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Madonna's mission receives its spirit from these Franciscan Values:

- Respect for the dignity of each person
- Peace and justice
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- Education for truth and service



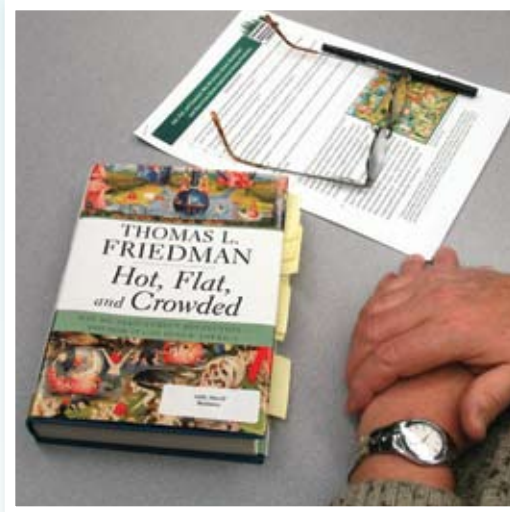
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# Green & Growing

**Blue and Gold is Green**, particularly at Madonna University. In addition to the new Science and Media Building, environmentally-friendly, or “green” activities large and small have cropped up all across campus, as part of the University’s “Green and Growing” theme for 2008–2009. From earth-friendly cleaning supplies, to paper reduction and recycling, and turning off lights and computers, students, faculty and staff do their part to conserve and protect our natural resources.

## Green Books

Thomas Friedman’s *Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution — and How It Can Renew America* has been the topic of a series of book discussions. Faculty and staff members exchange ideas about current global issues in climate, economy and energy, with a focus on those that most affect southeastern Michigan. These discussions have generated green initiatives for Madonna’s campus and the community.



*Thomas Friedman’s book, Hot, Flat and Crowded, is the topic of discussion among Madonna faculty and staff*

## Raising Green

*Blue and Gold is Green* is the name of the first-ever student campaign to raise funds for the “Leading the Way” capital campaign which includes the Science and Media Building. “Leaf Your Mark” is a fundraiser that involves students selling and purchasing green, blue and gold leaves for \$1, \$5 and \$10. A paper tree full of sold leaves grows on a window just outside the Take 5 Lounge.



*After only one or two days of fundraising, leaves begin to fill the branches*

## Greener Students

A group of environmentally-conscious student leaders who live by example and aim to create an earth-friendly campus, have formed Project Earth at Madonna. “It’s about mitigating our environmental footprint,” said Jason Corney, Project Earth member and psychology

*Standing, L-R: Cassie Yarnall, Marci Lennox and Kelly Kennedy  
Seated, L-R: Parneet Nehal, Jason Corney and Fallon Gresham*

major. “The consequences of humanity’s impact on this planet have a personal impact on every individual.”

Project Earth currently participates in “Tray-less Tuesdays,” where students avoid using a tray for their meals in the dining hall. “This not only conserves water from not having to wash the trays, but minimizes food waste as well,” commented Marci Lennox, Project Earth vice president and sign language studies major. “People seem to take much more than they need when piling food on a tray.”

Implementation of a campus-wide recycling program is another Project Earth endeavor. After a successful pilot launch in the residence hall, they plan to place recycling bins for plastic bottles in the main academic building, followed soon after by the Maertens and DiPonio buildings. Project Earth members and other volunteers will maintain the recycling program and collect the bottles regularly to transport them to the local recycling center. “We are always looking for new members or volunteers who want to be ‘green’ and make a positive difference,” said Lennox.



## Green, Green Class of Home

School of Business Professor Betty Jean Hebel has incorporated “green” into the curriculum for her marketing classes. Students study environmentally-responsible businesses and their practices. As part of a class project, students must apply the principles they learned in class to identify new ways to increase the marketing success of certain environmentally-friendly products, i.e. Ben & Jerry’s ice cream (an Eco-friendly business), organic clothing, hybrid vehicles and compact fluorescent light bulbs. “We not only teach marketing, we teach responsible marketing,” said Hebel.



*Autistic students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools enjoy collecting and recycling paper at Madonna University*

Whether they save energy by turning off lights, car-pooling to meetings off-campus, or reducing paper usage by sending meeting notes via email, or by posting all events on an online calendar at [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu), the entire Madonna University community is green and growing. •



# STUDENT SUCCESS

## SWEEP Students Go to Washington

Students of Madonna's Southwest Detroit Women's Educational Empowerment Program (SWEEP) took a trip to Washington D.C. last December to attend an International Leadership Assembly. There, the students and SWEEP Social Work Program Coordinator Marcia Boehm participated in two actions on the topics of health care and immigration reform. They met with congressional leaders and participated in a community forum that included members of President Obama's transition team.



SWEEP alumna Ruby Jones '08, BSW and Marcia Boehm

## Future Teachers Deliver Tools for Learning

Early childhood education students and their professor delivered backpacks full of school supplies to two pre-kindergarten classes at Sherrill Elementary School, in Detroit last fall. The backpacks and supplies were donated by Costco. Beanie Babies were added by the Society of Future Teachers and the Madonna Early Childhood club, while student Traci Anderson provided napping mats, and Stephanie Tadjewski donated boxes of crayons. Each child received a hat and scarf from Tia Silva, director of Madonna's SWEEP program.

Students, Katie Adams, Allison Hughes, Traci Anderson and Paula Wilson passed out the backpacks and witnessed some precious reactions. "I am excited to bring my backpack home!" squealed preschooler Seanna Taylor, when she realized she could keep the gifts. Fellow classmate Kayla Jackson said her new backpack was "cool."



Education student Katie Adams

The Madonna students read the children a story about apples and helped them make caramel apple treats. "You are making memories for the children," pre-k teacher and Madonna alumna Deborah Stanislawski '99 told the future teachers.

## Marketing Students Attend Economic Club Luncheon

Students in Betty Hebel's Principles of Marketing class attended a Detroit Economic Club meeting. They are pictured here with guest speaker former Governor John Engler, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. (Left to right: Hillary Mulka, Latoya Smith, Jimi Robertson, Jessica Swancutt, Rondale Robinson, Keith Pretty, president of Northwood University, Cali Crawford, John Engler, Linda Wilson, Jarrett Fenech, Lauren Suetterlin (front), Sean Tabore, and Pietro Sarcina from Fifth Third Bank, sponsor of the students.



## Student Filmmakers Take Talents to Hollywood

Broadcast and cinema arts students, Christy Derry, Julie Pulgini, Christopher McCann-Nickin and Krystle Kusiak, traveled to California to participate in PAH-fest Hollywood. This unique digital media festival travels to cities around the globe, offering movie-making fun to everyday people. PAH-fest Motown is held at Madonna every summer.

The students experienced an intense week of acting, directing, producing, shooting and editing, as they worked alongside Hollywood pros, including PAH-fest creator Christopher Coppola — Madonna's newest adjunct faculty member.

Coppola plans to have his students involved with many of his productions. "I am proud of and impressed with my Madonna students," he said. "They are becoming my highly-trained, special forces, tactical unit to send out on my creative endeavors."

Christopher McCann-Nickin found PAH-fest Hollywood very rewarding. "In just one week I made some great contacts and friends. I learned so much and had an amazing time doing it," he said.

Madonna broadcast and cinema arts instructors Sue and Dan Boyd accompanied their students to Hollywood. They helped coordinate the event and coached PAH-fest teams. "The Madonna team was awesome!" said Kate Folb, director of development for PAH Nation. "The organizational and technical skills of the Madonna professors combined with the enthusiasm of the students helped to make this the smoothest PAH-fest yet."



## Students Share Homeless Experience

Some 25 Madonna students spent an October night outside to raise funds and to experience first-hand what it's like to be homeless. From 7 p.m. until 7 the next morning, they bundled up near a fire to keep warm and slept on cardboard boxes and blankets, while raising hundreds of dollars for a local homeless charity.

The Homeless Experience has been part of the service learning course (University 1010) for first-year students for more than 15 years. "It's shocking to see that people live like that," said Antonio Villella, pre-engineering major. It was a good opportunity to see what it was like to be a homeless person and to experience how they manage to live."



Broadcast and cinema arts student Julie Pulgini at PAH-fest Hollywood

## Nursing Students Decorate for Charity

Last Christmas, members of the Madonna University Nursing Students Association (MUNSA) created nursing-themed Christmas trees for the Festival of Trees, a fundraiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan. The trees reflected military nursing, nursing creativity and pediatric nursing with ornaments of nursing-clad rubber ducks, gauze, tape measures, military ribbons, tongue depressors, a tourniquet and other nursing items.



The student trees were judged by Teresa Thompson (dean of the College of Nursing), and Sr. Nancy Marie Jamroz, vice president for student services, before being sent to the Festival. Themed "Creativity in Nursing," the winning tree, created by first-term students, included band-aid garland, prescription bottle ornaments and a nursing bear as the tree topper. The nursing faculty created a "jewels of life" tree using necklaces, brooches, earrings and bracelets.

## MLK Service Day

The message and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was celebrated as Madonna partnered with the University of Michigan Dearborn, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Lawrence Tech University and Henry Ford Community College for a day of service. "No where else do you find so many different institutions coming together for one cause of good will," said Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna president, during her address to the nearly 400 volunteers.

Some 62 Madonna students and six faculty/staff volunteered at the following organizations across metro-Detroit: Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Bridging Communities Inc., Gleaners Community Food Bank, Grace

Centers of Hope and Maybury Elementary. "I think it's important to be part of something bigger than yourself, and to give back to the community," said Kathryn Urbiel, nursing major.



Back: Ally Kuzak, Jill Merritt  
Front: Resmie Vehapovici, Kathryn Urbiel



## Nurses Garner State Awards

Members of the Madonna University Nursing Student Association walked away with the following five awards at the state convention this year: Image and Breakthrough for their Men-in-Nursing calendar, Scrapbook, Outstanding President-Melissa Johns, Outstanding Community Service, and Outstanding Chapter Achievement. Madonna students Krista Papow and Sue Hansell were selected to the new Michigan Nursing Student Association board. The chapter submitted two resolutions on anti-smoking and both passed the House of Delegates. Pictured L-R: Jamie Keller, Jessica Oprisiu, Susan Hansell, Christine Zuerner, Teri Weiland, Josh Hoover, Amanda Morrill, Krista Papow, Not pictured: Melissa Johns, Christma Shamoun, Katie Castelli and Nancy Kostin, advisor.



# Papal Nuncio Honored at Madonna Gala

by Joe Kohn, '00 BA in English/journalism/psychology  
 excerpts from *The Michigan Catholic*  
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Archbishop Pietro Sambì, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Madonna University Oct 2, 2008. The Felician University's administration honored Archbishop Sambì for his strong support of Catholic education, and for his decades of service to the Church around the world. Prior to a Gala at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan Catholic staff reporter Joe Kohn spoke with the archbishop about Catholic higher education, his ministry and what he sees in the U.S. Church. Following are excerpts from the published interview:

**What does this honorary degree from Madonna University mean to you?**

The degree means a lot. Because Madonna University is a university with a very clear Catholic identity, with ... high quality of education, a teaching of a discipline not for school but for life — and a moral education to distinguish what is good and brings happiness, from what is bad and brings the students to the destruction of themselves. Because of this high quality, an honorary degree of Madonna University is a great honorary degree.

**How does a Catholic University bring Christ into higher education?**

It is something that has been clearly said by John Paul II in the famous papal letter called *Fides et Ratio*. A Catholic University is a place where reason and faith, ... help each other. Reason helps not to become fanatic. Faith helps not to close a human being in the prison of a very narrow horizon, but to open him to what is infinite, eternal, beautiful, noble and good. It is in this relationship of reason and faith that human beings find a way to full realization and happiness. It cannot go on this way without encountering the incarnation of truth, the incarnation of life that is Jesus Christ. So a Catholic University which does not help to encounter the fullness of life, the fullness of truth, and the fullness of joy is a university which is not totally Catholic.

**The Felician sisters, who we're blessed to have in the Archdiocese of Detroit, and who invited you — what specifically do they bring to higher education?**

Education is made by two things — by ideas and by examples. And they give this.

**What does being an apostolic nuncio entail?**

The nuncio is the personal representative of the Holy Father to the Catholic Church in the United States, and to the civil and political authority of the United States. ... My duty is to bring the values of the Gospel — and the wisdom of the centuries many times without mentioning the Gospel and without mentioning the Church.

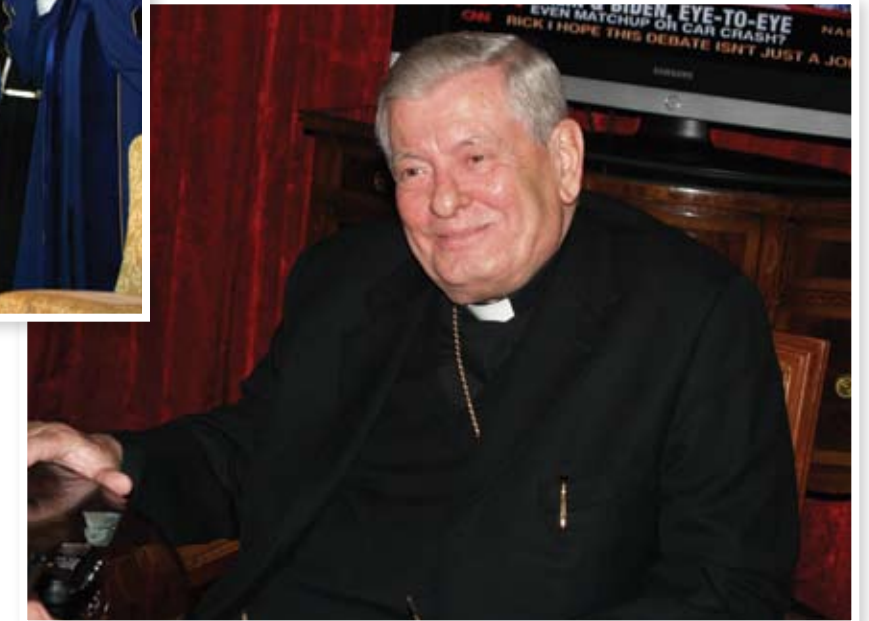
**What is your favorite part of your ministry?**

When I pray. I think that in my field, prayer is what gives sense to what I do and what I say.



◀ Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa presents Archbishop Pietro Sambì with an honorary degree while Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration looks on.

▼ Archbishop Pietro Sambì, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, answers questions in an interview Oct. 2 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.



**How often do you interact with Pope Benedict?**

We have a weekly contact with the diplomatic pouch. I go to see the pope every time that they go for holidays, and if the pope calls me. Otherwise, I don't move from my post of mission.

**As you observe the Church in the United States, what aspect about it gives you the most hope?**

Pope Benedict XVI said, 'I went to the United States to confirm my brothers and sisters in the faith of the apostles. They confirmed me in hope.'

You have in United States the biggest Catholic lay organization in the world, like the Knights of Columbus — 1,700,000 members with great fidelity to the pope, to the bishops and to the parish priests. Another aspect that impressed me, every (beginning) of Lent you have many lay people going to their bishop and presenting their request to be prepared for the baptism on the night of Easter. Last year in Washington, D.C., there were more than 1,000. It means that these people, not yet Christians, see in the Catholic Church an answer to their basic, existential questions.

Everywhere I have seen the sign of the generosity and the vitality of the Catholics of America. The participation of the Catholics to the Sunday liturgy — of course I would hope it would be bigger — but it's bigger than in many countries of Europe.

You have also here, together with families in difficulty, splendid Catholic families giving an excellent example to the Church. They are fed by their faiths, by the spirit of love inside of the house, and by the unity of the families. I would like to tell you also that it's encouraging the fact that the number of priestly vocations is increasing almost everywhere, not only in number, but in exceptional quality.

We need in the Church of America the presence, the heart, the faith and the action of female consecrated persons. And so I hope that slowly, slowly we will go out from the crisis of the past and ... renew religious life in the United States.

In a thank you letter to Sister Rose Marie, the Papal Nuncio wrote: "It was a tremendous honor for me to be granted from Madonna University a Doctor of Humanities degree..., not only for the degree itself, but especially where it came from. The opportunity to meet so many dedicated and committed people was a very uplifting experience. I was deeply impressed by the fine quality and noble character of the University. It certainly brings a message of hope for the future of the Church and the whole of the academic community in America."

**The need for vocations and consecrated persons — would you say that's one of the biggest challenges in the Church here?**

The biggest challenge is this — each of us, greatly, is part of what he has received. We should be generous toward the future generation, and leave them in a diocese, in a parish, in a university, in a school, in a family, a better situation than what we have found. This is the biggest challenge: to prepare for the future generation a better situation. •





## New Emergency Management Program Prepares Students to Aid and Defend

Recent national emergencies, such as 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, along with evolving technology, increase the need for individuals trained to aid and protect. Madonna's new emergency management bachelor's degree prepares students for careers in disaster management, homeland security and rescue.

"The emergency management degree is a contemporary program that offers students immediate employable skills," said Gary Trujillo, program director. "As technology and threats to our country evolve, so must our training."

Students receive knowledge and training in homeland security, business continuity plans, grant proposal writing, hazardous materials response, resource allocation and planning, media management, and the 9-1-1 system. Many working students are increasing their qualifications through the program's 30-hour OSHA certification, eight-hour hazardous materials response re-certification, and survival Spanish course. In addition to Madonna's main campus in Livonia, the Emergency Management program now is offered at the Macomb University Center.

## Final Changes Reflect New Hospice and Palliative Studies Program

Madonna's Hospice program, has been renamed Hospice and Palliative Studies. Modifications have been made to the descriptions and objectives of all 15 undergraduate courses to reflect current and emerging theories on palliative and end of life care, technological advances and 21st century leadership skills.



## Film Scoring Preps Students for Local Movie-Making Jobs

Madonna's newest course prepares students for employment in Michigan's burgeoning film industry. *Special Topics in Music: Film Scoring*, provides students with knowledge and experience in composing and recording music for films. By the end of the three-semester course, students will collaborate with the University's broadcast and cinema arts department, scoring scenes that the students produce.

Teaching the course is new faculty member Jeffrey Arwady, who will share with students his experience in working with independent filmmakers. According to Arwady, Michigan is a prime location for two film job markets, the Hollywood market and the ever-increasing independent "indie" market. "Productions are being filmed increasingly in the Midwest, particularly in Detroit and Chicago, providing job opportunities for film music students," said Arwady of Chesterfield, Mich.

In addition to learning several orchestration techniques that are conducive to film scoring, Arwady will develop students' technical skills on digital audio equipment such as the Logic Pro 8 audio workstation, where they will record and compile an audio mix suitable for delivery to a producer. *Film Scoring* also is available to non-students as a noncredit professional development class.

For information, call Joan Stephens at 734-432-5804.



## Hollywood's Coppola Joins Faculty

Director and actor Christopher Coppola, will impart his movie-making expertise to students in the broadcast and cinema arts (BCA) program. As adjunct assistant professor at Madonna, Coppola brings true Hollywood influence to the classroom. He is the nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage.

"I was honored when I was asked to join Madonna's faculty," Coppola said. The University is truly a unique institution, and one that I can relate to; in the sense that it is based on strong core values, and is modern and open to other ideas and religions."

Coppola, who resides in Los Angeles, will teach Madonna students via live web casts, online classes, and occasionally on campus. He will take advantage of the growing film industry in Michigan to provide students opportunities for hands-on movie-making experiences. Coppola also plans to include students on some of his own Michigan film projects.

## Cell Phones Aid Learning

Liz Kolb, adjunct faculty member in teacher education, authored *Toys to Tools: Connecting Student Cell Phones to Education*, geared toward educators and school administrators. Kolb shares how cell phones can be more than just a social



device or distraction in the classroom. She believes basic cell phone applications can be used for researching popular reference web sites, uploading data, and photographing subjects of study.

"The cell phone can accomplish much of what a computer can do," Kolb said. "If you can get students thinking of cell phones as anytime, anywhere, data-collection tools, you can open up a whole new world."

Kolb's book focuses on the importance of student technological skills and provides research that shows students are more likely to be academically successful when their home culture is integrated into the classroom.

## Professor Completes Psychoanalyst Training

Robert Cohen, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, director of Madonna's clinical psychology master's program and the Psychological Services Clinic, recently completed a seven-year program of part-time training at the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute to become a graduate psychoanalyst. Cohen's research paper, *Working Through the Analyst's Contribution to the Patient's Creative Inhibition*, focused on his work helping a talented writer who struggled with writer's block. The paper received the 2009 Affiliate Council Prize of the American Psychoanalytic Association.



Cohen presented the paper to the Michigan Psychoanalytic Society in November, 2008, and the American Psychoanalytic Association in New York in January, 2009. His work was supported by a Madonna Faculty Professional Development Grant.

## Artists Among Us

Last fall's art exhibit *Five5* featured the work of five Madonna art department faculty members. The multi-media exhibit showcased the talents of Douglas Semivan, department chair, and colleagues: Ralph Glenn, Mary Rousseaux, Robin Ward and Laura Williams.

A model of Semivan's sculpture *Edge of the Channel* to be created for the front of the University's new Science and Media Building was unveiled at *Five5*. Viewers reacted with curiosity, awe and excitement. "The sculpture is dynamic because it is four dimensions," said Phyllis Edwards, a fine arts student. "No matter which angle you look at it, it depicts a story."



Doug Semivan talks with students about his artwork





# MADONNA HAPPENINGS



## Enhanced Golf Outing is Above Par

Renamed the Scholar-Am Classic, the event, last fall, offered participants the chance to add a Madonna scholar such as a dean, professor, board member, coach, or student athlete to their foursome. Those who did, not only enjoyed a round of golf, but also learned more about the University they supported. Proceeds from the event helped fund student scholarships as well as academic and athletic programs. The 2009 Scholar-Am Classic will be held Monday, Sept. 14, at Fox Creek Golf Course, on Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

*The first team to sponsor a scholar golfer was Dan Longeway of DKL Benefit Group. L-R: Dan, scholar-athlete Steve South, Jack Lee, Jim Browne*

## TRiO Program Celebrates Milestone

Last fall Madonna's TRiO program celebrated its 30th anniversary. The federally-funded program provides academic support to students who qualify as low income or first generation in college, and/or have a physical or learning disability. Program services include tutoring, supplemental instruction, technological resources, cultural and leadership experiences, peer mentorship and peer-assisted study.

Valerie Pettis-Moore, former TRiO student turned tutor, recently became a mentor. "I see myself making a difference in the lives of students the way TRiO tutors made a difference in mine," said Pettis-Moore.

TRiO has delivered some 37,000 hours of tutoring, and over 400 students receive regular supplemental instruction. "Time and again, students say they would not have fulfilled their dreams of graduation without TRiO support," said Sister Joan Roosa, program leader. Future plans for TRiO include career and graduate/professional tutoring, economic literacy education and a community service scholarship.



*Former director Sherry Klisz with former TRiO student Bernard Ike Onwuemelie*

## Polish Event Rich in Culture and Fun

Guests celebrated the culture and customs of Poland at the Kick-off to Polish American Heritage Month last September. Hosted by the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies, the day's entertainment included a movie produced



by Madonna alumna, Laurie Palazzolo, and cultural music and dancing by Melodia Trio and the PRCUA Taty Dancers. Guests enjoyed a buffet of pierogis, kraut, and Polish sausage.

## Madonna Hosts Deaf Health Fair

Good health advice was signed and spoken at the first-ever Michigan Deaf Health Fair presented by Madonna University, University of Michigan Hospital, and the Michigan Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The fair featured workshops, educational booths, a flu shot clinic, and screenings for blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol. Sign language interpreters



were on hand to aid in communicating with doctors, nurses and dentists. Keynote speakers presented their lectures in American Sign Language.

## Science Faculty Tour New Building

It was gloomy outside, but faces were beaming as faculty members from the College of Science & Mathematics toured their soon-to-be-completed labs and offices in the Science and Media Building due to open fall 2009.

"It's huge!" said Ted Gish, director of Madonna's environmental science program. The rest of the group concurred with "oohs and aahs" around each corner and at every window, as they took in the incredible view from classrooms, labs, offices, the lecture hall, media center and the student gathering space.



"I am looking forward to working in state-of-the-art labs and expanding our research," commented Ted Biermann, dean of the college of science and mathematics.



## Getting to Know U

The Colonnade Lounge was transformed last fall, providing the Madonna community with a tour of Asia for all the senses. Faculty, staff and students sampled Korean, Philippine and Indian cuisine and teas, as well as Japanese candy. International students and instructors provided assistance in origami, Henna tattooing, and Chinese calligraphy. They also displayed art and artifacts representing their different cultures.

## Franciscan Fest '08

Madonna's Franciscan Fest took place throughout the month of October with activities and events celebrating St. Francis of Assisi, and the University's Franciscan Values:

- Respect for the dignity of each person
- Witness to God's love through the pursuit of peace and justice
- Reverence for creation and responsible stewardship of resources
- Education for truth and service



The energetic and soulful sounds of Critical Mass, Thicker Than Water, Peter Mulka and Kristie filled the campus during a Christian rock concert during Franciscan Fest '08. Kelly Nieto, former Miss Michigan, Miss America runner-up and host of January's Miss America preliminaries, served as the master of ceremony.



## Pets Get Blessed

Dogs, cats, birds, turtles, lizards and horses took over the front lawn of Kresge Hall during the annual pet blessing, given by Deacon Kevin Breen, of St. Genevieve Parish,

Livonia. Madonna's annual Pet Blessing celebrates the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, birds and the environment.



*Sr. Nancy Marie Jamroz with Deacon Kevin Breen*



*A menagerie of animals participated in the Pet Blessing*





# The Kresge Foundation Challenges Madonna to Raise \$3.25 Million

Madonna University has received a \$1.5 million challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation, of Troy, Mich., to support construction of its environmentally-friendly, \$20 million Science and Media Building. To meet the challenge, Madonna must raise \$3.25 million by January 2010, as part of the University's Leading the Way Capital Campaign.

"A challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation is an endorsement of Madonna's vision and mission and an indication they believe in our success," said Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna University president. "We are grateful for this rare opportunity, and we see it as an incentive for increasing alumni and community support for Madonna's needed academic building — the first new stand-alone building on campus in 40 years."

Madonna's new "green" building will provide the University's growing science program with laboratories that exceed nationally recognized standards for higher education, along with state-of-the-art production facilities that meet the highly technical demands of its broadcast and cinema arts program. At nearly 60,000 square feet, it will be a significant addition to the campus, housing instructional laboratories in the physical and biological sciences, classrooms, seminar rooms, a lecture hall and a high-definition media studio.

"In the new building, our broadcast and cinema arts students will create movies and commercials with the latest digital production equipment, so that as graduates they are well-equipped to make their mark on Michigan's burgeoning film industry and beyond," said Sr. Rose Marie. "In addition, the science laboratories will facilitate undergraduate student/faculty research and prepare our nursing, education, pre-med and other pre-professional students to meet employers' requirements for graduates with strong science backgrounds."

Madonna's Science and Media Building is the city of Livonia's first LEED-certified building. In keeping with the University's Franciscan values, Madonna leaders were committed to constructing a sustainable building that would preserve, beautify and enhance the campus for generations to come. Recycled materials, energy efficient windows and lighting, a "green" roof and other environmentally-friendly construction elements will enable Madonna to qualify the building for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Known for funding transformative projects, The Kresge Foundation historically has supported new facilities and endorsed environmentally sustainable construction practices. Madonna's Science and Media Building, as well as a number of the University's highly-regarded programs, match Kresge's fields of interest in education, community development and the environment.

Madonna's commitment to diversity, opportunity, and environmentally sustainable construction and development strengthened its candidacy for the Kresge grant. In a letter to Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, The Kresge Foundation President and CEO Rip Rapson outlined the merits of Madonna's request for support. "We are especially pleased with your commitment to the Hearing Impaired and Deaf community, your commitment to environmental sustainability, and your role as an anchor institution in Southeast Michigan producing first generation college graduates," Rapson wrote.

In addition to raising funds for the Science and Media Building, the \$50 million Leading the Way Campaign will support endowed chairs, academic programs and facility renewal to ensure that Madonna's intellectual legacy continues to grow. Campaign commitments to-date total more than \$14 million. For more information about the Kresge Challenge grant, visit [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu) and click on the "Great News from Kresge" button. To make a gift to Madonna that will move the University closer to the \$3.25 goal and receipt of the \$1.5 million challenge grant, simply fill out and return the envelope in this magazine.

**About the Kresge Foundation:** The Kresge Foundation is a national, private foundation that seeks to influence the quality of life for future generations by creating access and opportunity in underserved communities, improving the health of low-income people, supporting artistic expression, assisting in the revitalization of Detroit, and advancing methods for dealing with global climate change.

Considered one of the most selective and prestigious foundations in the United States, The Kresge Foundation awarded 283 grants totaling \$178.5 million in 2007. •

## Naming Opportunities

This dynamic project is part of a bold vision. We hope we can count on you to help see it to fruition. Below is a list of Science and Media Building named-gift opportunities:

Science Center	\$1,000,000
Media Center	\$1,000,000
T.V. Studio	\$500,000
Lecture Hall	\$250,000
Student Gathering Area	\$250,000
Classrooms	\$100,000
Science labs	\$100,000
Research labs	\$50,000
Tissue culture lab	\$50,000
Weather station lab	\$50,000
Seminar room	\$50,000
Dark lab or lounge	\$25,000
Faculty offices	\$10,000
Lab prep rooms	\$10,000
Memorial gardens	\$10,000
Video edit suites	\$10,000
Lecture Hall seats	\$5,000
Trees	\$5,000
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Drinking fountain	\$3,000
Laboratory & media equipment	\$1,000 and under

For more information, call Andrea Nodge 734-432-5737

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## Students May Study in Costa Rica Next Year

Madonna University students will be able to complete a two semester hour study abroad course in Costa Rica during the spring or summer of 2010. This course is designed to enhance students' understanding of Latin America and to promote cross-cultural competence using a hands-on curriculum.

Students will live with local families and participate in Spanish language and culture courses at the University of Costa Rica, which dates back to 1814. This study abroad program includes day trips to some of Costa Rica's most popular tourist sites. Students will visit the moon-like landscape of the Volcano Poas, the breath-taking La Paz waterfalls, and the natural beauty of Manuel Antonio rainforest. Costa Rica's commitment to preserving nature and its rich and peaceful history have made it the destination of choice for American university students.

The cost of the trip includes tuition at the University of Costa Rica, accommodations and field trips. This price does not include airfare and the cost of registration at Madonna University, which is greatly reduced. Students interested in the course should contact Adolfo Campoy at 734-432-5540, and indicate a spring or summer session.



## From Belfast Rugby to Madonna Soccer

By Jamie Mudge

I was born December 17, 1987 to John and Karen Mudge in the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Although christened Oliver James, I quickly became known as Jamie. My parents lived in England where my father was born and worked. They returned to Belfast so my mother could give birth in her home city. Shortly after my birth we returned to England.

I lived in England until my father's job took us to the Middle East: a dangerous place to raise a child. My mother decided to move home to Northern Ireland where we lived with my grandparents until my father got a new job there.

From age five to 11, I attended Whiteabbey Primary School where I met my first friends and developed a love for football (soccer). When students reach age 11 in the UK, they take the 11+ exam to determine the secondary school they will attend. I achieved an A grade and chose Belfast Royal Academy, where I attended until age 18. I played rugby

there because football wasn't offered, and soon fell in love with the sport. I played six of my seven years there. Unfortunately, in my last year I suffered a serious knee injury and was unable to play.

I did well academically despite my focus being on the sports field rather than in the classroom. Based on my exam scores and a range of extra curricular activities, I was accepted to Queens University Belfast where I studied business management. After two years at Queens, I was offered the chance to study in the United States. Having visited the States a number of times on holiday, I knew this was an opportunity too good to pass up. I was awarded a one-year scholarship to an American university through the British Education Initiative run by the British Council. I was placed in Madonna where I am currently in my second semester.

I quickly adapted to life at Madonna. I played for the soccer team fall semester and through this made some friends for life. We went through the season 17 and 3, making the National tournament for only the second time in school history.

I also did well in my classes last semester. As part of my scholarship I am required to take 15 credits a semester and maintain a 3.0 GPA. I managed a 3.7 to make the deans list. I am thoroughly enjoying my time at Madonna and all the experiences that have come along with it. I will be sad when my time at the University comes to an end, but I have friends and memories that will last long after I leave.

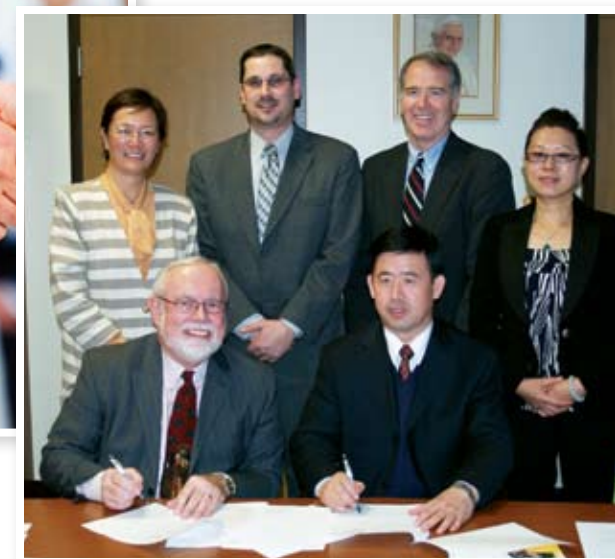


## Degree Completion Offered to Chinese Students

The School of Business has developed a business bachelor's degree completion program that will enable Chinese students to attend Madonna, complete their bachelor's degree and experience American life and culture.

In China, the majority of students earn a three-year degree with a specific area of concentration, based on the British model for higher education. Madonna's 3+1 program offers these students an opportunity to complete the fourth-year of their education and earn a bachelor's degree in applied management or applied technology.

"There is stiff competition in China for educational programs beyond the three-year degree," said William McMillan, business professor and 3+1 program director.



► (Back row l-r) Grace Philson, Mike Quattro, Michael Kenney, Bohai University's Lijuan Ren, (front row l-r) Ernest Nolan and Bohai University Dean Yandong Yang at the agreement signing for the new program.

business programs will prepare students for China's expanding, yet fiercely competitive employment market, where a four-year Western degree is valued."

This program benefits all Madonna students. "We prepare students to be successful in a global society, where the workplace is characterized by diversity and international linkages," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "By increasing campus diversity, we enrich the educational experience of all Madonna students and create opportunities for intercultural communication and understanding."

School of Business representatives currently are recruiting throughout China, so as to have students begin the program this summer. The Chinese students will live on Madonna's campus in Livonia for a year, taking courses specifically

designed to educate them on American culture and business. New courses added for the China 3+1 program include: *Orientation to American Higher Education; American Culture*

*through Literature, Music and Art; Science and Social Responsibility; and Advanced Reading and Writing for Business.* To aid in their success, the students are tested on their English skills before being accepted into the program and are offered English as a Second Language (ESL) classes the summer before their courses begin and throughout.

Each year, the International Students Office at Madonna University assists approximately 150 international students from more than 20 countries with admittance to the U.S. and the University, academic advising, orientation and cultural exchange activities.



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# GRADUATE SCHOOL

## Applause & Appreciation

The Graduate Student Applause and Awareness nights were a resounding success, according to Graduate School Dean Edie Raleigh. More than 200 students and potential students attended to either share their Graduate School experience, or to learn more about the graduate programs offered at Madonna. Each night there were six to seven alumni from the various graduate programs available to talk to with students. "I heard many positive comments," Raleigh said. "We received two applications on the spot and expect others to follow in the mail!" •



► *MBA alumnus Vince Zambo, '05 BS, '08 MBA, talks with current master's students Kassi Jacob, '07, BS marketing, and Betsy Reichert.*



► *Business adjunct David Dreyer, '06 MSBA, talks about graduate school with merchandising management major Jacqueline Hubert.*



▲ *Septina Bzibziak, '93 allied health with Edie Raleigh, dean of the Graduate School. Bzibziak attended the event to learn more about the nursing master's program.*

## A Final Tribute



*James S. Bonadeo  
Trustee, Madonna University  
1989 – 2009*

James S. Bonadeo was a very special person: a loyal and long-time supporter of Madonna University as well as a treasured friend. Students, faculty, board members, and all associated with Madonna will remember fondly his benevolence during his almost thirty-year involvement with the University.

His business expertise and tireless work ethic proved to be a valuable resource in assisting Madonna University to grow and enhance its services to the community. In recognition of his contributions of support, talent, and leadership to society and especially to Madonna, Jim received an honorary doctorate degree in business administration from Madonna University.

Jim was a valued donor in the following major projects at Madonna University: the Educational Development Center, Library Automation, Science Wing Renovation, Technology Enhancement, Residence Hall Renovation (a wing is named after him), and an Endowed Scholarship.

We thank you, Jim, and will prayerfully remember you as you enter the joys of eternal rest.



# ALONG THE WAY

## Capital Campaign Progress

*We're calling on you to help!*

Dear Friends,

The Madonna University Annual Fund program raises money through direct mail and phone calls to alumni, parents and friends of the University. During March, April and May 2009, we ask you to support our Lenten phonathon and spring appeal.

Now, more than ever, your gift will make a difference, because you can leverage the power of your Annual Fund gift with the Kresge Foundation challenge grant — a grant that will provide Madonna with \$1.5 million for the new Science and Media Building, if we can raise \$3.25 million by January 1, 2010.

**GOAL \$250,000**

**\$214,416**

So please join us and make your Annual Fund gift — by answering our call, you will help make the Kresge challenge grant a success and guarantee a bright future for our students.

Sincerely,

**Nancy '61 & Tom Enright**  
2008-2009 Annual Fund Chairs

### Status Chart

Goal \$250,000

Progress \$214,416 as of Jan. 30, 2009

#### Matching gifts make a difference!

Companies with matching gift programs provide a vital source of additional income for Madonna. Last year alone, 15 companies provided more than \$15,000 to the Annual Fund in matching gifts. We've made it easy to find out if your employer matches gifts, visit [www.matchinggifts.com/madonna](http://www.matchinggifts.com/madonna).

Making an Annual Fund gift is easy:

- Give online anytime 24/7 at [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu). Click on Support Madonna and then Annual Fund.
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- Send a check payable to Madonna University to:  
Madonna University, Annual Fund  
36600 Schoolcraft Road  
Livonia, MI 48150



*Nancy & Tom Enright*

## 1937 Society Forming

Madonna University is launching the 1937 Society; a select group of donors who have created a future gift intention for Madonna University. While future gift intentions can be designated to a department, program, or where the University has the most urgent need, the 1937 Society seeks to create an enduring legacy that permanently embraces Madonna University's future. To become a charter member, all that is required is the completion of a revocable bequest form. Bequest forms are available at anytime.

The first Annual 1937 Society Tea will take place Saturday, June 13 at Madonna's main campus. At this exclusive brunch Society, members can learn about upcoming Society activities and topics to consider while planning their economic futures. Contact the 1937 Society anytime for further details.

To aid in your decision-making, the 1937 Society offers the following free publications: *When Should a Woman Have a Will?* and *You Never Need to Change Your Will Unless*.

Moreover, we would be happy to refer you, with no obligation, to a legal advisor experienced in the member's area of concern and interest.

In addition, our staff will assist you as you reflect on your interests and best methods for supporting students, faculty and programs that are most meaningful to you. Here are a few recommendations:



**Bequests** – This is the easiest planned gift to make and accept, but it is important that Madonna University be included in your valid will or trust. Only 45 to 55 percent of all Americans die with a valid will.

**Revocable Beneficiary Designations, by a percentage, even modest, on one or more Retirement Plans** – It is very expensive for children to inherit a retirement plan so this asset should be the first to be considered for charitable giving.

**Gifts of Life Insurance** – You may give Madonna ownership of a life insurance policy during your lifetime, which could qualify for a tax deduction, or designate the University for a percentage on a beneficiary designation form.

**Gifts of Appreciated Assets** – If you use part or all of a pre-tax asset like appreciated stock, you may increase your tax and income advantages and make a larger gift than you thought possible.



#### Dean Adkins

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# SPORTS | SHORTS

## CRUSADERS CAPTURE THREE FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**M**adonna University athletes experienced a successful fall season in and out of the competition arena. Madonna captured three Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference titles and sent two teams and an individual to their respective National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Tournaments.

The athletic department's second annual Blue and Gold Awards drew a record crowd of over 400, as athletes in every sport were honored for their athletic and academic achievements.



*Athletes, their parents, coaches and fans at the Blue and Gold Awards*

### Men's and Women's Golf

The Crusader golf teams finished second in their respective WHAC seasons as each squad posted its highest league finish in program history.

Women's golf freshman Chelsea Bathurst and sophomore Sara Simnitch were named to the All-WHAC First Team, while sophomore Caitlin Steele was tabbed to the All-WHAC Second Team.



*Sara Simnitch, All-WHAC first team*

For the men, junior Steve South repeated his All-WHAC First Team selection from 2007, while junior transfer Kyle Lawrey earned a spot on the Second Team.

Senior Elliott Oscar and junior Justin Taurance were selected to the Academic All-WHAC team for their efforts in the classroom.

### Volleyball

The Madonna University volleyball team continued their dominance of the WHAC in 2008, capturing the program's 12th straight WHAC regular season title. The lady spikers then captured the WHAC tournament title to earn a spot in the NAIA National Championship for the seventh straight season.

The Crusaders finished the season ranked 11th in the NAIA coaches' poll, earning a bye to the final championship site in Sioux City, Iowa.

For the fourth straight season and the 10th time in the last 12 years, a Crusader was tabbed as the WHAC Player of the Year. Lubovj Tihomirova was named the loop's top player for the second straight season by the WHAC coaches. Tihomirova was joined on the All-WHAC First Team by fellow senior Whitney Fuelling and juniors Inta Grinvalds and Mary McGinnis. Freshmen Karie Altman and Amanda Koszela were named to the All-Newcomer team. Brynn Kerr joined Fuelling, Grinvalds, McGinnis and Tihomirova on the Academic All-WHAC team as well.

Following the National Championship, Tihomirova repeated as a First Team All-American with Fuelling joining the MU All-American ranks with her Second Team selection. Fuelling, Grinvalds, Kerr and McGinnis also were named to the All-American Scholar Athlete team.



*Lubovj Tihomirova, two-time All-American*

### Women's Soccer

The Madonna women's soccer team recaptured past glory in 2008 by winning the WHAC regular season title with a perfect 12-0 league mark.

Head coach Paul Thomas was selected as the loop's Coach of the Year and was joined on the awards docket by senior Shannon McIntyre who was named WHAC Defensive Player of the Year and junior Jessica Austin who took home the WHAC's Offensive Player of the Year hardware.

In addition to Austin and McIntyre, Lauren Hess and Andrea Johnson were named to the All-WHAC First Team, while a quartet of Crusaders, Dina Allie, Kaila Moore, Ashley Stoychoff and Brit Warner were tabbed to the All-WHAC Second Team, and Diana Brda and Lia Melasi made the Honorable Mention team.

McIntyre became Madonna's first All-American last fall by being named to the NAIA Third Team while Austin was tabbed to the Honorable Mention team.

Allie, Hess, Johnson and Stoychoff all took home All-American Scholar Athlete and Academic All-WHAC honors as well.



*Shannon McIntyre, NAIA third team*

### Men's Soccer

The Crusader men's team made it back-to-back trips to the NAIA National Championship in 2008 by capturing both the WHAC regular season and tournament championships.



*Doron Draai in the opening round of the NAIA National Soccer Tournament hosted by Madonna University*

The tournament title allowed Madonna to make history by hosting the NAIA National Tournament Opening Round match in Livonia. The Crusaders downed Grandview 2-1 on a chilly Saturday in November. The win sent MU to the Sweet 16 in Fresno, Calif., where the Crusaders matched up with No. 2 Rio Grande. The Crusaders fell 2-1 to end their season, but not before making the University's record books.

Head coach Tino Scicluna was named WHAC Coach of the Year for the second straight season while senior Doron Draai was named the WHAC's Offensive Player of the Year. Joining Draai on the All-WHAC First Team were Eric Kiebert and Keith Sied, while Emilio Giorgi, Dan Pichler and Otieno Victor were selected to the All-WHAC Second Team with Steve Besk and Cory Maupin being named to the Honorable Mention Team.

Following the season Draai was named an Honorable Mention All-American in addition to being an All-American Scholar Athlete. Mark Pikula and Isaac St. John also were tabbed to the Scholar Athlete squad.

### Cross Country

The newest sports on the Madonna scene had their best seasons to-date as the men's harriers ran to a sixth place finish at the WHAC Championships with senior Joe Horka coming in 29th. Following the season Max Guy joined Horka on the NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete team.

On the women's side, sophomore Sarah Sherwood came in seventh at the conference meet to become the first Madonna runner to advance to the NAIA National Championships in Wisconsin. Sherwood placed 128th at the national summit, making Madonna athletics history in the process.



*Joe Horka, NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete*



# BEYOND THE POND

## ALUMNI NEWS AND STORIES

**Alumni News & Networking is a click away!** Visit [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu) and click on Alumni & Friends to subscribe to the monthly E-News and stay informed about upcoming continuing education courses, special events, career services and the alumni tuition benefit, or to take part in social networking opportunities on Facebook and LinkedIn.

### 1970s

**Dr. Michael Harbut '78** (ssc business core) is chief of the Occupational and Environmental Medicine Section in the Department of Internal Medicine at Southfield's Providence Hospital. Board-certified in Occupational Medicine and a fellow of the American College of



Chest Physicians, Harbut maintains an active clinical practice and teaching service for medical students, residents and physicians at the Center for Occupational and Environmental

Medicine in Royal Oak, Mich. He holds a Master's degree in Environmental and Industrial Health, along with a Master's in Eastern European History. Harbut served as chief U.S. medical advisor to Poland's Solidarity during the Cold War, co-authored the world's largest study of respiratory health in asbestos-exposed ironworkers, testified in front of the United States Senate and was invited to present at the White House. He has received numerous prestigious awards, including the Gubernatorial and Joint Legislative Chamber recognition for his work as Medical Coordinator of the Refugee Camp at Goma, Zaire.

### 1980s

**Mary Britton '82** (nursing) is the nursing supervisor at Bucyrus Hospital in Ohio. While at Madonna, Britton was on the student board of representatives, helped with recruiting, and was a resident advisor. "I felt my degree at Madonna

opened up many opportunities in the nursing field," said Britton. A Tiffin, Ohio resident, Britton is married with two children.

**Cheryl Phillips-Thill '86** (management) is director of corporate purchasing for Masco Corporation. Phillips-Thill started her career in operations and now directs



global contacts, covering various commodities, products and services. She chairs numerous procurement committees, including the Women Supporting

Women's Health Advisory Board and the Stewardship Program, and she is on the board of The Michigan Humane Society. Phillips-Thill supports the Armenian General Benevolent Union, City of Hope Cancer Center and Beckman Research Institute. She received the YWCA Western Wayne County's Woman of Achievement award, and the R. Gene Richter Global Award for Leadership.

### 1990s



**Wendy Ventura '93** (journalism/public relations) used her 15-plus years of experience in copywriting, public relations and web marketing to launch a

boutique-style communication firm, The Wendy Ventura Creative Group. "My education at Madonna University set the stage for what has been a very rewarding career," said Ventura.

**Monica Stevens '99** (professional technical writing, '06 masters in international business) presented her research on Mexican immigration to the Oxford Round Table at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. For her Madonna master's degree thesis Stevens completed the research project, entitled *Economic, Political and Social Impact on the U.S. Welfare Due to Mexican Migration*. An international consultant, Stevens trains business executives traveling to Mexico. She also is an adjunct faculty member at Madonna, where she developed two specialized Spanish courses; *Medical Spanish* and *Spanish for Law Enforcement*.

### 2000s

**Chad Baugh '04** (criminal justice) was promoted to sergeant for the Canton Police Department. He was hired by the CPD in 1996 as a patrol officer. As sergeant, Baugh will serve as a shift supervisor in the patrol division.

**Craig Wilsher '04** (master's in leadership studies in criminal justice) was promoted to sergeant for the Canton Police



Department. He was hired by the CPD in 1998 as a patrol officer. As sergeant, Wilsher will serve as a shift supervisor in the patrol division. "The degree I received from Madonna

was a key component in advancing my career," Wilsher said.

**Anna Kostaroff '05** (master's hospice and palliative studies) is a palliative care coordinator at Henry Ford Hospital and an adjunct professor at Madonna. She developed an end-of-life program to ensure patients' physical, emotional and spiritual needs are met. "Madonna is very forward-thinking in the field of hospice and palliative studies. Every day I use something I learned, or the experience I gained from all of the classes in the program," said Kostaroff.



**Zach Wilkes' 06** (computer science) a former scholar athlete on the Madonna



soccer field, Wilkes has renewed his contract for a second season with The Detroit Ignition. In his spare time, Wilkes coaches three youth soccer

teams for Plymouth Soccer Club (now Plymouth Reign) and the Detroit Ignition Summer Camp program. "My experience at Madonna put me on the path for success and helped me to achieve my goals," said Wilkes.

**Brian Day '07** (project management) was hired as project manager for US Steel. "I used my education and

experience from Madonna to land an exciting and new opportunity with US Steel," said Day. "I would like to personally thank Professors Jon Huegli and Thomas Schoenfeldt for pushing me to work harder in pursuit of my master's degree."



**Christina Finch '08** (psychology) was hired as softball head coach at Albion College. Finch was a .296 hitter in her three seasons at Madonna and slugged 14 doubles, six

(cont. on pg. 24)



Saturday, October 4, 2009



### Nursing Alumnae Return for 40th Anniversary

◀ These 1968 nursing alumnae had fun reminiscing at the Alumni Day celebration last fall. Standing (L-R) Marilyn White, Anita Johnston, Mary Margaret Pay, Arlene Makulski, Seated (L-R) Theresa Majewski, Theresa Farr

◀ Michael and Paulinda Deller, Nursing '68 returned to campus to relive fond memories of when Michael proposed to Paulinda on the Chapel steps.

### Celebrate & Reconnect at Alumni Day 2009

Like the '68 nursing alumnae pictured here, you too can laugh and catch-up with former classmates and faculty. Please plan to attend Alumni Day, Saturday, October 4, 2009. We'd love to have you back on campus to celebrate your graduation anniversary and to see the exciting changes taking place. Spread the word to Madonna alumni you have kept in touch with, and we'll invite the rest. Anniversary class volunteers are needed for the following years: 2008, 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979, 1974, 1969, 1964, 1959, 1954 and 1949. Call Amy Perry at 734-432-5762.





John Rutherford '08 (second from right) with Detroit musician Bob Seger (center) and members of The Motor City Horns.

School. "I feel honored and privileged to be able to step up to the podium on concert night and show the West Bloomfield High School community what these talented students do everyday in class," said Paddock. A recipient of the Ernest I. Nolan Award for Outstanding Achievement in Humanities for Music, Paddock currently student teaches in Livonia, and serves as music minister at St. Damian Catholic Church in Westland.

**Shannon Paul '08** (English) was hired as media creative content coordinator for the Detroit Red Wings, where she

focuses on integrating social media strategies into the team's current outreach. Paul writes about Red Wings history and other hockey facts. She also serves as contributing editor for the official DRW blog site. She is the local organizer for Startup Weekend Detroit, and is passionate about blogging on public relations, marketing and social media.



**John Rutherford '08** (music management) is one of Detroit's leading freelance trombonists who has launched his own music label, Brassjar Music. Rutherford has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Toledo Symphony. He also has performed abroad with the Jerusalem International Symphony, the Philharmonic Orchestra of Palermo, Sicily, the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, and most recently at the Santo Domingo Music Festival in the Dominican. Rutherford currently teaches *The History of Rock and Roll* at Henry Ford Community College.

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homeruns and drove in 40 runs over her last two seasons. She achieved the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference award her sophomore year.

**Nicholas Modelski '08** (psychology with a concentration in mental health) began working in Madonna's Office of the First-Year Experience last July, as part of the Michigan Campus Compact



AmeriCorps\*VISTA program. While attending Madonna, Modelski was involved with Campus Ministry, Broadcast Club, Student Government and Admissions Ambassadors (ADAM). "I look forward to guiding incoming students to a successful career in higher education and initiating them into the culture of service," said Modelski.

**Patrick Paddock '08** (music) conducted his first band and chorus concert upon finishing his student teaching for West Bloomfield High



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# WHY | MADONNA?



## PHILLIP YOUNG

### Detroit | Paralegal Studies

"I have a goal in mind and that's to leave Madonna University with my bachelor's degree," said paralegal studies student, Phillip Young. That goal is not without obstacles. A resident of Detroit, Young has no car and relies on public transportation to attend classes three or four days a week. The Detroit SMART bus no longer stops at or near Madonna's Livonia campus, so Young gets dropped off at Middlebelt and I-96, then walks the remaining three and a half miles to class. "I chose Madonna because I wanted a challenge and to prove to myself that I can step out of my boundaries and achieve my goals with a lot of hard work, discipline and dedication," Young said. "Walking 7 miles roundtrip each day that I have class, is worth every step to get a quality education."

After hearing Young's story and the stories of other students' struggling to find transportation to and from Madonna, faculty and staff have been developing ways to provide assistance. Upon completion of his bachelor's degree, Young aspires to work in a courthouse or law firm to assure justice is served, and to make a difference in the lives of others.

## MARILYN MARCRUM '76

### Livonia | Paralegal Studies

"My Madonna education and the skills that I take with me, have helped and will continue to help in my career and in life," said Marilyn Marcrum, also a paralegal studies major. When she graduates this May, Marcrum will have earned two bachelor's degrees from Madonna. She completed a criminal justice degree in 1976, and was hired as the first woman in security at a Ford plant, where she worked for 23 years. After choosing to take an early retirement, Marcrum determined she had a passion and aptitude for law, so she enrolled in Madonna's paralegal program. She chose to attend Madonna because she felt the program was stronger than that of other nearby universities. "The curriculum is very demanding, especially the first year, which is comparable to a year of law school," said Marcrum. "But it's well worth it in the end. Everything that you are taught prepares and trains you for your career."

Marcrum is already working in her field as a paralegal to the export control officer at Wayne State University, a job she obtained through Madonna's Career Services department. She plans to attend law school in the near future. Marcrum offers this advice to others contemplating returning to school: "Don't sell yourself short and don't think that you will be the oldest in the class. You have the advantage of the knowledge and experiences you bring from previous years of education, career and life."



This new feature page will appear at the end of each edition of the Madonna Now magazine. **Why Madonna** highlights students, faculty, staff members, alumni and benefactors, and the reasons they attend, work for, give to, volunteer at, and love Madonna University. If you know of someone who should appear on this page, please provide their contact information to Karen Sanborn at 734-432-5843 or [ksanborn@madonna.edu](mailto:ksanborn@madonna.edu).



# CALENDAR | OF EVENTS

## March

- 9-31 Annual Fund Appeal, 734-432-5811  
28 Into the Woods play presented by the Lyric Theater, 7:30 p.m., Kresge Hall, \$10, 734-432-5543  
29 Into the Woods, 4 p.m., Kresge Hall, \$10, 734-432-5543

## April

- 2 Into the Woods, 7:30 p.m., Kresge Hall, \$7, 734-432-5543  
3 Into the Woods, 7:30 p.m., Kresge Hall, \$10, 734-432-5543  
3 Lenten Youth Day, University Center, 8 a.m., 734-432-5339  
8 Concert by renowned Polish guitarist Marcin Dylla, Kresge Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$20, 734-432-5706  
18 Musica Primavera student concert, Kresge Hall, 7:30 p.m., no charge, 734-432-5543  
24 Spring Fling scholarship benefit, Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 6 p.m., 734-432-5421

## May

- 2 Graduation Mass, Motherhouse Chapel, 4 p.m., 734-432-5811 to volunteer  
3 Commencement, Compuware Arena, 1:30 p.m., 734-432-5428  
12 Orchard Lake Center Open House, 4-7 p.m., 248-683-0521  
14 Transfer Student Night, 5:30 p.m., Kresge Hall, 734-432-5317

## June

- 13 1937 Society Tea, University Center, afternoon, 734-432-5856  
18 Transfer Student Night, 5:30 p.m., Kresge Hall, 734-432-5317

## September

- 14 Scholar-Am Classic, 10 a.m., Fox Creek Golf Course, 7 Mile Rd., Livonia, 734-432-5421

## October

- 3 Alumni Luncheon & Mass, University Center, 734-432-5811  
12-15 Building Dedication Week Events  
12 McManus Business Lecture with Steve Lowisz, 7 p.m., no charge, 734-432-5354  
15 Dedication Ceremony for the new Science and Media Building, afternoon



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