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A NEW SCULPTURE REFLECTS OUR JOURNEYS

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Created by Douglas Semivan, art department chairman, *The Edge of the Channel* sculpture is about voyage and the roles knowledge and wisdom play in our voyage of self-discovery. Look closely and you might see two sailboats: one represents the Felician Sisters, founders of Madonna University, who journeyed across the Atlantic Ocean in 1874 to share their wisdom, knowledge and passion for learning. The other ship symbolizes the parallel journey of every student in search of wisdom and truth. For nearly 75 years, Madonna University has been a welcome port for students, of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Semivan intended the piece to help people see the many

channels in their lives that allow passage, afford crossings, open portals to knowledge, and wisdom. The intertwined geometric shapes express our connectedness and

guiding principles for each student's educational and lifelong journey.

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When creating *The Edge of the Channel*, he took into account

the entire viewer experience; every angle the viewer would travel while interacting with his art.

Commissioned by Madonna University, the sculpture stands just off the pathway that runs in front of the Franciscan Center near the Main Academic Building.



Madonna Professor Visits China

For 9 days, during our spring break (March 6 to March 14, 2010), I met Chinese college and high school officials, students and parents. The whirlwind adventure took me from Beijing (yes, I touched the Great Wall!) to Shanghai. With stops at Qinhaungdao (dinner in the 2008 Olympic Sports Centre soccer stadium), Xiamen (it felt and looked like Hawaii), and Nanchang (a great “blue-collar” town) in between.

My trip objective was to study the feasibility of “3+1”. Environmental Science program with China (a success with a few bumps).

At one point, I was stuck on a city corner after many failed

attempts at trying to cross an



Ted Gish



intersection that was so heavily congested with traffic. I

did finally succeed by “hiding” behind a very old granny. Like a seasoned warrior, she crossed the road in between the large, flying chaos of cars, bikes, and scooters. This lady, who never realized my presence and who was a third of my mass, had no fear (my new nameless hero!).

Simply put: The trip was a fantastic, culture shock! I cannot over emphasize the kindness that was displayed to me by my hosts and by strangers. The cities were alive with people, food, cars (very small cars), bikes (lots of bikes), restaurants, and only 2 to 3 Americans (counting myself).

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New Consul in Michigan

The Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the United States has inaugurated the first Iraqi Consulate-General in the United States. The chosen city is Detroit because of the size of the Iraqi community in that city and neighboring states. Michigan is, in fact, the home to the largest community of Arabs,

and in particular Iraqis, in the United States. All consular services will be available at the new Consulate-General. This includes passports and visa related matters. The new Consul-General, Mr. Louay Noori AlSaidi, has a team of 10 diplomats plus local staff. The next consulate is likely to be in the San Diego area.



B.E.I.

The Business Education Initiative (BEI) is a successful, innovative program which provides an opportunity for undergraduate Catholic and Protestant students from Northern Ireland to attend a church related college or university in the United States for one year. Two major outcomes of this program for students are the development of business knowledge and community building skills. These are made possible largely through the generosity of American colleges.

Since 1994 more than 1800 students have benefited from the BEI program. Last year, 42 Catholic colleges and universities agreed to waive tuition fees for one year for one of 35 students.

This program is in collaboration with partners at the Association of Presbyterian College & Universities and the United Methodist Church-related Colleges & Universities. At this point, Madonna University has had two Irish students.

New Nursing Doctorate

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a professional degree designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing practice. As an alternate to research-focused doctoral programs, it is a clinical doctorate designed to develop health care leaders who maximize quality, reduce cost, and increase access to health care. Changing demands in the nation's health care environment require nurses to have the highest level of scientific knowledge, practice experience, and organizational skills in order to assume clinical leadership positions within health care organizations. In addition, DNP graduates are prepared to fill the national need for more a doctorally-prepared nursing faculty.



Madonna University's post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice degree is designed for those nurses who hold advanced-practice credentials, are working in clinical prac-

tice, and for those in positions that support clinical practice such as nursing administration, organizational leadership, or health policy.

In the first 2 years of operation, Madonna University enrolled 39 DNP students. These students have many different backgrounds and come from many different areas of specialty. Through its use of an executive model (hybrid of On-Line and On-Ground meetings) Madonna University recruits internationally with accepted students residing from Michigan (both upper and lower peninsulas), Ohio, North Carolina, Arizona, and Canada.

Students in DNP programs have a major impact in nursing across the board. Some of the specific areas that Madonna's DNP students focus on are:

- The Impact of Relational
- Cueing in Moving Toward a Culture of Care: A Practice Improvement Initiative
- Identifying the Barriers to Use of Standardized Nursing Language in the Electronic Health Record by the Ambulatory Care Nurse Practitioner
- Exploring the Cost and Clinical Advantages of Utilizing the Registered Nurse (RN) Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) in the Patient-Centered Medical Home (P-CMH)
- Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment: Screening for Developmental Delays in a Federally Qualified Health Center
- The Impact of Mindfulness Meditation in Promoting a Culture of Safety on an Acute Psychiatric Unit

NAIA Honors 10 Madonna University Fall Sport Student-Athletes

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has honored 10 Madonna University student-athletes from MU's fall sports as NAIA Scholar-Athletes. This brings the total of MU student-athletes honored by the NAIA for success in the classroom to 148 since 1991.

To be selected, a student-athlete must have at-least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) and be a junior or senior academically.

This fall the NAIA has honored the following student-athletes:

Women's Cross Country

Inta Grinvalds (Nursing)

Kari Saarela (Nursing)

Sarah Sherwood (Nursing)

Cassie Yarnall (Sign Language Studies)

Women's Soccer

Diana Brda (Psychology)

Sarah Rokuski (Dietetics)

Nicole Rodriguez (General Science)

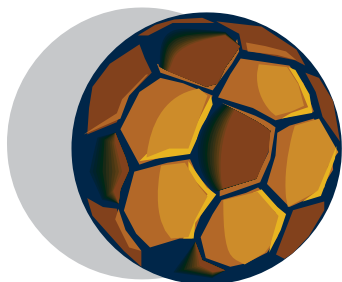
Brittany Warner (Marketing)

Volleyball

Karie Altman (Biology)

Amanda Koszela (Math / Elementary Education)

All 10 of these student-athletes were also selected to their respective academic all-conference teams as well.



Bicentennial of Mexican Independence

Madonna University has been much involved in working with the Mexican Consulate to publicize both the Centennial of the Mexican Revolution and the Bicentennial of Mexican Independence. To this end, we have presented the distinguished Mexican artists Cuauhtemoc Garcia and Elena Palomar in a concert which was very well received. In February, 2011, the notable bass singer Salvador Ginori will also be presented in a concert in the Kresge Auditorium. Among many presentations by the Consulate was one in the Detroit Institute of Arts. Photographed in the world famous Diego Rivera Courtyard are four attendees: Dr. Ernest Nolan, V.P and Provost of Madonna, the Iraqi Consul General Al-Saidi, the Syrian Consul Dr. Naji Ardwasan, and Director of International Relations for Madonna, Dr. Jonathan Swift. Also photographed in the

D.I.A. are Dr. Swift, the Mexican Consul-General Vicente Sanchez and his wife, and Dr. Ernest Nolan.



“A University Prayer”

(Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Daniel J. Mahan – Reflecting some ideas of Cardinal Newman)

My University is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am.

Its rooms will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes

If I myself am a generous giver.

It will be a university of loyalty and learning,

Of fearlessness and faith,

Of intellectual inquiry, charity, and mercy

If I, who make it what it is,

Am filled with these same values.

Therefore, with the help of God,

I dedicate myself to the task

Of holding and exhibiting all the values

That I want my University to hold.

Madonna University Characteristics

- Nationally recognized for pioneering four-year degree programs in sign language, hospice, gerontology, paralegal studies and fire science.
- One of the most affordable private Catholic, liberal arts universities in the nation.
- 13:1 student to faculty ratio
- New innovative programs in forensic science, sport management, film and TV production, American Sign Language, and e-commerce.
- Diverse student body from 27 states and more than 50 countries.
- 91% employment rate within 12 months of graduation.
- Our 11 sports athletic department received the National Association Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) “Champion of Character” Award in 2005.
- Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools along with over 160 additional national and state accreditations and memberships.
- One of the safest campuses in Michigan.
- Over 25 clubs & organizations for student involvement.





The Consular Corps of Detroit



Most people in the Detroit area do not know the number or the identity of the thirty- three foreign consular agents in the Detroit area. The consular corps is comprised of Consular Career and Honorary Officers classified as follows: Consuls-General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls, Consular Agents and Honorary Consuls.

Generally speaking, Consular Officers perform the following functions:

*Represent their country and promote their country's trade within their Consular area.

*Assist and protect nationals of the country they represent

*Explain their country's policies and achievements in fields such as culture and tourist attractions.

*Administer oaths, legalize documents and issue passports, visas and certificates.

There are thirty three consuls in the Detroit (covering Michigan and Ohio) area.

The first group are career consuls: Canada, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Macedonia, and Mexico. The Mexican Consul is the Dean of the Con-

sular Corps by virtue of the extended time he has spent in Detroit.

The second group are all honorary consuls: Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Grenada, Iceland, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Romania, Slovak Republic, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.



An Important Message from the Director of Cinema and Television

Both our Madonna teams that entered the MTV Red Carpet contest made the Top 10 Finals. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and mtvU, MTV's 24-hour college network, announced ten teams of college journalists as semifinalists in the 2011 Oscars Correspondent Contest. Vying for a coveted position on the red carpet at the 83rd Academy Awards in Hollywood, video entries from the semifinalist teams are posted online at <http://oscars.mtvU.com>. From Madonna are the team of Sara Simnitch and Adam Woloszyk, and the team of Ida Marie Tedesco and Walid Jaward. Both teams from Madonna made the top ten in a nationwide con-

test!!! What an accomplishment.

Here is the link for voting for the finals so that Newsletter readers can vote and possibly send it out to people they know to get them to vote for our Madonna Teams. Madonna is the only Michigan university to have finalists. The selection, from colleges and universities all over the country was made by MTV and the Academy members voting. Now it is our turn to send them to the final 3 and the Academy Awards Red Carpet by voting. You can vote once a day per email ID until voting closes. So, please, vote often. I am sure bigger universities will be doing the same thing and we need all the votes we can get. If you would like to see the press release from the

Academy it is at: <http://www.oscars.org/press/pressreleases/2011/20110110.html>

This is an awesome honor for Madonna's Broadcast and Cinema Arts program to have two teams make it to the top ten, and with your help they can make it to the Red Carpet!



Al White Selected For National Softball Hall Of Fame

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (MadonnaCrusaders.com) - The Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) National Hall of Fame has announced its 10-member 2011 induction class and Madonna University Head Softball Coach [Al White](#) has been selected as one of the honorees.

White was selected for his playing career in modified softball as a pitcher and is just the third player to be selected in the Modified Pitch category. His induction will take place in November 2011 in Myrtle Beach, S.C., as part of the 79th Annual ASA National Council Meeting.

"I thought it was an honor just to be nominated," said White after hearing the news of his selection. "When you're playing you don't think about stuff like that, you just think about playing because you love the game. To be elected is the ultimate. I played with some great guys, outstanding ball players. Each and every one of them probably had something to do with me getting in."

The Class of 2011 increases the membership in the National Softball Hall of Fame to 373 since it was established in 1957. Formal inductions were started in 1981 and since 2001 the induction has been held at the closing banquet at the ASA National Council meeting.

White was selected to the ASA All-America first team five times (1975, '77, '83, '85, '89) and was named the ASA Most Valuable Player in

1985. He led the Miami Sting to the ASA Men's Major Modified National Champion-



ship in 1985 and 1991 while leading two other squads to third place finishes. From 1971-97, White-led teams captured seven Michigan ASA State Championships and six Metro Detroit ASA titles. In 1998 White was inducted into the Detroit ASA Hall of Fame.

"We here in Metro Detroit are extremely pleased to have one of "our own" selected to enter the national Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame," said **Stu Alderman**, Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association (MDASA) Commissioner. "Al will be only the third Modified Pitch Player inducted into the Hall of Fame. He was a dominant force as a player on the field; one that opponents feared. To be selected into the Hall of Fame, one must have outstanding accomplishments and Al had them! He was respected by his peers on the softball field. It is a distinct and prestigious honor to be inducted into the National ASA Hall of Fame and one that [Al White](#) should be ex-

tremely proud of."

"[Al White](#) was one of the finest fast pitch softball pitchers in the Metro Detroit area for over twenty years," added

Bob Lawson, Umpire-in-Chief of the MDASA, who was instrumental in getting White nominated and selected for the Hall of Fame. "He distinguished himself with achievements locally and at the national level. He threw a unique knuckleball with accuracy and his ability to change speeds kept batters at a disadvantage. He was revered by his teammates and respected by opponents nationally. It was not uncommon to see other teams watching when he pitched in tournaments throughout the country. Al was a fierce competitor but he was always a gentleman on and off the field. [Al White](#) is a worthy and deserving addition to the ASA National Hall of Fame."

White has been the head coach at MU since 1999 and has amassed 409 career wins - the most in conference history - and has been named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) Coach of the Year four times (2004, '08, '09, '10). He has led the Crusaders to four WHAC regular season titles,

including the last three in addition to winning the last four WHAC Tournament Championships.

Under White's direction, Madonna's "Crusaders" have advanced to the NAIA National Championship in each of the last two seasons. White has mentored a pair of Crusaders who have been named WHAC Pitcher of the Year - Erin Brockert (2005) and [Jess Irwin](#) (2008, '09, '10) - as well as two WHAC Players of the Year in Cat Sidor (2010) and Brockert (2006). White has seen his players named to the All-WHAC first team 37 times while 32 times his players have been named to the Academic All-WHAC team. MU has ended the last two seasons ranked in the NAIA Coaches' Top 25 poll - No. 13 in 2009 and No. 23 in 2010 - and MU begins the 2011 season ranked at No. 17.

The Amateur Softball Association, founded in 1933, is the National Governing Body of softball in the United States and a member of the United States Olympic Committee. The ASA has become one of the nation's largest sports organizations and now sanctions competition in every state through a network of 83 local associations. The ASA has grown from a few hundred teams in the early days to over 240,000 teams today, representing a membership of more than three million. For more information on the ASA, visit ASASoftball.com.

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“Rafko Receives Red Cross Honor”

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It was announced 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.

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“Athletics plays such an important role in creating a

sense of community on college campuses. The partnership with the NAIA has created a rich opportunity to connect campus communities with the life saving mission of the Red Cross through the energy of NAIA student-athletes,” said Brian Hamil, Red Cross National Chair Biomedical Services. “As we enter our fourth year of the program, we remain grateful for the continuing financial support of State Farm Insurance.”

“Student-athletes selected for the Red Cross/NAIA Collegiate Leadership Program will gain valuable skill sets tailored for students who wish to become more in tune with leadership potential and cultivate a better understanding of the Red Cross and the NAIA,” said Hawth. “We are extremely pleased with our partnership with the Red Cross and State Farm Insurance. Not only is this a wonderful opportunity to develop young leaders but it will also broaden student horizons.”

This once-in-a-lifetime experience allows NAIA student-athletes to be a part of a team made up of young adults from NAIA campuses throughout the country. The program is part of a larger Red Cross diversity for moving the Red Cross from awareness to action, building Red Cross capacity to serve all Americans.

Rafko earned four letters for Coach Vince Rossi and the Trojans, playing alongside a pair of current Crusaders – 2009 All-American Jess Irwin (Monroe, Mich.) and Amanda Straub (Monroe, Mich.). She helped her squad to a trio of MEGA Red league and district championships along with to MHSAA state regional crowns and an appearance in the state quarter finals this past spring. As a senior Rafko hit at a .431 clip while slugging .457. Named academic all-state as a senior, she was also tabbed to the All-Mega first team twice in addition to picking up a pair of all-region awards.

Sign Language Studies

The possibilities for students in the Sign Language Studies Department, led by the multi-talented Dan McDougall, are enhanced by the unique Terp Theatre. It illustrates for students how the signing expert can follow the actors as they shadow interpret both dramas

and musicals. The Madonna University Sign Language Studies Department is one of the finest in the nation and draws students who wish to be certified as official sign language interpreters. The Terp website terptheatre.com/tblog is visited by people

around the world. It is an invaluable stop for those interested in the details of shadow interpreting.



Tzama*

Marjorie Stamm Rosenfeld

Beneath the Holy Land,
where even water wars are
fought, the troubled springs run
deep. And water, which has prop-
erties to wear on stone, has split
the rock.

Lord . . .
my shepherd.

About suffering, Stefan Grass
said, "Suffering is like salt, bitter
in a glass. Become a lake in-
stead—then sip the water.

You'll see how sweet it tastes,
with hardly any hint of bitter-
ness."

(The Jaffa oranges are sweet
and bigger than grenades.
We've moved our fences farther
in. Our neighbors claim the land
we left,
then ours.)

Beside the still waters. . .

Sbarro Pizza,
where a young man opens up his
coat, says to the girl behind the
counter, Know what this is?

so like the exhibitionist who
bares his misused, misplaced
instrument of love
explosively.

He maketh me to lie down . . .
In green pastures

tents of Palestinians are buffeted
by angry winds, their throats are
parched. The houses of the Pales-
tinians collapse.

In the house of the Lord,

another scene: From one side
comes a swarthy man and
from the other, one more
swarthy man—sons of the same
father. They face off, raise their
instruments, and aim. Which
will give ground? Which strike
the other first? Raging thirst pro-
pels them. Nearby the only lake
that's fresh and clear is Lake
Tiberius, called the Sea of Galilee.
It, too, is troubled water.
Further south, the sea is dead
and full of salt. How many more
Abramic sons must fall?

(Bombs bloom.
The wolves that used to roam
the Russian Steppes are here.)

Through the valley of the
shadow,

a great tree arches over the
River Jordan. It is the tree of
the Jewish people. It is the
tree of the Palestinian people.
Its leaves shudder in the wind,
on every leaf a name.

*Hebrew word for "Thirst"

The Peripatetic Professor



Dr. Matthew Kuofie and Dignitaries
Mexican Parral-International
Congress



Dr. Kuofie at Parade Mexico
Parral International Congress



**Dr. Kuofie giving Key-
note Address-Mexican
Parral International
Congress**

Opera Concert

Featuring Salvador Ginori

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MADONNA UNIVERSITY





Madonna University in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate presented a concert of the Mexican favorites in February, with the Mexican opera singer, Salvador Ginori.

Bass-Baritone Salvador Ginori started singing as a child in the Choir “Niños Cantores de Morelia”. He graduated in vocal performance and then as a musicologist at the Conservatorio de Las Rosas in Morelia. Mr. Ginori is the winner of the Carlo Morelli Opera Competition in

Mexico City. He has performed in concert and opera as well in the Palacio Bellas Artes, Centro Nacional de las Artes and Auditorio Nacional, in Mexico City. Mr. Ginori made his international debut with the Michigan Opera Theatre, in Detroit. He coached with the Metropolitan Opera Bass Ara Berberian. He sang the title role of the contemporary opera La Tentación de San Antonio in Austin, Texas in 2004, and in 2007, he performed Sarastro the Magic Flute in the same place.

As musicologist he published the book “ Los Agustinos y la Música en Colonización de Michoacán. Currently Mr. Ginori is a professor at the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo in addition to his singing activities.



Student From Ireland

This month we would like to introduce Orla McLarnon. She is from Ireland and is majoring in Business. Orla took a break from her studies in Ireland so that she could take classes at Madonna on a full scholarship. In her free time, she likes to shop and watch sports. If she had the chance she likes to play volleyball. She has also practiced Irish dancing for 16 years.

This winter feels very cold for us in Michigan. Orla seems to like the cold weather. Maybe she will change her mind in January when it gets colder. We will see. In America, we use Fahrenheit to measure hot and cold, but in Ireland they

use Celsius. She still feels



confused about how to convert the temperature.

Orla likes to travel. She has been to many states; including California and Florida. She has also been to several countries around the world with

friends.

Students in Ireland do not study as much as those in the U.S. Orla was very surprised when she came to Madonna University and saw everyone studying very hard. In Ireland many students do not come to class unless there is a test. Orla is going back to Ireland at the end of the Winter semester. We will miss you here at Madonna. Orla, we wish you well in reaching your goals and hope your dreams come true.

Source: International Students office Newsletter, Jan. 2011 Ed.

Writer: Scott Corp

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News for Fulbrights

Fulbrighters and friends, from more than two dozen countries will be participating in our Sixth Annual Conference in Heidelberg, Germany on March 16-19. Registration is still open, so please consider a trip to Germany for late Spring Vacation.

The programs begins on March 16, 2011, in the historic Alte Aula at the University of Heidelberg with an impressive gathering of innovative people in science and technology. **Social Science is our conference theme in 2011.**

What is imminent, possible and important in the Social Sciences—and how that relates to innovation in other fields, such as business, law, education and STEM fields. Learn how fellow fulbrighters are changing the world with their unique knowledge and skills, and how you can get involved.

For example, we have a major session on Human Rights, with international leaders from the human rights community. We also

have a program on entrepreneurship. The Annual conference is designed to create and develop relationships that Fulbright grants are famous for—so please come to share your knowledge and experience. The plenary presentations, science tours, film festival and Saturday seminars are among many activities.

Information can be obtained from Dr. Jonathan Swift in the Center for International Relations.



Haiti

In earthquake-ravaged Haiti, I saw first-hand the devastation. Thanks to the generosity of many at Madonna, who truly live our Franciscan value of respect for the dignity of all people, I was able to deliver sheets and school supplies for orphaned and homeless children. In addition, the University community donated \$5,000 to help the relief effort.

President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa recently visited Haiti to determine if our university could assist on rebuilding this disaster torn country. Her reactions are as follows:

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adults, many of whom could benefit from Madonna's quality Sign Language Studies program. Unfortunately, hundreds of them didn't have shoes. When I reported this to Madonna faculty and staff, they began a collection for tennis shoes for Haitian children. Thus far we have collected over 600 pounds of shoes and are expecting our partners at Felician College in New Jersey and St. Mary's Child Care Center in Livonia to contribute to this important effort.

While in Haiti, I also was able to determine just how we, at Madonna might help the peo-

ple rise above this tragedy. How could we do more than simply fulfill their basic needs for food, clothing and shelter? I asked myself. How could we educate them to help themselves? I believe that utilizing the Internet and distance learning technology is the answer. Therefore, with our founding community, the Felician Sisters and colleagues at Madonna, we all work to bring university education to Haiti. I am pleased that Notre Dame University of Haiti and Haititec, an adult vocational school, have welcomed us and indicated their desire to work together in this critical effort for the Haitian people.

South Korea Agreement



Mr. Michael Kenney, Sr. Cho, Hyun-Soon, & Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa

Sr. Cho, center, is a principal from Incheon Bakmun High School in South Korea. Last July, she visited Madonna University to sign an agreement of co-operation.



Mr. Michael Kenney, Sr. Cho, Hyunn-Soon, Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, Ms. Grace Philson, Ms. Joy Cho, and Mr. Michael Quattro

Why Dubai?

The Madonna University business programs in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) started in 2003 when officials from The World of Knowledge Management Centre in Dubai came to Madonna and began discussions with our school. Prior to that time, Madonna international programs were held primarily in Taiwan and mainland China although the sociology and social work departments held regular student study trips to Mexico each spring.

The World of Knowledge Management Centre in Dubai provides classrooms and qualified faculty to teach the first three years of a college degree. Then, students in this program transfer to Madonna to complete the bachelor's

degree and possibly go on to earn a master's degree. A major focus of the Madonna Dubai bachelor's degree 3 + 1 program is to develop in students a social, moral, and ethical value system as well as to develop in students the ability to think, write and speak effectively, and to work as a team member. Finally, earning the undergraduates degree is important as jobs are scarce in the Emirates too and will go to college graduates before non-graduates.

During the 2004-5 academic year, Madonna's School of Business began the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in an online format with the World of Knowledge Management

Center in Dubai organization. The concentration selected in the MBA for these students was International Business. The students in this program come from the Dubai area but also from several other countries in the region. Online graduate students in Dubai study two courses each fall and winter semester and take one course in the spring-summer time period.

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Collaborative for Michigan-Middle East Trade

Madonna University is seeking a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Business and International Education (BIE) Program to develop a collaborative relationship with the Detroit-based U.S. Export Assistance Center and the Export Solutions Group to promote economic activity between Michigan and the Middle East. The project goals are as follows:

To contribute to national and state-wide efforts to bring about economic recovery in Michigan by promoting international trade

and joint ventures between Michigan and the Middle East.



To deliver training on international trade and Arabic language and culture as a means of preparing representatives of the film industry and small business community to expand successfully

bring about economic recovery in Michigan by promoting international trade and joint ventures between Michigan and the Middle East.

To strengthen the international business curriculum of the Madonna University School of Business through the initiation of a series of courses leading to a Certificate in the Middle Eastern Marketplace.

Men Who Inspire

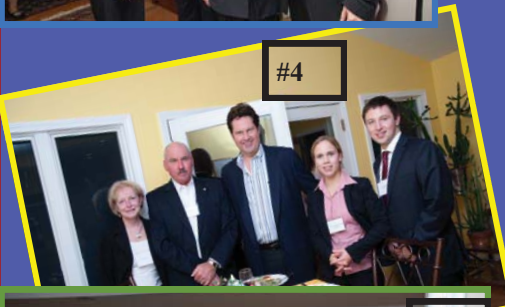
Congratulations to Father Ron DesRosiers who is one of five men in the Detroit area who was featured in the photojournalism book, "Men Who Inspire."



Consul Corps of Detroit Annual Reception

In November, the University hosted the 5th annual reception for the Consular Corps of Detroit. This is an opportunity for President Rose Marie to present the administrative staff and others involved in international events and greet the diplomats of the many nations stationed in Michigan and the surrounding areas. These diplomats are thus able to meet each other informally as well as the people who impact the international scene.

It is an opportunity also for Madonna personnel to discuss with the consuls opportunities for students to study abroad. The newest member of the Corps, Louay Al-Saidi, heads up the first Iraqi consulate in the Midwest. In Detroit, he serves the largest Arabic community in the nation.



- #1. Chilean Consul, Iraqi Consul, Japanese Consul-General, Macedonian Consul.
- #2. President Sister Rose Marie
- #3. Alumnus Martin Jadan, former Congressman Joe Knollenburg, Prof. Sharif Afifi
- #4. Mrs. Semivan, Doug Semivan, and two foreign interns.
- #5. Dr. Jonathan Swift greets guest
- #6. Richard Jewell, Tom Grace
- #7. Lebanese Consul and fiancée
- #8. Iraqi Consul< President Sr. Rose Marie, Dr. Jonathan Swift
- #9. Edward Stencel, Dr. Katie O'Dowd
- #10. V.-P. Dr. Ernest Nolan, Edward S Stencel
- #11. Sue Boyd, Japanese Vice-Consul

Madonna receives multi-million dollar gift from Sikh

Members of the Madonna University community had more than a million reasons to be grateful on Thanksgiving, thanks to the generosity of area philanthropist Deepinder Uppal.

A professor of English and communication at Southwestern Michigan College with an upbringing in Sikhism and a childhood spanning the globe, Uppal was first enlisted to mentor Dean Adkins, director of major gifts and gift planning at Livonia's Madonna University, in order for Adkins to better understand the growing Sikh presence in Southeast Michigan philanthropy. A frequent visitor to campus, Uppal became strongly acquainted with Madonna values and the serendipitous possibilities in philanthropy at Madonna University.

"When I heard Dean talk about how there were specific planned giving instruments that could not only help me solve some financial issues in my life right now but also could simultaneously create an irrevocable planned gift to do good, to further Madonna's

vision, I was all for it," Uppal said. "These types of charitable solutions had never been presented to me before." After discussing various options with Adkins, Uppal recently recorded a multi-million dol-



lar intention with the University in the form of a deferred gift.

Uppal teaches and believes that religion should be a unifying concept, not a point of division. Founded in Punjab in the 15th century, Sikhism is a monotheistic religion that, today, ranks as the fifth largest religion in the world, with some 20 million followers. "This is an opportunity to promote a dialogue between two religions," Uppal said. "I feel I am doing my part to live

out the sentiments one may find in Wand Kay Shako," the teaching of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev that one should share one's wealth with others in the community to profoundly inspire and support society.

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna president, was impressed with Uppal's respect for the Sikh faith and for his vast understanding of the important significance religion holds in people's lives and communities. He will present a free guest lecture on Sikhism Feb. 7 as part of the University's Diversity Week events that are open to the public.

"His respect for ecumenism seems to be deeply linked to his appreciation for peace and its value in the development of the human race," she said. "He reflected a strong thirst for knowledge of the eternal mysteries, which I found inspiring. We at Madonna University are fortunate to call Deep a friend. He holds so many values which are consistent with our own."

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"Madonna Magazine" -host Jonathan Swift



The guests are- first Elmore Leonard



Second Guest- Mexican Consul-Vicente Ventura

FINANCIAL AWARD FOR TRAVEL AND EDUCATION (F.A.T.E.)

Madonna University recognizes the benefits that can be derived from global experiences for undergraduate students, thus the University endeavors to support and nurture this effort through the Financial Award for Travel and Education (FATE) Program.

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ity, FATE award will generally apply only travel fees and housing.

Expenses generally not covered, include tours, tuition credits housing, meals, childcare, work loss and others.

International Internships and Entry-Level Jobs

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But before you pack your bags, there are some issues to consider. You'll need a passport, identification, and money, of course; depending on where you're going, you might also need immunizations and travel visas. In addition,

most countries require foreign workers to have a valid work visa, and the process of obtaining a visa can be difficult and time consuming.

If you want to add an international work experience to your resume, it's never too early to begin planning. Internships at local Consulates offer outstanding opportunities. The Mexican consul has offered to accept students to work at their consulate. Programs exist for people who are interested in a variety of careers – teaching, agriculture, business, and foreign relations, to name just a few. Many of these programs are open only to current students or recent graduates and

can require a lengthy application process. You may also need some time to locate a position on your own and to save enough money to support yourself while working abroad. Carefully identifying a program and planning ahead can make working abroad personally and professionally rewarding.

Websites:

www.transitionsabroad.com

www.internabroad.com

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It was the trip of a lifetime – By: Kathleen Thompson

Months ago I wrote in a response to a link on Oprah's website which asked the question, "Why are you one of Oprah's Ultimate Viewers?"

Since Oprah's last season is this Fall, the producers were looking for "Ultimate Viewers." I had no problem writing my response, for I feel Oprah has made the world a better place and her show is something which I can say has changed my life for the better along with thousands of other fans. I had read that over 70,000 responded to the link, of which 150 were chosen to attend her 1st show of the season and were invited to bring one guest. I was in that 1st show's audience, taped on Sept. 9, aired on Sept. 13th. Yes, the first show – the one where she gave away trips to Australia to everyone in that audience (total 300). Oprah would be going on the trip with us AND her friend JOHN TRAVOLTA would be our pilot!!!!!! The 10 day trip was planned for December of this year...and I can't wait!!!! The itinerary was planned, but I knew that Sydney, Cairns, and Melbourne were on the list for cities to explore –

The day finally came. I travelled to Sydney and to in Byron Bay in Australia. Our "Ultimate Viewer" group was treated like royalty wherever we went. Five star hotel accommodations/and 5 -7 course meals were our

Five star hotel accommodations/ and 5-7 course meals were our every day experience. Oprah and her staff must have been planning this trip and all the details of this trip for at least a year ahead of time; so many wonderful activities were arranged for us - from attending a Bono Concert to having a spa treatment, to climbing to the top of the Sydney Harbor Bridge, just to name a few. The Australian people were just lovely and so very friendly-there was a welcoming of signage to Opera and her "viewers" where ever we went in Australia.

I would love to visit again, perhaps even live there- Oprah will be airing 4 shows on this Australian Adventure in January. I can't wait to watch and relive some of those amazing moments and to see the experiences of some of the other viewers who travelled to different cities than I- (we were broken up into groups based on interests.) I received many gifts from the places and people we met along the way, but my greatest take-away was this - To Dream Big. Oprah made reference to this idea in one of her talks with us - to be at cause, set your sites high, to live what you dream of doing. This trip was one of my opportunities to do just that. I'm very grateful. The bar has been raised, and I will continue to dream ...



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