



Another Decade of Difference FONTBONNE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Achieving \$1M in Awards this 12th Year



Annual Meeting, a Joyous Event

Warm greetings and smiles marked FCC's 2018 Annual Meeting on July 12th, as we chatted excitedly with one another and made selections from a sumptuous buffet of delicious quiches, muffins, fruit, scones and other delights. All were eager to learn which proposals would share in this year's support of faculty, staff and student initiatives to benefit Fontbonne.

Following a welcome by FCC Chair Joan Kelly, Sr. Donna Gunn led us in prayer, inviting us to be grateful for each other and to strive for "all that woman is capable of doing." Joan reviewed our past year, citing FCC events/activities/achievements and praising
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membership growth. We learned about the new Janet Zell Sponsorship Initiative pilot project to bring in active new members, as well as all meetings that have been scheduled by Liz Glaser (see calendar) for FCC members to hear University administrators share their vision of Fontbonne's future (see calendar).

We approved our slate of officers for the coming year, and Awards Chair Liz Glaser led the announcement of the 18 awards funded this year, totaling \$103,337. Various FCC members read project descriptions aloud, in order of their ranking. We concluded with a celebratory toast, our traditional "Member Reflections" — and, of course, our annual group photo.



Focused Concentration at June Roundtable Discussions...



Enthusiastic Reports from Summer Camps

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On June 22, members of the Fontbonne faculty shared their stories about FCC-funded projects involving summer camp experiences for children.

Dr. Carmen Russell, from the Speech Therapy side of the Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Department, spoke about a new project this year - Camp Buddy Builders. Graduate students had an opportunity to work with preschool children who have visual impairments - low vision or blindness. These children, often cocooned in their own little world, don't SEE the normal interactions of children around them. The grad students acted as models and prompters, helping the children engage in play activities with others and involving them in the give and take of conversation. It was a unique experience for all, which the department hopes to continue and expand.



Paula Gross, from the Deaf Education side of the Communication Disorders Department, spoke about the Reading Literacy Program for the Deaf (Camp F.I.R.E.). This program was seeded with money from FCC and had been running for several summers. It was clear that this program, even though free for the children, wasn't available to children who lived at a distance, or whose families were unable to provide transportation. This summer, an FCC award funded an offshoot program, extended to deaf children in a public school in Hazelwood, MO, where enrichment services were sorely needed. This is a great example of the ripple effect FCC likes its funding to have: one project feeding into another. And Fontbonne students participating in these programs carry the ideas to their jobs after graduation.

After the talks, the group proceeded to the Dietetics kitchen to see Camp F.R.E.S.H. in action, under the direction of Mary Beth Ohlms. Fontbonne graduate students guided young campers in preparing an Asian meal for their lunch. Usually, once children

participate in the actual preparation of a dish, they're likely to at least try it. If they're resistant, they may ask for a "No, thank you" portion. In this camp, a different continent is studied each week, with the children also learning about the related culture, music, art and cuisine.

FCC support for various camps has enabled Fontbonne students to engage in real-life learning with young members of the community. The camps, which are free for the children, provide excellent public relations for Fontbonne and also give FCC members a chance to see their dollars in action. Plus, camp tours have been prime opportunities to attract potential FCC members!



Bittersweet Farewell to Laura

Surrounded by FCC well-wishers, the Advancement office's Director of Annual Giving and staff liaison to FCC, Laura Farrar, soaked up our love and appreciation at a farewell reception on June 21. Thanks for your over three years of exceptional service to us, Laura, and for your enthusiastic participation in our FCC sisterhood.

Over the past several months, the Fontbonne Registrar's Office has been turning its academic calendar into a relevant, never out-of-date web-based catalog. This is possible thanks to an FCC award received a year ago. The new catalog, now no longer an overwhelming list of courses, programs and policies, has the potential to convince potential students, looking at various schools, to choose Fontbonne.

Seth Carruthers, Assistant Vice President for Student Financial Services and Registrar, says the web-based catalog is a tool — externally and internally — for students, faculty and staff. Up to the present time, it has been published as a PDF file — extremely large, and quite difficult to update and maintain in that unwieldy, labor-intensive format.

“Curriculum management features in the new catalog range from making changes once to updating the entire document,” says the Registrar. “Students, faculty and staff will be able to access information more efficiently. There is no tool more important in helping students plan their path appropriately.”

While the catalog's look, tone and feel benefits internal and external users, the revamped Fontbonne Online catalog also offers an opportunity for the University to have more meaningful communication with the Higher Learning Commission, the U.S. organization with accreditation responsibilities for post-secondary education institutions. (In fact, Fontbonne's online catalog is the single most important source of evidence in the accreditation review process.)

With an estimated debut in late-September, Fontbonne's academic catalog will launch the 2018-2019 year with new life—creating, organizing and publishing interactive, up-to-date course information that is easily accessible to all.



Fontbonne's Key Leaders Share Their View of Fontbonne's Future in a Series of Informal Meetings with FCC Members

Dr. Mike Pressimone - July 17

Denny Gipson - July 24

Lisa VanSickle - July 31

Kitty Lohrum - Aug 7

FCC Members Only - Aug 14

Each Is In The Library Board Room from 5:30-7:00 pm



FCC ANNUAL ALL-MEMBER PLANNING MEETING **Wednesday, August 8, 2018 ~ 8:30 - Noon in the DSAC (Caf')**

Join the excitement of selecting goals and plans for our
MILLION DOLLAR DREAM YEAR!

Plug into your favorite areas of interest and share your ideas for events, activities and plans to make this our most successful year.

Optional box lunch and social celebration follows our planning sessions. RSVP Kathy Kinney 314-889-1403 for meeting reservation or to order lunch (\$10).

NEW MEMBER CONNIE DIEKMAN RELATES TO FCC GOALS/VALUES

We welcome Connie Boschert Diekman to our giving circle! After receiving her bachelor's degree from Fontbonne in '72, Connie completed a dietetic internship through Barnes Hospital. She then successfully completed the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics registration exam and began her dietetics career at Washington University Medical School.

Over her career, Connie has worked to help people learn the basics of nutrition, adapt those basics to meet their health needs and develop eating plans that are enjoyable and sustainable. In her current position as Director of University Nutrition at Wash U, she helps college students make better food choices and also helps those with eating disorders work through that disease to achieve health. Connie is a Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics (CSSD), so she works with Wash U's athletic teams to develop the right fueling patterns for the athletes. Throughout her career, she's been involved in the dietetics world — as President of the St Louis and Missouri Dietetic Associations, delegate from Missouri to the national House of Delegates, spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association (ADA), now Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy), and as President of the ADA. She continues her involvement as chair of the Weight Management Dietetic Practice Group of that Academy. She is a former chair of the American Heart Association–Missouri affiliate. Connie also serves on Fontbonne's College of Education and Allied Health Professions Executive Advisory Board. Because of her wide Dietetics background/experience, she has participated in numerous radio and television interviews at the local level — and on national shows, ranging from the Today show to the Oprah show.

Last fall, Connie taught a course in the Fontbonne ISPP program (Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway). She says that experience reenergized her about Fontbonne's work to help students identify and reach their educational and professional goals. Connie notes with pleasure that this kind of active support is just what FCC seems to recognize and value, as well!

Connie and her husband, Leo, have two children. Their son and his wife live in St Louis, and their daughter lives in Akron, Ohio, with her husband and their four children. We warmly welcome you to our FCC family, Connie, and look forward to your active participation in our sisterhood!



Message from the Chair



The “Lazy Days of Summer” is NOT a phrase that applies to the FCC, as it is the time when we end one year and begin another. We are fortunate to have added 8 new members this past year, and we particularly welcome Connie Boschert Diekman (profiled in this issue) and Nancy English (to be profiled in the Fall issue) to our women’s giving circle.

Like clock-work, on July 12, the FCC held its Annual Meeting with approximately 40 individuals attending. And, for the first time, the event was opened to prospective members, so they could witness the excitement that characterizes this meeting and the award announcements. Eighteen projects were chosen with \$103,337 being awarded. We were energized to see that, over the past 11 years, we’ve supported 160 projects with a total of \$915,726. WOW!

Letting “No Grass Grow Under Our Feet,” a series of informal meetings has begun with Fontbonne key leaders sharing their views of the University’s future with FCC members. We are grateful to these leaders, for their engaging conversations, helping the FCC best serve Fontbonne in future award cycles.

With our new year already here and our new slate of officers in place, the Annual Planning meeting on August 8 is an excellent opportunity for members’ voices to be heard and for us to enjoy social time and lunch afterwards. Your participation is extremely important, so please come to this event, as we make our specific plans for this exciting year, when the FCC will achieve the \$1 million milestone in giving!

In closing, I want to thank Laura Farrar for her 3+ years of service as our Advancement Liaison and wish her the very best in her future career. We continue our prayers for deceased FCC member Jean Fitzgerald, for Gay Noonan’s husband and Joan Newman’s husband — and for their families in their loss. Know, too, that your prayers and concerns for FCC member Sandy Lehrer, as she recovers from her accident, are a great support to her family.

Thank you for supporting the FCC mission.

Joan

Joan Kelly, FCC Chair

Coming Events

Note: EAC (Executive Advisory Committee Meetings)
Open to All Members; second Wednesday of month

August 2018

8— Annual Members’ Planning Meeting
DSAC 8:30-noon

September 2018

12 — EAC Meeting, 8:45-11:00, AB 224

October 2018 (Note: Reunion Weeknd Oct 5-7)

10 — EAC Meeting, 8:45-11:00, AB 224
31 — Mass of Remembrance, Doerr Chapel

November 2018

14 — EAC Meeting, 8:45-11:00, AB 224
?? - FCC Fall Event TBA

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