

To: All Madonna University Students
From: Sister Nancy Marie, CSSF, Vice President for Student Services and Mission Integration
Date: December 23, 2008

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT!

For the New Year of 2009, I wish you the blessings of life: time to be and do good, to share among family and friends, and to experience the incomparable gifts of joy in the midst of sorrow, hope in times of stress and tragedy, and most of all love - for family, country, and colleagues!

We look forward to your return to Madonna University for the Winter Term.

All blessings upon you and yours.....

Sister Rose Marie, CSSF, President



WINTER TERM CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 7. The University will be closed December 24 - January 1. However, YOU CAN STILL REGISTER online. You will be able to register and take care of business in person January 2, 5 - 6. Payment is required for the registration to be processed.

Business hours: January 2: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday
January 5 - 8: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday
January 9: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday
January 10: 9 a.m. - Noon Saturday
January 12 - 15: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday

Regular business hours resume January 19:
Mondays and Thursdays until 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays until 5 p.m.

It is very important that you don't miss your first class of the term. Doing so can put you behind and some students never catch up. If for any reason you MUST miss the first class, you need to take responsibility to contact the instructor and get assignments for the following week.

BE AMONG THE FIRST TO KNOW:

The ED Alert link has now been activated on the MU web homepage > Quicklinks. Go to www.madonna.edu to sign up to receive emergency info via email or cell phone.

If you have not yet signed up for emergency messages...don't finish reading this letter. Go right now to a computer and sign up!!!!

STUDENT EMAIL: Official communication to all students will use the student email: yourname@my.madonna.edu. You are responsible to check this email regularly or forward it to another account you may use.

Following are reminders from the information mailed to you in August: Madonna University authorizes the use of email for official communication between students, staff, faculty, and administrators. Effective August 1, 2008, we will institute an official Madonna University student email system. All members of the Madonna University community are expected to comply with established guidelines and procedures which define the proper use of electronic communications.

- **Redirecting of MU email:** Madonna University recognizes that its students may choose to use a non-university email account (such as gmail or hotmail); however, they are responsible for ensuring that the configuration of their email service does not accidentally label university mail as spam. Users who redirect their email do so at their own risk. The university will not be responsible for the handling of email by outside vendors. Having email redirected does not absolve users from their responsibilities associated with communications sent to their official email address.
- **Access to MU email:** Students who do not have access to a computer or the internet from home are encouraged to use computers available in the labs or in other community access locations such as their local library.

GRADUATION INFORMATION: Graduation applications are obtained at the Registration office or on line www.madonna.edu >students >office of the Registrar and filed with the Registrar by the deadlines listed in the Schedule of Classes: January 31 for July 2009, May 31 for December 2009, and September 30 for May 2010. The graduation application fee is \$75.

SPECIAL NOTE: Graduate Students file their applications to graduate with the Graduate school.

July and December 2008 Graduates, as well as May and July 2009 Graduates-to-be, will be receiving important information in February regarding the ceremonies. Save these dates:

Graduation Mass – Saturday, May 2, 4:00 p.m. at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel;

Commencement – Sunday, May 3, 1:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena, Plymouth, Michigan.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE: Congratulations 2008-2009 Graduates! The Madonna University Alumni Office is available as a resource to provide news, information and opportunities for you to stay in touch. To subscribe to the MU Alumni Connection e-newsletter, update your address or share your news for the publication of Beyond the Pond Alumni News, visit our web site at www.alumni.madonna.edu.

On behalf of the more than 22,000 Madonna alumni, I wish you the best of luck in

all your future endeavors and look forward to hearing from you!
Carole Booms, Director of Alumni, Room 1220L, 734-432-5811 or
cbooms@madonna.edu.

ACADEMIC ADVISING and CONCERNS:

Please remember to keep in contact with your academic advisor each term. Check your "Class Schedule" booklet for valuable information:

<http://www.madonna.edu/pages/recschinf.cfm>. If you still have additional questions you may do the following:

1. stop by the Office of Academic Advising (Room 1111) to ask a question or to make an appointment to discuss your academic plans;
2. call the Office at 734-432-5417 to schedule an appointment;
3. send an email to advising@madonna.edu; and/or
4. visit the Advising web page at <http://www.madonna.edu> under the "Academics" heading, click on Academic Advising.

As soon as you perceive any difficulty in a course, contact the Center for Personalized Instruction by calling 734-432-5599 or the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs by calling 734-432-5672 for tutoring or referral to available help.

FINANCIAL AID: Students receiving financial aid must reapply for the 2009/2010 academic year @ www.fafsa.ed.gov on or after January 1, 2009. Scholarship applications for the 2009/2010 academic year will be available beginning January 31, 2009, at the Madonna University Financial Aid website. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 734-432-5663.

AGING AND THE OLDER ADULT: If you are preparing to work in a vibrant community and address the interests of an aging population, consider earning a *Certificate of Completion in Aging and the Older Adult* [9 s.h.]. It's timely; it's simple and it's a win-win-win: three online courses, three Gen. Ed. requirements filled and a critical overview of the nature of dynamic people in their later years. For more information, call 734-432-5532 or email Ms. Sue Anne Sweeney at ssweeney@madonna.edu.

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE STUDIES: Cutting-edge courses in hospice and palliative care bring a unique, interdisciplinary focus to compliment your degree at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Your plan of study can encompass a minor in hospice education or a specialty certificate in bereavement. Please contact the Hospice and Palliative Studies secretary, LeAnne, at 734-432-5716 for program information or to schedule an advising appointment.

MUSIC

- 1) Madonna Chorale MUAP 1020 Tuesday nights 7-9pm Approved audition with Dr. Dave Wagner before signing up. dwagner@madonna.edu
- 2) Lyric Theatre production of *Into the Woods* is looking for assistance with set building/painting, costuming, making of props. If interested contact

Ms. Barbara Wiltsie, bwiltsie@madonna.edu
3) Handbell group MUAP 2180 Mondays 6:00-6:55 UC1 No experience necessary

Can take for credit or non-credit. Judith Rachwitz, instructor

WRITING CENTER: The Writing Center will reopen on January 7. Located in room 2410 of the Academic Building, it is staffed by ESL and peer tutors—Madonna students who have taken workshops on tutoring writing. The Center's hours are Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Drop in, or make an appointment by calling 734-432-5304. Tutoring is free.

WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT: If you are a first-time student at Madonna, you are required to complete a writing placement essay. This applies to all students, including those with transfer credits for writing courses. To sign up for a testing session, please call the Writing Center at 734-432-5304.

Tutor Professional Development Seminar

Madonna students interested in tutoring next semester for the first time in the Center for Personalized Instruction are invited to attend a free Tutor Professional Development Seminar on Tuesday, January 6, 2008 from 1:00-4:00pm in room 1210. Hired tutors can earn up to 3 hours towards tutor certification from the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA), a national professional organization. Attendees can develop tutoring strategies and techniques. This is a free event. Seating is limited. Please register no later than Friday, January 2, 2008. Email cpi@madonna.edu or phone 734-432-5599. Tutoring applications are available in Suite 1210.

The TLS (TECHNOLOGY LEARNING SERVICES) Department is sponsoring "How to Thrive in an Online Course" workshops at the start of the each semester. Winter semester sessions start Jan. 5th. To find the schedule online, please visit www.madonna.edu >Students >Blackboard >Student Support >Blackboard Workshops. Call or email the Madonna University Technology Help Desk at 734-432-5800 or helpdesk@madonna.edu to register.

CAREER SERVICES: The Career Services Office offers career development activities, co-op and internship opportunities and job search assistance to all students. To view current job openings, career fair dates and scheduled workshops, visit Room 1001 or our website at www.madonna.edu (click on Quick Links, then Career Services).

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT: Enjoy the convenience of working on campus. A variety of positions are available. For more information visit the Career Services Office in Room 1001, call 734-432-5623 or email cbrant@madonna.edu. All student workers need to complete new paperwork for the new term.

MADONNA'S PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES CLINIC

Talk with someone who can help! We offer psychological assessment and treatment for a wide range of difficulties, for adults, teens, children, families and

couples. Confidential, sensitive and caring services for depression, anxiety, relationship problems, learning disorders, issues with attention and concentration, childhood behavior and parent-child problems, developmental concerns, test anxiety, procrastination, eating disorders, etc... and the kind of life stresses that can affect anyone. Insurance not necessary - low fees are available. Open to MU students, faculty and staff, and their families, as well as members of the general public. Call 734-432-5493. IT'S A SIGN OF STRENGTH TO ASK FOR HELP.

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES MAJORS: The Madonna University Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society, will be taking applications for membership until Friday, January 23, 2009.

CAMPUS MINISTRY MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC: On January 21 at 7:00 pm, students of Madonna will leave from Madonna University and head to Washington, DC to participate in the National March for Life on January 22, with thousands of students from other Universities and Colleges. They will be able to visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, have few hours of sightseeing and then head to the Washington Monument for the Annual Pro-Life Rally, before marching to the steps of the United States Supreme Court to promote the culture of life. If anyone would like to join us for this memorable spiritual journey with fellow students of Campus Ministry, the cost is \$75/person (\$60/students). Contact cmws@madonna.edu for more information and to join us to pray for the safety and lives of the unborn.

MU SURVEY: Want a direct email to any Student Service Office? Go to www.madonna.edu and under the Students column click on MU Survey. We want to hear from you with any question or concern.

Spring Fling scholarship fundraising event is Friday, April 24, 2009 at 6 p.m. at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center: Dancing to Steve King & the Dittilies, bidding for silent auction items, winning raffle prizes, classy casual attire, \$75 per person, Early Bird special \$60 RSVP by March 23, Sponsorships available. Raising funds for scholarships and academic programs with a special focus on our autism, nursing, learning disabilities, sign language and hospice programs. Call Ann Cleary, director of special events for more information, to volunteer or donate, at 734-432-5421 or acleary@madonna.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND BASKETBALL HOME GAMES

- Jan. 7 Graduate Student Appreciation Night 5:30 – 7:30, West Colonnade Lounge
- Jan. 7 Men's Basketball vs. Indiana Tech – 7:30 pm
- Jan. 8 Winter Term Candlelight Service – 7:00 pm, University Chapel
- Jan. 8 Graduate Student Appreciation Night 5:30 – 7:30, West Colonnade Lounge
- Jan. 10 Men's Basketball vs. Cornerstone University – 3:00 pm

- Jan. 12 Graduate Student Appreciation Night 5:30 – 7:30, West Colonnade Lounge
- Jan. 13 Graduate Student Appreciation Night 5:30 – 7:30, West Colonnade Lounge

Jan. 14 Women's Basketball vs. Siena Heights – 7:30 pm

Jan. 17 Women's Basketball vs. Aquinas – 1:00 pm

Jan. 17 Men's Basketball vs. Aquinas – 3:00 pm

Jan. 18 Life Rally - 2:00 pm, Outdoors in front of Activities Center

Jan. 21 7:00 pm - Jan. 23, 6:00 am – Washington DC March for Life

Jan. 21 Men's Basketball vs. Concordia University – 7:30 pm

Jan. 24 Women's Basketball vs. Davenport University – 1:00 pm

Jan. 30 Women's Basketball vs. Indiana Tech – 1:00 pm

Feb. 17 Red Cross Blood Drive: 11:00 am - 8:00 pm, University Center

Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday

Mar. 1-8: Alternative Spring Break Trips

April 9 Holy Thursday: Classes end at 4:00 pm

April 12 Easter

April 16 Motherhouse Tour, 1:00 pm – meet at Motherhouse Chapel steps

April 20-25: Final Exams

April 24 Spring Fling

May 2 Graduation Mass, 4:00 pm, Felician Sisters Motherhouse Chapel

May 3 Commencement, 1:30pm, Compuware Arena

May 9-May 16: VIM (Volunteers in Mission) Trip to Mexico