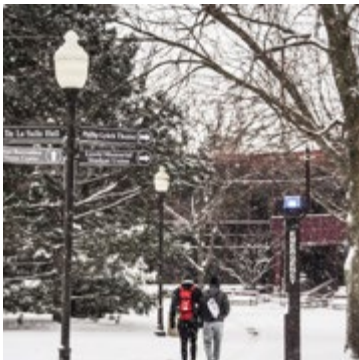


MONTHLY
JET-SETTER 

Happy New Year, Alumni and Friends!

As you head back to the gym and resolve to make 2025 the year you check off a bunch of those bucket list items, why not decide to grab a friend and attend a fun Lewis event like our "Laugh to Create Awareness Comedy Night" in February at the Beverly Arts Center, or the "CoHFAC Kickback" in March? January's *Jet-setter* is packed with possibilities...plenty of event info, campus happenings, and alumni news. So, let's get "Flyered up" this month and make 2025 a truly fantastic year!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Men's Volleyball Alumni Day - Saturday, January 18, 2025: Calling all Lewis Men's Volleyball Alumni! Join your fellow MVB alumni as the Flyers take on Long Beach State University at 7 p.m. in Neil Carey Arena. There will be free food and drink in the Seiler Room during the game for all MVB alumni. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



Women's & Men's Basketball Alumni Night - Saturday, January 25, 2025: Attention: Flyers Basketball alumni! Join us in Neil Carey Arena as Women's Basketball takes on Rockhurst University at 1 p.m. and Men's Basketball takes on Rockhurst at 3 p.m. There will be a reception with free food and drink for all basketball alumni in the Seiler Room during both games. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)



"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.](#)



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: Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Flyer Red Dinner! Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating the achievements and spirit of Flyers Athletics. Stay tuned—more details are coming soon!



Day of Giving - Thursday, March 27, 2025: Mark your calendar for that one-day, annual celebration of ultimate Flyer spirit! We will raise funds for nominated student-centered projects – there will be something for everyone! Stay tuned for more information!



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.](#)

PEACE OF MIND PLANNING FOR 2025



As we welcome a new year, many of us embrace resolutions to live with purpose, improve our health, and plan for a brighter, more secure future. What better way to align your goals than by creating both a will that provides peace of mind and a legacy that reflects your values? A healthy future starts with a healthy you—mind, body, and spirit—and extends to the people and causes you cherish most. In twenty minutes, you can create a **free** will and even include a bequest to Lewis University, establishing a legacy that will impact the next generation of Flyers. Through FreeWill, we've made the process simple, allowing you to start 2025 off with an important planning tool in place. To learn more about creating your free will today, click [HERE.](#)

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COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Since launching in the spring of 2024, the Students at the Center for a Better World Campaign has made remarkable progress, raising \$48 million toward our \$50 million goal. This ambitious initiative is transforming Lewis University by focusing on three key pillars: enhancing our campus through vital capital projects, growing our endowment to ensure long-term stability, and providing critical support for scholarships and programs that directly benefit our students. At the heart of this campaign is our commitment to delivering a transformative education rooted in Lasallian values. With your continued support, we are closer than ever to shaping a brighter future for our students and achieving our mission. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO.](#)



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

On December 13 and 14, more than 1,000 students officially became part of the Lewis University Alumni Association. Congratulations to each and every graduate! **Leo Mapa '24**, pictured here, served as the Student Lasallian Commencement Speaker. Leo, a member of the Lewis Army ROTC program, has been involved in Lewis' Men Entering Nursing organization, and the Student Nurses Association. He was selected to do a six-week stint at Walter Reed Army Medical Center while studying at Lewis.

During his speech, Leo implored his fellow graduates to pursue their own dreams and not to be stymied by the limits society may place on them. He thanked his parents, Philippine immigrants, who at times worked two jobs each to provide for their children. To listen to Leo's speech, click [HERE](#).

A heartfelt thank you to our alumni commencement speakers: **Charleen Cabay '20, Grace Petersen '24, Lety Damian '18, and Michel McBride '11**. If you're interested in serving as a commencement alumni speaker to welcome future graduates into the Alumni Association, please email Kathleen Hillsman at khillsman@lewisu.edu.





"Excited to share that I have earned my Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MAOL) from Lewis University! As a proud advocate for lifelong learning, this accomplishment marks a significant milestone in my personal and professional journey.

I want to express my deep gratitude to the faculty and staff at Lewis University for their support and guidance throughout this program. Their insights have been instrumental in shaping my passion for leadership and helping me develop skills in organizational consulting and executive coaching.

Throughout this program, the Lasallian Mission has served as a guiding principle, reminding me of the importance of fostering association, compassion, and service in every aspect of leadership. I am excited to carry these values forward as I continue to learn and grow."

- Sara Pasowicz '24, M.A. Organizational Leadership

THANK YOU TO OUR LEWIS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

In 2024, more than 330 individuals joined the ranks of the President's Circle, an extraordinary community of Lewis benefactors who play a vital role in advancing the mission of St. John Baptist de La Salle and supporting our students. On Friday, December 6th, Dr. David Livingston hosted the annual President's Circle Dinner, welcoming members to the Bolingbrook Golf Club for a dinner to celebrate their generosity and impact. If you would like to learn more about the President's Circle and how you can become a member of this group, [CLICK HERE](#).

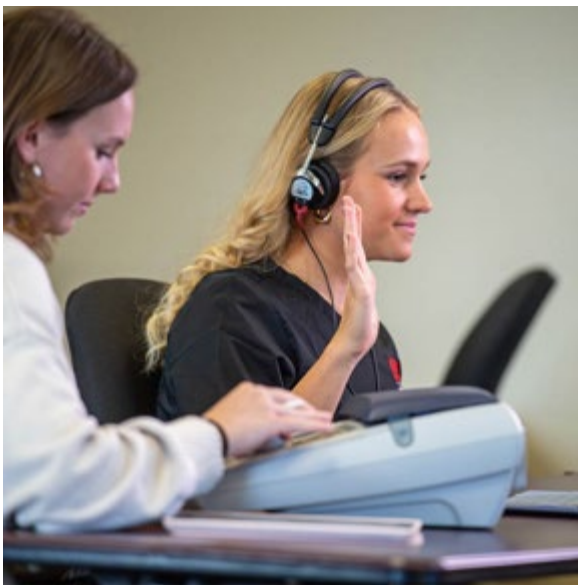


MISSION & MINISTRY

On December 12, 2024, the Lewis University community came together for a beautiful Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pictured are members of the Lewis community alongside Lewis Chaplain, Father Paul Novak, taken after Mass with an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. 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 welcomed!



EXPLORE GRADUATE DEGREES AT LEWIS

The ability to communicate is one of our greatest assets. As a Speech-Language Pathologist, you can impact the world for the better by helping those with communication disorders improve their interactions with others. And as a student in our [Master's in Speech-Language Pathology](#), you'll find faculty who partner with and mentor you as you work toward gaining the knowledge and skills required for clinical practice. Upon graduation, you'll be prepared to work in a variety of settings, including schools, healthcare facilities, private clinics, and more.

[Apply now](#) or contact Rhonda Richter at (815) 836-5811 or richterh@lewisu.edu to learn more.



WINDOWS FINE ARTS MAGAZINE

Lewis University presents its annual *Windows Fine Arts Magazine Contest*, which is open to all Lewis faculty, staff, and alumni. Writing submission categories are Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction, Academic Essay, and Research Report. Categories for Visual Art are Painting, Drawing, Crafts, and Sculpture. Digital Art submission categories are Photography, Graphic Design, and Digital Illustration.

Contest deadline is January 26th, 2025 and an individual can only win once in each category. For more information and to download the entry form, [CLICK HERE.](#)

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 **Juan Vasquez '14** who was selected to be a part of the inaugural advisory board for the University of Maryland Global Campus, School of Cybersecurity and Information Technology (CTI).

Congratulations to **Kyla Chalmers '22 '23** on her new role as a Child Welfare Specialist at One Family Illinois.

Congratulations to **Kristopher Garcia '09** on his recent appointment as Deputy Chief of Police of Burr Ridge. To read the news release, click [HERE](#).

Congratulations to **James Subka '22** for his dedicated volunteer work with the Air Wisconsin Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) Event Review Committee (ERC). James recently had the opportunity to attend the Air Line Pilots Association's Fundamental ALPA Service Training (FAST), Initial Safety Training (IST), and Airport Safety Liaison (ASL) seminars, further enhancing his contributions to aviation safety.

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to alumna and former "Good Morning Lewis Host," **Allison Lankowicz '24**, who spoke to digital media writing students this semester about her career. She is an Associate Producer at NewsNation and shared how all she learned in class and at LUTN applies to her position.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Meet **Leigh Agustin '16!** Leigh and fellow Lewis alumnus, Mark (pictured) recently reunited in the skies, flying together for the first time since their days as aviation students at Lewis. Both now serve as First Officers for United Airlines.

Reflecting on the moment, Leigh shared, "We wanted to share this experience to inspire future Flyers to keep working hard for their dreams and cherish the friendships you'll build along the way." [CLICK HERE](#) to read Leigh's full story.

"Lewis University provided me a genuine opportunity to study American History. This opportunity helped me work in city government for over thirty (30) years. Lewis University is the place most dear to my heart and my mind."

- Keith Heron '72

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 was honored by the NCAA, receiving the NCAA Division II Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence, awarded to Division II schools that have achieved an Academic Success Rate (ASR) of 90 percent or higher.



The Flyers achieved four-year ASR of 90 percent for the fourth straight year.

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



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

Support our Flyers

Make a lasting impact by giving the gift of education! Consider supporting Lewis University and changing lives in the process. An education rooted in Lasallian values is a powerful gift that transforms futures.

Questions about anything you read in this month's *Jet-setter*?
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