, **"Don't Stop Believin'"** in what we can do when we work together. **"Let's Stay Together"** and get ready for an epic Day of Giving on March 27th!

Have you figured out our 2025 Day of Giving theme yet? Click [HERE](#) for the big reveal of our theme and our one-of-a-kind SOCKS that can be yours with a gift of \$25 or more!



DAY OF GIVING IMPACT STORY

Past Day of Giving contributions to the **Center for Community Research & Education (CCRE)** at Lewis has funded student stipends for hands-on research opportunities. *"Past Day of Giving funding for the CCRE has helped to fund stipends for students to participate in real-world research opportunities, including in a current partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Will County,"* shares Dr. Hannah Klein, Assistant Professor in Justice, Law, and Public Safety Studies and CCRE Director. Because of Day of Giving, not only are students gaining valuable experience, but Habitat for Humanity is benefiting from the research they're conducting. It's a win-win!

UPCOMING EVENTS



"Laugh to Create Awareness" Comedy Night – Saturday, February 8, 2025: Our annual "Laugh to Create Awareness" comedy night is back at the Beverly Arts Center! Comedians Joe Kilgallon, Kayley Horton, and Calvin Evans will make you laugh 'til your jaw hurts. Mental health author and presenter, Andrew Keyt will also speak. Proceeds benefit Lewis' mental health counseling services as well as scholarships for students studying to become mental health counselors. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS.](#)



Built from the Fire: A Conversation with Victor Luckerson – Wednesday, February 12, 2025: Join award-winning author, Victor Luckerson for a conversation about the epic story of Tulsa's Greenwood District, America's Black Wall Street in the University Dining Room from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Rob Delaney Scholarship Celebration – Wednesday, February 19, 2025: Join us as we celebrate the legacy of Rob Delaney and his scholarship that provides opportunities for aviation students. Come enjoy a complimentary drink and appetizers with your fellow Flyers and friends. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Brother Bernard Rapp, FSC Lecture – Monday, March 3, 2025: Lewis University invites you to join us at 3:30 PM in the University Dining Room (AS-104C) for a thought-provoking lecture by Dr. Christiana Zenner of Fordham University. Her presentation will explore the global need for clean water, the impact of social values, and how theological ethics can inform our actions. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Tedx at Lewis University - Tuesday, March 4, 2025: Join us as members of the Lewis University community take the stage to give very timely talks on some of today's most relevant topics at 7 p.m. in the Philip Lynch Theatre. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



CoHFAC Kickback - Saturday, March 8, 2025: Get ready for a night you won't soon forget at the 2nd Annual CoHFAC Kickback! Enjoy delicious food, five unique open bars, fantastic activities, and an engaging program. The CoHFAC Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to alumnus and longtime Associate Professor of Communication, John Carey and the studio theatre will be renamed in memory of Keith White. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are available for purchase. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Flyer Red Dinner – Wednesday, March 26, 2024: Join us for the 6th Annual Flyer Red Dinner at the Bolingbrook Golf Club for an unforgettable evening celebrating the achievements and spirit of Flyers Athletics as we induct a new group into the Hall of Fame. Sponsor a student or snag a table to invite others, [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Sczepaniak Spring Lecture - Thursday, March 27, 2025: Join Ann Durkin Keating and Dr. C. Frederick Toenniges, Professor of History at North Central College, who will present on current research that focuses on housing reform and early urban planning in the context of the Roaring Twenties and Great Depression. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Golden Flyers Reunion and Induction of the Class of 1975 - Saturday, May 31, 2025: Calling all Flyers who graduated 50 or more years ago! Join us for our annual Golden Flyers Reunion as we induct the Class of 1975 (50 years since graduation!) into this society. Don't miss this fun-filled day to reminisce with classmates and fellow Flyers. Hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Flyer Athletics Golf Outing – Friday, June 13, 2025: Save the date for the 45th Annual Flyer Athletics Golf Outing at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. Exciting sponsorship and foursome opportunities will be available—stay tuned for more details!



A TRIBUTE TO OUR SWEETHEARTS

This February, we're sharing the love by celebrating our Lewis Sweethearts—couples who found their forever love at Lewis University. From campus connections to lifelong partnerships, their stories embody #LewisULove. Check out this heartwarming video featuring some of our sweethearts, then and now!

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE



This month, show your loved ones how much you care by taking twenty minutes to create a **FREE** will that not only provides peace of mind but also allows you to leave a meaningful legacy. Through **FreeWill**, the process is simple and even allows you to include a bequest to Lewis University. What a beautiful way to show your #LewisULove! To learn more, please click [HERE](#).



GIVING BACK STORY

Pictured is the recipient of the 3rd Annual Lewis University Ideal Candidate Scholarship, Giselle, a Business major who will graduate in the summer of 2025, along with scholarship founder, **Kevin Davenport '12**.

For Kevin, this scholarship is a deeply personal mission to give back. When he was a Flyer, he struggled financially to make it to graduation. This inspired him to fund a Lewis scholarship, designed to support Black and Latino students facing similar challenges. **THANK YOU**, Kevin, for your generosity toward another Flyer!

ATTENTION: LAW ENFORCEMENT ALUMNI! LEAD TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AT LEWIS

Lewis University is proud to co-host the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center's Brill Law Enforcement Action in Democracy (LEAD) Training on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. This tuition-free program, open to all law enforcement officers, will take place at the Lewis University Flight Deck (101 Airport Road) from 8 a.m. to noon. LEAD equips law enforcement professionals with critical tools to address abuses of authority, respond to hate crimes and bias, and balance individual rights with societal protection. The training also supports

performance objectives in Civil Rights, Constitutional and Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, and Human Rights. To register or learn more, [CLICK HERE.](#)

MISSION & MINISTRY

Lewis University warmly invites all to attend Mass at the Sancta Alberta Chapel on Mondays and Wednesdays at noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m. All are welcome. There will also be a Jersey Sunday Mass on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9 at 3 p.m. Join us and wear your favorite jersey!

On **March 28, 2025, at 9 a.m.**, roll up your sleeves for the return of our **Log Splitting Service Event** behind Pope John Paul II Hall. This hands-on service opportunity is a great way to join students and support their efforts to give back and connect with the community.



EXPLORE GRADUATE DEGREES AT LEWIS

If you're a solution-oriented critical thinker who enjoys helping others with day-to-day activities, a **Master's in Occupational Therapy** might be right for you. Our program provides the knowledge, skills, and experience to help those with developmental, physical, cognitive, psychological, and sensory performance issues. We're accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) with a current graduation rate of 100%.

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

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Every Lewis University alum is a member of the Lewis Alumni Association. If you would like more information about how you can get involved as a volunteer in the classroom, as a mentor, on social, etc., please contact Brandon McGhee '08 '10 at mcgheebr@lewisu.edu.

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to **Anthony Borowczyk '19** for his work as a Senior Product & Operations Director at Enthusiast Gaming naming him a spot on Forbes (2025) 30 Under 30 for Games.

Congratulations to **Dominick Bartels '23** on starting his new position as a Judicial Extern at United States District Court for the District of Nebraska.

Congratulations to **Tiana Dockery '23 '24** on starting her new position as a Marketing and Communications Coordinator at the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM)!

Congratulations to **Jacob Kerschner '20** on the promotion to Associate Head Coach of the Lewis University Men's Volleyball team.

Congratulations to **Alexandria Wilson '23** on receiving the CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Trial Advocacy and Trial Team at the University of Illinois College of Law.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

"I am excited to share that I have earned my Master of Science in Chemistry from Lewis University! As a proud first-generation college graduate, this accomplishment is especially meaningful to me. My graduate experience at Lewis provided me with the perfect opportunity to grow as a scientist! I'm very grateful for the support of my faculty mentor and the Department of Chemistry faculty overall, since they were instrumental in that process."

- Lauren Formanski '24

If you are a supporter of Lewis University, we would love to hear from you! Your story and the reasons behind your generosity are inspiring, and we want to know what motivates your support. Please take a moment to share your "WHY" with us by [CLICKING HERE](#).



FLYERS ATHLETICS

The Lewis University Athletic Department finished in sixth place with 238 total points in the NCAA Division II Learfield Directors' Cup fall sports standings. The Flyers had four of their five fall sports teams reach the NCAA Postseason. Standings published midseason are unofficial. Official standings will be published upon the completion of the spring season.

To keep up with all the latest news and updates from athletics, [CLICK HERE](#).



50 YEARS OF WOMEN'S SPORTS

This year, we proudly celebrate 50 years of women's sports at Lewis University, a milestone that honors decades of achievement.

In recognition of this historic anniversary, our Athletic Department is thrilled to announce the 2025 inductees into the Lewis University Academy of Coaches. This special class of seven distinguished female coaches—**Lisa Carlsen, Wendy Hegarty, Jill Karwoski, Karen Lockyer, Erin Murphy-Lorenz, Laurie Goolsby-Schoenfeld, and Catherine "Tat" Shiely**—represents the best of Flyer athletics. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Together, we are building brighter futures and a better world!

Support our Flyers

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