Fontbonne’s Homecoming Weekend began with a Friday evening reception, welcoming the Class of 1968 into the Golden Arcade Circle — which includes alums of 50 years or more. The buffet was sumptuous, the beverages were flowing, and friendships were renewed amid cries of “You look just the same!” Fifty years have gone by since these women graduated from Fontbonne, yet the ties remain close (almost the entire 4th floor of St. Joe’s dorm was represented). Dr. Mike Pressimone welcomed the group and provided an update on campus happenings. FCC member Mary Lee Walter reviewed the Class of 1968 Endowed Scholarship Fund and then spoke of FCC, mentioning several wonderful projects sponsored over the years. Later, at the Friday night Cocktail Party in the DSAC, FCC provided lovely desserts, which members served to the guests while also generating interest in our women’s giving circle.

After Sunday morning Mass in Doerr Chapel — complete with a resounding chorus of “A-a-a-men, A-a-a-men, A-a-men, Amen, Amen” — a delicious brunch was served and Dr. Pressimone presented Dr. Susan Lenihan, longtime FCC member, with the 2018 Founders Award.

Susan earned her B.A. in Deaf Education at Fontbonne, spent several years teaching the deaf, and 2 years in the Peace Corps, before earning both her M.A. and Ph.D. She then joined the Fontbonne faculty in the Communication Disorders Department.

Susan has been instrumental in developing new graduate programs at Fontbonne and (continued, page 2)
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Awardee Celebration Gives Details & Directions

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has received federal and private grants to assist students studying Deaf Education. She is a leader in the field of Deaf Education, a published author, a frequent presenter at conferences and a major award winner. Her family has strong ties to Fontbonne — her mother, her five sisters, one sister-in-law, her daughter, her niece and her nephew have all attended Fontbonne. FCC is so proud to have Susan as a member!
Putting Our Minds Together to Plan a Growing Future

On August 8, Joan Kelly welcomed over 20 members participating in the Annual FCC Planning Meeting. Liz Glaser updated everyone on the series of informal meetings with Fontbonne’s key leaders and their view of the University’s future, so that FCC can better determine the impact of reaching the $1 Million giving amount next year. Another major topic involved various new ways to increase membership with an emphasis on sponsorships. Future meetings will follow, based on the ideas presented. The last bit of business was to confirm Friday, October 26 as the date for the Fall Wydown House event, a major celebration and an optimal opportunity for recruitment. The Planning Meeting was followed by an optional box lunch, where excitement for the coming year was further experienced, as we enjoyed each other’s company.

Welcome to our new FCC Liaison, Assistant Director of Advancement, Wendi Valenti

We are delighted to have a talented and conscientious representative to assist us in coordinating our activities, events and programs with the mission and goals of Fontbonne University. We’ve enjoyed meeting you, Wendi, and appreciate your energy and dedication!
The Business of Fashion at Fontbonne

According to Angie G. Liljequist, Ph.D. and Associate Professor & Department Chair of Fashion Merchandising, technology is transforming every aspect of fashion merchandising at an extremely fast pace. The 2018 FCC award for MockShop software is making it possible to build on Fontbonne’s already excellent program by adding this forward-looking technology to serve a competitive, fast-paced marketplace.

Fashion merchandising faculty recently had an intensive three-day training to implement MockShop Visual Retailing Software. These visual tools help build and test fully merchandised interactive 3D stores, automatically generating “planograms,” which provide complete visual guides to every store fixture by visually analyzing the users’ product information in minutes.

Dr. Liljequist reports that, during their training, faculty learned how to create a store in 3D — including building of walls, installation of flooring and lighting, and construction of other structural elements that simulate actual retail space. The software also enables users to input merchandise fixtures on walls and floor, generate a store directive for merchandise execution and generate statistical data. In the weeks following their intensive session, faculty members continued to hone their skills on the new software, with professional assistance and feedback from MockShop when any questions or concerns arose. “This extended learning period was critical for faculty to design meaningful exercises and assignments to implement in the Visual Merchandising course,” said Dr. Liljequist. Faculty will launch the software in the classroom this month, giving students invaluable up-to-the-minute skills for their post-graduate careers.

Dr. Liljequist sees MockShop Visual Retail Software as a real game changer for students who are eager to learn. “Many of them work in retail and are generally familiar with the process of receiving directives from corporate headquarters in the form of store planograms. However, they rarely consider the processes involved in creating those plans and the greater purposes and considerations they serve. They are about to learn.”

Tina Saunders, CSJ Tradition & FCC Dedication

Tina Viviano Saunders is well acquainted with the Sisters of St. Joseph, having attended Our Lady of Lourdes elementary school, St. Joseph Academy high school, and then Fontbonne College. She has a deep respect for the sisters and is impressed by their charism. Tina fondly remembers her years at Fontbonne and was looking for a way to give back. She heard about the Fontbonne Community Connection from her fellow parishioner, Kate Gunn, a founding member of FCC. Kate invited Tina to the Summer Camp Tour, and Tina also attended two FCC evening talks and heard first-hand about Fontbonne today — from Fontbonne’s President Dr. Michael Pressimone, and from Board of Trustees Chair Dennis Gipson. Tina liked what she heard and wanted to be part of FCC. (continued, page 5)
Nancy English, Enthusiastic FCC Participant

With an eye for detail and a life of dedication to education, Dr. Nancy English brings an ideal point of view to our giving circle. Born in Massachusetts, Nancy grew up in Tulsa and moved to St. Louis in 1968 following graduation from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Mathematics. She then received her Masters in Mathematics Education from the University of Missouri at Columbia and Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction at St. Louis University. She taught Math for over 30 years in the Parkway School District and became a member of the Fontbonne faculty in 2001, where she currently serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Math and Computer Science Department. Her interest in FCC was stimulated by the several awards received by the Math Department.

A recipient of multiple Teacher of the Year awards, Nancy is the author of two books and has been a frequent presenter at national/regional conferences — including presentations on our St. Louis Arch, a special interest of hers! Nancy currently serves as Awards and Scholarship Chair for MEGSL (Mathematics Educators of Greater St. Louis) and Secretary of MCTM (Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics). In addition, she has served for over 17 years as a Proofreader for the National MathCounts Contest — amazingly impressive work!

In her spare time, she indulges in her favorite passions, reading and biking — though not at the same time! She loves animals and is partial to rescue creatures. Currently, she has one cat and is anticipating adopting a new Golden Retriever puppy to train for touch therapy.

Nancy’s enthusiasm for FCC was evident at the July Annual Meeting, even before she joined. Since then, she has attended multiple FCC events and is currently serving on the Membership Committee. We warmly welcome you to FCC, Nancy. Your wonderful combination of mathematical precision and joyful spirit will undoubtedly greatly enrich our sisterhood and bring further blessings to Fontbonne.
Susan Augsburger, a Woman of Passion & Service

Susan Charlotte Augsburger joins her sister, Joann Augsburger Jana, as one of our newer FCC members. Both are dedicated Fontbonne alums, following the example of their mother, Ritarose Nagle Augsburger, Class of 1947.

After graduating from Fontbonne in 1984, with a Bachelor of Science in General Dietetics, Susan accepted an internship at Oklahoma State University. She returned home to St. Louis to work in administrative dietetics at Jewish Hospital, later at Barnes Hospital, and subsequently at St. Anthony’s Medical Center. While at St. Anthony’s, she completed an MBA at Maryville University and then made a career move into business and industry, working for a group purchasing organization. Subsequently, she became office manager at St. Louis Appliance Repair Group, a family-owned corporation her dad had operated since the late 1950’s.

A fiercely loyal Fontbonne alum, Susan caught that fire from her mother, who shared her philanthropic spirit with her daughters. Their generosity allowed a room in AB Hall to be dedicated in honor of their parents. As aunt to eight nieces and nephews and great-aunt to nine, Susan continues to extend their family’s sense of appreciation and generosity to future generations.

A dog lover and currently a mother to Indy and Autumn, Susan has a passion for rescue dogs and a special affection for Dalmatians. She has owned multiple spotted beauties and, at one time, dreamed of owning a "Dalmatian Plantation." Welcome to our sisterhood, Susan. It’s obvious that you have always been a wonderful sister; FCC invites you to consider all of us as your dear sisters, as well.

Celebrating Our Million Dollar Year!

Please join in prayer with families of our dearly departed FCC members at the

ALL SOULS FEAST DAY MASS

Friday morning November 2nd at 11:45
Doerr Chapel Fontbonne University
Coffee and conversation will follow the Mass
RSVP by October 26 to Susan Lenihan
slenihan@fontbonne.edu

FCC Members & Guests
Fall Celebration at Wydown House
6600 Wydown Boulevard
Friday, October 26, 2018
5:30 to 7:00 PM

Program begins 6:00 PM with presentations by Cybersecurity and Dietetics awardees

RSVP by October 19th to Kathy Kinney
kkinney@fontbonne.edu or 314-889-1403
Message from the Chair

Autumn is a time of gathering together, and we are fortunate to live where this season is gorgeous in its own special way. This fall is particularly full of events that bring our members together to enjoy each others company and support our FCC mission. It is delightful to see how the newer members profiled in this Newsletter add to the character of our women’s giving circle. Susan Augsburger, Nancy English and Tina Saunders — thank you for joining FCC.

This has already been a busy month. On October 3, the Awards Committee hosted a luncheon for this year’s awardees. I am confident these recipients received excellent guidelines from the presentation and exchange of information. Listening to the awardees speak about their projects with such gratitude was awesome.

At the Homecoming Brunch on Sunday, October 7, FCC member Susan Lenihan received the Founders Award. Susan was very gracious in her comments, particularly in recognizing the wonderful women who make up the FCC. The entire Homecoming Weekend was filled with activities, and FCC was especially well-represented and recognized.

Coming up, we have a wonderful set of speakers planned for the Wydown House event on October 26. This event is very popular, with awardees showcasing the value of FCC to the community and providing ample time for socializing and introducing prospective new members to FCC. Then, on November 2, a Mass of Remembrance for deceased FCC members will be celebrated in the University chapel at 11:45, and all FCC members are encouraged to attend.

In closing, I cordially welcome Wendi Valenti to Fontbonne, as Assistant Director of Advancement and as our new FCC Liaison. She brings both experience and enthusiasm to her position, and we look forward to working with her.

Thank you to each member for your support of our FCC mission.

Joan Kelly, FCC Chair

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*No EAC meeting in December

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