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The mission of Madonna University, a Catholic and Franciscan institution of higher education, is to instill in its students Christian humanistic values, intellectual inquiry, a respect for diversity, and a commitment to serving others through a liberal arts education, integrated with career preparation and based on the truths and principles recognized within a catholic tradition.



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Dear Friends of Madonna University,

As we begin our 70th anniversary of “education for truth and service,” this magazine includes milestones and treasured memories from the past, as well as some recent memories and successes our faculty, students and alumni have achieved.



It is my pleasure to congratulate the over 830 students who graduated or completed significant academic programs this past year. We now have more than 20,000 alumni living and working throughout the United States and in over 25 countries. I hope you take the time to read the alumni notes as well as the many feature articles chronicling our accomplishments of the past months.

Significant among the University activities were the service projects both in the local area and in more distant places like South Carolina and Mexico where our students lend their hands, hearts and minds to improve life for the poorest of our brothers and sisters. In southeastern Michigan, students and staff have helped build homes through Habitat for Humanity and strengthen communities by providing health services, tutoring and other creative services.

We are grateful for all who have contributed to the academic excellence that is the hallmark of a Madonna University education. As we communicate with alumni, we are struck by the transformational quality of this education, and hope you invite your friends and relatives to consider Madonna University. Enrollment continues to grow. Some 4,600 students call MU their academic home as they pursue a degree in one of 70 undergraduate or 24 graduate majors.

While we remember the milestones of the past – expanding from Presentation Junior College to Madonna College to Madonna University, – or transitioning to a co-ed institution in 1972 – we must provide for the future of Madonna University to ensure that a Catholic higher education program is available for students yet to come. To that end, we are laying plans for the campus’ first stand-alone building to be constructed in 40 years. Project details will be included in forthcoming Madonna publications.

May our Madonna, mother of God, be with you as you live your special role on this earth.

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF

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President



SM Alexander, superior general, breaks ground in 1961 for the new Madonna College buildings. She is joined by L-R: SM Raynela, president, SM Gonzaga, vicar general, and SM Laudine, provincial superior.



Lay women began attending Madonna College in 1947.



Presentation Junior College biology class 1943.

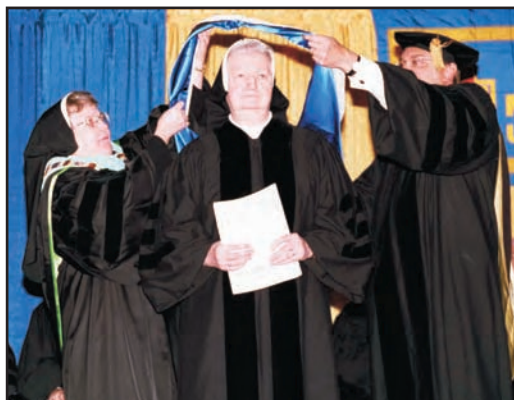
Graduates Open New Chapter of Success

Amidst cheers from family and friends, approximately 832 graduates joined the Madonna University alumni ranks, May 6, at the 59th commencement. As they filed across the stage in Calihan Hall, at the University of Detroit-Mercy, some 610 students received a bachelor's degree, an associate's degree or a certificate, and the remainder earned a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees were bestowed upon '67 alumna Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, CSSF, M.H.A., Provincial Minister; The Kresge Foundation President and CEO John E. Marshall, III, B.A.; and Ford Motor Company President and COO James J. Padilla, B.S.E., M.S.E. and M.S.

Distinguished alumna awards were given to the following members of the first class of lay women, 1951 graduates: Gertrude D. Bonk, M.Ed., Lorraine R. Ciak, Ph.D., and Mary Joan Kaminski-Nardi, M.Ed.

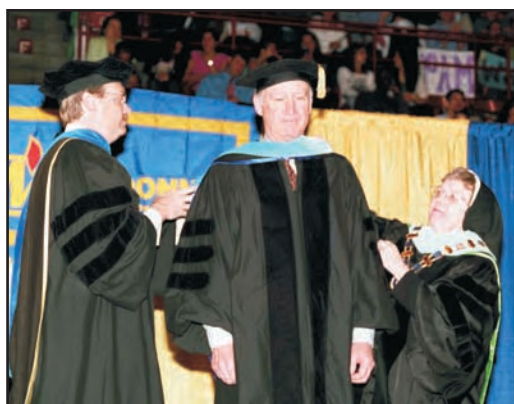
Dr. Ernest I. Nolan, vice president for academic administration, presided over the ceremonies. The invocation was given by Bishop John M. Quinn, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit and Madonna University trustee. Osvaldo Rivera, director of the office of multicultural affairs, was the mace bearer who led the procession of graduates into the hall.



Honorary Degree Recipients

Doctor of Humanities

Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, CSSF, M.H.A., humbly accepted the degree. "All that I've accomplished I owe to Sister Angela Truskowska, founder of the Felician Sisters," she said. "I have been privileged to be able to achieve these goals all for the greater honor and glory of God." She told the graduates that their humanistic Christian values and commitment to serving others, would serve them well as they pursued success in their chosen careers.



Doctor of philanthropic leadership

John E. Marshall, III, president, chief executive officer and trustee of The Kresge Foundation in Troy, reminded graduates that when the faculty gave difficult exams, or encouraged them to really express themselves in their research papers, it was that stretching that got them to commencement. "You have succeeded," he said. "Now you will begin a new chapter in your life's success story."



Doctor of Business Administration

Ford Motor Company President and COO James J. Padilla congratulated the graduates and told them that life was all about transitions and opportunities. He encouraged each of them to do more than just those things that pertain to their area of study. "See other ways you can make a difference."

Class of 1951

Distinguished Alumna Awards were presented to three members of the Class of '51, the first class of lay women. L-R: Lorraine R. Ciak, Ph. D., Mary Joan Kaminski-Nardi, M. Ed., and Gertrude D. Bonk, M. Ed., are presented their awards by L-R: Frank Hribar, vice president for planning and enrollment management; Andrea Nodge, vice president for university advancement, and Carole Booms, director of alumni.





Gail Coy, of Novi, BA, professional and technical writing, and Jessica Koch of Canton, BS hospitality management and business administration, fuss over Koch's daughter Dahlia Taylor before the Baccalureate Mass. Koch encouraged her co-worker, Coy, to complete her degree at Madonna.



Sign Language Studies grad Amanda Aalderink converses with fellow grad Elizabeth Cipparone.



Jeanette Henson, daughter of Cheryl Henson in Technology and Learning Services, and Sam Istephan, son of Asaad Istephan in the Physical and Applied Sciences department, pose for a graduation photo.



L-R: Sr. Mary Alice Ann Gradowski, Father William J. Murphy, Sr. Janet Marie Adamczyk, Sr. Mary Diane Masson, Sr. Mary Cynthia Ann Machlik, John Marshall, Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, Sr. Mary Renetta Rumpz, Sr. Mary Juanita Szymanski, John Landis and James Padilla.



Debra Young, center, chose to earn her social work degree with a certificate in addiction studies at Madonna University because, "I wanted a quiet, relaxed atmosphere." She said she liked the small campus and, "the instructors prepared us well."



Rebecca Shriner, from the office of disability resources with her daughters Sarah Shriner and Kathryn Staron and Dad Rick Shriner.



Happy MBA grads!



Delighted graduates of the College of Education.

Sciences of the Times



Ted Gish inspects some Orchard Lake specimens with students in his limnology class.



Professor Ellen Smith, center, and four Forensic Science students attended the annual convention for the American Academy for Forensic Sciences in Seattle, Washington in Feb. (L-R) Brandon Good, Amber Young, Manda MacFarland, and Ingrid Walstad.

Forensic Science and Environmental Science are two of Madonna's newest programs that reflect the educational needs of the times in which we live.

Launched two years ago, the Forensic Science program already enrolls 100 students, and with top-rated shows such as "C.S.I.: Crime Scene Investigation" and the increased interest in homeland security, it should continue to grow, said Ted Biermann, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. "Ours is the only undergraduate forensic science program of its kind in the state," said Biermann. "We researched what sort of skills state crime labs wanted in their employees, and we integrated forensic science with the Criminal Justice program. A Detroit Police Investigator teaches one of the lab classes." An enthusiastic group of six students were the first to complete the program this summer.

The Environmental Science program kicks off this fall and will include such classes as limnology – the study of lakes, and environmental pollution. Ted Gish, director of the program, explained that Madonna has a wonderful advantage over other schools that offer an environmental science program. "We have a lake right out our back door at the Orchard Lake Center." A pontoon boat is Gish's floating classroom, where limnology students can study E-coli, and lake pollution, – bringing lake samples right into the laboratory for study.

Gish said the environmental science program is an interdisciplinary program that combines biology, ecology, chemistry, business, law and economics. "The ultimate goal is to graduate environmental disciples who can go out and inform others about how to preserve the precious lake and land resources we have."

The growth of Madonna's science program means there's a need for more laboratory space. Plans are underway for a new science and technology building that would feature more labs. "Adding more individual labs will provide opportunities for faculty and undergraduate students to secure research grants that could extend the realm of science," said Biermann. "These are exciting times."

Both Biermann and Gish have been active in planning for the new building, which appropriately will boast an environmentally-friendly, "green" design. More details will be provided in future editions of *Madonna Now*.

McGregor Fund Grant

Madonna University students will have the opportunity to boost their information literacy, thanks to a \$125,000 grant from the McGregor Fund. Spread over two years, the grant supports a collaborative effort titled "Information Literacy as a Tool for Lifelong Learning" that Madonna University faculty, librarians and students will launch this fall.

Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration at Madonna University, was instrumental in developing the project proposal for the grant. "One of the project goals is to equip students with the skills to evaluate the information they access on the Web so that it is reliable and accurate."

Madonna President Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa said, "This generous gift will assist us in equipping our students and faculty with the tools to use information effectively."

The McGregor Fund is a private foundation established in 1925 by gifts from Katherine and Tracy McGregor "to relieve the misfortunes and promote the well-being of mankind." The foundation awards grants to organizations in the following area: human services, education, health care, arts and culture, and public benefit. The area of principal interest of the foundation is the City of Detroit and Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. The McGregor Fund has granted nearly \$160 million since its founding and had assets of \$173 million as of June 30, 2005. Visit www.mcgregorfund.org for additional information

Madonna's Media Marriages



L -R: Pat and Chuck Derry, Dan and Sue Boyd in the studio.



Chuck Derry gives tips to a student camera operator.

Couples who work together, stay together. At least that's the axiom that applies to Pat and Chuck Derry and Sue and Dan Boyd in Madonna's media mecca.

Pat Derry, director of Technology Learning Services for Madonna, met Chuck when she was a student at Madonna and he was working at Channel 7 in production and teaching photography as an adjunct faculty member. Pat took his class, earned her degree, and they've been married for 37 years. For their daughter Christy, who grew up on Madonna stories, it was only natural that she should begin her television and video communications degree at Madonna this fall.

The commitment and dedication these couples give to Madonna and its students is that of a strong marriage. Pat manages the IT help desk, the computer labs, online courses, the TV studio, and provides media support in the classrooms. As an adjunct associate professor in the English and Communication Arts Department, Chuck teaches television production and advises the television majors. Sue Boyd is manager of TV operations and production, while husband Dan serves as technology learning systems engineer.

A tour of Madonna's production facilities proves Pat and her team deliver a high-quality educational experience, with equipment and software – some donated – that is used by the industry. With Chuck as executive producer and Sue as the senior producer, the Boyds and Madonna students produce Madonna Magazine – a slick talk show with featured guests that airs on cable TV.

"The capability of Madonna's TV studio and students might be the best kept secret around," said Chuck. "Having worked in the industry, I push students to be as good as anyone working in the field. Our students get hired because they can walk right in and do the work."

Small classes mean students get more individual attention and help as they work on their productions. According to Chuck, by the time a Madonna student graduates, they will have worked on 45 Madonna Magazine shows, 15 of which they will have directed or produced. That's at least three times as many as students attending larger universities.

"The advanced students also direct the video coverage of Whaler's hockey games for cable TV," Pat explained. "They have quite a portfolio when they graduate."

They've outgrown the tiny space, that over the years these couples have transformed to a live studio, with a high-tech control booth and post production/editing area. "With the control room full, and 40 people in the studio audience, the temperature can get pretty high in here."

Pat said they're looking forward to moving to the new Science and Communication building. "The new studio will be 1,200 square feet compared to today's 750," Pat said. "The control room will be double the size of the current area, so that more students can be involved." Chuck added, "With the new studio we'll be able to add digital cinema courses to train our students in film style production as well as studio and field production."

"Our students and their future employers will benefit from this new building," Pat said. "The new space will make it possible for the program to continue to grow to meet the needs of the industry."

The success of Madonna's Media Department and the longevity of the Derry and Boyd marriages begs the question: Is working together the secret to a thriving marriage, or is marriage the secret to a thriving media department? If you ask these Madonna couples, it's a little of both!

Madonna around the world

Leaders Visit Egypt

In May, Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna University president, Dr. Ernest Nolan, vice president for Academic Administration, and Dr. Jonathan Swift, director, Center for International Studies (representing the Livonia Public Schools), traveled to Cairo, Egypt with the express purpose of reviewing the American Diploma Program offered by El Massria Schools, a private, for-profit company that operates elementary and secondary schools in Cairo and the Tenth of Ramadan City in the outskirts of Cairo.

During the week-long stay, the team visited the American Diploma School, which was established in 2000 in the Tenth of Ramadan City. They met with the owner and school administrators, and reviewed the curriculum, teaching staff, and the school improvement plan.



Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa and Jonathan Swift talk with students at one of the El Massria Schools.

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Endowed Scholarships Help Deserving Students

A strong scholarship endowment fund attests to the generosity and strong belief of our donors in the future of Madonna University and its value-centered Catholic Franciscan mission. The following are examples of how memorial scholarships and planned giving can create a lasting tribute to a loved one who has died and/or provide joy to those who generously want to give so that others may further their life's goal.



In Jessica's Memory

Although Jessica Mitsch lost her life tragically in an auto accident this past May, her spirit lives on. Due to the generosity of many friends and relatives, an endowed scholarship has been established in her name as a lasting tribute. The Jessica Marie Mitsch Scholarship Fund is designated for Madonna University students pursuing nursing as a second degree as was Jessica at the time of her death. Prior to enrolling at Madonna, she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Hillsdale College. Jessica was employed in the cardiac unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Her mother, Mary Mitsch, Madonna University nursing professor said, "Jessica was a beautiful person with passion, and energy, who always put forth her very best effort. This scholarship will provide Madonna students the opportunity to receive a quality education and become leaders in their chosen field, continuing Jessica's commitment to learning and to affecting others in a positive way through a servant heart."

Rosalee Bleecker encouraged by her Madonna experience

Back in the early 70s, Rosalee M. Bleecker enrolled in a program in early childhood development at Madonna University. She was able to successfully complete her certificate in one year with tuition assistance provided through the federally-funded program. With a family to raise and children to put through college, however, she was not able to complete her education at that time. Years later she picked up where she had left off. She graduated in 2000 with a major in history at the age of 72.

"I first decided on a major in English, but, after I took a history class taught by Dr. Roger Crownover, I was so inspired that I changed my major to history. He is a wonderful person and his class was just a delight."

Her enthusiasm escalated as she neared graduation. "I needed one credit to graduate. Since I had always wanted to sing, I enrolled in a chorale course which involved actual participation in the Madonna University chorale. I continue to sing with the chorale and will be traveling to Australia this summer to perform at the Sydney Opera House."

Due to her educational experience at Madonna, she decided to provide others this rewarding opportunity by establishing an endowed scholarship. The Rosalee M. Bleecker Endowed Scholarship is earmarked for deserving non-traditional, part-time Madonna students who major in music or history.



Criminal Justice and Nursing Majors to benefit from L'Huillier Scholarship

Denise L'Huillier graduated from Madonna University in 1978, receiving a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. Moving to Alaska not long after graduation, Denise met and married Donald L'Huillier who also worked in law enforcement. For 25 years, Denise remained in Alaska until Donald's untimely death. Upon her return to Michigan, she approached the University and established a lasting tribute to her husband. The Donald & Denise L'Huillier Scholarship Fund is designated for Madonna undergraduate students pursuing a nursing or criminal justice major.

To learn more about how to establish or contribute to endowed scholarships or ways to make other planned gifts to Madonna University, contact Sr. M. Danatha, director of planned giving at 734.432.5665.



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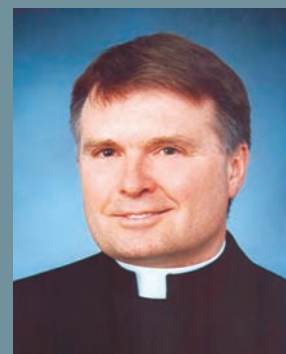
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Scholarship Gala Attracts Generous Donors



Gala Co-chairs John Landis of Livonia, and Mike Obloy of Rochester Hills.



Emcee, Miss Meghan, New York City fashion shoe celebrity, and Auctioneer Chris Aslanian, dazzled guests with snappy patter.



Student Scholarship recipient, Vince Zambo, spoke to guests about what his scholarships meant to him.



Posing as maitre d's during the bidding for dinner for eight to be prepared by the Felician Sisters Culinary Club are L-R: Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, Sr. Kathleen Wlodarczyk, Sr. Victoria Marie Indyk, Sr. Francis Lewandowski, and Sr. Damascene Brocki.

Posing as paparazzi, members of the Madonna University student Ambassador Club snapped photos of some 346 guests as they walked the red carpet to attend the 18th annual Scholarship Gala held April 21 at Laurel Manor Special Event Center. The Hollywood-themed event drew alumni, friends, community leaders, faculty members and staff, and raised over \$95,000 for Madonna University student scholarships and educational programs.

At the event, Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, president of Madonna University, emphasized, "Many of our students have financial needs and that's why we are here tonight. And, because many of our students are the primary beneficiaries of this event, they have volunteered their time to help out."

The glamorous event – replete with feather boadraped chairs, and life-sized Hollywood movie star cutouts – featured both silent and live auctions.

The live auction brought in more than \$20,000. Items drawing the highest bids included: a one-week stay at an Abbey in France for \$2,400; a paradise vacation at Turks & Caicos at \$2,100; and a Detroit Red Wings game in a private suite for up to 20 fans went for \$1,800. Yard work performed by Madonna University athletes, was snatched up for \$800.



Linda (Marlo) McIntyre, from admissions, and husband Reed.



Former Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and wife Patt, with Humphrey Bogart.



Margie and Chuck Henry, Madonna Men's Basketball Coach.



Judge Kathleen McCann and her husband Norm Nickin took part in the auction fun. Nickin donated dinner for four at Bacco's to the live auction.



Roger Crownover, history professor, and wife Chris, check out the silent auction items.



Tony and Mary Joan Kaminski-Nardi.



Murray and Nanette Wikol of Bloomfield Hills donated the Abbey vacation in France.



Guests enjoyed a lively performance of "West Side Story" songs by the Madonna University Lyric Theatre Ensemble. Here, John Sklut lounges on the backs of (l-r) Albert Catalan and Errin Brooks.

Founders Day Holiday Gathering Dec. 2005



Bessie Angileri and Beverly and Hilary Gross.



Nazar Faraj and his wife.



Virginia Clementi and Sr. Rose Marie.



Sr. Rose Marie and Dr. Miriam Fabien.

Professor Emeritus Named



Dr. Mary Wawrzynski was honored recently as professor emerita. She retired in 2005 after 15 years as dean of the College of Nursing, where she was passionately committed to the success of students. Nursing faculty member Kathleen Cross lauded her work on articulation agreements, many local, state and national groups and committees, and the establishment of a Transcultural Nursing Society at MU. Cross cited Wawrzynski's many awards including the Wayne State Outstanding Leadership in Nursing Award, and the MU Flame of Excellence Award named for her. "All were richly deserved," Cross said.

Wawrzynski told guests at the reception that she was surprised and delighted by the award. "I had 15 happy years at Madonna. I hold you in my mind and heart, and pray for all of you each Sunday."

An Official Lunch



While attending the Mackinac Policy Conference, Sister Rose Marie enjoyed lunch with Mackinac Mayor Margaret Doud and Police Chief William Lenaghan, '74 alumnus, and his wife Lois.



Baseball Team Boasts First-Ever Regional Title

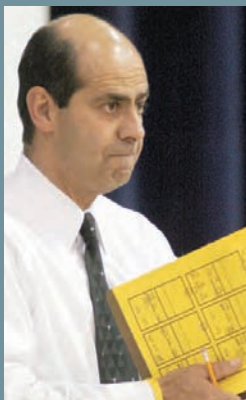
After going a perfect 4-0 in the NAIA Regional tournament, the Madonna University baseball team closed its 2006 season with a pair of losses to St. Xavier University in the NAIA Heartland Super Regional.

The Crusaders, needed to win just one of the Super Regional games against St. Xavier to proceed to the NAIA World Series, but saw their bats go cold and could not overcome fielding and mental errors in the final two games.

Even through their struggles, Madonna found themselves just two outs away from a trip to the Series after coming back in the decisive third game, only to see the host Cougars rally for the winning run in the 10th inning, on a wild pitch to end the Crusaders' season.

Madonna finished the 2006 campaign with a 35-21 record and can boast a regular season and WHAC tournament championship and the programs first-ever Regional title.

Volleyball Recruits



Eight of the areas top high school senior volleyball players have elected to play their collegiate careers at Madonna University. Crusader head coach Jerry Abraham announced the largest single recruiting class in his 20-year tenure as head coach. All eight student-athletes will enroll at Madonna University in the Fall of 2006.

New players wearing the blue and gold of Madonna next season are; Whitney Fuelling, Tara Garman, Inta Grinvalds, Amanda Lenart, Abby Long, Natalie Niblock, Alex Prieditis, and Anna Zorn.

Six of the eight hail from uncharted territory for Abraham and his staff and all eight are honor students at their respective schools.

The Crusaders kick off the 2006 campaign at the UM-Dearborn Early Bird Invitational August 25-26th.

Softball Season ends in Regional Championship Loss

The Madonna softball team saw their 2006 season come to a close with a 9-1 loss to Cornerstone in the NAIA Region VIII championship game. Although the tournament didn't end the way Madonna wanted, for four Crusaders it brought personal accolades. Erin Brockert, Alison Grant, Crystal Little and Hannah Godfrey were all named to the All-Tournament team.



New Sports Information Director



Madonna University Director of Athletics Bryan Rizzo announced the addition of Tony Baldwin as sports information director.

Baldwin replaces Matt Fancett, who was promoted to assistant athletic director of media relations and promotions.

Prior to joining the Madonna staff, Baldwin served as director of sports information at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Mich.

For the latest Crusaders news visit www3.madonna.edu/crusaders

Brockert Named All-American



All season long the Madonna softball team relied on the right arm and solid stroke of Erin Brockert, who was named an Academic All-American by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) and *ESPN The Magazine*, title sponsor of the awards.

Brockert, who was a 2005 CoSIDA Academic All-American as well, was selected to the College Division third team after hitting .396 with 35 RBI's, 18 doubles, seven home runs and 110 total bases this season.

WHAC Player of the Year Brockert also was stellar in the circle, hurling 23 complete games which included a 21-10 record and 1.95 ERA with 182 strikeouts in 183-and-one-third innings of action. The standout senior was added to the Michigan Ice roster. This National Pro Fastpitch expansion team is based in Midland, Mich.

Baseball's Ramsey Makes History as All-American



Madonna University senior third baseman Ben Ramsey is the first male athlete in Madonna athletics history to earn first team All-American accolades.

Ramsey was one of 17 players named to the 2006 NAIA All-America baseball first team.

The All-America honor is the latest in a long line of 2006 accolades for Ramsey who was also selected the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and NAIA Region VIII Player of the Year. A two-time All-WHAC and All-Region performer, Ramsey was an honorable mention All-American in 2005 while at Indiana Tech.

This season, Ramsey lead Madonna in 10 offensive categories including average (.387), at-bats (199), hits (77), triples (2), home runs (13), total bases (134) and slugging percentage (.673). He was also second on the team in RBI's with 62.

Joining Ramsey on the 2006 All-American squad from Madonna were honorable mention selections Dave Herrick, Derek Dufrane and Will Kennedy.

A pair of Crusaders also earned Daktronics NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete honors. Senior first baseman Todd Kalmbach and senior catcher Justin Fabian were selected for the second straight season.

2006 Softball Signers

Madonna University softball coach Al White has signed letters of intent from three student-athletes.

Caitlyn Sidor from Livonia Churchill, Bridget Hughes from Northville High, and Alyssa Bertrand from Goodrich High became Crusaders and will continue their academic and athletic careers this fall at MU.

White's recruits join a Madonna program that posted a 35-15 record in 2006 that included a trip to the NAIA Regional championship game.



2006 Soccer Recruits

Madonna University women's soccer program added nine recruits. They have officially signed letters of intent and will compete in women's soccer this fall.

Six of the following new recruits are pictured at left: Kati Germane (Hartland), Lia Melasi (Fenton), Andrea Johnson (Canton), Gina Leone (St. Clair Shores), Kaila Moore (Howell), and Lauren Hess, Allyson King, Alana Lavery, and Rachel Thompson, all from (Livonia).

These talented newcomers will blend with the returning squad that captured the 2005 WHAC regular season and tournament championships.



Alumni Notes

Beatrice Czenkusz, HIS '56, celebrates her 50th anniversary as a member of the Madonna University Class of 1956. She taught first grade for 43 years in the Center Line and Clarenceville public schools and retired in 1999.

Jean Lambert, ES '67, is a corporate director for Catholic Healthcare Partners, one of the largest not-for-profit health care systems in the United States and the largest in Ohio.

Marilyn White, BSN '68, an administrator at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, celebrated her retirement in 2005.

Beverly Jones, BSN '76, was named senior vice president for patient care services at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Before joining Hurley, Jones was chief nursing officer at Henry Ford Health System and University of Michigan Health System.

Al Kane, OSF '78, served his community as a fire fighter for 35 years. He retired as fire chief of Grosse Point, MI.

Amy (Nagorski) Johnson, BSN '78, an associate professor at the University of Delaware and a nurse at Christiana Hospital's Special Care Nursery, was appointed as a Fellow to the Salzburg Seminar for its session entitled Early Childhood Development: Improving Linkages between Research, Practice and Policy.

Bernadette Mikowski, MUE '71, retired from the Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel in 2005. She is a senior logistics specialist at General Dynamics in Sterling Heights, MI.

Anthony Klarich, SSC '79, was hired as district special services director for Romeo Community Schools. He holds a master's degree in special education and administration from Grand Valley State University and a doctorate in educational psychology from Wayne State University.

Eileen (Haack) Ashley, ACT '84, was promoted to senior vice president in Comerica's Wealth and Institutional Management division. She has been with Comerica for 28 years and holds an MBA from Wayne State University.

Frank Kardasz, CJ '84, a sergeant with the Phoenix, Arizona Police Department, completed a doctorate of education degree from Northern Arizona University in December 2005. His dissertation was entitled Ethics Training for Law Enforcement: A Study of Current Practices.



Jennifer Howey, PSY '93, is associate executive producer for Troika Entertainment, managing the marketing and booking departments for the Maryland-based company that produces stage shows throughout North America and the world.

Jannie (Newberry) Scott, GER '94, was appointed Detroit regional vice president for the Southfield-based Presbyterian Villages of Michigan.



Matthew Makowski, LTC '94, was appointed director of the department of senior services with the Charter Township of Clinton, MI.

Carol Ann Fausone, MSN '95, a brigadier general



with the US Military, and is assistant adjutant general for veterans affairs for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, was recognized for her support of the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Marian (Montbriand) Blaesser, BSN '97, is pursuing a doctor of nursing practice degree at the Medical College of Georgia. She works at Northside Hospital in Atlanta. She is the state chair of the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Georgia.

Steve Osinski, BSN '98, was honored with a Nightingale Award for Nursing in the Community in May 2006. The Nightingale Awards recognize dedicated, caring nurses from across Michigan.

Susan (Hall) McKenny, CMT '01, was honored as the Detroit News Teacher of the Week (Oct. '05). She teaches kindergarten at Jefferson Elementary in Wyandotte and is co-author of "Math Wizards", a mathematics game program.

Lisa (Egan) Bonett, CMT '02, was honored as the Detroit News Teacher of the Week (Nov. '05). She teaches first grade at Violet Elementary School in St. Clair Shores and is a graduate student at Oakland University.

Sr. Jane Mary McNamara, CSSF, CD '03, a state certified nurse's aide, works with the sick and infirmed Sisters at the Felician Motherhouse. She celebrates her 25th jubilee as a Felician Sister in 2006.



Marie Sayer, ACT '03, was promoted from project accountant to accounting manager by the Detroit Office of SmithGroup, the eighth largest architecture and engineering firm in the US.

Chad Deffler, ART '05, served as an alumni ambassador for Madonna University at the Second International Congress for the Pastoral Care of Foreign Students in Rome (Dec. '05).

Stanislaw Pena, MKT '05, displayed his artwork in a photography exhibit sponsored by the Orchard Lake Schools and Friends of Polish Art (Feb. '06) at the Galleria in Orchard Lake, MI.



In February 2006, Tom and Nancy ('61) Enright hosted a gathering in their home for alumni in and around The Villages, Florida.

Pictured left to right:
Back: Bill Greenman, Doug Moffatt ('95), Polly Moffatt, Tom Enright

Front: Pat Greenman ('79), Marge McQuiston ('87), Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa ('66), Nancy Enright ('61)

Upcoming Alumni Events

11th Annual Golf Classic Friday, September 15, 2006

Gather your friends and family and join us for a great day of golf at the Links of Novi. Proceeds benefit student scholarships, athletics and other academic programs. Foursomes and individual golfers of all skill levels welcome! Visit www.madonna.edu or call Ann Cleary in the Special Events Office at 734.432.5421.

Alumni Reunion Saturday, October 7, 2006

Reunite with friends and reminisce about your experiences at Madonna University. This year we honor the Golden Anniversary Class of 1956 (50 years) and the Silver Anniversary Class of 1981 (25 years). The following classes also are being recognized: 1961 (45th), 1966 (40th), 1971 (35th), 1976 (30th), 1986 (20th), 1991 (15th), 1996 (10th), 2001 (5th). Don't miss your special day, and remember - all alumni are invited!

Help make the reunion memorable. Volunteer for the Reunion Planning Committee. Class representatives are needed from all years. Call Carole Booms, director of alumni, at 734.432.5811 or e-mail: cbooms@madonna.edu.

Congratulations 2006 Graduates!

Submit Your News

The Alumni Office is your resource for staying connected to Madonna University. Whether you're submitting news about your latest job, move, volunteer activity or family, we want to hear from you!

Alumni, submit your news today to:
Carole Booms
Director of Alumni
Room 1220L, Admin. Building
734.432.5811 or
E-mail: cbooms@madonna.edu
www.alumni.madonna.edu

Include your full name, degree, year graduated and any information you would like to share with fellow alumni.

Stay Connected with E-News & Facebook

Get the latest news and information about events, services and volunteer opportunities from the quarterly Alumni Connection E-News. Alumni, parents and friends can subscribe by visiting www.alumni.madonna.edu.

Join the MU Alumni Network group at Facebook.com*. With more than 500 Madonna University students and alumni already registered, Facebook is one more way to find out about events, and keep in touch with your friends! (*Facebook is a free social networking web site that is privately owned and operated).

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The beautiful bronze Madonna statue in front of Kresge Hall, and pictured on the front of this magazine, is a gift from Madonna alumna Carol Hofer, who earned a bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in philosophy and theology in 1990. Hofer also donated \$10,000 to the Comprehensive Campaign/Building Fund.



Ernie Award Recipients from L-R: Julie Thornton for MaTesol; Annette Guess for sign language studies; Jeremy Burke for religious studies; Jeremy Salo for television and communication arts; Maria Ingold for excellence in art, Nicole Kasper, dual major music education and English, for music; Manuela Klopper for Spanish, and Jennifer Stauble for English. Natasha Ganes was not present, but received an award for journalism.



Congratulations to Madonna University international students!! Jurgita Ramoskaite, from Lithuania, received the highest achievement award in the Marketing program.

Alice Danielova, from Czechoslovakia, received the highest achievement award in the Computer Information System program.



Anita Hoffman Ehrenfried, assistant adjunct professor of English, from Farmington Hills, was the last speller remaining after 22 rounds in the Senior Spelling Duel held in Farmington Hills recently. She went on to compete in the Oakland County Challenge.



Some 20 faculty, staff, students and friends of Madonna helped with the Detroit Habitat for Humanity build in Detroit recently. This community service project was

coordinated by Chris Benson, director of the office of the first-year experience.

Pictured here with Vice President for Student Services Sister Nancy Jamroz, is Chris Benson, who received the Michigan Campus Compact Community Service Learning Award, for her influence on and engagement of students involved in service learning projects. This is the highest honor MCC bestows on faculty and staff in Michigan.



Marvin Weingarden, math and computer science professor, presented "Problem-Solving: Patterns and Motivational Activities" at the annual Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics fall math conference at Lamphere High School in Madison Heights.

Weingarden also presented a workshop titled: "Explore Geometry Using Hands-On Geometry" at last April's National Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual math conference held in Anaheim, Cal.



Emilia Kozak, Jenna Miller, Alex Felton and Ashley Higgins attended the Young Women, Strong Leaders Conference sponsored by Michigan State University, the Michigan Women's Commission and the Michigan Dept. of Labor.

Sister Nancy Jamroz and Sister Rose Marie congratulate Sr. Danatha Suchyta (center) on 50 years of service to the University. Sister Danatha served as president from 1965-1976.



Pictured here with his family is Justin Fabian, recipient of the St. Catherine Medal for Undergraduate Achievement for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Congratulations to Karen Schmitz and the faculty of the Dietetics program on achieving reaccreditation by the American Dietetic Association, Commission on Accreditation for Dietetic Education.

In related news, Sandria Graham is the first deaf student to win the Southeastern Michigan Dietetic Association Scholarship.



Madonna nursing student Lisa Kaluzny received a \$5,000 scholarship from Comerica. After submitting letters of recommendation, a resume, a list of

community involvement and a leadership letter, and interviewing with six judges, Kaluzny was one of five students selected out of 100 scholarship applicants.



At a diversity workshop in April, Lt. Gov. John Cherry, leader of the commission on higher education and economic growth, spoke to faculty and administrators about the Michigan economy and career outlook.



Father John Sajdak assumed the chairmanship of the Religious Studies Department Jan. 1.



Nursing senior Kyle Farr, accompanied by Marge Gorman, nursing professor, delivered supporting testimony for Senator Martha Scott's

lead testing bill at the Senate committee meeting in Lansing. The bill unanimously passed the Senate and House and is before the Governor. With 80 percent of Michigan children on Medicaid using WIC, and 50 percent of newborns using WIC, this bill will go a long way toward meeting the state mandate that 80 percent of high risk children be tested by Oct. 1, 2007.

Kudos to the College of Nursing and Health on its accreditation and outstanding first-time review by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for its undergraduate and master's programs.



pioneering spirit and was presented by Dr. Maureen Leen and Dean Teresa Thompson to Dr. Dennis Nordmoe, executive director of All Saints Neighborhood Center. By building a new playground for children with a paved trail for adults, they enhanced the safety and sense of community.



Jane Nickert, BSN '94, MSN, MSBA '04, (right) received the Lillian Wald award for her community outreach work on the lead testing program from Thompson and Prof. Phyllis Brenner. As a Michigan Dept. of

Community Health nurse consultant, Nickert is passionate and knowledgeable in her efforts to prevent lead poisoning. She is a mentor to Madonna nursing students.

College of Nursing administrators, faculty and students gathered to honor the recipients of the 2006 Flame of Excellence Awards. The Community Based Organization Partner: Mary Breckenridge Award recognizes



New Special Events Director

Ann Cleary, BA '95, has returned to her alma mater as director of special events in the University Advancement office. She is responsible for strategic event planning and fundraising event supervision. Cleary works with the Madonna

major gifts team to identify and cultivate major gifts.

"It is a privilege and an honor to use my Madonna education and my career experience to help raise funds so that other students have access to a Madonna education."

Prior to joining the Madonna team, Cleary was special events manager for Lawrence Tech.



New Marketing Director

Karen Sanborn recently joined Madonna University as director of marketing, where she leads all advertising and media relations efforts. "Karen's enthusiasm, creativity, and relationships with members of the local media will serve her well as she creates advertising and prepares news releases to promote the many programs and successes at Madonna," said Andrea Nodge, vice president for advancement.

Sanborn came to MU from Lawrence Tech, where she spent the last five years as the news bureau managing editor. She worked for 18 years for Ameritech.

Madonna Leaders Visit Egypt

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The visiting Madonna administrators were honored with an invitation to preside over the graduation ceremonies of the American School. They met parents and students as part of this unique and fascinating experience. In addition, they had appointments with several significant people involved in Egyptian/American collaborations. The goal of which was to determine whether the American diploma program, offered by the El Massria Schools, substantively corresponds to the experiences and outcomes of the typical American high school, and whether or not this diploma could be endorsed by Madonna University. To seek approval for this Madonna/El Massria agreement, the three met with Peter Kaestner, consul general at the American Embassy, and Mohamed Mustafa El Karaty, under-secretary of state for Egypt.

While in Egypt, the Madonna leaders had the opportunity to meet many other educators, including several from medical fields who knew about, and were very interested in, Madonna University's School of Nursing. So impressed was Jordan, they sent a financial representative to talk with Sr. Rose Marie about nursing and Allied Health.

"The visit to Egypt was most productive," said Jonathan Swift, "although our small group was pressed for time with so many appointments. What made the visit pleasant was the sincerity and generosity of the hosts. It can now be said that the name and quality of Madonna University is being heard from Egypt to Jordan and beyond."



Dr. Ernie Nolan, Sr. Rose Marie and Dr. Jonathan Swift review the American Diploma Program with representatives of El Massria Schools in Cairo Egypt.

International Scene



Back at home, Madonna University was host to dignitaries from the International Visitor Leadership Program. Pictured here with Jonathan Swift and Sr. Rose Marie are representatives from Brunei, Algeria, Cambodia, Latvia, South Africa, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Ghana, Japan, Lithuania, Turkey, and Tanzania.



Sport Conference

Friday, Oct. 20, 2006 • 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel

Featuring:

Shelley Appelbaum—MSU Senior Associate Athletics Director

Rob Parker—*Detroit News* Columnist

Michael Burg—Manager of Olympic Ice Dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto

Wayne Hodes—Detroit Ignition— Executive VP of Business Development

David Shand—Attorney and former U-M sports law professor

Calvin O'Neal—Founder of Lifestyle Business Affairs for Student Athletes



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Dean Stuart Arends, Prof. Hongjun Lu, president of Shanghai Institute of Finance, Sr. Rose Marie, and Tsen Lin Joslyn, translator.



11th Annual Golf Classic

Friday, September 15, 2006
Links of Novi

50395 West Ten Mile Road
 Novi, MI 48374

10:30 a.m. Check-in • 12:15 p.m. Shotgun Start

Take part in the 11th annual Madonna University Golf Classic to raise funds for student scholarships, tuition awards, and funding for athletic and other academic programs. This best-ball scramble golf outing includes a hole-in-one contest and two closest-to-the-pin contests. Highlights of the day include golfer gifts, lunch, cocktails and dinner, a mini-auction, a raffle, and awards. Your support helps ensure that deserving students can continue to have access to a Madonna University education.

Become a sponsor or register online at www.madonna.edu
 For more information contact Ann Cleary at 734.432.5421

Early Birdie Special (before August 1)
 Golf Package (golf, lunch, dinner, gift and activities)

Individual golf	\$175
Foursome	\$700
Dinner only	\$ 50

Registration (after August 1)	
Individual golf	\$200
Foursome	\$800

Whether you golf in the Madonna University Classic or not, you still can support student success, and possibly win a prize. Simply purchase a packet of five raffle tickets, \$10 each, and you'll make a difference in a student's future. The drawing takes place at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 15. Tickets are available in the Advancement Office at 734.432.5421, or at the golf outing.

- Raffle Prizes:
- 1st PRIZE ~ One week vacation in St. Lucie, Florida
 - 2nd PRIZE ~ \$1,000 Home Depot gift card
 - 3rd PRIZE ~ Ten bottles of fine wine
 - 4th PRIZE ~ \$200 value mystery prize
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calendar of events

July

- 3,10,17,24,31 Transfer Student Days (Madonna Mondays),
10 a.m. - 7 p.m., 432-5339
- 20 New Student Orientation, Admissions,
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., 432-5339
- 20 Orchard Lake Preview Night - Environmental
Science & Sign Language Studies,
5 - 6:30 p.m., 248/683-0523
- On-going Fall Registration, 432-5400

August

- 7,14, 21, 28 Transfer Student Days (Madonna Mondays),
10 a.m. - 7 p.m., 432-5339
- 14 New Student Orientation, Admissions,
5 - 7 p.m., 432-5339
- On-going Fall Registration, 432-5400

September

- 5-8 Last Week to Register , 432-5400
- 5 Fall Term Classes Begin
- 5-9 Welcome Week
- 11 September 11th Memorial Mass, 11:30 a.m.,
432-5419
- 15 11th Annual Golf Classic Outing, Links of Novi,
432-5421

October

- 1 National Life Chain, 2 - 3:30 p.m., 432-5419
- 4 St. Francis Day Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
- 6 Schedule of classes available on-line: Winter Term
- 7 Alumni Reunion 2006, 432-5811
- 8-14 Peace & Justice Week (Blanket Drive), 432-5419
- 11 Holy Hour for Peace & Candlelight Service, 7 - 8 p.m., 432-5419
- 13-14 Homeless Experience, 7 p.m. - 7 a.m., 432-5419
- 19 Mass for Vocations, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 432-5419
- 23 Winter Registration begins

November

- 1 All Saints' Day Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
- 2 All Souls' Day Mass, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
- 3 Student Twilight Retreat, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., 432-5419
- 16 Founders' Day Interfaith Prayer Service, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
- 21 Founders' Day Mass Presentation of Mary, 11:30 a.m., 432-5419
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes

December

- 2 Marian Advent Retreat, 432-5419
- 11-16 Final Exam Week
- 16 End of Fall Term
- 16 "Christmas for Kids" wrapping, sorting, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., 432-5419
- 22-Jan. 2 Winter Break - University Closed

April 2007

- 20 Scholarship Gala



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