

FCC NEWSLETTER



FONTBONNE COMMUNITY CONNECTION – A WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

Dedicated Semester 2011 Grant

Fontbonne University's dedicated semester is a unique academic program that encourages the university as a whole—students, faculty and staff—to explore a single theme each fall semester. The proposal, *The Disability Experience: Quest for Empowerment*, submitted by faculty members, Dr. Margaret Gray and Dr. Susan Lenihan, was chosen by the Dedicated Semester Committee as the theme for Fall 2011.

Eighteen months of careful planning produced a wide variety of specific events throughout the semester to complement the 17 courses within the university's curriculums that focused at least 25% of their course time on the disabilities theme. In noting the 20th anniversary of the passage of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) legislation, Margaret and Susan designed their proposal to explore the challenges as well as celebrate the achievements of Americans with disabilities.

The limited University funding available to attract high profile speakers prompted the Committee to apply for a \$10,000 FCC grant to be specifically used for this purpose. As a result, three nationally recognized speakers came to Fontbonne, each participating in several presentations or activities during their time on campus:

Oct. 1—Jennifer Rosner, a parent of two deaf daughters and the author of *If A Tree Falls*, a memoir exploring “family, silence, and what it means to be heard”



Oct. 28—Brad Cohen, highly successful teacher, asst. principal and author of *Front of the Class* which chronicles his life as he deals with Tourette Syndrome (The book also led to a movie for the Hallmark Hall of Fame.)



Nov. 4—Brenda Smith Myles, PhD, award winning author of over 15 books on autism and Asperger's syndrome.

All three events attracted capacity attendance and produced overwhelmingly positive responses from all who were present.

Because so many other marvelous details of the Dedicated Semester were not able to be included in this brief report, we encourage you to refer to the final summary of this grant when it is posted on *Blackboard* after August 2012. You will definitely be impressed!

Special points of interest:

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Prevention is Key



"This past spring semester, Maria Eftink, the Director of Athletics, along with Claudia Charles, the Director of Counseling and Wellness, four student athletes and two athletic staff members attended the Students (and Athletes) Thinking and Acting Responsibly and Safely (STARS) seminar. This NCAA conference took place in California where the participants formulated a solid plan for the Fontbonne campus for the future. The event taught student athletes how to work with their peers to deal with issues of drug use, stress, alcohol abuse and mental anguish and do so through peer-to-peer mentoring, frequent random drug testing, and the implementation of other beneficial programs for the student athletes. The goal was to develop strong role models for Fontbonne and to instill the skills and education within the student athletes so that they can help themselves and others."

Three Terrific Roundtable Opportunities

Now that the 26 FCC Grant Proposals for 2012 have been posted on Blackboard, we can learn even more about the proposals by sharing our thoughts with one another at upcoming Roundtable Discussion Sessions.

Many past attendees have enthusiastically judged the roundtables to be enormously helpful and FCC members can cast their vote immediately following the discussion or anytime prior to the June 15 ballot deadline.

The Roundtable Discussions—along with the Annual Meeting—are at the heart of our FCC giving circle and provide delightful, thought-provoking

experiences with our terrific women friends!

Bring specific comments/questions and a list of those proposals you most want to discuss. Sessions are held in the Caf' on the second floor of the Dunham Student Activity Center (DSAC).

Attend one, two or all three sessions to make the most informed voting decisions.

Please **RSVP** for the sessions you will attend by calling Vickie Logston at 314-889-1412 or by email to vlogston@fontbonne.edu. A conference call Roundtable can be arranged for out-of-town members.

Roundtable dates/times:

Thursday - May 17

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Thursday - May 24

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Saturday - June 2

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Note: directions for accessing Blackboard are in Vickie Logston's May 2 email message to FCC members from Awards Chair, Kathy Von Minden.



Spring Membership Recruiting Event

It was a beautiful spring evening on March 30 when several FCC



members and invitees attended the gathering at Dr. and Monica Golden's home. There were many wonderful food samplings such as shrimp, chips/dip, fruit, mini sandwiches and other appetizers, and some cooling libations.

Many of the 'potential' FCC members came from the OPTIONS student population, and some were friends of other FCC members. We had a crowd of approximately 45.

Sandy Lehrer, Fontbonne's Vice President for Institutional Advancement,

about how she used her grant in 2008 to help OPTIONS students feel more a part of the campus by hosting a Saturday 'fun day' for OPTIONS students and their family. One OPTIONS student, who attended this gathering, said she had come to that event and that she and her family really enjoyed it and appreciated it. Other comments were made about how the FCC grants had affected other parts of the campus and other departments. The attendees were encouraged to join the group and information was given to them as to how they could become part of this ever-growing and evolving group of women.



Vickie Logston, Development Assistant with the Advancement Department and FCC Coordinator, handed out FCC information and pens/pads as the attendees left, thanking them again for attending.

It was a very nice evening, and we have acquired one new member with two more potential members just from that event! 100 members here we come!



welcomed everyone and Monica Golden also thanked everyone for coming. Anita Manion, Assistant Dean for Faculty and Curriculum for the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, spoke about the FCC funding she received for her OPTIONS-related program, and then other FCC members and attendees were encouraged to describe how their department used their grants. Maria Eftink, Athletic Director, spoke about her grant, and how much it helped her department, and Sue Wallace spoke



*I know God will not give me
anything I can't handle.*

*I just wish that
He didn't trust me so much.*
~ Mother Theresa, social activist

Coming Events

Roundtable discussions

of the 2012-13 grant applications will be held in the Fontbonne Caf' located in the Dunham Student Activity Center (Gym).

The dates are as follows:

May 17 — 9:00-10:00 AM

May 24 — 5:30-7:30 PM

June 2—10:00 AM-12 PM

You are welcome to attend one or more of the discussions.

Please RSVP to Vickie Logston at vlogston@fontbonne.edu or by calling 314-889-1412.

Save the Dates...

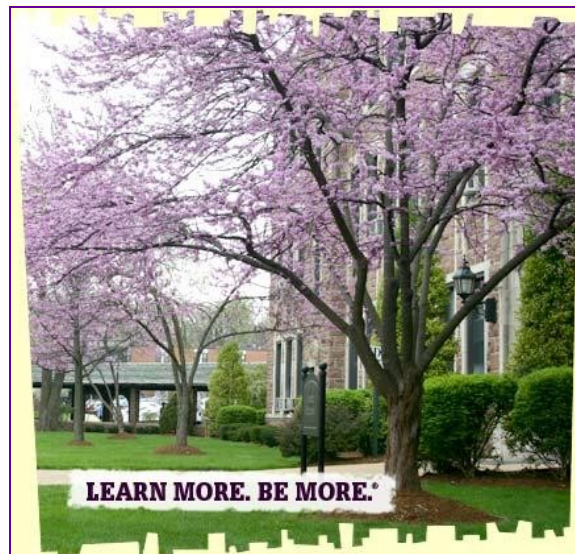
The Annual Meeting will be on **Thursday, July 12, 9:00-11:00 am**. We will meet in the Dunham Student Activity Center on the Fontbonne Main Campus. The Awards will be announced and there will be a changeover of Officers and Committee Chairs.

Fontbonne FCC DAY will be on August 29. Details are being arranged. Watch for more info.

Fontbonne Community Connection

Did you know?

- All the 2011-12 Grants Proposals are now posted on Blackboard.
- We have 26 Grant Proposals this year.
- You are always welcome to attend the FCC Executive Advisory Council Meetings. These are generally held on the third Thursday of the month.
- We would like to have as many of our members involved on committees as possible.
- A group photo will be taken at the annual meeting on July 12 for the new FCC brochure.
- The Social Work Department is in need of items for place settings. If you could donate any of the following, it would be greatly appreciated: Sets of flatware, sets of dishes—finer quality, glassware, etc. To get more detailed information, please contact Sharon Jackson at 314-719-3642.
- Fontbonne is going to celebrate the FCC with an FCC DAY!!! Plan to join us on August 29. Activities are being planned throughout the day.



Newest Members...

We welcome our newest members...



— Jenna Voss
— Toni Breihan

Message from our Chair



Dear Fellow FCC Member,

We are entering the most exciting and satisfying part of our annual cycle – the selection and announcement of the Grants we will fund in the upcoming year. I encourage each of you to attend one of the Roundtables and vote for your preferred proposals. And then, be sure to attend the Annual Member's meeting on July 12. In addition to announcing the awards, we will be introducing the officers and committee chairs for the upcoming year. This meeting is a great time to meet your fellow FCC members and celebrate our work together in helping Fontbonne University to achieve its vision of being acknowledged as one of the nation's premier Catholic universities, educating leaders to serve a world in need.

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Karen Gedera, Chair, Fontbonne Community Connection