DePaul University is establishing a new School of Hospitality Leadership with the support of a $7.5 million gift — the university’s second largest private donation ever — from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The school will help address the hospitality industry’s growing need for highly educated, diverse management.

“We are pleased to support DePaul University in launching this innovative hospitality leadership program in a sector known for creating employment opportunities for all, especially given the foundation’s legacy in this industry,” says Edmund J. Cain, vice president, grant programs for the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

“The foundation hopes that its challenge grant will motivate others, particularly those from the hotel and restaurant sector, to support this important endeavor.”

Based in DePaul’s College of Commerce, the school will offer a bachelor’s degree in hospitality leadership beginning in fall 2009 to prepare students for management roles at hotels, restaurants, convention and tourism ventures, spas and related leisure industries.

The program will address a growing shortage of qualified, skilled employees and a significant lack of diversity among hospitality managers, as well as provide educational opportunities for qualified Chicago hospitality workers desiring to enter management but lacking the educational background.

Ongoing fundraising will support DePaul’s plans to add graduate degrees, continuing education programs and a research center at the school. To support the hospitality leadership program, call Denny Moller, senior director of development for the College of Commerce, at (312) 362-6307.

Learn more at commerce.depaul.edu
Four companies launch new Corporate Giving Campaigns

DePaul’s Corporate Giving Campaign program is rapidly expanding, with seven companies now hosting campaigns.

Accounting firm RSM McGladrey, financial planning firm Ameriprise Financial, law firm Mayer Brown and investment bank Merrill Lynch are launching campaigns this year in support of DePaul.

Corporate Giving Campaigns create a DePaul community within a company by connecting alumni to each other and DePaul. Campaigns include special DePaul events, volunteer opportunities and an optional giving component.

“Our campaign is about reconnecting with an old friend,” says Paul Nockels (COM ‘92), managing director in RSM McGladrey’s Chicago office and a champion for the company’s campaign.

“DePaul played an important role in preparing me for my career, and this is a phenomenal opportunity to help DePaul through giving or volunteering,” he says.

Fellow McGladrey Corporate Champion Katarina Babic (COM ’05) sees both a personal and professional reason for being involved.

“The campaign has reconnected me to DePaul and given me the opportunity to see how much DePaul has accomplished and how it has improved even since I graduated,” says Babic. “On the professional side, I recruit DePaul students to McGladrey, and this campaign is a great way to build a connection between students, alumni at McGladrey and the university.”

In the last fiscal year, Corporate Giving Campaigns raised some $220,000 for DePaul through employee gifts and corporate matching gifts.

To learn more about supporting or starting a Corporate Giving Campaign, contact Janine Bobko, assistant director of Corporate Relations, at (312) 362-8573.

Learn more at giving.depaul.edu
Mary A. Dempsey (JD ’82), Chicago Library commissioner and chair of the DePaul University Board of Trustees, was honored in September by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Illinois. The ACLU awarded her the Harry Kalven Freedom of Expression Award for leadership in fighting for open access to all types of materials and books. To learn more about DePaul’s board of trustees, visit secretary.depaul.edu.

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Leading family lawyer pledges $200,000 to College of Law

Bernard Rinella (JD ’61), a leading Illinois family lawyer and senior partner of Rinella & Rinella, Ltd., and his wife, Gloria, recently pledged $200,000 to create the Bernard B. and Gloria L. Rinella Endowed Scholarship in the College of Law.

“Students and new lawyers are under enormous financial pressure from education loans,” says Bernard Rinella. “I hope we can help take away some of this pressure and let students focus on practicing law, which benefits both students and their employers.” The scholarship continues more than 20 years of support for the College of Law. In addition to his philanthropic support, Rinella has hired DePaul students as interns and employees, and he serves on several College of Law committees.

“He provided me with a great, practical education and connections to Chicago’s judicial and legal professions,” says Rinella. “I feel an obligation to give back to my alma mater.” Following graduation, Rinella joined the firm founded by his parents and fellow alumni, Samuel (JD ’28) and Kathryn (JD ’27). During his career, Rinella has served as president of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and chaired a number of Chicago and Illinois bar association committees. He was named the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers’ Fellow of the Year in 2004 and one of the top 10 American divorce lawyers by Town and Country Magazine in 1998.

To support the College of Law, contact Kevin Fortwendel, assistant dean, alumni relations and development, at (312) 362-5232.

Capos create first endowed scholarship in communication

Longtime Chicago journalist and DePaul alumnus Joe Cappo (LAS ’57) and his wife, Mary Anne, created the first endowed scholarship for the College of Communication. This fall, the scholarship will be awarded to a College of Communication junior or senior who is the first in his or her family to attend college, reinforcing DePaul’s commitment to first-generation college students. To support the College of Communication, call Wendy Irvine, development director, at (312) 362-7135.

Ford partnership supports multicultural marketing

Ford Motor Company and DePaul University have joined forces to help provide students and professionals with a strong understanding of marketing in today’s multicultural business environment. Through the partnership, Ford Motor Company becomes a founding member of the corporate advisory board for DePaul’s Multicultural Marketing Program and the exclusive sponsor of a multicultural marketing conference planned by DePaul. For more information on corporate partnerships, contact Gregg Fort, senior director of Corporate Relations, at (312) 362-5917.
In his words...

Jim Troxel

While in his forties, Jim Troxel (SNL MA ’93) returned to school to earn a master’s degree from DePaul’s School for New Learning (SNL). He subsequently founded Millennia Consulting, a Chicago-based firm that helps public service organizations manage change. Troxel remains involved with DePaul, including serving as an advisory council member for the President’s Club, DePaul’s premier annual giving society. His wife, Karen, earned a master’s degree from SNL in 1996.

How has DePaul made a difference in your life?

Troxel: SNL was the perfect match for me as an adult learner, as it enabled me to create a master’s degree around my professional interest in organizational transformation. Shortly after graduation, I published my first book and launched my consulting business, neither of which would have happened had it not been for DePaul.

Why do you make unrestricted gifts to DePaul?

Troxel: I began by directing my gifts to SNL, since that’s where I received my degree. As I became more involved with DePaul, I realized that all of its programs — from the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center to the Egan Urban Center to the Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning — are worthy of support. I trust the university’s leadership to determine the most important priorities to fund.

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The President’s Club recognizes annual donors of $1,000 or more. Learn more at alumni.depaul.edu/PresidentsClub.

Third annual reunion celebrates DePaul graduates

Hundreds of alumni and their guests came to DePaul to celebrate Reunion 2008, held Oct. 17-19. Throughout the weekend, alumni reunited with classmates and professors, reminisced and returned to campus to see the changes taking place at their alma mater.

The Reunion Dinner and Celebration, held at the Union League Club of Chicago, attracted more than 200 alumni and guests, including three sisters who married three fraternity brothers after meeting them at DePaul. Speaking for the three couples, Patricia Cienkus (LAS ’62) says, “We enjoyed our years [at DePaul]…and now we like to look at the new campus.”

Other Reunion events included a Reunion Luncheon in honor of graduates from 50 or more years ago, a young alumni gathering at McGee’s Tavern & Grille, and tours of the Lincoln Park Campus, Loop Campus and the new Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building. Nearly 250 alumni, friends and faculty also attended the College of Law Reunion held at the Hotel InterContinental.

Along with reconnecting with DePaul during Reunion festivities, alumni in Reunion years gave more than $277,000 to the university this year, including nearly $66,000 from College of Law alumni.

DePaul is already planning next year’s celebration, scheduled for Oct. 16-18, 2009. If your class year ends in a “4” or “9” and you are interested in volunteering for a Reunion class committee, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (800) 437-1898.

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PATRICIA CIENKUS (LAS ’62)
Events at DePaul

January

6 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building on the Lincoln Park Campus

24 Nationwide Alumni Game Watch
Featuring the DePaul men’s basketball team playing Marquette University

Featuring Patricia Werhane, executive director of DePaul’s Institute for Business and Professional Ethics

February

19 Alumni Reception in Phoenix
Featuring the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University

March

5 Law Alumni Awards Dinner
Benefiting DePaul’s Center for Public Interest Law

For more information, contact the Office of Advancement at (312) 362-8666.

During Reunion 2008, alumni got a peek at the inside of the new Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building on the Lincoln Park Campus. Behind them is a mural of St. Vincent de Paul, digitally composed with 2,496 images of DePaul science students, which graces the building’s main staircase.

For questions or comments about Advancing DePaul, contact Anne Divita Kopacz, editor, at (312) 362-6616 or adivitak@depaul.edu.