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On the Cover

We're proud to introduce the new look of Fontbonne University. The richness of our history and the promise of what lies ahead contributed to our new look and logo, which encompass the past, present and future of the university. Learn more about the thought and meaning behind the brand on page 4.





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President's Message

TAKING OUR PLACE



We need a fresh way to engage our audiences with an exciting and aspirational new look and approach.

Those of you who are alumni, supporters, and close friends and family of Fontbonne can easily articulate the story of this place based on your personal experiences. You are a part of our fabric and history. You have experienced what it means to be a dear neighbor and to serve the dear neighbor. You are also aware that service to the dear neighbor is often done in quiet ways, exhibiting all of the humility that accompanies true servant leadership.

We continue to cherish that humble identity, which we derive from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and our roots as a Catholic university. But now is the time for us to deliver a bold, new message about who we are. It's time for us to *soar higher*.

One year ago, we embarked on a journey to rebrand the university. Considerable research, including many personal interviews, accompanied this process. This is what we learned: The things that we hold most dear continue to be important, but we need a new and exciting way to engage prospective students in this age of technology, choice and constant connection. We need a fresh way to engage our audiences with an exciting and aspirational new look and approach.

Within the pages of this magazine, you will see this new brand come to life. You will read stories of people who have expressed a strong commitment to support our university, as well as those who live our mission every day.

We want people to sit up and take notice. As a university, we have been quiet for too long. Our new brand platform will help us express our beautiful identity in new and exciting ways, inviting and engaging others to join us as part of the Fontbonne University family.

Dr. J. Michael Pressimone
President

EDITOR'S NOTE

In addition to our new look and brand, you might notice another new change to *Fontbonne Magazine*: our frequency. In an effort to be more timely and relevant, you'll now find us in your mailbox three times each year.



University Trustees Brian Abel Ragen, left, and Dennis Gipson, have pledged gifts that will impact Fontbonne far into the future.

Largest Gifts in University History Pave Way for Future Growth

By Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Two exceptional gifts to Fontbonne University have set the tone for the year's fundraising goals — and for the long-term planning and investment in Fontbonne's future. A commitment from Board Chair Dennis Gipson, retired chief executive officer and president of Hussman Corporation, pledges a seven-figure gift to Fontbonne, the largest in the university's history. And a commitment from Brian Abel Ragen, board member and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville professor emeritus, pledges a seven-figure total via annual gifts and estate planning, establishing an endowed chair in the humanities.

Gipson's gift is primarily a capital investment in the Fontbonne University West campus, which will help the university bring its bold vision for the new campus to life. As the lead trustee of the university, he hopes his gift offers an example for

others as well.

"I believe Fontbonne is a special place that not only prepares students to succeed in their chosen fields, but also enriches their spirit along with their intelligence," says Gipson, who views his gift as an investment — in the institution, in the community and in the lives of individual students. "If you feel a sense of reward watching great young students thrive in an environment like Fontbonne's, and then watch them do good things for hundreds or perhaps thousands of others throughout their long careers, then this might be a great place to compound your 'community interest' too."

Ragen benefited from a liberal arts education at a small institution, and his gift reflects his ardent belief that such an education is foundational for success, especially in today's fast-paced world.

"At Fontbonne, my gift makes the essential education I found so valuable possible for students who might otherwise be unable to afford to attend a small liberal arts college," Ragen says. "To help students gain the riches to be found in the liberal arts in a spirit of eagerness, thoughtfulness and reverence is my goal as a trustee and a donor, and I firmly believe that is the goal of Fontbonne University as well."

Fontbonne is geared toward growth in the coming years. The new West County campus is under initial renovations, the rollout of a new brand and advertising campaign will

capture greater attention and awareness, and the university is educating the largest and most diverse freshman class it has seen in a decade. As Fontbonne prepares to celebrate its centennial, the university community is also preparing for another 100 years of educating students to serve a world in need. None of it is possible, however, without the support of the university's dedicated alumni and ambassadors.

"Our work in advancement is to show individuals the joy of philanthropy," said Kitty Nangle Lohrum, vice president for advancement. "Fundraising is about inviting people to make a difference, and at Fontbonne we do that very well — through our faculty, our students and our impact on our community. Generous commitment from our trustees, through both volunteer leadership and donations, is imperative to our success."

To contribute to the future growth of Fontbonne University and to help its students soar higher, please contact Kitty Nangle Lohrum at klohrum@fontbonne.edu or 314-889-4701.



Reimagining Fontbonne University for a Strong Future

Research indicated that Fontbonne would benefit from an increase in public awareness and familiarity, and an institution-wide rebrand would be an opportunity to make an impact and drive strong differentiation in a competitive marketplace. Interviews with key stakeholders helped define Fontbonne's strengths, which form the foundation for the updated brand.

Soon, you'll see the new look of Fontbonne all over St. Louis, as a striking new advertising campaign makes a splash in the market. Look for bold billboards, a redesigned website, targeted digital advertising, and listen for our radio ads.

Everyone affiliated with Fontbonne plays an active and important role in telling the Fontbonne University story and representing the brand accurately, genuinely and with pride.

Do you have questions about our new brand? Learn more about our brand story online.

WWW.FONTBONNE.EDU/SOARHIGHER

A brand is not simply a logo, a crest or a mission statement. It is all of those things and more. Built over time, a brand conveys image and reputation. It acts as a calling card before, during and after every interaction.

The Fontbonne University brand does more than simply identify us — it communicates our values, beliefs and personality. Although the core values of our brand remain steadfast, as times and students change, there comes a point when the appearance of our brand must be refined, updated and reimagined. For Fontbonne University, now is that time.



OUR TOP STRENGTHS



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Top tier cornerstone programs and diversity of offerings



UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

A place where students have the support to grow and thrive as individuals



MISSION & VALUES

Mission to care for the dear neighbor is at the forefront



CARE OF STUDENTS

Faculty and staff are mentors, actively involved in the academic progress of each student



INTRODUCING THE NEW LOOK OF FONTBONNE UNIVERSITY:



Our strengths lead to a key positioning statement...

Fontbonne University empowers students to succeed with purpose.

*...which helps to define and focus the development of the brand and new advertising tagline, **SOAR HIGHER.***



Fontbonne
UNIVERSITY

SOAR HIGHER

OPTIMIZING FONTBONNE'S BRAND EQUITIES

The continuation of the color purple as the primary color.

The cross was kept within the mark as a reminder of the university's Catholic and CSJ identity.

Blue was introduced to symbolize the sky, and conveys wisdom, reliability, faith and confidence.

The shape of the mark represents a wing and is a metaphorical representation of our new brand platform, "Soar Higher."

The serif font for "University" was inspired by our previous logo and is a nice juxtaposition to the sans serif text in Fontbonne.



THE NEW FONTBONNE ATHLETIC LOGO





New *in* Academics

- 1) Now, undergraduate students who entered the university as freshmen can begin earning a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, a new major within the department of biological and behavioral sciences. This interdisciplinary program combines the anatomical and physiological aspects of exercise and sport, while offering students the opportunity to explore the nutritional, social, entrepreneurial and allied health aspects of this field as well. Transfer students and others can begin the program in fall 2019.
- 2) Undergraduate students now can earn a minor in One Health and a minor in health and wellness.

- 3) Graduate students will benefit from the redesign of Fontbonne's Master of Science in Computer Science. The program now focuses on the practical application of computer science for those with bachelor's degrees in technology-related fields and for anyone whose current job now demands updated technology skills that the current market is seeking. Students are able to choose from one of three high-demand specializations: software engineering, cybersecurity and data science.

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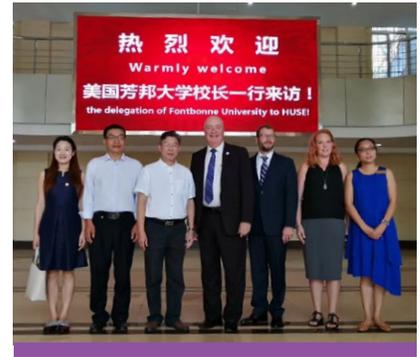
ESTEEMED **ACCREDITATION**

Fontbonne University's bachelor's degree program in computer science has been accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of ABET, the global accreditor of college and university programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. Sought worldwide, ABET's voluntary peer-review process is highly respected

because it adds critical value to academic programs in the technical disciplines, where quality, precision and safety are of the utmost importance. Fontbonne is currently undergoing ABET review for its bachelor's degree in cybersecurity. When accreditation is achieved, Fontbonne's cybersecurity degree will be one of only a few in the world to hold it.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

A delegation from Fontbonne University traveled to China in 2018 to begin conversations with three Chinese universities about developing dual degree programs and partnerships.



ABOVE, the group is warmly welcomed by Hunan University of Science and Engineering. Pictured from left to right: Lili Deng, HUSE international affairs staff member; Jigen Zheng, HUSE director of international affairs; Hongfu Song, HUSE vice president; Dr. J. Michael Pressimone, Fontbonne president; Dr. Adam Weyhaupt, dean of Fontbonne's College of Arts and Sciences, Rebecca Bahan, director of international affairs at Fontbonne; and Dr. Yi Yang, Fontbonne professor of math and computer sciences.

Moving Forward with Fontbonne West



COMPUTER
LAB



CLASSROOM

After announcing plans to purchase the campus of John F. Kennedy High School in St. Louis County, Fontbonne University closed on the property in June 2018. After completing initial inspections, the university finalized pre-construction work on the new property in late 2018. Phase one of construction on the building, which includes a wing of administrative and academic offices, study areas and classrooms, began in early 2019. Fontbonne hopes to hold classes in the building in mid-2019.



BOEING GRANT EXPANDS GIRLS-IN-SCIENCE

Dr. Kelly Lane-deGraaf, assistant professor of biology, is the recipient of a \$26,000 grant from Boeing to expand Fontbonne's Girls-in-Science Summer Research Program, which promotes science as a future career among seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade girls from diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds in the St. Louis region. Established in 2015, the Girls-in-Science Summer Research Program now exposes students to four scientific fields: biology, ecology, chemistry and physics.



A JOYFUL NOISE

A group of students performed a holiday concert this past December as part of the growing music scene at Fontbonne. They were led by Nick Moramarco, a seasoned music professional, who joined the staff in the fall of 2018 as a music director, helping to channel students' musical interests into melody via a new choir, a new band and additional liturgical opportunities.

WWW.FONTBONNE.EDU/MUSIC



MEETING MICKEY

For more than a year, 11 sophomore- and junior-level students washed cars, hosted trivia nights and participated in leadership development programming in order to fund and prepare for their December 2018 four-day trip to Walt Disney World Resort. There, they participated in the college edition of the Disney Youth Education Series, a training-intensive program that encourages participants to focus and develop personal strengths and values in conjunction with organizational values and individual legacy — all through the lens of the esteemed brand of The Walt Disney Co. After returning to campus, the students put their newfound skills to good use in enhanced leadership roles.

GLOBAL GRIFFINS

Anna Takano (at right) from Tsu, Mie, Japan, guides Kate Flatley, director of alumni and community relations, through a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. The two joined hundreds of staff, faculty and students who attended the 2018 International Bazaar, celebrating the culture, customs, food, music and dance of the 25 countries represented at Fontbonne.





MAKING PROM POSSIBLE

BY CATIE DANDRIDGE

The inaugural Fontbonne Prom: A Scholarship Gala took place in May 2018 to raise funds to support Fontbonne University and the Fontbonne Promise, a scholarship program that enables low-income Missouri freshmen who meet the university's admission requirements and who have the highest level of financial need to receive full tuition and fees for up to five years.

In its first year, the Fontbonne Prom raised more than \$550,000 to benefit students. Thirty-two students were enrolled on a Fontbonne Promise scholarship within the fall 2018 freshman class. Success would not have been possible without the support of many generous donors. Among those were Hussmann Corporation, Dennis and Mary Gipson and SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital. Their investments have made a major impact on the university and on a number of students who can now *soar higher*.

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Dennis Gipson has spent more than 40 years bringing innovation and process excellence to the food distribution, food processing and food retailing industry. He started his career as an hourly worker in the Hussmann retail refrigeration business in its Bridgeton, Mo., facility in 1972. In 2011, he was named CEO of the global Hussmann entity. Now led by CEO Tim Figge, Hussmann Corporation has, for more than 100 years, provided customer-focused solutions in the food retailing industry. Gipson currently serves as the chairman of the Fontbonne University Board of Trustees.



SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital is a 356-bed hospital combining SSM Health's mission-based care with the advancements

of academic medicine. Specializing in organ transplants and home of the Mid-America Stroke Network, SLU Hospital is home to SLUCare physicians and students of Saint Louis University Medical School. An ACS Level I trauma center for both Missouri and Illinois, SLU Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission and designated as a Primary Stroke Center.



This year, Fontbonne welcomes Orvin Kimbrough, recently appointed president and CEO at Midwest BankCentre, as the 2019 Fontbonne Prom event chair.

**Join us Saturday,
May 18, 2019, for the second
annual Fontbonne Prom!**

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Anna Hotop '13 leads by example at St. Joseph's Academy, where she serves as director of campus ministry.





FONTBONNE HELPS STUDENTS

SOAR HIGHER

AND FIND THEIR TRUE CALLING

By Stephanie Zeilenga



Anna Hotop, a 2013 graduate from Fontbonne University's religious studies and psychology programs, started her college career with a plan to become a theology teacher. But plans change, and with the loving support of the Fontbonne community, Hotop ended up discovering her true calling. Today, she's the director of campus ministry at St. Joseph's Academy, an all-girls Catholic high school in St. Louis founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, the same religious order that founded Fontbonne.

As Hotop now knows, what you learn in the classroom may prepare you for a job, but Fontbonne University gives students more than that. The entire university experience empowers students to succeed with purpose through academics, the support of a caring community and a service-oriented mission that helps students discover not just their place in the world, but how they can make a real difference. Fontbonne University helps its students soar higher.

A STRONG ACADEMIC FOUNDATION

Fontbonne offers strong, varied academic programs within a personalized campus community. Like many students, Hotop was drawn to Fontbonne's small size. "I felt like my education was geared toward my interests and my professors were invested in my success," she says.

DeMarcus Davis, who earned a bachelor's degree in communications at Fontbonne in 2017 and is now a graduate student working toward a master's degree in management and leadership, agrees. "Professors have more direct contact with students here, and if you're not feeling well or if you get behind, they really care and reach out to check on you," he says. "They want to help you reach your goals."

To ensure students are given the best chance for success, Fontbonne offers a number of academic supports, including individualized tutoring, supplemental instruction and academic coaching.

One-on-one coaching, in particular, has helped many students, whether they are struggling or simply want to step up their studying game. "Students work with an academic coach to create strategies to become autonomous, self-sufficient learners," says Amy Simons, director of student success and engagement. "A lot of what we do is help students organize and manage their time, which is a common source of struggle."

A CARING COMMUNITY

Hotop said she knew Fontbonne was home when she realized she couldn't walk across campus without someone greeting her by name. "In high school, I was used to people knowing who I was, and I was nervous that going to college meant I would lose that—but I didn't," she says. "I am so grateful for the environment at Fontbonne where I felt known, cared for and supported."

There are countless ways for students to get involved at Fontbonne. For Hotop, that meant becoming an orientation leader, participating in student government and playing on the women's soccer team. "It's so fulfilling being with people who enjoy the same things as you. Fontbonne taught me the importance of community and doing what you love," Hotop says.

She also got involved in campus ministry her senior year, a step that would change the course of her career. During a retreat, she met with a spiritual advisor each day who helped her focus on her future. "At the time, I thought I wanted to be a theology teacher, but my advisor encouraged me to think deeper and reflect on where God was calling me," Hotop recalls. "She connected me with St. Joseph's Academy, and now here I am, loving going to work every day."

Davis likewise found a sense of belonging through campus ministry and is now the campus ministry graduate assistant at Fontbonne. In addition to planning retreats and promoting campus ministry events, Davis is an advocate for vocational discernment. "Vocation is not limited to the religious world," he explains. "We all think about what we want to do in life and what we want to get out of it, and I want to help those in the Fontbonne community set their path."

HOME FOR ALL

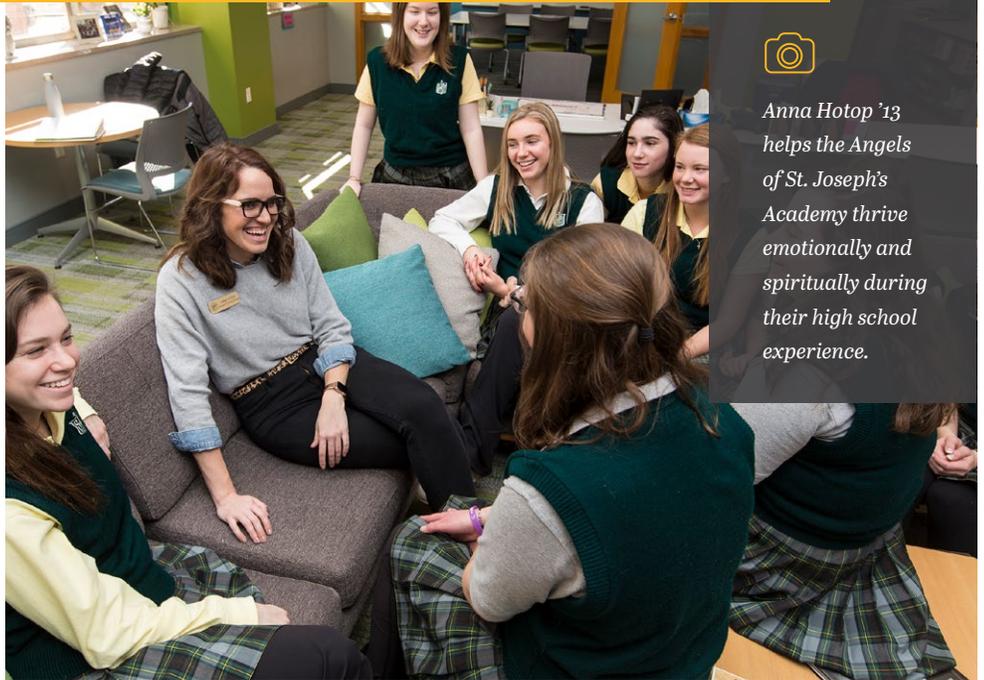
Through various campus organizations and scholarship programs such as the Fontbonne Promise, Fontbonne works to continue evolving as an inclusive campus, and hopes all students feel a similar sense of belonging.

And it seems to be working. This fall, Fontbonne welcomed the largest, most diverse incoming class in a decade, with increases in students of color, as well as first-generation students and those with high economic need — populations that are often sorely underrepresented on college campuses.

Once students get to campus, Fontbonne offers solutions to ensure students successfully make the transition to college life. One such program is Griffins Achieving Progress, which pairs incoming students with upperclassmen in mentoring relationships. The program began in 2015 and has been a huge success, achieving a 90 percent retention rate among participants. "We encourage our mentors to meet their mentees at least once a month to check in," says Leslie Doyle, recent past director of service, diversity and social justice. "Particularly first-generation college students, who often don't have someone to teach them the ropes, it's important



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Anna Hotop '13 helps the Angels of St. Joseph's Academy thrive emotionally and spiritually during their high school experience.

for them to have someone on campus to guide them.

Another indicator of Fontbonne's inclusive community is the recent growth of the school's Black Student Union. Currently the largest it's ever been in Fontbonne's history, the organization plays a significant role in retaining students of color. "We have a vibrant group of women on the board, and they've done a great job engaging first-year students and providing them with a strong sense of community. They've worked hard to educate the campus community on issues of diversity," Doyle says.

ROOTED IN LOVE

Everything at Fontbonne, both inside and outside the classroom, is rooted in the school's mission to form students into global citizens who think critically, act ethically and serve responsibly, as well as to "serve the dear neighbor without distinction," a charge passed down from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Service is an important piece of students living out Fontbonne's mission, and the school offers

students many opportunities to serve, both locally and farther afield.

Each spring break, students can participate in an immersion service project. This year's project, called the St. Louis Urban Plunge, will take a look at food sustainability in St. Louis. Smaller, but no less important service opportunities take place on Service Saturdays with a variety of organizations, such as Gateway Greening and the St. Louis Housing Authority.

During her time at Fontbonne, Hotop participated in a service trip to Kenya, where students spent two weeks serving in a school for children with special needs. "Before I went to Kenya with Fontbonne, I didn't know I was missing that part of my life. It opened up a whole new world for me," she says. "Overall, Fontbonne gave me the time and space to intentionally think about what my calling was and to become fully me. That was accomplished through the whole picture — the service opportunities, the education, the support and the community."



DeMarcus Davis '17 returned to Fontbonne to serve as a campus ministry graduate assistant.

faculty NOTES



ANTHONY BORCHARDT '00, MA '01, MFA '02, assistant professor of fine arts, was named the 2018 Joan Goostree Stevens Excellence in Teaching Award Winner. **JAN JOHNSON '08, MS '10, MM '12, MBA '14, director of grant support in the department of communication disorders and deaf education**, was honored with the 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award for Part-Time Faculty. These dynamic instructors — both alumni — traveled very different paths to become educators, and both have a unique passion for their students and for Fontbonne. Read their stories in full.

WWW.FONTBONNE.EDU/EXCELLENCE

DR. KELLEY BARGER, professor and director of reading programs, DR. JUDITH FAILONI, professor emeritus, and **DR. JOANNE FISH, assistant professor of education**, were invited to present at the 2018 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) conference. They presented their findings on “Discovery Days,” a unique programming experience they developed through a Fontbonne Community Connection grant. Discovery Days brought around 80 underserved elementary students to Fontbonne to experience what it might be like to attend college.

Fine arts faculty members, including ANTHONY BORCHARDT, MARK DOUGLAS, TIM LIDDY, DAVID NEWTON and VICTOR WANG, presented their own work in a unique faculty exhibition in the Fontbonne University Fine Arts Gallery during the fall of 2018. They each gave an artist talk, introducing audience members to their medium and their personal stories.

DR. JASON FINLEY, assistant professor of psychology, published his first book, co-authored by Fontbonne

alumna Francine Goh '15, titled “Memory and Technology: How We Use Information in the Brain and the World.”

DR. KELLY LANE-DEGRAAF, assistant professor of biology, and **DR. ELIZABETH RAYHEL, professor of biology,** along with Dr. Sharon Deem, director, Institute of Conservation Medicine at the Saint Louis Zoo, co-authored a textbook titled “Introduction to One Health: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Planetary Health.”



DR. JACK LUZKOW, professor of history, published a new book in the fall of 2018. "Monopoly Restored: How the Super-Rich Robbed Main Street" is a look at the impact of extreme wealth and power on our society today. Luzkow is the author of three additional books, "What's Left: Marxism, Utopianism and the Revolt Against History," published in 2006, "The Revenge of History, Why the Past Endures," published in 2004, and "The Great Forgetting," published in 2015.

DR. BEN MOORE, associate professor of English, has continued the expansion of the Bosnia Memory Project, including hiring the project's first dedicated employee. Moore recently gave an invited presentation at the University of Michigan-Dearborn titled "Listening to the Bosnian Diaspora: Echoes of Genocide in the Midwest and Beyond."

DR. DEBORAH PHELPS, professor of sociology and an alumna of Affton High School in St. Louis County, was inducted into the Affton High School Hall of Fame in March 2018.



▲ **DR. JAMIE DAUGHERTY, associate professor of dietetics,** coordinated the ribbon cutting and opening of the Griffin Pantry at Fontbonne in January 2019. The pantry, which stocks both food and toiletries, helps students, faculty or staff meet short-term needs.

DR. SCOTT SELLNOW-RICHMOND, assistant professor in the department of humanities, contributed a chapter to the book "Transformative Student Experiences in Higher Education: Meeting the Needs of the Twenty-First Century Student and Modern Workplace."

DR. CORINNE WOHLFORD, associate vice president for academic affairs, was a 2018 adult honoree of the St. Charles Lwanga Center in St. Charles, Mo.



PEGGY RIDLEN, professor and reference/instruction librarian, attended the 2018 National Library Legislative Day in Washington. She was one of 10 Missouri librarians, members of the delegation from the Missouri Library Association, who visited senators and representatives on Capitol Hill to advocate for all types of libraries and to solicit support for the learning and education that libraries provide.

VICTOR WANG, professor of fine arts, exhibited work in three shows: "The Human Condition" in Texas, "Painting the Figure Now" in Wisconsin, and "We the People" in Arizona. Wang is an "internet favorite" and often ranks high on user-generated lists of top working figurative artists.

class *NOTES*

1960s

Members of the **Class of 1964**, who served together on past alumni reunion committees, met recently for a reunion of their own. The reunion included **Barbara Bollwerk Roddy, Mary Lou Meyer Lenkman, Marianne Catanzaro Smith, Julie Lamm Blow, Martie Holloran O'Grady, Mary Rose Enderlin LaMear, Mary Beth Olyniec Westhoff, Maggie Gunn Fowler** and **Kathleen Sappington Woodworth**.

1970s

Cynthia Garnholz '76 was recognized by Continental Who's Who as a Pinnacle Professional Member in the field of law, recognizing her role as attorney, collaborative practitioner and mediator at The Garnholz Law Firm.

1980s

Gene Griesedieck McClain, Cindy Drury Clote, Bette Boos Kasper, Anita Bruegge Martinez and Jean Murphy Glass, all graduates from the Class of 1984, recently gathered and celebrated the friendships they built at Fontbonne.

Debbie Davis '84 was honored with a 2018 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award, honoring her accomplishments and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession.

Dr. Bruce G. Kintz '89, president and CEO of Concordia Publishing House, was awarded an honorary Litterarum Humanarum Doctor (LHD) degree from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne.

1990s

Aimee Davis '95 was named vice president

of communications and marketing for Alliant Energy Corp. in Madison, Wis.

Arkansas State University named **Bryan Terry '96** its first vice chancellor for enrollment management.

Mosaic Family Wealth named **Missy Brown '99** principal and director of advisory services. She has 19 years of experience in the financial services industry, where she has held key leadership and relationship management positions.

Rev. Michelle Torigian '95 became senior pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Belleville, Ill., in July 2018. She writes extensively, bylining chapters in a variety of books, and she wrote the closing worship for the United Church of Christ General Synod 30.

2000s

Nichole Burgdorf '01, who writes under the name Nicole Evelina, has sold the film/TV option to her historical novel, "Madame Presidentess." Her book tells the story of Victoria Woodhull, the real-life first woman to run for president of the United States in 1872.

John Thomas '03 '08 married Kristen Decker on Oct. 6, 2018. The couple will reside in Snoqualmie, Wash., where he is a key account executive with Siemens Healthcare in Seattle. While at Fontbonne, Thomas played on the men's basketball team and was inducted into the Fontbonne Hall of Fame in 2015. He serves on the Fontbonne Athletics Board Executive Committee.

Devin Hogan MS '07 lives and works in St. Louis as a business consultant and motivational speaker. Her book, "Life Spoken: Overcoming the Attack of the Tongue," was published in September 2018.

Kelbe Holrath '06 '09 has completed a four-year program of Christian study for ministry from Sewanee: The University of the South. She works at Integrity Home Care and Hospice in Kansas City where she resides.

Bobby Schacht '09 and Camille Clogston were married on Sept. 5, 2017, in Grasse, France. The couple honeymooned in Italy and France and currently resides in Seattle, where he is a senior district operations manager for Nissan.

2010s

The Fontbonne University Fine Arts Gallery featured the work of **Carol Stewart MA'04 MFA'10** in a solo exhibition show in the fall of 2018, focusing on her still life paintings.

Rachel Hanson Palko '11 married Nathan Palko on Sept. 28, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn. The couple lives and works in Lexington, Ky., where she works for the University of Kentucky.

Whitney Jones '14 was hired by PGAV Destinations as a receptionist and hospitality specialist.

Candance Hurd '12 '18 and Terrance Taylor were engaged on Aug. 4, 2018. Hurd is employed at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She is also a member of the Fontbonne Community Connection and vice president of the Fontbonne Alumni Board.

Clayton (Mo.) School District's food service provider, Chartwells, has appointed **Stephanie Keselich Robbins '17** as director of dining services.

Kersten McDonough '17 joined Pacific High School in Pacific, Mo., as head volleyball coach.



◀ **Sister Roberta Schmidt, CSJ**, 10th president of Fontbonne University, passed away Jan. 2, 2019. A sociologist by training, Sister Roberta earned both a master's degree and a doctorate from St. Louis University. She taught sociology for a decade at Fontbonne before becoming its president from 1966 until 1972. Read more about Sister Roberta's life and legacy in the summer issue of Fontbonne Magazine.

Welcome Home GRIFFINS

Fontbonne University welcomed alumni, family and friends to campus Oct. 5–7 to celebrate Homecoming 2018. The weekend featured events and activities for alumni, parents, students and friends.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOMECOMING 2019: OCT. 4–6, 2019.



▲ **LEFT TO RIGHT** Veronica Grob Hicks '68 and Fran Endicott Armstrong '68 catch up during the Golden Arcade Circle Reception.



▶ Dr. Susan Puetz Lenihan, CSJA '75 (pictured center in purple) celebrates with many members of her family as she receives the prestigious Founders Award.

▶ The Class of 1968 celebrate their 50th anniversary at Mass on Sunday.



For upcoming alumni events, visit fontbonne.edu/alumni-events.

in *MEMORY*

Catherine Burmeister Warren '38
of Fort Collins, Colorado
June 24, 2018

Marie Tramelli Morrison '44
of Saint Louis, Missouri
September 27, 2018

Ruth Bussmann Sullivan '49
of Eureka, Missouri
August 27, 2018

Paula French Royce '50
of Saint Louis, Missouri
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of Ellisville, Missouri
November 25, 2018

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October 14, 2018

Ruth Coff Killeen '52
of Saint Louis, Missouri
November 12, 2018

Jacqueline Auer Lucas '53
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May 8, 2019

Marylee Curotto Lang '53
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December 1, 2018

Joan Stuebe Lee '54
of Naples, Florida
July 31, 2018

Regina McGahan '57
of Saint Peters, Missouri
November 22, 2018

Edward Cecilia Schniedermeier, CSJ '58
of Saint Louis, Missouri
May 12, 2018

Anne Olin Verbeke '58
of Olympia Fields, Illinois
October 16, 2018

Mary Tedford Slavens '60
of Peoria, Illinois
May 13, 2018

Adrienne Musial Kennedy '61
of Lake Ozark, Missouri
April 20, 2018

Maureen Norwich Gaertner '61
of Saint Louis, Missouri
August 26, 2018

Mary Fowler '61
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of Chesterfield, Missouri
April 27, 2018

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April 9, 2018

Mary Cuddihee Chinnock '68
of Manchester, Missouri
July 1, 2018

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June 11, 2018

Rita Slaznik Mayer '69
of Saint Louis, Missouri
September 25, 2018

Mary Mcaleenan Dee '70
of Saint Louis, Missouri
June 28, 2018

Marilyn Schneider, CPPS '70
of Perryville, Missouri
November 5, 2018

Mary Jaegers '72
of Saint Peters, Missouri
June 19, 2018

Michael Banovz '79
of Columbia, Illinois
July 30, 2018

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