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Dr. Nolan Visits China to Build Relationships with Chinese Universities and Recruit Students

Dr. Ernest Nolan, Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration, visited China from October 23 through November 1, 2009, to meet with officials from a number of colleges and universities and sign agreement for international exchange. Flying into Beijing, Dr. Nolan first went to the industrial city of Shijiazhuang in Hebei Province, where he met with Hebei University of Economics and Business and Hebei Radio and Television University. He then went on to the coastal city, Qinhuangdao to visit three of the largest hospitals, and meet with the Qinhuangdao Bureau of Public Health to negotiate an agreement for MU to offer

in the environmental science area. Dr. Nolan's next stop was the city of Guangzhou in southern China, formerly known as Canton. There he



Dr. Nolan with representatives from the Guangdong Textile Polytechnic in Guangzhou

visited Guangdong Textile Polytechnic, which offers a range of programs in fashion, visual communication, and ceramics. In fact, it operates a 500-year-old pottery kiln, known as the Nanfeng Dragon Kiln, which has been in continuous operation since the 1500's. This was followed by a visit to Guangdong Institute of Science and Technology, located in Zhuhai, and discussions with the head master of Guangzhou Huamei-Bond International College, an English language high school that would like to cooperate on a program to prepare Chinese high school students for successful admission to U.S. colleges.



Dr. Nolan visiting an exhibit of ceramic art at Guangdong Textile Polytechnic in Guangzhou.

its EMBA in hospital management for health care professionals. He then signed an agreement with the Environmental Management College of China to explore the possibility of possibilities of coop-

on the ten-day trip—an hour and a half to visit the famous silk market, a half-mile-long street lined with small silk shops. Then, he went by train to Shanghai for his return flight.

“Overall,” says Dr. Nolan, “the trip was very successful. The secret of working with the Chinese is maintaining an ongoing personal relationship. My challenge now is to keep Madonna University in the forefront of their minds so that they continue to help develop programs and recruit students. ‘Out of sight, out of mind’ applies most fully in this situation. That is why I am engaging my colleagues in email conversations with our contacts in China to continue building relations”



Dr. Nolan speaking with students at Hangzhou Vocational and Technical College.

The last extended stop on the trip was the city of Hangzhou, known for the beautiful West Lake, which is located in the heart of the city. Dr. Nolan visited Hangzhou Vocational and Technical College, which seeks to establish a joint associate's-level program with MU. In Hangzhou, Dr. Nolan enjoyed his only free time

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Meeting New Friends

Madonna University is very proud of its international students. Each international student makes the decision to leave the comfort of his own country to come to America to study English and to learn of America and its lifestyle. This is a very big step for anyone to take. We took the time to get to know three high achieving MU international students—Racha Kaafarani from Lebanon, Jason Lee from South Korea, and Joe Yang from China.

Racha Kaafarani, from Lebanon, is the youngest of five children in her family. Racha transferred to MU to study secondary education and social studies. She adores music, especially Middle Eastern music, and she also loves to travel and meet people from other cultures.

Jason Lee is from Seoul, South Korea. After one year at Yonsei University in Seoul, Jason said goodbye to his parents and two older sisters to come study at Madonna University. He would like to study journalism. Jason's hobby is photography. Joe Yang is from the city Taian, in Shandong Province, China.

Joe has two parents and an older brother in China. He would like to study general management at MU.

I first asked the students what their biggest obstacle was when they first came to America. Of course, the number one challenge they faced was speaking to fluent English speakers. "Translating from Korean to English can cause confusion between the American speaker and me. My listening is a lot better than before, but it's still difficult sometimes," Lee explained. Kaafarani, who took English as a Second Language classes while she was in Lebanon said about English, "...it was a matter of adaptation to speak it and indulge in the American society, learn their traditions, and involve in their activities to help me communicate easily." When asked what

Madonna University, both Yang and Kaafarani spoke of the attention and care they get from the instructors and staff. Yang said about MU, "You have much more opportunity to talk to professors." When asked what they missed most, both Lee and Yang gave a smile and answered "FOOD!" "Everyday I miss my country's food. The cafeteria serves only salty and greasy foods...the cafeteria should serve more international foods," said Lee. "I miss my family, my friends, and the eastern lifestyle, however am so happy and content being here," explained Kaafarani.

Yang's reaction to MU students and staff was that they are "friendly and easygoing." Kaafarani said, "I've noticed how helpful and caring the faculty at Madonna

University is. They are concerned to put students on the right track."

When comparing MU to his own country, Lee explained, "In South Korea, I usually study alone, but in America, there is a lot more group study. Americans like to discuss with friends and do their homework together." Yang explained how at his old university, the University of Linyi, it is so big that you must ride a bicycle to get around campus, unlike MU, where he walks to his classes.

Being at Madonna University, each international student has a goal. "My dream is to be a T.V. producer or journalist. It is very important to speak English for this job so that I can communicate with many people in the world," said Jason Lee. Racha Kaafarani said, "My career goal is to graduate from Madonna and get my degree in secondary education and apply my educational methods to students. Also, I seek to be a productive member in my community and help bilingual students to improve their English and thus to adapt more easily with the U.S.A. community and help

bilingual students to improve their English and thus to adapt more easily with the U.S.A. community." Joe Yang's goal is to find opportunities at MU and also find what he is good at and what he likes. He is thinking about working in international business between China and America, although he is still undecided about which area of business he would like to go into.

The international students at Madonna University are very bright individuals. Jason Lee, Joe Yang, and Racha Kaafarani are accomplishing a lot during their stay in America. All of us at Madonna University are excited to see what the future holds for these three students.

By: Joe Canty

Livonia Public Schools Intern

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Falling in Love With Spain-By Martin Jadan



Madonna University- Study Abroad Student- Martin Jadan

One day, when I didn't have any classes, I just took the train and went to Valencia-which is only one hour away from Castellón. It's a beautiful city! I spent the whole day there alone and the first thing I did after seeing the beautiful train station, I went to climb up the 250-something steps of *la torre del Micatet*. This tower was built around the 14th century. From here, I was able to see the amazing city with its elaborated glazed-blue ceramic domes and also its labyrinth streets.

Hi everyone. Sorry it has been a while since I last wrote but I've been really busy with life here in Spain lately. I have been studying and traveling and teaching English to natives here. So, it's been really hard to dedicate some time to update my blog. I'm sure most of you already know this.

It has been a little over a month since I wrote about my last experiences here. Everything is going great here! I have met lots of friends from all around the world and have been traveling every chance I get during the weekends. One day, when I didn't have any classes, I just took the train and went to Valencia-which is only one hour away from Castellón. It's a beautiful city! I spent the whole day there alone and the first thing I did after seeing the beautiful train station, I went to climb up the 250-something steps of *la torre del Micatet*. This tower was built around the 14th century. From here, I was able to see the amazing city with its elaborated glazed-blue ceramic domes and also its labyrinth streets. From here, I decided that I wanted to go to *Museo de Bellas Artes* to see in person Diego Velazquez's self-portrait and artwork of Francisco Ribalta, Antoon van Dyck, Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Joan de Joanes and of course Bosch's wasn't missed. In Valencia, I walked around and got a little lost until I found the towers Serranos and went to the garden to eat my lunch while contemplating the beautiful aroma of Valencia's orange trees. Then, I took the bus to *La Ciudad de los Artes y Ciencias*. It was there where I met a beautiful young married couple from Canatbria (Northern Spain). We had so much to talk about and got along really well. It was a nice encounter with genuine people as such. It is very interesting of how many people we can meet on our journeys; but, one must keep his eyes open to see the amazing

people along the path.

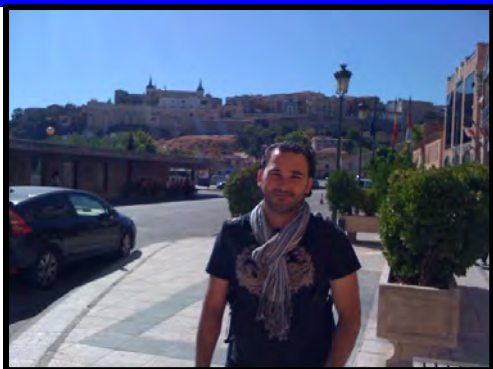
Apart from Valencia, the international student office has organized quite a few excursions which have been so much fun: Peñíscola, a city located on the *Costa del Azahar* on the Mediterranean coast is an amazing fortified seaport and is known for its castle of Muslim origins where Benedict lived in the 15th century. The movie *El Cid* was actually filmed there as well. Montanejos is another municipality of Castellón and was an amazing place to visit with its castle and remarkable cobblestoned narrow streets. We also went to Morella, it was a very interesting city that dates back from prehistory 2500 B.C. to Medieval ages, to the Arab periods-where the legendary *El Cid* appears later in the medieval years. Later in history, in 1232, *The Conquistador Jaime I* seized the city. It was just unfortunate not be able to enter the castle because of it being closed. But, It was an amazing time in Morella, oh by the way, Morella has the best honey in that I have ever tasted! It is the purest honey made from rosemary! Actually, I am running out, which is another reason to go back there.

Those have been my travels so far. I have booked a trip for Andalusia. December 8 is a national Spanish holiday and there are around 6 days off school. So I decided to take advantage of this opportunity to go to Andalusia and see and feel the magic of Sevilla, Córdoba, and Granada. To see this part of Spain has been part of my dream and can't wait to do it. I was just sitting down one night looking at the calendar and said to myself, "yeah, this could work," and went online and booked my journey! A flight to Sevilla, a couple of days there, and a train ride to Córdoba (which will be on the 8th of December, my birthday!!), then a couple of days later, another train ride to Granada to see *La Alambra* (I

already purchased a tour of the palace!), then after a few days there, an overnight train ride back to Castellón. I know, it sounds crazy! But, it's me. Next weekend, I will be in Rome!

My experience here has been very good so far. Being able to "fit in" is a little difficult. I have been able to meet many friends-Erasmus students, immigrants here, and Spaniards as well. However, it seems that a lot of people here seem to form their own groups and not tend to be open to other immigrants. In contrast, other international students, (Italians, French, Germans, British), and Latinos are open and would like to share experiences with other foreigners. I hang out with all of them and try to learn about every one of them. There is also a significant size of an Arab community here; I have a Palestinian friend which finished his PH d in engineering with whom it's fun to hang out because we speak Arabic together sometimes. His professor is Iraqi, which is even more interesting. As of Spaniards, I have met a few. We get along very well and have so much fun. Many people here are amazed by my level and knowledge of Spanish; I have learned idioms, sayings and colloquial speech as well. This helps me blend in a little more.

As of school, my classes are very interesting! What a great experience being in an environment where everything is in Spanish. The lectures are a little more difficult to understand because, as my professor says to me, "even though I speak Spanish and understand it very well, in the classroom, it's a whole different level of language, a different way of thinking, different use of the Spanish language in a poetic, literary form etc." Nonetheless, my professor inspires me with passion of literature and art; I have been learning so much from



him! Coming here with an understanding of literature, thanks to professor Campoy, helps me find a way to associate myself to the material. I have been learning about the history of Spanish literature, to contemporary literature: I am reading now *La Celestina* (tons of fun), I already read Pío Baroja’s *El Camino de Perfección*, now I am reading Lorca’s *Bodas de Sangre*, and soon another book. I try to find time to spend time with my professors so they can help me understand a little more the material. Besides, I think it is very important to build relationships with all professors. For instance, my literature professor, Santiago Foruño, is very passionate and even though I don’t understand him very well in class, I go to his office and try to understand and recap everything. Then, we get to know each other. He asks me “why Spain? What do I want to do? What other opportunities do I have now in my life?” I answer him. And in just a few weeks, he understands me. He thinks I would be a great professor because he sees a lot of passion in me. A romantic, a dreamer, he calls me.

I have learned that there are so many advantages just by being here studying abroad. They are endless. One can learn so much about a culture and history just by studying its language. Being here, Spain has given me respect to diversity and culture. I feel that, since I do my best speaking the

native language here, I am more respected and understood. Even though I came to Spain with a really good level of Spanish, I did however; encounter some difficulties here. Most of the difficulties were from adapting to the dialect. I think it’s important to understand the foreign language and also to be aware of colloquial spoken-version as well. I realized that learning any foreign language requires a lot of time and patience, motivation, passion for the language and culture, love for the history of the language and a thirst to understand the culture and its native people. This is how I try to “fit in” and be satisfied, realizing my dream.

I have traveled much around the world. But, I have spent a lot of time in Mexico and now in Spain. Traveling is beautiful; however, what I enjoy mostly about it is that its like a beautifully written novel, one will never be same after going through it. When I travel, especially through Spain, I let myself get carried away with my feelings. Doing this, I feel the magic of some wonderful cities, the wind’s warm embrace upon my face, and the sensation to dream—and all of this, I take with me to my next destination. As the American philosopher puts it “though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.”

Talk to everyone soon—much love from España.

“Madonna Alumni Abroad”

United Arab Emirates	1	Jordan	1
Australia	1	Japan	4
Bahrain	1	Kenya	1
Brazil	1	Lebanon	4
Bahamas	2	Mexico	4
Canada	47	New Zealand	1
China	271	Philippines	1
France	3	Poland	1
Germany	2	Puerto Rico	1
Greece	2	Taiwan	442
Ireland	2	TOTAL -	793

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PAHfest Motown-2009

PAHfest Motown is Back!

Today is day one and we ALREADY have some great things happening...PAH is kind of like that though. So...here we go!

Do you know someone who's really special, strange, unique or just someone you want to let the world know about? Well, here is your chance! From 10am-5pm in the Colonnade Lounge you can produce a Digiportrait of someone. We loan you a flip phone and an editor and show you how to use them and then you produce the piece! We have a team of people down in the Lounge (Team leader: Jeff "WHEELS" Fleshner) there to help you get your piece done. A really great prize is available if you win this one so hurry down and let's start PAH off right with a whole bunch of great Digiportraits!

Data Management for Film Production Mastering a File-Based Workflow With tapeless cameras rapidly replacing their antiquated predecessors, there is an urgent need to build a pool of talented, reliable technicians. Come learn how this technology is impacting the traditional film industry and who the people are that are staying ahead of the curve!

Macprofessionals is providing the only structured training sessions in the country to meet the growing demand for Digital Asset Management in the film industry. Learning to use the right

equipment, processes and procedures for file management on film sets requires a focused approach. Working with recognized experts in the film industry and the technical experts at Macprofessionals will give you a deep understanding of the requirements for this challenging new career opportunity.

This seminar is a must go to if you know ANYBODY in this industry!

Chuck, Pat, Christopher Coppola and I spent the day yesterday at the big Movie Expo in Novi

—and WOW! If the first contest open for PAHfest is any indication we should be packed with wonderful people visiting our campus and finding out more about what a great place Madonna is all week. Please find attached a picture of Christopher and Chuck being interviewed by Channel 7. If you didn't see the news..Madonna University was very well represented!

Suzanne Boyd
Technology Learning Services



Chuck and Pat Derry interviewing Christopher Coppola at the Movie Expo

Hospitality Management at Madonna University

The hospitality industry is expanding as part of the growing service economy. Madonna University address the emerging importance of the international hotel, restaurant and tourism industry by preparing students for management careers in the growing and challenging field of hospitality. This growth creates a demand for people specialized in Hospitality

Management who have combined education and practical work experience.

As part of the Madonna program, students complete an internship with a hospitality employer. Emphasis in this major is upon course work relating to all aspects of the hospitality industry: food service, lodging and operations. A hospitality career is a valuable opportunity

for students interested in obtaining upper management and tourism positions in this international industry. The field is diverse and can encompass a variety of businesses including casinos, resorts, hotels, and restaurants.

A hospitality degree can

provide fundamental hospitality training required

for entering the industry, and hospitality management training helps develop professional skills and knowledge. Hospitality degree students can choose from a variety of job options at locations around the world.

Exciting Changes in Store for Our ESL Program

There are many exciting changes in store for Madonna ESL students as our ESL Program is undergoing a significant transformation. It is being developed into an intensive language program with the focus on academic English. More than a doubled classroom time per semester aims at giving students the increased opportunity to hone their English language skills, which should help them succeed in their general education and major courses. The American Culture and Language



Immersion time, constitutes an integral component of the Intensive ESL Program, and intends to develop in students social competencies necessary for successful functioning on campus and in the American society at large. It blends rigorous academic tasks, such as writing reports and delivering presentations, with fun cultural activities

By: Dr. Andrew Domzalski
English and Communication
Arts

from field trips to discussion clubs.

The current shape of the Program's proposal is a fruit of the collaborative effort of many members of the Madonna community. The support and guidance offered by the University's Administration has been instrumental on the development of this project. So has been the diligent work of the members of the Ad Hoc Intensive ESL Program Committee over the last few months to ensure the Program's high quality and competitiveness. While such a complex enterprise is always subject to revisions and adjustments, we hope to have it in place in Fall 2010.

Even more changes are on the horizon, as we bid farewell to Ms. Monika Kimball, who retires this month after directing the Madonna ESL Program for eighteen years. A Committee has been already formed to conduct a search for a new ESL Coordinator.

Strengthened by the Franciscan mission to serve all, we are ready to face challenges and joys of helping non-native speakers of English achieve their dreams, as they come to Madonna University to get an excellent education in their chosen fields.

Dr. Nolan Delivers Keynote Address for International Conference

Dr. Ernest Nolan, Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration, explained the role of higher education in reviving the world economy in his keynote address, "American Higher Education: Fueling Global Economic Recovery with New Ideas and Innovations," at the World Summit on Economic-Financial Crisis and International Business held in Washington, D.C., September 14-16, 2009. The Summit attracted delegates from across the world: London, Montreal, South Africa, Libya, Ghana, Egypt, Turkey, India, Mex-

ico, Taiwan, and Australia. In addition, the summit was attended by Dr. Cathy Jabara of the U.S. International Trade Commission and Joseph Brendan Baker, representing the Office of the Mayor of Indianapolis, IN—a city actively pursuing international business and industry. Dr. Nolan's presentation was featured as part of an examination of the complementary roles played by government, business, and higher education in jumpstarting the world economy.



Dr. Nolan receives a Certificate of Merit as Distinguished Keynote Speaker from Matthew Kuofie, CEO of Global Strategic Management, Inc; Mrs. Florence Nolan is on the right

My Story

Madonna University has a big and important international department. They take great care of their international students and give them the best education possible. Each staff member in the department works hard to make sure that every student at Madonna University recognizes the importance of world relations and the knowledge of a foreign language or culture.

My name is Joseph Canty. I am a senior at Stevenson High School in Livonia and am very interested in the world and its languages. My main interests lie in the area of East Asian studies as I have taken four years of Japanese language classes, three years of Chinese, and almost half a year of Korean. I am a student of the Career Intern Program run through the Livonia Technical Career Center. The Livonia Public Schools Career Intern Program (CIP) is a "highly selective internship opportunity for college-bound high school seniors." The class consists of high achieving students from Stevenson High School, Churchill High School, and Franklin High School. As a career intern, I must work at my internship site Monday through Thursday for an entire semester, working approximately twelve or more hours per week. My personal goal in this program is to gain valuable insight and experience at a site that can enhance my foreign language skills and work experience in the "real world."

Thankfully, I am able to reach my goal through my internship at Madonna University. Here at Madonna University, I am using my skills by working with Dr. Swift and Kim Campbell in the Center for International Relations, as well as with Ms. Grace Philson and Mrs. Joy Cho in the International Students Office.

In the Center for International Relations, I have various jobs, such as organizing files and sending and

retrieving mail. Along with these tasks, I am also taking part in preparing materials for the Madonna University Council for International Education Meeting in December. This is a very important meeting and I am extremely glad to have the chance to make a contribution. I know I will learn so much through this conference that can be put to use with my international studies in the future.



Joe Canty-Livonia Public Schools Intern for Madonna University

At the International Students Office, I spend my time working with international students, participating in the monthly Coffee Time, and helping to plan and promote events that are run through the office. I was even able to contribute a lot to the International Education Week that took place the week of November 16th. Throughout the International Education Week, I helped to set up the display of foreign books in the Take 5 Lounge. I also delivered a speech about my foreign exchange trip to Japan. Showing a power point with my pictures from Japan was very

rewarding. The Madonna students were very interested in knowing more about Japan's culture and how the country compares to America.

When I first came to Madonna University, I was not sure what to expect of the international department since Madonna is fairly small compared to other universities. But when I arrived there, I

was surprised to see that Madonna University has a big and important international department. They take great care of their international students and give them the best education possible. Each staff member in the department works hard to make sure that every student at Madonna University recognizes the importance of world relations and the knowledge of a foreign language or culture.

I am truly glad that I have been given the opportunity to work with the Madonna University Center of International Relations and International Students Office. I have learned so much in a short span of time, and I plan to continue my learning as I work here at Madonna University.

By: Joe Canty

Livonia Public Schools Intern



Cardinals Szoka and Maida join with Archbishop Alan Vigneron in congratulating Madonna University President Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa at the opening of the Franciscan Center

The Difference between Madonna University and Nagoya Gakuin University, Japan

Champions of Character

Two months have passed since we three Japanese came to America. The systems for graduation, such as credits, seminar and graduation thesis are the same, but we have experienced differences between Madonna University and Nagoya Gakuin University (NGU). First of all, the length of a class is different. Madonna University has classes which have various hours and some classes end at 10 pm. However NGU has only one 1.5 hours class and classes end at 6 pm at latest. At Madonna, participation is very important, but it's not at NGU. Straight lecture is main lecture in Japan, so attending a class and just paying attention to a lecture is important. You may feel, as a result, that it is easier to pass a class in Japan.

not larger. As a result, NGU doesn't have a large enough parking lot to park in for students. The third difference is the cafeteria. Madonna's cafeteria is like All-You-Can-Eat and the menu changes everyday. In contrast, NGU's cafeteria menu doesn't change, but it has a lot of choices, and it is not All-You-Can-Eat.

The last difference is about the dormitory. NGU has a dorm, but it's only for international students. Japanese tutors can stay at the dorm, but normally Japanese students can't stay. Madonna's dorm is larger than NGU's one and students can live in.

The second difference is campus. Madonna's campus is large. The buildings are two stories high, but NGU has one that is eight stories high, so NGU's campus is higher but

Study abroad gives us different experiences like the ones above and helps us become international.

By: Hiroki Nakanishi, Aya Sakaguchi, & Hiroki Nakanishi

Madonna University has just received notice that it has been named a Champions of Character Institution for 2008-2009 by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

This means that our Athletics program, including every student-athlete, coach, official and spectator is committed to the true spirit of competition through the five tenets: respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

Congratulations, Bryan Rizzo, and everyone associated with MU athletics!

Madonna's Rafko Selected for Red Cross/NAIA Collegiate Leadership Program

KANSAS CITY, (MadonnaCrusaders.com) - - It was announced Thursday (Jan. 14) by the NAIA National Office that Madonna University freshman softball student-athlete **Amber Rafko** (Monroe, Mich./nursing) is one of 13 student-athletes that have been selected to participate in the 2010-2011 Red Cross/NAIA Collegiate Leadership Program. The initiative is now in its fourth year, and will inspire, motivate and create a new and diverse generation of American Red Cross volunteers and leaders through exemplifying the five core values of the NAIA *Champions of Character* program.

"It's an honor to be the first student-athlete from Madonna University to be chosen for the program from so many deserving student-athletes," commented Rafko after finding out about her selection. "I hope that my success can be continued so that another student from Madonna can be picked so that we can really show what great students we have at Madonna University."



Amber Rafko

Noted Speaker at Madonna University

During the month of December, Cari Guittard presented three very successful informational sessions in the Detroit Area - for Madonna University, Detroit Techtown Center, and the International Visitors Council of Detroit.

Cari E. Guittard is a 32-year old native of Dallas, Texas. She received her BA in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1997 and a Masters of Public Affairs in 1998. Upon graduation she was selected as a 1998 Presidential Management Internship recipient and began work as a computer security specialist and spokesperson for cyber threats and critical infrastructure protection for the US Department of State.

Guittard has traveled extensively to every region of the world working on State systems, developing threat perspectives and briefing and working with thousands of Ambassadors, chiefs of Mission, Commanding Officers and senior US Government officials to include Secretary Albright and Secretary Powell as well as heads of US based corporations on cyber terrorism threats. In addition, Guittard, working with the NSC and Joint Terrorism Task Forces, developed and delivered Cyber-Terrorism and Critical Infrastructure Protection curriculum at leading US Government training facilities to include: *The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)*, *FBI Academy (Quantico)*, *Marine Security Guard Training Facility (MSG School)*, *Diplomatic Security Training Center (DSTC)*, *National Defense University (NDU)*, *The*

(National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC)), and the *Combating Terrorism at West Point*.

Following the September 11, 2001 attacks, Guittard briefed newly appointed Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy & Public Affairs, Charlotte Beers. During the briefing Beers asked Guittard to join her staff as a special assistant. Guittard immediately began working for the Under Secretary, managing a portfolio that included the Under Secretary's public affairs, speeches, and

Guittard serves as Business for Democratic Actions Executive Director guiding the activities of a global Board and senior advisory council spearheaded by preeminent global communications, marketing, political science, research and media professionals. Business for Diplomatic Action has received extensive coverage and support most notably for testimony in response to the 911 Commission Report, their partnership with Young Arab Leaders, their work on the recent Secure Borders Open Initiative, and their extensive World Citizens guide program.

Guittard has appeared on numerous television and radio programs to include CNN, CNBC, The Today Show, Fox News, Sirius Satellite Radio, various NPR programs as well as the BBC. In addition to her speaking events at local Rotary, Chamber and university campuses across the country. She serves on the board of Operation Open Arms, Which provides services to US military personnel on leave from service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Following the September 11, 2001 attacks, Guittard briefed newly appointed Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy & Public Affairs, Charlotte

Dubai News

For several years, Livonia's Madonna University in Michigan has cooperated with the World of Knowledge Management Development Centre in Dubai, UAE. Via online programs, several hundred students have passed through the Madonna Degree programs earning both Bachelors and Masters degrees, primarily in international business and accounting. President Dr. Matthew Paulson and Dean Dr. Mohamed Kaup recently made their biannual visit to Madonna to discuss new developments. The latest news is that their institution has now been granted permission to open a London American City College in Ras al Khaimah City in the United Arab Emirates. It is only a one-hour drive from Dubai City. In this larger and more up-to-

date building, Madonna will offer on-line Bachelors' and Masters' Degree Program for the Middle East Geographic Region. The result could be a much larger influx of both Dubai online and Livonia on-campus Middle East students for Madonna University. The new buildings will offer air-conditioned, spacious technology oriented classrooms, a well equipped computer lab and library all with internet connectivity and available video conferencing facilities. There is available transportation to all of the Emirates within two hours at the longest.

At the same time, London American City College will inaugurate Madonna University's Alumni Middle East and India Chapter and be a counseling call for sending students at all levels to the M.U. Campus, in Michigan, USA.

Annual Reception

Once again, an annual reception was given at the home of Director of International Relations, Jonathan Swift. Each year, the consular corps are invited to meet members of Madonna's administration. About 30 diplomats came and participated in conversation about the offerings of the university. It was an occasion to talk about student travel and new programs. As a result of these annual meetings, Madonna has had invitations to go to several countries in the Middle East and elsewhere..

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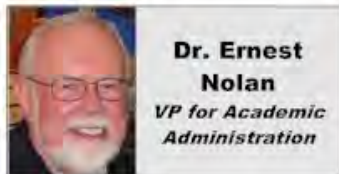
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AM AHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS by Gian Carlo Menotti was presented by the Lyric Theatre Performers in December.

This beautiful opera in one act featured professional singers, Madonna University students, faculty, and community members. The two performances contained a second act of holiday music performed by area high school vocal ensembles, audience sing-along, and a visit by Santa Claus. Plans are to add this to the Lyric Theatre schedule each December along with the annual spring musical of choice. The 2010

Musical will be presented in April. All Lyric Theatre productions are open to any actor, singer, or dancer who wishes to participate.

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“If Ever There Was a Time for Prayer...”

It is well within religious tradition to recognize the significance of prayer. To neglect prayer is to suppress the aspiration of a human toward the Divine, to fail to actualize one’s aspirations for eternity, to foster all that is good and decent, and suppress evil and violence. It is not only within the Franciscan tradition but also in the Buddhist and Zen tradition of meditation as well as a significant part of Islam. Practicing Moslems are required to pray five times per day. Christians of all sects can learn from this Islamic message and use the Rosary one or more times a day accompanied by meditation on all that is holy. Consider that...

- Prayer (meditation) strengthens the belief in the existence and goodness of a God and transmits this belief into the innermost recesses of our hearts

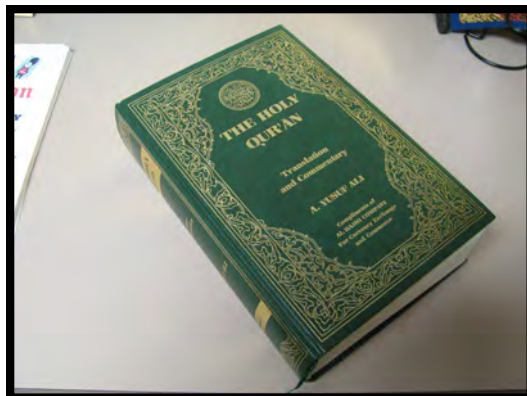
- It enlivens this belief and makes it constructive in the

practical course of life.

- It helps humans realize their natural and instinctive aspirations to greatness and high morality, to excellence and virtuous growth

- It purifies the heart, develops the mind, cultivates the conscience and comforts the soul.

Accordingly, to facilitate such private prayer, on the second floor of the Administration Building is a small prayer room pointing toward Mecca for the use of our Moslem Brethren. There is also a nonsectarian prayer room across from the Bookstore.



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