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FINDING PEACE

For 10 total hours on the campus of Fontbonne University this February, five native Israelis and five native Palestinians came together to negotiate a solution to the conflict in the Middle East. Moderated by Sapir Handleman, an Israeli and a visiting professor at Wayne State University, and Mazen Badra, a St. Louis Palestinian and a Fontbonne University adjunct professor, the Minds of Peace Experiment drew standing-room-only crowds for three nights.

Minds of Peace is a grass-roots effort developed by Handleman and Badra dedicated to creating the social conditions for peace in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The session at Fontbonne was the 11th event of its kind, and culminated in a negotiated peace agreement.

"I am pleased that so many members of the community came to Fontbonne for the first time to experience this historic and complicated conflict in person — and returned all three evenings," said Mary Beth Gallagher, assistant to the president for mission integration and campus co-coordinator for Minds of Peace. "The negotiators were infuriating, challenging and inspiring. They connected with audience members through the honesty and forgiveness they exhibited, and audience members now have a new appreciation for the complexities of negotiating peace. But peace really is possible."

To learn more or to read the peace agreement created at Fontbonne, visit www.mindspeace.org.

Bruno, Lehrer Join Fontbonne Administration by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

When students return in the fall, they'll be greeted by two prominent new faces. Dr. John Bruno took over the position of vice president for academic affairs on June 1. And alumna Sandra Lehrer '71 assumed the role of vice president for institutional advancement on June 13.

"I'm proud and excited to welcome both of these dynamic and highly qualified individuals into their new roles at Fontbonne," said Dr. Dennis Golden, president. "Students, faculty, alumni, donors and other Fontbonne constituents will appreciate their energy, enthusiasm and commitment to our mission and vision."

Bruno began his career as a special education teacher, and has since served as director and associate in education at Florida State University, and most recently, as dean of Flagler College-Tallahassee in Tallahassee, Fla. He, his wife and three

daughters have recently moved to St. Louis and are acclimating to life in the Midwest.

"I am honored to be a part of Fontbonne University with its proud tradition of academic excellence, diversity and a caring campus community," Bruno said. "I look forward to advancing a mission that helps students achieve academic excellence within the framework of being ethical and responsible citizens of the world. Fontbonne has a great reputation of challenging each student to reach their personal potential, and I am looking forward to being a part of that."

Lehrer graduated from Fontbonne in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts in history. She is the former president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of St. Louis, and she also served as a member of the university's council of regents and is a member of the Fontbonne Community Connection, a women's giving circle.



"As an alumna of Fontbonne University, I am especially honored to be appointed to this position," Lehrer said. "I believe that a successful advancement effort requires a passion for Fontbonne's mission, a dedication to reaching the university's fundraising goals, and a strong partnership among the school's community leaders, administration, faculty and supporters."

AT PRESS TIME: Chuck Walz was named the new vice president of enrollment management. He joins us from his most recent position at Rosemont College in Philadelphia.

Endowed Chair is a Natural Fit for Professor

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

In many ways, it seems that Dr. Randy Rosenberg has prepared his entire life for the position he'll take over this fall.

Rosenberg, an assistant professor of religion and philosophy at Fontbonne, has been named holder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Endowed Chair in Catholic Thought. It is a three-year appointment that Rosenberg said will allow him more opportunity to interact with the campus and the greater community, conduct research, and explore the university's Catholic roots and their relevance in today's world. He succeeds Dr. Jill Raitt, who completed her appointment at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

"In many ways, when I read the description of the position, I felt like it was a very natural fit," Rosenberg said. "The university was looking for someone who was well-versed in and could articulate the Catholic intellectual tradition and Catholic social teachings. They wanted someone who could connect the Catholic tradition across disciplines and had a strong passion for an interdisciplinary approach."

Rosenberg fit the bill.

Much like Fontbonne University itself, Rosenberg has been shaped and molded by Catholic education and experience. He grew up in Florissant and attended St. Sabina School, then St. Louis University High School. His life and his interests, he said, were greatly influenced by his teachers and priests.

"I look back, and I realize I had great teachers," he recalled. "They taught us to write well, and they sparked my interest in history and geography. The priest in our parish had a strong presence and took a real interest in us kids and our families."

"I began to wonder what my contribution to the church should be. For me, the question was one of vocation: becoming a priest or a teacher were both viable options," Rosenberg remembered.

Although he spent some time at Kenrick Seminary, further discerning his vocation, ultimately, Rosenberg decided to become a teacher. He earned a bachelor's in philosophy from St. Louis University, then a masters' in theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology while teaching at SLU High. He and his wife then moved to Boston, where he earned his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston College, a discipline he describes as faith seeking understanding.

"This discipline looks at Christian teachings and doctrines in light of the questions that arise in every age," he described. "For example, how does one talk about creation in light of developments in science?"

Rosenberg and his wife spent five years in Boston, but the call to raise their two children around family led them back to St. Louis. He has taught at Fontbonne for three years.

Now Rosenberg looks forward to continuing his work on a larger scale. In 2008, he helped found the St. Louis Society for Catholic Theologians, a group made up of representatives from many Catholic institutions who gather at Fontbonne periodically to present papers

and discuss, debate and connect.

"I envision Fontbonne as the center of theological collaboration," Rosenberg said. But he also envisions making Catholic teaching and thought — and Fontbonne's heritage, mission and vision — accessible to a new generation of students.

"I try to make my classes as meaningful as possible for students by asking them to ask questions for themselves," he explained. "I want to provide a place for them to think about and ask fundamental human questions through a variety of media — text, film, novels and more."

Rosenberg's plans for the next three years include the production of regular podcasts, a blog and webpage, new interdisciplinary curriculum units, resources for students and organizations, student panel discussions, Endowed Chair seminars, and tours of Catholic sites around St. Louis for the general public.

"My experience in the classroom is that questions of faith and meaning, existence, God, death and suffering are all still meaningful to students," he said. "They're questions the students are willing and excited to discuss."

And Rosenberg is excited to help answer them.





Keeping Cool and **Staying Fresh**

On the day of our interview, Dr. Stephanie Afful apologized for the heat in her office. It was 90 degrees outside, and she only just turned on her air conditioner. Regardless, she looked fresh, calm and collected, and as she launched into a description of her first foray into psychology at the ripe old age of 18, it was obvious that she was tailor-made for her job.

Afful, 30, an assistant professor of psychology, is the recipient of the 2011 Joan Goostree Stevens Award for Excellence in Teaching, Fontbonne's highest

faculty honor.

"I was completely humbled and very surprised, very taken aback," she confessed. "That students and faculty would recognize me like this, it is a huge honor. It makes me realize that my students are recognizing my efforts to make class interesting; they're not taking things for granted."

Afful teaches a little bit of everything in her field, including introduction to psychology, research methods, statistics and social psychology, her expertise. Her students are at the age she herself was when she discovered her calling.

"During undergrad at Drury University, I was the only one who showed up out of 15 students for class one day," Afful remembered. "I thought the professor would cancel, but he taught the full class to just me. The next class period, he had me teach that material to the rest of the class. It was a light bulb moment; this could be a good profession for me."

And she also realized that for her, a small school environment offered the best fit. It felt more like a home, she said. Which made Fontbonne ideal.

"I'm very inspired by the story of the six Sisters of St. Joseph who emigrated from France to St. Louis," she said. "Fontbonne's mission and the goals of the sisters make us unique. I don't know any other schools with a service day built in."

Afful has been teaching for six years, the past three at Fontbonne. She has found that the field of psychology offers something to pique the interest of all of her students and that, year after year, students remain engaged.

"I think it's important to keep things fresh," Afful said. "I relate topics to what is happening on campus. We run stats on our own data. I think this helps students connect."

And those students show their gratitude — perhaps not often, but enough. On more difficult days, Afful said, pointing to a wall in her office, she rereads thank you cards, emails and notes from grateful students that she keeps tacked up within view.

"As a teacher, it's essential to feel like you're appreciated," she explained. "It keeps you motivated and helps you stay fresh."



From Ad Exec **to Educator**

When the Fontbonne University OPTIONS program advertises instructors with real-world experience, the promotions don't lie. Al Fillenwarth is living proof.

Fillenwarth is an ad man. Actually, his colleagues wouldn't let him touch the ads, he laughed, but he had a successful 25-year career as the chief financial and administrative officer of D'Arcy Advertising, a global ad firm. When D'Arcy's St. Louis office

closed after a merger in 2002, Fillenwarth changed careers.

But his former identity continues to inform his teaching, a fact reflected in his most recent honor, the Fontbonne University Excellence in Teaching Award for Part-Time Faculty.

"I'm not a typical financial person," said Fillenwarth, who teaches strategic planning, finance and business program capstone courses. "I take what I think are tough subjects and break them down so students can understand them. I have a way of explaining and presenting some complex concepts that make them accessible. I love teaching. I'm always challenged, and I love to play 'Stump the Teacher.'"

Fillenwarth isn't stumped often, he said, but when he is, he loves the new perspectives his students suggest. When he teaches, he combines creativity with facts and figures.

"I like to have fun in class, and I look at it as an entertainment opportunity," he said. "Since I was in the ad business, I've done presentations my whole career. I had to explain complex financial concepts to creative and marketing directors."

Fillenwarth said that learning about the Excellence in Teaching Award rendered him speechless.

"I didn't even know I was nominated," he chuckled. "But it really makes all of the effort I put into a class worthwhile."

Today, Fillenwarth refuses to sit still. He can often be found playing tennis, cycling or skiing with his son. This past spring, he taught seven courses, including classes at Fontbonne, as well as two other local colleges. As far as campus communities go though, he prefers Fontbonne.

"Fontbonne is my favorite place to teach," he confessed. "It's the Fontbonne family — it's so much more intimate than other universities."

Job and Career Advice Key at Alumni Panel by Cindy Bushue

Given the economy, it's not surprising that the Job Search Panel held at Fontbonne University this spring was well attended. Open to all Fontbonne students and alumni, the event offered job search strategies directly from experts in the field.

Three Fontbonne alumni generously volunteered their time to serve on the panel: Ericka Washington '07 with Edward Jones, Bridget Hopkins '08 with The Qualy Group-Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, and Teresa Padratzick '91 MM '00 with Accounting Career Consultants.

Sharing insider strategies and tips, the panelists covered several topics during the 90-minute event, including navigating the application and interview process, writing resumes and cover letters, accepting an offer and what it entails, and understanding job fair etiquette.

Washington immediately knew she wanted to participate. "I was excited about the opportunity," she said. "It's so encouraging being able to give back. In my position, I see a lot of people who are not aware of interviewing basics."

She's passionate about helping others and has since been offering resume assistance to a Fontbonne student she met at the event.

According to Carol Dillon, Fontbonne's director of career development, the gathering provided deeper insight into the job search process and participants left with a better idea of how to stand out from the crowd.

"This type of information is always available at no charge to our students and alumni on our website and by appointment," Dillon said. "But when information is shared by professionals who actually make hiring decisions, it seems to carry more weight."

Much of the information presented at the event is contained in a 35-page career guide available on Fontbonne's website, just one of the many services offered to Fontbonne alumni. Other career resources available

include job search engines, resume posting and a job search database, as well as links to employer job postings, career exploration, and wage and salary information. Fontbonne graduates receive lifetime benefits through Fontbonne's career services office.

"We support many of our alumni through their career changes, but the reality of the economic downturn is that people are facing job loss," Dillon said. "A lot of the assistance we're offering now centers on reviewing resumes and helping with job search strategies."

The next job search panel is anticipated for the fall, but alumni can benefit from the expertise of Fontbonne's career services by visiting www.fontbonne.edu/careers or calling 314.889.4516 to schedule an appointment.

First Nonprofit Seminar Tackled Tough Management Challenges

The Eckelkamp College of Global Business & Professional Studies hosted this spring the first in a series of nonprofit management seminars for local nonprofit leaders and professionals. The packed event filled the Marion & Van Lear Black classrooms in the newly renovated Anheuser-Busch Hall and featured an expert panel discussing the relationship between ethics and values of nonprofits and the creative application of best business practices.

The seminar addressed management challenges unique to nonprofits and reflected a sampling of subject matter associated with Fontbonne's master's degree in nonprofit management. Linda Maurer, dean of the business college and speaker at the event, noted, "We

wanted to demonstrate that our approach to nonprofit management is distinctive, tackling nonprofit issues within a solid business framework." Additional speakers included attorney Richard Greenberg from Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale P.C. on enforcing donor pledges and the use of

volunteers as unpaid staff; certified public accountant Judy Murphy from RubinBrown LLP on new tax and accounting practices for NPOs; and Fred Thal, president of Feature Group USA, on marketing online and the impact of social networks on NPOs.

Planning is under way for the second seminar on September 16.



For more information on the event series or the master's in nonprofit management, visit www.fontbonne.edu/nonprofit or call 314.863.2220.

Instructor and Alumna Delights In Play – At Every Age

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Bump into Patty Durkin in the hallway and you just might find yourself telling your life story to this Fontbonne alumna and early childhood instructor. And as she asks you question after question, her curly head nodding, her eyes bright, you can be sure that she's genuinely interested in hearing what you have to say.

Durkin seems to love all people alike, but her passion for children fuels her drive, ambition and mindset. She believes in childhood and play, in their ability to shape a person's life and future, and this belief seems to influence her own life to the very core. It has also shaped her latest endeavor — a children's book, companion sketchbook and overall approach to personal development for children and the parents and teachers who influence their lives.

Durkin explained the quirky, colorful characters she calls the Hexagon Kids, which come to life in the pages of her book, "Can You Find the ABC's in You?"

"I've always been a writer and a drawer," Durkin said, "The characters speak to us from our own inner child. And the books are sized specifically for adults to hold a child in their laps to read, sit, talk and listen."

Durkin designed the book and sketchbook more to promote discussion than reading from cover to cover; parents and teachers can open a page and discuss laughter, play, talk and other concepts with their children.

The name for her book's characters comes from The Hexagon Approach, a concept Durkin developed, pulling from numerous experts in early childhood development — Maria Montessori and Erik Erikson to name two. The approach, as its mission statement says, is "to foster the health, happiness and well-being of children by encouraging balanced, whole-self development for the adults who touch their lives."

"Hexagon" refers to six equal developmental domains: physical, cognitive, social, emotional, creative and spiritual, but also symbolizes personal potential.

"When my first child went to kindergarten, I began to see the impact of adults in a child's life," Durkin said. "It's so important



for parents and teachers to be healthy. What if you're not well balanced? It affects the child."

It all began when Durkin graduated from Fontbonne in 1979 with a degree in early childhood education.

"I originally began studying deaf and elementary education, but I fell in love with the early childhood years," Durkin said. "I just followed what I loved."

After Fontbonne, she earned a graduate degree from Oklahoma City University, and a certification from the American Montessori Society. She worked in Montessori schools for 10 years, during which time she married, had two children of her own, and moved back to St. Louis. She also worked as a parent educator.

Five years ago, Durkin was working at Maryville University as a professional development consultant for St. Louis Public Schools and early childhood magnet schools when a position

opened up at Fontbonne. She jumped at the opportunity, and she's taught at her alma mater ever since.

"I love college students," she said, describing the transition from teaching children to working with young adults. "I don't see age; I see human beings."

Today, though her own kids are now adults, she stays in touch with children — and her own inner child — through her work with students in the field and her supervision of student teachers. And her office is filled with books and playthings for anyone to pick up and enjoy.

Along with her work at Fontbonne, she offers workshops for parents, families, educators and children. Her next is titled "Joy, Listening and Respect: Responsibilities of Parenting or Teaching."

Durkin expressed concern that the pressure placed on children by schools and families has the potential to rob children of their childhood, a state of being she fights to protect. And a state of being in which she delights.

"I wish for all of us to value childhood and its importance."

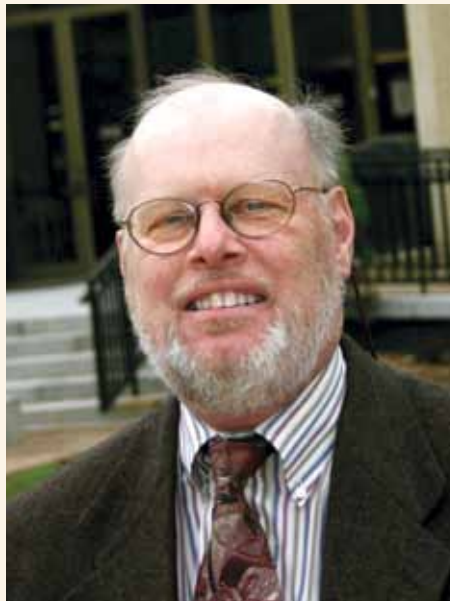


Learn more about Patty Durkin and the Hexagon Kids at www.hexagonapproach.com.

Professor of Philosophy Honored as Scholar

by Cindy Bushue

Dr. Daryl Wennemann, associate professor of philosophy, is the 2011 recipient of the Fontbonne University Scholar/Artist Award, presented annually to one faculty member based on a review of peer nominations. The award reflects an opportunity for the greater Fontbonne community to learn about, share and appreciate the extraordinary scholarly and creative achievements of one of its own.



A 15-year faculty member, Wennemann holds bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as a doctorate, in philosophy. He's authored two books and nearly 20 articles and abstracts. And he's appreciative of his most recent honor.

"It feels good. Receiving the award is very gratifying, especially since research is so important to me," Wennemann said. "I've worked hard over the past several years pursuing my philosophical interests, and I'm grateful for the recognition."

The philosophy bug bit Wennemann during his undergraduate years when his interest was piqued by professors he admired. Since then, it's become his life's work, and he clearly enjoys talking about ethics and philosophy and sharing his ideas.

Although he teaches several ethics courses, Wennemann primarily instructs Contemporary Moral Issues and Business Ethics in the classroom and online.

"In both courses, we use the book 'Applied Professional Ethics' that I co-authored with Dr. Greg Beabout, in which we take Kant's ethical theory, respect for persons, and apply it to a range of contemporary issues," he said. "It's actually based on an 18th century approach that still applies today, especially in business ethics."

When he goes on sabbatical in the fall, Wennemann plans to make progress on a book about personhood, exploring the question: who and/or what is a person? Wennemann found inspiration for the book after he wrote a response to an essay regarding the personhood of a human fetus.

"I disagreed with the essay and felt compelled to write a paper sharing my insight," he said. "That paper will become the basis of a book that explores the issue of personhood. I'll apply ideas developed in my paper to a variety of issues from our Contemporary Moral Issues course."

Among other issues, he'll deliberate whether or not a computer — or a comatose human — can be considered a person.

Wennemann appreciates differing views, acknowledging that he will build deeper research of personhood upon a broad foundation. "It's interesting. I'm deriving value out of a differing opinion by developing my thoughts further," he said.

Research is what helps keep Wennemann mentally dexterous for teaching.

"Teaching helps you formulate ideas with regard to your research," Wennemann said. "And the reverse holds true: what you research and write about comes around to influence what you teach and how you teach it," he said with a smile.

Grade Schoolers Get Healthy At

camp **F.R.E.S.H.**SM
Family • Recreation • Education • Sharing • Health

Fontbonne University's Anheuser-Busch Hall experienced more activity this June and July than in most summers past. Instead of the comings and goings of college students, though, fourth, fifth and sixth graders filled the hallways, labs and classrooms of the newly renovated building. They were on campus to attend campF.R.E.S.H.SM, a new summer camp developed by the university's dietetics instructors. F.R.E.S.H. stands for Family, Recreation, Education, Sharing and Health. Students could attend one week, a few weeks or all seven weeks, but during each week, they "traveled" to a different continent to explore the foods, recipes, activities and lifestyles of children around the world, with an emphasis on overall health and well-being. Look for a feature on this in an upcoming *Tableaux* magazine.

Jump With Jill!

The dietetics department sponsored a visit from Jill Jayne, a self-proclaimed "rockstar nutritionist," to kick off registration for campF.R.E.S.H.SM. On April 5, Jayne, who is a registered dietitian and musician, visited Meramec Elementary in Clayton, entertaining kids and adults alike with her performance about nutrition. Jayne's program, Jump with Jill, is a rock and roll concert about nutrition that travels to schools across the nation. It combats childhood obesity through original music, movement-based learning and a central character, Jill, using the same tools normally used to sell junk food.



Fontbonne Student LEADS GREEN MOVEMENT

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

As spring breathed fresh life into Fontbonne University's lawns and trees, a new student-run organization began greening the school in a more metaphorical way. Led by Marielle Counts, a first-year dietetics major, the Environmental Club has begun pushing the campus community to think twice about waste, conservation, recycling and reusing.

Counts is a slight 19-year-old from Arnold, Mo., who chose Fontbonne specifically for its dietetics program.

"I have a passion for food and healthy eating, especially organic food," she said. "I began running in high school, which led to my interest in healthy eating and becoming a dietitian. Fontbonne offered the best programs and accreditation."

She took over as president of her high school's environmental club her senior year. When she was accepted to Fontbonne, she found out the school didn't have an environmental club. So she helped organize one.

"Another student began the initiative," Counts said. "But she got too busy. So I helped with the paperwork and the draft of the constitution. And I'm glad I did."

Fontbonne's Environmental Club is still small, but it has seven dedicated members and many more individuals and groups who are interested and offer support. Thus far, the club has initiated new recycling programs, organized an environmental forum, hosted an Environmental Fair to coincide with Earth Day and reminded the campus community of environmentally friendly opportunities. Counts plans to hold a kick-off event at the beginning of the

2011-2012 school year — the Environmental Club's first full year as a group.

But the Environmental Club isn't the only entity on campus with an eye for the environment. Ameriserve, Fontbonne's food service vendor, has a number of plans in the works for the upcoming year.

"Sustainability is important in our business because food is such a big part of people's lives," said Tom Mawhiney, Ameriserve's director of dining services at Fontbonne. "Because of this, we must be good stewards in everything that we do. Sustainability will ensure that the foods we enjoy now will be available to us in the future."

Patrons of both the cafeteria and the DSAC Caf' can expect a replacement of all non-biodegradable containers with biodegradable or reusable containers, an expansion of the organic foods program already in place, as well as continued recycling. In the cafeteria, organic, locally sourced greens can be found on the salad bar. And until food services make the change to all reusable or biodegradable containers, patrons can purchase a reusable Griffin Go Box for a refundable \$5.

Ameriserve is also partnering with the Environmental Club to achieve other goals as well, Mawhiney said.

"Ameriserve is making food more sustainable by encouraging and doing business with providers that practice sustainability in their own operations, as well as choosing sustainable products," he added. "We're also helping to support local farmers by buying local as much as possible."

The visible results of all of these initiatives can be found all over campus. Barrels for aluminum can and plastic bottle recycling are conveniently located in most buildings and hallways. The newly renovated Anheuser-Busch Hall was built with sustainability in mind, and its many windows, low-flow plumbing and locally sourced building materials, among many other features, serve as reminders of the university's commitment to the environment. And a new program, Terracycling, which transforms previously unrecyclable items like printer cartridges and cereal bags into new products, was just introduced to campus last year.

But there is still more we can do, Counts insisted.

"Think before throwing something away," she said. "Can I reuse it? Can I recycle it? Just a little extra effort goes a long way."



SLP Grad Students SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND TITLE

During the Missouri Speech-Language Hearing Association's annual convention in April, a team of Fontbonne University graduate students participated in — and won — the Quest for the Cup. The Quest is an annual competition pitting together teams of speech-language pathology students from eight Missouri colleges in a Jeopardy-style quiz game. The teams must answer questions that test their proficiency in speech, language and hearing knowledge.

Fontbonne's team defended its 2010 title successfully, and is the only team to win twice in a row, as well as the only team to have won three times since the competition began in 2004.

"We are very proud of all our students for many reasons, and this is certainly an example of why," said Dr. Gale Rice, professor and chair of Fontbonne's department of communication disorders and deaf education.

Pictured above: Fontbonne's Quest for the Cup team and their supporters. Back row left to right (faculty): Christine Krekow, M.S., Barb Meyer, M.A., Paola Brush, M.S., Nancy Murphy, M.S.; Front row left to right (students): Justine Hulsey, Meghan Berti, Jennifer Williams, Grace Clark, Megan Gieseler

English Instructor Publishes Debut Novel

Fontbonne University English instructor Rebecca Rasmussen's first novel, "The Bird Sisters," debuted earlier this year through Crown Publishers and was marked by a launch party and book signing at Left Bank Books in downtown St. Louis. Rasmussen teaches creative writing and literature. Although this is her first novel, her short stories have appeared in Triquarterly magazine and the Mid-American Review.



Inspiration for "The Bird Sisters" came to Rasmussen while reading her grandmother Kit's journals. Kit lost both her parents at age 17, just after a crisis revealed the failings in their marriage. As she grew older, she grew away from her only sister, Virginia. This novel is Rasmussen's imaginings of what could have been, had Kit and Virginia learned to hold onto one another rather than turn away.



Visit www.thebirdsisters.com to learn more.

New Nursing Partnership



Fontbonne University is pleased to announce a partnership with Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, offering students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The new articulation agreement allows students to fulfill their prerequisite general education courses at Fontbonne, then seamlessly transfer credit to Barnes-Jewish College to complete their remaining credit hours of nursing coursework. Students may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Upper Division Option after their first semester at Fontbonne and may transfer to Barnes-Jewish after completing the remaining three semesters with a 3.0 GPA. The partnership is designed to educate caregivers who possess technical expertise coupled with strong communication and problem-solving skills.



For more information, contact admissions at 314.889.1400 or visit www.fontbonne.edu/nursing.



Congratulations

Sister Marie Damien Adams, CSJ, former chair of the department of communication disorders and deaf education, past dean and vice president for academic affairs, and a previous member of the Fontbonne board of trustees, celebrated her 60th jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Darrius Roberts sings the national anthem for Missouri state legislators at the Jefferson City capitol building this spring.



SMOOTH TRANSITIONS

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

For one young man, graduation means a new kind of independence

Nearly everyone at Fontbonne University knows Darrius Roberts. Six feet tall with an incorrigible grin, Roberts attended the Neuwoehner Classroom at Fontbonne University for the past two years, a program managed by the Special School District of St. Louis County and housed on Fontbonne's campus. Roberts has autism, but his abilities, which include singing, sketching, guitar, piano, acting, basketball and baseball, far outweigh his disabilities. And as much as the Fontbonne community misses his presence since his May graduation, he now has the opportunity to share his many gifts with the wider world.



"The Neuwoehner Classroom admits students ages 18 - 21 who have developmental disabilities," explained Madeleine Gruzca, a special education teacher who has worked with the program, formerly known as the Adult Life Preparation Program, since it began 12 years ago. All of her students previously attended schools where everyone had a disability, and the Neuwoehner School transitions them from this self-contained educational environment into the broader community.

"The focus of the class is to prepare students to be as independent as possible," said Gruzca. "The college atmosphere allows a more typical integrated community that helps with their transition."

The class, usually made up of five to seven students, rotates through 13 different campus jobs, from recycling and mail pick-up to housekeeping. Students spend one semester or the entire school year performing each job, so virtually every office on campus gets the chance to interact with Neuwoehner students like Darrius.

"Darrius is witty, energetic and an excellent multi-tasker everyone wants on staff," said Tammy Bauer, an assistant in Fontbonne's mailroom who works frequently with Neuwoehner School students.

Although a man of few words, Darrius is known for his musical voice, which he discovered at an older age than most.

"Darrius came to live with us at age four," said his grandmother,

Ruth Short. "When he first came to us, he only spoke one or two words. He learned a lot of his speech through videos — watching and listening — and he started singing before he started talking."

Short said that Darrius blossomed once he began attending the Special School District. And sending him to a music therapist every Wednesday has not only improved his behavioral development, but it has enriched his voice as well.

"Music comes easily to him, but words are more difficult," she said. Regardless, people have taken notice of his rich voice. In the past few years, Roberts has played Joseph in a Theatre Unlimited Production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and Joe Hardy in "Damn Yankees," two of his favorite roles. He occasionally sings for special events and occasions, like the St. Louis Autism Walk. In 2009, he performed a special solo recital to raise money for his Special Olympics basketball team to go to the national competition. His goal was \$1,000. He raised \$3,000, an amount that helped his team travel and compete in the games.

And at Fontbonne, Roberts has graciously performed for the campus community multiple times, including the 2011 Fontbonne Day of community service.

"Darrius really has an incredible voice," Bauer exclaimed. "He has been given a gift, and no matter what song he sings, his voice resonates and appeals to his listeners. He is an incredibly talented and amazing young man with a good heart."

With the skills he learned in the Neuwoehner Classroom, Roberts will transition beyond Fontbonne and exert some of his newly acquired independence. He has accepted a position at a sheltered workshop within Lafayette Industries, a St. Louis-based company that provides meaningful employment to more than 300 people who might not otherwise find work because of developmental or mental disabilities. By 2020, he wants to get married, he said, maybe to the girl he's taken to prom. And he loves Six Flags, enjoys the St. Louis Mills Mall, and has dreams of traveling to Disney World.

"He's been a real joy to have in our lives," his grandmother said proudly. "He makes me smile."

GOING SOCIAL

The Fontbonne University department of social work officially opened its doors July 1.

The department encompasses a newly introduced bachelor's degree in social work, a human services major and minor, and dual degree programs with both Washington University in St. Louis and St. Louis University.

To learn more, contact department directors Sharon Jackson, 314.719.3642, or Dr. Kate Mennes, 314.719.3602.



Slowing Down

Attendees took a break from their busy lives during the Alumni Spirituality Retreat, "Slow Down, Then Move Ahead," led by Mary Ann Figlino, CSJ '64 and held at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse.

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Fontbonne University graduating students and alumni gathered in the Dunham Student Activity Center Caf' the evening of April 27 for the first-ever Griffins Getting Hired business networking event. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, this free event gave Griffins an opportunity to dust off their business cards, resumes and networking skills, and network and connect with other Griffins in a professional environment.

Look for information on future alumni events at www.fontbonne.edu/alumni.



Fontbonne Complies with NCAA Findings

Dear Friends and Alumni:

As you may have heard, Fontbonne is currently completing two years of probation pursuant to an agreement reached with the NCAA in April. During the probation, Fontbonne is required to comply with NCAA rules to the same extent as any other Division III school. The probation will not restrict the opportunities of our students and teams to participate and compete in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (SLIAC), the Midwest Lacrosse Conference (MLC), the Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference (MWLC), the Coastal Volleyball Conference (CVC) or any NCAA sports or championship play. Our agreement with the NCAA did not result in any student, team or coach being penalized in any manner.

The investigation resulted in probation because Fontbonne mistakenly considered

high school athletic participation as one of many factors for eligibility for a particular award. Fontbonne also made a mistake by permitting two coaches to initially rate students for eligibility for awards.

Fontbonne never intended to circumvent the NCAA rules. We deeply regret our violations and cannot excuse our mistakes. Once these violations came to our attention, we immediately – and voluntarily – reviewed our processes and made the necessary changes. We are confident that we will complete the probation without difficulty and are committed to that task.

This also provides me with the opportunity to remind you that there are strict NCAA restrictions on what benefits alumni and friends of Fontbonne may provide to our student athletes. If you are considering offering assistance to our student-athletes,

outside of our established channels for supporting University programs, you must contact Maria Eftink, Athletic Director, prior to taking action.

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

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Maria Eftink at 314.889.4533 or meftink@fontbonne.edu.

Sincerely,

Dennis C. Golden
President



All in the (Fontbonne) Family



Jan Johnson (far left) emphasized the importance of education while raising her four daughters, (l - r) Valorie Johnson, Jennifer Moore, Danielle Johnson and Patricia Bagsby.

For Jan Johnson and her four daughters, education is a way of life. And Fontbonne University is more than just a school; in many ways, it's a home.

This May, three of Johnson's daughters graduated with degrees from Fontbonne. Johnson, the office manager for the department of communication disorders and deaf education, who has earned two degrees from Fontbonne herself, couldn't be more proud.

In 1997, Johnson was working in Clayton, a newly divorced mother of four children who would all one day need to go to college.

"I had all these girls, and I wanted them to have opportunities I didn't have," she explained. "I drove to Washington University daily, checking for job openings. A friend, Cathy Schrodowski in the registrar's office, told me about a job at Fontbonne. I applied and started working in the registrar's office, later moving to the office of academic affairs, then the alumni office."

She left the school for two years to take another job, during which time she battled cancer and endured treatments, ultimately

entering remission. But, she said, the pain she endured resulted in an epiphany.

"The cancer made me realize that I needed to be happy. And I was happy at Fontbonne," Johnson said.

So she returned and hasn't left since, earning a bachelor's in contemporary studies and a master's in computer education along the way.

In the meantime, her girls have taken advantage of the opportunities their mom made possible. The oldest, Valorie, 29, born with unilateral hearing loss, graduated this year with a bachelor's degree in deaf education. She was accepted into Fontbonne's master's in early intervention in deaf education program and began classes this summer.

Patricia, 27, is married with two children, and is completing her doctorate in industrial organizational psychology at the University of Missouri-St Louis. She taught at Fontbonne

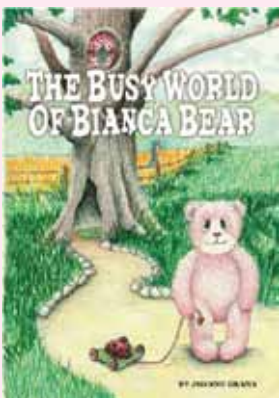
for one semester, and looks forward to an opportunity to teach at the university again.

Jennifer, 26, who holds a bachelor's in psychology from Maryville University, graduated this spring from Fontbonne with her master's in computer education, the degree her mom also holds. Married, she has two small boys.

And finally, Danielle, just over 21, lived on campus as a resident student and earned her bachelor's in communication this year.

Her daughters all joke that Johnson is a serial student, but she views her degrees as a means to become a better employee, a better manager and a more well-rounded individual. Next, she'll finish a second master's degree and is considering pursuing a doctorate, but intends to stay at Fontbonne for a long time to come.

"I have the best job on campus," she said. "I love who I work for, and I love what I do."



Alumna's Dream Fulfilled with Pink Teddy Bear

Teddy bear lovers of all ages will appreciate a new children's book titled "The Busy World of Bianca Bear" by local author and Fontbonne University alumna Joanne Grana '81. Bianca is a lively, imaginative, and special — pink — bear cub who goes on many adventures around her home tree and even travels to Paris for her birthday. With each adventure, Bianca

grows through the valuable lessons she learns, including the importance of sharing, family and friendship. Grana earned her bachelor's in social sciences from Fontbonne and went on to earn her master's in social work from Washington University. Writing children's stories has been a hobby and passion for Grana, but the recent publishing of the book fulfills her goal. The 78-page paperback can be purchased locally through Virginia Publishing and is also available at amazon.com.

The Figure Now

Michael Grimaldi, a New York-based draftsman and painter, presented "Drawings: Michael Grimaldi," at Fontbonne University this spring. The exhibition included more than 30 of Grimaldi's drawings, sketches and studies produced between 2005 and 2011.

Prior to his solo exhibition, Grimaldi served as curator and juror of Fontbonne's "Figure Now 2011: Contemporary Figure Drawings" exhibition, featuring the work of 37 artists from throughout the country. The show was made possible through the generosity of Nancy Boos Georgen '76, a member of the Fontbonne Community Connection, and the Fontbonne University Council of Regents.



Family Fun

More than 300 Fontbonne University business administration alumni and their guests gathered for Family Night at the Magic House. The event, held every February, was the alumni association's seventh annual Magic House gathering.

(l to r): Dephene Barton '06 MBA '08, Kania Barton, Lauren Barton and Jakayla Fernandez get to know Gunner the Griffin.



photo by John Lamb

Till We Have Faces

Mustard Seed Theatre brought to life a C.S. Lewis classic earlier this year. Featured in the production are (left to right) Sarah Cannon, a current graduate student, Michelle Hand, an adjunct faculty member, and Rory Lipede '05.



Founders Congregate on Campus

This year, Fontbonne University joined with the Sisters of St. Joseph to celebrate the order's 175th anniversary in the United States. CSJs from around the country gathered on Fontbonne's campus for the biannual Association of Colleges of the Sisters of St. Joseph (ACSSJ) National Meeting, June 8-10. The conference provided participants with new information and the opportunity to network with colleagues.

In addition to sessions on heritage, discussions about mission integration, and a tour of the CSJ Motherhouse, participants gathered at Wydown House with Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Golden for cocktails and dinner the first night of the conference. Dr. Patricia Byrne, a Sister of St. Joseph of Baden who is currently writing a history of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the United States, served as the keynote speaker.



Learn more about Fontbonne's heritage at www.fontbonne.edu/mission.

Ready for GOOD tax news?

If you're 70½ years or older, you have a new source of tax-advantaged funds for gift giving. Now, you can make a tax-free gift from your IRA to Fontbonne University.

Find out how to make your charitable giving easier this year! Contact Jan Sheehan 314.719.3668 or jsheehan@fontbonne.edu.



High Ranking

In June, members of the United States Marine Corps gathered on Fontbonne's campus during Marine Week St. Louis for a panel discussion titled, "Leadership in a Diverse World: How Current Events are Shaping the Next Generation of Leaders." Four officers, including Major General Anthony L. Jackson, participated in the panel, introduced here by Dr. Dennis Golden, president.

Walking the Walk

Fontbonne University hosted in late April its fourth annual campus-wide community service effort, dubbed Fontbonne Day. Faculty, staff, alumni and students volunteered at more than two dozen sites and organizations, joining together in a show of unity, service and commitment to Fontbonne's mission.

"As a whole, the Fontbonne community really aspires to live out the university's mission to serve a world in need," said Sarah Boul, Fontbonne's director of campus ministry. "Fontbonne Day gives us an opportunity to walk the walk."

Fontbonne Day began in 2008 when more than 300 Fontbonne faculty and staff members volunteered at sites throughout the St. Louis community. Students were encouraged to participate, and other members of the Fontbonne community, including alumni and members of the board of trustees and council of regents, were invited as well.

Volunteers assisted organizations like the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition, St. Patrick Center, Paraquad, Gateway Homeless Services and Operation Food Search. One group worked with St. Louis-based Service International and assisted with cleanup after the region's recent tornado damage. The day began with a presentation by Dr. David Gray, and ended with a period of reflection in the late afternoon.

Alumni volunteers are welcome each year. Contact Sarah Boul, director of campus ministry, at 314.719.3663 to learn more.

in memory (August 13, 2010 - March 21, 2011)



After a courageous battle with cancer, longtime Fontbonne University athletic director and head men's basketball coach **Dr. Lee McKinney** passed away the morning of April 4. McKinney served 23 years as Fontbonne's director of athletics and completed his 24th season as head coach.

"The Fontbonne family and entire basketball community has lost one of its true leaders and a loyal friend," said Maria Eftink, director of athletics.

McKinney was honored by a candlelight vigil in the gymnasium named in his honor at the Dunham Student Activity Center on Fontbonne's campus.

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| Rosemary Donley De Sonier '36
of Shawnee Mission, Kansas
– November 25, 2010 | Anne Kramolowsky Bolinske '47
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– December 14, 2010 | Mary Hoppe Sondermann '55
of Indianapolis, Indiana
– January 21, 2011 | Lois Linkul Hasenfratz '66
of Florissant, Missouri
– December 11, 2010 |
| Virginia Kelahan '36
of Chicago, Illinois
– October 4, 2010 | Mary Francina Keane, CSJ '47
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– February 23, 2011 | Marjorie A. Albers '57
of Florissant, Missouri
– January 1, 2011 | Elizabeth A. Ney, CSJ '66
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– September 8, 2010 |
| Rose Tlapek Perkinson '41
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– February 22, 2011 | Gloria Lunsman Pahuski '49
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– September 23, 2010 | J. Carol Dorr '60
of Ballwin, Missouri
– March 2, 2011 | Sharon H. Subow '66
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– October 3, 2010 |
| Anna R. Kraus, CSJ '43
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– September 18, 2010 | Mary Gifford Pace '50
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– October 23, 2010 | Agnes Hromadka Armstrong '61
of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts
– August 5, 2010 | Sherill McQueary Allen '67
of Corinth, Texas
– March 3, 2011 |
| Audrey Naumann Steinfeld '43
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– November 19, 2010 | Rose M. Haunert, CPPS '51
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– January 17, 2011 | Beverly Flannery Butts '62
of Chesterfield, Missouri
– August 13, 2010 | Pamela Massa Sumner '77
of Mesa, Arizona
– February 1, 2011 |
| Dorothy Rinderer '44
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– January 2, 2011 | Doris Lavin Cudihee '53
of Greer, South Carolina
– March 7, 2011 | Joyce D. Culpepper '63
of Augusta, Georgia
– September 6, 2010 | Mary J. Coan, CPPS '80
of Chesterfield, Missouri
– November 1, 2010 |
| Rita Perkinson Brennan '45
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– August 27, 2010 | Jacqueline Taylor Lederer '55
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– November 15, 2010 | Elizabeth Peplow, CSJ '65
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– March 29, 2011 | Christina Thebeau Mikitin '05
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– December 15, 2010 |
| June Cassidy Valenti '46
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– October 11, 2010 | Mary C. Scanlon, CPPS '55
of O'Fallon, Missouri
– December 9, 2010 | Mary A. Puricelli, CSJ '65
of Saint Louis, Missouri
– September 12, 2010 | |

1950

The following alumnae celebrated their 70th jubilee as Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet: **Virginia Browne, CSJ '54, Margaret Camper, CSJ '51 and Martha Ritter, CSJ '58.**

The following alumnae celebrated their 60th jubilee as Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet: **Elizabeth Ahrens, CSJ '59, Patricia Ann Lorenz, CSJ '52 and Rose Marie Groppe, CSJ '59.**

Margaret C. Merrell, CSJ '50 celebrated her 75th jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Regina Catherine Brandt, CSJ '51 celebrated her 80th jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Nancy Haar McKee '56 was elected chair of the Lifelong Learning Institute, an educational program for adults age 55 and older, at Washington University in St. Louis.

Cathleen Kennedy Guehring '59 and her husband Harold celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 11. The couple has four children and 10 grandchildren.

1960

The following alumnae celebrated their 60th jubilee as Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet: **Mary Loran Aubuchon, CSJ '63, Michael Therese Bauer, CSJ '61, Marie De Montfort Deken, CSJ '62, Patricia Ann Flavin, CSJ '69, Mary Paulette Gladis, CSJ '62, Mary Lou McKinney, CSJ '65, Rose Mary Murphey, CSJ '62 and Carolyn Strack, CSJ '62.**

The following alumnae celebrated their 50th jubilee as Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet: **Helen Alder, CSJ '65, Paul Bernadette Bounk, CSJ '65, Ann Charles Everett, CSJ '65, Helen Flemington, CSJ '65, Paula Ann Landers, CSJ '65, Helen Rottier, CSJ '65, Judith Ann Schulte, CSJ '65, Sandra Straub, CSJ '65, Patricia**

Dunphy, CSJ '66, Marie Joan Harris, CSJ '67 and Marion Renkens, CSJ '67.

Mary Jo Caragher Dean '68 has been named the new director of community relations at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano in Plano, Texas.

Barbara Stieven Rampone '68 proudly announces the arrival of twin grandsons, **Albert G. Rampone IV and Pierce Connell Rampone**, born September 21, 2010. In addition, her daughter, **Kimberly Rampone Adkins**, was selected as the civilian emergency program manager at Ft. Shafter in Hawaii. Rampone Adkins is employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Marie Duffy Sinnett '68 was named the 2010 Distinguished Elementary Principal in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She is in her 11th year as principal at St. Clare of Assisi School in Ellisville.

1970

Patricia J. Bubash '74 is a special needs teacher for the Special School District of St. Louis County, and she recently received her National Board Certification for 2010.

Rosalyn D. Schwartz MFA '79 was featured in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for her art exhibition, titled "A Survey of Paintings." The paintings were on display at Gallery 210 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in December 2010. Schwartz was a long-time art professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign until she retired to focus on painting.

1980

Joanne T. Grana '81 recently wrote a children's book, "The Busy World of Bianca Bear," a collection of stories about a miniature pink bear named Bianca and her family and friends. The book is available through St. Louis-based Virginia Publishing and online at amazon.com.

Wendy Wiese Carter '84 was appointed by the Archbishop of St. Louis, The Most Reverent Robert J. Carlson, to the Annual Catholic Appeal Council for 2011. The Council provides the Archbishop with financial guidance and strategy for the appeal. Wiese Carter is an anchor and host on Relevant Radio and "Donnybrook" on KETC-TV. She volunteers for Visitation Academy and Matthews-Dickey Boys and Girls Club.

1990

Michael R. Williams '92 has been named a principal with The Jones Financial Cos., LLLP. The audit director of information systems, he was one of 26 chosen from more than 40,000 associates. He also serves on the boards of Beyond Housing and the Gifted Resource Council.

Keith D. Quigley '94 MBA '01 was honored March 12 at the annual Fontbonne University faculty/staff dinner for fifteen years of service to Fontbonne University. Quigley is director of freshmen recruitment in the office of admissions.

The **Rev. Michelle L. Torigian '95** graduated from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis in May 2010. She celebrated her ordination to ministry on March 6, 2011, and is now the pastor for St. Paul United Church of Christ in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jennifer M. Millikan '96 is the director of library services at St. Joseph's Academy in St. Louis.

Stephen B. Rankin MBA '96 was honored March 12 at the annual Fontbonne University faculty/staff dinner for five years of service to Fontbonne University. Rankin is director of curriculum for business programs in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies.

Darrell J. Scott MBA '96 is the new vice president of commercial lending at Central Bank of St. Louis, responsible for commercial portfolio management at the bank. Prior to this role, he served four years as vice president at Champion Bank in the special assets division.

Kristy Daniels-Jackson '97 has been selected as new curriculum coordinator of gifted education for the Webster Groves School District. She is also a new member of the board of trustees for Stages St. Louis.

Carol A. Pearson '97 has achieved fellowship status in the American College of Medical Practice Executives. She is the director of practice management for 18 physicians at SSM St. Charles Clinic Medical Group's Lake St. Louis offices.

Karen Clark Castellano '98 was selected as one of 10 women to receive the 2011 Women of Achievement Award. For more than 56 years, the Women of Achievement organization has recognized women who have a record of leadership in volunteer service in the St. Louis region.

Kimberly Seil Dierker '99 and **Richard A. Dierker '97 MBA '99** announce the newest addition to their family, daughter **Ameilia**, born in October 2010. She joins big sisters, **Mackenzie, Mikayla and Annaliese.**

2000

Lisa Williams-Coleman MM '00 has joined the St. Louis-based litigation support firm, PohlmanUSA Court Reporting, as a human resources manager. With more than 15 years of experience in human resources spanning multiple industries, Williams-Coleman is responsible for employee recruitment and orientation efforts, performance management, benefits administration and managing employee-relations issues.

Craig L. Glover '01 was honored as one of the St. Louis Business Journal's 40 Under 40, Class of 2011. He is vice president and chief information officer at Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers.

Mitzi A. Hoffmann '01 and Michael Klein were happily married on July 31, 2010, at St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Louis. Hoffman is a language arts teacher at Fox Senior High School in Arnold.

Sunnie E. Hughes '01 is an assistant director of undergraduate admissions at Virginia Tech. As assistant director, she manages the recruitment plan for the Hampton Roads/Tidewater areas of Virginia, and she provides diversity support to targeted under-represented populations. In addition to recruitment, Hughes represents the university at major campus events and cultivates relationships with secondary school personnel and community affiliates.

Caroline Humphrey Sletten '01 and Christopher Sletten announce the birth of their first son, Ethan Christopher. Ethan was born August 9, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Amy F. Konys '01 has joined the Bank of Washington as the new human resource manager. She has 11 years of human resource experience. The Bank of Washington is the oldest and largest bank in Franklin County.

Michelle Ruby Carleton '02 MS '05 and **Patrick K. Carleton '02** welcomed their new baby girl, Isabella Caradonna, to the world on September 17, 2010.

Jeffrey L. Bodimer MBA '03 has been named executive director of Kaplan College Columbus in Columbus, Ohio. He previously worked for four years in leadership jobs at Kaplan Higher Education, the school's parent that runs more than 70 campuses and online operations with more than 100,000 students in the United States.

Patricia L. Francis '03 has become a fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives, which is the highest distinction in the medical group practice management profession. She is only one of two Cape Girardeau practice administrators to hold this distinction and one of only 38 in Missouri.

Jonathan C. Genthe '03 married Kelly Schneider on August 21, 2010. Genthe is employed by Whole Foods Market.

Karen Caires '04 earned her National Board Certification, and in doing so, she became the first teacher in the East Alton, Ill., Elementary School District to earn this prestigious distinction.

Michelle M. Kuehler '04 is now a partner at Black Twig Communications, LLC in St. Louis.

Bill C. Gossett '05 married Kristin Robinette on March 12, 2011, in St. Charles.

Kristin S. Larson '05 is engaged to Jacob Abraham. An October wedding is planned. Larson is a convention services manager at St. Louis Marriott West Hotel.

Anita M. Manion '05 MM '06 MBA '09 was honored March 12 at the annual Fontbonne University faculty/staff dinner for 10 years of service to Fontbonne University. Manion is director of faculty in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies.

Stacy C. Brazier '06 was honored March 12 at the annual Fontbonne University faculty/staff dinner for five years of service to Fontbonne University. Brazier is a graphic designer in Fontbonne's office of communications and marketing.

Lori Kovarik '06 MM '10 was honored March 12 at the annual Fontbonne University faculty/staff dinner for five years of service to Fontbonne University. Kovarik is coordinator of faculty for business programs in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies.

Shelitha Peppers '06 MBA '10 was honored March 12 at the annual Fontbonne University faculty/staff dinner for five years of service to Fontbonne University. Peppers is an admissions counselor in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies.

Austin T. Bates '07 MBA '10 was honored March 12 at the annual Fontbonne University faculty/staff dinner for 15 years of service to Fontbonne University. Bates is assistant director of the physical plant department.

Jennifer Truskowski Black MM '08 is now the director of alumni relations at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis.

Meredith L. Colwell MS '08 is engaged to Timothy Feher. Colwell works as a speech/language pathologist at the Special School District of St. Louis County.

Terran L. Dampier '08 MM '10 has been hired as a market analyst for Edward Jones Company. In addition, she is currently pursuing her doctoral degree from the University of Phoenix.

Danielle B. Hoock '08 and Kevin Meesey have announced their engagement and plan for a September 17, 2011, wedding. Hoock is employed by the Lindbergh School District in St. Louis.

Janice M. Johnson '08 welcomed her newest grandson, Edward Brock Bagsby, to the world on February 1. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and as 19½ inches long. His big sister, Grace, thinks he rocks!

Amanda Schnaus '09 was honored March 12 at the annual Fontbonne University faculty/staff dinner for five years of service to Fontbonne University. Schnaus is an assistant business office manager in the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies.

Nathan K. Tate MBA '09 has been appointed financial representative by Northwestern Mutual in St. Clair, which is associated with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Quality Group, of St. Louis. He is an active member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce, and New Hope Baptist Church, and he also serves as an alderman in St. Clair.

2010

Megan M. Meyer '10 opened her own store, Meka Boutique, in Chesterfield, selling women's clothes and accessories.

Kelly E. Mitchell MAT '10 is engaged to Caleb Lawson. Both are employed by Washington University in St. Louis. An August 12, 2011, wedding is planned.

Meghan Schmidt '10 married Scott Buck on October 16, 2010, in St. Louis.

Amanda E. Sullivan '10 is engaged to Patrick Eckelkamp. A September wedding is planned. Sullivan is employed as a speech-language pathologist by the Washington School District in Washington, Mo.

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