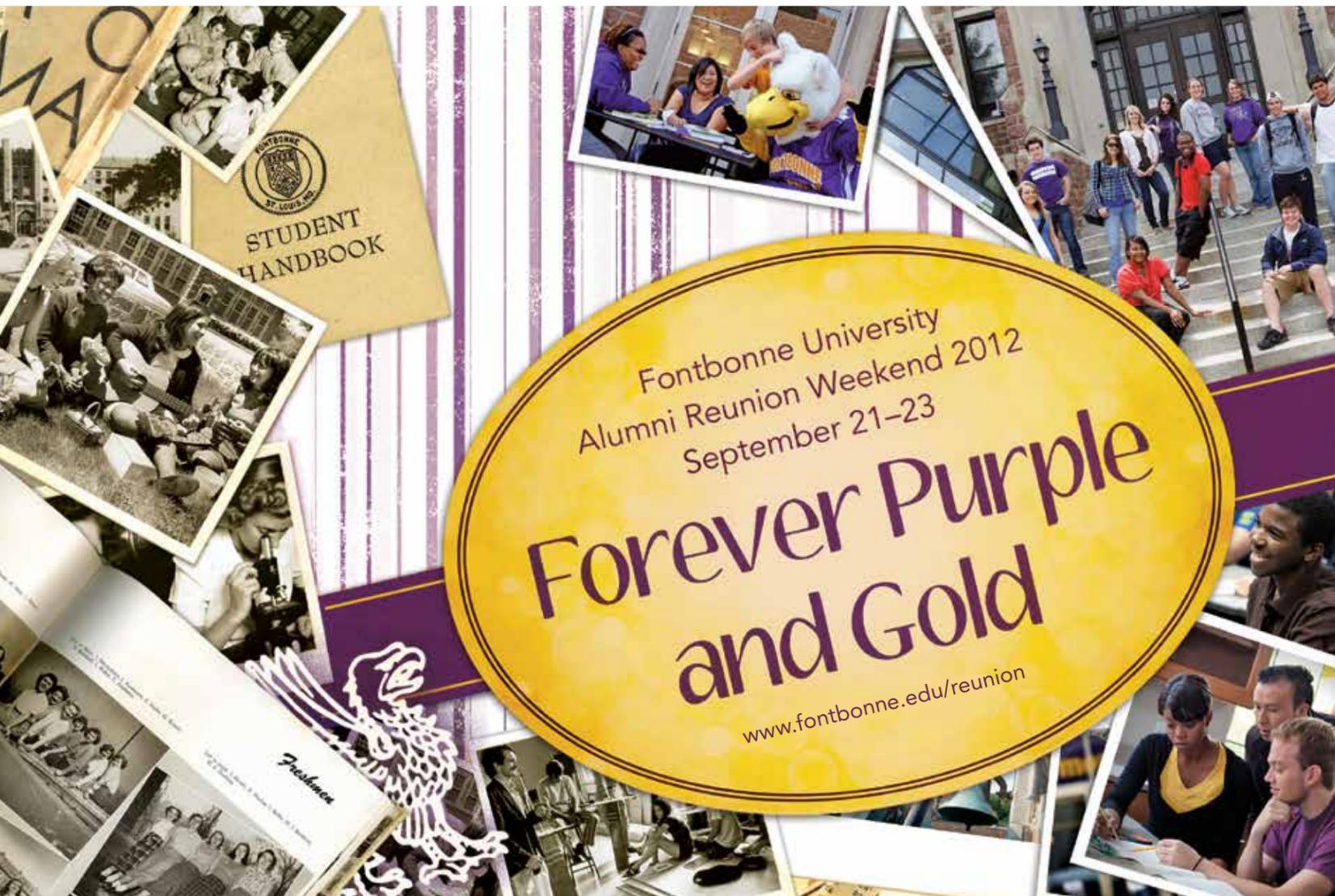


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On the cover: Before a sweltering, record-breaking summer, the spring brought with it a riot of color and blooms. Through a ruffle of Magnolia blossoms, Fontbonne's bell tower stands sentinel, watching over the campus.

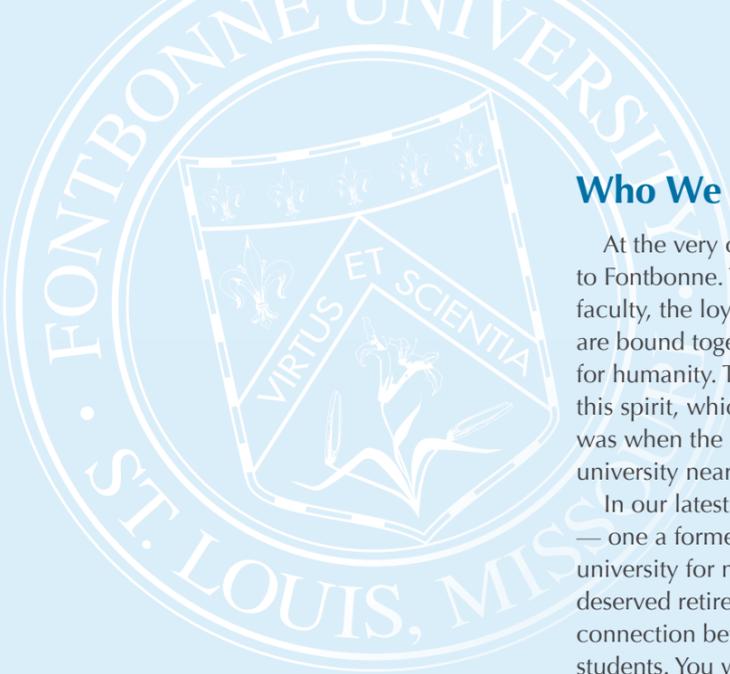
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Who We Are

At the very core of the university beats a heart unique to Fontbonne. The earnestness of students, the passion of faculty, the loyalty of alumni, and the generosity of friends are bound together with a spirit of service and compassion for humanity. The stories in this issue of *Tableaux* exemplify this spirit, which is alive and well here on campus, just as it was when the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet founded the university nearly 90 years ago.

In our latest offering you will find the stories of two CSJs — one a former president — who have selflessly given to the university for many years and are now settling into a much-deserved retirement. You will learn about the ever-important connection between scholarship donors and current students. You will meet two generous friends of the university as they step into a brand new role on campus. And you will find numerous alumni who, like you, carry their experiences at Fontbonne with them long after graduation.

Looking ahead to the next issue of *Tableaux*, we plan to highlight a compelling illustration of how our current students are carrying that same Fontbonne spirit wherever they go. During a recent service trip, a group of 18 from Fontbonne (pictured below) traveled around the world and touched the lives of the children at Mukeu School in Limuru, Kenya. Look for first-person accounts and additional photos in December.

So who am I, you ask? You may have seen me around campus, at an event, talking to students or alumni, taking notes. I love working as a staff member at Fontbonne for the many reasons above and a thousand more. My goal now, as the editor of *Tableaux*, is to bring these reasons to you and remind you why Fontbonne holds a special place in your heart, too.

Elizabeth Hise Brennan



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

Dinner Goes Global

Educational representatives from around the world convened at Fontbonne University in December, concluding a week-long training institute on international education sponsored by EducationUSA.

The annual institute is an intensive training and professional development program designed to assist and train educational advisers from around the world. Advisers participate in expert-led workshops and activities, and gain first-hand experience of U.S. higher education institutions. The institute comprises

two main components: a Washington, DC-based workshop, including sessions at the U.S. Department of State, and a St. Louis component, where advisors participated in on-campus training at Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis University and St. Louis Community College at Meramec. Fontbonne hosted the closing dinner, held in the Dunham Student Activity Center.

EducationUSA is a global network of more than 400 advising centers supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.



Fontbonne representatives, including Dr. Dennis Golden (far left) and Monica Golden (center, sitting) welcomed guests from around the world.



Motivated to Improve Enrollment

For the past six months, Suzanne Swope has gotten to know the ins and outs of life at Fontbonne. She initially came to campus as the interim vice president for enrollment management, but she recently accepted the position on a permanent

basis. Those who have worked with her will tell you she's more than enthusiastic about her new job. As Fontbonne's vice president for enrollment management, Swope leads the admissions team, the office of international affairs, OPTIONS,

the office of financial aid, and the office of communications and marketing.

Swope moved to St. Louis from the east coast, where she served in varying administration roles, most recently vice president for enrollment management and student affairs at the University of Bridgeport and, prior to that, Emerson College, where she worked for 18 years, served as vice president for enrollment and student affairs, and was also a tenured professor. She also spent more than 10 years at George Mason University as an associate vice president for information management and reporting, as well as vice provost for academic support administration. Swope began her career as a faculty member — all three of her degrees are in speech pathology and audiology, a specialty that makes her an even stronger fit for Fontbonne.



Social Work Prof Writes About Sea Adventures

Jennifer Wallis, adjunct professor in Fontbonne University's social work program, recently published a children's book titled, "Adventures with Scarlet the Dolphin: Green Sea Turtles."

The book chronicles the adventures of 8-year-old Hailey who lives on the beach and goes on ocean adventures with her best friend, Scarlet the Dolphin. During the

months of February and March, Wallis donated one book for every 10 sold to the Pajama Program, a nonprofit organization that provides new pajamas and books for children in need. Wallis hopes to make a series out of her "Adventures with Scarlet the Dolphin" books.

Alumna Becomes Woman of Achievement

St. Louis-based Women of Achievement honored Fontbonne University alumna Carol Kuehn Voss '69 this spring as one of 10 women to earn the 2012 Women of Achievement Award. Voss earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Fontbonne.

The award, originally created by the St. Louis-Globe Democrat in 1955, honors and recognizes the volunteer efforts of women in the St. Louis area, whose actions improve the quality of life within their community.

The awardees were honored at a May luncheon at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.



Members of FISH delivered more than 300 board games to the Joplin School District during their service trip this past winter.

Sharing the Spirit of Service with Joplin

The Fontbonne University community came together during the holiday season to support the children of Joplin, Mo., affected by last year's devastating tornado. Faculty, staff, students and alumni donated a total of 307 board and Wii games to the cause. Games were collected at Christmas Around Campus, as well as at the staff and faculty holiday party.

Donations were delivered in January when student members of FISH (Fontbonne In Service and Humility) traveled to Joplin and assisted the Joplin First Church of the Nazarene in their work with local organizations for tornado relief.

Kinkel Center Director Says Goodbye

After 17 years at Fontbonne, Jane Snyder, director of the Kinkel Center for Academic Resources, located in the Jack C. Taylor Library, retired at the end of the 2011-2012 academic year. For nearly two decades, she contributed to Fontbonne's educational development and innumerable students' academic advancement.

"I started by myself with seven computers, the first in the library, and I had to set them up myself," she wrote in a farewell email to the campus community. "Since that day, I have watched the university grow and change. We have worked with over 700 students with disabilities, we now give about 3,000 tests per year, and I have a wonderful staff to thank as I leave."

Alums Named to Biz Journal's 40 Under 40

The St. Louis Business Journal named Fontbonne University alumni Adam Sommer, Charlie Schwartz and Sarajeni Carter Hammond to its 2012 list of 40 Under 40 honorees.

Sommer, 29, works as a business leader in product security for MasterCard Worldwide, whose operations center is located in O'Fallon, Mo. He graduated from Fontbonne in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and currently serves as a member of Fontbonne's alumni association board of directors.

Schwartz, 34, is a new adviser training program manager for Wells Fargo Advisors. He graduated from Fontbonne's OPTIONS program with an MBA in 2006.

Hammond, 36, is director of organizational development for Emerson Electric Co's Process Management-Valve Automation Group. She graduated from Fontbonne in 2000 with an MBA.

The honorees were chosen based on their career achievements and community work. More than 450 St. Louisans were nominated.



Hail to the Griffins!

For 89 years, Fontbonne students have never had a fight song to show their school spirit. This year, Fontbonne's mission and heritage committee made sure the university wouldn't turn 90 without one. Students, staff, faculty and alumni were invited to submit music and lyrics for original Fontbonne fight songs via online video. Then, throughout April, the university community voted for their favorite. The winning fight song, written by Darrell Barber, financial aid IT coordinator at Fontbonne and longtime musician, was unveiled during the university's annual SpringFest, when the Fontbonne Beat, a new student singing group, and the Griffin Girls dance team presented the tune and lyrics to the campus community.

Familiarize yourself with the lyrics below, and listen to the song at www.fontbonne.edu/fightsong.

Griffin Pride

By Darrell Barber

*Hail to the Griffins, brave and true,
Hail to our Fontbonne Pride.
Purple and gold is on the move,
Watch us as we roll by.
When times are tough, we'll fight 'til we win,
This is our battle cry.
Go! Go! Go Fontbonne!
The Griffins are flying high!*

In Vogue: St. Louis Fashion

Fontbonne University's fashion merchandising instructors and students will strike a pose Saturday, Nov. 3, when they welcome a Missouri History Museum Discovery Tour to campus. Discovery Tours are day-long local excursions designed to explore historic themes at locations throughout St. Louis.

"In Vogue: St. Louis Fashion" is the final tour of the 2012 schedule. After viewing exhibitions at the Missouri History Museum, a presentation by a seamstress for Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and work by a local fashion designer, participants will tour Fontbonne's fashion merchandising facilities and learn more about an education and career in the fashion world.

This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$65 for Missouri History Museum members and \$75 for non-members. To learn more, visit www.mohistory.org, email reserve@mohistory.org or call 314.361.9017.

Local Playwright Wins Contest

Mustard Seed Theatre named "The Geography of Nowhere," by St. Louis actor, director and writer Joshua Cook, as winner of its inaugural New Play Contest. The play depicts the journey of three individuals who share little in common aside from apartment walls but are united by the drive to build a spiritual utopia.

More than 60 plays from around the country were submitted to Mustard Seed Theatre's New Play Contest and were read "blind" (with no identifying information) by the judging panel. Three semi-finalists included "When God Came to Babylon" by Dori Appeal, "Temptations of the Father" by DJ Sanders, and "An Invitation Out" also by Joshua Cook.

"The Geography of Nowhere" was directed by New Play Contest Coordinator Emily Immer and produced by Mustard Seed Theatre as a staged reading at the Black Box Theatre on Fontbonne's campus in late April.

MST plans to hold a second contest in late 2012. Check www.mustardseedtheatre.com for details.

Alum Recognized as High School Teacher of the Year

Michael Hodapp MA '08, a graduate of Fontbonne's Paraprofessionals Pathways to Teaching program and a current adjunct instructor with the university, was recognized as the 2012 Mehlville High School Teacher of the Year. The Mehlville School District honored him and other teachers in the district at an event this May. Hodapp, a staff member with the Special School District of St. Louis County, is a social studies teacher at the high school.

Griffins Softball Wins SLIAC Tourney

The Fontbonne University women's softball team proved their mettle yet again during the 2012 season. The Griffins, 27-10 overall, claimed the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) regular season championship, later winning their third straight SLIAC Tournament. The women then traveled to Peoria, Ill., to compete in the NCAA Div. III Softball Tournament, but bowed out in the first round.

The season still ended on a high note, with many team members taking home post-season conference accolades, including junior pitcher Kourtney VonBehren as 2012 SLIAC Pitcher of the Year, and coach Bill Rosner earning the title of 2012 SLIAC Softball Coach of the Year.

'First Couple' Receive Crème de la Clayton Award

Dr. Dennis Golden, Fontbonne University president, and his wife, Monica, were honored in April with the Crème de la Clayton Award at Clayton City Hall. The Golden's have lived in Clayton since 1995 when he became the 13th president of the university.

The award was established in 2005 to recognize selected Clayton citizens for their

community work and exemplary leadership. Awardees are actively engaged residents, business people or businesses who have gone above and beyond to serve the city and enhance the quality of life for all residents, employees and visitors, according to Clayton officials.

"Monica and I are humbled by this award, and, of course, proud to have lived and worked in Clayton for many years," Golden said. "On behalf of Fontbonne's students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors and our sponsors, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, we are honored to be part of the vital and vibrant Clayton community."



Dr. and Mrs. Golden accept the Crème de la Clayton Award for their work and leadership within the community of Clayton.

Education Partnership Honored

The professional development partnership between Fontbonne University's Teacher Education Unit, the Brentwood School District and the Special School District of St. Louis County received national recognition this past year. The Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education (AILACTE) granted its 2011 Models of Excellence Award in recognition of the collaborative efforts of university faculty and staff, along with the faculty and staff of the participating school districts. The association looks at partnerships around the nation.

The award is for undergraduate or graduate professional educator preparation programs that represent one of four qualities of excellence: moral and ethical dimensions of the learning community, partnerships, liberal arts, or global awareness and action.

"This partnership has grown from a small, middle school initiative to a district-wide enterprise, encompassing pre-school, elementary, middle and high school," said Dr. Bill Freeman, Fontbonne's recently retired dean of education. "The reciprocal benefits are compelling: Fontbonne pre-service teachers are able to see real schools in action; students from participating schools are tutored and mentored by pre-service teachers. It is truly a win/win collaboration."

The program began in 1995 as a partnership between Fontbonne and the Brentwood Schools, with the Special School District joining in 2007. Today, the partnership serves as an opportunity to train university students in real-world classrooms, enhance the professional development of elementary, middle and high school teachers at schools throughout St. Louis County, and benefit each partner across all levels.

Fontbonne representatives were honored at the AILACTE Annual Conference in Chicago in February.



Accepting the AILACTE award: (l-r) Dr. Ruth Irvine, Fontbonne's director of advanced programs in education and coordinator of unit assessment; Cary Tuckey, Fontbonne's director of student teaching and chair/executive committee member of the Fontbonne University-Brentwood School District partnership; Nancy Queathem-Hauptert, 6th grade science teacher, Brentwood Middle School, and co-chair/executive committee member of the Fontbonne University-Brentwood School District partnership; and Dr. Judith Failoni, Fontbonne professor of education and founding member of the Fontbonne University-Brentwood School District partnership.



Unique Dietetics Program Launched

A new supervised practice program at Fontbonne University will give qualified dietetics students a leg up in becoming registered dietitians. The university

is piloting an Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways (ISPP) program, the only one of its kind offered in the St. Louis area to offer supervised practice as part of a graduate degree.

Nutrition professionals who want to become, and remain, registered dietitians must meet rigorous education and registration requirements, including supervised practice experience. Half of the dietetics students who graduate with a bachelor's degree can't secure internship opportunities — there are simply too few to accommodate the steadily growing field.

"The surge of interest in nutrition and healthy lifestyles has resulted in an enrollment increase for dietetic and nutrition programs on U.S. college campuses," said Dr. Cheryl Houston, professor and director of Fontbonne's dietetics program. "At the same time, the number of accredited supervised practice

program sites has not kept pace with this growing interest."

Through the Fontbonne program, students who have not been matched to a formal internship program can enroll in the university's Master of Arts degree in human environmental sciences with a concentration in multidisciplinary health communication studies. They will also then complete their ISPPs program, a new opportunity developed by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the American Dietetic Association).

"The ISPPs program is another way for us to help students reach their professional goals, offering them a flexible, individualized approach to registration," Houston said. "Because it is directly connected to our master's degree program, students with a bachelor's degree in dietetics can earn an advanced degree and receive the valuable supervised practice experience they need to become registered dietitians at the same time."

Although the program has reached its maximum capacity of 12 students and is no longer accepting applications for this year, Fontbonne is currently enlisting the expertise of RDs in the St. Louis area — including Fontbonne alumni — to serve as preceptors, or mentors, in the program. For more information, visit www.fontbonne.edu/ISPP, call 314.889.1415 or email hesdept@fontbonne.edu.

Professor Advocates for Children during Meetings in Nation's Capitol

Dr. Sarah Huisman, assistant professor in the department of human environmental sciences, traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. Along with colleagues from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Huisman lobbied for reauthorizing the Child Care and Development Block Grant and improving the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit. In addition, she discussed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization, and she was briefed by various political advisers, experts and leaders during her visit.



Alumna Selected for Conference Hall of Fame

Fontbonne alum Nicole Moyer was inducted into the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) Hall of Fame, becoming a member of the 2012 SLIAC Hall of Fame class.

Moyer was a four-year letter winner for the Griffins volleyball team, earning All-Conference honors in each of her four years. In addition to numerous individual honors, she also helped lead Fontbonne to four consecutive SLIAC Championships and NCAA Tournament appearances. Moyer was inducted into the Fontbonne University Hall of Fame in 2011.

◀ Trio of Dedicated Educators Retire

Three pillars in the Fontbonne University education department retired this year. Dr. William Freeman (center), dean of education, Kathleen Schwarting (left), director of Paraprofessional Pathways to Teaching, and Dr. Gene Schwarting (right), professor of education/special education, all said goodbye to the campus community at the end of the 2011–2012 school year. They were honored for their service with a packed reception at the end of April, and Freeman and Dr. Schwarting were both appointed professors emeriti. All three have taught at Fontbonne for more than a decade and are known for their passion and dedication to their students and their field.

New Kids in Class

Fontbonne strives to always evolve and grow to meet the needs of its students. In the fall of 2012, the university will offer three new bachelor's degrees and one new master's degree.

Bachelor of Science in Management: This program prepares students with skills and knowledge necessary for successful planning, organization and leadership. Students will gain a deeper understanding of not only management, but of people and therefore the business world.

Bachelor of Arts in Applied Behavioral Sciences: Students who would like to explore careers in public health, human services, hospitals and other people-centric jobs will gain a sturdy foundation in the applied behavioral sciences program. The ABS program will be offered in the evenings.

Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management: The demand for human resource professionals is quickly growing. The bachelor's in human resource management is designed for adults who work or aspire to work in management positions within the field. This blended online/evening program provides a solid business foundation in addition to the human resource focus.

Master of Accountancy: Designed for those with an undergraduate degree in accounting, this program will prepare students to sit for the Certified Public Accounting exam. The program emphasizes financial decision-making, ethical awareness and sound auditing practices. The accelerated format and mix of weekend and evening courses is perfect for busy adults who would like to earn their master's.

Networking News

Within the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, a new position will make corporate outreach an increased priority for Fontbonne. Marsha Clark, the university's newly hired director of corporate and external recruitment, will develop and maintain relationships with businesses and organizations throughout St. Louis, connecting them with online, evening and weekend degree programs, as well as programs tailored specifically to corporate clients.

Clark's office is located at Fontbonne's Brentwood location. Connect with her at mclark@fontbonne.edu or 314.889.4673.



Senior Receives SLIAC Honor

Bill Boxdorfer '12 was named the 2012 SLIAC Male Scholar Athlete of the Year — the first male athlete to receive this honor at Fontbonne. In recognition of his achievements, Boxdorfer was invited to speak at the SLIAC Inaugural Awards Banquet about his experience at Fontbonne both academically and as a member of the cross country and track teams.

Athlete Chosen to Represent Conference

Fontbonne University junior and men's basketball guard, Daniel Lisch, has been selected to represent the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the Ohio Athletic Conference on the NCAA Division-III National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

The SAAC is made up of 24 student athletes who provide insight on the rules, regulations and policies of the division. The committee works to enhance the athlete experience through promoting opportunities available to student athletes, fostering a positive student athlete image and more.

Advancing Advancement

In recent months, the institutional advancement department has welcomed a number of new employees to the university. If you're on campus, feel free to stop in, shake hands, and put faces with these new names.

Jill Hofherr, *Advancement Services Manager*

Kathy Kinney, *Alumni Assistant*

Lauren Sauer, *Director of Development Events and Constituency Relations*

Wendy Schneider, *Director of Grants*

Vicki White, *Director of Annual Giving and Institutional Advancement Research*



Three Alums Inducted into Fontbonne's Hall of Fame

The athletic department inducted three alumni into the Fontbonne Hall of Fame during the university's annual athletic awards banquet. The 2012 class includes men's golf standout Rich Faeth, women's volleyball defensive star Sarah Heger and women's softball ace Holly Reichel.

Faeth earned First-Team All-Conference honors in each of his three years as a Griffin, placing in the top five at the SLIAC Tournament in each of those three years. Heger was a defensive specialist on the Griffins volleyball team, which won the SLIAC regular season championship during each of the four seasons she played. Reichel was a two-year softball standout at Fontbonne and earned SLIAC First-Team All-Conference honors both years. During her season year, she finished 52 in the country in earned run average.

Breaking New Ground

This May, the Fontbonne community broke ground for the F.R.E.S.H. Greens Garden, located in the outdoor atrium of the Fine Arts Building. Organized by the human environmental sciences

department and the dietetics program, the garden will be maintained by volunteers from a variety of campus organizations and the kids of camp F.R.E.S.H.™, Fontbonne's summer day camp for middle schoolers. Mary Beth Ohlms (center), dietetics instructor and director of camp F.R.E.S.H.™, was instrumental in the garden's development. Katheryn Eldridge (left) and Charity Brennan (right), both dietetics students, wrote and submitted grants to help fund the project.



Fontbonne Continues NCAA Compliance

Dear Friends and Alumni:

I am pleased to report that Fontbonne has successfully completed the first of two years of probation pursuant to an agreement reached with the NCAA in April 2011. During the probation, Fontbonne is required to comply with NCAA rules to the same extent as any other Division III school. The probation does not restrict the opportunities of our students and teams to participate and compete in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (SLIAC), the Midwest Lacrosse Conference (MLC), the Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference (MWLC), the Continental Volleyball Conference (CVC) or any NCAA sports or championship play. Nor has any student, team or coach been penalized in any manner.

As a reminder, the investigation resulted in probation because Fontbonne mistakenly considered high school athletic participation as one of many factors for eligibility for a particular award. Fontbonne also made a mistake by permitting two coaches to initially rate students for eligibility for awards. Fontbonne never intended to circumvent the NCAA rules. Once these violations came to our attention, we immediately — and voluntarily — reviewed our processes and made the necessary changes. We are confident that we will complete the probation without difficulty and are committed to that task.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that there are strict NCAA restrictions on what benefits alumni and friends of Fontbonne may provide to our student athletes. If you are considering offering assistance to our student-athletes outside of our established channels for supporting university programs, you must contact Maria Eftink, Fontbonne athletic director, prior to taking action.

Fontbonne has a long-standing history of values-based education, and we remain committed to providing an environment where students can obtain a meaningful education and have the opportunity to fully participate in athletics.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Maria Eftink at 314-889-4533 or meftink@fontbonne.edu.

Sincerely,

Dennis C. Golden

YOU
are our
greatest
ambassador.



We encourage you to refer a friend, a son, a daughter, a neighbor or a colleague to enroll at Fontbonne and experience the same environment, educators and community that helped make you the person you are today.

Contact the admissions office for more information, and help someone else become a Griffin too.

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A Wonderful Life

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan



I met with Sister Jane Hassett, CSJ, thinking we'd have a proper interview, discussing her 13 years as president of Fontbonne University, then Fontbonne College, her days as the university's archivist, and her thoughts about where Fontbonne is headed in 2012, the year of her retirement. But time spent with Sister Jane is never proper. It's a hoot. Sister Jane is always honest, ever thoughtful and full of warm humor and sharp wit. And at the end of our time together, I discovered happily that we talked less about business and more about life, which ultimately, seems much more appropriate.

Sister Jane, 84, was Fontbonne's 11th president, the first to be appointed by the board of trustees, not by a superior within the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Her presidency, which extended from 1972-1985, oversaw significant milestones for the university: full coeducation in 1973, expanded adult education opportunities, development of the first post-graduate degree in communication disorders in 1975, the celebration of the college's 50th and 60th anniversaries, and a continuous and significant increase in enrollment, growth and funding throughout her term.

But Sister Jane did not always want to be a college president. For a while, she didn't even want to be a teacher. "I went to Maryville College in way South City. I graduated from there in 1949, and I had no job skills after college," the St. Louis native said drolly. "I'm not joking. A lot of my friends were student teaching, and I said, 'Me teach? Never!'"

In October of 1949, the 21-year-old went to business school for six months, then commuted to downtown St. Louis to the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. where she found a job as a secretary. She worked for 13 months, at the end of which she made a life-changing decision: she would join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

"In college, we would have these girls' evenings. Women I knew were going into religious orders. And at the time, I thought,

The Fontbonne University archives, located in the basement of the Jack C. Taylor Library, contain historic university artifacts and documents. Sister Jane Hassett has a story about nearly every one of them, including those pictured above, like the bronze chain representing each graduating class, the trowel used to lay the cornerstone of Ryan Hall, and the May Queen's crown.

"There's nothing to keep me from doing that — except I don't want to.' My mother's youngest sister, Ruth, was a CSJ, but she never pushed it on me."

Sister Jane felt drawn to the Sisters of St. Joseph. Other religious orders acted too "lady-like," she remembered, or were healthcare-oriented. Everyone loved her Aunt Ruth, and Sister Jane thought she could follow in her footsteps. The CSJs seemed to suit her spirit and passion. But it was difficult at the beginning.

"Think of yourself as a novice, and for every moment of every day for two and a half years, your time is never your own." She raised her eyebrows. "There was no air conditioning, and we wore these 100 percent wool serge habits, even in the middle of summer. But ... " she paused. "Okay!" Sister Jane shrugged and grinned. As she has always done, she resigned herself to the novitiate — and to her wool habit — with her typical good humor.

She spent the next few years traveling from city to city, wherever her superiors sent her, teaching grade and high school. And she learned to love teaching, especially history.

"I really liked teaching — you're the captain of the ship! I think I was an interesting teacher, and I'm also funny, which the students didn't seem to mind," Sister Jane grinned.

After teaching in grade and high schools in Kansas City, Mo., Waco, Texas, and Marquette, Mich., and even in the history department at Fontbonne, Sister Jane's superiors sent her to travel with another CSJ to Paris. In 1962, while her fellow CSJ studied organ with a master teacher, she worked on her doctoral dissertation in European history.

But an adventurous year abroad came to an abrupt halt when her father's sudden death brought her back to St. Louis. She would remain stateside with her family, in spite of a planned European tour.

In 1967, Sister Jane finished her doctorate at St. Louis University, where she had also earned a master's degree. She liked higher education, she said, and when the position of Fontbonne College president opened up, she felt prepared to take on the challenge. After all, she had a lifelong connection to the university, having roller-skated up and down its sidewalks as a child when she visited her grandaunts and uncles, who lived in and originally owned Wydown House. She herself became a member of Fontbonne's founding order. She embodied Fontbonne's mission, vision and ministry. And so, Sister Jane began to feel at home.

"We were in tough financial times," she said of the school in her early years as president. "Our employees were doing more than they were expected to do. They were working on frozen salaries, but no one quit. I was so impressed. Once we got into the business of fundraising, we could work on enrolling students."

In 1973, under Sister Jane's leadership, the college operated debt free for the first time in five years. By 1983, Fontbonne's 60th anniversary, enrollment had grown to 940 students and 119 faculty members. Although she's proud of these accomplishments, she's more proud of the spirit of the school, the students past and present, and the many celebrations, ceremonies and achievements she's witnessed.

"The best day is commencement day, don't you think?" she asked. "You look at those families, and they may be there watching the first student in their family to graduate from college."

After she retired from the presidency in 1975, Sister Jane worked as the administrator of a St. Louis Archdiocesan retirement community and as the executive director of the Sisters' Energy Conservation Program. She later returned to Fontbonne as an archivist — a "walking history of the institution" — until her official retirement this past January. And on March 19, she celebrated her 60th jubilee as a CSJ.

"Life has been good to me," she said, her eyes twinkling. Lucky for the Fontbonne community, Sister Jane Hassett, CSJ, past president, historian, educator, traveler and eternal optimist, has been good to us, too.



As president of Fontbonne College, Sister Jane Hassett awards a diploma during a commencement ceremony.

A History of Fontbonne

During her time as archivist, Sister Jane Hassett wrote two books about the history of Fontbonne University: "As Strong as the Granite," detailing the university's first 75 years, and "A Decade of Growth — 1999-2009." You can read these books in Fontbonne's Jack C. Taylor Library.



(L-R) Darryl Jones, Allison Coleman and Villajeane Jones feel grateful for the opportunity they have to get to know one another. The Joneses sponsor a scholarship Coleman receives to help fund her college education.

A LIVING CONNECTION

SCHOLARSHIPS BIND GENERATIONS AND PEOPLE

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan



Students at the 2011–2012 Fontbonne University Scholarship Luncheon, held every spring, took the opportunity to honor their scholarship sponsors and thank them personally.

Ninety-three percent of full-time Fontbonne University undergraduate students receive some sort of financial aid. Many of them, like Allison Coleman, a senior speech-language pathology major, receive aid through endowed scholarships generously funded by companies, organizations, families and individuals. Coleman's scholarship is funded by Darryl Jones, a proud husband and St. Louis businessman who named a scholarship in honor of his wife, Villajeane Jones, a Fontbonne alumna. The Villajeane Jones Endowed Scholarship helps make Coleman's education possible — and much more personal than simply a financial aid notice.

Coleman, who calls Indianapolis home, chose Fontbonne specifically for its nationally recognized communication disorders and deaf education programs. Villajeane Jones did too, earning a master's degree in communication disorders in 1994.

"We were a small department, which was very nurturing," noted Villajeane, who has worked in the field of speech-language pathology for more than 30 years. "We really got to know our professors on a personal and professional level. They were just as friendly and welcoming then as they are now."

Her husband, the managing partner of St. Louis-based D&D Concessions LLC, a food and beverage contracting company, supported her through the program and quickly became an ardent university supporter. He served as a member of Fontbonne's board of trustees from 2002 – 2011, and he continues to proudly sport Fontbonne T-shirts around town.

"Fontbonne has been dear to me in that my wife graduated with her master's, and our niece graduated with a master's in speech-language pathology," he explained. "We've been

blessed through the years; Fontbonne is a great institution to support, so a scholarship is a wonderful way to give back."

The Villajeane M. Jones '94 Endowed Scholarship supports a student based on academic merit and financial need. Coleman has received the award two years in a row.

"I was on the board, and I knew the financial needs of the students. These students need some type of assistance to fulfill their dreams. What better way to help do that than to fund a scholarship in my wife's name?" Darryl said.

"In my field, we always need speech therapists," Villajeane said, nodding. "We never have enough. This way, we promote the field and assist the students at the same time."

And getting to know the students they help? That's the proverbial icing on the cake, for both the sponsors and the students.

"Meeting the Joneses really gives meaning to my scholarship," said Coleman, who plans to continue her education and become a doctor of audiology. "I'm more thankful. You know who's giving you the money versus simply getting money from admissions."

Darryl agreed. "To see who receives the money is rewarding. It's not just going to a general fund. And having it go to a student like Allie, well, we're just so proud."

To make a difference in the life of a student and learn more about sponsoring a Fontbonne University endowed or annual scholarship, contact Sandra Lehrer, vice president of institutional advancement, at 314.889.4701 or slehrer@fontbonne.edu.

Champions for a Cause

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

With a topic near and dear to their hearts, it wasn't a difficult decision for June and Charles Gallagher to agree to be community chairs for Fontbonne University's 2012 dedicated semester. Foodology: The Culture, Economics and Science of Food was a natural fit for these longtime donors and friends of the university who have agreed to lend their extensive experience, knowledge and enthusiasm to this annual fall tradition.

Charles Gallagher, humbly self-described as "just a businessman," is the chairman of the board of United Fruit and Produce Co., a business he bought, developed and cultivated himself. The son of Irish immigrants, he's been in the produce industry since childhood, he said, when he guarded a pile of watermelons for 25 cents a day. He went on to work in the produce section of a grocery store, open his own produce stand, and then take a sales job with United Fruit and Produce Co. on St. Louis' Produce Row.

"I had never been on Produce Row, and I was new to business, but I was a natural," he described. "I could engage people, talk to them and convince them to buy things. I helped grow the company, and in 1976, I bought it."

Charles took the company from a small business to a nationally known competitor in the fresh produce industry. Today, this avid art and classic car collector continues to work five days per week as the company's board chairman.

"The big thing about our business is food safety, and the dedicated semester is an opportunity to talk about that, as well as how the business works, top to bottom," Charles said. "We might bring in someone from Dierbergs to talk about the retail side of things or someone from our company to talk about packaging. The topic is so far-reaching and complex."

His wife, June, feels that most people don't fully consider where their food comes from and how complex the industry

truly is. This gracious, soft-spoken woman is a registered nurse and holds a master's degree in counseling, and she is trained as a Stephen Minister, a nondenominational lay caregiver. She worked as a critical care nurse and counselor up until her recent retirement, and she believes food also plays another role — an essential part of the healing process, which must encompass mind, body and spirit. "Food is always involved in the comfort and care of patients, even if it's just simply piquing their appetite," she said. "A very critical part of treatment must be nourishment."

For both of the Gallaghers, the topic of food and food safety is important on a personal level.

"Our involvement in the dedicated semester comes down to family, whether it's Fontbonne or our own," Charles said. "We have an investment also — seven children and 12 grandchildren. If there's a problem in the food chain, it could affect them. And subsequently, it could affect a lot of other families. It's important that people have an understanding of what they're consuming."

But the Gallaghers agree there's a fun side to food, too. Their favorite meals usually involve spaghetti and meatballs or other hearty, filling, Italian fair. And when they're not traveling, working or volunteering, the couple is occasionally joined by their whole clan for a meal at home. Do they cook often?

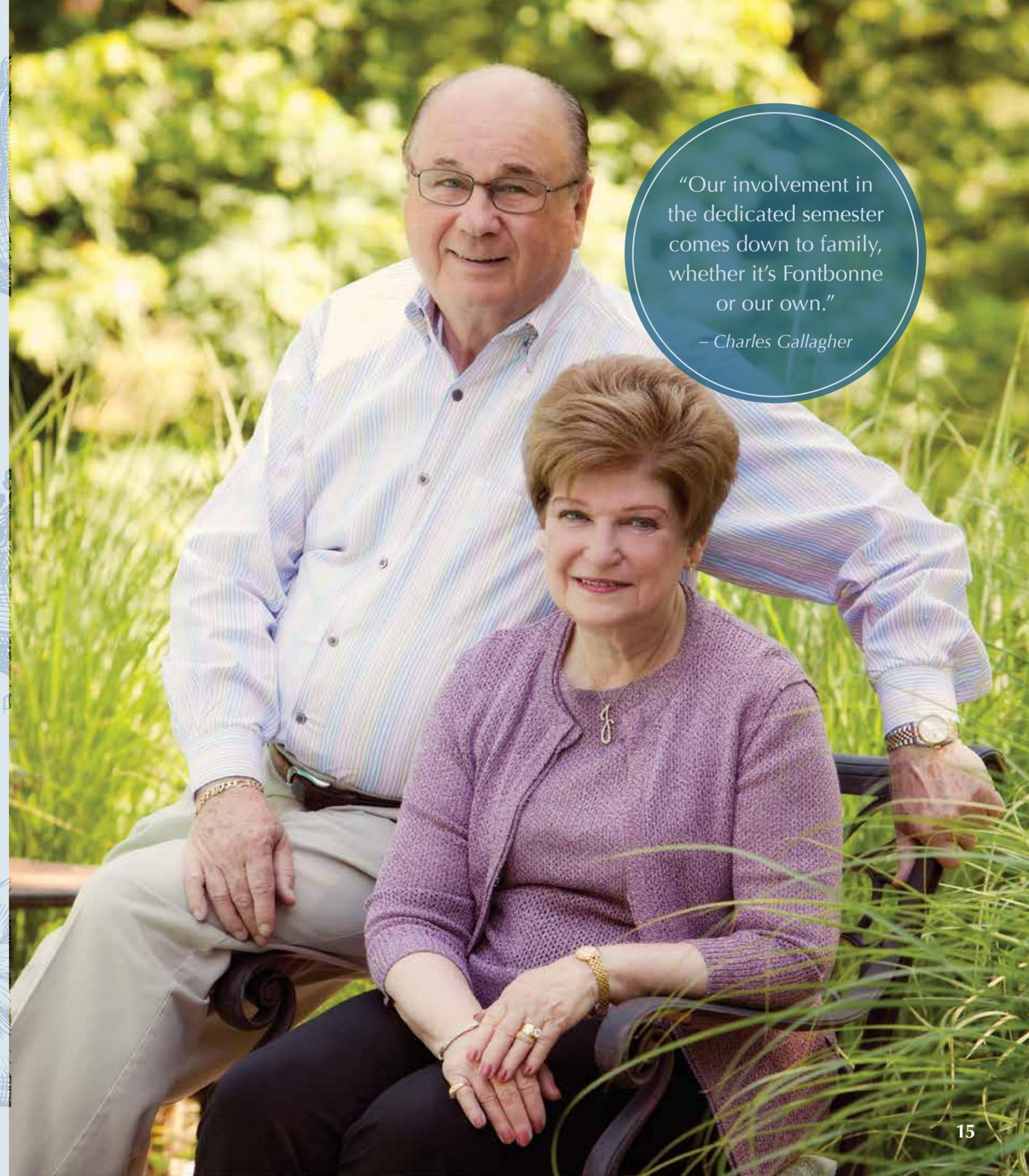
"I am a cook, but it was most often in a cauldron," June laughed. "You can't do anything gourmet when you're cooking for that many people, including children."

Alumni are invited and encouraged to participate in dedicated semester events, so join the campus community and look for the Gallaghers this fall.

For more information, visit www.fontbonne.edu/dedicated or like the Fontbonne University Dedicated Semester on Facebook.

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— Charles Gallagher



EVERYONE NEEDS IT.

IT FULFILLS AND SUSTAINS US.

SOME OF US HAVE MORE THAN WE NEED, WHILE OTHERS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH.

The 2012 Fontbonne University Dedicated Semester will look at food, a seemingly bland topic that, in fact, flavors our lives in more ways than we can imagine. The semester-long theme gives faculty, staff, students, alumni and the greater community the opportunity to explore the many ways food affects us, the impact food has on our psychological and physical health, and the political and economic ramifications it holds.

"This is a topic that touches everyone," said Ame Mead-Roach, director of online programs and co-chair of the 2012 dedicated semester. "We tend to look at it one-dimensionally, but there are so many different aspects."

Through academic courses, film series, tastings, restaurant tours, cooking competitions, cultural food celebrations and numerous discussions, participants will look at how food is treated culturally, how it impacts the economy, and the connections it has with science.

With all of these options, what can participants expect this fall? More field trips, for one, said Jaimette McCulley, assistant professor of dietetics and dedicated semester co-chair. Experiential and service learning are top priorities. A trip to the Schlafly Farmers Market and a tour of the business' microbrewery in Maplewood, Mo., is already in the planning stages. The Missouri Botanical Garden has made a commitment to a few exciting collaborations, one in which Fontbonne students will assist in the development of an exhibit that is part of the garden's 2013 year of activities featuring plants as food. Another offers the garden's popular educational sessions on coffee, tea, chocolate and vanilla to dedicated semester participants at a much-reduced rate.

Organizers are making connections to the Foodology theme every day as they identify courses and events that have a natural tie. Just a few of the events tied in include the International Bazaar, a campus play and the university's annual fall academic convocation, which will feature as guest speaker Curt Ellis, creator of the hit documentaries, "King Corn," "The Greening of Southie," "Big River," and "Truck Farm."

"We get wrapped up in our own trips to the grocery store, and we never realize how our food consumption impacts the greater world," Mead-Roach said.

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Sister Mary Carol Anth Bids a
Fond Farewell to Fontbonne

By Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Sister Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, began her association with Fontbonne University 59 years ago as a student. After her graduation in 1957 with a degree in dietetics, she would later return to serve the university as a home economics (now human environmental sciences) faculty member, department chair and, most recently, associate dean of academic affairs. Although she officially retired at the end of the 2010–2011 school year, she continued to work part-time in the academic advising office as assistant director. This past May was her final month at the university after 47 years of service, and she leaves in her shadow a long history of dedication to her students, commitment to her field, and a true representation of the Fontbonne mission.

In a 2008 *Tableaux* article, Sister Mary Carol expressed pride for her alma mater, a place, she said, that has never wavered from its core values.

"The many changes and additions that Fontbonne has experienced over the years have been in keeping with the original mission of service — service based on the needs of the times and service, especially, through education," she said. "We have stayed true to our mission and heritage."

Sister Mary Carol herself has contributed to this unwavering commitment and to the growth of the university throughout the years. Her greatest achievements, she said, include the quadrupled growth of the department of home economics, program accreditation and approval by prestigious accrediting bodies, and serving as coordinator and co-coordinator of two

university-wide accrediting self-studies.

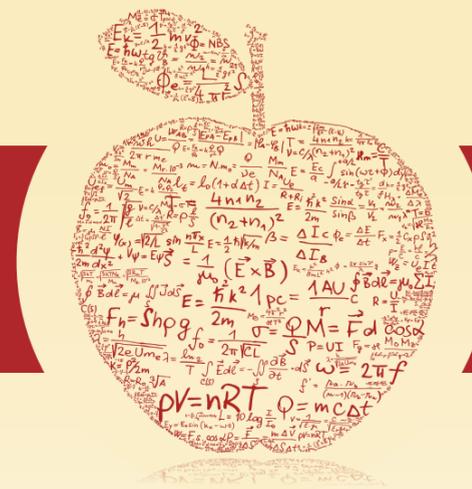
"Fontbonne is a gem and people need to know that," she said. "There are amazing things happening here that can enhance a student's education, including the dedicated semester, the extensive number of exciting field-based experiences, the wonderful performances coming from the theatre department, and more."

The university community is as equally proud of — and grateful for — Sister Mary Carol's service. She has received numerous Fontbonne awards, including the 1987 Founder's Day Award, the 1999 Fontbonne/Carondelet Heritage Award, and the 2005 Alumni Service to the University Award. Her friends, family and colleagues founded the Sister Mary Carol Anth, CSJ '57 Endowed Scholarship, which assists one student each year, and when she announced her retirement, many more made donations in her honor.

In this way and so many others, Sister Mary Carol will continue to be a part of the Fontbonne community for years to come. As she looks beyond her career, she anticipates travel and reflection in her future, beginning with the fulfillment of a lifelong dream — an Alaskan cruise — this summer. Wherever she travels, she enjoys meeting others who appreciate her alma mater just as she does. "I am always overjoyed when students, not just from a small radius of 100 miles or so, but from far reaching states and countries, express to us how thrilled they are with their Fontbonne experience."

A Most Excellent Adventure

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan



You may not know her name, but chances are, if you've spent much time at Fontbonne University, you recognize Kay Graves. She can often be found on the fourth floor of Ryan Hall, teaching, chatting with students or laughing in her shared office space with fellow math professor Nancy "Doc" English. Graves has taught mathematics at Fontbonne for the past 17 years. This year, she added a new accolade to her curriculum vitae: **recipient of the 2012 Joan Goostree Stevens Excellence in Teaching Award.**

Like many college students, Graves had no idea what she wanted to do with her life as an undergraduate at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. So she studied math because she knew she liked it. After graduation, she followed her future husband to grad school at Iowa State University, still unsure of her career path. There, she thrived.

"I became a teacher's assistant and discovered that I liked this teaching thing. I had a good rapport with the students, who, looking back..." she paused. "I wasn't much older than they were, actually."

She and her husband completed their degrees, then traveled to Texas, where Graves began teaching at a community college in Bryan, Texas. They moved to St. Louis in 1992, and Graves stayed at home for a few years to raise their three children.

"In 1995, I came to Fontbonne as an adjunct. Dr. Golden (Fontbonne's current president) and I came in at the same time," she remembered. "When a full-time position opened up, I jumped at it."

Graves hasn't stopped since then. She strives to make her classroom a place where students feel at ease, a place where time flies.

"Hopefully class with me is laid back and comfortable," said Graves, who teaches all levels of math classes, from introductory to advanced. "I want students to feel comfortable asking questions. I never belittle questions. If someone has one, as simple as it may be, that means that others may have the same question."

She attempts to dig them out of the mire of detail and get them to look at the big picture. "I want them to ask, 'Does this make sense?'"

Clearly, it does. Fontbonne students and Graves' colleagues have taken notice of her hard work and dedication. When she heard she was the Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, the thoughtful professor was stunned.

"I was very humbled. Very pleased. And maybe empowered," she added. "We all spend a lot of time on prep work. This just reconfirms that I am making a difference. There are many great teachers on campus — I just wish everyone could have a turn."

Outside of the classroom, Graves explores her creative side through sewing, and she spends many of her Saturday afternoons at her parish, refereeing grade school volleyball games. At Fontbonne, she serves as the faculty athletic representative,

a role in which she advocates for student-athletes, signs off on NCAA reports, and supports the Griffin teams on campus.

"It's so rewarding to go to a game, and then the next day, hear 'Thanks so much for coming to my game!' from student-athletes," she said. "They do notice! By attending their events, we support them. It's another sign that we do care about them as an all-around student."

And it's another sign that Graves is a dedicated, devoted and deserving award recipient.

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Finding Her Niche



by Jamie Sokolik

Carole Prince has been an instructor at Fontbonne for 11 years, and she's enjoyed every minute of it. Her dedication has paid off.

"I love the people I work with and the students I teach," said Prince, winner of the 2012 Fontbonne University Excellence in Teaching Award for Part-Time Faculty. "I feel like I am part of a family here, and I doubt that's true of every university out there." Prince is an adjunct instructor and assistant director of Fontbonne's Special Education Paraprofessional PathwaysSM program.

Before Prince came to Fontbonne, she was a fourth-grade teacher in the Mehlville School District. She taught everything from reading and language arts methods to children's literature and multi-sensory methods. Prince excelled as an elementary school teacher, and was honored as teacher of the year during her tenure there. But, when she taught her first class at Fontbonne, she felt a connection with the university

atmosphere and knew she'd found her niche.

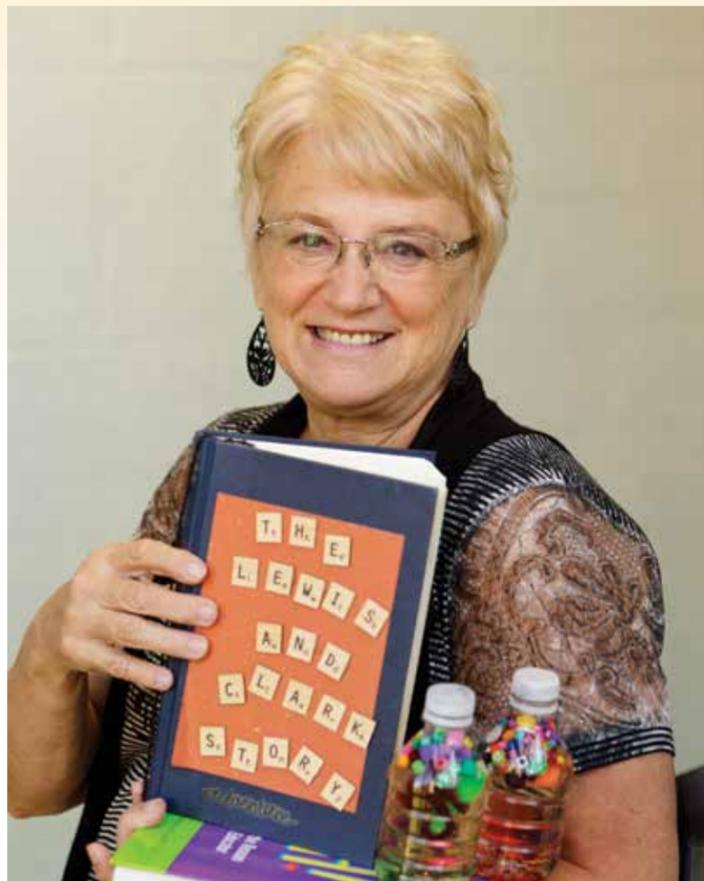
"Fontbonne provides a very personal experience with lots of individual attention," she said. "Because we are small, students have every opportunity to get involved with campus activities, and professors are able to form close bonds with students."

Prince incorporates many interactive and hands-on activities in her courses. Her students spend a significant amount of time discussing how to incorporate various learning styles into the everyday lives of their future students.

"Many students write to me after they have graduated and are leading classes of their own," she said. "They always say they are using techniques and activities that I presented in the classroom. That is the

best part of my job — when I know I've made a difference and contributed to creating an outstanding teacher."

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Connected Through Cookies

Fifty years after graduation, alumnae still bond over recipes

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

The Fontbonne class of 1961 has always had a special bond, demonstrated by more than 50 years of friendship and camaraderie. One of the many gatherings hosted by these alumnae has been an annual Christmas cookie exchange, an event that has delighted them for more than half a century.

According to Pat Stack Seiler, an original cookie exchange member along with Marilyn Montileone Dell'Orco, Joan Schafers Neumarker, Carol Tighe Sheldon and Doris Trost Barbero, she and her fellow dietetics graduates were the instigators.

"We realized that it was more efficient to bake many of one type of cookie than it was to bake only a batch or two of many kinds of cookies," Seiler explained. "So we called our friends to join our cookie club and indulge our mouth-watering tradition."

Each year, the women bake dozens of cookies, box them and tote them to their annual cookie exchange. During some of their first gatherings, they created Christmas crafts as they chatted about events in their lives. Projects ranged from framed jewelry Christmas trees to grapevine wreaths, and cookie jars to dough ornaments. Some of the women still use their jewelry trees as Christmas decorations. At the end of the evening, each alumna returns home with dozens of varieties of Christmas cookies.

"As we've gotten older, we're down to six members," Seiler said. "But for years the cookie club had multiplied to more than a dozen members."

Now when they bake, their families are involved, with husbands and grandchildren elbows deep in the cookie-making process. Even Dell'Orco's mother, who will be 100 in October, helps bake biscotti and other Italian cookies.

Each alumna has her own specialty, but, according to Seiler, the group favorite is the Buckeye, a chocolate, nut and peanut butter cookie made by Neumarker. "It's a wonderful tradition we all look forward to," Seiler stated. "It's been such a treat to continue our exchange for more

than 50 years. Bonding through cookies; it's a tasty tradition."

Conversation at every gathering is peppered with memories from the friends' years at Fontbonne. Seiler, who retired in 2000 from her position as director of the food and nutrition department at St. Luke's Hospital in West St. Louis County, maintained that her Fontbonne education could stand up against that of any university in the country; she was more than ready to work in the real world after graduation.

"I was the best prepared intern at the VA Hospital in Chicago," she said, crediting her readiness to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who taught her dietetics classes. "Sister Rose Genevieve Downs '39, a CSJ and former dietetics



(L-R) Marilyn Montileone Dell'Orco, Pat Stack Seiler, Doris Trost Barbero and Joan Schafers Neumarker show off their 2011 Christmas cookie collection. The women live for part of the year in St. Louis and part of the year in and around Naples, Fla. Over the years, they've also gathered for brunches and taken numerous trips and vacations together.

instructor at Fontbonne, strongly insisted that we work in a hospital while we went to school. The experience made our internships much more meaningful. Fontbonne gave us the best education, a combination of work and academics."

This combination of academic proficiency and real-world experience is a hallmark of a Fontbonne University education. So, too, is a lifetime of good friends, fond memories and the tasty treats that bond the class of 1961.

FROM STUDENT to Coach

by Jamie Sokolik

Fontbonne Athletes Make the Transition

The athletic experience at Fontbonne is special. Coaches are supportive of players on and off the field, and teams are almost always tightly knit groups who spend time together outside of practice and play cohesively during the game. It's no surprise that many Fontbonne student-athletes go on to coach teams of their own, and they often look for guidance and inspiration from their time playing at their alma mater. We caught up with three former standout student-athletes at Fontbonne who went on to coach winning teams of their own.

KEVIN WALSH '95

*Head Basketball Coach,
St. John Vianney High School*

Many graduates are still trying to figure out their career paths well after college. But Kevin Walsh knew exactly what his future held from the time he was a senior at St. John Vianney High School, an all-boys Catholic prep school in St. Louis County.

"I wanted to be a high school teacher and a basketball coach," Walsh, 38, said. With these two goals in mind, Walsh found that Fontbonne was the perfect place to pursue both. "I still wanted to be part of a basketball team in college, and I wanted to be involved in a rigorous education program. Fontbonne offered both opportunities."

Walsh enrolled at Fontbonne at an interesting time for basketball. During his freshman year, the team practiced at Concordia Seminary, but by the time he was a sophomore, the Dunham Student Activity Center had opened and gave the team a home. During his junior and senior years, the Griffins won back-to-back conference titles. But for Walsh, the best part of being on the team was his teammates and his coach.

"It was more than a team. It was a brotherhood," he said. "We had talented players but also really good guys who got

along well and played well together."

Walsh is now a teacher and head basketball coach at his former high school. Although all of his past coaches, from little league to collegiate ball, have influenced him greatly, his Fontbonne coach, the late Dr. Lee McKinney, had a profound impact on his life and his coaching style.

"When I think about Coach, I don't think about drills at practice or plays we ran," he said. "He wanted to know what was going on in our lives. You couldn't keep a secret from Coach. That's something I try to instill in my own teams, and it actually carries over to the court. The better you know someone, the easier it is to motivate them."

And motivation was not a problem for the 2011–2012 Vianney Basketball Griffins. They were ranked first in the state of Missouri and ranked nationally as well. They won the Meramec Holiday Tournament and their first Metro Catholic Conference championship on their way to finishing the year with a record of 27–2. Although he's proud of his team's many accomplishments on the court, Walsh is even prouder of them off the court.

"We had a great group of young men who played the game the right way — they played hard and they played unselfishly," Walsh said. "That made them very special to coach."

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NICOLE MOYER '05

*Head Boys and Girls Tennis Coach,
Fort Zumwalt West*

When it came time for Nicole Moyer to choose a college, she had three requirements: she wanted to go to school in St. Louis; she wanted to enroll in a strong, well-respected education program; and she wanted to play volleyball at the college level. When Moyer looked into Fontbonne's education program, she found that the university could give her even more than she had hoped. She was excited that Fontbonne offered a strong Christian foundation, and that she would be able to play both volleyball and tennis — something she had always wanted to do in high school but couldn't because the seasons overlapped.

"Fontbonne is such a neat place," the 29-year-old said. "It was perfect for me academically, athletically and spiritually."

During the years Moyer spent on the volleyball team, they won four conference titles and made four NCAA tournament appearances. She was named Second Team All-Conference, SLIAC Newcomer of the Year, First Team All-Conference, and SLIAC Player of the Year. Despite all of the accolades, Moyer

mostly remembers enjoying time spent with her teammates.

"My favorite part of being on the team was the camaraderie we shared," she said. "We all got along. We were always supportive of each other, and we always had a blast."

After she graduated, Moyer was hired as a math teacher at Fort Zumwalt West in St. Charles, Mo., and had no plans to coach. When a colleague approached her about taking over the school's tennis team, she hesitantly agreed.

"It turned out to be the best decision I could have made," she said. Moyer now coaches the girls team in the fall and the boys team in the spring. "I have a blast. The kids are great and so much fun to work with."

Moyer was inducted into the SLIAC Hall of Fame on May 15, 2012. She was recognized for her exceptional performance and the many honors she received for the Griffin volleyball team. As a coach today, Moyer frequently thinks back to her days hitting the courts at Fontbonne.

"My Fontbonne coaches taught me that we're not there just to teach a sport; we are there to teach lessons about life," she said. "We teach how to overcome adversity, work together, stay dedicated, maintain confidence and work hard. Not just on the court, but in life."

TOM GUINN '05

*Head Mens and Womens Soccer Coach,
Springfield Catholic High School*

When Tom Guinn arrived at Fontbonne on his first day, he knew one thing for sure.

"I wanted to play soccer," he said.

In his first year as a Griffin, he made 2nd Team All-Conference. As a sophomore, he was captain of the team and made 2nd Team All-Conference again. In his senior year, the team won the SLIAC Conference Championship and competed in the NCAA Division III National Soccer Tournament.

Guinn, the son of Mary Guinn, manager of Fontbonne's business office, was busy academically, too.

"I really wasn't sure what I wanted to do with my communication studies degree," Guinn, 30, said. "I looked into a new sports management program, and I was really impressed. After that, I thought it would be beneficial to double major."

While in school, Guinn also worked part-time at a gym in Oakville, Mo. One of the gym members knew about his soccer background and asked if he'd like to coach his son's club soccer team. Coincidentally, it was nearing time for Guinn to choose an internship for his sports management degree, so he spoke with his advisor and got the green light.

"I felt at home coaching," he said. "It didn't feel like work. I had found something that I was good at and loved doing." But, until one of his professors mentioned it, it still hadn't occurred to him that he could make a career out of coaching.

"The faculty and staff at Fontbonne played a major role in helping me find a career I'm passionate about. They really helped shape my future."

After graduating with dual degrees, Guinn immediately enrolled in Fontbonne's graduate education program where he simultaneously earned a master's degree and teaching certification. After he graduated, he began his career at Oakville High School as a soccer coach.

Today, Guinn is the head coach of the mens team and assistant coach for womens soccer at Springfield Catholic High School in Springfield, Mo. In addition to coaching, he teaches physical education at Immaculate Conception Elementary School, which feeds into the high school. In his first year coaching, the boys team won its first-ever state championship — the first time a team from Southwest Missouri had taken the title.

Guinn is proud of his teams' accomplishments, but he doesn't measure success in titles alone. "My Fontbonne coaches really showed me the importance of viewing the team as an extension of the classroom," he said. "What is expected of you within the school is also expected of you during all soccer-related activities. I try to give my team the same message. It's such an important concept."

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Professor Zhu Shichang (left), director of the department of international cooperation at Shanghai Jiao Tong University Education Group, and Professor Chen Shuhui (center), dean of the school of continuing education at Shanghai Institute of Technology, discuss potential exchange opportunities at a meeting on Fontbonne's campus this spring.

Developing Global Citizens for the Greatest Possible Good

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Fontbonne University has more than doubled its international student enrollment in the past two years and has increased its applicants by nearly 100. Growing from 22 new enrolled international students in the spring of 2011 to 55 in the spring of 2012 has brought Fontbonne's total number of international students on campus to almost 170. These jet-setting Griffins hail from 22 different countries, including Saudi Arabia, China, Taiwan, Indonesia and Spain.

So how did this small, Midwestern campus develop such

an international flavor? It has been a long and rewarding journey, according to Rebecca Bahan, director of Fontbonne's international affairs office.

Bahan was originally brought on board six years ago to coordinate the university's Taiwanese exchange program and was later charged with diversifying the international undergraduate population. She has filled her time here with relationships, recruitment and research.

"The majority of our recruitment initiatives really involve

with educational opportunities in the United States. Fontbonne is now considered a recognized institution by the Saudi government, which provides scholarships for its students to attend recognized U.S. universities. This recognition, said Bahan, has partially contributed to the growth of Fontbonne's international student population.

In addition to Saudi Arabia, Bahan said her office is continuing to expand its reach. She and Saale have focused on mainland China and Taiwan, and Saale has extensively explored new territory in Latin and Central America, yielding a return on applications and enrolled students from those countries.

The office of international affairs, which consists of Bahan, Saale and administrative assistant Linda Venegoni, isn't alone in its efforts. Global outreach must be a campus-wide initiative, Bahan believes.

"We really try to engage the entire campus in recruitment efforts," she explained. "We've worked with art professor Victor Wang, who has helped create relationships with Chinese universities, and physics professor Minh Truong, who has met with and hosted students from his native Vietnam. And Linda Maurer-Magrath, dean of the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, has traveled extensively on Fontbonne's behalf."

The international program has also received great support from Dr. Dennis Golden, Fontbonne's president, and the university's board of trustees. Golden continually stresses the importance of a global perspective for Fontbonne students and for the university as a whole.

"The 21st century is now, and will continue to be, the century of ever increasing interdependence and globalization," Golden said. "These themes extend to individuals, regions and nations, as well as politics, religion, economics, environment, education and beyond. The more people know about each other and concentrate on what they have in common rather than what differentiates them, the better the world will be."

Life at Fontbonne

Once international students arrive on campus, Fontbonne tries to make their transition as smooth as possible. It's difficult enough just traveling to a country with unfamiliar customs and a new language, and even more so to live and learn for an extended period of time in that new environment.

"There's an initial transition period, just learning about basic necessities," Bahan explained. "It's challenging, but we try to minimize the problems."

Liina Toomla, a native of Estonia and a student worker in the office of international affairs, recalled how she struggled with seemingly simple issues when she first arrived in the United States.

"I remember trying to find an outlet that worked with my electronics,"

developing relationships," Bahan said. "We simply worked on building relationships for the first couple of years, just getting to know people, putting Fontbonne's name out there and promoting ourselves through name recognition."

Over the past few years, she and the office's assistant director, Ryan Saale, have cultivated Fontbonne's relationship with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission, which connects Saudi students

she said. "Where could I exchange currency so that I could call home? How could I even make a phone call? Where could I buy stamps?"

To preempt these problems, international students spend their first few days at Fontbonne immersed in an orientation. Many students initially live in campus housing since most don't have personal transportation and student visas do not permit off-campus work. This year, the office of international affairs will



Mark Alexander (left), instructor in Fontbonne's Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, and Rebecca Bahan, director of international affairs at Fontbonne, offer insight into life, academics and experiences at Fontbonne.

also introduce a new academic course, called "Foundations of Success for International Students," that takes place three days per week. And Bahan's door is always open. Students flood the international center on a daily basis, asking questions about visas, advising, events and applications, and also just using the space as a place to hang out and get to know one another.

To help students acclimate further, Fontbonne implemented the Friendship Family program, which pairs Fontbonne staff and faculty members and their families with international students. The families spend a semester partnered with their matched students, site seeing, introducing them to St. Louis, practicing English language skills, and helping them adjust to daily life in the U.S.

"What makes Fontbonne attractive is that we embrace the whole student," Bahan explained. "This is their home away from home. Any problems they have, they can come to us, and we'll direct them to the services they need."

Next on the Itinerary

With as much growth as Fontbonne's international population has seen recently, continued progress is anticipated. Bahan and her team have extensive plans for the 2012-2013 school year and beyond.

"We'll continue to travel abroad; where we go depends on our budget, but we plan to travel to 29 cities and 16 countries next year, including many in the Middle East, Asia, Latin

America and even India," she said.

"Our domestic recruitment will extend to students already in the United States, studying in language schools or community colleges. We'll encourage them to finish their degree at Fontbonne."

The success of international enrollment efforts is also considered a direct extension of the school's founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

"The respect and celebration of women and men who are international students also evidences the CSJ belief of respect and love for the dear neighbor without distinction," Golden said.

"Looking ahead, I would like Fontbonne to seek and secure faculty and student exchange agreements so people can travel, experience and live in other countries. I hope that American students become as linguistically skilled

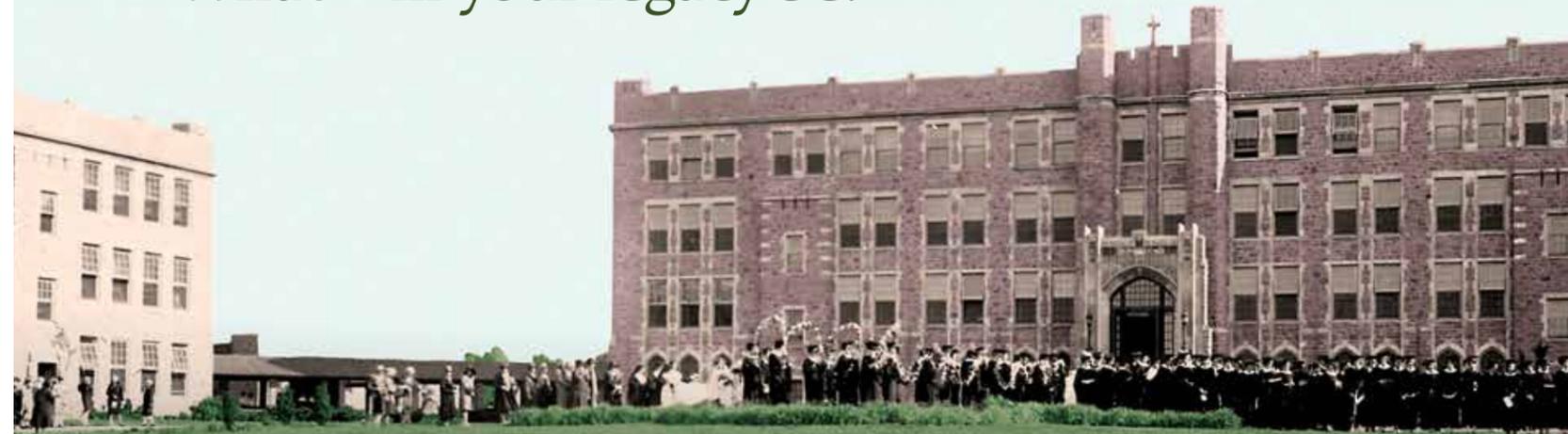
in Chinese, Spanish, Arabic and other languages as those students and others are in English. By so doing, we will be developing global citizens for the greatest possible good of humankind."

It is that very same goal of global citizenship on Fontbonne's campus that drives Bahan, making even her most hectic days worthwhile.

"Every day, we are touched by a different culture and unique learning situations," she said. "That's why we're in this business. What an adventure that I talk to an Estonian, a Saudi, a Brazilian, all in the same day. We learn about their food and their culture and their conflicts. It really helps to internationalize the campus."

International students talk about the Fontbonne University experience in their own words. See their videos and learn more at www.fontbonne.edu/international.

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(top) Fontbonne junior Emily Bueker works with Burmese refugees through a program at The Crossing Community Church and helps them acclimate to life in the U.S. At Bueker's suggestion, the refugees now attend farmers' markets and craft fairs throughout the St. Louis area with a group of volunteers to sell their woven goods.



(right) Refugees Hsu Meh and La Meh explain the traditional Burmese weaving technique to Bueker.

FINDING THEIR CALLING

by Jamie Sokolik

When developing the social work major at Fontbonne University, Sharon Jackson, assistant professor and director of human services and social work, was struck by how aligned the values and beliefs of the university were with the social work code of ethics. As the preamble of the code states, "The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty." In other words, social workers serve the dear neighbor, the very heart of the mission of Fontbonne's founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

"Social work fits in so naturally with the campus culture,"

said Jackson.

"Many times, the students who come here already live this mantra," added Dr. Kate Mennes, field education director. "Offering this major is beneficial for both the university and the students." Jackson got the go-ahead for the program three years ago and began the accreditation process. She and Mennes have created a comprehensive curriculum that allows students to gain experience and learn the latest methods, theories and information available in the field.

"This work has an effect on your life," Jackson said. "It's imperative that the students know this is their calling."

The program requires that all students considering the major take an introduction to social work course where they can

explore the broad field and find out if it's right for them. When they've gone further into the degree, the students participate in extensive practicum experiences, both required and voluntary, in addition to their courses. The combination ensures each student graduates with ample hands-on experience that guides them into their next step — establishing a career.

In terms of finding a job, taking that next step might be easier for those entering social work than many other professions. According to US News and World Report, social work is one of the top six careers to watch in 2012.

Although the introductory courses are important, many students come to Fontbonne and enroll in the social work major because they are already certain this is the right path. Many

even know exactly what segment of the field they want to enter, like Fontbonne junior Emily Bueker, who has been working with Burmese refugees through a program at her church, The Crossing, for the past two years. When a friend decided to get a master's in social work, Bueker realized it might be the right path for her, too.

"I loved the idea of having a career in which I could continue my work with the refugees," she said. "To so many, these people are invisible. I want to make the invisible visible."

She's already made huge strides toward that end. When a few of the Burmese women she worked with presented her with a hand-woven scarf as a thank you present, Bueker had an idea. "We take the accessories they make to the Tower Grove Farmer's Market and to craft fairs around St. Louis," she said.

“Sharon has been amazing. When I came to the open house, she made me excited to come to Fontbonne – even with everything I was going through.”

– Alyse Theisen, social work major



Certified respiratory therapist Sandra Hooper, certified respiratory therapist Delana Swafford and manager of pulmonary rehabilitation at Barnes-Jewish Hospital Dottie Biggar, RN, acted as a support system for Fontbonne Student Alyse Theissen, second from left, while her mother was receiving a lung transplant.

“It’s great supplemental income for the ladies. Work can be hard to come by when your language skills are limited.” Bueker set up and now manages a Facebook page for the group where she lets all of their fans know where they will be next and posts pictures of new items that are available for sale. Bueker couldn’t be happier with her choice to get her degree at Fontbonne. “Sharon and Kate have a ton of hands-on experience, and they apply it in the classroom,” she said. “It makes me feel confident about entering this field.” Junior Alyse Theisen agrees. “Sharon has been amazing,” she said. “When I came to the open house, she made me excited to come to Fontbonne – even with everything I was going through.” Theisen attended a Fontbonne open house in the fall of

2011 during a difficult time in her life. She realized she wanted to be a social worker while caring for her mother who had Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, or IPF, a terminal disease that causes the lungs to scar and stiffen and makes it increasingly difficult to breathe. For Theisen’s mother, Elaine, the diagnosis would lead to years of dependence on oxygen, visits to various specialists, a double lung transplant and the eventual rejection of the lungs. She passed away on Oct. 17, 2011. Through the transplant process, Theisen found that not having anyone to relate to was difficult. “It’s hard to find someone who understands what you’re going through,” she said. “IPF is so rare. So are lung transplants and everything else that comes with it. It’s hard.” Fortunately, the Barnes-Jewish Hospital pulmonary

rehabilitation team, which provides respiratory therapy for pre- and post-transplant patients, supported Theisen and her family throughout the transplant process and beyond. Theisen wants to provide that much-needed support for others, and with a degree in social work, she can offer the foresight that she craved. She can also raise awareness about the benefits of organ donation. “There are a lot of misconceptions about donating an organ,” she said. “But, in the end, you can save a life.” After she graduates, Theisen would like to get her master’s degree. She and other Fontbonne students who choose this path may take advantage of partnerships with the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis or with the Saint Louis University School of Social Work.

With Fontbonne’s help, Bueker, Theisen and the other dedicated students in the program can make their dream jobs a reality. It takes commitment and passion. “It’s rare that we come around when life is going well,” Jackson said. “We come in when a person is in crisis, and we get them back on track. We want them to be autonomous and independent. They get the credit for that, and they should. Not us.” Bueker has learned that a client’s success is the reward social workers seek. “We make connections, that’s really what it’s about,” Bueker said. “We work hard so that those in need find the people, organizations and resources that can make their lives better. What could be more fulfilling than that?”

A COMMITMENT TO SERVE

Fontbonne remains dedicated to the mission of its founders

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

175 YEARS AGO, six young Sisters of St. Joseph set off from the comfortable familiarity of their home in France and arrived in the United States to establish a new religious community — the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) — where they became educators and teachers of the deaf. In the nearly two centuries that have followed, they would found numerous schools, including Fontbonne University, teach countless children, and create a legacy of service.

To celebrate this milestone, and to bear witness to the work of the early sisters, the CSJs invited friends and supporters to pledge 175 minutes of community service in honor of their 175 year anniversary. This “175 for 175” campaign caught fire at Fontbonne, where faculty, staff and students immediately began to pledge.

“The Fontbonne community has enthusiastically led the charge, thanks to the support of Mary Beth Gallagher, assistant to the president for mission integration,” said Jenny Beatrice, communications director for the CSJs. “Having so many people sharing God’s great love with others in the name of the Sisters of St. Joseph energizes our mission into the future.”

Gallagher saw the pledge as a simple way to connect the Fontbonne community with the university’s history and founders.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to share the charism of the CSJs and to partner with them again in serving

a world in need,” she said. “We set up a booth at lunchtime near the cafeteria to attract interest. What a pleasure it was to see staff, faculty and student faces light up as they said, ‘Sure, I’ll serve for three hours!’”

For Sally Hight, a staff member in Fontbonne’s information technology department, the pledge was personal. She has worked for the past two years to assist with the needs of a homeless veteran in her neighborhood.

“As a child growing up at home, my parents always gave freely and unconditionally,” she explained. “As I have aged, I now have many of the same resources they had. When one is blessed with these gifts, it is an honor to share them with others. For me, the desire to perform the 175 minutes of community service is one of those gifts from God.”

Fontbonne Day found faculty, staff and friends gathering at the Pennsylvania and Steins Community Garden in the historic Carondelet neighborhood of south St. Louis City.



Students, staff and faculty work up a sweat on Fontbonne Day clearing a lot for a playground as part of the Solomon Project in the North Grand neighborhood.

To pledge, participants filled out an online form with a description of their intended service and then completed a second form when they had fulfilled their pledge. The CSJs honored participants by listing their names in Connections, the province newsmagazine, and Fontbonne recognized participants with a colorful bouquet of paper flowers.

Fontbonne students, staff and faculty understand that service isn’t just talked about — it’s part of the very foundation of the campus community. Fontbonne incorporates the mission of the Sisters — to serve the dear neighbor without distinction — into academic programs, service trips, and even an annual day-long, campus-wide service event called Fontbonne Day, held this year April 27. More than 300 faculty, staff, students, alumni, boards members, CSJs and others volunteered at various nonprofit locations around St. Louis.

“From our beginnings in Carondelet,” said Sister Pat Giljum, province leader of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, “Fontbonne has been at the heart of our mission and ministry, and this strong partnership will continue for a long time to come.”



Stephanie Afful, assistant professor in behavioral sciences, (second row, second from right) and her psychology class volunteer on Fontbonne Day at Giant Steps, a center for children with autism.

I Chose Fontbonne!

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Do you remember the first time you stepped onto the campus at 6800 Wydown Boulevard? What was it that appealed to you? For some, it was the environment and community. For others, it was a professor, a counselor or a program. We asked students and alumni from different generations to discuss what made them choose Fontbonne University over other colleges and universities — the very same qualities that, if they had to, would convince them to make the same choice all over again.

Ava Johnson '13 History Major

"I didn't want to be lost in the crowd and labeled as a number. The small community feel drew me in right away. The campus was beautiful, the basketball gym huge and the class sizes small and personal. The teachers and advisers I met with were really nice and made me feel completely comfortable and welcome. Not only were the people and academics a perfect fit, but the athletics were too! I currently play for the university's women's soccer and basketball teams. I love the competition level as well as the commitment and passion my teammates and I have for the sports we play. Fontbonne has given me the opportunity to expand my knowledge while at the same time, allowing me to play the sports I love!"



Mary Joan Woods '68 • Retired High School Mathematics Teacher, Community Volunteer

As a high school senior, Mary Joan Woods, a Tulsa, Okla., native, wasn't clamoring to go to Fontbonne, the alma mater of her mother and aunt. Instead, she wanted to try something different.

"I graduated from high school in 1964, and I wanted to go away to school. My parents told me that I could either go to a Catholic college away, or I'd have to go to a school in town. I really wanted to go away — I thought it was a natural part of growing up — and my parents agreed."

Woods' mother, Alberta Becker Woods, graduated from Fontbonne in 1937, as did her aunt Bernice Becker Senger in 1938. Alberta naturally wanted her daughter to follow in her footsteps. Ultimately, Woods applied to two schools in St. Louis, including Fontbonne. And then she waited. Money was tight, so news about a scholarship would either make or break her dream of going away to school. The news was good.

"So I said 'yes' to Fontbonne," she said. "My parents drove me to campus in the fall, and the minute I saw the school I was just thrilled. I knew from the beginning that it was perfect for me."

Almost all of her memories of college are good ones, she said.

"On Friday nights after dinner, we'd go up to the old library on the fourth floor of Ryan Hall — I was always a mystery and fiction lover. There were floor lamps and rockers. The walls were lined with books, and you'd just sit and read. The nuns also lived up there, and their rooms were behind the reading rooms, so you could hear the floors creak as they moved around. I'd read scary stories and listen to the creaking floorboards."

Woods graduated from Fontbonne in 1968 with a degree in mathematics. She went on to teach in the St. Louis area, first in the University City school district, then at Mary Institute, now MICDS. After 25 years of teaching, she decided she was ready for a career change, and she became an income maintenance caseworker for the state of Missouri. Now, she has a job she said she always wanted — shelving books part time at the mid-county branch of the St. Louis County Library, allowing her to spend half of her time around the books she loves so much, and the other half volunteering at various places around St. Louis and singing in the Archdiocesan Choir. Her busy life in St. Louis and her full career began at her alma mater, she said.

"It turns out that Fontbonne was an ideal place for me."

Carlos Duran '13 • Psychology Major

"I first visited Fontbonne the summer before my senior year of high school with a group of students who were on track to be the first college students in their families to attend college — just like me. I remember our bus stopping in front of Medaille Hall; the campus was beautiful, it had great stone buildings, and it reminded me of a castle. We walked around and met faculty members, who all interacted with us like we were family. There was something peaceful and special about the life on campus, even before the campus was brimming with students.

"For me, the biggest difference between Fontbonne and the endless number of schools out there was the emphasis on giving back to the community and extending your education beyond the school. Fontbonne also has smaller classes than many of the colleges that I had looked into, ensuring that I was recognized as an individual rather than a faceless student."





Elizabeth Payer '15
Speech-Language Pathology Major

"I had narrowed my decision down to speech pathology, so knowing that, Fontbonne set me up on a tour with a student majoring in that program. No one had ever done that for me at any other college. Walking around campus, everyone talked to me like I was a familiar face, saying 'hi,' welcoming me to Fontbonne and asking me what I was interested in studying. I felt like I belonged there, and I hadn't even applied yet! I went home and applied to Fontbonne, and they've had my vote ever since then. Now I'm here, and I wouldn't take any of it back! Choose Fontbonne, and you won't regret it!"

Courtney Iberg '14
Biology Major

"Fontbonne just seemed to be the perfect fit. It's in a great location, it's small and inviting, and my professors know me one-on-one. The science department is amazing, and I still have opportunities to take part in theatre and take Spanish courses. If you think that you'd like a small school with big possibilities, check out Fontbonne. You'll love it as much as I do."



Adam Sommer '04 · Business Leader – Product Security, MasterCard

"Fontbonne was my first choice for three reasons: Catholic identity, personal attention and the traditional campus setting. I really felt during the admissions process that the faculty and staff were very genuine, and they were really looking out for my best interests, which is exactly what I ended up experiencing as a student. I also really wanted a traditional college setting, with the old stone buildings and classical look and feel. Catholic identity was especially important for me and one of the top factors that set Fontbonne apart from other local universities.

"Fontbonne played a special part in my life, both personally and professionally. I grew more as a person during my four years

at Fontbonne than at any other time in my life. It's where I met my wife, on the first day of freshman year, in our very first class ... though we didn't start dating until junior year. I had so many varied experiences at Fontbonne, from living on campus, meeting all sorts of unique and fun friends, being a resident assistant, and playing on the tennis team, to internships and various clubs and student organizations. I have been very lucky to have had some success early in my career, and I attribute much of it to what I learned at Fontbonne. I am honored to be able to give back, and I do so to enable other students to enjoy the same great experience I did at one of the really great educational institutions in St. Louis."



Dr. Joyce Woolsey '51 · Retired Pediatric Neurologist

It wasn't until her high school and college years that Dr. Joyce Woolsey determined what she wanted to do in life. And it wasn't until she earned bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry from Fontbonne that she could make that dream a reality.

Woolsey is a retired pediatric neurologist who practiced medicine for 40 years. As a teenager, she had attended public schools and decided that for her next step, a smaller, Catholic college would better suit her.

"My mother knew a group of ladies, and one of them had a daughter who went to Fontbonne," Woolsey explained. "She brought me a catalog, and I was very impressed by it."

Because Woolsey graduated at the top of her high school class, Washington University had offered her a scholarship, but her sights were set on Fontbonne. When she was offered a commensurate scholarship from Fontbonne, her plans were set. Around this time, Woolsey's interest in medicine began to take shape.

"My mother had been sick, so I had spent time at DePaul Hospital," Woolsey said. "I was a nurse's aide one summer, and then I worked in the office. I saw some very fine women doctors come in. The more I thought about it while I was at Fontbonne, the more I wanted to apply to medical school."

So she did. Woolsey graduated from medical school at St. Louis University, which had only begun accepting women three years prior. She spent time in Boston for her residency and more training in neurology, married a fellow physician, and eventually found her way back to St. Louis where she worked full time at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center as a pediatric neurologist. She retired from private practice 10 years ago. But even after all of her adventures and successes, she still thinks fondly of Fontbonne and believes that it gave her the foundation she needed for her career.

"If it hadn't been for my alma mater, I wouldn't have been accepted into medical school."

Why did you choose Fontbonne? Send your thoughts and memories to the communications & marketing office, and you could be featured on Fontbonne's website or in a future Tableaux! Submit your story at www.fontbonne.edu/ichosefontbonne, or contact us by email at tableaux@fontbonne.edu or by mail at 6800 Wydown Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105.

A Conversation with Christina

Meet the president of Fontbonne University's Alumni Association Board of Directors.

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Regardless of when you graduated, what your degree was in, or how many years it's been since you stepped on campus, you're a valuable and viable member of the Fontbonne University community. Christina Anderson '03, president of Fontbonne's Alumni Association Board of Directors, believes this wholeheartedly. And she hopes you'll get involved.

Anderson, the diversity and military recruiter for U.S. Bank, is a second-generation Fontbonne graduate. She and her mother both graduated from the university with bachelor's degrees in business. Anderson's concentration in marketing helps her today as she promotes U.S. Bank, fosters strategic partnerships and searches for talent.

Last year, Anderson took the reigns of Fontbonne's alumni board, a position she'll hold until 2013. *Tableaux* caught up with Anderson to get her thoughts about the alumni board, her role, and the mutually beneficial relationship between her alma mater and its alumni.



Tableaux: What is the Alumni Board of Directors?

Christina Anderson: The Alumni Association Board of Directors is a group of 21 individuals with the following charge: to embrace and engage the diverse groups of the Fontbonne community by acting as a bridge between the university, alumni and everyone interested in the school's future. In order to achieve its mission, the board encourages alumni to support Fontbonne's mission, traditions and goals; motivates them to continue their personal and professional learning through continuing education, cultural experiences and service learning; fosters relationships through community involvement; and strengthens the voice of Fontbonne in the community.

T: As president of the Alumni Board of Directors, what is your role?

CA: My role is to provide leadership to the Alumni Board of Directors and to each of the committees and to champion the university's efforts for alumni engagement.

T: If you don't want to become a board member, what other opportunities does Fontbonne offer to alumni?

CA: There's always an event or activity on or off campus that the Fontbonne Alumni Association is either sponsoring or co-sponsoring. Often, those events, such as our annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, are in need of volunteers. The opportunity to contribute is there and is as simple as contacting the alumni office.

T: How does an alum's involvement benefit the university?

CA: The university benefits from alumni involvement in a variety of ways. An alum's time and talents can help the alumni office, as well as other departments, with events and activities. Alumni are often able to share their expertise and knowledge with current students or help market the university to prospective students, providing first-hand knowledge of the college experience. Alums can reach out into the community for partnerships and other opportunities.

And finally, they can contribute financially. Alumni giving helps the university in many areas, including providing scholarships for current students.

T: What would you say to an alum who doesn't believe it's worthwhile to stay connected to Fontbonne?

CA: The Alumni Association provides programming and resources specifically for you, including an alumni network, so that you can continue learning and improving yourself personally and professionally. After graduation, you automatically become a member, and we want to keep you connected to Fontbonne. The Association can help with life-long learning and development, and

isn't that worthwhile to stay connected? You may not feel like you need these resources now, though you very well might in the future. Alumni comprise the largest constituency within the campus community — over 18,000 members since the first graduating class of 1927. There are alumni living in all 50 states and internationally, all of whom work in a variety of career fields. Alumni are essential members of Fontbonne University.

T: What advice do you have for future alumni?

CA: I love the brand: "Fontbonne University. Learn More. Be More®." Always be willing to learn and be adaptable because change is forever on the horizon.

T: How can people get involved?

CA: It's as easy as attending one of our events! To get more deeply involved, however, alums can participate on our alumni committees and provide input in designing events and programs that will increase alumni involvement.

"After graduation, you automatically become a member of the Fontbonne University Alumni Association, and as a graduate, you are always connected to Fontbonne."

For more information about Fontbonne's Alumni Association, the Alumni Board of Directors or alumni events, visit www.fontbonne.edu/alumni, or contact the alumni office at alumni@fontbonne.edu or 314.889.1403.

1940

Mary Laurent Duggan, CSJ '41 celebrated her 70th jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Marie T. Tucker, CSJ '45 celebrated her 75th jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

1950

Theresa Shea, CSJ '51 will celebrate her 75th jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in August 2012.

Winifred Adelsberger, CSJ '55 celebrated her 70th jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Mary Reinhart, CSJ '55 celebrated her 60th jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

1960

Alice Hein, CSJ '60 celebrated her 70th jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

The following alumnae celebrated their 60th jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet:

Therese Beaudin, CSJ '66, Mary Rita Essert, CSJ '62, Laura Ann Grady, CSJ '64, Constance Heun, CSJ '60, Patricia J. Kelly, CSJ '62, Joan E. Lampton, CSJ '61, Joyce M. Landreman, CSJ '62 and Mary Socorro Richey, CSJ '66.

The following alumnae will celebrate their 50th jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in August 2012:

Jean Marie Abbott, CSJ '66, Mary Ann Boes, CSJ '66, Kathleen Crowley, CSJ '66, Marianne Dwyer, CSJ '66, Catherine Filla, CSJ '66, Nancy Folkl, CSJ '66, Maureen Freeman, CSJ '65, Jean Marie Iadevito, CSJ '65, Helen Francine Oates, CSJ '66, Adele Marie Rothan, CSJ '69, Jane Schaper, CSJ '66, Rita Marie Schmitz, CSJ '66, Gabrielle Smits, CSJ '66, Marion Weinzapfel, CSJ '66 and Jean Magdalene Wyatt, CSJ '65.

Mary Ann Guyol Joyce-Walter '63 retired in June 2012 from Manhattanville College in Purchase,

N.Y. After receiving a master's and a doctorate in theory and composition from Washington University in St. Louis, she moved to the New York City area where she has remained. She is an active composer of instrumental, choral and vocal music, as well as a professor of music at the college. Her works have been performed at international festivals and concerts throughout the United States, Europe and Russia. Joyce-Walter's works are published by Pioneer Drama, World Library of Sacred Music, Ars Nova, and Gold Branch. Her pieces are available on CD from Navona Records, Capstone and Pioneer Drama.

Rosemary Mantia Quigley '67 welcomed her seventh grandchild, Joseph Douglas Parker, on Feb. 28, 2011. **Kathryn Mantia Devling '71** is a proud great aunt. Quigley, a registered dietitian, retired from the St. Louis VA Medical Center on Dec. 31, 2011. She is looking forward to spending more time with the Fontbonne Community Connection (FCC), her grandchildren and her friends, in addition to traveling.

Julianne "Juli" Iwersen Niemann '68 was featured in the February 2012 issue of St. Louis Magazine. The article, "A Conversation with Juli Niemann," focused on current financial affairs. Juli is executive vice president with Smith, Moore & Co. in St. Louis.

1970

Sharon Metz Hightower '71 is enjoying retirement and preparing for her daughter's wedding in July 2012.

Jaye J. Gregory '75 MA '87 MFA '02 created a bronze bust honoring author Kate Chopin. The bust will be the Central West End Association's third installation at Writers' Corner, an homage to the icons of American literature with roots in the Central West End, located on the corner of Euclid and McPherson in St. Louis.

Judith "Judy" House Horn '76 and her husband, Larry, are new owners and innkeepers at the Troy-Bumpas Inn Bed and Breakfast,

located in the historic College Hill district of Greensboro, N.C.

Ken Page '76 was nominated for a 2012 Kevin Kline Award for outstanding supporting actor in a musical for his performance in the St. Louis Muni's "Little Shop of Horrors."

1980

Darren P. George '89 is working at The Boeing Company as a finance manager on the F75 program. George and his wife, Mary, have one child, Dominic, who is three years old.

1990

Mary Clare Spaeth, CSJ '92 will celebrate her 25th jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in August 2012.

Christine "Chris" K. Stuckenschneider '92 is a columnist and book editor at the Washington Missourian. She pursued one of her dreams and wrote her own children's book, "Twist of Fate, the Miracle Colt and His Friends," which is a 2011–2012 Show Me Readers Award nominee. Her nine-chapter serial story, "Patriotic Pals, Tails of the Civil War," has appeared in newspapers across Missouri. Stuckenschneider lives in Washington, Mo., with her husband Sparky. The couple has three daughters and five grandchildren.

Karen Lacey Hall '94 will be promoted to superintendent in the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District in July 2012. She is currently assistant superintendent in the district, located in St. Louis County. Hall has also served as principal of Willow Brook Elementary, as well as an assistant principal in both the Pattonville and Ritenour School Districts. Hall and her husband have one son.

Walter R. Eschmann '97 MBA '00 was one of two adjunct faculty members honored with a 2011 OPTIONS Outstanding Faculty Award. He worked for 12 years as a complex material handling engineer at DaimlerChrysler and began teaching at Fontbonne in 2008.

Angela L. Pearson MBA '98 has joined M&I Wealth Management as vice president and senior trust administrator, serving the greater St. Louis community.

Ann E. Rapko '98 is currently working on her master's degree in theatre education at Fontbonne University. She recently worked as wardrobe assistant for Dramatic License Production's "Dirty Blonde" in October 2011 and as assistant director for Mustard Seed Theatre's production of "Godspell" in November/December 2011.

Robey R. Taylor MBA '98 was named executive director of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce. He was formerly a property manager for Sachs Properties and a general manager with the Richard E. Jacobs Group at Chesterfield Mall.

Jeffrey L. Boyd MBA '99 announced that he is running for St. Louis City Treasurer in the November 2012 election. He is currently alderman of the 22nd ward and professor at Harris Stowe University in St. Louis. Prior to his career in public service, Boyd spent 23 years in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve, climbing to the rank of master sergeant.

Kathleen A. Kerlagon MBA '99 was appointed to fulfill the aldermanic term for ward 4 in the Ballwin (Missouri) District. She is an adjunct instructor at Saint Louis Community College at Meramec.

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Anthony J. Borchardt '00 MA '01 MFA '02 exhibited his ceramic creations in the art gallery at Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff, Mo. He is a ceramics instructor at Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Mo.

Adam C. Long MA '00 MFA '04 was a finalist in the 2012 United States Olympic Art Competition with his sculpture, "Citius, Altius, Fortius." The sculpture will not be going to London, but it is currently on exhibit in the United States Sports Academy Olympic Art Gallery in Daphne, Ala.

Long is currently teaching a portrait sculpting class at the St. Louis Artists' Guild.

Craig Glover '01, president and CEO of Central Counties Health Centers Inc., was honored at the St. Louis American Foundation's 2nd annual Salute to Young Leaders Networking Awards Reception in February 2012 for his distinguished professional work and commitment to the community. Twenty outstanding African-American professionals, age 40 and under, were selected this year from more than 100 nominations throughout the private, public and non-profit sectors in the St. Louis area.

Penny Lindwedel Perriguy '01 joined Bourbon High School in Bourbon, Mo., as a biology and chemistry teacher. She is also a registered dietician and remains licensed in Missouri. She and her husband, Justin, have one daughter, Camille.

Carmen R. Guynn MBA '02 was honored at the St. Louis American Foundation's 2nd annual Salute to Young Leaders Networking Awards Reception in February 2012 for her distinguished professional work and commitment to the community. Twenty outstanding African-American professionals, age 40 and under, were selected this year from more than 100 nominations throughout the private, public and non-profit sectors in the St. Louis area.

Michelle C. Palumbo '02 was recently promoted to director of undergraduate admission for Fontbonne University. She now oversees the recruitment of first-time freshmen, unclassified students, second degree seeking students and transfer students, and she provides assistance in retention efforts. Michelle has worked in the admissions department for 12 years, serves as the national college fair co-chair for the National Association of College Admission Counseling and is a member of the executive board for the Missouri Association of College Admission Counseling. In addition to her Fontbonne

degree, she holds a master's in communication management from Webster University.

Trina Petty-Rice MS '02 has been named principal at Mark Twain Elementary School in the Brentwood (Missouri) School District. Currently, Petty-Rice is an assistant principal at two elementary schools with a total of 900 students on a three-day rotation. Petty-Rice previously served as the instructional technology coordinator for Ladue schools for six years. She spent five years as a gifted and technology teacher at Ladue Middle School and seven years as a third- and fifth-grade teacher at Spoeede Elementary School.

Lenda Tyler Baxter-Simonic MA '03 MFA '05 had two paintings featured in the San Pedro River Arts Council's Celebrate the Arts! 2012 exhibition at the Cochise College - Benson Center in Benson, Ariz. Thirteen artists with 30 entries participated in this two-dimensional juried show.

Daniel "Dan" R. Domagalski '03 and his wife, Crystal, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Madison Kay on Dec. 13, 2011. She joins big sister Hannah.

Julie M. Venegoni '03 MA '08 was nominated for a 2012 Kevin Kline Award for outstanding supporting actress in a play for her performance in OnSite Theatre's "Savage in Limbo."

Luke J. Drury '05 is first author on a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science. He received a doctorate from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wis.

Kathleen M. Juresic '05 MBA '08 and Andrew J. Warren were married on Oct. 11, 2011, at Saint Joseph Croatian Catholic Church in St. Louis. She is a pharmacy information systems analyst at St. Louis Children's Hospital, a member of BJC HealthCare.

Katrina Sellge Sommer '05 was the featured speaker at a recent Fontbonne University Student Alumni

Association Brown Bag Career Event. She is a senior community development analyst for St. Louis County and co-founder and chair of the St. Louis County Young Professionals Board.

Erica A. Jones '06 is in her last year of the physician assistant studies program at the New York Institute of Technology.

Charles "Charlie" Schwartz MBA '06 was named to the St. Louis Business Journal's 2012 list of 40 Under 40. Schwartz works for Wells Fargo Advisors as a new adviser training program manager.

Christopher Boyer '07 will soon graduate with a medical degree from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City, Mo. Boyer is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, which covers the costs of medical training, and will be shipping out soon after graduation.

Jennifer L. Cory '07 is engaged to Rob Patterson. An August 2012 wedding is planned. She is a store manager at Bath and Body Works in Richmond Heights, Mo.

Amy L. Pehle '07 and Steve McDermott were married March 24, 2012, in Hermann, Mo. Pehle is an assistant property manager with Draper and Kramer, Inc.

Denise M. Schilling '07 MA '08 MFA '09 was selected as one of the Spring 2012 Keyholder Artists-in-Residence (in photography) at the St. Louis Artists' Guild.

Larry D. Spears '07 is a doctoral candidate at Saint Louis University. He is looking for post-doctoral training in his field of diabetes research.

LaShanda R. Barnes '08 MM '10 was honored at the St. Louis American Foundation's 2nd annual Salute to Young Leaders Networking Awards Reception in February 2012 for her distinguished professional work and commitment to the community. Twenty outstanding African-American professionals, age 40 and under,

were selected this year from more than 100 nominations throughout the private, public and non-profit sectors in the St. Louis area.

Matthew D. Barton '08 and Katie Lewis were married in March 2012. Barton is employed by Enterprise Holdings as a utilization coordinator.

Meredith L. Colwell MS '08 and Timothy Feher were married June 17, 2011, in St. Louis. The couple resides in New York where Meredith is a speech-language pathologist.

Elizabeth "Bess" L. Moynihan '08 was named managing director at HotCity Theatre in St. Louis. She previously served as the troupe's production manager.

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.

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Kyle C. Armbruster '10 is engaged to Jessica Guese. A June wedding is planned.

Barrett Taylor MA '10 was a panelist on the November 2011 PBS special "American Graduates: Let's Make It Happen, St. Louis Teacher Town Hall." He is an English teacher at Metro High School and was recently named the Communication Arts Teacher of the Year for the St. Louis Public School District.

Andrew Cohen '11 has been accepted into the doctoral program in sociology at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., with a full scholarship. He will be starting his graduate work in fall 2012.

Lauren Sandefur '11 was accepted into the Teach for America program and will be teaching in Memphis, Tenn., next year. The Teach for America program is highly competitive and selective — fewer than 10 percent of applicants nationwide are accepted into the corps.

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from 11/24/11 to 3/28/12

Treza Sekardi Trogolo '31
of Christopher, Illinois
January 1, 2012

Leontone "Lee" Meyer '35
of Saint Louis, Missouri
March 20, 2012

Lucille Donnelly Brinkman '39
of Fort Myers, Florida
January 1, 2012

Irene Boland Brouk '41
of Afton, Missouri
February 5, 2012

Colette M. Doering, CSJ '44
of Overland Park, Kansas
December 26, 2011

Patricia McKay Huckstep '48
of Tucson, Arizona
November 22, 2011

Joan Mitchellette Ogden '52
of Florissant, Missouri
December 17, 2011

Marion Stein Servos '52
of Roselle, Illinois
November 3, 2011

Rose Cosgriff Blesse '53
of Jacksonville, Illinois
February 5, 2012

Jacqueline Heinrichs Oster '57
of Saint Louis, Missouri
February 21, 2012

Merlyn Price Schack '58
of Northridge, California
February 18, 2012

Blanche Corcoran, CSJ '59
of Saint Louis, Missouri
February 21, 2012

Cathleen Kennedy Guehring '59
of Fort Wayne, Indiana
December 4, 2011

Nannie French Turner-Banks '75
of Saint Louis, Missouri
March 11, 2012

Lisa Orthwein Unnerstall '93
of Manchester, Missouri
March 24, 2012

Stanley A. Jones MA '99
of Saint Louis, Missouri
March 10, 2012

Steven P. Triebes MBA '04
of Collinsville, Illinois
January 10, 2012

We regret that we learned about the passing of the following alumni after the winter 2012 Tableaux had gone to print:

Elizabeth J. Burnside '71
of Chandler, Arizona
July 21, 2011

Gertrude Rehagen '83
of Ballwin, Missouri
November 10, 2011

Send us your news.

If you've recently moved, married, had a baby or changed jobs, or you have other information to announce, we welcome your news! Or, sadly, if you have information about the passing of a Fontbonne University alumna or alumnus, please let us know. Submit the information to the Alumni Office at 314.889.1403 or alumni@fontbonne.edu.

Mustard Seed Theatre, Fontbonne's critically acclaimed in-residence theatre company, has yet another great season lined up. Whether you purchase individual or season tickets, the Mustard Seed experience is, without a doubt, an excellent investment. And through the company's newly revamped website (www.mustardseedtheatre.com), you can stay informed, sign up for a newsletter and other special offers, and plan your next theatre outing.

"Going to See the Elephant" Aug. 31 – Sept. 16, 2012

"Imaginary Jesus" Nov. 15 – Dec. 2, 2012

"Mrs. Sorken" and "The Duck Variations" Jan. 25 – Feb. 10, 2013

"Jane Eyre" April 12 – 28, 2013

New Play Contest Staged Reading April 21 & 22, 2013

Mustard Seed
Announces
2012-13 Schedule

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark your calendar! Each of the following Fontbonne University events is open to alumni.

* **FILM SCREENING: "KING CORN"**
(created by convocation speaker Curt Ellis)
Aug. 28, 2012; Time TBD; Lewis Room, Jack C. Taylor Library

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION
with Speaker Curt Ellis, founder of FoodCorps
Aug. 29, 2012; 10:30 a.m. & 7:15 p.m.; DSAC

* **MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS TOUR**
Sept. 15, 2012; 9:30 a.m. – noon; leave from campus

ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND
Sept. 21–23, 2012

* **MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS CLASS –
Get to Know Your Favorite Food: Vanilla**
Sept. 26, 2012; 5 p.m. (leave from campus)

* **MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS CLASS –
Get to Know Your Favorite Food: Coffee**
Oct. 3, 2012; 4:30 p.m. (leave from campus)

* **FILM SCREENING: "SUPERSIZE ME"**
Oct. 15 & 17; noon, Lewis Room, Jack C. Taylor Library

* **MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS CLASS –
Get to Know Your Favorite Food: Chocolate**
Oct. 17, 2012; 5:30 p.m. (leave from campus)

* **HERBS: A PRESENTATION BY CHERYL HOUSTON,
PROFESSOR OF DIETETICS**
Oct. 25, 2012; 3 p.m.; Location TBA

* **FILM SCREENING: "CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE
OF MEATBALLS"**
Oct. 26, 2012; 7 p.m.; Lewis Room, Jack C. Taylor Library

* **MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS CLASS –
Get to Know Your Favorite Food: Tea**
Nov. 7, 2012; 4:30 p.m. (leave from campus)

* **FILM SCREENING: "JULIE & JULIA"**
Nov. 15, 2012; 7 p.m.; Lewis Room, Jack C. Taylor Library

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MAGIC HOUSE
Feb. 16, 2013; details TBD

ALUMNI SPIRITUALITY RETREAT
March 8 – 9, 2013; details TBD

* Notes 2012 Dedicated Semester "Foodology" Event