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KRESGE CHALLENGE SUCCESS



Thanks to the hard work and generosity of the entire University community, alumni, donors and friends, Madonna University has successfully met the Kresge Challenge Grant issued in December 2008, by The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich. In order to receive the \$1.5 million challenge grant — to support construction of the Franciscan Center — Madonna had to raise \$3.25 million by January 1, 2010.

During tough economic times, Madonna's advancement team worked diligently and creatively to secure gifts, small and large, toward the challenge grant. Many long-time benefactors, members of the Board of Directors, as well as Foundation Board members helped secure gifts and find new ways to raise funds. For example, a grant from the McGregor Fund provided for equipment to enhance the new building's science labs (*see pg. 17*). With an emphasis on planned giving, donors — who may not have been able to give because of current financial constraints — were offered an opportunity to make a future gift that would count for the Kresge Challenge. It was just such a gift, made by an anonymous donor in early December, that ensured the University met its goal.

Known for funding transformative projects, The Kresge Foundation historically has supported education and environmentally-sustainable construction practices. Madonna's \$20 million Franciscan Center was Phase I of the \$50 million Leading the Way Capital Campaign launched in 2006.

In the final report submitted to The Kresge Foundation, Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa noted how the Franciscan Center had become a focal point for the University, attracting students, faculty and visitors. She acknowledged that the sustainable structure also had won *Corp! Magazine's* Going Green Award, and was being considered for several others. She expressed her humble gratitude to The Kresge Foundation staff and board for the transformational challenge grant in support of the Franciscan Center. •

- ▲ *At a victory celebration, Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, president, thanks the faculty and staff for their role in achieving the Kresge Challenge Grant.*
- ◀ *Karen Sanborn, director of marketing, paints the news on the window of the West Colonnade Lounge.*



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MCGREGOR FOUNDATION SUPPORTS SCIENCE EDUCATION

The University received a \$250,000, two-year grant from the McGregor Fund to support the Transforming Science Education program. The College of Science and Mathematics will use the grant dollars to bring in science teaching consultants, offer faculty development services, conduct faculty-student research, develop support services for at-risk students, and redesign science courses to make them relevant for non-specialists.

With the opening of the Franciscan Center for Science and Media, Madonna University reached a critical juncture for improving the quality and effectiveness of science. The McGregor Fund grant will help Madonna faculty establish many of the hallmarks of best practice in science education, and achieve the academic goal of restoring science to a place of honor among the liberal arts.



▲ L-R: Michael Obloy, Board chairman; Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna president; Andrea Nodge, vice president for advancement; Dave Campbell, McGregor Fund president; Judge Michael Talbot, Madonna trustee; Ernest Nolan, provost and vice president for academic administration.

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