Welcome back events
President Michael and Mrs. Nancy Grandillo invite all faculty and staff to attend two back-to-school events, the State of the University Address and the Welcome Back Social. The Address will be Monday, Aug. 22 in the gymnasium; doors open at 8:30 a.m., address begins at 9 a.m. The social will be Wednesday, Aug. 24 in the Franciscan Center Gathering Space from 4:30-6:30 p.m. RSVP to both events at www.madonna.edu/welcomeback.

Fall office hours
The Registrar’s Office, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, the Office of Academic Advising, Graduate School and Undergraduate Admissions will have extended hours during the week to accommodate the adoption of the new academic calendar beginning this fall. During the first week of class, Aug. 29 through Sept. 2, these offices will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and closed weekends. Regular hours resume the following week: Monday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed weekends.

Summer theater performance
Madonna University Summer Music Theater Intensive presents “Book it to Broadway,” dance and film scenes coupled with Broadway songs adapted from novels or plays. The performance is the culmination of an intense two weeks of summer camp attended by local high school students. Performances are Friday and Saturday, Aug. 12 & 13, 7:30 p.m., Kresge Hall, $5.

Administrator elected to board
Connie Tingson-Gatuz, Ph.D., has been nominated and elected to the Michigan chapter of the American Council of Education Board of Directors for a three-year term. Tingson-Gatuz joined the board at the MI-ACE Annual Retreat last week. The statewide Board of Directors is comprised of college and university administrators from throughout Michigan. They have also been recognized nationally by the American Council on Education, Office of Women in Higher Education.

Human Resources News
The following faculty member titles change, effective August 22
Neal Haldane will be professor and interim director of writing programs
Rita Fields, associate professor
Jeanne Heatlie, associate professor
Hakim Shahid, associate professor and chairperson
Susan Toma, associate professor and chairperson
Joshua James, adjunct faculty member and director of the Madonna pep band, effective Aug. 1.

New Hires:
Gerald Charboneau was hired as full-time professor of social work in the College of Natural and Social Sciences effective Aug. 22.

Celia Slater was hired as the JRM systems coordinator in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, room 1001, ext. 5312, effective July 11.

Corey Sznyr was hired as web designer in Web Services, room 1103 ext. 5846, effective July 18

**Staff Position Changes:**
The director of marketing position held by Karen Sanborn has been restructured as two positions. Sanborn will assume the responsibilities of the director of university communications position, when a director of marketing is hired. Sanborn’s new position involves internal and external communications, leadership communication, as well as media relations and public relations.

**Athletics news**
For the latest Madonna athletics schedule and news, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com.