From Motto to Mission:
Love and Truth in the 21st Century

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Dear Alumnae/i and Friends:

Once upon a time the vice president for Mission and Ministry convened a group of Dominican faculty and staff to discuss their continuing experience of mission. The gathering also had a larger purpose — to explore strategies for making mission more relevant and transparent in the life of the university, and so the Caritas Veritas Symposium was born. This magazine is witness to that event, now in its second year and already a university tradition.

Recently I was on a plane and a young flight attendant passed me a napkin. On it he had written simply, Caritas et Veritas and his class year. For most Dominican students, faculty and staff that motto says it all — in fact, more than they easily can express. That is the purpose of the symposium, to give discipline to that expression.

It was a Tina Turner song that actually helped shape the 2010 symposium, which asked What does the pursuit of truth mean in your discipline or professional life? And, what’s love got to do with it? The 2011 Annual Report, enclosed, picks up on that theme and identifies accomplishments inspired by the essence of mission: heart and mind. Report highlights, like symposium presentations, expose the wisdom and talent within the Dominican community.

Siena Center Director, Claire Noonan was our rock star for 2011. Her stunningly mission-centered opening talk framed the theme for the day, From Motto to Mission. You can read excerpts in this magazine. The focus on the social justice mission of the university invited faculty, staff and students to discuss the many ways that the Dominican curriculum engages the world.

What is so compelling about Caritas et Veritas as a motto is its resilience and generosity. Whether you are an undergraduate making your first adult choices or a graduate student reassessing priorities or an alum asking those inevitable mid-life questions, it is equally meaningful and grounding.

So, as you read this magazine and the President’s Annual Report that is included within, I invite you to imagine the first two Caritas Veritas Symposia as metaphorical bookends — arms that gather and hold the best recent thinking of the university about mission, and in doing so, make that thinking available to you as stakeholders. Enjoy.

By the way, the third Caritas Veritas Symposium is already scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2012. Join us.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Carroll
President

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Dominican to Offer Bachelor of Medical Science Degree

Beginning this spring, students enrolling in Dominican’s Pest-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Studies Program will be eligible to receive a Bachelor of Medical Science (BMS) degree. This BMS degree offers preparatory coursework for students who already have earned a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree from a regionally accredited university, and consists of a minimum of 34 credit hours from coursework required for admission to a graduate program in any medical field (e.g., medical school, nursing school, physician’s assistant school, dental school), as well as a variety of master’s-level programs in: • genetics • biology • anatomy • clinical internship • psychology • molecular biology • neuroscience • physiology • clinical internship • microbiology • histology • clinical internships • immunology • microstructure • histology • clinical internships • immunology • microbiology

It is anticipated that students will earn their BMS degree in three or four semesters, or one and one-half to two years. There will be no transfer credits and all classes are taken on the Dominican University campus. Current post-baccalaureate pre-medical students are eligible for this degree, with the first degrees to be awarded in May 2012. The BMS degree replaces the certificate program previously offered as part of Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Studies Program, which has been offered for the past 12 years. Currently, more than 500 students are enrolled in the program.

Christopher Chair Lecture

M ore than 100 students, faculty, staff and members of the community gathered in early February to hear Fr. Oliver Williams, CSC, PhD – Dominican’s Christopher Chair in Business Ethics – present the lecture “Advancing Human Rights in Developing Countries: A Voluntary Opportunity or a Moral Obligation for Business?” Director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, and a board member of the United Nations Global Compact Foundation, Fr. Williams shared that he is encouraged by the number of companies involved in projects to advance human rights around the world, and in his lecture addressed whether such projects should be considered a moral obligation, or should be viewed as simply examples of corporate philanthropy. He offered several studies and principles for guidance in addressing the issue and engaged the audience in a lively discussion following his lecture.

The Christopher Chair in Business Ethics was established in 2003 by Doris K. and Jay W. Christopher to focus on ethical business practices through lectures, workshops, and faculty and student initiatives. Pictured at a reception prior to the lecture are Avid Johnson, dean, Brennan School of Business; Doris K. Christopher; Fr. Oliver Williams; President Donna Carroll; Cheryl King, and Rick King, chairman, Board of Trustees.

University Librarian Named

F elice E. Maciejewski has joined Dominican as university librarian, leading the Rebecca Crown Library. Maciejewski previously served as a library consultant in the Office of Learning and Information Technology for the Wisconsin System Administration, and as director of the library at St. Norbert College. At St. Norbert, an institution with a mission and culture similar to Dominican’s, Maciejewski provided creative, collaborative and transformational leadership during the building of a new state-of-the-art library; she also served for an extended period as interim associate vice president for information services. During a 14-year tenure at Tulane University, Maciejewski served first as head of circulation and then as head of access services at Howard-Tilton Memorial Library. She holds a BA in Italian from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a master’s degree in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Student-Athlete GPAs at an All-Time High

T he Department of Athletics posted a record high 3.1650 cumulative grade point average for the fall 2011 semester, marking the 11th consecutive semester the Stars have posted a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average. The Stars have posted anywhere from a 3.06 to a 3.09 in recent semesters but broke the 3.10 barrier for the first time since joining the NCAA Division III ranks in 2000.

“We are an institution of higher learning,” says Erick Baumann, director of athletics, “and it’s rewarding to see that success in the classroom can go hand-in-hand with the success we are having on the courts and fields. That’s the true definition of a student-athlete.”

Presidential Briefings Go Coast to Coast

I n the ongoing quest to keep our alumnae/i apprised of the university’s many exciting accomplishments as well as to acquaint alums with the comprehensive strategic plan – Pathways to Distinction – President Donna Carroll has been busy traveling the country engaging alums in “Presidential Briefings.” Hosted by alumnae/i in selected cities, these intimate gatherings provide an opportunity to gather, reminisce and network, as well as ask questions and engage in discussions with President Carroll and University Advancement staff about future plans for the university.

To date, briefings have been held in Chicago, Minneapolis, New York, Naples, FL, and on campus for the alumnae/i class agents. Briefings are scheduled for Phoenix in the spring, and are anticipated in Milwaukee, St. Louis, Washington, D.C., Seattle, Cleveland, California, Rockford, IL, and the Lincoln Park area north and west suburbs of Chicago.

Charlie Stoops Named GSSW Acting Dean

C harlie Stoops, PhD, LCSW, has been named acting dean of the Graduate School of Social Work following the departure of Dean Mark Rodgers, PhD. Dr. Stoops joined the school in 2003 and was serving as associate dean before his appointment. He continues as an associate professor in the school.

Stoops has been an innovator in the classroom, developing partnerships with the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Heartland Alliance, Sarah’s Inn and the States Attorney’s Office to provide students with practical experience in real-world program development and political advocacy. He has chaired the GSSW’s social welfare policy curriculum and developed a course on violence across the lifespan in the human behavior and social environment sequence.

Stoops’ research focuses on domestic violence, particularly men who batter. He is a founding member of the Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, Inc.

President Donna Carroll shared the details of the university’s strategic plan with a small group of alumnae/i and friends who gathered at the New York City home of Lily Li, a member of Dominican’s Board of Trustees.

Of the 169 student-athletes on the Stars’ 12 varsity rosters, 103 posted a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for the semester while all but 20 student-athletes finished the fall semester with a 2.5 GPA or higher. On average, Dominican’s student-athletes earned 14.8 credits for the semester with only six student-athletes earning fewer than 12 credits for the semester.

In addition to the academic success in recent semesters, the Stars have slowly been climbing the Northern Athletics Conference (NAC) all-sports standings and posted one of their most successful fall seasons in university history this past fall with the men’s soccer and volleyball squads claiming NAC regular season championships and the Stars’ team sports posting a combined 64-19-1 overall record.
Three environmental sustainability initiatives at Dominican University have been accepted into the National Wildlife Federation’s campus ecology sustainability case study database, a best practices resource containing more than 600 case studies from colleges and universities across the country. Dominican’s were among more than 100 case studies added to the database in 2011. The initiatives receiving recognition were the planting of a community garden, the establishment of a bike-sharing program and the awareness outreach campaign.

“American colleges and universities lead the way on sustainability, as in numerous other areas,” says Kristy Jones, senior manager of campus ecology at National Wildlife Federation and the director of the case study initiative. “It is encouraging to see so many of their most inspired ideas in one place, where we hope a great cross-pollination of ideas and action will occur among schools throughout the United States and beyond.” Published each year since 1989, NWF’s campus ecology sustainability case study database has become an indispensable resource for students, faculty, administrators, community leaders and others interested in the role of colleges and universities in protecting the public health and welfare by reducing waste, pollution and congestion in their communities. The database may be accessed at nwf.org/campuscasestudies.

SPCS Introduces Chicago’s First Online Bachelor’s in Legal Studies

Dominican University has introduced the Chicago area’s first fully online undergraduate program in legal studies. Offered by Dominican’s School of Professional and Continuing Studies (SPCS), the first classes began in February 2012.

The bachelor of arts in legal studies (BLS) is an interdisciplinary program exploring the American legal system from a wide range of perspectives, including economics, philosophy, theology and history. Consistent with the university’s 110-year commitment to social justice, students are required to complete a course in legal ethics in addition to at least one ethics unit in each class.

Graduates of the program will be qualified to work as paralegals, law enforcement officers, public officials and nonprofit leaders. Those looking to work as paralegals will have the opportunity to take courses in specific areas like civil litigation or real estate law and gain preparation for paralegal certification examinations. As a rigorous social science program, the BLS will also prepare students for law or graduate school.

“The State of Illinois and the federal government are both projecting significant increases in demand for workers in law-related careers in the coming years,” says Matt Hlinak, JD, assistant provost for continuing studies and special initiatives. “We’re hoping to meet that demand by offering a practical, convenient and values-driven education to working adults.”

The BLS program is open to students with at least 30 hours of college credit and who have been out of high school for at least seven years. The program begins with an adult learning seminar that will acclimate students to the online learning environment, which means that students with all levels of computer proficiency will be able to succeed.

Dominican University’s School of Professional and Continuing Studies provides career-focused education for adult learners. In addition to the BLS, the school offers a master of arts in family ministry and faith development and an Excellence in Coaching certificate. For information about the BLS or other SPCS programs, visit dom.edu/spcs.
link between their own scholarship and teaching presentations was prepared and published. Among the external funding, a volume of selected resources and ministry to students. Thanks to teacher education, philosophy and theology. Art, science and mathematics, social justice, literature, history, world languages, social work, religious studies and many others were involved in this process. Both graduate and undergraduate faculty and staff explored the meaning of love and truth from a variety of disciplines and perspectives including literature, history, world languages, social work, art, science and mathematics, social justice, teacher education, philosophy and theology. Staff presented insights and experiences related to student development, academic advising, human resources and ministry to students. Thanks to external funding, a volume of selected presentations was prepared and published.

“The presenters were invited to make explicit the link between their own scholarship and teaching and the identity and mission of the university,” explains Claire Noonan, DMN, who served as co-chair of both symposia with St. Diane, and is the director of Dominican’s Siena Center. “And, it provided the opportunity to experience a common, shared mission and identity.”

“The symposium engaged participants where they live and got them to reflect on what they do and why they do it, in light of Caritas and Veritas. It was an idea whose time had come,” St. Diane adds.

The success of the first symposium provided significant momentum for the second symposium this past fall, when a new dimension was added to the experience. Students were among the presenters, allowing them the opportunity to present as scholars in their own right. Some 30 students took advantage of the opportunity.

At the second symposium, the discussion moved from motto to mission and presenters framed their work around the third part of the Dominican mission statement: “– to participate in the creation of a more just and humane world.”

• As the Dominican community seeking a more just world, What do we do? What can we do? What must we do?

• What do the concepts “just” and “humane” mean from the perspective of your life, work and studies?

• How can we collaborate with others “to participate in the creation of a more just and humane world”?

The result was an overwhelming success with an incredible turnout of nearly 1,300 participants and more than 40 presentations – eight by students. Hannah Minks, a senior majoring in theology and art history wrote in her blog post “Yesterday, was the symposium! It is my favorite day on the Dominican calendar. It’s like Dominican Christmas, only instead of stockings chockfull of tchotchkes, we receive stockings chockfull of academic discoveries!” Unfortunately, I was not able to go to any sessions as a listener. I participated in panel discussions for two of the sessions—one on interfaith, the other on a service trip I went on to Montana for the class Native American Culture and Spirituality.”

In his blog post following the symposium, Rene Howard-Parra, a junior majoring in journalism, reflected both on his experiences as attendee at the first symposium and as a presenter at the second symposium. “Last year’s symposium was a great experience for me. As a volunteer I got to see first-hand how a symposium worked. For this year’s symposium, students were allowed to present and have their own panel discussions. I asked my friends to assist me in this panel and help me brainstorm a little more,” Howard-Parra wrote. “We came up with the idea that we could each speak about how the Dominican University mission has affected our academics and extracurricular activities. We decided to create a short video depicting what students around campus thought about the mission and how it has affected their lives. We worked on this all through the summer and at the beginning of the school year.”

Sophomore Anne Glaza observed, “This year the second annual Caritas Veritas Symposium turned an event into a tradition…The symposium creates students and teachers of us all. I left the symposium feeling tired from a busy day, yet inspired by all of the deep thinking and story-sharing. The 2011 symposium was a whole day of inspiration, contemplation, education, and application of love and truth. How cool is that!”

(Read more of Hannah’s, Rene’s and Anne’s blogs, along with all of our student blogs, at dom.edu/blogs.)

In a survey following the 2011 symposium, faculty were asked to respond to the question, “What does Caritas and Veritas mean to you?” One person responded, “The truth is that we belong to each other, and the way we are meant to relate is through relationships of charity and justice.” Another summed it up: “We are here to rigorously pursue truth — in and outside the classroom. We do this in an atmosphere of love — of our subjects, our students, our colleagues. That love and that truth will overflow into our world to make it a better place – more just, more humane, more holy.”

“The questions we pose about justice, love and truth are fundamental, eternal questions that can always go deeper,” Noonan says. “As a university and a community, we recognize that if we don’t take time to specifically reflect on and celebrate these concepts and questions, motto and mission can get lost. It is something we must practice and nurture.” Much of that nurturing takes place in the classroom. In the months following the symposium, several creative and innovative examples of motto and mission have emerged. During Founder’s Week, students wrote, acted and filmed a humorous and engaging video profiling the life of Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, in a style resembling the popular “Most Interesting Man in the World” commercials. Following the annual Lund Gill Lecture by chair Ehoosh Patel, founder of the Interfaith Youth Core, students in an interfaith leadership class held a “Speedfating” event, where participants had about five minutes to explain to one another the core of their faith beliefs without getting bogged down in differences or dogma. Several Dominican students are active advocates for the DREAM Act in both Illinois and at the federal level, and several currently are engaged in planning and leading a citywide DREAM Act advocacy day.

“Our mission, identity and character are expressions of what makes Dominican University such a special place and the sense of having a shared mission and identity is an asset to all of us,” Noonan concludes. “It is a recognition that comes from our Catholic identity. It is not just our history but also our present and our future. It is the foundation of who and why we are as a community and a university. This foundation is ours to take care of and we must give ourselves to it.”

“Dominican inherits its specific disposition from its founding sisters whose commitments to study, prayer, community and service are ingrained in every aspect of the university,” says Donna M. Carroll, president. “Quality education within this Catholic Dominican context is what leaves such a lasting impression on graduates.”

The presentations from both the 2010 and 2011 Caritas Veritas Symposium can be found at dom.edu/symposium. To obtain a copy of the 2010 Caritas Veritas Symposium proceedings book, email your request to Kristi Nolan at dominionews@dom.edu.

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A few weeks ago at the opening dinner of the academic year given for the faculty and staff by President Donna Carroll, I had the pleasure of being seated next to Bill Jenkins. For those of you who haven’t had the grace of meeting Bill yet, he’s a teacher in the theater arts department and the technical director of the performing arts center. Bill and I were chatting about Dominican and about our experience working here.

As we talked, Bill began to speak about the Dominican sisters, and their support of the arts. He recounted to me his appreciation for the way they attend every student production, and so many of the concerts and performances that DUPAC puts on for the surrounding community. He spoke of the way the sisters encourage him personally, with kindness and care. And then, Bill made an extremely insightful observation about the culture the sisters have created here at Dominican. He spoke about the quality of our shared life at this university – contrasting it a bit with other institutions in which he’s worked. He said, “there is something special about a group of people who choose to make the whole world their family.”

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Our documents note that the university was founded in 1901, but we should recall that our heritage is much older than that – it stretches back to St. Dominic’s assembly of a new community at Toulouse in the 13th century, through Catherine of Siena’s powerful insistence on our interdependence in the 14th, Bartolomé de las Casas’ defense of the native peoples in the 16th, and Fr. Samuel’s ministry among the immigrant miners in the 19th.

And truly, it goes back to the life and preaching of Jesus, who said, “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” And before Jesus to the prophets like Isaiah calling out to the people: “Bring the homeless poor into your house, let the oppressed go free.” And before the prophets to the very dawn of creation, to the gratuitous love of God bringing out of nothing this amazing world of which the human family is but one marvellous part.

This history – together with the stories of creation, the heroes and the heroines of the past, the cultures, religions and traditions that each of us individually brings to this place – this history and experience of kinship - sets the stage for our conversation today.

As we move, in this second symposium, from motto to mission, from campus to community to “participation in the creation of a more just and humane world,” we consider an understanding of justice quite different from the one invoked in much of the public discourse that surrounds us. Beginning with the experience of family that we have shared and the understanding of kinship that we have inherited allows us to see more easily and more clearly why and how our conversation about “caritas et veritas” can move with such fluidity into a conversation about justice in the world. Because justice, within this framework of interpretation, loses the merely contractual connotations so often implicit in our civic language, and it most certainly shakes off the baggage of revenge with which “justice” is often merged in nationalistic language. In a Dominican context, the foundational experience of family opens our eyes to see justice as the expression of kinship.

Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest, the founder of Homeboy Industries, a tremendous work of justice and solidarity with gang members in east LA, wrote in his memoir, Tattoos on the Heart:

“Mother Teresa diagnosed the world’s ills in this way: we’ve ‘forgotten that we belong to each other.’ Kinship is what happens to us when we refuse to let that happen. With kinship as the goal, other essential things fall into place, without it: no justice, no peace. I suspect that were kinship our goal, we would no longer be promoting justice – we would be celebrating it. Jesus was not a ‘man for others’; he was one with them. There is a world of difference in that.”

Justice is the path we pursue when the truth we have found is that we are brothers and sisters to one another, that we are family, not just to those who dwell under the same roof as we do, but to those who dwell in the same city – whether east or west of Austin Avenue; to those who dwell on the same land we do – whether north or south of the border; to those who dwell on the same Earth – whether across the hall or across the ocean.

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Justice, as understood in the tradition of Catholic social thought, “is the primary way of caritas, the minimum measure of it, an integral part of love in deed and in truth.” Justice is caritas – not coddling as Arvid Johnson and R.R. Vishwanath reminded us last year – but love concerned with “the real needs of our neighbors.” To quote the great Peruvian Dominican, father of liberation theology and champion of the poor, Gustavo Gutierrez, justice is the concrete expression of that kind of love “that makes no attempt to gloss over the social oppositions that obtain in the concrete history of people, but strikes straight through the middle of them.” Justice is how we love when the one we love is trapped in a failing school or an oppressive stereotype; has lost his job or is trying to shield his children from desperate hunger; is abused by her spouse or the target of military violence. “Justice,” as Gutierrez wrote, “is love in context.”

This kind of love is no easy thing. The social oppositions that plague the human family are complex, deeply rooted, not easily jettisoned in favor of fresh beginnings or social unity. Indeed, often they are not even easily recognized. The history of peoples is not only full of grace, but full also of ugliness, pain, suffering and oppression. It is a complicated web of motivations, machinations, circumstances and choices, not easily unravelled or untangled, and impossible to undo.

And so, in order to be a people of just love – a people responsive to the real circumstances in which we find ourselves, we need all of the disciplines. We need rigorous study, and an uncompromising pursuit of truth. We need economics and philosophy; psychology and literature; sociology and chemistry. We need each discipline and every scholar – including student scholars – at the university working diligently in his or her field to teach us how we might love, really love, in context. We need study, lest we be blinded by self-righteous ideology or handicapped by good but bumbling intentions.

And we need the spiritual disciplines as well. We need time for contemplation, meditation, self-examination, prayer – time for the inner pursuit of truth, time to cultivate within our hearts the desire to love, and the courage to live justly. We need to practice the spiritual, as well as the academic disciplines, lest our virtues fall victim to our self-deceptions, or our hopes be obstructed by a smallness of heart. Remember Jesus’ friend who answered his call to “love your neighbor as yourself” by mustering up a question terrning with self-serving obfuscation: “But who is my neighbor?”

Or recall the nations who came to the seat of glory, shocked at their fate, asking, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or in prison and did not take care of you?” We need spiritual discipline to see, to see our neighbors – and ourselves – truly. And we need the spiritual disciplines in order to strengthen within us the courage to commit to the justice love requires. For it does require courage. Courage and community.

This is why we gather over 1,200 strong this day, to listen to our friends and colleagues, 150 of them, speak about their own vision and efforts in the public work of caritas et veritas. This is why we ask of ourselves today, “What do we do? What can we do? What must we do? What must we do to participate in the creation of a more just and humane world?” We ask with the hope that from the asking, an answer – a calling – might follow. And that encouraged by the witness of one another, and of our ancestors before us, we might have the courage to do that thing from which, as the prophet tells us, “your light shall shine in the darkness...you shall be like the watered garden...you shall be called repairers of the breach.” That we might do those works of justice that flow naturally from the recognition “that we belong to each other.” That future generations might say of us, “There is something special about a university that chose to make the whole world its family.”

2011 Caritas Veritas Symposium, September 27, 2011

OPENING PLENARY SESSION: REFLECTION

Claire Noonan, DMin, Director, St. Catherine of Siena Center

There is something special about a university that chose to make the whole world its family.
Students Sow Seeds of Good

When First Lady Michelle Obama visited Chicago last fall to herald the city’s efforts to eliminate food deserts – areas where affordable, healthy food is difficult to obtain – Dominican students and faculty members were already hard at work combating obesity and sowing the seeds for healthy community nutrition. Through partnerships with institutions like the Maywood Multicultural Farmer’s Market and Chicago Head Start centers, students in the Nutrition Sciences Department are leading education and advocacy efforts to combat nutrition inequality.

Dominican students and faculty have been instrumental in leading the educational efforts of the Maywood Multicultural Farmer’s Market, an outdoor market that offers local produce on Saturdays during the summer and fall. Maywood, the struggling community that abuts River Forest’s southwest corner, has been long been considered a food desert due to its lacking a grocery store or other easily accessible venues for residents to get fresh produce. This disparity often correlates with high rates of obesity and other health problems, because residents in food deserts are forced to rely on available unhealthy, processed or fast food, says Judy Beto ’73, PhD, department chair and professor of nutrition science.

“The main thing we want students to take away from the class is cultural competency,” White says. “Historically, dietitians have been ineffective at combating obesity, and it’s mostly due to a lack of awareness of the cultural factors that lead to it.”

Dominican has taken the lead nationally on integrating diversity into both the nutrition curriculum and the dietetics profession. Angela Dougé, coordinator of dietetics supervised practice, recently was named one of four national Diversity Leaders by the American Dietetic Association tasked with increasing representation of minority groups in the profession. The department also recently received a $229,000 grant from the USDA to create a coordinated undergraduate program that will help Hispanic students break through barriers to become registered dietitians.

“There’s a lot of inequality regarding access to good food, education and health care. We call it the hunger-obesity paradox,” White says. “Many people only have access to poorer quality foods. As the Western diet, fast food and mass food production spread across the world so do higher rates of obesity and diabetes.”

In class, students learn approaches to help people adopt healthy nutrition in the context of socioeconomic situations, as well as completing outside projects, working with organizations such as Head Start centers, high schools and community clinics. A recent unit on nutrition advocacy yielded a bill introduced by Congressman Danny Davis to require all schools to have a dietitian available for consultation, just as all are required to employ a nurse.

“The real-world experience helps us understand how difficult it is to really feed a family today or even feed yourself without relying on the least-healthy options,” says Danielle Miller ’11, a nutrition and dietetics major who plans on attending graduate school for social work. “It is very important for medical professionals in the nutrition field to be culturally knowledgeable and generally sensitive to the varying needs and values of those they work with,” says dietetics student Maya Chathurn. “My experience at Dominican has pushed me to think twice about the impact of financial and social inequality on basic nutritional needs of those around me.”

Thanks to the efforts of national figures such as the First Lady and celebrity chef Jamie Oliver, the issues are gaining attention. Positive efforts such as planting community gardens and remodeling neighborhood drug stores to offer fresh produce are underway. Getting that food onto family dinner tables will require much more grassroots education, but White is confident that the passion growing among students will sustain the movement.

“People are interested in nutrition from different perspectives – health, environmental, economic. The undergraduate programs are swelling,” White said. “It’s really an issue of justice and humanity, and our students are responding to that.”

When Judy Beto, PhD ’73, department chair and professor of nutrition science, compares her time as a student at Rosary College in the 1970s with the experiences of students in Dominican’s nutrition science programs today, some similarities are clear. The 53-year tradition of the Recipe Box Café is still filling the stomachs and minds of the Dominican community. The curriculum emphasizes teamwork and service, and professors stress nutrition as a medium for compassion and service.

Since Beto joined the Dominican faculty in 1990, she’s also seen many positive changes, including increasing academic recognition, expanding the department’s program offerings, encouraging diversity in the dietetics field and transitioning the department to its new five-star kitchen facilities in the Christopher Nutrition Science Center.

Beto, the founder and first editor of the Journal of Renal Nutrition, received the Joel D. Kopple Award, the highest award given to dietitians by the National Kidney Foundation. She also was the driving force behind efforts to increase representation of minority populations and men in the field of dietetics, for which the university was presented with the 2003 American Dietetic Association Diversity Action Award.

“One of our goals has to become more culturally and community-oriented,” Beto says. Among her efforts has been hosting citywide conferences with workshops on nutrition-related concerns in communities of color and pioneering a program for Chicago public high school students that gives them the opportunity to work alongside nutrition students and professors in the Recipe Box Café. Students from local high schools, many of whom have had little or no exposure to a college campus, are invited to visit Dominican each year.

She also led outreach to area culinary schools and community colleges to help minority students transfer seamlessly into dietetics or related programs at Dominican. The university is the only in the state and one of just a handful in the country to offer a bachelor’s degree in Culinary Science, which merges culinary training and food science to prepare graduates for work as chefs, researchers and test kitchen professionals. The department has also added a dual MBA/RD (registered dietitian) program in conjunction with the Brennan School of Business – the country’s only such dual degree.

When Beto retires after the 2011-2012 school year, she will leave behind an impressive legacy, but she is confident that the department will continue to grow.

“What’s really exciting,” Beto says, “is that whoever takes over will inherit both a wonderful foundation to work from and a wonderful tradition to take in new directions.”
When Hubbard Street Dance Chicago celebrates its 35th anniversary this year, many people will be browsing the company’s extensive video archive of performances, rehearsals and special events. It’s something that wouldn’t have been possible, says Kristen Brogdon, general manager, Hubbard Street, without the help of students from Dominican University’s Graduate School of Library and Information Science, who are helping the company sort through hundreds of hours of footage and organize the archives in a user-friendly system.

“They called me and I immediately thought, what a great opportunity for the students in my cultural heritage fieldwork class,” says Cecilia Salvatore, PhD, associate professor, GSLIS. “Having recently introduced our new certificate in archival and cultural heritage resources, this is an area of strength for us.”

The archival certificate is one of several offered by the GSLIS for students who already hold an MLIS. Offerings include certificates in informatics, knowledge management, school library media and youth services.

Hubbard Street began recording its performances when the technology became available in the late 1980s. But as the years progressed, the company expanded in video archives to include rehearsals of its dance companies. It became an important tool for teaching dance because of its relative simplicity compared to expensive and complicated dance notation systems.

“It was a young dance company at that point,” Brogdon says. “We use video for all the work that we do, both in the process of studying the work and in teaching the work.”

Directors record rehearsals to help dancers refine precise technique. It’s also invaluable to technical directors setting the stage for shows, and the marketing department loves to tease potential audiences with a taste of what will be presented live shows.

The video archive includes hundreds of recordings captured in many different forms of media, including VHS tapes, Mini-DV® tapes and DVDs. All found their way onto shelves in room 211 at the company’s headquarters at 1471 West Jackson Street – but not necessarily in any order. Without a full-time video specialist, the task of organizing the footage became overwhelming for the company.

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Dance photos by Matt Casagrande, courtesy of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago.
According to Webster’s New World Dictionary, a Renaissance man is a highly cultivated person who is skilled and well versed in many fields of knowledge or work, such as the arts and sciences. According to the Dominican University “definition” of Renaissance man, it is Dan Beach, PhD.

Beach is a man of many worlds. A professor of psychology at Dominican since 1975 and the department chair for the past 15 years, he is as equally renowned for his many personal pursuits and passions as he is for his significant professional accomplishments and achievements. Depending on whom you talk to, Beach is known for his world travels, which have taken him to every continent on the globe; as a “media personality” for his expert insight and reflections shared on television, radio and print both in the U.S. and internationally via the BBC; as a philanthropist and sponsor of the Jared-Beach Summer Research Scholarship awarded each year to a Dominican undergraduate; as an experienced clinical psychologist whose numerous professional accomplishments include serving as president of the Illinois Psychological Association and as a fellow of the American Council on Education; as a skilled woodworker, the artist who created the more than 40 crosses found in classrooms and meeting rooms around campus; and as a person of musical talents, who sang a leading role in the Dominican University production of the opera Amahl and the Night Visitors, and who has performed original piano pieces in university talent shows. Plus, he speaks fluent Italian.

Beach’s passion for travel is on display when you enter his office in Parmer Hall, with photos, artifacts and memorabilia adorning the walls and shelf space. “I would love to have more overseas experiences and I encourage all my students to take advantage of any opportunity they have to study and travel in other countries. You learn things you could never get in a classroom,” he says.

“They get a fuller sense of the world and their place in it,” he continues. “So much of the learning is emotional learning, and study abroad offers a tremendous opportunity to be reflective about what you are doing.

“I also believe it creates an emotional attachment to the university, so it helps make our students better alumni or of the institution. I would love to have it built into our curriculum.”

While many of Beach’s travels are for enjoyment, he also has led a number of study abroad and service learning trips for both high school and college students. In recent years, he has traveled to El Salvador, Africa, Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands, Tasmania, Europe and the Caribbean. In May 2012, he will co-direct a two-week study abroad trip to China.

Beach’s expertise as a clinical psychologist has earned him renown within his profession, as well as with the general public. In 2010 when 33 miners were trapped in an underground mine in Chile, Beach became a go-to source for several Chicago media outlets as well as the BBC, commenting on the psychological effects and concerns that the men would confront. His experience over the 69 days until their rescue led to additional media interviews in the months that followed, addressing a range of popular psychological issues including flash mobs and post-traumatic stress.

“Psychology is the largest of the liberal arts majors here and students often come to it with a preconceived notion of what it is all about,” Beach says. And, because so much learning and understanding are acquired through research, Beach and his wife, Cynthia Jared – an attorney and partner in the law firm of Reed Smith LLP – established the Jared-Beach Summer Research Scholarship at Dominican. The grant is awarded to support the summer research efforts of a student in the psychology program.

“We are committed to giving students opportunities for higher education, and because many students need to work during the summer months, they aren’t able to devote the time required to conduct research,” he says. The grant enables students to further their education by devoting the time and energy to research without the competing financial pressures.

“We both were the first in our families to go to college and benefited greatly from the generosity of others, so we see this both as a way to give back and also to serve as role models for other donors,” he says.

On campus – and in life – Beach is a standout role model. When he began his career with Dominican, he was the university’s first director of special education in the years preceding the opening of the School of Education (SOE). His daughters, Caroline (a current student in Dominican’s Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Studies Program) and Cathleen, an undergraduate at Dominican, “grew up on campus” watching and learning from their father, as he worked toward getting the program certified by the State of Illinois and transitioned into SOE. As chair of the psychology department, Beach is intent on creating a premier undergraduate psychology program with a cadre of accomplished faculty.

As a member of the Board of Trustees during the construction of Parmer Hall, Beach and his fellow members addressed many of issues related to sustainability and sought opportunities to incorporate green elements and recycled content. An accomplished woodworker, Beach constructed more than 40 crosses from the trees that were removed during the construction. Those crosses now hang in classrooms and meeting spaces throughout campus.

“One of the things I love about woodworking is that it provides immediate results – I know right away if I’ve done it right or wrong,” Beach says. “It’s a nice balance because when you teach, you don’t get immediate results. Teaching is like parenting that way.”

Now in his 37th year teaching, Beach can take pride in the legacy of students he has “parented.”
Karen Brown, associate professor, wrote the article “High-Tech Communities: Using Social and Cultural Capital to Impact of Photography as a New Medium of Communication in Nineteenth-Century America,” published in EME: Explorations in Media and Society, Vol. 9-12 (2012). She also presented a paper with Mary Pat Fallon, associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, ‘‘New Media and New Designs for Creating Community,’’ at the 2011 Media Ecology Association Convention held in Edmonton, Canada, in June.

Christina Hagge, associate professor, edited the volume Crisis Information Management: Communication and Technologies (Chandos Publishing). She also was appointed to the American Library Association’s International Relations Roundtable Committee.

Kate Marek, professor, wrote a book “Using Web Analytics in the Library,” which was published in the American Library Association’s July 2011 Library Technology Reports. In October, Marek delivered a lecture titled “Organizational Storytelling” at the annual Illinois Library Association convention.

Mary Minow, professor, participated in the delegation of the International Federation of Library Associations at the World Intellectual Property Organization copyright session on library and archive exceptions, held in Geneva, Switzerland, in November. She also spoke on policy issues at Creating a Blueprint for Building a National Digital Public Library, a conference held at the Los Angeles Public Library, and was a panelist at the Maryland Ebooks Summit in Columbia, MD.

Christopher Stewart, assistant professor, completed his appointment as an editor of the Metrics column for The Journal of Academic Librarianship with the publication of his column, “Building Measurements: Assessing Success of the Library’s Changing Physical Space,” in the journal’s November 2011 issue. He also served on the Archival, Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Emerging Scholars Panel at the 2011 Media Ecology Association Convention in Chicago. Hagge was also the featured speaker, “For Paying Customers Only? Community Access at Urban Academic Libraries” for the eChicago@Dominican University Annual Community Informatics Symposium.

Greg Harman, assistant professor, discussed the effects of digital media on students for a panel at the Critical Questions in Education Conference in October.

Josephine Savio, see entry for Jodi Cressman, Office of the Provost.

Penny Silvers, associate professor and division chair of the masters of arts in education and reading specialist programs, presented “Today’s Multidisciplinary Students: The Role of Engaging Research and Assessment Possibilities in a Critical-Multiliteracies Primary Classroom” at the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) national conference in Chicago in November. She also presented “Critical Inquiry in a Primary Multiliteracies Classroom” at the annual statewide conference for Teachers of Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students in Oak Brook, IL, in December.

Graduate School of Library and Information Science

Graduate School of Social Work

Adrian Koh, associate professor, was an invited speaker at the Friends of the Center for Public Policy and Government’s Annual Program Meeting in Atlanta, GA, in November and was a member of CSRE’s Gero Ed Center panel on “Gerontology Curriculum Strategies and the Roles of Inclusion and Specialization,” where he presented “A Model to Set Up a Successful Gerontology Courses in Universities, Colleges and Sustainability.” He also presented “Seniors Skyping: A Digital Failure in Regulating Predatory Lending Practices” in the Journal of Legal Issues and Cases in Business.


Michael J. Sheldon, professor of accounting, presented a paper at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the American Accounting Association in New York, NY, in August.

Graduate students received the following awards.

Graduate School of Social Work: Patricia Fondriest Award.

Graduate School of Library and Information Science: Alumni Award.

Graduate School of Business
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Dear Classmates,

I have been writing to Dominican University continues to struggle with athletics. The soccer field has been redone and the men’s soccer team recently managed to win the first round of the Northeast Division III championships. This was their second straight win in the championship round! My daughter and I attended Dominican’s President’s Circle Dinner in Palmer Hall this past weekend. The annual Ballerina and Ballroom Dance competition was held the following day. It was a lovely celebration. I keep in touch with Adrienne Allen, as she lives close by. Adrienne is an active member of the 19th Century Club in Oak Park. Every Monday, the club holds a special program followed by a luncheon. She recently ran into Joyce Chiaro and beachcombers while lunching at Winnie’s in Oak Park. She also had the pleasure of talking to Virginia Roman Thomas recently; she is doing well, as is Doris Crowther Hultin, who has moved to the Bethlehem Senior Home in LaGrange Park. She lives close to her daughter and son, and often enjoys walking to their homes. I’m looking forward to hearing more from you. My blessings and prayers to you always.

-Penny Magnus Hovels, class agent

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Dear friends of our “salad days,”

Now that I know the editors of the Rosarian (and Omnibus—when you get that magazine, publication, remember?) felt as beleaguered as we were, this Dominican University class agent has been pressing her nose against the windowpane looking for the mail carrier to arrive with another issue of your book. Newly engaged? Just married? Portrait of a loved one? I’m sure you’re all busier than I am, but I still want to hear from each other. We can still string together some of the things we would do at noon and in the evening.

I’m fine and enjoying a retirement at the Mound, having left teaching and counseling seventeen years ago. We all have so much to be thankful for and for the way that we have more rooms behind us than in front of us. No one is left to “just listen” to me, and how wonderful that is. Our memories and joy at reuniting with old classmates was the highlight of the day. Students arrived on Friday and spent the weekend together in the beautiful buildings of Dominican University. Back in the day, it was more practical to stay overnight in Rosary classmate. Also saying hello are McSweeney, OP and Therese Dunne, OP. Greetings to all my fellow classmates!
Anne Platt Omelka ’88 and Mildred “Perky” of our alma mater as a university well positioned for had a front row seat in overseeing the development check: Donna Carroll, president for 18 years, has participate as if we had never left. Another reality among other categories of information it makes four pillars of Dominican’s strength and scope as a of this magazine gives concrete examples of those research and scholarship at Dominican. Each issue BELIEVE IT. We are truly living in another century, Love you all and we keep you in our prayers and Pat continues to raise funds for the Veterans’ from Australia stay for six weeks over the summer. her daughter, Mary, and her girls (Noelle and Maia) keeps busy with the Perpetual Adoration choir, Flood Cassidy, who died recently, for stroke in September; to the family of Barbara Thennisch sister-in-law, shares her pride in the order’s Sr. Patty faulty artery which caused two strokes. says, “Never did I dream that in my later years I, shares her responsibility to meet every one of the 117 Sisters of the Cenacle has been on the go fulfillment her social worker conscience speaking out against our son and family in Joplin, MO. We returned in July, attended and were happy to see so many of our and I 55th year since graduation.

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This is, of course, the year we turned 70 and we are all going to keep slowing down. I bought a cookbook this past spring and in addition to her business, she and her husband, Frank, were anticipating their 50th anniversary in the fall. Our class representative for Dominican gives us an early celebration in October when all of them could attend. Judy Cannon Bedwek had been to speak to her about her upcoming trip to Spain and were recapturing. Judy was concerned because the healing was progressing slowly. Our class representative for Arizona High School in Chicago arranged for a dinner to celebrate our 50th year since graduation. Betty Banas Gella and I attended and we were happy to see so many classmates active and well. The letter that Judy wrote had it written that she visited our son and family in Joplin, MO. We returned in July, and saw that the devastation of the May 22 tornado had caused. Our family was happy to respond to that disaster and collected 50,000 to help Joplin community recover. The weather in the year 2013 has certainly been volatile, and I hope all of you have been safe and well.

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Dear friends,

By the time you read this you will be spring 2013— barely two years until our 50th! As we lose some classmates, we are thinking about how we can celebrate with those special people who shared those life-changing years at Rosary. Our numbers probably won’t be as high, but we can still have a grand celebration in May. We now have more members of Annabell and Jeanie Scott also.

Jeanie Scott Hillebrand also had sad news— “My brother, John, passed away on August 20. My sister, Nancy, whom we knew and enjoyed a lot, is with the Lord. Her life was a blessing to all who knew her. Although she never had children, she loved and worked with children, primarily in the Jewish faith. She was the Sunday school teacher of our grandson and a midwife at the hospital where she and her husband, Joseph, owned.

Also volunteering, teaching and grandparenting is Kathy Markley Scruggs, who writes that this illness does not affect the brain; her feeding tube and monitor her oxygen levels. Debbie writes that this illness does not affect the brain; her

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Jeanne Crapo, OP, who was my first-year college professor, wrote in August, “So happy to learn you are in Shanghai and love it as much as gardening.”

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consultant for Abacus Rex and the accountant for

interesting things going on in our lives that would are your plans? I'm not going to do this alone, so

2 a.m. we realized we were the only class left, so we

Mary Larkin

Sue McLain Christensen

and

again be well represented with news. Hopefully by the next edition of the
dom.edu/magazine

has been there for three and half years and is

based in Oak Brook, IL. They provide financial

services to the poor in third-world countries. She

works for

2011 with Dell to lead their global messaging for

Andrea, and live in Inverness, IL.

Her children are doing well; her son is in 4th grade

now has several semi-adopted children that she

and web strategies overhaul for the Chicago-based

build the local economy.

I hope 2011 has been a good year for all of you.

Dear fellow classmates,

happy that the children are getting closer to moving

so I can add your stories to the next issue

As for me, I started a new job in January of 2010.

I am connected with many of you on Facebook

and/or LinkedIn. I would encourage you to send

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19th Reunion, June 8-10, 2012
Hector Villagran was recently named chief of legislative and intergovernmental affairs for the Illinois Department of Human Rights. He received his MBA from National Louis University in August 2009.
Katie Dinelli Moran is now controller in Outagamie County in Appleton, WI.
–Matthew Tolea and Katie Dinelli Moran, class agents

1998
Amber Crempich Atkins attended Grant Bailes.
Amber Crempich Atkins graduated from the Keller Graduate School of Management in February with her MBA. On September 10, 2011, she married Grant Bailes. Amber’s daughter, Sha Atkins, was a junior bridesmaid.
–Scott Hanak, class agent

1999
We have a new class email! Send us your news at classof99@dom.edu. Also, join us on Facebook at “Dominican University Class of 1999.”
–Christy Miklautsch Gumbach and Kane Green Honel, class agents

2001
Joseph Karzick is a firefighter/EMT for the city of Chicago. Kathleen Buettner Petcov is a Totally Simple Consultant in April 2011. Christine Lukaw was recently promoted to researcher at Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, OH, working in the advanced materials and applications. She writes, “Here, I work with new and innovative ways to better the world with one nano at a time, issuing my first publication in the class news section. You can find her on Facebook or email her at kbtpetcov@gmail.com.”
–Maria Salerno Conforti and Debbie Stewart, class agents

2002
10th Reunion, June 8-10, 2012
Debbie Stewart is now living in Denver, CO. She is currently working as a caregiver for elderly and hospice patients.
Do not hallucinate.

2003
Arturo Thompson joined the KSU School of Law as his assistant dean of career services in November 2011 after five years in private practice.

2004
2004

2005
Nicole Donatello and Scott Trifelock ’04 married last May in Rosary Chapel. Professor Janice Monti sends an update on her son Hedi Belkaoui MAE ’09, who heads the Jay Pritzker School in Cambodia. “The U.S. media has not given much coverage to the flooding in the region. It’s normally the worst in a decade. Thankfully, the water is finally receding and the school will reopen in two weeks as soon as the cleanup is finished.” In the meantime, the staff has been distributing sacks of rice to the students’ families who were barely getting by even before this disaster. These photos show the flooding at the school and how the rice distribution was managed with boats to and from the poorest villages.” Hedi’s wife, Hedy Morin Belkaoui ’06, MAE ’13, and her younger sister Yecenia Morin ’01, also teach at the school.
–Joe Bruno and Brenda Foster, class agents

2006
John Hannes recently started a job as communications coordinator for a nonprofit organization called StiSlayHead, which runs literacy programs for inner-city school children. She is also finishing up her master’s degree in public relations/communications at DePaul.

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5th reunion, June 8-10, 2012
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2011
For the past three years, Natacca has continued to work as a licensing representative for the specialized nursing care agency Segerian Services, Inc. In May, she also started attending The Chicago School of Professional Psychology to obtain her master’s degree in psychology with a concentration in children and adolescents.
James Tekun was published in The FASEB Journal, a leading biology journal, on July 29, 2011, for his article “Vimentin is Sufficient and Required for Wound Repair and Remodeling in Alveolar Epithelial Cells” (PMID: 21803859). He also gave a talk, “Vimentin-Null Mice are Protected from Hypertensive Aneurysm by Way of Failing to Recruit Components of the Inflammazone,” at the second annual Northwestern Lung Symposium.

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Thank you for your question. Please be sure to keep us updated! Email your class agent at ClassOf@dom.edu, or join the Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/DJCclassof09.

---Journey Jay Calado and Eileen Terrien, class agents

2009

In May 2015, Taylor Elsbyman graduated from the University of Rochester School of Nursing. Taylor also passed the NCLSA RN and is now an angulated nurse.

Lindsey Bournet is in her third year of teaching at Saint Ferdinand School. She is currently teaching first grade and coaching cheerleading.

Melissa Bond married Rob Drancizarek in the Priory Chapel.

Melissa Bond and Robert Drancizarek were married on August 5, 2015, at Dominican’s Priory Chapel. In addition to being a newlywed, Melissa is in her second year of teaching at St. Pascal School in Chicago, where she teaches second grade.

Valerie Picketon is a legal benefits authorizer for the Social Security Administration. She is a member of the LGDBO Awareness Committee and the Federal Women’s program.

---Lindsey Bournet, Melissa Bond Drancizarek and Shannon Sotron, class agents

2011

Brennan School of Business

Patrick Pudelka was named a New Business MBA ’11, RN, BSN, MS, PhD, was honored at Alverno College in October with their Professional Achievement Award for her dedication and distinguished career as a nurse, educator and administrator.

Michael Robles MBA ’05 is now a financial analyst for Old North America.

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2010

Upon graduation, Jacqueline Comfole was offered a position with a start-up entertainment company, and accepted as BMBA the year after this company, she worked at a non-profit organization that utilizes young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service to keep students in school and on track to graduation.

Michelle Nowak Schimick is a recruitment coordinator for City Colleges of Chicago, where she teaches second grade.

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March

Ragamala Dance
Saturday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.
Lund Auditorium

Senior Thesis Art Exhibition – Part One
March 28 – April 7
O'Connor Art Gallery

Siena Center Lecture:
Bren Ortega Murphy, PhD
A Question of Habit
Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m.
Bluhm Lecture Hall, Parmer Hall

Fifth Annual African American & Latino Social Work Symposium
Thursday, March 29, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Parmer Auditorium

2012 Student Fashion Show
March 30 – April 1
Lund Auditorium

April

2012 Exposition of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Investigations
Wednesday, April 4, 9 a.m.
Parmer Hall

Global Learning Symposium
Wednesday, April 4, 4 p.m.
Parmer Hall

Senior Thesis Art Exhibition – Part Two
April 12 - 21
O'Connor Art Gallery

The Night of the Iguana
Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 15
Martin Recital Hall

School of Education: Honoring the Profession
Monday, April 16, 6 p.m.
Social Hall

Albertus Magnus Society Lecture
Daniel Dinello, MFA
Dr. Frankenstein’s Footsteps: A Critical Look at Some Key Films
Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m.
Bluhm Lecture Hall, Parmer Hall

Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives
Saturday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.
Lund Auditorium

May

Baccalaureate Mass
Friday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.
Rosary Chapel

Candle and Rose
Friday, May 4, Dusk
Quad

Commencement
Saturday, May 5
11 a.m. Undergraduates
3 p.m. Graduate students
Lund Auditorium

Blues and the Spirit III: A Symposium on Race, Gender and the Blues
Friday, May 18
Saturday, May 19
Parmer Hall

June

Alumnae/i Weekend
Friday, June 8, through Sunday, June 10
Lund Auditorium

August

Welcome Weekend
Friday, August 24, through Sunday, August 26
Lund Auditorium

First Day of Classes
Monday, August 27

September

Centes Veritas Symposium
Tuesday, September 25

Rose K. and John P. Goedert left a lasting footprint on Dominican University’s campus—the Rose K. Goedert Center for Early Childhood Education, dedicated in the spring of 2006. John, known as “Jack”, now deceased, long wished to honor his wife’s memory and her commitment to the education of all children. He began funding the center during his lifetime through a gift to the Amazing Possibilities Campaign and at that same time, added a provision in his estate plan to further fund this memorial project after his death. Through Jack’s thoughtful philanthropic planning and vision, quality early childhood education flourishes at Dominican, providing a lasting legacy for the Goedert Family.

Rose Kelliker Goedert graduated from Rosary College in 1936, following her sisters Agnes Kelliler ’29 and Anne Kelliler Lynch ’32. The year she graduated, she met Jack Goedert at a Rosary Sunday tea dance. Jack, a graduate of a Catholic high school, university and law school, was an attorney and certified public accountant. The two were married in 1940. Later, as Rose continued her education toward a master’s degree in social work, the Goederts learned that their infant son was deaf. This significant event focused the Goederts’ interests on education for children. Rose and John became lifelong advocates for early childhood education and inspired many others along the way.

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Blues and the Spirit III

The Blues and the Spirit Symposium was destined for success when, on the first night of the first symposium in the spring of 2008, a welcome reception with live music by Chicago bluesman Larry Taylor spontaneously erupted into an all-out jam session. Two years later, a sold-out crowd of music and history scholars and fans commemorated the centennial of Howlin’ Wolf’s birth and the 40th anniversary of Living Blues magazine at the second symposium in 2010.

At this spring’s Blues and the Spirit III: A Symposium on Race, Gender and the Blues, participants will hear from an eclectic group of young scholars, prominent musicologists, writers, musicians and industry leaders, as well be treated to two nights of first-class Chicago blues at popular area blues clubs. The hours of 4 p.m. on Friday, May 18, into the wee hours of Sunday, May 20, will be jam-packed with keynote addresses, panel presentations, awards and of course, spectacular blues music.

To register and learn more, go to dom.edu/blues.