

MONTHLY
JET-SETTER 

Alumni and Friends,

We hope you are enjoying the relaxation that summer should bring. This month's edition of our Lewis alumni newsletter is an abbreviated one. We just want you to be aware that there are events during these summer months that you may not want to miss. Also, it's never too early to start planning your fall calendar because we know it can fill up quickly!

We hope you enjoy a wonderful July 4th weekend with those you love. May God continue to bless our beautiful country.

CALLING ALL LEWIS ALUMNI SWEETHEARTS!

Thank you to all of the Lewis Sweethearts who have responded to our recent request!

If you haven't, and you and your significant other are Lewis sweethearts (both of you graduated from Lewis University), please email alumni@lewisu.edu and let us know. We would also love for you to attach a photo from your Lewis days as well as a current couple's photo. If you know of a Lewis Sweetheart pair, please let us know as well. We are planning a little something special for our Lewis Sweethearts at Signum Fidei on October 19 and we want as many Lewis Sweethearts in attendance as possible. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Save the date or register for an upcoming event. We hope to see you soon!

- **EAA Airventure Oshkosh - Monday, July 22 -27, 2024:** We will host a gathering for Lewis alumni on Saturday, July 27 at Booth #53 at Aviation Gateway Park! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

Can't make the gathering on Saturday but will be at EAA during the week? Stop by Lewis' booth (#53) and register for a chance to win some cool Lewis swag items! To let us know you'll be stopping by during the week, [CLICK HERE.](#)

- **Lewis Hockey Club Golf Outing - Sunday, August 18, 2024:** Join us at our annual Golf Outing at the Links at Carillon as we support the Lewis University Hockey Club Team. There will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are available. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **Move-In Day – Wednesday, August 21, 2024:** Save the date for Freshmen Move-In Day and help our Lewis freshmen move into their dorms! More information to come on how to volunteer and be a part of the day. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)
- **Signum Fidei - Saturday, October 19, 2024:** The night will include music from the LU Band with guest student performers, dancing, a student art show, and much more, all to support Lewis University's Mission Fund! Sponsorships are available! For more information and to purchase tickets, please [CLICK HERE.](#)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you are someone who supports Lewis University, we invite you to tell us why. We would like to know your story and what drives your generosity toward Lewis! Please share your WHY with us by clicking [HERE.](#)

DID YOU RECEIVE MISSION FUND ASSISTANCE WHEN YOU ATTENDED LEWIS?

We would love to hear your impact story if you are willing to share it with us. If so, please email Kathleen Hillsman at khillsman@lewisu.edu.

LOOKING BACK AT LEWIS



On Thursday, May 30, 2024 we commemorated the 92nd anniversary of the blessing and dedication of Holy Name Technical School, the precursor to Lewis University.

Crowds converged on the campus on Monday, May 30, 1932, as Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, presided over a special blessing ceremony and Catholic Mass. Newspapers estimated that anywhere between 10,000 and 30,000 people were in attendance to dedicate the new school. Michael Fitzpatrick and his sister, Frances, donors of the property, were the guests of honor. Frank J. Lewis' remarks were broadcast live on NBC

radio and five military bands played stirring music while 2,700 Catholic Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts participated in the opening ceremony.

We remember and celebrate all those who have contributed to the evolution of our university over the past 92 years through their teaching, leadership, and hard work. We also pay tribute to all the modern-day educators who continue to support and make possible our Catholic and Lasallian Mission.

Content provided by Dr. Kurt Schackmuth, Vice President for Student Life & Chief Mission Officer.

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to **Carolyn Brodnicki Serdar '99 '02**, the Executive Director for Career and Professional Development at Carthage College, and the President of the Wisconsin Private College Career Consortium, whose team at Carthage's Aspire Center recently won the Pursuit of Excellence Award from the Career Leadership Collective. Carolyn has worked in higher education career services for the past 15 years and this annual award is given to campuses that embody a holistic and long-standing commitment and pursuit of excellence in career services with a demonstration of growth and quality in the areas of Career Services Strategic Planning, Career Staff Leadership Development, Career Outcomes Data Analysis and Visualization, Scaled and Equitable Career Services, and Career Team Professional Development. During the past two years, under Carolyn's leadership, the Aspire Center has earned impressive recognition for their work on behalf of students, been awarded significant grants, and has been invited to present at a number of national conferences. We are very proud of the leadership and passion Carolyn and all of our Flyers put into their life's work!

Congratulations to **Forest Reeder '04** on his new position as Interim Fire Chief at Sterling, IL Fire Department.

Congratulations to **Jordan (Styczen) Winecki '18** on her recent marriage to Danny on June 8th, 2024 in Carbondale, IL. We wish the happy couple many years of happiness!

Congratulations to **Dr. Okey Enyia '99** on completing his doctorate in health policy from the George Washington University School of Public Health.

FREEWILL



Safeguard your loved ones with a will crafted via Free Will this month! Lewis University teamed up with FreeWill, an innovative online platform that seamlessly walks you through the creation of a legally binding will. It's quick, it's free, and you can finish it in under 20 minutes. Beyond ensuring the well-being of your loved ones, you also have the opportunity to leave a

lasting mark on Lewis University, shaping your legacy for generations to come. To create your free will now [CLICK HERE.](#)



LEWIS ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Flyers Men's Volleyball Head Coach, **Dan Friend**, who was recently named USA Volleyball 2024 Beach Collegiate National Team Head Coach! To read more about this accomplishment, [CLICK HERE.](#)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE LEWIS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

Become an Alumni Representative! Alumni Representatives make a commitment to serve their alma mater with their time, talent, and treasure. Would you like to learn more about the responsibilities of serving as a Lewis U Alumni Rep? [CLICK HERE.](#)

Better yet, join us for our next quarterly Zoom lunch on Wednesday, July 17 at noon (CST)! Hosted by our Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement, Brandon McGhee '08 '10, this meeting is a chance to connect during lunchtime and hear about the latest from the Lewis Alumni Office! If you'd like to join us, simply email mcgheebr@lewisu.edu and Brandon will send you the Zoom link!

MAKE A GIFT

Consider making a gift to Lewis University and make an impact on a Flyer's education. To choose from a variety of impact areas, please [CLICK HERE.](#)

Questions? Please email Kathleen Hillsman in the Alumni Office at khillsman@lewisu.edu.

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