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This fall, Fontbonne studied and celebrated sustainability, defined by our 7th annual Dedicated Semester as “the conscious behavior that maintains healthy, long-lasting and beneficial environmental, social and economic systems, fostering community well-being through the stewardship of interdependent and valuable resources.” The word is used often these days, usually in reference to the environment and our natural resources.

But, as our definition states and as the Fontbonne community now fully appreciates, sustainability encompasses more than the environment. It is a holistic approach to maintaining the health and well-being of our bodies, minds and spirits, our families and our communities—as well as the earth on which we live. Sustainability is making sure we protect and nurture the resources we have been given.

At Fontbonne, these resources are our students. For 91 years, we have nurtured many generations, preparing them to go out into the world to contribute and thrive. In this way, we, as a university, sustain our existence, while at the same time, we sustain our community and future generations. The cycle continues and regenerates.

In this issue of Tableaux, we meet some of the people who contribute to Fontbonne’s sustainability. Take librarian Mark Glenshaw on page 20, who quite literally helps to sustain the flora and fauna of nearby Forest Park. Or our Alumni Award recipients on page 13 and our Founders Award recipients on page 10, all of whom have contributed significantly to our campus and the greater community. And on page 5, we say goodbye to the man who, for the past 19 years, has led Fontbonne with a charge to learn more and be more.

Dr. Golden, we’ll miss your tremendous presence, but because of your leadership, we will continue on, sustaining, as always.

Elizabeth Hise Brennan

The Art & Science of Sustainability
Fontbonne University Names

J. Michael Pressimone as 14th President

Dr. J. Michael Pressimone has been selected to serve as the 14th president of Fontbonne University, effective July 1, 2014. He will succeed Dr. Dennis C. Golden, president of the university since 1995, who is retiring.

Currently the vice president of advancement at Alvernia University in Reading, Pa., Pressimone has served in various roles in education and higher education for 33 years. Pressimone designed and launched Alvernia’s first comprehensive capital campaign, oversaw the offices of development, alumni relations, and communications and marketing, and served as a key member of the president’s cabinet. Previously, he served as vice president for institutional advancement at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C., and the same position at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa.

“I am humbled that the board of trustees has selected me as the next president of the university and truly excited to follow in the footsteps of a great president like Denny Golden,” said Pressimone. “My wife, Cathy, and I experienced such warm and welcoming feelings from the Fontbonne community: faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees, regents, members of the Fontbonne Community Connection and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. What the sisters founded over 90 years ago continues as a vibrant and relevant university today. We look forward to bringing our family to Fontbonne as we begin our work together this summer.”

Pressimone earned a doctorate of education in higher education and organizational change from Herzing University in 2013, a master’s degree from Regis University since 1995, who is retiring. Pressimone earned a doctorate of education in higher education and organizational change from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., and a bachelor’s in fine arts from the Catholic University of America in 1981.

“We believe Michael will lead the institution to its next level of success through entrepreneurial, transformative and collaborative leadership,” said Gay Schumacher, chair of the university’s board of trustees. “We researched for a servant-leader who is transparent, forward-thinking and passionate, and who can rigorously advance our goal of becoming a preferred destination for traditional students as well as adult learners.”

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Inauguration Ceremony of J. Michael Pressimone, 14th President

Watch for details.

NEW HONOR SOCIETY RECOGNIZES LEADERSHIP

Fontbonne officially welcomed a new organization to the university this fall. Omicron Delta Kappa, or OΔK, is a national leadership honor society newly chartered on the university’s campus. A total of 42 members, including a chartering committee of 14 and a general committee of 28, were inducted into the organization during two ceremonies.

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BRAZILIAN STUDENTS WELcomed TO CAMPUS

At the start of the fall 2013 semester, Fontbonne welcomed 13 students from Brazil who traveled to the U.S. to study Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in St. Louis. The group’s presence on campus was made possible through co-sponsorship between the International Institute of Education and the Brazilian government, which allowed STEM students to travel to select U.S. universities to continue their studies. The students will study at Fontbonne through December 2014. Fontbonne is home to undergraduate and graduate students representing 27 countries.

MUSTARD SEED HONORS VETS WITH PARTNERSHIP PLAY

Fontbonne University’s theatre company-in-residence, Mustard Seed Theatre, partnered this fall with the Missouri History Museum and Washington University’s Edison Theatre Ovation Series to host a panel discussion for veterans and their families on “The Things They Carried,” a work of fiction centered on the Vietnam War, written by acclaimed author Tim O’Brien.

Discussion panelists included Dr. Dianna Jett, chair of Fontbonne’s theatre department and Mustard Seed Theatre artistic director; Ralph Barraile, a World War II veteran; Private 1st Class; Lt. Col. James Craig, retired U.S. Army, chair of military and veteran studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; Wilke Pereira, director of community service for Washington University Student Veterans Association; and Steve Wible, fellowship program associate at The Mission Continues.

This discussion kicked off a series of events exploring the humanity, heroism and horror soldiers experience in war. Events included Mustard Seed’s sold-out performances of “All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914,” which ran through the end of November.
news briefs

ST. LOUIS HOME ECONOMISTS
HONOR GRADUATE

This fall, the St. Louis Home Economists in Home and Community (HEHC) held a third annual meeting and luncheon at Fontbonne University. The afternoon included presentations from Fontbonne students and faculty, the presentation of an HEHC scholarship to a Fontbonne graduate student, and a luncheon prepared entirely by Fontbonne dietetics students.

“This group of retired home economists includes Fontbonne alumna and other professional women who broke various employment barriers and found creative ways to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities through their various employment statuses,” explained Dr. Janine Duncan, director of Fontbonne’s family and consumer sciences undergraduate program and human environmental sciences graduate programs. The group of 26 includes three Fontbonne graduates, including Penny Holeczek Rocco ’66.

“Going back to Fontbonne every year keeps the group current,” Rocco said. “We stay informed on what is being taught and who is participating.”

HEHC presented Fontbonne graduate student Stephanie Heth with a scholarship, noting her initiative and persistence in pursuing her goal of becoming a family and consumer sciences teacher. Each year, the group recognizes one outstanding Fontbonne student with this scholarship.

STUFF FOUNDATION FUNDS TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS

In 2013, Fontbonne received word that the Norman J. Stuff Foundation – Commerce Bank, Trustee awarded the university a three-year grant totaling $100,000. Offered in support of campus technology, the grant closes the gap on funds needed to assist with one of the department’s key strategic initiatives: “Through the purchase of high definition televisions, laptops, widescreen projectors, document cameras and other physicalassets, Mark Franz, vice president of information technology, and his staff are installing a consistent list of equipment on which faculty can rely. “This gift is helping Fontbonne keep pace,” Franz said. “By giving our students hands-on experience with some of the latest equipment available, it better prepares them to enter today’s workforce. Concurrently, faculty are experiencing increases in efficiency, which have resulted in more time to do what they do best – teach!”

ACADEMIC UPDATES

Beginning July 1, the department of human and environmental sciences will be known as the department of family and consumer sciences, a change emphasizing the importance of family at the heart of the department, and connecting it with programs and professional organizations around the country. The department also recently announced two new undergraduate degrees: a Bachelor of Science in Family Policy and Advocacy and a Bachelor of Science in Health Education. Both degree programs will help shape the next generation of public health educators, analysts and advocates and, when approved, will offer the Certified Family Life Education credential. Fontbonne will be one of only 125 U.S. universities approved to offer CFLE undergraduate degree programs. Read more on page 14.

The following programs will take effect at the start of the fall 2014 semester:

• The department of fine arts has added a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Applied Design, a field focused on design for web, mobile, responsive and new media.

• Fontbonne will now offer two new minors: a university minor, in which students can chart their own academic course with the guidance of an advisor, and a cyber security minor, allowing undergraduates majors pursuing other than cyber security to develop expertise in the discipline.

• The university is also offering two new certificate programs: a cyber security certificate, developed for students with a bachelor’s degree and/or computer programming experience, and a One Health certificate, available to undergraduate students and post-baccalaureate students. One Health is a new and growing field that merges medicine, animal medicine, conservation and public health to examine disease transmission from wildlife to humans.

ISPP PILOT PROGRAM GRADUATES FIRST CLASS

In December, the first Fontbonne University Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways (ISPPs) class graduated with master’s degrees. In 2012, the university volunteered to pilot the ISPPs program, an opportunity for dietetics students to secure a required dietetic internship and earn a graduate degree at the same time. With only 12 available slots, instructors received applications from students around the country. Eighteen months later, all 12 accepted students have now completed internships and earned graduate degrees in human environmental sciences with a concentration in multidisciplinary health communication studies. Their next step is sitting for the national dietetic exam in order to become registered dietitians.

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“...there is a time for every season under heaven.” During the past 19 years, his wisdom and his friendship,” she described. “Denny has opened doors to relationships, to opportunities, to understandings of the role of president. On behalf of the Webster University community, I extend best wishes to Denny and Monica and sincere gratitude to one I feel fortunate to call colleague and compadre.”

Golden has stood at the helm of Fontbonne in times of institutional growth and in times of recession-driven restrictions. He is quick to credit countless colleagues for their advice, counsel, cooperation and leadership as they, along with Golden, established a university-wide strategic planning process, achieved the highest enrollment and diversity levels in school history, increased the endowment, added academic programs and the first endowed chair position, made significant technological enhancements, renovated numerous buildings, completed two capital campaigns, entered into a sponsorship agreement with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, changed status from college to university, maintained and increased departmental accreditations, and earned full institutional accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission in 2000 and 2010. Even now, his work is not done as he continues to seek increased parking for students. It has been a busy two decades.

For students at Fontbonne, Golden has served as leader, teacher and mentor. Rachel Hanson, a 2011 graduate and past student government association president, said she learned through his example.

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Hundreds of events and milestones took place during Dr. Dennis Golden’s tenure as president of Fontbonne University. Here are some highlights, and for a more comprehensive look, visit www.fontbonne.edu/Golden.

1995

- Golden takes office in January, becoming the first male, married, lay president of Fontbonne College.
- Two Fontbonne traditions are reestablished: Academic Convocation and the Chain Link Ceremony, which symbolically connects each of Fontbonne’s graduation classes.
- A Fontbonne contingent travels to Taiwan and Thailand, developing relationships with numerous colleges and universities and signing some of Fontbonne’s first educational agreements for international study.
- Golden initiates all-campus meetings.
- The first phase of the campus master plan begins in August with initial renovations of the East Building (formerly the Fine Arts Building) and a $6.3 million renovation of what is now known as the Fine Arts Building (and Southwest Hall).

1996

- Fontbonne’s Council of Regents is formed.
- The Board of Trustees approves a five-year strategic plan (1997-2002) that includes a new articulation of Fontbonne’s academics, finances, enrollment, technology, institutional image, mission, values and commitment statements.

1997

- The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, founders of Fontbonne College, enter into a Sponsorship Agreement with Fontbonne, the first of its kind for the university, which continues to this day.
- In response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, Golden invites other college and university presidents to write and sign a public declaration that appeared in the media stating their commitment to prepare “our nation’s future leaders with the freedom, knowledge and capabilities to help us all live fully the ideals of democracy and create a better world.”

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- The university welcomes Gunner the Griffin, a new mascot, to the community.
- Fontbonne earns continued accreditation through the year 2010 from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
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- Golden gives the 2014 commencement address on May 17.

2000

- Fontbonne completes a $3.1 million renovation of the East building, adding classrooms, conference rooms and offices, as well as the newly dedicated Center for Teacher and Therapist Education.
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2002

- As a result of academic excellence, significant growth and increased stature, Fontbonne changes its status from College to University.

2003

- Fontbonne completes the “Vitality and Vision” capital campaign for $15 million.

2004

- Fontbonne completes a $1.36 million renovation of Dunham Student Activity Center, which creates a more inviting and comfortable place for students with the addition of a new café, fireplace and second-story patio, as well as a refurbished fitness center.

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Daniel Ferry is the chairman and chief executive officer at J.A. Glynn & Co. (JAG), a boutique investment firm founded in 1945 and nationally known for its expertise in the common stock and fixed income sectors. His colleagues greatly admire him for his strong moral background, passionate leadership and unwavering commitment to others.

Daniel Ferry Jr. understands the importance of a Catholic education. While playing football for Christian Brothers College High School, Ferry was offered several football scholarships. He accepted an offer from St. Benedict’s College (now Benedictine College) in Atchison, Kan., where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts, studying economics, finance and accounting.

Upon graduating, Ferry married Eleanor Halloran, a 1963 Fontbonne graduate he met as a freshman in high school. The couple became so involved in the Fontbonne community, they were a member of the Ladies of Charity and led a group trip to New Orleans where she worked on home repairs after Hurricane Katrina. Ferry also volunteered with the Let’s Start Giving Circle Board to support incarcerated women and their children, and spent countless hours sorting clothing for rummage sales, organizing fundraisers, restocking the food pantry, and tutoring disadvantaged elementary school students.

On Oct. 18, 2012, this loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away. In honor of her dedication to serving others, she was posthumously named the 2013 Posthumous Founders Award for Distinguished Service to the Dear Neighbor in Need.

Karen Gedera
Distinguished Service to Fontbonne University

Karen Gedera received her bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Fontbonne in 1965. After graduating, she was hired by McDonnell-Douglas, assisting with acquisitions and mergers. As a motivated and strategic employee, Gedera decided to go back to school to earn her MBA in executive management from Washington University in St. Louis in 1986. A few years later, when joining the company’s transition from McDonnell-Douglas to Boeing, Gedera decided it was time to venture out on her own. She left Boeing in 1999 and opened Gedera Consulting, which specializes in performance assessment, change management and other related competencies.

As both a student and alumna, Gedera has been involved in the Fontbonne community and has acted as one of the university’s most passionate advocates. She has been involved with the Fontbonne Alumni Association since graduating and serves on the Council of Regents, most recently as chair, to develop, cultivate and strengthen new and existing relationships within the community to advance the common interest of the university. Gedera is also an active charter member of the Fontbonne Community Connection (FCC), for which she has served in a variety of roles including three years as president. With her top-notch organizational and leadership skills, Gedera played a significant role in the development of the FCC’s processes. Her beneficence, service and constant support, Karen Gedera was awarded the 2013 Founders Award for Distinguished Service to Fontbonne University.

Jane Hassett, CSJ
Distinguished Service in CSJ Values and Mission

Sister Jane Hassett earned her bachelor’s degree in history from Maryville University the same year she accepted God’s call to serve as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1954. At the beginning of her career, Sister Jane taught religion, English, Spanish and typing to middle school students, as well as modern European history to high schoolers. After earning a master’s degree from St. Louis University, she accepted a position as professor and chair of Fontbonne University’s history department. Just five years later, she became the university’s 11th president, a position she held for 13 years. During her presidency, Sister Jane became best known for her accessibility to the entire Fontbonne community. She takes pride in the lasting relationships she and the faculty, staff and students developed during that time and that still exist today.

Several years after leaving the presidency, Sister Jane returned to campus as part-time records researcher and writer on the advancement office and later as university archivist. During this time, she researched and authored two books about Fontbonne, the first titled “As Strong as the Granite,” the second, “A Decade of Growth.” In 2001, Sister Jane was recognized with the Fontbonne Carondelet Heritage Award for her service to the university.

Sister Jane is a charter member of the Fontbonne Community Connection (FCC) and maintains an active membership to advance the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Fontbonne to impact the greater good. For always performing duties with the gifts of humility, a sense of humor, wisdom and likeability, Fontbonne acknowledges Jane Hassett, CSJ, with the 2013 Founders Award for Distinguished Service in CSJ Values and Mission.
Marie Zucchero
Distinguished Service and Dedication Through the Joy of Music

Upon graduating from Fontbonne University with a Bachelor of Arts in Music in 1942, Marie Sansone fell head-over-heels in love with Cosimo Zucchero. They married in 1944 and soon started a family — to which Zucchero dedicated herself wholly.

Music remained an important part of Zucchero’s life, but it wasn’t until her children had grown that she discovered how to use her talent to help others. In 1975, Zucchero’s mother had fallen victim to Alzheimer’s disease, and she was moved to Bethesda-Dilworth, a skilled nursing facility in Kirkwood. Ms. Zucchero visited often and observed the increased effort it took for her mother to hold a conversation. But she had an idea — she sat at a nearby piano and began playing. Her mother started to sing, remembering the words to the songs. The experience gave Zucchero hope.

Although she was not a resident, the staff invited Zucchero to join a singing group of three residents who were in need of a pianist. She accepted, and 37 years later, she still plays piano for them every Thursday afternoon. The troupe, which named themselves The Dingalings, has grown from the original three members to 30. They sing cheerful songs with the goal of brightening the days of their peers. They perform at all major events at the nursing home, and they tour each floor and perform at unaffiliated nursing facilities.

Zucchero delights in the impact of her music. She has contributed more than 6,000 hours in what began as homespun music therapy.

For her exceptional service to the community and love of Fontbonne, Zucchero is recognized with a 2013 Fontbonne Founders Award for Distinguished Service and Dedication Through the Joy of Music.
A Tradition of Family

Department Refocuses on Its Roots

By Elizabeth Hise Brennan

In her book, "As Strong as the Granite — Vitality and Vision: Fontbonne at 75," Sister Jane Hasset wrote that, "The college of the 1930s had a view of society — and the place of women in it — that was rooted in the traditions of its religious founders: a tradition of giving service to the neighbor and of doing all the things of which a woman is capable."

The world — and the role of women — has changed since the 1930s, but Fontbonne University continues to grow and serve, even today. Deeply rooted indeed, one of Fontbonne's founding academic departments was once known as home economics; it evolved into human environmental sciences in the 1990s, and, as of this summer, it will officially be known as family and consumer sciences (FCS). With the name change comes the addition of two new degree programs: family policy and advocacy and health education and promotion. These developments are cause for celebration. While many of the nation's FCS programs are shutting their doors, the continuation of Fontbonne's FCS major and its department, which also includes a major in dietetics, can be attributed to the women who have guarded and guided it throughout the decades.

The past four most recent department chairs insist that the department is what it is today because they each built on the efforts of their predecessors. Sister Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, served as chair from 1986-1991, when Jan Crites took over until 2004. Dr. Cheryl Houston, current professor and director of the dietetics program, held the position from 2004-2012. And Dr. Allison Edwards, associate professor, is the current chair. When Sister Mary Carol became chair, the department had only three full-time faculty members, one of whom retired almost immediately, leaving the new chair and a single colleague to hire new faculty, refocus programs, renovate classrooms, establish offices and generally enliven a department of 30 students, a number that included dietetics majors, a few home economics education students, we had four majors, dietetics had continued to grow, one clothing and textile major. The department had found a home in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, and the early childhood program relocated to the College of Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders.) All of the programs echo the direction of the FCS program, as well as a graduate program in human environmental sciences with concentrations in multidisciplinary health communication studies and child and family studies. (Because of academic restructuring, the fashion merchandising program found a home in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, and the early childhood program relocated to the College of Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders.) All of the programs echo the direction of the FCS program, as well as a graduate program in human environmental sciences with concentrations in multidisciplinary health communication studies and child and family studies. (Because of academic restructuring, the fashion merchandising program found a home in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, and the early childhood program relocated to the College of Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders.) All of the programs echo the direction of the FCS program, as well as a graduate program in human environmental sciences with concentrations in multidisciplinary health communication studies and child and family studies. (Because of academic restructuring, the fashion merchandising program found a home in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, and the early childhood program relocated to the College of Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders.) All of the programs echo the direction of the FCS program, as well as a graduate program in human environmental sciences with concentrations in multidisciplinary health communication studies and child and family studies. (Because of academic restructuring, the fashion merchandising program found a home in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, and the early childhood program relocated to the College of Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders.) All of the programs echo the direction of the FCS program, as well as a graduate program in human environmental sciences with concentrations in multidisciplinary health communication studies and child and family studies. (Because of academic restructuring, the fashion merchandising program found a home in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies, and the early childhood program relocated to the College of Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders.) All of the programs echo the direction of the FCS program, as well as a graduate program in human environmental sciences with concentrations in multidisciplinary health communication studies and child and family studies. (Because of academic restructuring, the fashion mech...
When Nancy Jersa graduated from Fontbonne University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education, she was the first in her family to earn a college degree.

“I have 13 cousins, and I’m number 12 of 13,” Jersa said. “After I got my degree, my older cousins got theirs. And they all became teachers like me.”

Jersa could not be more thankful to have attended Fontbonne and to have learned from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, the university’s founders and sponsors, who she says not only taught her how to be a good teacher, but to be a good person who gives back to the community.

After graduating from high school, Jersa tried working as a secretary at her father’s company, but it wasn’t for her. She felt she had a calling to work with children, so she told her mother she wanted to go to college.

“When I told my mother ‘I need to go to college,’” she said, “‘OK. You’re going to Fontbonne.’ So I went.”

Jersa loved the atmosphere as well the camaraderie among students, but most of all, she was impressed with, and grateful for, the genuine interest the sisters took in their students from day one.

“The loving care of the sisters was unmatched,” she said. “You were not a number. You were a name. They were genuinely interested in finding your talents and bringing out your gifts. And they also emphasized the importance of giving back.”

When Jersa graduated, she began teaching in the Afton, Mo., school district, where she worked for six years. She had started work on a master’s degree in special education when she met a man named Mike and decided instead to pursue the joint goals they set together — to marry and raise a family.

Over the years, the couple has been blessed in many ways, and they are grateful for each blessing: a loving and enduring marriage; four children, three of whom they adopted; grandchildren, great grandchildren, and plenty of opportunities to give back to the people and places that have given them so much. Fontbonne is high on that list.

Jersa gives of her time to Fontbonne as a member of the Fontbonne Community Connection, a giving circle made up of alumnae and friends of the university. In 2008, she was the recipient of a Fontbonne Founders Award for Distinguished Service to Developmentally Disabled Individuals and to her parish community. And, as a couple, she and her husband are members of the university’s Legacy Society.

“Nancy and I have always worked together,” Mike said. “I might have done the work outside, but she worked hard in our home. I know her better than I know myself, and Fontbonne has made a huge impact on her. So it’s had a huge impact on me, too. We’re both thankful for the opportunity to show our gratitude.”

Jersa agrees that Fontbonne is well worth the investment.

“When you give, you get back 100-fold. Mike and I are great examples of that. God has been good to us.”

Editor’s note: With the blessing of her family, this article is being printed in tribute to Nancy Jersa, who passed away shortly after it was written.
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Jean Ponzi, environmental activist, advocate and educator, has been green since the 1980s — before “green” was even a buzzword and recycling was the norm. Her popular radio show, Earthworms, which has aired on St. Louis independent station KDHX for 25 years, is a labor of environmental love, and her position as green resources manager at the Missouri Botanical Garden’s EarthWays Center is a practical passion.

This year, Ponzi served as the keynote speaker during Fontbonne’s annual Academic Convocation Ceremony, where she kicked off the university’s Dedicated Semester focused on sustainability. Tableaux caught up with this environmental enthusiast to learn more about her background, and to bring you her thoughts on how we, as a community, fare on the sustainability scale.

You are so passionate about green living. Why do you feel it’s so important?

People may think I’ve cared about the environment all my life, but I’m actually a good example of how anybody can connect with green living anytime. In a useful way, I was introduced to ecological concepts through friends and co-workers, while producing some educational videos for the Missouri Botanical Garden in the 1980s. One of the strongest ways I learn is through relationships, and ecology is all about relationships: plant families, natural communities, one being’s impact on others.

We humans exert a huge impact in all of Earth’s communities. We have come to feel and think of ourselves as separate from the environment, but this is a false notion. Earth’s ecosystem services provide our food, shelter, energy, water, livelihood and so much of our health and quality of life.

You have been an environmental advocate for 25 years. In that time, what has been the biggest step toward sustainability that we’ve taken as a society, in your opinion?

The single biggest step I see is that humans being in our society are getting this green stuff now! Today, the basics like recycling and energy efficiency are mainstream and even cost-competitive if not outright profitable. More complex options like renewable energy, rainscaping and transit-oriented development are becoming part of our public dialogue and resources. We are increasingly dealing with the really whopping issues of climate change and biodiversity. And food is a focus in center stage, uniting concerns about human health, social justice, sustainable practice and more in a context that everyone can relate to, that generates happiness, that we love.

Why do you think Fontbonne’s Dedicated Semester on sustainability was important?

The exceptional opportunity to let your sustainability focus be embedded in the character of this place. Fontbonne seems to be a true learning community. I see students and teachers forming real, caring learning relationships. I feel the energies of collegial collaboration more than protocol. Your spiritual rootedness in the Care for the Dear Neighbor speak directly to the mission of sustainability: motivating human beings to learn and care about the world we inhabit — from a perspective greater than our own human concerns.

Where do we learn and how we learn can be just as important to influence hearts and minds as the content of courses.

Read the entire interview online at www.Fontbonne.edu/Ponzi.
On any given evening, roughly 260 nights a year, Mark Glenshaw is in Forest Park, staring up at the trees. You might find him meandering through a wooded hollow, pogo-sticking across a field toward a copse of cottonwoods, or simply standing still, listening.

The reality is that Glenshaw, the daytime services manager at Fontbonne’s Jack C. Taylor Library and, naturally, a lifelong interest in nature inspired him.

Glenshaw, who earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Washington University in 1995, and recently transferred to Washington University from Manhattan College in the 90s, and never left.

“I thought I’d be here for two to three years, and then I’d be gone. But a lot of people who come here, I realized St. Louis was a really cool place,” said Glenshaw, who earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Washington University in 1995.

Today, eight years later, Glenshaw leads frequent owl prowl around Forest Park, updates a blog and listserv detailing his observations of the owls, and gives talks and interviews throughout the area on the topic. He was recently enlisted as a Missouri Master Naturalist, and he leads Forest Park’s Beginner Birder Walk, a venture of Forest Park Forever and the St. Louis Audubon Society. In the fall of 2013, Glenshaw led an advanced field ornithology class for the university’s 7th annual Dedicated Semester, “Sustainability: Small Steps, Giant Leaps.”

“Around late August, early September of 2005, on my way home from WashU, I walked past a tree where I frequently stopped to observe,” said Glenshaw. “I was 100 feet past it when I heard hooting. ‘It has to be owls,’ I thought.”

And it was.

“It’s really a top-of-the-food-chain predator,” Glenshaw said. ‘This is a top-of-the-food-chain predator,” Glenshaw said. “In this big dead tree sat two Great Horned Owls, both very tall, with distinguishing tufts of feathers,” he described. “In the 20 to 30 minutes I watched, they hooted together in a duet and then flew away — they’re very graceful, powerful fliers.”

That same night, he witnessed one of the owls successfully chase down a Great Blue Heron — a bird, he said, twice a Great Horned Owl’s size. He started researching and reading extensively about the formidable owl species, and began to return to this same spot regularly to observe his two new friends, whom he dubbed Sarah and Charles. Soon, he was hooked. Eventually, he was visiting the park daily and had located the owls’ nest, favorite haunts and hunting grounds.

“I made a promise to myself to get to know the park, and I’m one of St. Louis’ leading experts on their behavior, history and patterns.

“Around 2000, a lifelong interest in nature inspired him. Glenshaw, a native of Washington D.C., has worked at Fontbonne for a year and a half. He found himself in St. Louis by way of a transfer to Washington University from Manhattan College in the 90s, and never left.

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Family Ties

“It was important to my father, and to me, too, that my siblings and I get our degrees outside of Saudi Arabia,” explained Jebreen Aljebreen, a business administration major. “For me, if I was leaving Saudi Arabia, I wanted to be in America.”

Jebreen, whose family lives in Al-Quwaiiyah, Saudi Arabia, had his sights set on the U.S., but he needed to find the right university. After speaking with Rebecca Italian, Fontbonne’s director of international affairs, who told him about life in St. Louis and Fontbonne’s rigorous academics and strong campus community, Jebreen knew Fontbonne was the perfect destination for his American education. He began taking English courses at the university in 2009 and enrolled in academic classes in 2010. He loved his new home almost immediately.

“Everyone was so nice,” Jebreen said. “I finally wasn’t sure what to expect. But the people here accept me for who I am. They do not judge me on where I came from.”

Within six months, other members of the Alzahrani family joined Fatmah and Sofy, including their sisters Safiah and Sarah, and their brother Khalid and his wife, Asia.

“We were homesick for each other — as in St. Louis and in Saudi Arabia,” Fatmah said. “We loved St. Louis, and we needed to get our degrees, so our family joined us here.” With the family reunited, the sisters could focus on their education and enjoy their experience in the U.S. to its fullest extent.

“St. Louis is different from home,” Fatmah said. “But the differences aren’t bad. People are accepting.”

“Yes, everyone is so friendly,” Asia agreed. “And Fontbonne is an amazing university. It’s not always easy to catch everything in class when English is your second language, but the professors are always willing to work with us.”

Jebreen and Raed had also started to encourage their friends and family to join them. Their younger brother Yazeed, and Jabreen’s wife, Najla, joined them in St. Louis in 2011. About a year later, Raed’s wife, Mannera, came too.

Yazeed, who is working toward a degree in cyber security, admitted that he was hesitant about his big move to the U.S. “I didn’t know what to expect,” he said. “I was excited, but really scared. And then, when I got here, I was totally surprised. Everyone was very accepting.”

Distance and Differences

Of course, moving 7,500 miles away from home isn’t without its challenges.

“Sometimes, when a big group of us are speaking in Arabic, we’ll get looks from Americans who pass by,” Yazeed said. “I hope everyone knows that we are not speaking badly of them — it’s not so that Americans do not understand us,” Jebreen added. “It is polite in our culture to speak in your native language when with other native speakers.”

The sisters agreed that while most everyone is accepting, there are those who have questions about their religion, their customs and even the way they dress.

“I was a little scared to wear my hijab,” Fatmah said, referring to the veil that is primarily worn by Muslim women and covers the head and chest. “Many people are curious. They will ask, ‘What’s your religion?’ and ‘Why do you wear it?’ We don’t mind the questions. But we’ve all been asked in the year-and-a-half we’ve been in St. Louis.”

For the most part, both families are enjoying their time in St. Louis and learning about American people and culture. There’s one difference between St. Louisans and Saudis that both families noticed almost immediately: In St. Louis, everyone smiles all the time.

“When we first got here, I kept asking Fatmah why everyone was smiling at me,” Saidah said.

“Part of a big cultural difference between Saudi Arabia and the U.S.,” Jebreen also noted. “Everyone smiles at you all the time. At first you don’t know why, and then you realize that’s just the culture.”

“Why don’t we smile more in Saudi Arabia?” Yazeed looked to his brother, who shrugged his shoulders. “Maybe because it is so hot! It’s not that we’re not happy there. We’re very happy. But it is so hot it is hard to smile!”

Raed graduated in the fall of 2013, and he and Mannera returned to Saudi Arabia, as it is a provision of the student visa that they do so immediately upon graduating. They, along with Jebreen, hope to return to the U.S. to attend graduate school. Yazeed will be on campus until May 2017, and he will be joined this summer by the Aljebreens’ youngest brother, Hamad.

“Hamad is so excited to be coming to Fontbonne,” Jebreen said. “He is nervous, but he has less unknowns than the rest of us did. He’s going to love it here.”

And the family tradition continues.
In 1999, Bryan J. Smith was a first-generation college student, a young man with big dreams who discovered that the opportunities and support he found at Fontbonne University could help him turn them into reality. Active on campus, the first African American president of the Student Government Association. Ten years after his graduation in 2004 with a degree in communication studies, he is today the assistant director for resident development at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. I have to admit that President Golden and I looked at my mom and said, “I think this is the one!” My proudest accomplishment was serving as the first African American Student Government Association President. I was also a resident assistant and Fontbonne ambassador, I served as a member of the Fontbonne Activities Board as the events coordinator, and I was a member of Students for the Enhancement of Cultural Awareness (now called Students for the Enhancement of Cultural Awareness), the Student Alumni Association and the Residence Hall Association. I was very active, but also fit in a lot of time to study! I think Fontbonne’s size and opportunities really enabled me to get involved and build leadership skills.

In 2004, when you graduated from Fontbonne, what were you involved in? My proudest accomplishment was serving as the first African American Student Government Association President. I was also a resident assistant and Fontbonne ambassador, I served as a member of the Fontbonne Activities Board as the events coordinator, and I was a member of Students for the Enhancement of Cultural Awareness (now called Students for the Enhancement of Cultural Awareness), the Student Alumni Association and the Residence Hall Association. I was very active, but also fit in a lot of time to study! I think Fontbonne’s size and opportunities really enabled me to get involved and build leadership skills.

After graduation, what was your next step? I remained in St. Louis to complete my master’s degree in adult and higher education with an emphasis in educational leadership and policy studies. I graduated as a resident hall director in Fontbonne’s St. Joseph and Southwest Halls while in graduate school. The past bit about this set-up was the fact that I was still able to stay in the St. Louis area and be a part of the Fontbonne community as a young alum. I decided to apply for graduate school at the University of Chicago. The best part about this set-up was the fact that I was still able to stay in the St. Louis area and be a part of the Fontbonne community as a young alum.

As you look back, how do you view your undergraduate experience? I still feel the excitement and passion I did as an undergraduate student. I honestly feel like I have a long way to go because Fontbonne instills in its students to be the best that you can be and that your best work is not done until you have passed on to eternity. I represent Fontbonne everywhere that I go because the university was so great to me. I was a first-generation college student but was not treated any differently or given special privileges because of my background. Fontbonne’s stance on inclusion and diversity was, and still is, very real and genuine. Fontbonne instructed me to excel and achieve the highest standards of any endeavor that I undertake.

How did Fontbonne prepare you for your career and your life? Fontbonne prepared me by allowing for real world opportunities and experiences in the classroom and in the residence halls, and by challenging me to take risks and pursue the unthinkables. I appreciated the brown bag lunches when heads of various corporations would come and speak to students about life beyond the university. The alumni office’s efforts to connect students with mentors, alumni for mentorship as well as conversations over lunch or dinner were meaningful. I saw the benefit of this as I watched my peers land successful internships at major corporations. As for risks, I had the opportunity, along with three other Fontbonne students, to participate in the Walt Disney World College Program. Going to another state to live for several months was scary and challenging, but I felt very prepared and supported.

What advice do you have for students graduating in 2014? My advice to the class of 2014 is this: Take advantage of every opportunity available to you at Fontbonne. Do your best to network and stay connected with that professor who went the extra mile to help you understand the most difficult courses. Know and understand that there is a world outside of Fontbonne and approach the world as a life-long learning experience. It’s okay if you do not know all of the answers up-front. Be confident in the degree that is conferred upon you because that degree is made possible by hundreds of faculty and staff, as well as the Sisters of St. Joseph, who laid a strong foundation and a legacy just for you. Understand that you are a life-long representative of Fontbonne University. Be a proud advocate for Fontbonne. Go back and visit the university and take a walk around campus to remember where you came from. If you have an opportunity to give back to the university, whether it be as a mentor or volunteering your time to meet with a group of ambitious students, then take advantage of that, too. You never know how much of an impact you will make on a student’s life by simply engaging them in a conversation.
Alumni returned to Fontbonne University for three days in September during Alumni Reunion Weekend. The buildings at 6800 Wydown filled with laughter, friends old and new, and entertainment, education and celebration. Here are just a few of the highlights.

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Members of the Class of 1963 gather in Doerr Chapel to celebrate their 50th reunion.

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Colonel Sam Dotson accepts the Professional Achievement Alumni Award.

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Fifty-five years after their graduation, members of the Class of 1958 mark this notable year with a class party.

THeMEETING & GREETING
Dennis Donnelly (left), friend of Fontbonne, catches up with Eleanor Halloran Ferry ’63 and Daniel J. Ferry Jr., past board chair.

STRIKING A POSE
Attendees at the Friday night kick-off party have a ball at the Moolah Theatre & Lounge in St. Louis.

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Barbara Daly Marquez ’63, Judith Gelmi Stagakis ’63, Kathy Sarhage Zielski ’63 and Suzanne Lutz Gill ’63 reminisce about their college years.

PAST PRESiDENi
Jane Hassett, C.S.J., recipient of the 2013 Founders Award for Distinguished Service in C.S.J. Values and Mission, finds herself back in her element at Fontbonne.

PROUD hONORS
Jeanne L. Baker ’94 (center) accepts the Service to the Community Alumni Award from President Dennis Golden (left) and Christina Anderson ’03, alumni association president.

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The Alumni Reunion Planning Committee (and Elvis Presley) can’t contain their excitement.

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Fifty-five years after their graduation, members of the Class of 1958 mark this notable year with a class party.

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The Alumni Reunion Planning Committee (and Elvis Presley) can’t contain their excitement.
JULIUS TAYLOR (B.C. ’67) was honored with an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. He is a teacher at St. Raphael the Archangel in St. Louis.

CATHY MILLIKAN (B.S. ’66) is director of library services at St. Joseph’s Academy in St. Louis, is now also the director of summer programs at the school. Millikan holds the position of secretary for the Forthiime Alumni Association Board of Directors.

DEAN LAKINS (B.S. ’64) was hired as communication arts teacher in the Parkview School District in St. Louis County.

KARYL JACQUES (B.S. ’91) was named president of the Missouri Professional Association of Gifted Educators/MISSOURI. She began her new position on Oct. 1, 2013.

BRIAN SCOTT (B.A. ’04) was named director of the Assurance & Entrepreneurial Services Group at KPMG. Scott is assisting the firm’s Boston office with strategic initiatives in the company’s global practice in St. Louis.

SEAN E. SMITH (B.S. ’02) is a corporate attorney in the Assurance & Entrepreneurial Services Group at KPMG. He is a director of diversity, risk and controls at the company.

STEVE MENSING (B.S. ’02, M.B.A. ’04) was named president/chief executive officer of the Missouri Transit Commission on Oct. 30, 2013.

SONJA JACKSON (B.S. ’01, M.S. ’03) was appointed director of the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce. She is also a board member of the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce. She is also a board member of the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce.

CHARLOTTE RICE (B.S. ’64) is a business owner in St. Louis. She is the founder of Sistah Soul Food Sunday, an African-American Experience Museum; and involved with Know2No, an organization dedicated to educating, enlighten and educate youth to say no to disparculos behavior. She resides in Fairview, Mo.

JENNIFER ROY (B.S. ’13) was appointed director of the Special Services for the University of Nebraska Medical Center as the coordinator of gifted education for the Forthiime St. Louis County School District as manager of the outreach program. She was previously assistant principal at Fontbonne University.

STEVEN MENGES (B.A. ’14) was named president of the 100 Club of St. Louis.

PATRICIA MARIE HIX (B.S. ’54) received a Diversity Award from the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on Oct. 1, 2013. Scott is director of quality for Boeing Company.

ANDREA VENT (B.A. ’03) who was a business systems consultant with Wells Fargo Advisors. She is a licensed life and health care provider.

CYNTHIA BURHARDT (B.S. ’84) published a book titled “Dreams in American Television Narnia: From Dallas to Buffy” in the spring of 2015. She will assume the position of chair of the department of English at the University of North Alabama in 2016. She is currently planning new studio space and considering the possibility of teaching classes.

CARMEN HORNBERGER (B.S. ’90) is a business systems consultant with Wells Fargo Advisors. She is a licensed life and health care provider.

VICTOR WANG (B.S. ’10, M.S. ’11) exhibited his artwork at a gallery at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Ill. The exhibit was part of the college’s recent presidential inauguration festivities. Wang is a professor of fine arts at Indiana University at Bloomington.

VICKY SISTERS (B.S. ’88, M.S. ’96) is a business owner in St. Louis. She is the founder of Sistah Soul Food Sunday, an African-American Experience Museum; and involved with Know2No, an organization dedicated to educating, enlighten and educate youth to say no to disparculos behavior. She resides in Fairview, Mo.

ERNESTINE JORDAN (B.S. ’60) was named Woman of the Year by the Epiphany Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She completed a master’s degree in education curriculum and instruction at the University of Phoenix in February 2013. Jordan is a retired educator and a Bandit women’s breast cancer survivor.

JOLINE BARKER (B.S. ’84, M.S. ’90) is a certified nutritionist specializing in human nutrition. She is director of nutrition for the University of North Alabama in 2013. She is employed at Valle Catholic Grade School in Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

JENNIFER FERNANDEZ PURN (B.S. ’07) was named president of the National Association of Women Business Owners Greater St. Louis Chapter. She is a member of the Forthiime Council of Regents.

SONIA JORDAN (B.S. ’85) joined the St. Louis County School District as manager of the outreach program. She was previously assistant principal at Fontbonne University.

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ALISON BLUNT ’11 completed 26 weeks of training and was assigned to the St. Charles County (Missouri) Highway Patrol.

TOM PUIZ ’13 and KELLY DOYLE ’12 were married on Nov. 2, 2013. They are pictured at right with their wedding party on the steps of Ryan Hall on Fontbonne’s main campus. Puietz is a high school math teacher in the Rockwood School District in St. Louis County, and Doyle is a high school math teacher in the Fort Zumwalt District in St. Louis County. Puetz is a high school math teacher in the Rockwood School District in St. Louis County.

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ANGELA RUTTINO FRY ’40 of Lady Lake, Florida July 14, 2013

MARY DOUGAN, CSJ ’43 of Saint Louis, Missouri July 22, 2013

MARY PALMERO, CSJ ’48 of Saint Louis, Missouri August 1, 2013

MARIAN KELLER ALEXANDER ’50 of Wentzville, Missouri August 3, 2013

MARY SCHLEINAT EICHENBERGER ’69 of Ballwin, Missouri October 18, 2013

EILEEN HOFFER, CSJ ’62 of Saint Louis, Missouri November 1, 2013

KATHLEEN MAUDEJON, CSJ ’70 of Saint Louis, Missouri September 17, 2013

DORIS PRIG WILSON ’70 of Saint Louis, Missouri October 18, 2013

DOROTHY DICK, CSJ ’71 of Saint Louis, Missouri August 21, 2013

GISELLE HOFER, CSJ ’72 of Saint Louis, Missouri August 31, 2013

DENITRA JONES ’10 of Saint Louis, Missouri September 30, 2013

ROBERT SCHLEICHER ’12 of Saint Louis, Missouri August 26, 2013

MARY SCHLEICHER ’12 of Saint Louis, Missouri September 25, 2013

MARIAN SCHLEICHER ’12 of Saint Louis, Missouri September 25, 2013

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Dr. Judith Falloni, professor of education, and Ed Wright, lecturer, education/special education, presented “Motivate with Music and Media,” a session at the Nov. 22 conference for the National Council for Social Studies in St. Louis.


Dr. Susan Lesihan, professor and director of deaf education, was appointed to the board of directors of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for its 2013-2016 term. She also served on the steering committee for the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Meeting.

Dr. Ben Moore, professor of English, collaborated with the St. Louis Symphony to prepare and present a multimedia concert featuring the Russia Memory Project at Fontbonne University, performed March 19, 2014.

Mary Beth Ohlms, dietetics instructor and director of Fontbonne’s campF.R.E.S.H.®, a summer camp at Fontbonne for grade schoolers and middle schoolers, was named one of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Everyday Heroes for November 2013. Ohlms was awarded a Healthy Eating mini-grant in May 2013. With the resources provided, Ohlms gave a series of presentations to campF.R.E.S.H.®, camps, which discussed the benefits of a plant-based diet.

Jason Sengheiser, an adjunct instructor, was named the 2013 National Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association. Sengheiser teaches Introduction to Law and American Constitutional Development. He works full-time as a law clerk for the Honorable Robert G. Dowd Jr. at the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Easter District.

SEND US YOUR NEWS … AND PHOTOS!

If you’ve recently moved, married, had a baby or changed jobs, or you have other information to announce, we welcome your news. We also welcome your photos! Email your information and photos to the Alumni Office at alumnievents@fontbonne.edu or send to Office of Alumni Relations, 6800 Wydown Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., 63105.

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Dr. Danmany Jen, professor and artistic director of Mustard Seed Theatre, saw her original play, “Falling,” premier on the West Coast in October. Rogue Machine Theatre in Los Angeles staged the play, which debuted at Fontbonne in the fall of 2011 and Off-Broadway in New York in the fall of 2012. Jen, was also one of 10 St. Louis artists awarded a $20,000 Regional Arts Commission Fellowship in December 2011.

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Dr. Jenja Van Sickle, assistant professor in the department of mathematics and computer science, presented “Flipping College Algebra,” a session at the January Joint Mathematics Meetings of the Mathematical Association of America and the American Mathematical Society in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Yi Yang, director of Fontbonne’s cyber security program and assistant professor of math and computer sciences, contributed to a research paper accepted by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)Sensor Applications Symposium, which took place in New Zealand, Feb. 18-20. The paper is titled “BlurSense: Dynamic Fine-Grained Access Control for Smartphone Privacy.” Yang and Dr. Albert Carlson, assistant professor of math and computer sciences, also served as the primary speakers, presenting tips, strategies and information on protecting cyber activities, during the January 2014 Clayton (Missouri) Chamber of Commerce Educational Series.
A Message from THE PRESIDENT

It was John Masefield, England’s Poet Laureate (1930-1967), who wrote, “There are few earthly things more splendid than a university … few earthly things more beautiful than a university … few earthly things more enduring than a university …” He went on to say that “to be a member of one of these great societies must ever be a glad distinction.” Masefield was absolutely correct.

As I write my last presidential passage for Tableaux, I know that I’ve been extremely fortunate and blessed to be the servant-leader president of Fontbonne for nineteen years. Both personally and professionally, these have been the best years of my 48-year career in higher education.

I am keenly aware, however, that what has been accomplished during my term of stewardship is the result of our working together. Together, our body of work has brought Fontbonne to many “next levels” on campus, throughout the greater St. Louis area, state wide, nationally and, yes, internationally. As a result of our unity of purpose and joint efforts, Fontbonne is well positioned for the future, and that is the essence of stewardship.

In Ecclesiastes, we learn that there is a time for every season under heaven. Looking ahead, 2020 will be the next time for Fontbonne’s ten-year accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission, and 2023 will be the time for Fontbonne’s centennial celebration.

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In order to be well prepared for those times, and many others, the board of trustees on Feb. 1, 2014, appointed Dr. J. Michael Pressimone as Fontbonne’s 14th president. Please join with me in welcoming Dr. Pressimone and his family to Fontbonne and our Show-Me State. Together, let us pledge our support for Dr. Pressimone during his term of stewardship and leadership of Fontbonne.

Dennis C. Golden
President

A Message from THE BOARD CHAIR

As Fontbonne President Dr. Dennis Golden often reminds us, “There is a time for every season under heaven.” There is comfort in knowing that regardless of the circumstances, seasons shift and life moves forward.

Fontbonne is in the midst of a seasonal change. Dr. Golden retires in June after 19 years at Fontbonne, and the university’s 14th president, Dr. J. Michael Pressimone, has been selected by the board of trustees to take office. It is with gratitude that we thank Dr. Golden for his dedication to Fontbonne, and joy that we welcome Dr. Pressimone and his family into the university community.

In a process that began more than a year ago, a search committee comprised of Fontbonne board members, including me, search committee chairman John Capello, representatives from student, staff and faculty populations, Council of Regents representatives, and Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, scoured more than 60 applications, interviewed seven qualified candidates, and finally determined Dr. Pressimone as the best fit for our university. He will officially take office July 1, 2014.

Gary E. Krosch
Board Chair

This is a year for celebration, and we hope you will take part in congratulating Dr. Golden and welcoming Dr. Pressimone. Your support in this, as always, is paramount, and we look forward to partnering with you in this next season at Fontbonne University.

“Welcome to Fontbonne, and let’s do this!”

To Dr. Golden and his wife, Monica: Thank you for all that you have given to this university over the past 19 years. You will always be a part of the Fontbonne family.

Gary E. Krosch
Board Chair
### STATEMENT of ACTIVITIES
for fiscal year 2013 (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)

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**Thank you** for your generosity and dedication to Fontbonne University.

The following is a compilation of all donors who made gifts or commitments to the university during the 2012–2013 fiscal year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013).

You can also view the 2012–2013 Honor Roll of Donors online at www.fontbonne.edu/giving.

Great care was taken when preparing the Honor Roll of Donors.

Contact the development office at 314.889.4505, or by email at jhofherr@fontbonne.edu if there are corrections to be made.
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Bonafides are recognized for their gifts/grants/commitments to the university.

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