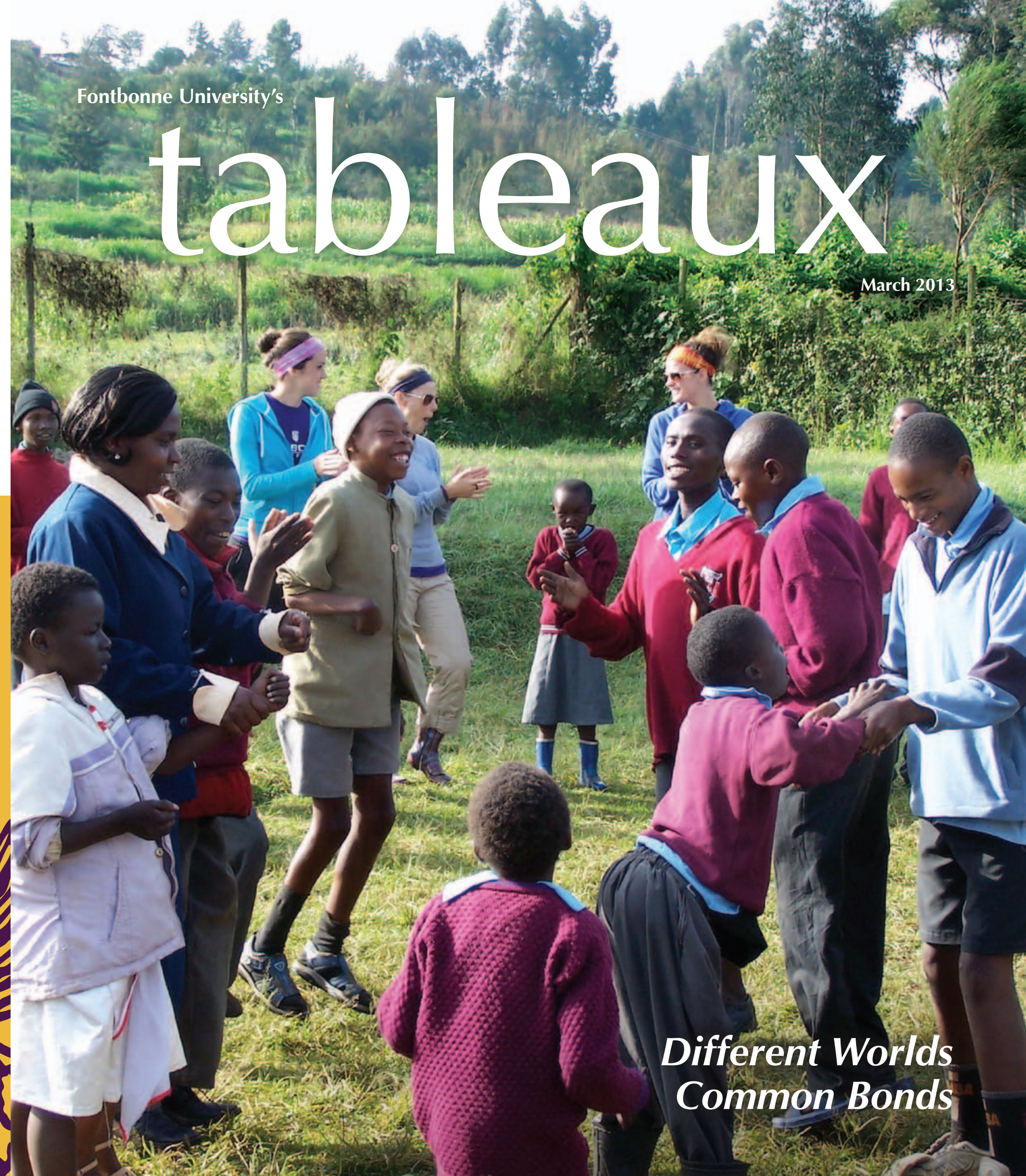


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Milestones

As I write this letter, the late February sun paints golden stripes across my office walls. After a week of gray skies, the glow makes me think of warm spring days just a few months ahead. With spring comes commencement, both a beginning and an end for all of us here at Fontbonne University.

January 1 marked my fourth year at Fontbonne, which means that the traditional freshman class I started working with is now graduating in May. As sad as I am to see these students — smart, silly, driven and idealistic, just as they should be — leave our campus, I am even more excited for the world to see what they have to offer.

This issue of Tableaux includes numerous beginnings, ends and other equally potent milestones throughout.

Andrew Cohen '12 starts his journey toward a doctorate at Yale on page 20. The Fontbonne Community Connection celebrates five years of supporting and encouraging

mission-driven initiatives on and off campus on page 8. On the occasion of her 50th jubilee, Sister Rita Schmitz shares some words of wisdom on page 22. The department of deaf education rejoices in 50 (50!) years of growth, innovation and expansion on page 16. And on page 24, you'll find my personal account of Fontbonne's first-ever journey to Africa.

Inevitably, 2013 will surely bring with it its own set of challenges and celebrations, both for Fontbonne and for the world as a whole. I hope that during the time it takes you to read this magazine, you will reconnect, be inspired and remember that you always have a support system here at your alma mater, no matter where life leads you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth Hise Brennan'.

Elizabeth Hise Brennan

*Do you have a story idea? Let us know.
Email me at tableaux@fontbonne.edu with your thoughts.*

news briefs

ANNUAL CARONDELET LECTURE SERIES EXPLORES CATHOLICISM AND MODERN LIFE

The 7th annual Carondelet Lecture Series gathered four leaders of Catholic thought together for a panel called "Faithful Citizenship: A Forum on Religion and Public Life." Organized by Dr. Randall Rosenberg, Fontbonne professor and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Endowed Chair of Catholic Thought (speaking at right), the discussion explored the challenges of pursuing the common good in a pluralistic society and featured a variety of topics prominent during the 2012 election season. *Couldn't make it? Watch a video of the event at www.youtube.com/FontbonneU.*



SOFTBALL TEAM IS #1 IN GPA

Fontbonne's 2012 softball team (pictured at left) finished the 2011–2012 academic year ranked #1 in grade point average in the nation for NCAA Division III schools, according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA).

"As true student-athletes, this is a credit to their practice, preparation and performance," said Fontbonne President Dr. Dennis Golden.

The Griffins maintained their cumulative GPA while advancing to the NCAA Division III National Tournament. The team has advanced to the tournament during each of the last three seasons under head coach Bill Rosner and associate head coach Mike Akers, and six times in Fontbonne softball history.



ON THE FIELD AND BEYOND, WOMEN'S SOCCER EXCELS

The 2011–2012 women's soccer team had a successful year. In October, the team defeated MacMurray College 3-0 to earn a share of the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) regular season championship. This is the first time in school history the Griffins have won a SLIAC title in women's soccer, and the fifth straight year the team qualified for the tournament. Fontbonne shared the championship with Principia College and Webster University.

Also this year, for the first time in school history, the women's soccer team was awarded the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award for the 2011–2012 academic year. To qualify for the award, teams must post a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher; the Fontbonne women's soccer team posted a 3.38 team grade point average. Fontbonne was one of just two St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) women's soccer programs to receive the honor.

GRIFFINS EARN SLIAC HONORS

Fifteen Fontbonne student-athletes were named to the fall 2012 St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) All-Academic Team, an honor requiring a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average, sophomore academic standing and one full year at their institution. Four cross country runners, eight soccer players and three volleyball players received the honor.

Additionally, 18 student-athletes were named to SLIAC All-Conference teams, including 13 soccer players, two volleyball players and three cross country runners.

Women's soccer coach Brian Hoener received the 2012 SLIAC Women's Soccer Coach of the Year Award.

MONSANTO REPRESENTATIVES VISIT CAMPUS

In October, Fontbonne University hosted representatives from Monsanto Company, a longtime friend of the university, for an appreciation event on campus. In addition to other gifts throughout the past 20 years, the company gave Fontbonne a gift of \$100,000 in 2009 to develop the Monsanto Greenhouse, a sophisticated structure that gives biology students the space and equipment needed to gain essential, hands-on experience within their field.

The appreciation event included a breakfast, a tour of Anheuser-Busch Hall, which encompassed the Monsanto Greenhouse and the physical science laboratories, a welcome by university President Dr. Dennis Golden, and a presentation by faculty and students showcasing the continuing impact of Monsanto's gifts.

"Fontbonne shares the mission on which Monsanto is founded; helping people realize their dreams and inspiring them to enroll others in that vision," said Golden. "Their gift helps us create a modern, engaging learning environment for our students, equipping them with the tools they need to go out into the world and make a difference."



Fontbonne administration, staff, faculty and students greet representatives from Monsanto Company.

EDUCATING THE TROOPS

G.I. Jobs magazine named Fontbonne a Military Friendly School for 2013, placing the university in the top 15 percent of schools nationwide. Fontbonne offers flexible formats, including evening and online classes, for students who need to accommodate work, active duty and reserve schedules. All students have full access to free tutoring services as well as a litany of other student support resources, such as career services and dedicated military advisors.

Learn more at www.fontbonne.edu/veterans.

STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Isabella Liu, senior speech-language pathology major, was chosen to participate in the Class of 2012 Minority Student Leadership Program (MSLP) at the annual American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's national conference in Atlanta, Ga., in November. Liu, a native of Taiwan, participated in a set of leadership-focused educational programs and activities at the convention, intended to build and enhance leadership skills, gain an understanding of how the association works, and provide her with an opportunity to interact with leaders in the professions of audiology, speech-language pathology, and speech, language and hearing sciences.



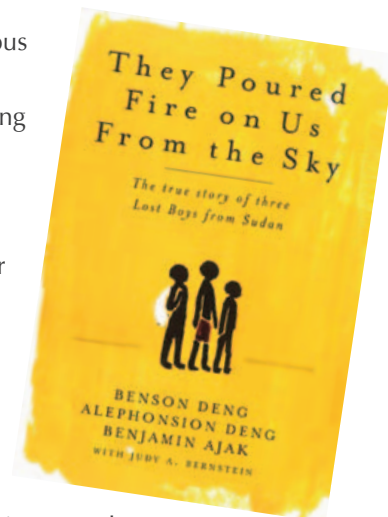
Isabella Liu

FRESH WATER FROM FONTBONNE

Fontbonne University students, faculty and staff were pleased to learn that their fundraising efforts were successful when the campus was notified that construction of a well in Sudan was completed in August.

Campus ministry and other campus organizations were inspired to start raising funds for the well after hearing Benjamin Ajak, author of "They Poured Fire on us from the Sky," speak at the university during the 2008 Dedicated Semester, Goals for World Change. In his book, Ajak details his experience as one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, the name given to the more than 20,000 boys who attempted escape during the country's civil war. While on campus, Ajak spoke about his experience and encouraged everyone to appreciate what they have and to help others.

The university's fundraising efforts were completed in 2009, and the donation was sent to Water for South Sudan, a nonprofit organization based in Rochester, N.Y., and founded by fellow former Lost Boy, Salva Dut, who made the construction of the well possible.



FOODOLOGY WRAPS UP... AND LIVES ON

The 2012 Fontbonne University Dedicated Semester, "Foodology: the Culture, Economics and Science of Food," has come to a close. The semester featured a Convocation address by documentarian Kurt Ellis, a hunger banquet, food tastings, a food-focused International Bazaar, speakers from St. Louis-based Sauce Magazine, a new community kick-off event, partnership classes through the Missouri Botanical Garden, and a food drive, which collected nearly 600 pounds of food and \$550 for Operation Backpack.

But this year's dedicated semester inspired more than just the campus community. The Missouri Botanical Garden's staff members are now preparing a 2013 exhibit, Foodology: Dig In!, a name and concept borrowed from Fontbonne. To prepare, Fontbonne's department of interdisciplinary studies partnered with the Garden to create a new group internship opportunity for six students. Carly Reidt, Amanda Macklin, Nicole Farmer, Karen Mills, Jessica Oliverson and Sarah Woods will work in small teams with the education staff on a variety of projects, developing skills needed to effectively present scientific information to public audiences of all ages.



At the university's first Dedicated Semester Community Kick-Off event, attendees discussed food traceability with featured speaker Gary Fleming (right). Guests included (l-r) Dr. Dennis Golden, Fontbonne president; Jaimette McCulley, assistant professor of dietetics and dedicated semester co-chair; and Charles Gallagher, dedicated semester community co-chair.

BIZ JOURNAL HIGHLIGHTS ALUMS

The St. Louis Business Journal honored two Fontbonne alumnae this year.



Cynthia Prost '10 MM '11, president of the Arts and Education Council in St. Louis, was named to the 2012 list of Most Influential Business Women, honoring women who have excelled in their professional careers while remaining involved in their communities.



Katrina Sellge Sommer '05, housing program manager for St. Louis County, was named to the 2012 30 Under 30 class. She and others were chosen because of their commitment to their careers and their communities.

GRANT SUPPORTS LEADERSHIP PREP

Fontbonne University received a \$33,050 Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education Program Development Grant from the Council of Independent Colleges and Lilly Endowment Inc. The two-year grant will allow Fontbonne's Department of Leadership Education and Student Activities to offer students a three-tiered leadership program. To be implemented by department director Dr. Janelle Densberger, this new

program will complement the Emerging Griffins Leadership Program initiated in 2012 through the help of the Fontbonne Community Connection.



BOARD WELCOMES NEW CHAIR, SEVEN NEW & RETURNING TRUSTEES

This spring, the Fontbonne University board of trustees appointed **Gary Krosch**, senior vice president, U.S. Trust — Bank of America, the new board chair for the university. Krosch has served on the board since 2007, and succeeds Joseph B. McGlynn Jr., who served as board chair for three years.

"Gary and his wife, Patricia, have always been loyal and dedicated friends of Fontbonne," said Dr. Dennis Golden, Fontbonne president. "As a seasoned business professional, Gary will bring entrepreneurial zeal and executive leadership to the university. His wise counsel and commitment to our mission are deeply appreciated."

Prior to his position at Bank of America, Krosch was president and owner of Colonel Day's Inc., a business that included 55 specialty retail stores in Missouri, Illinois and Michigan. He is an active member of the St. Louis and Clayton communities, having served as a founding board member of Forest Park Forever and the Clayton Century Foundation. He is or has been a member of the Forest Park Advisory Board, Greater Boy Scouts of America Council in St. Louis, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce and the St. Louis Track Club, among other organizations.

Additionally, Fontbonne has welcomed several new and returning trustees during the past few months.

"In their lives and in their work, each of our new and returning trustees emulates the university's mission, and each helps make it possible," said Golden. "With their assistance now and in the future, we'll continue educating leaders to serve a world in need, here in St. Louis and beyond."

Carol Voss, an alumna of the university, holds a bachelor's degree in English literature and secondary education and previously taught language arts at Bayless High School and St. Joseph Academy in St. Louis and Newark Senior High School, Newark, Ohio. Currently, Voss devotes much of her time to teaching and volunteering in the St. Louis community. She served as co-chair for numerous charitable events in 2012 and is assisting with the planning of events in 2013 that include the Arts and Education Council St. Louis Awards Dinner, Doorways: Interfaith AIDS Housing and Services Project RED "Top Hat Gala," Gateway 180: Homelessness Reversed "Open Your Heart for the Homeless" Gala, and the St. Louis NAACP Centennial Gala.

"Since I am an alumna of Fontbonne, I am especially honored to be able to assist the university, and I enthusiastically look forward to working with the board and multiple university constituents," said Voss.

Kathleen McElligott is vice president and chief information officer of St. Louis-based Emerson, a corporate friend of Fontbonne. Active in the community and her company, McElligott was named a 2011 Most Influential Business Women by the St. Louis Business Journal. She is a member of the St. Louis CIO



Gary Krosch



Carol Voss

Board, as well as the board of Connections to Success.

Marie Joan Harris, CSJ, is the current provost and vice president for academic affairs at Avila University, where she has taught or served in administration since 1970. A Fontbonne alumna, she was honored as a member of the 2012 Class of Influential Women in Kansas City, Mo. Harris previously served on the board for nine years.

Darryl T. Jones is a partner with HMS/D&D Concessions, LLC in St. Louis. Active in the community, he is also currently a member of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri, a director at Our Little Haven, a member of St. John's Mercy Foundation, and a commissioner with the Missouri Gaming Commission. He previously served nine years on Fontbonne's board of trustees.

Mary Margaret Maguire, CSJA, is the director of association and partnership for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province. A former teacher, she has also served as a pastoral associate for various local parishes, as well as a director of religious education.

Ann Pace, CSJ, now retired, is a Fontbonne University alumna, community volunteer, and former high school and college educator. She has led, assisted and facilitated communities and groups in St. Louis and beyond, and she holds lifetime certification to teach both Spanish and French in Missouri.

Roseanne Siebert, CSJ, is currently the academic program coordinator and supervisor of the elementary department at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis. A Fontbonne alumna, she began her career as a teacher, later becoming a supervisor and administrator, and has written and presented numerous papers in her field of study.

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SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND DEAF EDUCATION PROGRAMS AWARDED \$2.5 MILLION IN GRANTS

Fontbonne University has received \$2.5 million to fund two graduate programs that will increase the number of professionals qualified to work with children with communication disorders or who are deaf or hard of hearing. The university's department of communication disorders and deaf education will administer the U.S. Department of Education grants.

"Children who use augmentative and alternative communication, who use cochlear implants, or who are deaf or hard of hearing need to work with professionals who are knowledgeable about relevant technology and who know how to work collaboratively with families and teachers to achieve the best possible outcomes," said Dr. Gale Rice, professor and interim dean of the College of Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders. "These grants will allow Fontbonne to increase the number of professionals who have these skills."

One grant for \$1.25 million will help enroll 32 students in a 29-credit hour graduate concentration within the university's speech-language pathology master's program. This concentration will give graduates additional expertise working with children who use augmentative alternative communication or who have cochlear implants and are attending school in a mainstream setting. The program includes a mentorship component to enhance the students' transition from graduate to first-year professional.

The second program — funded from another \$1.25 million grant — is a 36-credit hour graduate degree in early intervention in deaf education that will prepare 32 graduate students to work with young children who are deaf and/or hard of hearing and their families, facilitating the development of listening and spoken language. This project will also offer a mentorship component for students to successfully transition into professional positions.



Deanna Jent's family flew to New York for the opening of "Falling." (l-r) Deanna's son Christopher, husband, Steve, Deanna, and daughter, Lindzey. Her son, Andy, who has autism, remained in St. Louis.



Scenes from the New York production of "Falling."



Fontbonne University President Dr. Dennis Golden (right) greets Emerson President David Farr at a campus event.

EMERSON BOOSTS CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

Every time the employees of Fontbonne University pick up their office phones, send an instant message, or do business with a coworker via video chat, they enjoy the corporate generosity of St. Louis-based Emerson. Fontbonne's new phone system, hardware and software included, was installed as a result of Emerson's president, David Farr, recognizing a need for upgraded telecommunications technology on the campus. Fontbonne now has a whole new definition of internal and external communication.

Farr came to campus last year as part of Fontbonne's Building Global Relationships speaker series, not only offering his insight as a global business leader, but giving the campus community a chance to thank him and his company for an impactful grant worth \$235,000. The grant enhanced and upgraded the university's technology systems, purchasing products and installation services that now secure the central computer servers in the event of electrical outages or fluctuations in electrical service, and named the Ryan Hall computer labs, now known as the Emerson Technology Center.

Farr and his team could have simply walked away from the university that day, knowing they had helped a local educational institution thrive in this new age of technology. But they went one step further.

"He took one look at our phone system and knew immediately what we needed," said Mark Franz, vice president of information technology. "In the 20 plus years since Fontbonne acquired its previous system, the technology in the telecommunications industry was transformed. Emerson recognized that a new telecommunications system, with its wide range of enhanced functionality, would transform our communications infrastructure and augment the level of services we can provide to our students, faculty, staff and other constituencies."

The new telecommunications equipment and system is worth an estimated \$300,000. Coupled with the company's initial grant, Emerson has given Fontbonne more than \$500,000 worth of technology upgrades — enhancements that help advance the business of education, and daily reminders of the grounding principles to which both Fontbonne and Emerson are dedicated.

'FALLING' ENJOYS OFF-BROADWAY RUN

Fontbonne University theatre professor and Mustard Seed Theatre founder Deanna Jent explored a new stage this fall. Her much-lauded original play, "Falling," opened Off-Broadway, Monday, Oct. 15, at the Minetta Lane Theatre in New York to positive reviews.

Jent, Fontbonne's director of theatre and performing arts, wrote the play based on her own experiences as the mother of a severely autistic son.

The play was first performed by Mustard Seed Theatre on Fontbonne's campus in 2011. Sold out every night, "Falling" received such rave reviews that it twice extended its run. It attracted the attention of St. Louis native Terry Schnuck, a theatre producer who was so impressed with the production

that he later acquired the rights to the play. His efforts, through his own Falling Feathers production company, led "Falling" to New York, where it ran for three months.

For Jent, the play remains personal. "Throughout the whole process, I worried that this was a story that would never mean anything to someone who didn't have a son with autism," she said. "But it also reflects universal truths; there are things we all struggle with. And people have responded to that."

The Off-Broadway cast included Julia Murney, Daniel Everidge, Celia Howard, Daniel Pearce and Jacey Powers.

Note: For more on Professor Jent's personal journey with "Falling," watch the video at www.fontbonne.edu/fallingplay.

LOCAL ARTS PROGRAMS SUPPORT MUSTARD SEED THEATRE

Fontbonne University's professional in-residence theatre company, Mustard Seed Theatre, was awarded grants from two local arts organizations. Funding from the Missouri Arts Council, which awarded the company \$8,869, and the St. Louis Regional Arts Commission, which awarded \$3,900, will help support the 2012–2013 season.

"As a small theatre company housed in the intimate 120-seat Black Box Theatre at Fontbonne, we can only generate so much income with ticket sales," said Leslie Wobbe, Mustard Seed's associate artistic director. "The addition of grant funds is vital to Mustard Seed's continued health and growth. We could not produce the quality of work we do without this kind of support."

The grants will contribute to production costs, such as sets, costumes and lighting. Additional support comes to Mustard Seed through the Fox Performing Arts Foundation.

The 2012–2013 season began with "Going to See the Elephant" and "Imaginary Jesus." The season continued with "Mrs. Sorken"/"The Duck Variations," and it will wrap up with "Jane Eyre," running from April 12 – 28.





The women of the FCC gather for the group's 2012 annual meeting.

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS, MAKES BIG IMPACT

For the past five years, the Fontbonne Community Connection has funded plans, dreams and big ideas of Fontbonne University. The 2012–2013 fiscal year represents the group's fifth anniversary and marks \$339,000 in grants given to 65 mission-driven causes. Since its founding, the women's giving circle, which now numbers more than 85, has continued to grow in size and scope, and the women involved see even bigger numbers on the horizon.

The FCC began in 2007 as the project of five Fontbonne alumnae: Nina Kassing Bryans '57, Kate Toohey Gunn '65, Carol Conway Spehr '63, DeDe Dallas Caspari '66 and Karen Clark Castellano '98. Encouraged by Fontbonne's institutional advancement department, they rallied other women around the idea that their combined contributions can together make a big impact. Each member commits to a \$1,000 yearly donation and can have as much or as little involvement as her schedule permits. Faculty, staff, students and student organizations are invited to apply for grants each funding cycle, and FCC members, who do not have to be affiliated with Fontbonne to join, attend round table sessions to discuss and vote on the grant submissions their collective funds will support.

"Karen (Gedera, immediate past president) and I are neighbors and friends," explained Angela Gosney, a recent addition to the FCC. "I knew she was involved with Fontbonne. She told me about the group, and I loved the concept: one woman, one vote."

She and her peers, women of a wide range of ages, professions and backgrounds, appreciate that they each have an

equal voice in the giving process, and they see precisely where their money goes. Throughout the past five years, projects were implemented on campus and in places as far away as Costa Rica, and have included campus renovations, children's workshops, community play productions, an on-campus seminar for local businesses and international service trips.

"All of us believe in the importance and worth of education, and we value having a personal stake in our charitable giving," said Gedera. "We want to change the world through education."

In August, Fontbonne publicly recognized the FCC for five years of contributions to the university and the community. Fontbonne's president, Dr. Dennis Golden, applauded the group during the university's annual convocation ceremony, and the women were guests of honor at a reception, accepting a proclamation from Golden and accolades from the Fontbonne community.

At the FCC's 2012 annual meeting, the women gathered as a full group to review and celebrate five successful years and to look ahead to the next five. Each member took a turn discussing what her involvement means to her.

"I believe that 'community' is the word that resonates with me," summarized Beverly Wagner, an FCC member and friend of Fontbonne. "I really believe in Fontbonne's mission, from incoming freshmen to Dr. and Mrs. Golden. And I'm very proud of this university."

For more information or to become involved in the FCC, visit www.fontbonne.edu/fcc or contact Lauren Sauer at 314.889.1489.



■ faculty notes

Dr. Sarah Huisman, director of Fontbonne's early childhood program, was asked to be a guest columnist for *Childhood Education*, the bimonthly journal of the Association for Childhood Education International. Her first column, "Family Connections," was published in November 2012.

Dr. Randall Rosenberg, assistant professor and the Sisters of St. Joseph Endowed Chair in Catholic Thought, had a busy 2012. He delivered the keynote lecture, "The Pastoral Vision of Blessed John XXIII," as part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II at All Saints Parish in St. Peters, Mo., in October. His essay, "Incarnate Meaning and Mimetic Desire: Toward a Systematic Theology of the Saints," was recently published in a book titled "Sacra Doctrina," edited by Joseph Curran and Anna Moreland (New York: Crossroad/Herder&Herder, 2012). And Rosenberg delivered a lecture titled "Death: What is it Good For?" at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in South St. Louis on Nov. 6, 2012.

Rosenberg has also developed an audio interview project called "Voices in Religion and Culture." He has recorded two interviews, one with Sr. Loretta Costa, C.S.J., who taught writer Flannery O'Connor, and another with Dr. Donald Burgo, Fontbonne professor emeritus, discussing the American Catholic theologian David Tracy. Both are available for free: <https://sites.google.com/site/voicesinreligionandculture>.

Justin Megahan, reference librarian, assistant professor and faculty sponsor of Gaming2Gether, a student organization, and senior Sara Mueller, co-founder of Gaming2Gether, presented a session at the Missouri Library Association Annual Conference in Springfield, Mo., titled "Gaming in the Library." The presentation explored the two-year collaboration between Gaming2Gether and the Jack C. Taylor Library, the benefits of such a collaboration, and their future plans.



Peggy Ridlen, reference and instructional librarian and associate professor, **Jane Theissen**, reference and learning commons librarian and associate professor, and **Rebecca van Kniest**, lecturer, presented a poster at the Missouri Library Association Annual Conference in Springfield, Mo., titled "Student Perceptions of Social Media and Privacy."

Dr. Stephanie Afful and **Dr. Laurel Newman**, assistant professors in the department of behavioral sciences, presented a symposium, "Lessons Taught and Learned: Advice for Early Career Psychologists on Designing Successful Courses in Research Methods & Statistics," at the 11th annual Best Practices Conference, hosted by the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Rebecca Foushee, associate professor and chair of the department of behavioral sciences, and **Dr. Laurel Newman**, assistant professor in the department of behavioral sciences, presented a symposium, "Creating an Integrated Curriculum: Techniques for Teaching Statistics and Research Methods Throughout the Undergraduate Psychology Major," at the 11th annual Best Practices Conference, hosted by the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Lynne Shields, professor and director of graduate studies in speech-language pathology, was elected to a four-year term on the Specialty Board on Fluency Disorders.

Dr. Suzanne Stoelting, assistant professor in the department of behavioral sciences, recently presented a paper, "Building Community: A Proposal for Healing Action Network," at the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology's annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wis.



Longtime Friends ▶

Members of the class of 1967, celebrating their 45th reunion, gather at Saturday's All-Alumni Luncheon in the Dunham Student Activity Center.

Networking Opportunity ▶▶

Karen DeGuire Gedera '65, left, and Ernestine Jones-Gordon '80 connect at the Alumni Networking Open House Friday night.



Golden Reunion ▶

The women of the class of 1962 were honored at Sunday's Reunion Mass and Golden Arcade Circle Induction. 2012 marked their 50-year reunion.

Time to Reconnect ▶▶

The Friday night All-Alumni Reunion Kick-Off Party brought together (l-r) Sister Mary Carol Anth, Rogene Nelson, Betty Miller Amelotti '77 and Mil Galvin '92.



Fontbonne University
Alumni Reunion Weekend
2012
**Forever Purple
and Gold**

Fontbonne University alumni celebrated school spirit, fond memories and their alma mater at Alumni Reunion Weekend 2012, Sept. 21 – 23. Here are just some of the pictorial highlights.

View more at www.facebook.com/fontbonnealumni.

Visit www.fontbonne.edu/reunion for information about Alumni Reunion Weekend 2013.

Kick-Off ▶

Fine Arts professor Victor Wang '90 (second from left) enjoys Friday evening with Camella Chien Wing '52 and her husband Omar Wing (both seated), and Wang's wife, Lucy Liu, and daughter Connie Wang (far right).

Family & Friends ▶▶

Rochelle Nashville Hill '78 (left) introduces her daughter, Christina Hill, to old friends and instructors at Friday night's Kick-Off Party.



Griffin Pride ▶

Sara Hermann '09 and Mary Gould Papulis '10 raised the bookstore for Griffin Gear.

Playing Catch-Up ▶▶

Colorful balloons and cheerful grins denote the 40th reunion of the class of 1972 as they gather for Saturday's luncheon.

Presidential Greeting ▶

Moira Pons Byrd '87 (left) talks with Sister Jane Hassett, former president, at the Kick-Off Party.

Relax & Reconnect ▶▶

Kristy Daniels-Jackson '97, Sharon Atlas '11, Tony Effan '09 and Cicely Brown '99 kick back on Friday night.



Celebration ▶

It was a milestone year for the women of the class of 1982 — they celebrated their 30th reunion and enjoyed Friday night as a chance to reconnect.

Get Together ▶▶

The Networking Open House showcased the second floor of Anheuser-Busch Hall, home of the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies.

1950

KATHLEEN STACK, CSJ '58 held her first art exhibit at Nazareth Living Center in St. Louis. Twenty-six pieces were on display and available for sale, earning more than \$400 to benefit the senior living community. Sr. Kathleen began painting five years ago.

1960

The Fontbonne Community Connection (FCC) is pleased to announce the following officers for 2012–2013: Chair, **JOAN BUXTON FALK '65**; Vice Chair, **BARBARA ATTELN '67**; Recording Secretary, **ROSEMARY MANTIA QUIGLEY '67**; Corresponding Secretary, **KATE TOOHEY GUNN '65**; and Treasurer, **ANITA BUIE LAMONT '69**.

IDA BERRESHEIM, CSJ '60 received the Oak of Justice Award from the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, recognizing her commitment to Biblical justice and service to the poor throughout numerous diocesan organizations, most notably her 17 years of service to women immigrants at Cento Mujeres de la Esperanza.

MARY ANN GUYOL JOYCE-WALTER '63 composed and released two new classical music recordings, “Cantata for the Children of Terezin” and “Aceldama.” The recordings are available on Amazon.com and all online music stores. Now a faculty emeriti, Joyce-Walter was a professor of music at Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y., from 1979–2012. She also taught part-time in the music department at Fontbonne from 1966–1970 and full-time from 1970–1974.

VIRGINIA “GINNY” HARTLIEB SCHRAPPEN '65 will receive the 2012 Missouri Catholic Conference Citizen Recognition Award presented by the Missouri Council of Bishops. This award is given annually to one individual or group from each of the four Catholic dioceses in Missouri. Schrappen was recognized for her dedication to the poor and unborn, to the Metropolitan Congregation United, and to her parish, Mary Mother of the Church. The award will be presented at the State Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo.

JEAN ABBOTT, CSJ '66 was honored by the St. Louis-based Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma for her dedication and service. More than 10 years ago, she founded the organization to address urgent mental health needs within the largely underserved refugee and immigrant community in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

1970

BARBARA JENNINGS, CSJ '71 was one of four Rosati-Kain High School alumnae to receive the Charism Award, a recognition honoring women who have gone above and beyond living the school’s mission rooted in the spirit of its founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Jennings was recognized for her leadership in both St. Louis city and rural parishes, as well as her lifelong commitment to corporate environmental social justice.

GAIL SOLIWODA CASSILLY '73 was one of four artists featured in the Fontbonne University 2012 Alumni Artist Exhibition. The co-founder of the nationally acclaimed City Museum in St. Louis, Cassilly recently published her memoir, “Saltwater.”

MICHELLE “MIKE” HARRIGAN OCHONICKY '76 was the May 2012 featured artist of the Steelville Arts Council in Steelville, Mo. Although she specializes in scrimshaw art, Ochonicky also displayed several of her sepia photographs. She has received many accolades over the years for her art, including the honor of decorating the Missouri Christmas tree at the White House for the last two years. Ochonicky is a past president and an active member in the Best of Missouri Hands organization.

MARTHA WILLIS-GRAHAM '73 was named Teacher of the Year by Junior Achievement of Middle America at the organization’s annual meeting in June 2012. She is a sixth-grade teacher at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School in Kansas City, Mo.



AHZAD BOGOSIAN '74 was one of four artists featured in the 2012 Alumni Artist Exhibition at Fontbonne University. He is an adjunct faculty member at Webster University in St. Louis.

BONITA THIEN KNICKMEYER '78 was one of four artists featured in the 2012 Alumni Artist Exhibition at Fontbonne University.

1980

ANGELA HUNTER KNIGHT '80 was one of four artists featured in the 2012 Alumni Art Exhibition at Fontbonne University. She is a faculty member in the fine arts department at Crossroads College Preparatory in St. Louis.

DR. GINA STELZLENI SIEBE '81 was named executive director of the newly formed Clayton Early Childhood Center in Clayton, Mo. The facility opened in June 2012 at Oak Knoll Park and

provides educational programming for students aged six weeks to five years. Siebe previously served as an elementary school principal, preschool director and Parents as Teachers supervisor for the Bayless School District.

LORI WHITE HARRISON '88 and her husband, Robert, are the proud parents of Sophia Lauren Marie Harrison, born November 11, 2011, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and measuring 21 inches long.

RITA LEE WHITE '58 is the proud grandmother. The Harrison family resides in Australia.

1990

LESLEY STREIB PEDROLI '91 joined Lutheran Senior Services (LSS) as director of regional sales for health services, responsible for the care centers and short-term rehabilitation in the LSS senior living communities. She has more than 20 years experience in the field of senior care.

JULIANNE “JULIE” MEDER SESTI '91 MA '95 has been selected to create a life-size sculpture of the namesake and patroness of St. Gianna Parish in Wentzville, Mo. When completed in fall 2013, the cold cast bronze statue of St. Gianna and Child will be placed outside the main entrance of the new church building. Sesti is employed as an art instructor at Barat Academy in Chesterfield, Mo.

JEAN MCCOY MASON '97 was one of 24 individuals named to the Southeast Missourian’s 2012 list of Who’s Who in Southeast Missouri Business. This list honors those who have achieved success in their field while working to make their community a better place. Mason has worked with Ameren Missouri for more than 25 years and moved from its St. Louis headquarters to become manager of the company’s Southeast Missouri Division in 2003. She also serves as the 2012 board president for the United Way of Southeast Missouri.

KAREN VENVERLOH SZYLOWSKI MST '97 was named a 401(k) specialist at Northwestern Mutual, where she is a certified public accountant and wealth management adviser. Her office is based in the insurance firm’s downtown St. Louis location.

SARAH WALSH '97 was named member resources coordinator for the Appraisal Institute in Chicago. Last year, she represented Fontbonne at college fairs in the Chicago region.

RASHAWN JOHNSON '98, a reading teacher at Berkeley Middle School in St. Louis County, was named the Ferguson-Florissant School District’s 2012 Teacher of the Year. She has taught in the district for six years and has 13 years of experience as an educator.

TIMOTHY KERTZ '99, a senior vice present at Wells Fargo Advisors, has been designated a member of the firm’s premier advisors program. The program represents the best of financial advisors within the firm. Kertz lives in Osage Beach, Mo., with his wife, Elizabeth, and their three children.

TRICIA VIVIANO PIAZZA '99 MS '99, her husband, Matt, and their invention, the Jellinator, a product that makes Jell-O shots, were featured in the August 15 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Jellinator is available for sale at retail locations in St. Louis, Colorado and Florida, as well as online.

NANETTE SWARTHOUT MBA '99 was appointed to a three-year term as a public member of the Distance Education and Training Council Accrediting Commission. She is a human resource manager for McCallum Place in St. Louis and a senior instructor for evening and online programs at Fontbonne.

2000

SUSAN GURWITCH MBA '01 was selected as the chief operating officer for the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois. She joins the Girl Scouts after 14 years at Sigma Aldrich in St. Louis.

MICHELLE RUBY CARLETON '02 MS '05 and **PATRICK CARLETON '02** announced the birth of their son, Andrew Max Carleton, born April 17, 2012, at 8:14 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 21.5 inches long. He joins big sister Isabella.

MELINDA “MINDY” SHARP '02 was named a 2012 finalist in the St. Louis Business Journal’s CFO of the Year Awards, given to financial professionals in the St. Louis region for outstanding performance in their roles as corporate financial stewards.

JAMES PETERSON MM '03 is engaged to Sharon Santa Cruz. Peterson is president of JP and Associates in St. Louis.

SCOTT BORCHERDING '04 MA '09 was selected as Teacher of the Year for the Mathematics Educators of Greater St. Louis. Borcherding teaches at Hazelwood West High School in St. Louis County.



CRAIG FEICHTINGER MM '04 is engaged to Victoria Frank. A September wedding is planned. He is employed with Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, Ill.

MARY LATRAGNA '04 earned a doctorate in educational administration from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo.

KATRINA SELLGE SOMMER '05 was promoted to housing program manager for St. Louis County. She is a co-founder of invesSTL, a charitable fund at the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation dedicated to supporting the development of great neighborhoods in the St. Louis region.

CHRISTOPHER “KIT” BRESHEARS MM '07 MS '10 is director of communications for the Center for Spirituality and Healing at the University of Minnesota. Breshears resides in Minnetonka, Minn., and would like to connect with nearby alumni at kitbreshears@gmail.com.

KATHERINE “KATIE” LUECKE '07 and Clinton Hooker were married in November 2011. They reside at Fort Rucker in Enterprise, Ala.

LAURA RUZICKA '07 is engaged to Alex Turley. Ruzicka is employed at Brown Shoe Company in Clayton, Mo.

LARRY SPEARS '07 completed a doctorate in biology at Saint Louis University in May 2012. He is currently a postdoctoral research scholar in the Department of Internal Medicine at Washington University School Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism & Lipid Research.

LISA WOLK '07 was promoted to financial aid counselor at Fontbonne University.

JEFFERSON “JEFF” JEWETT MBA '08 recently completed a doctorate in higher education administration at Saint Louis University. He is student services manager at the Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina.

LINDSAY SEARS '08 earned a Master of Science degree in secondary school counseling in May 2012 from Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

LINDSEY FLETCHER '09 and Eric James Wohlschlaeger were married in July 2012. Fletcher is a staffing specialist at AHS Staffing. The couple will reside in Oklahoma.

ELIZABETH “LIZ” MCMULLEN '09 is a second grade teacher in the University City School District in University City, Mo., and is in her fourth year of teaching. She has a daughter, Nia.

JENNA RIDENHOUR '09 and Bruce Allen Morrison were married September 10, 2011.

KELLY ROSE '09 and **MICHAEL VITALE '10** are engaged. A June wedding is planned. Rose is employed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis at Assumption Early Learning Center, and Vitale is a project manager for BJC Healthcare, St. Louis.

SARAH GOSCHE MS '09 is engaged to John Sargent. A September wedding is planned. Gosche is a speech-language pathologist at Christian Hospital in north St. Louis County.

KELLAN L. WELKENER '09 and Nathan Smith were married in October 2011. She is a senior account coordinator at Ansira Engagement Marketing in St. Louis.

2010

ASHLEY GEISZ '10 is engaged to Christopher Clarkin. She is a department manager at Urban Outfitters in St. Louis.

BRITTANY WATZ '10 was promoted to grant specialist at East Central College (ECC) in Union, Mo. She has been employed at ECC since August 2010 as an executive administrative assistant to the vice president of career and outreach education. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in nonprofit management at Washington University in St. Louis.

KELLY MOLESKI '11 and **KEVIN JACKSON '11** are engaged. An April wedding is planned. Moleski is employed by the Ladue School District in St. Louis County. Jackson was recently hired by Equifax Workforce Solutions as an accountant.

RYAN PELLETIER '11 has joined Delta Outsource Group as vice president of business development. His primary responsibilities include developing new business and client relationships within the financial industry.

MARY ALICE PIERCE '12 was nominated for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award, which honors outstanding female student-athletes who have excelled in academics, athletics, leadership and community service.

CHARLES DEGREGORIO '12 has accepted a position as senior project director at Ipsos International in Cincinnati, Ohio.

KATHLEEN “KATY” EARDLEY MA '12 was elected to the Mehlville School District Board of Education in St. Louis and will serve a three-year term.

in memory

ELEANOR AMEND '38
of Belleville, Illinois
May 16, 2012

MARY POTTS BIRCH '40
of Mission, Kansas
May 16, 2012

ANN BISCHOF MATHIS '41
of Swansea, Illinois
July 28, 2012

HENRIETTA SABADELL BARRY '44
of Ballwin, Missouri
April 9, 2012

PENELOPE VASSELY ANAGNOS '47
of Ellisville, Missouri
May 8, 2012

MARI KINGSTON DUNSFORD '49
of Saint Louis, Missouri
October 3, 2012

PEGGY LATIMER BEGIEN '53
of Houston, Texas
April 25, 2012

JANE AEDELSBERGER '55
of Kansas City, Missouri
September 17, 2012

JOANN PETTY GROSS '58
of Peoria Heights, Illinois
August 12, 2012

MARGO VACHON WILSON '65
of Peoria, Illinois
April 24, 2012

EILEEN SMITS, CSJ '66
of Talca, Chile
April 22, 2012

KATHLEEN ATCHITY COCO '66
of Saint Louis, Missouri
October 18, 2012

SUSAN SWAIN, SL '68
of Denver, Colorado
April 27, 2012

CAROL GUND WOLKEN '72
of Saint Louis, Missouri
June 11, 2012

MARYANN DOTTA GREGORY '75
of Dickinson Center, New York
July 19, 2012

GEORGE BOUDREAU '80
of Florissant, Missouri
August 15, 2012

DEBORAH WEBB BENNEY '81
of Wilmington, Delaware
October 17, 2012

DONALD DULLE MBA '86
of Whitefish, Montana
April 13, 2012

CATHLEEN MCLAUGHLIN '88
of Saint Louis, Missouri
September 29, 2012

PATRICK GOODENOUGH MBA '96
of Saint Louis, Missouri
May 11, 2012

JAMES OTT '97 MST '99
of Saint Louis, Missouri
August 14, 2012

MARK ROMAN MST '97
of Saint Charles, Missouri
July 11, 2012

GORDON (DON) GARNER,
professor emeritus/former Fontbonne
director of theatre
of Saint Louis, Missouri
May 12, 2012.

Fontbonne Alumnae Stay Connected and Give Back



From left to right: Dr. Dennis Golden, Fontbonne University president; The Honorable Mary Louise Langdon Preis '63, recipient of the 2012 Professional Achievement Award; Nila Drake Tuckson '99, recipient of the 2012 OPTIONS Alumni Award; Katrina Sellge Sommer '05, recipient of the Young Alumni Award; Virginia Dailey Gerdes '68, recipient of the 2012 Service to the Community Award; Doris Patton Finnegan '98, MBA '03, recipient of the 2012 Service to the University Award; and Christina Anderson '03, president of the Fontbonne University Alumni Association.

Fontbonne University recognized five deserving alumnae during Reunion Weekend for their dedication to the university and their many community accomplishments.

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD Katrina Sellge Sommer earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in 2005, and then went on to earn two master's degrees. In her current role as housing programs manager for St. Louis County, she oversees critical housing initiatives. Sommer is very involved in the St. Louis community outside of her professional life as well, and was named to the St. Louis Business Journal's "30 Under 30" list in 2012. Sommer remains active at Fontbonne as a member of the Fontbonne Community Connection (FCC).

OPTIONS ALUMNI AWARD Nila Drake Tuckson graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Since then, she has earned two master's degrees. Tuckson recently earned a promotion at the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission and is now vice president of human resources. She has stayed connected to Fontbonne through the alumni association and volunteering and is currently a member of the Corporate Council of Regents and the FCC.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD Virginia Dailey Gerdes graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics: Child Development and Family Relations. She then went on to earn a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministries-Theology. She was the director of religious education at Holy Spirit Parish (formerly St. Blaise) for

38 years and has prepared children and their parents for the sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation, and more. She retired in September 2011.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD After graduating in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts in French, Mary Louise Langdon Preis earned a Master of Science with distinction, and a J.D. with honor. After receiving her law degree, Preis spent several years as a Maryland assistant attorney general. In 2003, she served as general counsel for corporate and regulatory affairs for Citigroup's Consumer Finance North America sector and then as vice president for community relations in the Baltimore-Washington region. Preis retired in 2008 and was the first recipient of the Samuel Hopkins Lifetime Service Award for service and leadership in business, government and community volunteer efforts in the city of Baltimore.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AWARD Doris Patton Finnegan earned both a Bachelor of Business Administration, '98, and MBA, '03. During that time, she received the OPTIONS Distinguished Master of Business Student Award for academic excellence. Finnegan has been an active alumna since her graduation. She joined the alumni association board of directors in 2003 and served as president from 2007-2008. Finnegan is also a former member of the OPTIONS alumni committee, awards committee, nomination committee and executive committee. She is currently an adjunct faculty member and was awarded Faculty Member of the Year – OPTIONS in 2007.

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DEEP ROOTS

by Jamie Sokolik

Deaf education program reaches 50 years

Dr. Susan Lenihan sits at her desk across from Sister James Lorene Hogan, CSJ, and smiles. It's a scene that has played out — in various forms — countless times over the years.

Lenihan is the current director of Fontbonne University's deaf education program, and Sister James was the school's first. She also had Lenihan as a student. You see, these two women — the only two directors that the program has ever known — represent 50 years of deaf education at Fontbonne.

Of course, the legacy of the program can be traced back to when six sisters arrived in St. Louis in March 1836 and then opened St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf (SJI) in 1837, dedicating themselves to the education of children and adults who were deaf and hard of hearing.

Fast forward to 1963 when Sister James came to SJI from Michigan State University, where she was both a student and a teacher. With her previous higher education experience and wealth of knowledge in the field, Sister James was the perfect candidate to launch a new deaf education program at Fontbonne. She was nervous at first — it was a big undertaking.

"I was starting from scratch," Sister James explained. "I wanted to create a top-notch program, but I knew it wouldn't be easy. To do this work, you have to be passionate about it, and the program had to reflect that."

Although the college had previously offered some classes on the subject, Sister James would need to put together a full curriculum, recruit students and ensure the program had strength and durability. She needn't have worried. Fifty years later the program she established is still thriving.

"We have always been cutting edge," said Lenihan, who accepted the position of director in 1994. "We have always had the highest standards, and we have always had excellent faculty. Sister James saw to that. Although technology such as cochlear implants has completely changed the way we view deaf education, and our curriculum reflects that, we haven't needed to fully revamp it either — we've always been advanced."

The program underwent a transformation in 1994 when it was paired with speech-language pathology (SLP) under a new department of communication disorders and deaf education. The SLP program had been established in 1969.

"The combination has been beneficial for both programs,"

said Gale Rice, Ph.D., professor and interim dean of the new College of Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders. "We are one of very few universities with these programs in the same department. By working together, we prepare our students for almost any challenge they might face in working with children and adults who have communication disorders of any kind."

Since its inception, the program has graduated more than 400 students from all over the country and the world. In fact, Grace Amerman, a 2012 deaf education graduate, realized just how far the program reaches during a trip to London last May. She visited St. Christopher's School for the Deaf and found the director had not only heard of Fontbonne, but also had great respect for the program.

"I've noticed that Fontbonne is a very small school in St. Louis, but within the field of deaf education, it is well-known and has a positive association throughout the country and in parts of the world," Amerman said. "It was wonderful, though surprising, to meet someone over there who was so familiar with my teeny tiny school."

Amerman herself has a unique connection to the university and to deaf education. Her great grandparents both attended SJI in the 1920s. Amerman was always very close to her great grandmother, but the thought of going into deaf education had never crossed her mind. It occurred to her that she might want to teach, however, and she looked into special education programs in the St. Louis area. She came across Fontbonne and the deaf education program, and when she learned of the affiliation with the institute and the CSJs, she was all but sold.

"After meeting with Dr. Lenihan to discuss the program, it just felt right," she said. "And, after my first semester actually working with the kids at St. Joseph Institute, I knew I loved it. It's my passion."

Exposing students to a clinical or educational setting early in their studies is an experience that is mostly unique to Fontbonne.

"Most universities make you wait until your senior year to actually work with students or clients," Sister James explained. "We always wanted our students to be in the classroom as much as possible and as early as possible."

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Sister James saw to that."

— Dr. Susan Lenihan



Sister James Lorene Hogan, CSJ (left), and Dr. Susan Lenihan, good friends, represent a combined 50 years of deaf education leadership at Fontbonne.



"I have nothing but great things to say about the program. It's a hard time to graduate and actually do something you love to do, so I feel very lucky."
 — Grace Amerman, 2012 deaf education graduate

In fact, Lenihan herself worked with the art teacher at SJI when she was completing her own practicum.

"There is no school I know of that has a practicum program like ours," Lenihan said. "The variety of options and the time spent in the field during undergraduate studies is something of which we're very proud."

Speech-language pathology students get an equally beneficial hands-on experience with the Eardley Family Clinic for Speech, Language and Hearing on the Fontbonne campus. Although a clinic of some kind is required for any SLP program at an institution of higher education, Fontbonne has one of the largest, and it's hugely successful.

"The clinic provides a wonderful opportunity for our students," Rice said. "The full price for our services is still less than half of other clinics and hospitals in the area. This not only allows for children and adults with communication disorders to get the help they need, but it provides invaluable experience for our students that they take with them after graduation and into their careers."

Balancing school and practicum can be challenging for students, but those students who are passionate about the field have few problems. Lenihan and Rice, as Sister James did before them, make sure that students who enter the program know with almost certainty that a career in communication disorders is what they want. Amerman is certain, and she is continuing her education in Fontbonne's graduate program in early intervention in deaf education. She's very aware of how far deaf education

has come since her great grandparents attended SJI.

"My grandmother was a seamstress," she said. "It's a very respectable profession, but it's not what my grandmother wanted to do. There were only so many options available to her at the time. These kids today, they can be anything. I want to help them be whatever they want to be."

And with her growing academic resume, Amerman is confident she'll achieve her goals.

"I have nothing but great things to say about the program," she said. "It's a hard time to graduate and actually do something you love to do, so I feel very lucky. I'm confident I'll be happy in this field for a long time."

Fifty years later, it's clear that the hard work of those involved in the program — past and present — has paid off. Sister James has been and always will be proud of the program she established and the people who now hold the reins. She's equally proud of Fontbonne's roots and the school's connection to CSJ history.

"My community came to teach the deaf," she said. "This was our first mission in this country, and I am honored to have been part of that."

Note: This June, the department will host a series of professional development events with presentations from program alumni to celebrate the longevity and continued success of this innovative program. To learn more about events surrounding the 50th anniversary, please contact the alumni department at alumnievents@fontbonne.edu.



The Fontbonne University community recognizes the newly formed

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 Bachelor of Science in **Special Education**
 Bachelor of Science in **Speech-Language Pathology**
 Bachelor of Science in **Special Education:**
 Paraprofessional Pathways to TeachingSM

Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in **Early Intervention in Deaf Education**
 Master of Arts in **Education**
Concentrations: Autism Spectrum Disorders, Curriculum and Instruction, Diverse Learners, Reading, Special Education
 Master of Science in **Speech-Language Pathology**
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Now more than ever, the programs within the new College of Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders are positioned to help students succeed. Through a unique combination of collaboration, experiential learning and fieldwork, students will graduate to become well-equipped, thoughtful educators, early interventionists and therapists.

If you or a student you know would be a good fit for one of these programs, or you'd like to learn more, visit www.fontbonne.edu/academics.



A FONTBONNE GRAD'S JOURNEY CONTINUES...

AT YALE

by Andrew Cohen '11

Andrew Cohen, a standout 2011 graduate, was well known on campus as sharp, curious and involved. As a double major in sociology and advertising, he had very specific interests and defined aspirations. At the end of his time at Fontbonne, he graduated summa cum laude, ready to take on the advertising world. But in a serendipitous twist, through the encouragement of his Fontbonne mentors and professors, Cohen found himself the recipient of a full scholarship to Yale University's Ph.D. program in sociology. Here, Cohen describes his first semester as an Ivy Leaguer and how his Fontbonne undergraduate experiences prepared him for this next adventure.

As I walk through the neo-gothic architecture of Yale's campus, I'm constantly awe-struck by it. It's not just the beauty of the buildings, though. It's one persistent thought: I'm here. I'm at Yale. How did this happen?

One year ago, I was wrapping up my final courses at Fontbonne University and preparing to graduate in December. I had finished my senior thesis — a lengthy piece on applied sociology and advertising — and I was looking for jobs in advertising all over the United States, applying to every agency I could.

I remember the sense of confidence I felt. I remember, as graduation grew closer, reflecting on my time at Fontbonne and feeling so accomplished. It was an incredible moment, to have finally arrived at the end so I could look back to the beginning and truly appreciate the difference.

Dr. Deborah Phelps, Fontbonne sociology professor and Yale graduate, talked me into applying to Yale. Of course, she wasn't the only one to encourage me to look at graduate school. Multiple professors from the behavioral sciences department suggested it, as well as professors from the cultural studies discipline. Dr. Suzanne Stoelting, assistant professor of sociology and my advisor and mentor, clearly voiced her opinion that graduate school was where I belonged. I'd shrugged off all the advice, but then, something happened: I took a peek at Yale's sociology program, and I realized I'd fit in pretty well there. I assumed it was a long shot, but I also believed I should "go big or go home." What would it hurt to apply?

My application, in retrospect, worked out beautifully. I had more letters of recommendation than I knew what to do with. Dr. Stoelting helped me craft a brilliant personal letter of intent. My writing samples included a sociology journal publication and my senior thesis on the sociology of advertising, the product of years of study across Fontbonne's behavioral science and interdisciplinary departments. Truly, Fontbonne had given me incredible one-on-one attention and a unique academic opportunity — things they offer to all their students — and because I had accepted these gifts, I found myself in a unique position as a strong, specialized candidate.

I was in the midst of interviewing for a position with an excellent advertising agency in Buffalo, N.Y., when Phil Gorski, the sociology director of graduate studies at Yale, called me — Called me! — to inform me of my acceptance into the Sociology Ph.D. program. It was a beautiful moment: I had just finished one chapter of life at Fontbonne, and I was now leaving that transitional space to begin the next chapter at Yale.

I write this at the midterm of my first semester at Yale. It's been a challenging transition, in the best sense of the word. At every turn, I find myself prepared because of Fontbonne. It isn't just my classes in sociology that have left me prepared to handle social theory, or my classes in advertising that left me uniquely ready to introduce practical elements into that social theory. It's more important things, like humility. At Fontbonne, I learned how to be the kind of person I wanted to be. I learned how to be patient, how to be humble, how to be kind. I learned how to care for those around me and appreciate difference and diversity in ways I could not have before. In the face of this new challenge, of keeping up at Yale where I am surrounded by geniuses of all kinds, the virtue of humility has kept me together more so than anything else. And when I find myself struggling, I find my friends from Fontbonne always readily supportive, peers and professors alike.

My cohort at Yale consists of nine individuals, an amazing group, with no two people alike. Better still, everyone has a different interest, so we can all succeed and be supportive of each other without feeling competitive. I can't begin to describe how grateful I am for that dynamic. Coming from Fontbonne, I was used to that kind of peer-support; both the applied sociology students and the advertising students alike were wonderful, friendly people who felt like teammates rather than competition. Having that again here, to an extent, is wonderful.

My mission here at Yale is to develop a cultural sociology of advertising. I'm still not even entirely sure what that means, which is exciting and terrifying simultaneously. Realistically, my current goal is to make it through this first year in one piece. I can figure out the next steps from there. After I earn my Ph.D., I would love to return to the advertising industry and work part-time, using my research to develop unparalleled creative work. Why only part-time? Because full-time, I'd love to become a professor at a small liberal arts school, ideally one with both advertising and sociology programs. And I definitely wouldn't mind being back in St. Louis. I guess we'll see who's hiring when I graduate, Fontbonne!

The time it takes to complete a Ph.D. is not set in stone, and it seems really far away, but when I moved into the Joe (residence hall) in 2008, 2012 seemed really far away, too. And yet it was gone in the blink of an eye; it passed in an explosion of knowledge, virtues, and memories — all of which have remained invaluable as I press onward, never ceasing to learn more and be more.

"At every turn, I find myself prepared because of Fontbonne."



a Jubilant
occasion

By Jamie Sokolik

When you first meet Sister Rita Schmitz, one thing is very clear — she cares. About her students. About her community. And about Fontbonne University.

“I have always enjoyed working with young kids, high school students, and, of course, college students,” she said. “My passion is teaching.”

Sister Rita has been educating students at Fontbonne for 43 years, and in 2012, she celebrated her 50th jubilee, marking a golden anniversary with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Her years spent as a CSJ are just one testament of her commitment to her sisters and her students.

Sister Rita’s path to becoming a CSJ started early in life.

“I think I was in kindergarten when I got my first clue,” she said. “My teacher was Sister Ann Judith, and I just loved her. She was so full of life, so energetic, and I watched her with the other sisters. They had fun together!”

From kindergarten on, Sister Rita loved school. She loved learning and interacting with her classmates. But after high school, she realized her path would be different from that of her peers.

“I always enjoyed dances and dates, but for me, there was something more,” she said. “I like to think of it as God finding me.”

When she approached her parents and explained her post-high school plans, they were very supportive. In fact, Sister Rita believes they helped her find her calling.

“My parents’ profound faith is part of where my decision to join the CSJs came from. I wanted to share that with others. They said, ‘If that’s what you’d like to do, we’d be thrilled.’”

Sister Rita entered the CSJ community after graduating from high school in 1961 and made her vows in 1962. Shortly after, the junior sisters were assigned to Fontbonne for college, so she started classes and lived on campus in what is now Southwest

Hall. After graduating from Fontbonne with a bachelor’s degree in home economics education, she went on to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale where she earned a master’s degree in the same subject. She later earned a doctorate in family and child development from The Ohio State University.

Sister Rita then returned to her roots at Fontbonne and helped develop the early childhood program, later accepting the position of chair of the education/special education department. After chairing the department for 15 years, Sister Rita took a much deserved sabbatical. Upon her return to Fontbonne, she began teaching full-time.

“Teaching has always been my passion,” she said. “It still is to this day.”

Seeing Sister Rita in the classroom with her students is proof that this is true. She looks each student in the eye and smiles in a way that shows she truly cares and understands. She explains concepts and answers questions with the utmost patience, expecting the very best from her students, challenging them with firm but loving conviction.

“My students appreciate that I challenge them,” she said. “I have given some of them papers and projects back with no grade and told them I refused to accept it because I knew they could do better. I’ve had some students contact me years later and tell me they remember that. They appreciate it.”

Sister Rita can deservedly celebrate her legacy as a beloved teacher and her relationship with her community and God. She has learned a lot, taught many, and enjoyed her time and career.

“It’s such a gift to have reached this milestone,” she said. “I did not take jubilee lightly. I’ve been praying every day because I want my focus to be on God and God’s greatness. His extravagant love keeps me humble.”

Sister Rita Schmitz works with students during an education class in Anheuser-Busch Hall.



by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

To KENYA WITH Love

*How We Learned That
We Are ALL Connected
in Some Way*

*Erica Garcia (left) and Josie Zeugin
(right) hug Nancy, a Mukeni student.*

The email said, "Go to Africa."

I hit delete. I couldn't go to Africa. I have dogs, a house, a husband and a job.

*But it continued to surface from the depths of my deleted items folder.
"Go to Africa," it said, replaying itself over and over in my thoughts.*

"What if...?" I began to ask. I forwarded the information to my husband.

He wrote back without hesitation. "Yes."

And that's how I found myself this past June on a plane to Nairobi, Kenya, surrounded by Fontbonne students, staff and faculty that I barely knew. This two-week trip was sponsored by Fontbonne In Service and Humility (FISH), a student service group, as well as the offices of Service, Diversity and Social Justice, and Campus Ministry. It is an annual expedition, one that has seen Fontbonne delegations travel to Belize, El Salvador and Honduras in years past. The 2012 trip had been in planning stages for two years and was open to faculty and staff, which is how I, as a staff member in the communications and marketing department, signed up.

The 18 of us traveling to Kenya — 11 students and seven staff and faculty members — met at least once each month for roughly six months prior to boarding our plane. We raised funds, explored African culture, talked through our concerns and fears, played icebreaker games, and mumbled our way through a few basic Swahili phrases. Our ultimate goal? Serve. Serve others, just like the Sisters of St. Joseph did before us. And maybe learn a few things along the way.

It wasn't always easy. The journey from St. Louis to Nairobi took 24 hours — mostly in coach — our knees to our chests like rows of so many sardines. Throughout the trip, there were roadblocks and bumps, literal and figurative, disagreements, changes in plans and routes, and sleeplessness, which weighs on even the sunniest of personalities.

But the negatives were minor. The fact that we traveled 10,000 miles to the other side of the world to serve, give and learn? That was major.

Our hosts, representatives from a nonprofit organization called African Impact, picked us up at the Nairobi airport. We traveled by bus through the crowded streets of Nairobi to Limuru, a town about an hour northwest of the airport. In spite of overwhelming sensory overload — the burn of exhaust in our nostrils, honking horns and hawking salespeople shoving produce and handmade goods through our bus windows — most of us nodded off on the drive to Brackenhurst, a Methodist conference center, which would become our base camp and our sparse, beautiful and comfortable home for the next two weeks.

Part of the reason our trip's organizers decided to take a Fontbonne group to Kenya was because of African Impact. One of the largest service organizations on the ground in Africa, the nonprofit has offices in various countries and focuses primarily on sustainability. African Impact strives to give people the tools they need to build and improve their own lives; the organization doesn't believe in handouts. As volunteers, it was made very clear to us that we weren't there to change the world; we were there to help others help themselves.



“We each came home with 17 new friends, countless more in a country far away, and an experience that changed us for life.”

– Elizabeth Hise Brennan

(left)
The team from Fontbonne captures a few final memories on their last day at Mukeu School!

(middle)
Fontbonne student Anna Hotop bonds with Mukeu student Douti.

(right)
Fontbonne students Andrea Artz and Allie Coleman (foreground) pass out gifts to Mukeu School students during their last day at the site.

Just hours after our plane landed in Nairobi, we drove to the work site where we would spend the majority of our time in Kenya: the Mukeu School for Mentally Challenged Learners, a boarding school for students with disabilities ranging in age from roughly 8 to 22. In Kenya, students who need extra assistance in a standard classroom are labeled disabled, which means that Mukeu students have a wide range of needs, from

attention deficit disorder to Down Syndrome. The 39 students are taught and supervised by a staff of only three teachers and cared for by one live-in house mother and cook: CuCu, a nickname that means “grandmother” in Kikuyu, a local dialect. Our team of 18 split into two; one group labored outside, rebuilding the kitchen and assisting staff and community volunteers; another, made up mostly of Fontbonne education students, worked with students and teachers in the classrooms.

As we walked up the hill to the school every day, laughter met us at the gate. Curious young fingers touched our clothes and watches, reaching out for hugs. Every morning, we joined hands with the students and began the day’s work with song and dance, which lifted our spirits and still echoes in my head, months later. For 10 days, our thoughts were consumed with Mukeu and the students’ needs. What trauma

occurred in Joyce’s life to make her act the way she did? What signs could we teach Faith to make deafness easier in a hearing world? What information could we give the teachers to help them become better educators?

I left Mukeu every afternoon covered in cement dust, soot and paint, my muscles aching. The classroom team, quiet on the bus ride home, struggled each night with new challenges — perfectly good supplies going unused, significantly understaffed classrooms, stories of abuse and neglect. And we all wrestled with the poverty and the need around us — so different from our lives at home.

In the midst of what we easily could have perceived as deficiencies, we learned many important lessons. Happiness and contentedness are found in what you have, not what you lack. Sustainability takes on new meaning when you reuse rotted wood, flatten bent nails, and water down paint to make supplies stretch farther. And perhaps most importantly, we learned that we are all connected in some very basic ways. One of my travel companions, Leslie Doyle, Fontbonne’s director of service, diversity and social justice, summed this up succinctly: “All people just want to be happy. We are more alike than we are different.”

I wish I had enough room on these pages to tell you about each and every one of my co-travelers. I work at Fontbonne because I believe in the community, the people and the mission. Everything I saw on this trip reinforced that belief. I watched our students take what they learned in Fontbonne’s classrooms and apply that knowledge in the most challenging of real-life situations. They stepped up to solve problems and take on leadership roles. They played, danced and loved the people they met with passion and compassion. Does Fontbonne live its mission? Absolutely.

Our journey concluded with three days on the Masai Mara on safari, days filled with sights some people only dream about: a pride of lions snacking on a buffalo, a cheetah slinking through tall grasses, elephants grazing with their families. And to think that these experiences were simply a bonus — we found the real heart of the trip beating within our teammates and the people we met along the way.

We began our journey barely knowing one another, praying we could make a difference. We each came home with 17 new friends, countless more in a country far away, and an experience that changed us for life.



“The Africans we met through African Impact and even the people who worked at Mukeu School were so generous with our group. To have so little, they shared so much. They were as curious about life in America as we were about life in Africa. Although thousands of miles separate us, we all shared the same concerns. They worried about the future for their children and the safety of our world. Economic times were tough, but they were hopeful things would turn around. Education was seen as the equalizer that afforded greater opportunity. Issues with the government were complicated because of the lack of support they received. We would share many laughs and smiles. After two weeks, we departed, wishing one another God’s blessings and unsure if we would ever cross paths again.”

– **Leslie Doyle**, director of service, diversity and social justice
(pictured with Michael Horn '12 at left)



“The trip was an immeasurable opportunity to learn the true meaning of community. We often think of a community as a place and its people, but as I experienced, community is about loving and learning from others through working toward a shared common goal. Community is about creating meaningful bonds with others whose well being is of utmost concern. I will forever feel that I am a part of the community in Limuru, Kenya.”

– **Angie Dowell**, fashion merchandising instructor (pictured at left)



“Today, after my seventh and eighth grade students took a social studies test, they decided they wanted to look at my Africa picture album. I never have it far just so I can show anyone and everyone who will look and listen to me talk about it. I showed them a picture of Faith, and I told them, that, like them, Faith was deaf. They quickly noticed that she didn't have hearing aids or a cochlear implant. They asked me if she used sign language, and I told them no. They all got very concerned. They wanted to know how she could talk, was she happy, how did I talk to her? They then started planning how they could bring her to the United States and teach her to talk. As I sat back and listened to my students have this amazing conversation, I started tearing up a bit. The passion I saw in my students in that moment reminded me of how great our trip to Kenya was, how much I miss Mukeu and the kids, and how blessed I am to have had that experience.”

– **Libby Brauss '12**, deaf education teacher (pictured at left)



To see more from the journey, visit www.fontbonne.edu/kenya.



► **Lisa Clanton**, assistant director of residence life, and **Janine Russell '88 MM '00 MBA '08** enjoy some down time at Brackenhurst Conference Center.

▼ **Colleen Murray '12** spends time outside with the students of Mukeu School.



The writer with CuCu, or "grandmother," in her kitchen at Mukeu School.

NIEMANN BY THE NUMBERS

PERSONAL:

1 husband
1 daughter
2 grandchildren
2 Golden Retrievers

PROFESSIONAL:

45 years in finance

EDUCATION:

2 undergraduate majors
2 undergraduate minors
1 graduate degree

FUN FACT:

Niemann is the St. Louis Culinary Society's one and only "food analyst."

THE WILD WORLD OF FINANCE

JULI NIEMANN TAMES AN
OFTEN DAUNTING TOPIC

By Elizabeth Hise Brennan

For many, the world of finance is a terrifying place indeed, full of intimidating jargon, indecipherable symbols and scrolling numbers.

For Juli Iwersen Niemann, a 45-year veteran of the industry, finance is an adventure. "It's wild and never boring," she said, flashing her signature grin. "Although it can be scary, investing is all about risk management. Circumstances are constantly changing. Financial matters encompass everything — politics, psychology, history. That's why Fontbonne was so great — I got a fully liberal arts education."

Niemann graduated from Fontbonne College in 1968 with double majors in history and economics and minors in theology and philosophy. She loved college and reveled in learning, although she was "counseled out" of the home economics department, she confessed.

"College was like a smorgasbord for me. It was totally liberal arts — we graduated as critical thinkers," she said. "This was the 60s, of course, and most women were going into nursing or teaching."

Niemann had other ideas. She didn't marry right out of college like many of her peers. She asked, "What's next?" a question that directed her to a one-week stint in law school, which she promptly fled, conceding that she was out of her element. So she got a job at a mutual fund, a professionally managed investment vehicle made up of a pool of investors. In a primarily male-dominated industry, her role model at the time was a tall, red-haired woman working as an oil and gas analyst.

"She was the first woman ever permitted into the Saudi oil fields, but she had to dress in full burka, covering her flaming red hair." Niemann jumped into the industry and never looked back.

Now an executive vice president for research and portfolio management with Smith, Moore and Co., Niemann also holds a master's in business administration and finance and has held roughly the same job for the past four decades. She spends her days at her Clayton office counseling clients and voraciously analyzing the markets. Her infectious laugh and personable demeanor make her extremely approachable, but don't be fooled — when it comes to finance, she will tell you exactly what she thinks, whether you want to hear it or not. She believes firmly in financial education, appearing on local and national media programs to offer sage wisdom and blunt advice to the average investor.

"It's teaching," she said about her media appearances. "Nothing is more important than being an informed investor — that way, you are not being sold. Being educated is very important. Where there is a lot of money, there are a lot of shysters. And an informed investor won't fall for that. I'm about the investor — not about the product."

Her sense of responsibility to those in need of information and education could perhaps be attributed, in part, to her years at Fontbonne, which Niemann has held close throughout her life. She spoke vividly of role models like Sister Roberta Schmidt and Sister Rosemary Flanagan, CSJs who participated in a landmark civil rights march in Selma, Ala., in 1965. Their message of social justice resonates with Niemann to this day, and she believes she and her peers have a responsibility now to serve as a new generation of role models, like the sisters did before. And so, when she's not in the office, she gives her time and talents, often volunteering on the boards of local nonprofits, most of which involve children and education.

To the benefit of finance majors everywhere, to young women, and to her community, Niemann truly is a role model. And to the benefit of Fontbonne, this savvy businesswoman and kind heart claims the university as her own.



Need a little advice? ASK JULI.

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• Before you make an investment, ask the **following questions:**

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- 2 **What is the potential reward?**
- 3 **Why is this good for my needs?**
- 4 **How much money will it cost?**

Opportunity, Unlimited

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

A new dietetics program at Fontbonne revitalizes grad students – and their career goals.

What happens when a good student spends four years studying to become a registered dietitian, then can't secure the internship needed to take the next step?

"I felt lost and miserable," said Annalise

Shumway, an ordinarily animated St. Louis native who earned an undergraduate degree in dietetics from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

When she couldn't find an internship, however, she saw the end of her career path before it even began.

As she continued to search for internship opportunities, Shumway, still living in Utah, learned about Fontbonne University's Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways (ISPPs) program, a new opportunity developed by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the American Dietetic Association). The program, the only one in the St. Louis area, addresses a prevalent problem within the dietetics field — approximately half of all dietetics students in the United States can't secure an internship, a critical requirement before becoming an RD. According to Dr. Cheryl Houston, professor and director of Fontbonne's dietetics program, an increased interest in nutrition and health has inflated the number of dietetics students across the country. Accredited supervised practice program opportunities just haven't kept up, leaving students like Shumway with very few options.

To receive an accredited supervised practice position, students go through a computerized matching process. If they're not chosen in the first round or two, their opportunities become increasingly limited as other students graduate and enter the pool. Unmatched students can apply for distance programs, which require them to secure their own internship positions with willing and accredited preceptors, or mentors, but these may

take months or even a year to secure, putting the students off-track — if they find anything at all.

"That's one of the benefits to coming to Fontbonne," said Jaimette McCulley, assistant professor and experiential coordinator of the ISPPs program. "We line up preceptors for the students."

This past fall, Fontbonne admitted its first 12 students to the program, all unmatched dietetics and nutrition graduates. As ISPPs students, they enrolled in the human environmental sciences graduate program with a concentration in multidisciplinary health communication studies. In conjunction with the master's degree, students are matched with an accredited practice position that fulfills the same criteria as any other dietetic internship. With Fontbonne's extensive network of dietetics alumni, Houston and McCulley easily found RDs eager to become preceptors. Now, not only will students get the supervised practice they need, they'll earn a master's degree in the process.

"One of the most important things about this program for me is that the master's is not nutrition-based," said Morgan Osborne, a member of Fontbonne's ISPPs class who holds a bachelor's degree in culinary nutrition from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I., as well as an associate degree in culinary arts. "I already have a degree in nutrition, and I really wanted to broaden my spectrum of knowledge. This offers other avenues, including one in health communication."



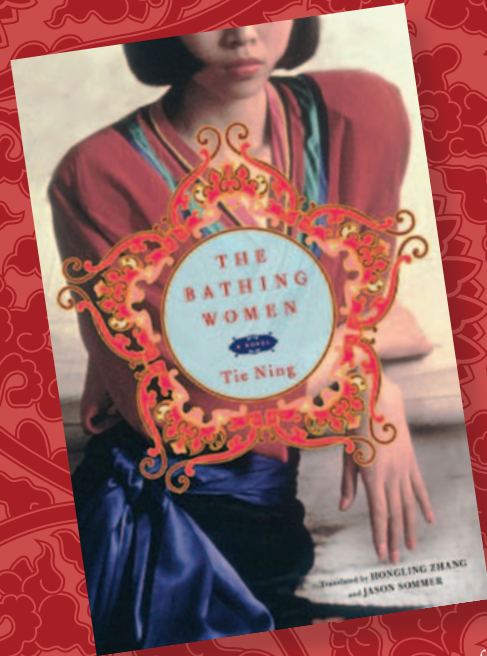
The students enrolled in the Fontbonne program all have stories similar to Shumway and Osborne. When they weren't matched with an internship, they felt defeated. But acceptance into the Fontbonne program gave them new hope. With a year of academic study under their belts, they'll start internships in May, graduate at the end of the year, and then sit for the national dietetic exam. Most importantly, they are able to continue pursuing their career goals.

As a woman who grew up and attended grade school right around the corner from Fontbonne's Clayton campus, Shumway is surprised she ended up here. But although she is now further away from the Utah ski slopes she loves, she said she's grateful for the professional opportunity and for the nurturing atmosphere in which she has found herself.

"Professors here really take the time to care about you," she said, noting the 30,000 students at her undergraduate alma mater. "They ask, 'How can we help you meet your goals? Fontbonne is personalized, and this really pays tribute to the school's small size.'"

▲ Jaimette McCulley (far right), assistant professor and director of the Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways program, works with students (l-r) Morgan Osborne, Laura Schermes and Annalise Shumway.

◀ Throughout the academic year, Fontbonne Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways graduate students, like Annalise Shumway, far right, facilitate health fairs, offering advice, answering questions, and discussing nutrition and health with participants.



The ART of TRANSLATION

Cultivating an authentic voice in a new world.

By Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Dr. Jason Sommer's campus office is the ultimate professor's domain, crafted through 28 years of collection and cultivation. Innumerable books — filled, piled, and stacked floor to ceiling — set the tone for the room, but the table spanning the space, blanketed in papers graded and ungraded, completes the effect.

In this office, at that table, Sommer, Fontbonne University professor and poet-in-residence, met countless times with his colleague, Hongling Zhang, a former Fontbonne creative writing instructor and the current director of the Chinese language program in the school district of Clayton, Mo. Their task was to translate, from Chinese to English, a major contemporary Chinese novel by major contemporary Chinese novelist Tie Ning. Her work has never before appeared in English, so "The Bathing Women," published by Scribner, a division of Simon and Schuster, indicates an important accomplishment and a significant milestone for the author, the translators and cross-cultural literature in general.

Sommer and Zhang met 14 years ago at Fontbonne while she was studying English in an effort to improve her language skills. Already equipped with a law degree, the Chinese native took the literature classes of Sommer and other local professors while simultaneously earning a graduate degree in creative writing from Washington University. Sommer and Zhang became colleagues and friends, sharing a love of the complexities, beauty and challenges of language, and eventually, Zhang would bring to Sommer a book by Wang Xiaobo, a dissident Chinese author. She felt passionately that Xioabo should have an English-language debut, and she wanted Sommer to work with her to translate his work, three novellas that would become known in English as "Wang in Love and Bondage."

"Hongling was working with a writer she knew and admired," Sommer said, describing their initial foray into the project. "And I was introduced to a language more in structure than actually learning the language. It's a fascinating problem

to bring a language that's really very distant from English into English, but also to have the opportunity to collaborate. It's the closest possible collaboration you can imagine, talking about the tone of each word. It took us a long time."

"Six years," Zhang confirmed, recalling their many linguistic discussions and debates throughout the process. This word or that? A phrase or a sentence? Placement here or there?

"There are different potentials in Chinese than in English," Sommer said. "Imagine trying to describe a reference to Buddhist poetry, which appears quite naturally in the novel by Wang Xiaobo; you're explaining not just a word, but an entire culture."

In spite of the challenges, both considered the experience an important personal and professional accomplishment, so when Zhang returned to Sommer in 2010 with another Chinese author in need of translation, he readily agreed to the job. "Tie Ning is very well-established in China and became famous at the age of 25 with an award-winning short story," said Zhang, who first read the author in her native tongue. Ning is a more well-known and popular author in China than Xiaobo, whose work tends toward the artistic and literary. Ning's work is dramatic, sweeping, epic, and often tackles women's lives and issues, as well as modern China's cultural shifts.

In 2006, Tie Ning became the first woman — and youngest writer — to become president of the Chinese Writer's Association, a position she currently holds. Her husband is a primary developer of China's new economic policy, and together, the two are major public entities in the People's Republic.

"This is when I ask, how did we manage to get this project?" Sommer said. "This author is a semi-governmental figure... in China."

Sommer and Zhang marveled at the opportunity. "The Bathing Women" has sold more than one million copies, and in December, the translation was named a finalist for the 2012 Man Asian Literary Prize, a recognition showcasing emerging writers across Asia.

"There are very exciting things about doing this translation," Sommer said. "We're bringing someone else's



"There are very exciting things about doing this translation. We're bringing someone else's voice into a different world than where that voice comes from."

— Dr. Jason Sommer

Hongling Zhang and Jason Sommer, in Sommer's office, worked together for two years to translate "The Bathing Women" from Chinese to English.

voice into a different world than where that voice comes from. It's more difficult than writing your own work, not only because you're tangling with a piece of art that already exists, but because of the whole culture around it, making this person sound like an authentic voice of the new culture while keeping true to the culture it came from."

So how does the process work? How does someone take a published novel in one language and recreate the same novel in an entirely different language?

Sommer explained: Zhang, fluent in both Chinese and English, created a first draft. She brought it to Sommer, who read it and rewrote it. The two then met, edited and rewrote, over and over and over, until both were satisfied. Sometimes the paragraphs flowed; other times, the partners agonized over a single word. This book, they said, took two years to complete.

"If we do our job correctly, we will weep when the reviews come out, because no one will mention us," said Sommer, who feels that as translators, he and Zhang have a unique task, connecting cultures and countries through the written word, introducing new voices that, otherwise, very few people in the United States would hear. And that, he believes, echoes Fontbonne's efforts to foster global outreach, connect with the dear neighbor, and offer an olive branch to people who may be different or unfamiliar.

"It all started here in some important way," said Sommer, looking over the table at Zhang. "There are potentials we don't even dream of when we face our students from across the room. We don't know who we're meeting. They could become your friends, collaborators, if only for the intellectual journey you're taking, but it could be much, much more. Certainly, I've had a whole world open up to me; I've just learned so much."

a PASSION and a CALLING

By Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Mary Lee Walter retired from the classroom last year, but she just can't bring herself to stop teaching. This Fontbonne University alumna and former teacher of the deaf taught for 43 years at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf (SJI), a position that was more than a job or even a career — it was her life's work. Now, instead of going to a classroom every day, she volunteers at places like the Missouri Botanical Gardens, the Touhill Center for the Arts or the Butterfly House, working with children on field trips, spending time in nature and combining her gardening hobby with her passion for education.

Walter found Fontbonne by coincidence, or more likely, providence, as she suggests. Walter's high school English teacher, a nun, took a small group of her Rock Falls, Ill., class to St. Louis to visit her actual sister, a teacher at SJI as well as an instructor in the deaf education program at Fontbonne. Walter and her fellow students had the opportunity to witness an SJI class in session, and it was then she knew: "This is what I wanted to do."

Walter applied to and was accepted at Fontbonne to study deaf education.

"Then, it was an all girls school," she remembered. "Only a few students had cars; most of us were marooned on campus. But this was actually beneficial. You knew everyone really well. My college friends have become lifelong friends."

Between her friends and the instructors and teachers in the deaf education program, Fontbonne became her home away from home.

"They've always been blessed with a lot of good people in the deaf education program," said Walter. "Students graduate with good academic skills and good experience, which is just as important. The program has only grown stronger over the years."

After her own graduation, Walter worked for one year in the Kalamazoo, Mich., public school district, then was hired at SJI, where she jumped into a challenging career. Throughout the next 43 years, she would teach four-year-olds through fourth-graders, reveling especially in challenges, like helping students overcome dyslexia or using creativity and resourcefulness to successfully meet the needs of each child.

"When I was a kid, all the other girls would bring their dollies and play house," Walter said. "I played school."

For Walter, who would later also become an instructor in the deaf education program at Fontbonne, teaching was — and is — a natural inclination, and her time at Fontbonne helped her refine that inclination into an exceptional talent.

Mary Lee Walter graduated from Fontbonne in 1968, just five years after the founding of Fontbonne's deaf education program. Read more about the program's 50th anniversary on page 16.

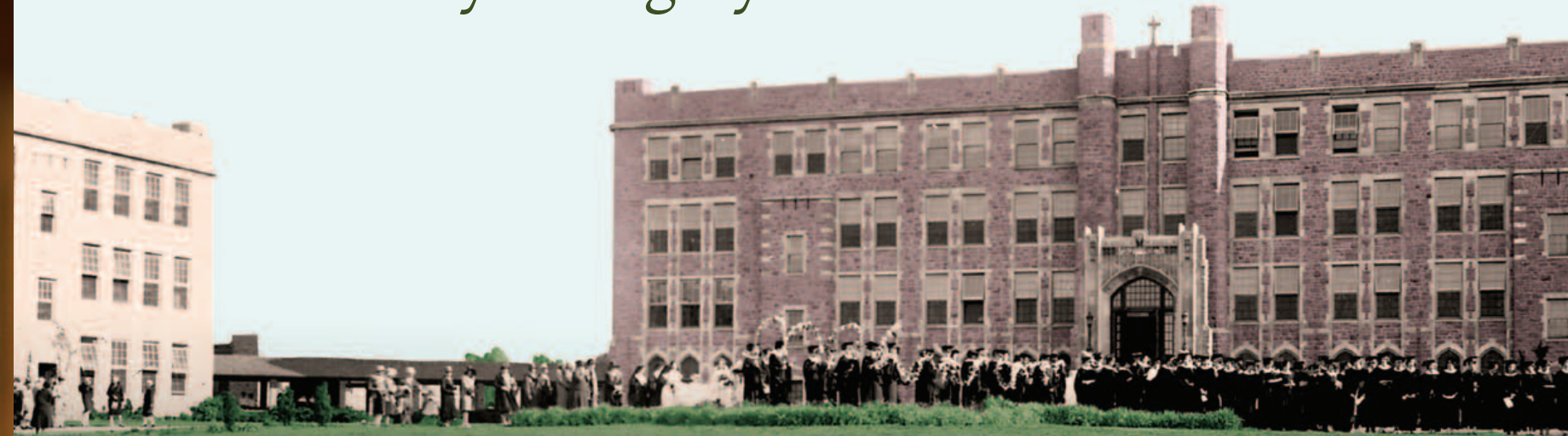
"I have great fondness for this place," said Walter. "I taught 15 years in the deaf education program. Trying to explain how to teach helped me be a better teacher."

It is this fondness that prompts Walter, a member of Fontbonne's Legacy Society, to give back. Members of the Legacy Society have remembered Fontbonne with a gift left to the university in their will or trust in order to create a better educational experience for future Fontbonne students. For Walter, her lifelong connection to Fontbonne and the impact the university had on her life and career prompted her to ensure that future students — and future teachers, like her — would have the same opportunities.

"I still hear from families and students I've taught," Walter said, smiling. "That's when you know you've had an impact on their lives."



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Donald Burgo, Ph.D.

Distinguished Service in Theological Education and Enrichment

Donald Paul Burgo, Ph.D., retired from Fontbonne in 2008 after a 37-year career. He served as the only faculty member in the department of religion and philosophy for 25 years and participated on many committees. Burgo also spent a year as interim dean of academic affairs, and in 2006 he was the first to be appointed as the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Endowed Chair in Catholic Thought. As the Endowed Chair, he conducted a series of seminars for faculty and staff and brought outstanding speakers to campus for the Carondelet Lecture Series.

Burgo brought his academic expertise and experience in higher education when he contributed to drafting Fontbonne's Catholic Identity Statement, which continues to describe the university. He was also an invaluable resource in integrating Ex Corde Ecclesiae (From the Heart of the Church), a church document, into the life of the university.

Burgo is a member of the Catholic Theology Society of America and the American Academy of Religion. He is the recipient of many awards that have recognized his life's work as a college and university professor. Burgo has served as a drama critic and book reviewer for The West End Word and has lectured extensively at nonprofit organizations and businesses throughout St. Louis. He is also a former five-time champion on the television show "Jeopardy."

For outstanding service in Catholic higher education, a Founders Award is bestowed on Dr. Donald Paul Burgo.



Sister Mary Antona Ebo, FSM

Distinguished Service in Racial Justice and Integration

Sister Mary Antona Ebo was the first African-American to graduate from her Catholic high school in Bloomington, Ill. She then decided to apply to nursing school, but before finding St. Mary's Infirmary School of Nursing for Negroes in St. Louis, she was rejected from many schools based on her race. After graduating from St. Mary's, Antona became one of the first three African-American women to join the Sisters of St. Mary (now the Franciscan Sisters of Mary), and then, in 1967, she became the first African-American woman executive director of a Catholic hospital in the U.S. at St. Clare's Hospital in Baraboo, Wis.

In 1965, Sister Antona traveled to Selma, Ala., where she joined Martin Luther King Jr.'s second attempt to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge. While there, she found herself at the front of the march and addressed the crowd, "I am here because I am a Negro, a nun, a Catholic and because I want to bear witness."

Sister Antona is a founding member and past president of the National Black Sisters' Conference. The organization awarded her the Harriet Tubman Award, saying she was "called to be a Moses to the people."

Now in her 80s, Sister Antona still models commitment to the church and travels to meet and encourage others in their ministry. She continues to speak out and stand up for the dignity of African-Americans, women and all of God's creatures.

Fontbonne University honors Sister Mary Antona Ebo, FSM, with the Founders Award for distinguished service in racial justice and integration.



Deanna Jent, Ph.D.

Distinguished Service in Theatre and Education

Deanna Jent, Ph.D., is the founder and artistic director of Mustard Seed Theatre and is a professor of theatre at Fontbonne University, where she has taught and directed shows since 1995. Jent is the former editor of Christianity and Theatre magazine, an accomplished playwright and a former theatre critic for the Riverfront Times. She has directed for many professional theatres in the St. Louis area, and she recently added off-Broadway playwright to her impressive list of accomplishments.

Jent founded Mustard Seed in 2006 as an in-residence professional theatre company at Fontbonne that explores relationships with God and ethical responsibilities to the world.

Among Jent's most recent successes is that of her play "Falling," which had a three-month run off-Broadway in New York City. Inspired by her own son who has autism, "Falling" is an account of family life with an aggressive teenage boy with severe autism. Mustard Seed's original production at Fontbonne was extremely successful and caught the eye of producer Terry Schnuck, who was instrumental in taking it to New York.

In addition to her accomplishments as a teacher and in the theatre, Jent is involved with discussions of racism hosted by local theatre groups. She volunteers with an autism parent group and a St. Louis area food bank, and she is a member of Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice.

Jent lives the mission of Fontbonne University, sharing in its commitment to demonstrate care and respect the dignity of each member of the community. For this service Dr. Deanna Jent receives a Fontbonne University Founders Award for distinguished service in theatre and education.



Sister Mary Catherine O'Gorman, CSJ

Distinguished Service in CSJ Values and Mission

Following her 1954 graduation from Fontbonne University, Sister Mary Catherine O'Gorman, CSJ, became a Sister of Saint Joseph of Carondelet in 1958. In her life in the religious community, she has always been of service to others whether as an educator, caring for the elderly or participating in religious community administration.

In the religious community, Sister Mary Catherine has filled a variety of roles, including positions in elementary, secondary and higher education, as province director from 1977-1984, as a member of the St. Louis province renewal team and as personnel director for the province.

Sister Mary Catherine has served on many boards of trustees throughout St. Louis, most notably as the first chairperson of the board for the Corporate Action for the Care of the Elderly (CACE), of which she was instrumental in founding in 1976.

Now retired, Sister Mary Catherine is active in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Michael's in Shrewsbury and is a board member at Nazareth Living Center, a residence for retired sisters and laity. She also volunteers at the Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse.

Through her professional work, her volunteer activities and involvement with many organizations, Sister Mary Catherine is living the mission of Fontbonne University and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by serving the larger community and the dear neighbor. For her commitment, Sister Mary Catherine O'Gorman, CSJ, receives the Founders Award for distinguished service in CSJ values and mission.



AN ENDURING MISSION (continued from previous page)

Sister Kathleen O'Malley, CSJ **Distinguished Service in Geriatric Care**

Sister Kathleen O'Malley, CSJ, is a Fontbonne University alumna, '67, and has been a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet for 55 years.

After spending 10 years teaching in elementary schools in Peoria and Chicago, Ill., she moved on to Hancock, Mich., and then to Kansas City, Mo., where she pursued her lifelong commitment to the elderly in a Catholic senior center.

Seeing the need for professional certification in her field, Sister Kathleen enrolled at The Catholic University of America in the District of Columbia and earned certification in gerontology. She stayed an additional year as a staff member.

Sister Kathleen was the administrator at St. Joseph Manor in Tennessee for five years, and then returned to St. Louis where she established the Senior Day Care Center on the Cardinal Carberry Campus (CCC), part of the St. Louis Archdiocese senior services. She served as director from 1989 to 1995.

The Sisters of St. Joseph then appointed Sister Kathleen as assistant at Nazareth Living Center where she had the opportunity to get involved with many facets of the retirement community. She went on to become director of the independent living center at Nazareth. Currently, Sister Kathleen is a part-time receptionist at Our Lady of Life apartments, a facility for seniors that is part of CCC.

Through her service to the elderly, Sister Kathleen O'Malley, CSJ, reflects Fontbonne University's commitment to community and receives a Founders Award for distinguished service in geriatric care.



Carol Conway Spehr **Distinguished Service in Deaf Education and Volunteerism**

Fontbonne alumna Carol Conway Spehr received a Bachelor of Arts in Deaf Education from Fontbonne University in 1963, and then joined the faculty at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf where she taught for many years. She continues to be an active alumna and has served as a reunion class agent. She has also been a speaker in alumni sessions at the meetings for the National Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in Denver, Colo., and San Antonio, Texas.

Spehr has supported Fontbonne and its faculty and students for many years, having established the Carol Conway Spehr Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded to Fontbonne students annually. She has also been a member of the Fontbonne Council of Regents since 2003, and led the group in 2010 and 2011. In 2007, Spehr contributed to the founding of the Fontbonne Community Connection (FCC) with five fellow alumnae. The FCC is a women's giving circle that funds projects proposed by Fontbonne staff, faculty, students or student organizations. Spehr served as the first chair of the FCC.

Spehr actively volunteers with a variety of organizations including Nurses for Newborns, Assistance League of St. Louis, World Affairs Council, Habitat for Humanity, the St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Art Museum and more.

For having a voice and making a difference, Carol Conway Spehr receives a Fontbonne University Founders Award for distinguished service in deaf education and volunteerism.



A Message from THE PRESIDENT



"Future Shock," the highly acclaimed 1970s book by Alvin Toffler, served as a sociological alert regarding the ever-increasing pace and pressures of life. Since my 1970s doctoral student days at Boston College through my presidential years here at Fontbonne, I have always kept Toffler's admonitions in mind.

The world has changed dramatically in the past 40 plus years with more to come. Those who study what is now called the "new normal" quickly realize that there is a continuing shock of both internal and external forces affecting higher education.

As I write this message, our nation is entering a period of federal sequestration, parts of which will undoubtedly be related to colleges and universities.

There are significant matters pertaining to campus and church that require sensitivity, vigilance, diplomacy and decisions. In addition, there will be an election of a new Pope.

External forces also include demographic shifts that are changing the face of America. This requires, among other things, an expanded world view and

heightened levels of competency in order to compete and succeed on a world-wide basis.

Internally, we are keenly focused on access, affordability, retention and the quality of our academic programs. We also give careful attention to all of our co-curricular activities, our campus infrastructure and, of course, technology. And because Fontbonne is primarily a tuition-driven institution, successful fundraising is imperative.

Regardless of external and internal considerations, our true north was, is and always will be based upon the history and mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. This is clearly manifested by our educational philosophy that is student-centered, values-based and academically rigorous as we prepare ethical leaders to serve a world in need.

To do this well, we need to keep emphasizing the unity in university. And I want to thank all university constituents for their commitment to transparency, open discussion, diversity, shared governance and strategic planning.

As I conclude this message with lessons learned from "Future Shock" and other sources, I am more thankful than ever before for your incredible financial support. These strenuous economic times notwithstanding, you have chosen to go above and beyond with your time, talent and treasure on behalf of Fontbonne. For that and so much more, I say thank you, and may God bless you for your loyalty and love for Fontbonne.

Sincerely,

Dennis C. Golden

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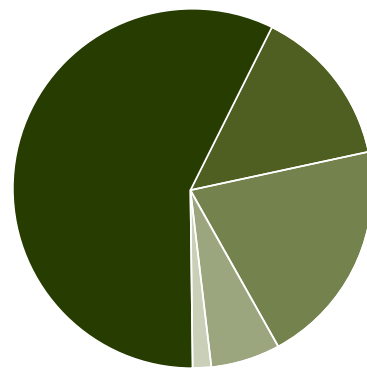
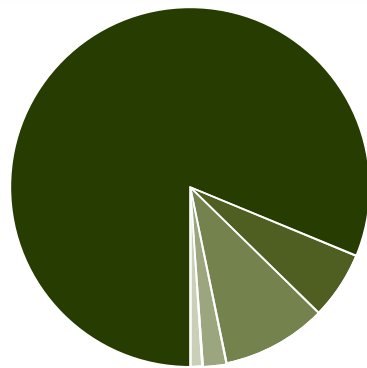
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tuition and fees	\$ 37,149,080	\$ 35,046,760	
less institutional financial aid	8,301,196	8,239,783	
■ net tuition and fees	\$ 28,847,884	\$ 26,806,977	80.8%
■ gifts and grants	1,984,559	3,271,582	9.9%
■ auxiliary enterprises	2,553,176	2,433,167	7.3%
■ endowment and investments	461,593	528,842	1.6%
■ other sources	226,396	117,132	0.4%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 34,053,608	\$ 33,157,700	100%

EXPENSES	2010-2011	2011-2012	
■ instruction & academic support	\$ 19,239,337	\$ 18,939,603	57.1%
■ student services	4,938,341	5,409,323	16.3%
■ institutional support	5,828,271	5,709,218	17.2%
■ auxiliary enterprises	2,458,678	2,345,587	7.1%
■ other scholarships & fellowships	703,990	744,602	2.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 33,168,617	\$ 33,148,333	100%



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