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ON THE COVER

Each fall, new Fontbonne University students participate in Catch the Fire, a ceremony that connects them with the long, inspired history of Fontbonne's founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. This photo represents the figurative fire that the sisters pass on to the students and the students carry with them throughout their lives. Read more on page 30.

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Anheuser-Busch Hall glows in the waning daylight, as adult and evening students prepare to transition between day jobs and night classes.





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Carrying the Flame into the Future

This issue's cover story (page 30) about our annual Catch the Fire ceremony and other mission-driven traditions provides an apt backdrop for a number of things I want to convey in this message. As we welcome new students, we hope to kindle in them the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and thus begin their transformation into "global citizens who think critically, act ethically and serve responsibly." You, as alumni and friends of Fontbonne, know of which I speak. You are living examples of that fire alive in our communities! During our annual commencement ceremony, we witness hundreds of others going forth to follow in your footsteps. For me and many others, it is



Dr. J. Michael Pressimone

emotional and awe-inspiring.

For nearly 100 years, Fontbonne University has sent men and women into the world to serve in many ways. I am blessed that I get to meet many of them through my work with the CSJs, our alumni, friends and volunteers. Given that thousands of them continue to reside in the St. Louis region, it amazes me that more people don't know of the great work we do. Have we been too humble for our own good? Surely we know that humility is a hallmark of the servant and is to be commended, but we must do a better job of telling our story so that more students enroll, more people attend events on campus and more donors invest in our future.

Beginning this spring 2018 semester, we have made some significant changes to help us do a better job of telling the Fontbonne story. You will have noticed that the very title of this magazine has changed from *Tableaux* to *Fontbonne Magazine*. This is intentional. We want our name to shout from the cover as it sits on your coffee table in home or office. Leave it face up! We have hired a new executive director of communications and marketing: Michele Hoeft comes to us from Christian Hospital and brings

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experience from health care, higher education and industry. A partnership with Dovetail, a brand communication agency, and Common Ground, a public relations agency, will help us with a rebranding exercise this year. They will help us better convey our message to the community and the student marketplace.

The fall of 2017 saw a flurry of good publicity for the university. We received good coverage for the launch of our Fontbonne Promise program, our initiatives in anti-sex trafficking and the impending acquisition

of the now-closed John F. Kennedy High School campus, which will be the new location of Fontbonne University West. We are beginning to get needed and deserved recognition, and we will promote more in this and the coming years.

You who have the fire need to be a part of this effort. Set a goal. How many times a day will you bring Fontbonne up in a conversation? Will you share the magazine with a friend? Will you refer a student? We need you to be the brand ambassadors for Font-

bonne, and we will provide the inspiring material that makes it a story worth telling. Read on in this issue for more inspiration!

Sincerely,



Dr. J. Michael Pressimone
President

IN THE NEWS

New programs, new grants, new growth. Fontbonne University is evolving in exciting new ways — and people are taking notice. Get the latest news from campus in the pages that follow.

Fontbonne Heads West

Fontbonne University's footprint is about to more than double in size. The university announced in November that it plans to purchase the campus of John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in Manchester, Mo., currently owned by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The 23-acre property, located about 15 miles from Fontbonne's Clayton campus, will serve as an extension for the university, providing additional space for academic and athletic growth.

"Fontbonne's 2016 strategic plan, Fontbonne Forward, included a goal to 'explore the feasibility of purchasing additional property for athletic and other academic facilities off campus,'" President J. Michael Pressimone stated. "When Kennedy High School became available, we recognized an opportunity to work with the Archdiocese of St. Louis to keep that property committed to Catholic higher education in the St. Louis region. It gives the university capacity to grow the number of students we serve."

Although the final transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, as well as zoning and financial contingencies, Fontbonne is making big plans for

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— President
J. Michael Pressimone

the new location, known around campus as Fontbonne West. The university will use the property to grow its graduate and evening programs for adult populations, which will initially include the expansion of its MBA and master's programs in accounting, supply chain management, and management and leadership. The West County location allows the university to bring additional academic opportunity to a rapidly expanding geographic area. And the location's fields and gymnasiums will offer a home base for Fontbonne's athletic teams, many of which currently practice and play on leased fields.

"Academics are always our first priority, but athletic recruitment is important to our growth model," said Pressimone. "Undergraduate students want the opportunity to pursue a quality education while continuing to play the sports they love. Providing practice fields, gymnasiums and a new track will help us expand our NCAA Division III athletic opportunities and attract students from this region and beyond."

The university plans to grow its track and field and dance teams, as well as add men's and women's wrestling programs, women's lacrosse, a cheer team and e-sports opportunities.

"Expansion is good for both us and the region, but we remain committed to our main campus in Clayton, as well as to our student populations in the city and in the Metro East," said Pressimone. "We want to be a good neighbor in both Clayton and Manchester, and we look forward to engaging these communities in conversation as we move forward with plans and new possibilities."

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Thoughtful Theatre

Ten years after its official debut, Mustard Seed Theatre, Fontbonne's theatre company in residence, brought back "Remnant," its very first production. After a decade as a fully established theatre company, Mustard Seed continues to perform plays about faith and social justice, plays that force audiences to think deeper and more fully about the people, community and world around them.

Communication Disorders Department Lands \$1.25 Million Grant

Fontbonne University has received a \$1.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs to fund 40 graduate students studying deaf education or speech-language pathology. The funded project, a six-semester program, will increase the number of teachers of the deaf and speech-language pathologists qualified to serve young children who are deaf/hard of hearing and their families through early intervention.

Fontbonne offers both a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology and a Master of Arts in Early Intervention in Deaf Education. Through the grant, students seeking either degree can apply for funding, and the project will prepare

four cohorts of 10 students beginning their master's work each year through 2022.

"This grant will allow two already very successful graduate programs to prepare early interventionists and speech-language pathologists using an interprofessional model," said Dr. Gale Rice, professor and dean of the College of Education and Allied Health Professions. "The result will be practitioners who will maximize outcomes for young children who are deaf/hard of hearing and their families. This is an innovative change in professional preparation, which tends to occur in professional silos."

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Beautiful Music

If you attend a concert or musical performance in Doerr Chapel, you'll hear the rich tones of a brand new Steinway piano. Fontbonne has partnered with Steinway & Sons, which manufactures some of the highest quality pianos in the world, and their "pianos for churches" program, modified for the university. The piano has a home at Fontbonne, and donors are invited to underwrite all 88 keys, ranging from the highest investment in middle C to more modest investments for lower and higher keys. The piano made its official debut at a Cathedral Concerts Chamber Series event, sponsored by Fontbonne, in fall 2017.

New Training Program to Combat Human/Sex Trafficking

Fontbonne University has launched a five-day program for social service professionals involved in the identification, prevention and treatment of human/sex trafficking victims and survivors. Made possible through funding from the Incarnate Word Foundation, Fontbonne's program is open to participants from social service agencies across the St. Louis region.

"Offering this unique program to St. Louis professionals is something intrinsically tied to our founding values," said President J. Michael Pressimone. "The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, our founders, and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word have made it their mission to help those less fortunate, and we are proud to continue those healing traditions through academic initiatives such as this. Our long-term goal at Fontbonne is to establish a center dedicated to education, community development and prevention surrounding this critical issue."

Indeed, the Center Against Human Trafficking and Exploitation at Fontbonne University is now in development under the direction of Laura Beaver, assistant professor of social work.

The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word adopted in 2015 a corporate stance against human trafficking. The organization sought out Fontbonne as an educational partner who could deliver a curriculum to local social service practitioners.

"Through this partnership with Fontbonne University, we are working with highly skilled professionals to bring new techniques to social workers in order to address the trauma that human trafficking victims experience," said Bridget Flood, Incarnate Word Foundation executive director.

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New Center Addresses Growing Global Health Concerns

Responding to global recognition that human, animal and environmental health are all inextricably linked, Fontbonne University has established the Center for One Health, an interdisciplinary group of faculty and students with an interest in planetary health. The Center plans to expand One Health educational opportunities for students, faculty and the St. Louis community by taking a holistic approach to planetary health, and connect interested research scientists, educators and community members.

The Center for One Health was developed by Dr. Kelly Lane-deGraaf, assistant professor of biological and physical sciences and the director of the Center for One Health, and Dr. Elizabeth Rayhel, professor of biological sciences, both of Fontbonne University, and Dr. Sharon Deem, director of the Institute for Conservation Medicine at the Saint Louis Zoo. Its initial offering is a Practitioner Certification, allowing interested individuals to complete a series of modules and demonstrate their mastery as a practitioner of One Health concepts. Open to anyone with a bachelor's degree, the certification is of particular interest to medical, veterinary or graduate students, wildlife biologists, journalists, farmers and educators. Students build a practitioner portfolio online and can work on their certification using the courses and offerings available to them at their own institutions and locations. A capstone project completes the certification requirements.

► www.onehealth.fontbonne.edu

New Trustees Appointed

Fontbonne University welcomes four new members to its board of trustees.

◀ **Amy Hereford, CSJ**, is an attorney and canonist specializing in nonprofits and religious organizations. She entered religious life in 1979, later earning both a master's degree and a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University, as well as a master in theology and a doctorate in canon law from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. She has taught at universities in both the United States and Belgium, and has provided legal and canonical counsel and services to a variety of organizations in the U.S. and beyond.

◀ **Mary Ann Nestel, CSJ**, is a graduate of Fontbonne who later earned a master's degree in education from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She taught in Catholic grade schools in St. Louis for nearly 20 years. She was appointed and served as the director of development for the Sisters of St. Joseph for 16 years. She co-chaired the 2016 presidential ballot, Proposition S for Seniors, which passed in the city of St. Louis. Currently, she is serving as an appointee of the mayor to the Saint Louis Senior Citizen Service Fund Board, distributing monies collected. She is active with Books for Newborns.

◀ **Valerie Patton** is senior vice president-economic inclusion and talent attraction and executive director-St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative for the St. Louis Regional Chamber. She began her career at SBC, formerly Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, later becoming vice president at Bank of America. She holds master's degrees in social work from Washington University and management and computer data from Webster University.

◀ **Monsignor Michael Turek** serves as pastor of Christ the King parish in University City, Mo. As an ordained priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, he has taught in and managed high schools and pastored parishes throughout the region. He holds a master's degree in Catholic school administration from Boston College, and he is currently a member of the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri Grants Committee.



Making Debt-Free Education Possible

A new program at Fontbonne University addresses the high cost of education for those who can least afford it. Fontbonne has launched The Fontbonne Promise, which makes the dream of a debt-free, private college education a reality for low-income students.

The Fontbonne Promise is a unique opportunity for first-time, first-year Missouri residents who meet Fontbonne's admission requirements and are calculated with an expected family contribution of zero on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Fontbonne expects to award full tuition and fees for up to five years to at least 30 fall 2018 freshmen. Current full-time undergraduate tuition and fees are \$25,460 per academic year.

"We want to change the paradigm. The neediest students who demonstrate academic ability deserve an opportunity to earn a college degree," said President J. Michael Pressimone. "We believe at Fontbonne we can play a significant role in changing communities through our strong foundation in values-based education. We recognize that many recipients of The Fontbonne Promise will be the first in their family to attend college,

and a program like this helps us deliver on our promise to the community and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, our founders, to serve the dear neighbor without distinction, something that benefits the entire St. Louis region."

Students with bachelor's degrees have higher salary attainment, career potential and life satisfaction. According to the Council of Independent Colleges, first-generation graduates of smaller private colleges are more likely to vote and volunteer time to their community than their peers from public universities.

"We believe Fontbonne is uniquely positioned to serve at-risk students because of our proven record of personal attention, student support and dynamic academic offerings," said Joseph Havis, vice president for enrollment. "We have an environment where students thrive, where they are pushed to find their personal potential. With our focus on mentoring, tutoring, financial literacy and student retention, we are confident that college will be a transformational experience for these students."

Students who qualify for The Fontbonne Promise will receive a financial aid

award that covers full tuition and fees – loan free. Funding for this program will be made possible through a combination of state and federal aid, Fontbonne aid and donor partnerships.

"Fontbonne Promise Partners will be assured that their funds reach the students most needing assistance and that these students will enjoy a personalized college experience in an intimate and familial environment," said Kitty Lohrum, Fontbonne vice president for advancement. "We're looking for community members and corporations who also believe that no deserving student should be left behind. Promise Partners serve the greater good of the entire St. Louis area. It's an investment in the future of our community."

Fontbonne Promise Partners will sponsor a student at \$8,500 a year for up to five years, according to Lohrum. Additionally, donations of any amount toward this program will help build the pool needed to support deserving students in future years.

► www.fontbonne.edu/promise

Pain, Peace and Panels

In times of conflict, art can offer healing to a broken community, and St. Louis is no exception. In an effort to explore the role of art as an intersection of pain and hope, Fontbonne University in November presented "The Art of Protest and Peace," an exhibit shown in Fontbonne's Fine Arts Gallery featuring wooden panels painted by St. Louis artists, used to seal the business and shop windows broken during protests following the Jason Stockley verdict in September 2017. A later panel discussion held on Fontbonne's campus featured business owners, artists and protesters and provided context and depth to the exhibit.





Cultivating Entrepreneurial Achievement

In December, dozens of Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis high school students competed on Fontbonne University's campus in a "Shark Tank"-like event, presenting full business plans in front of a panel of judges. Students on the first-place team (pictured above), from Rockwood Summit High School, took home renewable \$5,000 Fontbonne scholarships. Students on second- and third-place teams, from Marquette Catholic High School, took home \$3,000 and \$1,000 scholarships.

The day's judges included Pamela Kelly, director of talent and inclusion, DOT Foods; Thomas Cornwell, president, Cornwell and Associates; Eileen Petito, vice president and general counsel, Hussmann International; Sheryl Andrasko, group executive - customer operations, MasterCard; and William J. Berberich Jr., vice president taxes, treasury and assistant secretary, Caleres. Alumna Kristy Daniels-Jackson '97 was the lunchtime speaker, offering her expertise in entrepreneurship.

College of Distinction

Fontbonne University was named a 2018 College of Distinction, one of 300 schools around the country recognized by education professionals as having engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant community and successful outcomes. This is the second year in a row that Fontbonne has been featured in the Colleges of Distinction website and guidebook, recognizing schools throughout the U.S. for excellence in undergraduate-focused higher education.



IN BRIEF

Fontbonne's men's soccer team earned the 2017 SLIAC Regular Season Championship for the first time since the 2013 season. Six players earned SLIAC All-Conference honors.

At the Indianapolis Winter Break Meet for track and field, senior Brian Nguyen set a school record in the 60-meter dash at 7.54, and Greigh Murray set a freshman record in both the weight throw (7.93 m) and shot put (8.94 m). Additionally, sophomore Kayla Sheldon set a school record in the 600-meter dash at 1:54.84.

On Nov. 29, 2017, Fontbonne set another record. The results of the university's 2017 Giving Tuesday campaign met and exceeded expectations! Within the 24-hour period of global giving, the university raised both funds and friends, increasing the total amount by 14 percent and the total number of donors by five percent. By the day's end, 407 donors had invested \$46,002 in Fontbonne's future.

Dr. Zahid Anwar, assistant professor in the department of mathematics and computer science, published three papers on the topics of cybersecurity and the Internet of Things in the journals *Computers & Security*, *IEEE Access* and *Computers & Electrical Engineering*. He was invited to give talks on the same subjects at cybersecurity awareness events organized by Information Systems Audit and Control Association in Saint Louis and Kansas City.



Dr. Jessica Blaxton joined the department of behavioral sciences this fall as an assistant professor. Blaxton hails from St. Paul, Minn., and holds master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from the University of Notre Dame, specializing in stress, emotions and resilience in the context of aging.



Tony Borchardt, assistant professor of fine arts, assumed the role of director of Fontbonne's Fine Arts Gallery. He presented his ceramics work at several shows throughout the Midwest in summer 2017.



Jamie Daugherty, instructor in the department of family and consumer sciences, earned her Ph.D. from the University of Northern Colorado in April 2017. Her dissertation focused on food insecurity on college campuses.



Lee DeLaet, director of academic advising, presented at the 2017 National Academic Advising Association's national conference in St. Louis this fall. Her presentation, which was also chosen to be sponsored by NACADA's Small Universities and Colleges Commission, explored Fontbonne's unique, semester-long conference for first-year students called Janus Seminars.



Adjunct graduate instructor and alumna Connie Diekman '72, M.Ed., RD, CSSD, LD, FADA, FAND, co-presented at the 2017 Food and Nutrition Conference and Exposition in Chicago, exploring "Cyberbullying and the Code of Ethics – What is the Connection?"



Dr. Dena French, instructor and director of dietetics, earned her Ed.D. in higher education leadership from Maryville University in December 2017. Her dissertation research was titled "Failure to fail in dietetics education: A



Encouraging Civil Discourse

Dr. Heather Norton, associate professor and chair, department of English and communication, coauthored a new textbook titled "Argumentation: The Art of Civil Advocacy" with Dr. Larry Underberg, a Southeast Missouri State University professor emeritus, published in fall 2017. The textbook is designed for use in college argumentation classrooms, as well as for anyone interested in practicing the process of argumentation in a way that supports quality decision-making while respecting relationships.

"The book unifies and articulates an argumentation perspective that Larry and I have been working on for nearly two decades," Norton said. "It is unique in its approach and in its market as it attends to the process of argumentation – engaging in an argument – as well as the product – making an argument. It fully integrates approaches to argumentation that have not been articulated in other works.

The approach explored in the book aligns well with Fontbonne's mission, Norton said.

"While providing important information about how to construct solid and persuasive arguments, the focus on civility and rigorous – not rancorous – debate for the purpose of good decision making aligns it well with the institution's dedication to pursuing a common good and the Sisters of St. Joseph's dedication to right relationships."

descriptive study."



Rev. Dr. Speratus Kamanzi, Fontbonne University chaplain, contributed an epilogue for a book titled "Lives and Times of Bishop Sisto Mazzoldi and Fr. John Marengoni 1898 - 2007."



Adjunct graduate instructor Dr. Amy Knoblock-Hahn, M.P.H, M.S, RD, co-presented at the 2017 Food and Nutrition Conference

and Exposition in Chicago, offering "Perspectives from RDNs Solving Local and Global Food Insecurity."



Dr. Kelly Lane-deGraaf, assistant professor in the department of biological and physical sciences, was a contributor to the Earth Microbiome Project, the results of which were later published in the journal *Nature*. Lane-deGraaf is also director of the newly created Center for One Health at Fontbonne University.

Access for All in Deaf Education

Dr. Susan Lenihan, professor and director of deaf education at Fontbonne University, has edited a new e-book, featuring the writing of top academics and practitioners in the field of deaf education. "Preparing to Teach, Committing to Learn: An Introduction to Educating Children Who Are Deaf/Hard of Hearing" was a passion project Lenihan completed during a recent sabbatical.

The book was specifically released through a free, digital medium, which reduces socioeconomic and geographic barriers to information acquisition and assists in the delivery of evidence-based strategies across a variety of settings and regions.

"I think in the world of deaf education, we're all about access," Lenihan said. "That includes access to communication, access to the curriculum, access to jobs, and access to living life as an empowered person, whether you use sign language or spoken language. And that can't happen unless professionals get access to the content and then to the resources."



Tim Liddy, professor in the department of fine arts, exhibited work in three shows: "Likeness" at William Shearburn Gallery in St. Louis, "Recent Work" at Zia Gallery in Chicago, and "Artists Choose Artists" at Millstone Gallery at COCA, also in St. Louis.

Dr. Brian Matz, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Endowed Chair in Catholic Thought, gave a public lecture at Covenant Theological Seminary in Creve Coeur, Mo., as part of its Reformation anniversary celebration weekend in fall 2017. The lecture was titled "Paenitentiam agite: Christianity's History of Thinking about Repentance."

Dr. Ben Moore, associate professor in the department of English and communication, traveled to Bosnia as part of his work directing the Bosnia Memory Project. While there, he delivered a keynote address at the International University of Sarajevo titled "The Bosnian Diaspora: Memory, Identity and the Emergence of Bosnian Studies."

Dr. Elizabeth Rayhel, professor in the department of biological and physical sciences, participated in the Forest Park Forever Wildlife Impact Mitigation and Inventory Plan. Additionally, Rayhel and departmental colleagues Dr. Kelly Lane-deGraaf and Dr. Stephenie Paine-Saunders all guided student research projects. The students presented their work at a meeting of the Missouri Academy of Sciences at Lindenwood University.


Michael Sullivan, associate professor in the department of fine arts, served as lighting designer for shows at the New Jewish Theatre, the Tennessee Williams Festival and ACT INC. His lighting design for "Grey Gardens," presented by Max & Louie Productions, was nominated

for the St. Louis Theatre Circle Award for Outstanding Lighting Design of a Musical.

Victor Wang, professor in the department of fine arts, presented his work at the Victor Armendariz Gallery in Chicago. He is a frequent judge/juror at art shows throughout the St. Louis area.

Dr. John Whicker, assistant professor in the department of English and communication, presented a paper titled "Out of Control: Cultivating Object[ive] Agencies through Object[ive] Ecological Process Pedagogies" at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Portland, Ore., in spring 2017.

Dr. Yi Yang, assistant professor and director of cybersecurity, hosted two visiting scholars, Lanlan Lyu and Sisi Gu, from Hunan University of Science and Engineering in China in fall 2017. During this time period, they audited ESL, mathematics and computer science classes to improve their English and explore technology in their field. They also learned about ABET accreditation and exchanged research ideas with faculty members.



In 2017, Lisa Vansickle transitioned from a career in corporate banking to her new role as vice president – chief financial officer for Fontbonne University. The Webster Groves, Mo., native earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Accounting from what was then Southwest Missouri State University, then spent nearly 30 years in accounting, finance and business operations roles, first at a Big Four accounting firm, then for First Bank. At Fontbonne, she oversees a variety of departments, including the accounting and finance, physical plant, public safety, general services, environmental services and human resources teams, and she lends a methodical approach and calming presence to the campus community.

When she's not in the office, you can find Vansickle outside, often with her yellow lab, Austin, a rescue dog, or riding horseback "as far into the middle of nowhere as possible." She talked recently with *Fontbonne Magazine* about her career, her decision to move into the world of higher education and what she brings to the Fontbonne community.

What inspired you to go into a career in finance?

When I was a child, I enjoyed going to the bank with my mom and dad to deposit my birthday money into my own savings account. My parents taught me at a very young age the importance of saving for a rainy day and keeping track of your money.

What do you like about what you do?

In many ways, I feel that finance is like working a puzzle. You have to figure out how all of the individual pieces fit into the correct positions in order to achieve the overall goals and strategies you are trying to deploy, and you have to keep working at it and constantly be open to trying new and different things in order to meet your objectives.

What brought you to Fontbonne?

Why a university?

I wanted to come to Fontbonne because of the opportunity to work in a mission-rich environment, where the end product is producing future global citizens that live their lives through a different type of lens based on the extremely personal, values-based educational experience they receive here. I was very impressed by the diversity of the university, the all-inclusive feel of the Fontbonne community, and the strength and vision of the strategic plan, in addition to the quality of the many individuals I met during the interview process.

How does your corporate experience benefit a university?

The diversity of the projects I have been involved with provides me with a very expansive background and strong leadership skills, not only on the finance side, but also in implementing strong corporate governance mechanisms intended to strengthen the organization and help build it for the future. Fontbonne is at a significant turning point and is poised for much success in the future. I am very excited about being a part of the leadership team of Fontbonne and helping to position the university for its next 100 years. I†I



Q&A

Lisa Vansickle

Vice President

Chief Financial Officer

by ELIZABETH
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The IMPACT of Scholarship & Service

There are times in life when an unexpected voice tells you to listen. That was the message in October when student Kayley Cunningham – a soft-spoken general health studies major from Spanish Lake, Mo. – took her turn at the mic at Fontbonne University’s annual Scholarship Breakfast, an event that celebrates the university’s endowed and annual scholarships. She talked not about herself, but about serving others. And she caught the attention of the Fontbonne community.

by MIRIAM
MOYNIHAN



Kayley Cunningham stands in front of a mural depicting the Sisters of St. Joseph, found in Ryan Hall. Inset: Cunningham talks to Margaret Eugene Tucker, CSJ, whose friends and family funded the endowed scholarship Cunningham receives.



“Service for me starts with a passion, ignites with a plan of action and spreads through proaction,” she told the crowd. “It is not about how much or what one gives, but how much we love to give. Our service should find its roots in what we love.”

Her words rang true for Fontbonne President J. Michael Pressimone, who followed her to the podium and paraphrased her message about service, reiterating it again at an all-campus meeting a few days later.

“Every now and then, there are moments that capture the hearts and minds of our community in significant ways, and those moments need to be held up for all to see,” he said later. “It rewards our persistence and affirms that the work we are doing is both necessary and transformative.”

As a student in the Hazelwood School District in St. Louis County, Cunningham was very involved in sports, student council and clubs, but she has always been interested in helping others. Today, she mentors other first-generation students and works as a Fontbonne ambassador, giving tours of Fontbonne’s campus to prospective students. She plans to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in biology, attend graduate school, and work as a medical and legal advocate for those, she said, “without a voice.”

“I am the first of my family to pursue my dreams through higher education,” she told the crowd at the Scholarship Breakfast. “But never for a moment have I been on my own through this endeavor. I have built relationships with faculty, staff and peers that have given me all kinds of new opportunities. When you do something for the love of doing it, you can always find the energy and the motivation to do it again, and you can share the passion you have created with someone else.”

A 4.0 student, Cunningham owes her education, in part,

to those donors who helped make it possible. As the recipient of the Sister Margaret Eugene Tucker, CSJ Endowed Scholarship, Cunningham wanted to meet the woman in whose honor her scholarship had been named.

Sister Margaret, a 101-year-old Sister of St. Joseph, is a 1955 graduate of Fontbonne who also taught and worked in the administration for 25 years. Although she wasn’t able to attend the Scholarship Breakfast, she enjoyed a personal recitation of Cunningham’s speech and contributed her own thoughts about service.

“It’s also about self-development and the relationships you create,” Sister Margaret said. “People will remember.”

In her speech, Cunningham referred back to the CSJs.

“Mother St. John Fontbonne did not keep her passion to serve to herself,” she noted. “Even in times when she was forbidden to teach or care for the sick, her desire to serve was so strong she had to be imprisoned before she would stop serving those in need.”

The message of the Sisters of St. Joseph stands tall almost 100 years after they founded Fontbonne University. That message — and the support of the university’s scholarship donors who stand behind it — help sustain students even today.

“Every day, in ways large and small, I see examples played out of the transformational education that drives our work at Fontbonne University,” Pressimone said. “Kayley’s comments provided a wonderful example of how our students are transformed over time. It demonstrated how their natural gifts can be cultivated and enhanced in an environment like the Fontbonne University community.” ►

Editor’s Note:

Sister Margaret Eugene Tucker, CSJ ’55 passed away on Dec. 17, 2017. She was a Sister of St. Joseph for 75 years.



Barbara Atteln '67 gets to know current scholarship recipient Trevor Kubiak (left) and former scholarship recipient Alexander Jacobs '17, a cybersecurity graduate, now a software engineer at Enterprise Holdings.

Added Value

"When I was a student at Fontbonne, I had no idea what it took to run a university," said Barbara Atteln '67. "After I graduated, I didn't set foot on campus for 40 years. I made my annual donation, and that was it."

"I've met many of my scholarship recipients ... It makes me happy that by helping pay off their tuition, they can play more sports and not worry as much about student debt."

– Barbara Atteln '67

But in 2007, friends from her class got together to celebrate their 40th reunion and attend the annual alumni reunion. Shortly thereafter, a group of alumnae formed the Fontbonne Community Connection, a women's giving circle, and they contacted her to become a charter member.

Soon, Atteln, a former IBM systems engineer, had her finger on the pulse of higher education and stepped back onto campus regularly.

"I was the first one in my family to go to college. I received a half-tuition scholarship to attend Fontbonne," she said. Hearing about the debt students were taking on to attend school, she started contributing to annual scholarships, which are awarded until the entire donation has been given away.

"Someone said to me, 'As long as you're putting in all this money, why don't you create an endowed scholarship?'" she said. Donors can endow a scholarship with a minimum gift of \$25,000. The interest is then awarded to students every year, while the principal remains part of the university endowment.

Atteln initially named the scholarship after her deceased father, who was a machinist. She added her mother's name to it when she, too, passed away.

"I keep contributing to my endowed scholarship annually. Each year, the value of it goes up," she said. "I've met many of my scholarship recipients, and they often participate in sports. It makes me happy that by helping pay off their tuition, they can play more sports and not worry as much about student debt." |T|



Dr. Mary Abkemeier, with scholarship recipient Ashaunti Patterson-Turner, who is studying cybersecurity.

Good Stewardship

Since Dr. Mary Abkemeier was a child, she remembers her parents telling her, “Mary, you can do whatever you want.”

Her family wasn’t wealthy. Neither parent attended school beyond eighth grade. But they made sure each of their six children attended college. So when Abkemeier and her husband, Bill, decided to create a scholarship, they named it after her parents.

“My parents would be deeply touched if they could help someone not go through the pain and worry of paying for college,” she said.

As professor and chair of the mathematics and computer science department, Abkemeier has spent her career at Fontbonne, seeing it grow and change from a college into a university. And she has dedicated much of her time to serving others, from the homeless to the imprisoned.

For decades, she has coordinated monthly meal services for those in need, provided hands-on support with Criminal Justice Ministries, and served homeless women at the Grace and Peace Shelter. She is quick to add that she could not do most of these volunteer activities if it weren’t for the assistance of her husband. She has a full life, lived often in service to others, and contributing to the lives of her scholarship students is an added bonus.

“I’ve always been proud of them, and I get to see them flourish through the years,” she said. “I’ve always been of the opinion that I was an extremely lucky person, blessed with wonderful parents and family, good health, and lots of energy. In my opinion, it is the luck of the draw. I was given many gifts and need to make sure I’m a good steward of them.” ††

A Step Up

Frank and Ruth O’Neill Stroble ’52 contribute to many institutions and causes, but scholarships are close to their hearts.

“Education is a step up,” said Ruth. “We both received scholarships and want to share these opportunities with others.”

The Strobles are both first-generation college graduates who grew up in South St. Louis. Frank graduated from Saint Louis University the same year Ruth graduated from Fontbonne College. They married the following Valentine’s Day and celebrate their 65th anniversary this year.

With three scholarships at Fontbonne, they have had the opportunity to meet many of their students over the years and count the students to be among their many blessings. They also feel it’s important to support organizations that help with basic human needs of food and shelter, such as Catholic Charities and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch 100 Neediest Cases.

But Ruth has never been far from her Fontbonne family. She chaired a capital campaign and served on and off of Fontbonne’s Board of Trustees for 24 years. She has served in many other areas and now is trustee emeritus.

“God has been good to us,” she said, “and we want to share some of our blessings with others.” ††



Ruth O’Neill Stroble ’52 (left) and Frank Stroble (right), get to know their 2017-18 scholarship recipient, Shelby Bonds.

For information about creating or making a gift to Fontbonne University scholarships, contact Laura Farrar at (314) 889-4712 or lfarrar@fontbonne.edu.



Karina Arango had to embrace her own story before she could help students like her do the same.



by ELIZABETH
HISE BRENNAN

More than 7,500 immigrants and refugees from 80 different countries annually receive services from the International Institute St. Louis, a welcoming center for new Americans. Of the immigrants who arrive in St. Louis each year, many leave war, violence or poverty behind. Some are documented residents of their new home, some undocumented, adding an additional layer of complexity, fear and stigma. All must assimilate to a new way of life, often utterly different than the one they left behind. Simple tasks, like buying milk and bread, become enormous hurdles when you don't understand the language, the currency or the public transportation system. Education — learning within an English-language school system — becomes even harder.

The immigration debate in the United States has become a heated one, and talk of walls and bans has become commonplace. For the Sisters of St. Joseph, Fontbonne's founders and sponsors, serving the dear neighbor — whoever that is, wherever she's from — is far less complicated, however, than the legislative debates churning around us. With a nod to the sisters, one Fontbonne alumna, driven in part by her Fontbonne education, has made St. Louis' immigrant population her priority.

Karina Arango transferred to Fontbonne during her sophomore year. She was raised by a single mother, who risked her life to travel from Mexico to the United States alone and spent many years undocumented, working to support herself and her children. Arango would become the first in her family to graduate from college upon her Fontbonne commencement in the spring of 2015. She knows what it's like to be the only person in a room who looks like her and has a story like hers, but instead of allowing her differences to weigh her down, she uses them to propel herself — and others — forward.

"I've always been one of the few Latinos in any given space,"

“(These students are) pushing and they're passionate because of their family. And I get it. I know what that feels like.”

– Karina Arango '15



ABOVE: As a teacher's aide at the International Welcome Center in Ritenour School District, Karina Arango '15 partners with Deepa Jaswal, a classroom teacher (standing, far right), to teach, coach and mentor high school students.

SHOW ME DEMOCRACY

Karina Arango was featured in "Show Me Democracy," a documentary released in 2017 about college students becoming activists and advocates in St. Louis in the wake of Michael Brown's death. Find a screening to learn more about Arango and her journey.

► www.ShowMeDemocracy.com

she said. "When I was young, I shied away from some of the things I represented, including my culture and my language. When I came to Fontbonne, it was a shock to be here [in a mostly white environment]. After I started working in student affairs and began to make friends, I realized that what made me different from my peers is what gave me confidence in who I am."

For three years, Arango held a work study job in Fontbonne's student affairs office. Dr. Leslie Doyle, Fontbonne's director of service, diversity and social justice, took notice of the student sitting at the front desk.

"She was quiet, reserved and observant, and you knew there was depth there she just needed to tap into," Doyle said.

Fontbonne's inclusive, supportive community, including the student affairs team and the department of English and communication, where Arango spent much of her time as a communications studies major, helped shape and mature her. In

2014, she began an internship as an education policy intern with the Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis, a nonprofit that helps make post-secondary education accessible to those students who might not otherwise be able to afford it. There, Arango learned how to confidently tell her own story in order to shape legislative policy and effect change in the lives of students like herself.

"I think the Scholarship Foundation was really pivotal to her finding her voice and using it to advocate for others," Doyle said. "That experience coincided with her personal experiences, and this connection allowed her to really shine around action and advocacy."

Arango recognizes her time at Fontbonne and at the Scholarship Foundation as a turning point, a culmination of life experience, compassionate guidance and self-actualization.

"Embracing myself and embracing my story really happened on campus," Arango said. "This has defined and streamlined what I want to do."

Fully claiming her identity as an advocate, Arango, after graduation, began working as a teacher's aide at the International Welcome Center in Ritenour School District in Northwest St. Louis County. Ritenour is one of the oldest districts in the area, and according to Arango, it is also one of the most diverse. A St. Louis Post-Dispatch article attributes recent shifts in the area's population to the proximity of Lambert International Airport, as well as housing patterns. In 2015, leaders in the district recognized that the influx of immigrant students revealed a significant educational need, and so they founded the International Welcome Center.

"The center was created for students who have recently arrived in

this country who need help — and their families need help — acclimating to the culture, to the language, to the American school system," Arango explained.

Each day, she collaborates with a classroom teacher to assist high schoolers, many from Central America who speak Spanish as their primary language. These students have journeyed far to reach their families in St. Louis, and often, they've had significant gaps in their education.

"These students are having an identity crisis," Arango said. "As a young person, you leave everything behind to come to a new country; you're making a lot of sacrifice. They're pushing and they're passionate because of their family. And I get it. I know what that feels like."

Arango uses that empathy to drive her as a teacher, an ally, a friend and an advocate. She and her colleagues at the Welcome Center work not just with students, but with their families, helping them find the resources they need to learn, grow and make a life for themselves in St. Louis. And all of Arango's experiences — personal, educational, professional — have led her to this point. She is proud to tell her own story and often speaks out in interviews with newspapers, television stations and even documentary filmmakers.

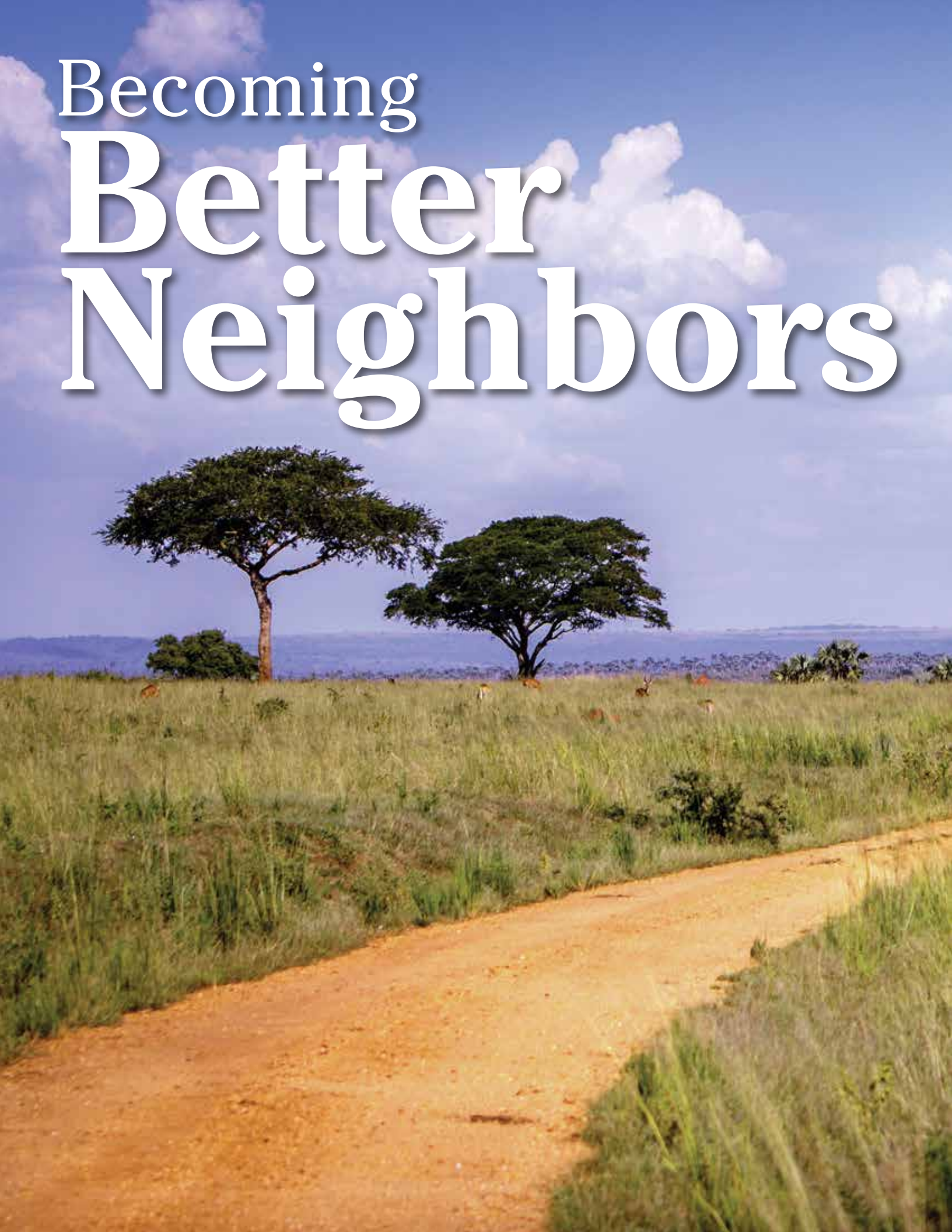
"I have not only an obligation but a responsibility to let my story be heard and to listen to others, especially if they have stories that don't get told enough." |†|




LEFT and BELOW:

Karina Arango '15, who is bilingual, works with students in small groups and one-on-one on an English writing assignment.





Becoming Better Neighbors

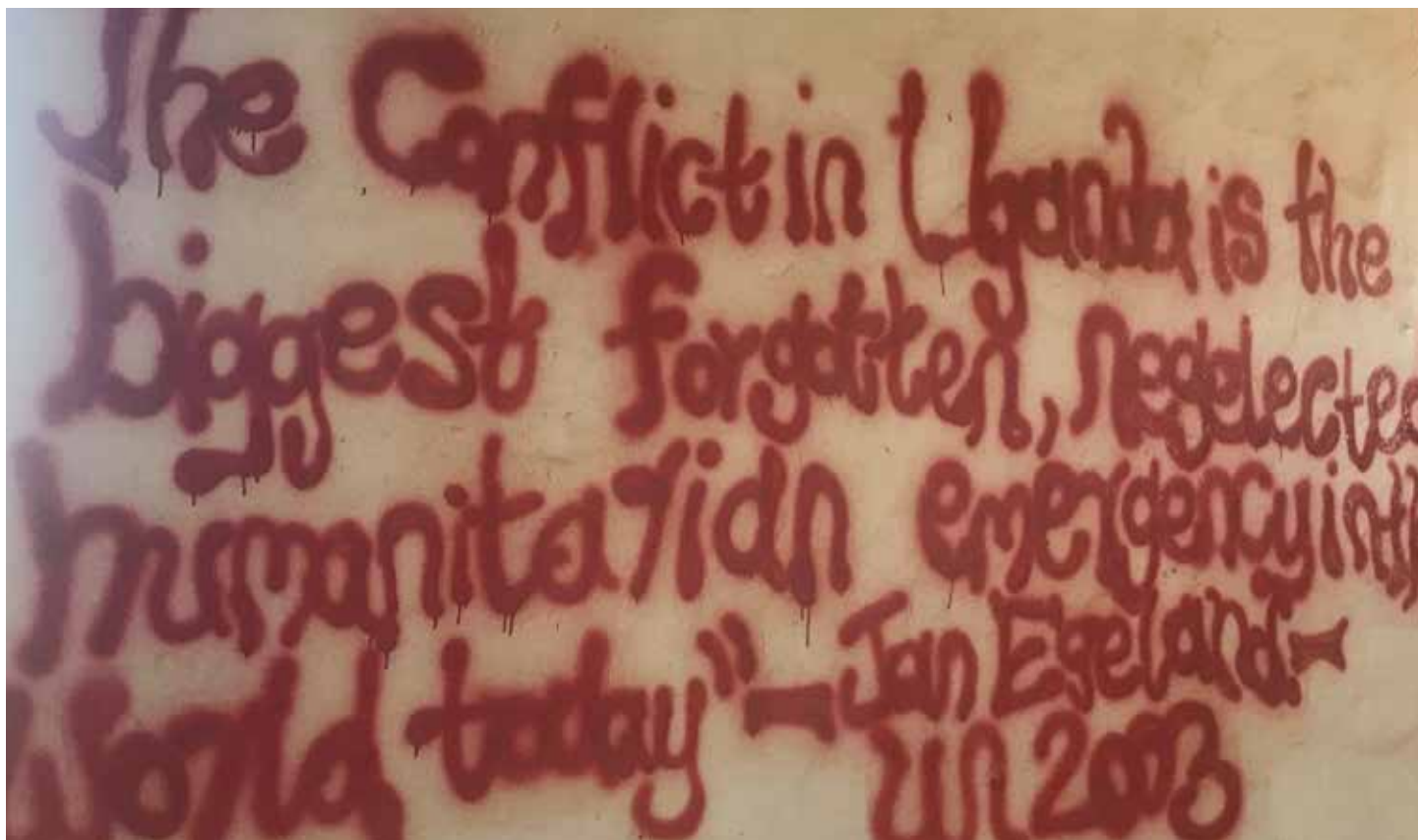


A group from Fontbonne discovers community far from home.

by DR. CORINNE WOHLFORD

In the summer of 2017, Fontbonne University offered the campus community the opportunity to go into the world and learn more deeply the values of justice, solidarity, simplicity, self-identity and vocation. The Gulu Immersion Project took six students, two staff members and two faculty members to Gulu, Uganda, where a group of CSJs serve the local community. The participants hoped to immerse themselves in the work of the sisters and the people there, reflect critically on issues of faith, privilege and justice, and learn new skills, languages and talents to help transform a world in need. The experience surprised, changed and challenged them all. Here, Dr. Wohlford, associate vice president of academic affairs, gives *Fontbonne Magazine* her personal perspective on the experience and explores just who our neighbors really are. ►

Red dirt roads crisscrossing the Ugandan landscape not only connected Fontbonne travelers to their destinations, but symbolized their journey as ambassadors and community builders, even across thousands of miles.



A reminder of conflict and violence is writ large at the National Memory and Peace Documentation Centre: "The conflict in Uganda is the biggest forgotten, neglected humanitarian emergency in the world today. – Jan Egeland, UN 2003"

Before we left for Uganda, the Sisters of St. Joseph offered us a blessing in Doerr Chapel. They asked us what we hoped to experience in Uganda, and I offered that I hoped to gain some insight into a country about which I had only generic images, ones that said "Africa," as if the entire continent could be represented in one place. I wanted to see beyond the images I already had in my head — the ones that said "third world" and little else.

When we got to Uganda, some of those images were real. Women astonishingly did carry everything from chicken to lumber to suitcases on their heads. We saw pick-up trucks with 20 or more men in them, sitting on the edges, pouring over the roof in violation of every safety rule I could imagine. We saw children raiding a dumpster for food, others walking barefoot in tattered clothing. We saw hippos and crocodiles in the Nile, and lions, giraffes and elephants in their natural habitats.

I took countless pictures of the animals, it's true; we were slack-jawed with wonder. But I made a point otherwise not to take photographs of those images that only confirmed those pictures of "Africa" already provided by American

culture, the ones that didn't teach me anything. I wanted to challenge myself and the students to learn about Uganda, a real place with a real history and complex and compelling people — a place like any other place and yet entirely unique unto itself that was deeper than those images.

And we did learn about the civil war, the utter brutality of kidnapping, rape and murder. We learned about the particular hardships endured by the people of Gulu, where we stayed, as Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army terrorized its own people and the government often acted little better. I felt a heaviness in the pit of my stomach when Sister Hellen, headmistress of St. Joseph's primary school, where children sang and danced and performed and laughed with us, explained to us that 40 of the school's children had been abducted more than a decade ago and that the fates of 11 of them remained unknown. I fell silent as she pointed toward a corner of the school building that a grenade had hit. One evening, on the way back from a spirited day of meeting locals, we witnessed the gruesome aftermath of a motorcycle accident, which are common in Uganda, and the howls of devastation from the grieving crowd transcended language and culture.

But as we listened to Sister Hellen and to countless others who showed us the real Gulu, we found much more than tragedy, including the joy we saw in her buoyant spirit and the pride she took in her students. One night as we reflected

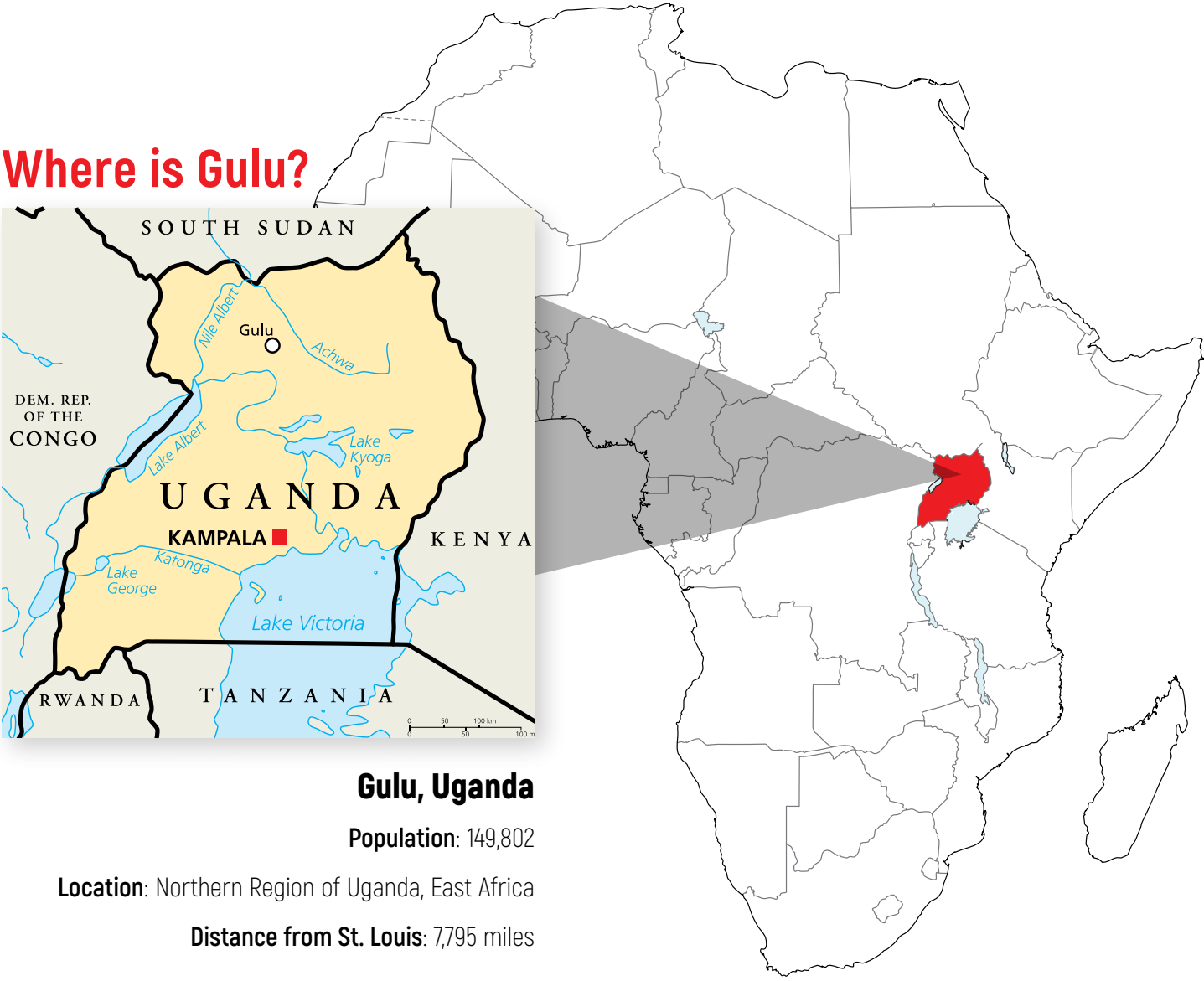
"It is critical that opposite sides of the world come together to recognize differences and learn from one another, to share in the gifts that every individual person provides."

– Abby Towle '17,
Gulu Immersion Project participant



Fontbonne University travelers meet with representatives of Sacred Heart University, a new university operating in a 90-year-old building in Gulu.

Where is Gulu?

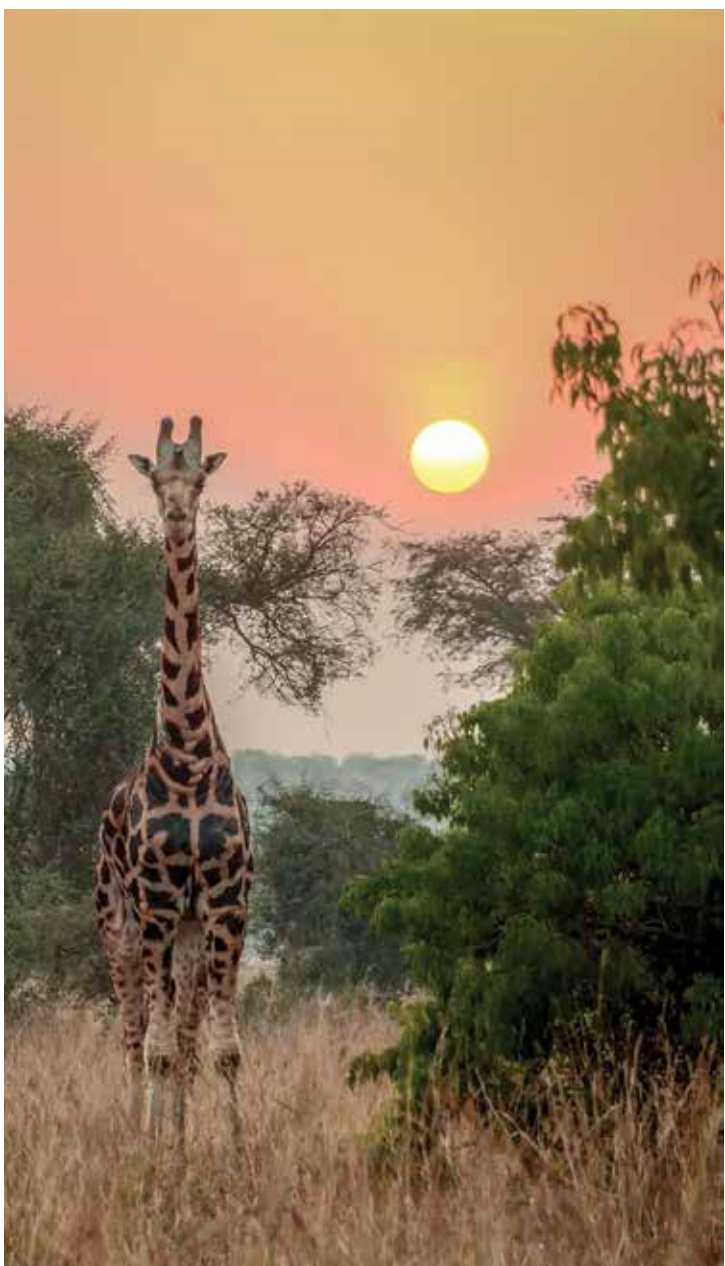




ABOVE: The Catholic Women's Association helps empower women in Uganda through microloans and other programs and initiatives.

LEFT: The Fontbonne travelers spent the last few days of their journey at Murchison Falls National Park, where they marveled at animals and landscapes unknown to most Americans.

BELOW: Sister Hellen, headmistress of St. Joseph's primary school in Gulu, guided her students in song, dance and rhymes to welcome their guests from Fontbonne.





ABOVE: Mary Beth Gallagher, director of mission integration, is flanked by Sister Patty Clune (left) and Sister Pat Murphy, CSJ (right), two of Fontbonne's gracious hosts and guides.

LEFT: Fontbonne assisted with the Water with Blessings project, which empowers "water women" in rural villages to supply clean water for their families and neighbors.

on our experiences of the day, an activity that Lori Helfrich, Fontbonne's director of campus ministry, guided each evening, I asked that we consider what we envied about the Ugandan people, to watch not for ways in which we could feel sorry for them but to learn from and about them.

It wasn't hard to answer. We envied the sustainable ways that communities were rebuilding themselves, so that schools were also clinics and farms and restaurants and guest houses — each place found ways to stretch resources and build community that we could not have imagined in our own. We envied the gorgeous local fabrics, artwork and instruments, the friendliness of so many people who insisted "you are welcome here." One of my favorite exchanges in Uganda was with a man who asked me whether we had bananas in the United States. When I said yes, he asked me, "What kind?" I had never before realized that the United States lacked such a rich diversity of bananas!

We admired the way that children are considered riches to their parents and the pride that families took in the education of their children. We envied the ways that women were becoming empowered as leaders and the openness of the communities to treating trauma as a necessary part of healing. We were awed by the courage of a museum that documented the war, still an open wound, in the heart of the conflict zone. And we were humbled by the openness of a society that itself was only a decade out from civil war to embrace refugees from the crisis in nearby South Sudan.

One Saturday afternoon, as we joined a group of 40 or so women receiving water filters as a part of the Water with Blessings project, under a tree in a rural village, a man walked up the village

path, agitated and shouting. We could not understand him, but one of the local teachers turned to us and said, "Do not be afraid; he has some mental health problems." We watched as the men of the village gently guided him away from the crowd, not in anger or embarrassment but in a way that showed he was their collective responsibility. There was a kindness in the gesture I did not recognize in our own country.

History has been cruel to the people of Gulu, for a long time. Several times, impressed at the spirit of reconstruction and resilience of the Ugandan people, I asked a host, "Do people ever worry that the war will come back?" Every person replied, "Yes, of course." Maybe it is because of what they have lost that they know how much it means to rebuild their lives and livelihoods anyway.

I miss Gulu, not because I miss the images of a far-off place that seemed exotic or distant but because there are real, resilient, innovative people there who remind us what community — the dear neighbor — means. My students, colleagues and I are better neighbors for it. ††

“When you have dealt with such tragedy and yet you still continue to live life to its fullest, help others in your community, think selflessly, and have a heart to live for God, that to me is motivating and shows me what true living is all about.”

– Candance Hurd '12,
Alumni Board member,
Gulu Immersion Project participant



Catch^{the} **FIRE**

**New students take a powerful journey to
get a true understanding of the history,
mission and spirituality of the CSJs.**



by CATIE
DANDRIDGE

Those who have spent even a small amount of time on Fontbonne University's campus understand the bond shared between the university and its founders and sponsors, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The sisters made Fontbonne a reality, and reminders of their relationship with the university pop up everywhere — at the bottom of letterhead, in artwork on campus and even etched into the cornerstone of Ryan Hall. But “founded and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet” is more than a disclaimer. It's a badge of honor that the university wears proudly and shares with every student who walks through its halls.

As an institution, Fontbonne deeply values the history it inherited from the CSJs. As the times change and the number of sisters on campus dwindles, the university has established a number of traditions that help the campus community carry on the mission and passion of the compassionate, driven women who paved the way for so many, and whose legacy will continue to do so into the distant future.

Bookends

In recent years, two traditions have emerged as opportunities to envelop the Fontbonne experience in the tradition of the CSJs. One introduces new students to Fontbonne's mission and history; the other sends them on their way, prepared to “serve a world in need.”

On the very first day of orientation, new students kick off their Fontbonne career with *Catch the Fire*, a ceremony that illustrates the journey of the CSJs through an interactive storytelling experience.

“We want everyone who attends to see, hear and feel the mission that is a living part of Fontbonne,” said Lori Helfrich, Fontbonne's director of campus ministry. “Students get a real understanding of the history and mission of the CSJs. They hear the story and receive a blessing from the sisters. They're encouraged to learn about and engage in their spirituality.”

During the *Catch the Fire* ceremony, new members of the Fontbonne community are welcomed into the darkened gym by faculty,

Celebrating the CSJs

There is no shortage of programming at Fontbonne to celebrate the CSJ heritage. Learn more about several other regular events below.



Fontbonne Day is a CSJ-inspired, campuswide day of service. Students, faculty and staff are invited to fan out across the St. Louis area in the spirit of "serving the dear neighbor."



Service with the CSJs is held twice a year, in the fall following Founders' Day and in the spring around the Feast of St. Joseph. This service project is coordinated in collaboration with the CSJs and CSJ Associates.



Mother St. John Fontbonne's birthday is celebrated in March with Mass and a cake reception.



The LePuy Kitchen sits outside of Doerr Chapel on a semi-permanent basis. This life-sized replica of the kitchen shared by the original CSJs in France is a constant reminder of a humble beginning. The kitchen is significant because it was the daily gathering place of the sisters, where they would pray and share their thoughts and goals before going into the streets of LePuy to serve the dear neighbor.



Motherhouse tours are hosted regularly throughout each year. The CSJs invite faculty and staff to join them at the Motherhouse in South St. Louis for a tour and dinner.



TOP: WING (Welcoming In New Griffins)
Leaders help guide the new class through orientation and beyond.



BOTTOM: Fontbonne faculty and staff help usher the new class into the Catch the Fire ceremony.





Sisters of St. Joseph
of Carondelet
recreate their order's
storied history.

staff and student leaders holding candles to light their path. At the center of the room, a CSJ begins to tell the story of the original sisters who left their home in France to found a new congregation in the United States, a brave act that would, in time, lead to the creation of Fontbonne. Standing in a circle around a cauldron of fire, a small group of CSJs lights candles from the cauldron, then, throughout the story, lights the candles of the other participants. Participants see the fire spread throughout the group, just as the passion and mission of the original CSJs spread throughout the world.

"They likely don't know it then," Helfrich said, "but the students are spreading the legacy of the sisters through their education and actions."

Years later, upon graduation, students mark the end of their college career with the Sending Ceremony, an inclusive interfaith ceremony held in the spirit of the CSJs and their charism.

The Sending Ceremony features the same cauldron of fire used during the Catch the Fire ceremony, only this time, the graduates are the ones who light the fire and share their own reflections on how the values of the university and its founders shaped their journey.

Following both ceremonies students have the opportunity to ring the chapel bell, which was donated by the class of 1949 and historically rung at each commencement. Then, the number of rings coincided with the year of the graduating

class as a way for Fontbonne to celebrate each individual's effort and success. Today, each student is invited to ring the bell at the beginning and ending of his or her time at Fontbonne.

"I absolutely love the bookends of Catch the Fire and the Sending Ceremony," said Linda Markway, CSJ and Fontbonne director of mission stewardship. "It's a very powerful and transformative journey. The students take the passion and charism they've learned in their time here and take it out into the world. It really doesn't get much better than that."

Little Ways

Nods to CSJ history exist in the every day at Fontbonne as well. In recent years, a number of smaller, informal activities have been introduced on campus as regular reminders of history and heritage.

Fontbonne recently began celebrating National Catholic Sisters' Week, which was lovingly renamed "I ♥ CSJs Week" on campus. The celebrations begin on March 8, International Womens' Day, and last all week with educational, spiritual and entertaining events.

One of the most popular events during this week is "Rockin' with the Sisters," which allows CSJs to spend time on campus — in rocking chairs. Students, staff and faculty are welcome to join them for companionship and conversation. This event has become so popular that it is now hosted several times a year.

"I am just amazed at how popular 'Rockin' with the Sisters' has be-

come," Markway said. "Sometimes a sister will be here for hours with just one person, and sometimes they'll get to chat with 10 people. You just never know! But the truly amazing thing is how willingly our students share their stories and form a relationship with the sisters. That's how our collective story continues the mission."

A monthly series called "Our Sisters, Our Heritage" brings members of the campus community together in the library to get to know a different CSJ over friendly discussion and a light lunch.

"This is a great opportunity for everyone to get to know a sister and what inspired her to become a CSJ," Helfrich said. "It's a chance to learn the personal stories that make up the bigger story."

The programming Fontbonne has developed with the CSJs on campus fosters a collaborative relationship that, in spite of changes in the world, will share the light and the spirit of the sisters with Fontbonne students long into the future.

"The history of the CSJs is just as much a part of campus as it is the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph," Markway said. "It's knowing our heritage; the same way you would know your grandparents' heritage. I've been very touched to see how deeply people actually do catch that fire. I see it in everyone: Catholic, non-Catholic, agnostic, atheist. You don't have to be Catholic to care for the dear neighbor without distinction. Let's all work together in this mission." |†|

CLASS NOTES



▲ The class of 1955 met for lunch in September 2017 to celebrate their 62nd anniversary. Pictured (l-r): **Jeanne Gantner Bruns**, **Gerry Schmalz Eyerman**, **Maura Downey Klingen**, **Joy Auer Venverloh**, **Maureen Manning Doerr**, **Kay Gunn Martin**, **Ann Moore Duer**, **Marion Wyers** and **Rose Ann Reily**.

1950s

Betty Wyers Metzger '53 traveled to St. Louis in summer 2017 to visit family. She resides in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Dorothy Lynch Hellweg '54 and her husband, Raymond Hellweg, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17, 2017. They live in St. Louis.

1960s

Yvonne DeMange Schenk '65 and her husband, Paul Michael Schenk, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2017. They are proud parents of two sons, grandparents of two granddaughters, and happy to be retired and living in Louisville, Ky., and Fort Meyers, Fla.

Jeanine Bubash Pelikan '66 and her husband, Douglas Pelikan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2017. She taught foreign language in the Bayless School District and at Lutheran South High



◀ Members of the class of 1964 gathered together in 2017 during a visit from **Ruth Ann Hostler Kerr '64**. Back (l-r): **Martie Holloran O'Grady**, **Maggie Gunn Fowler**, **Ruth Ann Hostler Kerr** and **Mary Lou Meyer Lenkman**. Front (l-r): **Julie Lamm Blow**, **Kathleen Sappington Woodworth** and **Mary Beth Olyniec Westhoff**.

School, both in St. Louis County, before retiring. She then became a community volunteer, with particular service to OASIS and the Fabulous Fox Theatre.

Rose Mary Brueggen, CSJ '68 has been using her degree in deaf and elementary education to help children with hearing loss since she graduated. She now works with senior citizens, helping them with their hearing aids in an assisted living facility in the St. Louis area.

Carol Kuehn Voss '69 was honored as one of Gazelle STL Magazine's Top 50 Women in St. Louis 2017, in recognition of her community service and philanthropy. In April, Voss was honored by Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis as the organization's 2017 Woman of the Year.

1970s

Leandra Schaller, OSF '70 has served her community of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Denver, Colo., for four decades. She

teaches biology, offers college-level tutoring sessions and counsels high school students as well.

Margaret Shea Smetana '71 and her husband, Richard Smetana, celebrated 42 years of marriage. Sadly, Richard passed away on July 31, 2017. Smetana lives in Pinehurst, N.C.

Debbie Gilbert Genung '72 and her husband George welcomed their sixth grandchild in 2017. They also moved out of their neighborhood of 50 years and plan to travel to Hong Kong to visit family, followed by a trip to Europe. They remain in the St. Louis area.

1980s

Katherine Utterson Gieg '88 was honored with an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award in November 2017.

1990s

Janet Kelley Woodworth '90 retired from teaching at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park



▲ Leandra Schaller, OSF '70



▲ The Class of 1977 gathered in September to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Front (l-r): **Karen Tinkham Griesedieck**, **Colette Shea O'Rourke**, **JoAnn Bundschuh Gallen**, **Betty Miller Amelotti** and **Nancy Neff**. Back (l-r): **Janet Gravagna**, **Janice Klutho Work**, **Ann Feld**, **Hazel Mallory** and **Mary Anne Schneider** Monika.



▲ Katherine Utterson Gieg '88

in December 2017 after 51 years of service.

Halbert Sullivan '96 received the 2017 Nonprofit Executive of the Year Award at the St. Louis American Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Business. He is the founding president and CEO of Fathers' Support Center.

Wendy Richardson '97 '00 is the senior vice president of customer technical communications at Mastercard. She has been with the company for about 20 years, and now combines her knowledge of Mastercard technology with her passion to help customers expand their businesses.

2000s

Sarajeni Carter Hammond MBA '00 was recognized by DELUX Magazine at the 2017 Power 100 Celebration at the Ritz-Carlton in December 2017. Hammond, who is a member of the Fontbonne Council of Regents, is director, HR Shared Services

Americas at Monsanto Company.

Julie Phoenix '00 was one of four children's librarians in the nation to win the 2018 Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Award, enabling her to attend the American Library Association Conference in New Orleans in 2018.

Miriam Slater '00 is an agency owner with Colonial Life Insurance in St. Louis.

Matt Banderman '01 was selected as one of St. Louis Business Journal's "40 Under 40" for 2018. A district director and financial adviser at Northwestern Mutual, he also chairs Fontbonne's Council of Regents.

Caroline Humphrey Sletten '01 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education and works for Penmac Education Staffing. She lives with her husband, Christopher, in Innsbrook, Mo.

Trina Petty-Rice '02 received national recognition as the principal of Mark Twain Elementary in the

Brentwood School District in St. Louis County. The school has been recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, a national program that honors schools for high academic performance and progress in closing achievement gaps among students.

Col. John Hayden Jr. '03 has been named St. Louis police chief. A 30-year veteran of the St. Louis Police Department who earned his master's degree in management from Fontbonne, Hayden replaced the interim chief after a months-long search.

Hannah Kay Scroggins '05 married Andrew Joseph Slap on June 17, 2017, at Marina Shores Yacht Club in Virginia Beach, Va., where they plan to live.

Denise Schilling-Douglas '07 MA '08 MFA '09 began teaching photography at Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School.

Emily Buxbaum '07 recently accepted the position of director of



▲ Julie Phoenix '00

clinical education in the communication sciences and disorders department at Saint Louis University.

Christopher Schott '08 earned his Ph.D. in education from the University of Missouri – St. Louis in 2016. He is an assistant teaching professor at UMSL, where he teaches composition and rhetoric courses. He also acts as coordinator of the university's writing center.

Metra Mitchell '08 was recently featured in both group and solo art shows across the states of Missouri and Illinois. She is also an adjunct instructor at Maryville University, St. Louis Community College – Forest Park and St. Charles Community College.

Liz Sharpe-Taylor '09 is now the communication coordinator for The College School in Webster Groves, Mo. After earning her master of arts in communication from Johns Hopkins University, Sharpe-Taylor was hired to continue The College School's marketing and communication strategy. Her experience in earned media and digital strategy comes from nine years of executing communications plans during her previous roles as earned media assistant on the 2008 presidential campaign, communications coordina-



▲ Matt Banderan '01

tor for Missouri's Division of Workforce Development, new media director for Florida's redistricting campaign and communications coordinator for The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis.

Timothy Sengpiel '09 is now the vice president of sales of Connectria Corporation. He lives with his wife, Jennifer, in Chesterfield, Mo.

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Rachel Hanson '11 recently accepted a new position as the assistant director of programming at the University of Kentucky, where she will advise the Student Activities Board and coordinate campus-wide programming initiatives.

Joseph Albert Korfmacher '11 married Chantel Ible on Oct. 7, 2017. The couple will reside in Affton, Mo.

Elizabeth Anne Voogt '13 graduated from Fontbonne's ISPP multidisciplinary health communications program with a Master of Arts. Since then, she started working as a dietitian and manager with Morrison Healthcare. In 2016, she decided to relocate from St. Louis back to her hometown of Chicago to be closer to family. She is



▲ Col. John Hayden Jr. '03

currently a clinical nutrition manager with Morrison Healthcare at Central Dupage Hospital with Northwestern Memorial. She hopes to obtain her CNSC as an additional certification and is looking forward to what the future holds.

Deborah Mraz '13 began teaching at St. Joseph Catholic School in Imperial, Mo. She is a 7th grade homeroom teacher, teaches social studies, participates in the school's social justice program and moderates the mock trial team.

Marielle Counts '14 was awarded the Outstanding Member Award from the Public Health/Community Nutrition Practice Group for her work as electronic communications chair. The award was presented in conjunction with the 2017 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo, national trade show of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Counts currently works as a clinical dietitian at Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo., teaches nutrition classes and sees clients in private practice.

Roshawn Russell '14 is in his first full year as athletic director at St. Rita of Cascia High School in Chicago.



▲ Liz Sharpe-Taylor '09

Claire Toler '15 began a new job as an intensive outpatient therapist at Great Circle in Webster Groves, Mo.

Erin Louise Pearce '15 graduated in August with a master's degree in library science from Texas Woman's University. She accepted a position in library management and is enjoying the growth of her career.

Erica Kuhn '16 is currently working as a digital marketing coordinator for Tacony Corporation, a manufacturer of Baby Lock brand sewing machines based in Fenton, Mo.

Jessie Wheeler '16 began her position as an account representative at Ansira in November 2017.

Kevin Myers '17 displayed his creative works in the Performing Arts Center Gallery at Illinois Central College – East Peoria Campus in November 2017. He works with mixed media and has developed his own technique over the past 20 years. His works have been exhibited and sold throughout the nation.

Julie Trejo '17 was awarded the 2017 Leica Leadership and Management Scholarship from the National Society for Histo-technology at the organization's



◀ **Ann Rose Plag '09 '15** married Jason Plag in St. Louis on Oct. 28, 2017. **Sarah Rose** (pictured fifth from left), sister of the bride and current Fontbonne student, served as maid of honor, and **Jinnia Hirbe Dunn '09** (pictured fourth from left) served as a bridesmaid. Plag is an admission counselor in graduate and professional studies at Fontbonne.

annual conference in Orlando, Fla. She lives with her family in Ferguson, Mo.

Yuvaraj Mistry '17 started his job as an information coordinator with Enterprise Holdings in July 2017.

Claire Nutter '17 graduated in December and now serves with the Peace Corps in South America. She is stationed in the coastal region of Colombia and co-teaches English with Colombian teachers in grades 1-3.

Holly Ann Rogers '16 accepted ▶ a position in the leisure travel department of Explore St. Louis, and now travels throughout the United States to promote St. Louis for tourism and film.



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2017 HOMECOMING



◀ Members of the Class of 1967 gather for Mass in Doerr Chapel to celebrate their 50th reunion.



▲ (l-r) Dot Steele '67, Lila McBride Schmitz '67 and Susan Klevorn Green '67 catch up and flash their smiles at the Class of 1967 Reunion Dinner.



▲ 2017 Founders Award recipient: Joan Buxton Falk '65 (in purple) is honored at the Alumni Brunch. Members of her family, including her twin sister, Jan Buxton Unterreiner '65 (pictured at left in pink) attended the event in celebration of her achievements.



▲ Fontbonne students (l-r) Clayton Bond, Lillian Corzine and McKinley Robbins, along with Joel Hermann, associate director for the Center of Leadership and Community Engagement, have fun in the Golden Meadow with Gunner the Griffin during Saturday's spirit rally.

Alumni, friends and family returned to Fontbonne University this past fall to celebrate the 2017 homecoming, “Griffin Pride Can’t Be Tamed!” Events included a kick-off cocktail party, spirit rally and soccer games, and the annual Founders Award presentation. Campus came to life with laughter, friendship, celebration and Griffin pride. Check out some of the weekend’s highlights and mark your calendars for this year’s festivities: **Oct. 5-7, 2018.**



▲ Meredith Amelotti, who will graduate in May 2019, poses with her mother, Betty Miller Amelotti '77.



▲ Alumni Board members (l-r) Tomarius Prince '12, Maria Eftink Buckel '06, Candance Hurd '12, Brian Gant '04, Elizabeth Brennan '14, Tony Effan '09 '16, Kate Flatley and Sarah Buffa '09 catch up over drinks at the kick-off cocktail party.



▲ President Pressimone and his wife, Cathy, perform a song during the Class of 1967 Reunion Dinner.



▲ Fr. Kamanzi celebrates Mass with the Class of 1967, the newest inductees of the Golden Arcade Circle.



▲ 2017 (l-r) Founders Award recipient Joan Buxton Falk '65 celebrates with 2014 Founders Award recipient Mary Charity Dalton, CSJ, and 2013 recipient Karen DeGuire Gedera '65.

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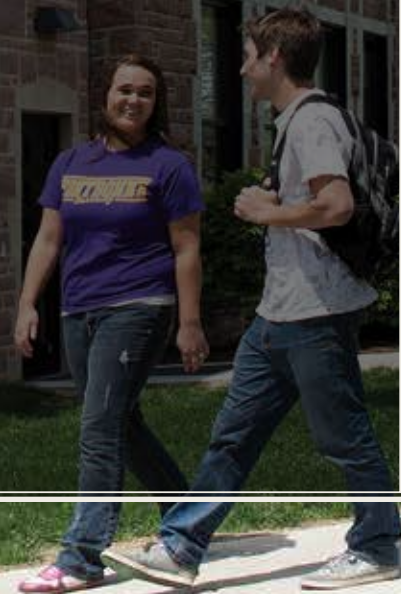
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