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Since We Were Last Together

Your university keeps moving onward and upward.
There’s always a lot going on around campus and in the lives of DePaul alumni that attracts attention from Chicago to the global community.
Here are just a few such items since our last issue.

DePaul was one of four Chicago universities profiled in U.S. News & World Report’s annual “Best Colleges” issue this summer. The story focused on DePaul’s commitment to social justice issues and the commitment of our students to serve the broader community.

Athletics Director Jean Lenti Ponsetto was recognized by her peers in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) as one of four regional Under Armour AOs of the Year. Ponsetto was selected as the Division I winner from the central region.

A new 10-year master plan for the Lincoln Park Campus focuses on creating music, theatre and other facilities to match the excellence of DePaul’s arts programs and serve the community. The university expects public hearings to be conducted on the proposal later this year.

Charles Strain, professor of religious studies, was awarded a Fulbright Specialist grant to engage in a month of events at Adamson University, a Vincentian institution in Manila, Philippines, this fall.

The Center for Community Research received a $1.4 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the Oxford House model as a method of improving alcohol and drug treatment success among Latinos.

Journalists from across the country attended a McCormick Foundation Specialized Reporting Institute on Chicago’s 2016 Summer Olympics bid from Sept. 13 to 15. The institute was hosted by DePaul’s College of Communication and coordinated by Mike Conklin, journalism faculty member.

The National Foreign Language Center awarded $269,000 to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to help train Arabic- and Chinese-language teachers and provide courses in these languages to high school students. These projects are part of the STARTALK initiative.
DePaul IHS Study Indicates Downturn in Chicago Rental Housing Market

Rental housing vacancies have been trending upward in most areas of Chicago over the past two years, resulting in a 1.5 percent decrease in rents on average since the beginning of this year, according to a new study issued by DePaul's Institute for Housing Studies (IHS), a partner organization of The Preservation Compact.

Growth in vacancies could put at risk the city's stock of affordable rental units if it leads to abandonment of the properties, according to IHS Director James Shilling, the M.J. Horne Chair in Real Estate Studies at DePaul and Urban Land Institute Academic Fellow.

Citywide, the vacancy rate has increased to 6.2 percent in the second quarter of 2009 from 5 percent in 2007, the research found. Compared to the prior period and adjusted for inflation, rents declined in all areas of the city except for the North Side during the second quarter of 2009. While the study's rent data included all sizes of multifamily rental buildings, the vacancy rates were primarily based on smaller, two-to-four unit buildings.

The study showed that rental vacancies over the past two years rose significantly in the South, Far South, Southwest and West areas of Chicago. The Far South submarket posted the biggest jump in vacancies, growing to 6.1 percent from 3.8 percent since 2007. The West submarket now posts the highest vacancy rate, 9.8 percent, up from 7.9 percent two years ago.

"This really is the tale of two cities. While a number of communities on the North Side are holding their own, overall, most areas of the city are feeling the economic chill," Shilling says.

"The South and Southwest Sides are experiencing a big decline in household formation," Shilling explains. "People are losing their jobs and moving back with family, or doubling up in rental units, which increases vacancies. The percentage of vacancies in these areas now far exceeds what occurred during the last recession after 9/11. And the situation appears to be getting worse."

Interestingly, the effects of the poor economy and rising unemployment have not been seen in the North submarket, the study found.

"The North Side market has seen a slight decrease in vacancies and virtually no decline in rents," Shilling says. "In this part of the city, owners of single-family homes and condominium units who are losing their jobs appear to be moving back into the rental market, which has stabilized rents and vacancies."

The study is the first in a series of reports that IHS, in partnership with The Preservation Compact, plans to issue to provide government housing agencies, preservationists and community organizations with reliable and impartial data about the state of affordable rental housing in Cook County and guide collaborative efforts to save this housing. In addition to updating the rental and vacancy report quarterly, upcoming studies will delve into trends involving multifamily building foreclosures in the region and the suburban Cook County rental housing market.
New Science Building Garners a LEED Gold, Mayor’s Praise

The energy-efficient and green technology incorporated into DePaul’s new Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building was highlighted this fall when the building was awarded a gold LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Mayor Richard M. Daley (LAW ’68) applauded the university’s contribution to Chicago’s environment.

“In Chicago, the environment is a major component of our strategy to attract people and jobs, remain competitive into the future, and improve the quality of life for all our residents,” says Daley. “Buildings such as the Andrew J. McGowan Science Building are helping to achieve a range of environmental benefits, and they lead us to a conclusion that I know is shared by DePaul University: Environmentalism makes economic sense. I applaud DePaul’s leadership. Their actions can serve as a model for all building operators to follow as we work to improve public health, save money, create jobs and improve the quality of life for all Chicagoans.”

Certification is especially difficult for a laboratory facility to earn because it uses as much as five to 10 times as much energy as an office building of comparable size, according to Robert Janis, vice president for Facility Operations. Also remarkable is the fact that the building was built within its original budget.

“We knew we were going to have a LEED-certified building within our budget, and we were probably going to have silver. But gold, that is really exciting,” says James Montgomery, chair of the environmental science department, which shares the building with the chemistry department.

“You can design a gold building—you’re going to pay for it. But how we got to our LEED gold rating speaks very much to the creativity of the architects and Bob [Janis] being very vigilant and very demanding,” Montgomery says.

“We hit both the basic readily achievable items to score LEED points on and then dug deeper to implement other approaches in which to score additional points,” Janis says.

Among the many energy-efficient design features that contribute to a projected 24 percent energy savings are thermal mass walls, high-efficiency natural gas boilers and water heaters, efficient lighting, a green roof and reflective roof surfaces, and a storm water management plan to eliminate runoff. Construction utilized regional materials and those with recycled content. Building materials with low emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were used.

The green roof demonstration garden contains only native species, such as dogwood shrubs, blue asters, sea oats, coneflower and prairie dropseed.

“It’s a great teaching tool and a great research tool,” says Judy Bramble, associate professor in the environmental science department.

Mark Potosnak, an assistant professor in the environmental science department who studies how plants interact with the atmosphere, says one of his student research assistants recently sampled emissions in the garden to see if any plants were emitting VOCs, which can produce negative effects on the atmosphere. (They weren’t.)

A large greenhouse on the roof provides additional space for student and faculty research. Assistant Professor Sarah Richardson’s students, for example, are experimenting with the effects, in particular conditions, of certain prairie fungi on native plants—studies which may contribute to successful prairie restoration.

Visit depaul.edu/magazine for videos of the LEED award ceremony and building tour.
Girls in Summer Program Find Science is Fun

Seventh-graders Jamille Robinson and Erica Wagner's eyes lit up as the mini-robot they created spun in circles like a break dancer.

"At first I thought it was going to be boring, but it's fun. I'm learning a lot," said Wagner, 12, about the free weeklong summer science program for sixth- and seventh-graders held at the Lincoln Park Campus.

School of Education Assistant Professor Hanna Kim organized the hands-on, inquiry-based program in an effort to offset the growing trend of urban girls losing interest in science and technology in their middle-school years. Eighty girls participated in this year's program as part of Kim's Inquiry-Based Science and Technology Enrichment Program (InSTEP), which was funded for the second year by a Motorola Foundation Innovation grant.

"We want them to learn about science in a fun, hands-on way. Our goal is to give them the confidence they need to know they can do it," said Kim. "We encourage them to explore everyday science. We want to make it interesting for them."

The girls used toothbrushes and cell phone motors to make "vibrobot," made potato clocks and used GPS tracking systems and Google Earth to locate items buried in a city park. The weeklong program concluded with a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry, where the girls worked in a forensic lab and met female science educators.

Many of the students who participated in the program are from inner-city public schools.

"It's a week of science activities to show that there are multiple forms of science, like earth science, chemistry, biology, physics and robotics. It's a way to boost their confidence in science and themselves," said instructor Lizette Watanabe, who graduated in March with a bachelor of science in elementary education from DePaul and helped teach the program.

"I'm very glad I came. It's a lot of fun," said Alexis McIlrath, 12, a student at O.A. Thorpe Scholastic Academy and aspiring geologist. "I think some girls think it's not popular to be smart, but it's OK to be smart."
Proctor-Rogers Assumes Newly Created PR Post

Cheryl Procter-Rogers joined the university in late August to fill the newly created position of vice president for Public Relations and Communications. Reporting to the president, Procter-Rogers is responsible for integrating and strengthening university-wide communication efforts to promote and enhance DePaul’s visibility.

During her 30-year career, Procter-Rogers, 51, has worked with a variety of corporations in a number of business sectors. She served in management positions for HBO, Nielsen Marketing Research and Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. As a consultant, her clients have included Coca-Cola, Nissan, Allstate, McCain Foods and Magellan Corp.

“Cheryl brings not only broad experience, but broad respect among her peers nationally,” says the Rev. Dennis H. Hoftsneider, C.M., president. “I’ve asked her to coordinate the many messages we send and, more importantly, to make DePaul better known throughout the nation."

“It is an honor to join a distinguished team of leaders committed to the Vincentian philosophy of providing access to a quality education to students from diverse backgrounds. This mission will guide our work as we build upon DePaul’s rich history and impressive future,” Procter-Rogers says.

She was the 2006 national president and CEO of the Public Relations Society of America, a volunteer position. She has authored many articles, contributed to several books, been featured in many publications and is frequently quoted in the media on matters pertaining to the public relations industry.

Procter-Rogers served as professional advisor to the Public Relations Student Society of America at DePaul for several years before agreeing to serve on the newly formed advisory council for DePaul’s College of Communication last year. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Bradley University and an MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management.

Distinguished Jurist and Teacher Wolfson Leads College of Law

Illinois Appellate Court Judge Warren D. Wolfson was appointed interim dean in the College of Law on Aug. 15. His legal career includes 33 years on the bench, 18 years in private practice specializing in criminal defense and decades of teaching for the University of Chicago and at the IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law.

“We are proud to welcome this accomplished legal professional who possesses a comprehensive understanding of both the teaching and practice of law,” says Helmut Epp, provost.

Wolfson represented many high-profile defendants, including members of the Black Panthers and Radical Democrats. As an advocate for those most in need of justice, Wolfson feels an affinity for DePaul’s mission. “I’ve always been impressed by DePaul’s commitment to social justice. What has impressed me most is the work of its clinics and institutes, which serve clients who are in need.”

Wilson looks forward to combining his passion for law and education as a dean. “I was greatly honored when DePaul leadership approached me and asked me to consider joining the university. I am dedicated to building on the accomplishments of DePaul’s law students and its distinguished faculty, where I have a number of friends with whom I look forward to working. Also, many young lawyers do not know what it is like to be in the trenches fighting for those in need. I want to encourage students to live exciting lives as lawyers and to represent those who require representation the most but who may not get it.”
Fourth Annual Edition:

Success Stories

from 14 Alumni Under 40

The real measures of a DePaul education are the accomplishments of its alumni—not only professional successes, but creativity and satisfaction in other facets of life. Each year, we call on members of the community, including alumni, faculty, staff and others, to nominate alumni who distinguish themselves in some important way. We then choose 14 of them, with the goal of representing schools and colleges across the university. The result is an inspiring, interesting mix of people, professions and achievements.

We hope you'll enjoy the pages that follow and that you'll write and tell us about yourself or other remarkable alumni. E-mail us at depaulmag@depaul.edu.
Brooks Boyer (COM ’01)
Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer
Chicago White Sox

Forty thousand black hand-towels sat on a truck in Wisconsin, seven hours from Chicago’s South Side, waiting for Brooks Boyer to give the word.

Boyer was counting the minutes through a three-hour rain delay and seven innings of baseball during the White Sox’s final regular-season game last fall. If they won, it would force a one-game playoff for the Central Division championship. Then Alexei Ramirez hit a grand slam, essentially clinching the win, and Boyer told the truck and his staff to get rolling. He had less than 24 hours to fill U.S. Cellular Field and create a spectacular fan experience. The Blackout was under way.

When the White Sox took the field the next night, they were greeted by a sellout crowd of 40,354, nearly all of them Chicago fans, nearly all of them wearing black—and waving those towels.

It’s an evening that’s entered Chicago sports lore, but more importantly, it’s indelibly etched on the minds of the fans who experienced it—and that’s something that Boyer strives to do every game.

“We can’t control anything that happens out on the field, but we certainly can control everything that goes on around the field,” says Boyer, who joined the Sox in 2004 after 10 seasons with the Bulls. He’s enlivened the atmosphere inside and outside the park with fan favorites like acoustic jams and Mullet Night, the Comcast Fundamentals Deck for kids, bingo for seniors and value specials for families. He’s also led the creation of acclaimed advertising campaigns that capture the team’s style and capitalize on players’ individual quirks (yes, A.J. Pierzynski does practice doing everything left-handed).

“We want to create a second-to-none fan experience for everybody who walks in the doors,” says Boyer, who credits his DePaul MBA professors and classmates with giving him insights into problem-solving across a wide range of industries.

It’s working. Total combined attendance at U.S. Cellular Field was 12.42 million for 2004-08, the highest in franchise history for any five-year period. (The World Series championship in 2005 didn’t hurt.) That turnstile success led Crain’s Chicago Business and the Sports Business Journal to both name Boyer to their 40 Under 40 lists.

Boyer is quick to share the credit with his marketing team, who have been coached by College of Commerce Professor Joel Whalen. “The pleasure I get is … having people acknowledge that we are creating a pretty good experience out here.”

Karen Aldridge (THE ’01)
Actress

Karen Aldridge is forever grateful that her mother made her take French in high school.

Soon after earning her master’s degree at DePaul, Aldridge auditioned for the English-language staging of “Le Costume.” Backstage, a casting agent thrust a copy of the play in its original French form at Aldridge and asked if she could read it.

“I’ve always been really good at reading and speaking French. … It comes out of my mouth easily,” says Aldridge. Famed director Peter Brook thought so, too, and Aldridge suddenly found herself in Paris, playing the lead for the show’s 11-month international tour.

“Le Costume was just an incredible experience on so many levels,” says Aldridge, who was fascinated by the varying reactions to her character, a penitent adulteress. “In most of the countries, most of the people sympathized with her; [the play is] heartbreakingly at the end. But in African nations, specifically in Burkina Faso, most of the people were very unforgiving. The attitude was, ‘Well, that’s what she gets.’”

After returning to Chicago, Aldridge starred similarly powerful emotions—and garnered Jeff Award nominations—for “The Cook” at the Goodman Theatre and “In the Blood” at the Next Theatre. The plays were notable for their colorblind casting. In “The Cook,” Aldridge played firsthand an Afro-Cuban woman; for “In the Blood,” her children were both white and black.

“Chicago is a very segregated city, and yet in the arts, it’s still leaps and bounds ahead of Bay Area theatre,” says Aldridge, who was raised on the outskirts of San Francisco and is currently appearing in Santa Cruz, Calif., in “Shipwrecked! The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as told by himself).” On the West Coast, she’s primarily considered for roles that specify an African-American actress. In Chicago, “they’ll give the talent you have a chance.”

That’s why Aldridge could spend most of the past year doing classical work with Chicago Shakespeare Theater, including an acclaimed turn as Lady Macbeth. Having explored the Bard’s monologues, she now wants to find a physical play that challenges her to convey meaning through movement, a technique emphasized by her Theatre School professors.

“That was the base of our training, where emotions fit in the body. We’re made to move,” says Aldridge, who stays in touch with several faculty members, especially John Jenkins.

“He’s just an incredible human being, an incredible performer and an amazing teacher. … I’m always using what he taught.”
Angela Rogensues (SNL '09)
Social Justice Advocate

Angela Rogensues says she knows it sounds clichéd, but she wants to change the world. All of her work—paid and unpaid—turns her words into action.

For the past year, Rogensues worked for the Cook County Sheriff’s Department of Women’s Justice Services laying the groundwork for and serving as a program mentor and coordinator for a virtual high school program that launched in January at the county jail for women ages 17 to 21. The students take online classes and earn a diploma, rather than a GED, through the Chicago Public Schools.

After work, Rogensues volunteers between 10 and 25 hours a week as director of operations for The Dreamcatcher Foundation, which works with girls and women ages 12 to 25 who are involved in the sex trade or human trafficking world or are at high risk for being sexually exploited.

The foundation, which Rogensues runs with two other women, is based in Chicago’s Englewood neighborhood and funded out of pocket. It provides educational, health, counseling, personal development and employment placement services, but its main goal is to inspire the young women to dream for a better life and broaden their options.

The young women get an opportunity to talk about issues that no one else talks to them about, like sex, HIV and STDs, prostitution, and pimps. “A pimp or someone who wants to exploit a girl might know that she really wants to go to prom. They’ll buy her a dress as a way to reel her in,” Rogensues says. “Whether it’s getting a prom dress or paying for a telephone bill or school supplies, we try to be that resource so they’re not looking elsewhere for it.”

Rogensues was drawn to DePaul and the School for New Learning because of its commitment to social justice. Shortly after she began the master of arts in educating adults program, she realized how much she had been teaching since she moved to Chicago four years ago to start her social work career. “Social work is individual education,” she says.

The Community Renewal Society recognized Rogensues’ commitment to social justice in May with a 35 Under 35 Leadership Award. She also serves on the Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Women.

Rogensues says she’s a dreamer, but she gives herself daily doses of reality. “I remind myself that tomorrow is not promised. Thinking this way forces me to reflect back to today. I ask myself, ‘Do I feel comfortable with the work I’ve done so far?’ If not, then that’s a cause for a conversation with myself about what I need to change.”

Jason M. Bristow (COM ’95)
Treasurer
Amazon.com

While studying at the Budapest School of Economics with a DePaul program in 1994, Jason Bristow had an insight that helped him create the international career he has today at Amazon.com.

“The whole of Eastern and Central Europe was opening, and it was a very exciting time to be there,” he says. “The program was in English, but native English-speakers were in the minority. I realized that if you were going to be competing in the world marketplace, you had better do something to remain competitive—learn languages or at least understand how cultures work and realize that the way of doing business in the United States isn't the only way.”

Bristow—who grew up in Canada, traveled extensively and has an English father—always had a goal of living and working abroad. Along with his work in the College of Commerce, Bristow studied political science with a focus on Eastern Europe and Russia. He credits “DePaul's good strong balance between real-world experience and the classroom text book” with enabling him to “hit the ground running both in business school [at Pennsylvania State University] and beyond.”

While he was in the treasury department at General Electric, Bristow worked in Holland for three years, where he and his wife, Heather, who also was employed by GE, had the opportunity to “work hard and play hard,” he says. From there, he was recruited for the treasurer's job at Amazon.

Today, working with a company that does about 50 percent of its business outside North America, Bristow says, “I get the best of both worlds: I get to work for a fantastic company, yet I get to be very external facing, in that I’m constantly working with the stock markets of the world, the real money centers of the world, whether it’s London or Tokyo.”

He also enjoys what he calls the company’s “entrepreneurial feel.” He jokes, “My business card has said the same thing for six years, and my job has been different every day.”

Bristow hasn’t forgotten the value of the experience he had in Hungary. Last fall, he and his wife endowed a scholarship for DePaul students who want to study abroad in Eastern or Central Europe. “I wouldn’t trade that experience for the world. I’ve held it near and dear to my heart,” he says.
Luis O. Sanchez (LAS '02)
Policy Director
Office of the Secretary of Defense

When Luis Sanchez was learning to write policy papers in his public service management courses at DePaul, he never thought he would be using those skills to help develop policy for the conflict in Afghanistan. “I’ve never imagined myself where I am today,” he says, “working where I’m working and talking with whom I’m talking.”

Sanchez works in Washington, D.C., for the European NATO office in the Department of Defense (DoD), where he is involved in high-level strategy. “I was part of the President’s Pakistan-Afghanistan Strategy Review team—a very small, intimate group between the State Department and DoD. My office primarily focuses on the allied and the international efforts in Afghanistan. We’re the ones that work with Allies and international partners on their efforts in Afghanistan.”

Educating “the entire global audience” about NATO’s efforts in Afghanistan is another important goal. “There are a lot of players. It’s not just a U.S. mission, it’s also an international mission,” says Sanchez.

Sanchez first went to Washington during his senior year at Loyola University in Chicago to intern with Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) as part of a national summer program with Latino appointed and elected officials. Sanchez stayed to work for Gutierrez for two years in Washington and Chicago, and the two still have monthly lunches together.

After two years of graduate study in DePaul’s School of Public Service, Sanchez landed the Presidential Management Fellowship, a national program that enabled him to market himself to federal agencies. Rotations with the Office of the Secretary of the Navy and the policy office for the Secretary of Defense led to opportunities to work on such projects as counter-narcotics in Colombia and stability in Haiti. After the fellowship ended, Sanchez landed a “dream job,” he says, working on Latin American policies for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and serving as his regional director for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Sanchez says he always knew he would do “something important” because of his “drive and passion.” His mother knew, too; she tells the story of 7-year-old Luis surrounded by a group of her women friends as he engaged them in a discussion.

As to the policy papers he wrote at DePaul, Sanchez says, “I would write three or four pages, and now I have to write a policy memo that can’t be longer than a page. Now I know where my professors were coming from.”

Ronza Othman (LAS/LAW ’06)

Ronza Othman may rub shoulders with some of the highest-ranking U.S. government officials, but she also lends an ear to some of the most underrepresented U.S. citizens.

In her job as a policy advisor for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in Washington, D.C., Othman is responsible for the department’s outreach and engagement efforts for the American-Arab, Muslim, South Asian, Sikh, Somali and Middle Eastern communities in Chicago, the Twin Cities and other areas throughout the United States.

Othman travels about 40 percent of the time to talk with members of these communities. “I meet with individual leaders and groups to ensure that these populations learn about local, state and federal government programs. I also bring their input and concerns back to government leadership in Washington. My colleagues and I might then advise the Secretary of Homeland Security, or we might actually brief the White House or members of Congress.

“I’d like to do this kind of work for the rest of my life,” Othman says.

But before Othman began walking the halls of the Capitol, she was gaining her footing as a graduate and law student at DePaul University. “The public service management program was a good avenue for me to figure out how to leverage my talents in a way that would impact society,” Othman says. “The real benefit of DePaul’s program is that it is very close-knit, and the instructors have a real commitment to social causes.”

Othman notes that both of her DePaul graduate degrees prepared her for the work she does now.

“I’m using my legal knowledge and skills every day in crafting good, effective civil rights policies, and I’m using my public services management training to navigate the governmental structures and advance the civil rights needs of the public,” she says. “And every day on the job, I’m employing the confidence I gained as a DePaul student.”

Othman, who was born with an eye disease called Leber congenital amaurosis, was president of the Illinois Association of Blind Students from 2006 to 2008, and currently serves as its treasurer. In her spare time, she volunteers with the National Federation of the Blind out of its Baltimore office, helping people with sight disabilities find jobs and learn Braille.
Ryan McGeehan (CDM '07)
Security Manager for Investigations and Incident Response
Facebook

Ryan McGeehan's job is to stay one step ahead of the cybercriminals who want to hack your Facebook account.

McGeehan manages security for the social networking platform, which now has more than 250 million users. In simple terms, he's the "think-tank and forecaster."

"My role here is to predict when [attacks] would happen, how they would happen, and to make sure that we had systems to defend against [those] attacks before they happened," says McGeehan, whom Facebook hired upon graduation to become its first full-time employee devoted solely to security.

McGeehan began consulting with Facebook while he was still a student. He was a member of the first class to earn a degree in information assurance and security engineering from DePaul's College of Computing and Digital Media, which has been named a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance by the National Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. As a student, he also worked in Web security for the Federal Reserve Bank and volunteered with the Chicago chapter of the HoneyNet Project, a research group that invites hackers to break into their servers and systems so that it can study the attacks.

When McGeehan arrived at Facebook, he expanded systems already in place to combat attacks such as phishing (stealing usernames and passwords), ad fraud and botnets (malicious software that hijacks users' computers). His team now handles daily issues while he focuses on thwarting new forms of attacks.

"Facebook is by far the most powerful communications platform that you can find on the Internet," says McGeehan. "It becomes an attractive target for spammers and hackers, etc., to use that same platform for their own gain."

McGeehan's group reports to the legal department at Facebook, so offenders quickly find themselves in hot water. "We cooperate with law enforcement and other providers in the Internet industry against cyber crime, and we'll take spammers or other criminals to court if we have to," he says.

"It's a constant arms race as far as research goes, because we need to be studying attacks that both happen to us and happen to other companies, so that if the cybercriminals ever decide to move their sights onto us, we [will] be ready for it. I have to keep my thumb on the pulse of security on the Internet," says McGeehan, who talks regularly with his counterparts at Google, Microsoft, Yahoo and similar companies. But he doesn't find it stressful: "I love this job."

Samina Khan (EDU '04)
Science Teacher
Michele Clark Academic Prep Magnet School

When Samina Khan was a little girl, her life felt like a fairy tale. And even though her life was touched by personal tragedy a few years ago, she says it still does.

"I would often imagine myself in this enchanted land where I lived to help people," says Khan. Born in Ethiopia and raised in Nigeria, Khan always was fascinated and intrigued by nature. "I had the craving to discover things and an uncontrollable urge to get to the depth of how things work and why."

At first, she thought she wanted to be a doctor and was admitted to one of the best universities in Nigeria. But fate had something better in store for her—to be able to mold the future of our children," she says.

Khan has won numerous teaching awards, including the prestigious Golden Apple Award in 2008, for her exceptional work as the middle school science teacher at Michele Clark Academic Prep Magnet School in Chicago's Austin neighborhood. Since she joined the faculty there in 2001 through the Chicago Public Schools' Global Educators Outreach program, the number of students passing the Illinois Standards Achievement Test in Science has skyrocketed from about 27 percent to nearly 90 percent in 2007.

Khan earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Kaduna Polytechnic in West Africa. She was working on her master's degree in biology at Northeastern Illinois University when tragedy struck and her younger brother passed away.

"Teaching was the outlet I was looking for, to start life over, and my students were my healers," she says. Now she is ready to go back to complete her master's in biology.

Teaching comes naturally to Khan—perhaps because it's in her genes. Her parents, now retired and living in India, were teachers. "I'm always drawing on their philosophy, vision and insights," she says.

Khan hopes "to change the world by making a difference in the life of each and every child in my care." She wants to empower her students to find their own voices, reach their full potential and become lifelong learners. She does that by serving as a good role model, teaching them to think critically and supporting them in a positive learning environment.

That's what her DePaul graduate education did for her. "I was totally inspired and blown away by the professionalism and support I received from all my professors," Khan says. "The classes truly guided me in the direction I needed to go with my teaching profession."
Ben L. Welsh (CMN ‘04)
Database Producer
Los Angeles Times

When Ben Welsh received a National Journalism Award last year as part of a team at the Los Angeles Times, he shipped it with thanks to his mentors, television and print journalist Carol Marin and producer Don Moseley. He says that his internship with the nationally prominent partners and their DePaul Documentary Project taught him that journalism “could be rewarding and fun, something I could actually do.”

After earning a master’s degree in journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he picked up research and IT skills, Welsh worked for a couple of years at the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit that “does heavy-duty investigative reporting,” he says. From there, he moved to the Los Angeles Times, where he is a database producer.

“If you look at the corporate directory, I’m the only one who has my job description,” he says. “It’s half-journalist, half-programmer.” In a rapidly evolving field where news reporting is enhanced by the ability to gather in-depth information and organize it online, Welsh’s skill set allows him to create Web sites that present a story in detail while “doing it with an editorial eye and a commitment to accuracy,” as he describes it.

Sometimes Welsh uncovers a great story while he’s gathering data. Recently, while analyzing crime data, he discovered that the Los Angeles Police Department mapping site was missing 40 percent of the crime, which led to a front-page story with his byline.

Welsh says Marin and Mosley modeled all the right skills for the “entrepreneurial” task of creating investigative journalism. “You have to be in control. You have to have ideas. You have to be vetting your own ideas and testing them. And then you have to execute them. Carol and Don have a clear-eyed approach to dealing with all of that—patient and thorough.”

The award-winning story for the Times (visit depaul.edu/magazine to link to this story), “Mexico Under Siege: the Drug War at Our Doorstep,” involved a team of about 30 people. The award “gives you the feedback that you did something right,” says Welsh. “The award was for everybody; but I think the people who deserve the credit are the reporters and photographers who were on the scene. What we did for the Web was to try to organize their work in a way that did it justice.”

Rami Nashashibi (LAS ‘97)
Co-founder and Executive Director
Inner-City Muslim Action Network

Rami Nashashibi spent much of his youth living in Western and Eastern Europe and the Middle East. “I’ve been exposed to many different cultures and traditions, and that is a powerful thing. It really piqued my interest in engaging communities and developing a more intimate connection with them,” he says.

That interest grew into action when, in 1995, as a student at DePaul University, Nashashibi co-founded the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) to help bridge the segmented Muslim communities on Chicago’s South Side. Today, Nashashibi serves as executive director of IMAN, where he strives to “manage a growing nonprofit infrastructure while remaining focused on the heart of the work that moves and inspires me.”

Working with a dedicated group of staff and volunteers, Nashashibi has helped build IMAN into an organization that delivers a wide breadth of social services, organizes marginalized urban communities around the issues that impact them and works to further the arts in urban areas. IMAN’s health clinic provides no-cost primary health care, while its Career Development Initiative offers digital literacy courses. By celebrating traditional Muslim art forms and encouraging contemporary artistic expression, IMAN connects its audience, especially young people, with social justice issues in a culturally relevant way.

Although the nonprofit was formed with Chicago’s inner-city Muslim population in mind, it has grown to include people of many backgrounds and faiths. In fact, IMAN is a founding member of the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations, a group that advocates for human rights and social justice through a multiracial, multicultural alliance. “We’ve developed over the years and really mobilized a broad cross-section of people to become actively engaged with social justice issues, particularly as they affect urban, marginalized communities,” notes Nashashibi.

Under Nashashibi’s direction, IMAN recently developed its own organizing structure and training program and has begun instructing others. “It was a feat to see our young people and community leaders being trained, engaged and inspired by a framework that not only allows them to connect to the issues and the broader community, but is a reflection of who they are,” he says. Through these organized efforts, he hopes communities are able to influence policy and drive legislation around the social justice issues that affect them. “That’s what inspired me to get involved in this work so many years ago and what keeps me going even today.”
Juan Carlos Linares (LAW '02)
Global Real Estate Manager and
Assistant General Counsel, IES Abroad

Flying off to Europe and South America is just part of what Juan Linares enjoys about his job with IES Abroad. He’s the global real estate manager for the organization, which implements international study programs for students from the United States. “To experience another culture gets you out of your everyday mindset,” he says.

Linares manages a portfolio of real estate holdings in 33 cities—negotiating leases, purchases and build-outs of its centers and student housing, as well as managing the headquarters property in Chicago. Along with real estate and finance expertise, the work requires Spanish and French language skills.

“You also have to adapt your expectations to the way business is done in different cultures,” Linares says. As the son of a Peruvian mother and a Guatemalan father, he says that firsthand knowledge of another culture is an advantage that he always had. “I grew up in Bellwood [a near-west Chicago suburb] with African-American, white and Indian friends. I benefited from the diversity.”

Linares says he found diversity at DePaul’s College of Law, along with a faculty that taught him how to negotiate creatively. He also found values that matched his and a great network. “DePaul’s Vincentian mission really rings true for me,” he says. “And I think we have the best alumni base of any law school in the city.”

After law school, Linares took a position at Deloitte & Touche while earning an LLM degree in international business and trade at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He then took his finance skills to the City of Chicago, providing legal counsel to a $500 million low-income housing initiative.

Today, he donates his time and expertise as a board member of the Latin United Community Housing Association and to the Geneva Foundation, which works to stabilize the lives of young men who have aged out of the foster care system. He also teaches part-time at John Marshall and Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.

For his service and leadership, Linares was recognized with a “Top Lawyer Under 40” award by the Hispanic National Bar Association in 2009.

Looking back, Linares sees a dedication to education that began with parents who told their children how important it was to go to class every day. “I had perfect attendance all the way through school,” he says.

Aviv Screwvala (CDM ’05)
Associate Producer
UTV Motion Pictures

To Aviv Screwvala, it makes perfect sense that he left a fast-track, high-visibility project management position with AT&T to become an associate producer at one of India’s largest film studios.

“No one understands my accomplishments better when they discover my academic goals,” says Screwvala with a grin.

Screwvala double-majored in computer science and international studies and added minors in theatre arts and history based on his rewarding interactions with faculty members at DePaul’s Loop and former Barat campuses, especially Gene Beiriger, associate professor of history.

“I enjoyed my discussions with the faculty so much that I decided to pursue their academic programs. I believed that they would lead to a broader, more enriched and all-encompassing education. I was right,” he says.

After graduation, Screwvala’s impressive academic and extracurricular portfolio landed him a coveted project management internship with AT&T’s $6 billion Lightspeed project, working with a team of committed overachievers. During the next two-and-a-half years he was promoted four times, becoming senior team lead. “I had the fastest growth trajectory amongst my peers. With each vertical movement came massive responsibility, tremendous exposure and loads of adrenaline,” he says.

Yet he wanted a say in the conception of an initiative, not just its implementation. So he made the leap from project manager to associate producer for UTV, whose releases include “The Namesake” and M. Night Shyamalan’s “The Happening.”

Since project managers and producers both focus on costs, timelines and quality, their roles are surprisingly similar, but film producers also have creative control.

“I’ve always wanted to see the end result of my efforts,” he says. “There are few things you can see clearer than your film on the silver screen.”

Three of the films Screwvala has worked on since 2008 are fast approaching release: “Arjun: Warrior Prince,” an animated war epic about India’s greatest warrior; an upcoming genre-defying comedy; and a thriller called “Peter Gaya Kaam Se,” which translates to “Peter’s in Trouble.”

As he continues producing films, Screwvala hopes to narrow the gap between Hollywood and Bollywood, evolving a market that will fully appreciate films from both industries. He believes his experiences at DePaul have taught him that “nearly anything can be accomplished—it’s just a matter of how you pursue your goal.”
Frank Catalano (MUS ’99)
Tenor Saxophonist and Composer

Frank Catalano chose the saxophone for fifth-grade band without even knowing what it sounded like. Today, Downbeat Magazine calls him “John Coltrane energy for the 21st century.” Signed by the renowned Savoy label, Catalano has played with virtually every living jazz great and composes for and plays with pop stars such as John Legend, Destiny's Child and Jennifer Lopez.

How did it all happen? “There’s a lot in my life that was meant to be,” says Catalano. After wowing his sixth-grade teacher and parents by accompanying the class choir on The Jackson Five’s version of “Rockin’ Robin,” Catalano progressed rapidly with just a few lessons. He pursued his passion relentlessly, though an accident when he was 16 severed his right middle finger two weeks before an all-state competition. “I knew not only that I wanted to be the best that I could be, but that I wasn’t going to let this stop me,” he says. The summer after high school graduation, destiny stepped in again—at the renowned Andy’s Jazz Club in Chicago. Too young to go alone, Catalano invited his mom to hear Charles Earland’s organ trio. “A little voice told me to bring my saxophone,” he says. Earland’s sax player didn’t turn up, and Catalano begged to sit in. He played the third set, and the next day, the club owner called him with 50 gigs.

Other schools also offered scholarships, but Catalano chose DePaul so he could be part of Chicago’s vibrant jazz scene. “If I hadn’t gone to DePaul and I hadn’t stayed in Chicago, these things wouldn’t have happened,” he says.

Today, Catalano reaches even further back than the classical composition he studied at DePaul. “I’m listening to tribal and primal percussion stuff and playing with a couple of percussionists,” he says. He’s also going deeper, as he explores his Catholic upbringing and meets people, including the Dalai Lama, who expose him to other spiritual paths. “If you’re an open-minded person, you’re going to be absorbing bits of everybody you come into contact with, whether it has something to do with music or not,” he says.

Catalano welcomes feedback from his live audiences. “They used to come up and say, ‘great job,’” he says. “Now I’m getting lengthy e-mails. I think my music is striking some chord in them, and I appreciate that.”

Catalano’s recent CD “Bang!” has enjoyed great success and debuted at No. 11 on the Billboard sales charts. His next CD for Savoy/Columbia is expected to be released next spring. Listen now at catalanomusic.com.

Stacy R. Janiak (COM ’92)
Vice Chairman and U.S. Retail Leader
Deloitte LLP

When business news anchors and Deloitte’s retail clients seek insights to tackle today’s business challenges, they call on Stacy Janiak.

As vice chairman and U.S. retail leader, Janiak leads one of Deloitte’s largest sectors, which includes more than 1,000 retail professionals across the United States. She has been in charge of several multinational retail accounts, providing audit, internal control, due diligence, consulting and other specialized services.

Janiak is interviewed regularly by business media ranging from CNBC to The Wall Street Journal when they need a specialist to talk about consumer spending trends that affect retailers. She’s also no stranger to the “under 40” list, having been named to Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal’s “40 under 40” list in 2007.

Janiak, her husband, Jeffrey (COM ’92), and their two children currently reside in Eden Prairie, Minn. They will be returning to Chicago next year when she takes over a new account. Janiak says she is excited to be moving closer to her alma mater.

A native of Louisville, Ky., and a huge fan of the University of Louisville Cardinals, she became familiar with DePaul through its basketball team. The university was attractive to her because of its location and her interest in studying business.

Janiak has served as a former adjunct professor of auditing and believes strongly in the value of community service, especially working with students. Many of them, she says, represent the future business leaders of our country and the rest of the world.

As an accounting student, Janiak was a Strobel Scholar. She is grateful to DePaul for allowing her to hold a couple of jobs within the university “that were just eye-opening, wonderful experiences,” she says. Janiak spent three years working as a student auditor in the internal audit department at DePaul. That experience helped her land a job as an associate at Deloitte right after graduation. “I learned how to audit before I even had an audit class. It provided me a leg up in many, many ways, and I feel compelled to give back.”
Hidden Corners of Campus

by Maria Hench

Powering the Loop Campus
The heart of the Loop Campus—facilities-wise—is Lewis Center, where the Facilities Operations team, including Director Jim Kohl (pictured), handles the heating, cooling and power needs of three buildings: Lewis, O’Malley Place and the College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM). Part of the cooling system is located on the roof, and the rest is in the basement. Though the system has three chillers, Facilities Operations will turn them on based on need. Down below, in the two-story third basement, are three massive boilers. In another part of the basement, ComEd operates an electrical vault, and next to that is DePaul’s switch gear room, which directs the power. The third basement also has an access door to the Chicago Tunnel, which deluged the third and second basements during the 1992 Great Chicago Flood. Today, the tunnel—which was used to deliver coal to downtown buildings—is used to route heat, air conditioning and telecommunications to CDM.

Choir loft, St. Vincent de Paul Church
It is said that singing is like praying twice.
The choirs that sing at St. Vincent de Paul Church are accompanied by a 1901 Lyon & Healy pipe organ. The pipes are original, though the console is newer, according to the Rev. Patrick Harrity, C.M., pastor. The organ has 2,913 pipes with 56 ranks, and the motor that generates the air for the pipes is below the church. The choir loft was renovated after an electrical fire in the 1950s. The pipes were reconfigured so that they no longer covered the rose window, which was broken during the fire and replaced with a new one designed by Conrado Schmitt Studios of Wisconsin.
Greenhouse, McGowan South roof

Since moving to the Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building in January, the environmental science faculty has gotten "tremendous use" out of its rooftop greenhouses, says Assistant Professor Mark Potorsnik. One greenhouse is for teaching and the other is for faculty research, and students have the opportunity to assist faculty on their projects. A computer in the greenhouse is linked to the weather station and helps with controlling the greenhouse environment.

Prop Shop, The Theatre School

When a DePaul production needs a prop from the 1950s, board games, an oil lamp or a 20-foot dragon, scenic designers call on the prop shop, overseen by Wayne W. Smith, properties master, safety officer and assistant technical director. The two-story prop shop is inside the scene shop. The props are organized in categories, ranging from fruit to birds. When Smith needs to acquire items for a production, he scours a variety of sources—flea markets, antique malls, the Internet—and "what we can't buy, we make," he says.

Rev. Ralph Pansza, C.M., Garden, Vincentian Residence

The Vincentian Residence always had a courtyard garden, but it was unkempt until the 1980s when the Rev. Ralph Pansza, a Vincentian priest who served as superior of the residence and director of information services at DePaul, took an interest in the garden. "After working, he'd come and lose himself here," says the Rev. Chris Robinson, C.M., associate director of University Ministry. After Pansza's death in 1997, most of the flower beds were converted into lawn. In 2000, Robinson and the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church restarted the garden and maintained it for a few years before the university took over its upkeep.
tidbits

DePaul Announces Founding of Fifty Year Club

Each year, hundreds of DePaul alumni proudly celebrate their 50th reunion. To recognize alumni who have reached or surpassed this milestone, the university recently founded the DePaul University Fifty Year Club.

“The Fifty Year Club is a way to honor alumni who—50 years ago—left the little school under the L and went out to build a better world,” says Patricia O’Donoghue, DePaul’s vice president for Alumni Outreach and Engagement. “Their stories are an inspiration for the students of today.”

The Fifty Year Club welcomed its first members at an induction ceremony during this year’s Reunion Luncheon on Oct. 16. O’Donoghue acknowledged by name those individuals in attendance from the class of 1969 and earlier, each of whom also received a certificate and pin signifying their membership in the Fifty Year Club.

The induction ceremony will be held yearly as part of the Reunion Luncheon. All inducted members also will be invited to an exclusive Fifty Year Club event each spring.

For more information about this new group, visit the Fifty Year Club Web page at alumni.depaul.edu.

Giving Update

The following alumni gave their generous support to DePaul University from April through June 2009.

**$100,000-$499,999**

- James L. Czech (COM ’61) and Diane Czech, Czech Vincentian Endowed Scholarship
- Donald C. Schiller (JD ’66), Schiller, DuCanto and Fleck Family Law Center

**$50,000-$99,999**

- Howard Goss (COM ’56, DHL ’05) and Roberta Goss, Howard and Roberta Goss Endowed Scholarship

**$25,000-$49,999**

- John Lump (COM ’83), John T. Lump Scholarship

New Planned Gifts

The following alumni indicated that they will support DePaul University through a planned or estate gift of at least $25,000.

- Dr. Curtis Crawford (MBA ’78, DHL ’99) and Gina Crawford
- James L. Czech (COM ’61) and Diane Czech
- John Haggerty and Maureen King Haggerty (COM ’56)
- Alicja K. Maleck (MBA ’80)
- Elizabeth K. Ware (LAS MA ’98)

New Alumni Center to Open on Campus

A new DePaul University Alumni Center on the Lincoln Park Campus will give graduates a definitive on-campus space to call “home.” Scheduled to open in late fall at 2400 N. Sheffield Ave., the new center underscores the university’s continuing commitment to its alumni community.

Alumni are welcome to meet and connect with fellow graduates in the center’s lounge area, which features free wireless access and desktop computers with printing capability. The space also will house offices for Alumni Relations staff, who will be on hand to answer questions and offer their assistance to visiting alumni.

“We’re very excited to have a dedicated space on campus for our alumni,” says Tracy Krahl, senior director of Alumni Relations. “We hope this new addition will be a great resource for alumni when they visit campus.”

The center is located in the new University Welcome Center—a recently renovated building at the corner of Fullerton and Sheffield avenues. In addition to the Alumni Center, the space will include a welcome center for prospective students and will be home to all admission-related offices on campus.

A grand opening celebration is scheduled for Dec. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. Alumni and guests are invited to come see the new space, enjoy complimentary refreshments and pick up exclusive giveaways.

For complete details about the grand opening event, visit alumni.depaul.edu/events.
Make the Most of Alumni Connections

The previous issue of DePaul Magazine introduced the Corporate Connectors program, one of the volunteer opportunities available to DePaul graduates. Volunteers in the program meet or correspond with fellow alumni and students who are in the process of applying to their companies. They also may serve as “welcome wagons” to DePaul-affiliated new hires or interns who’ve recently joined their firms. Graduates and students are encouraged to draw on this exclusive network of professional contacts—whether for pre-interview pointers or as a friendly face in a new office.

The opportunity to meet with fellow alumni gives DePaul job seekers a number of distinct advantages. “Having a DePaul connection at prospective workplaces [means] that you can gain insight as to what the company is looking for in a new hire and what the hiring process is like, and you can find out about positions that may not be posted publicly,” notes Bianca McKinney (COM ’03), who recently connected with DePaul alumni at a number of Chicago sports franchises. “I have had several conversations and e-mail correspondence with Corporate Connectors, and they have been extremely helpful, forwarding my résumé to the human resources department or just letting me know that I am on the right track. I would definitely use the Corporate Connectors program again.”

To learn more about the Corporate Connectors program and see the complete list of organizations currently represented in the program, visit alumni.depaul.edu/career and click the Corporate Connectors link.

Alumna in the Spotlight

When brought in to examine a young Kenyan woman who had been in labor for nearly 20 hours, Dr. Mana Lumumba-Kasongo (LAS ’93) rushed into action. Kasongo, an attending emergency room physician at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Ga., was in Kenya for an 11-day volunteer project with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod’s Mercy Medical Teams (MMT).

While there, the 13-member team of volunteers treated more than 1,100 patients—but the barely responsive pregnant woman, named Fills, was one of the most memorable. “I wasn’t prepared for the shock of how little is needed to save so many lives—until the day I was involved in the delivery of a child,” Kasongo says in an article she wrote for The Women’s Media Center Web site. Because the small clinic lacked the necessary medical supplies for a cesarean section, Kasongo, Fills and her mother, and several other MMT volunteers traveled 30 miles by pickup truck to reach an emergency room.

Following a successful operation and brief hospital stay, Fills returned home with a newborn son whom she named Mana, after the doctor who helped save their lives.

To read Kasongo’s firsthand account, visit http://womensmediacentre.com/ex/062209.html.
Log in to alumni.depaul.edu to read additional class notes and to discover the many ways to connect with other alumni and DePaul University.

'50s
Howard Witt (THE '57) performed in the Shakespeare Theatre Company’s production of “King Lear” in Washington, D.C.

John R. Czerwinski (MUS '60) retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 1988, following 28 years with the program. During the same time, he also taught grammar school and high school for the City of Chicago and for the State of Illinois Youth Commission at St. Charles School for Boys. He now lives in Mesa, Ariz.

Robert M. Korton (JD '69) was elected second vice president of the Union League Club of Chicago. He previously served four years on the club’s board of directors and was a member of the admissions committee. He resides in Chicago with his wife, Lee.

Harold P. Welsch (COM '66, MBA '68) was published, along with coauthors David Pieterse (LAW MA '89) and Jianwen Liao, in the spring 2009 issue of the New England Journal of Entrepreneurship. He is a professor of management and the Coleman Foundation Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship at DePaul University.

Marianne Araujo (LBS '69) received her doctorate in organization development and change from Benedictine University in 2009. She is the COO and chief nursing officer at Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago and is also an independent consultant. Marianne and her husband, Joseph, have two children and one grandchild.

George J. Lykos (LAW '58, JD '70), chief legal officer of Bayer Corp., was named a Legend in Law by the Burton Awards for Legal Achievement.

Patrick J. Savage (EDU '68, MED '72) is the head coach for DePaul University’s track and field programs. His teams have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, with the 2008-09 men’s track and field team finishing as the top-ranked academic team in the United States.

Walter J. Paraskevides (MUS '69, DHL '08), along with his Chicago bandmates Lee Loughnan and James Parkow, is a member of the 2009 Signature Sinfonia class of inductees. The award recognizes alumni of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity who have achieved a high standard of accomplishment in their fields.

Richard T. Pines (JD '69, MST '74) is of counsel at the Chicago law office of Arinstein & Lehr. He concentrates his practice on business and business transactions.

Jay L. Stober (COM '69). executive vice president and general counsel of Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, was inducted as the Illinois Restaurant Association’s 2009 chairman of the board.

'60s

Reunion Years: 1959

'70s

Reunion Years: 1974 and 1979

John S. Keoliako (LAW '70, MA '71) received the Morton College Foundation Founders’ Award at Morton College’s Scholarship and Leadership Banquet in May. He spent more than three decades as a public official, having served as an Illinois state representative and a trustee with the Town of Cicero. He remains active in the community as president of the Community Chest of Cicero.

Diamond Mendoncides (JD '75) was elected to a one-year term as president of the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois. He also serves on the executive committee of the Hellenic American Academy in Deerfield, Ill.

Earnestine “Tina” C. Wynn-Wilson (LAW '78) is working toward a graduate degree in ministry of Christian counseling at Christian Bible College and Seminary in Independence, Mo., and recently published a book of her poetry titled “Poetry & Elocution.”

Gregory G. Thiess (LAW '76) was promoted to vice president and assistant general counsel of Robert Bosch LLC, headquartered in Broadview, Ill.

Philip H. Corboy Jr. (JD '77) was appointed to a bipartisan screening committee to assist Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin in selecting Northern District federal court judges, U.S. attorneys and U.S. marshals for Illinois. He also was appointed to the Equal Justice Illinois Campaign Blue-Ribbon Committee.

Patrick R. Infusino (MBA '77) retired after 31 years with the Berkeley School District in Illinois. He spent four years teaching general music and the last 27 as band director.

Richard C. Williams (MBA '77) is president and CEO of Irvine, Texas-based Advanced Plan for Health, which helps organizations both manage the health of employees and dependents and design and implement initiatives that control the variability of health care costs.

Margo M. Wickesser (THE '78) was awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship to teach acting to students and educators at the National Pedagogical University of Honduras for the 2009-10 academic year.

William S. Bike (LAB '78), director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs Communications for the University of Illinois at Chicago’s College of Dentistry, wrote a chapter for the Encyclopedia of Health Services Research, published this year.

Joseph Mazurkiewicz (LAB '79), in his screen name Joseph Mazurk, portrayed the character of Guard Bryant in the film “Public Enemies.” He has appeared in 12 feature films and six television shows since January 2007.
'80s

Brian M. Rossin (COM '80) is the marketing product director of Leland Drexler and Wheel Parts, located in Dubuque, Pa.

Ruth W. Brinkley (LAS '81, MS '84) was named one of Tucson's Top 10 Women of Influence by Inside Tucson Business. She is president and CEO of Carondelet Health Network.

Ira N. Helfgot (JD '81) was elected to a two-year term as president of the Illinois Creditors Bar Association.

Rita L. Lewandowski (JD '81) has taken early retirement from the City of Chicago Corporation Counsel's office after 27 years of service in real estate and real estate litigation. She has founded her own practice specializing in real estate closings and eminent domain litigation.

Joe Ulrich (COM '81, MBA '83) is a regional sales manager with the pharmaceutical product manufacturer Kirby Lester, headquartered in Lake Forest, Ill.

Brian E. Martin (JD '82) is a partner at the Chicago office of K&L Gates, a global firm of 1,800 lawyers located in 33 cities in the United States, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Pamela J. Woodruff Lobley (THE '82), a humor columnist for a variety of newspapers and Web sites, recently published a book titled "You Definitely Know You're a Mom When:...

Rose M. Doherty (COM '83) is serving on the 2009-2010 board of directors of the American Medical Association Foundation. She is a partner at Legacy Professionals LLP in Chicago, where she leads the firm's nonprofit practice group and serves on the management committee.

Daniel J. Haugh (MBA '83) published an article in the June 2009 issue of Stocks, Futures, Options, a national investing magazine. He is president of PTT Securities and Futures, a money management and securities firm with offices in Chicago and Glandale, Ariz.

Marc R. Lieberman's (JD '83) latest novel, "Sign of the Anasazi," a mystery thriller, has been optioned by Nelson Madison Films.

Cheryl M. Pinotti (LAS '83, MS '87) is a registered nurse at the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center.

Craig W. Sivvy (MBA '83) earned his master's degree in May from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He resides in Wauwatosa, Wis.

Hedvig I. Ander (THE '84) has started a line of women's clothing, and her first collection will be in stores in Sweden and Portugal this fall.

Jerome F. Cataldo (MBA '84) was promoted to president of Hostmark Hospitality Group, a hospitality company. He has led the business development efforts for Hostmark for more than a decade and will continue to oversee the development of new management opportunities as well as acquisitions.

George Muñoz (LLM '84) was appointed to the U.S. President's Commission on White House Fellowships. He is principal and co-founder of Muñoz Group Investment Banking, and a partner in the law firm of Tobin, Pettus & Muñoz, which has offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Martin R. Castro (LAS '85), vice president of external affairs for Anheuser-Busch's North Central Regional Office in Chicago, was named one of Diversity MBA Magazine's Top 100 Under 50 Executives and Emerging Leaders for 2009.

Laura M. Niedl (COM '85) was promoted from controller to CFO and vice president of finance and administration for the Portland Cement Association, a national trade association for the cement industry.

Donald A. Scheibenreif Jr. (COM '87) is vice president of the government and healthcare segment for W.W. Grainger in Lake Forest, Ill.

Gladya Y. Martínez-Arroyo (COM '89) is vice president of advertising for the Chicago Sun-Times and the Sun-Times Media Group Inc.'s Chicago region.

Maria M. Perez-Laubhan (LAS '88) is a tenured professor of political science at the College of Lake County in Illinois. She resides in Grayslake, Ill., with her husband, Dan Laubhan (LAS '88), and son.

Martha Jahn Martin (MBA '89) has been elected to a three-year term on the Union League Club of Chicago's board of directors and will serve as chair of the club's admissions committee. She and her husband, Lee, have a daughter, Rachel.

Anne R. Pramaggiore (JD '89) was promoted to become ComEd's first female president and COO, having previously served as the company's executive vice president for customer operations and regulatory and external affairs.

Curtis M. Reith (MBA '90) is the director of sales and marketing for J. Rettenmaier USA. He and his wife, Tracy, have a daughter, Taryn, and a son, Trenton.

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Richard G. Johnson III (LAS MS '90) has been awarded tenure and a promotion to associate professor in the Department of Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Vermont.

Kenneth L. Kring's (COM '90) book, "Business Strategy Mapping: The Power of Knowing How It All Fits Together," was published this year by Langston Street Press.

Laura N. Ashmore (THE '91, JD '94) is a senior associate with Lake Tobaek & Associates in Chicago. In 2008 and 2009, she was named an Illinois Top Young Family Law Attorney.

Guy N. Moras (LAS MS '91) was elected secretary of the Union League Club of Chicago. He has been a member of the club since 1992 and most recently served a one-year term on the club's board of directors. He and his wife, Gina, live in Naperville, Ill.

Timothy B. Ring (CMN '91), who served as a broadcaster for the Florida Marlins and Colorado Rockies for the past decade, is now the main sports anchor at KTVK-TV in Phoenix. He and his wife have 2-year-old identical twin sons.

Karen D. Sabey (LAS MA '91) completed her doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction at the University of Northern Iowa in May 2009, and she now teaches math and math education courses there.
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Beth A. Bennett (THE ‘02) owns and operates B Trouseau Couture, a dressmaking business in Indianapolis.

Daniel R. Burns (MBA ’92) has served as owner and executive vice president of a national technical and management consulting company for the past 14 years. He recently published a book titled "The First 100 Seconds." Daniel and his family live in La Grange, Ill.

Erin C. O’Donnell (CMN ’92) owns a bookkeeping and administrative services company in Naperville, Ill.

M. Catherine Taylor (JD ’93) is the associate director for the Center for Disability & Elder Law, a nonprofit legal services organization serving low-income seniors and/or persons with disabilities throughout Cook County.

Christopher G. Zello’s (MM ’94) clarinet quintet arrangement of the complete "Mozart Concerto for Clarinet" was published in May 2009 by Roncorp/Neortheastern Music Publications.

Desiree M. Don (CMN ’96), president and lead designer of DejaVu Events, appeared in a May 2009 episode of Lifetime’s “Get Married.” She is the instructor of the wedding planning certification program at Elgin Community College and was the first instructor of the same program at the University of Akron in Ohio.

Nkosilathi Bradley (LAS ’96) is an assistant professor of economics at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Carolyne Clift (LLM ’96) was promoted to senior vice president and chief diversity officer of Health Care Service Corp., which operates the Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and the District of Columbia.

Angie Verros (COM ‘96) has been appointed senior account executive of BridgePoint Technologies, a full-service information technology consulting firm.

Michael J. Sheridan (CMN MS ‘07) is the executive vice president of worldwide sales for Aspect, a unified communications solutions provider.

Susan J. Freed (JD ’99) was named Iowa Chiropractic Society (ICS) Champion of Chiropractic at the society’s annual convention. She is the ICS legal counsel and an attorney at the Davis Brown Law Firm in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Nathan D. Larson (COM ‘09) joined the Chicago law firm of Butler Rubin Saltzstein & Boyd LLP as a litigation associate. He works with both the bankruptcy and general commercial litigation practice groups.

Claudia L. Deane (LAS MA ’01) was featured in an August 2009 Boston Globe article about volunteer service. She currently volunteers at the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, a nonprofit agency that helps low-income families find affordable housing.

Shelah C. Jackson (MED ’01) is an educator and entrepreneur in Chicago, where she conducts inspirational workshops for women. She is also the author of two novels, "The Night Belongs to You" and "All in the Name of Love."

Ivy D. Sukanik (EDU MA ’01) is the principal of Henry Elementary School in Glenview, Ill.

Wendy C. Covitch (SNL ‘02), a marketing communications manager at DLA Architects in Hinsdale, Ill., earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accredited professional designation by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Ashika A. Patel (COM ‘02) is a senior in the accounting and assurance services department at Barnes & Noble in Des Moines, Iowa.

Nikeya N. (Green) Young (LAS ’03) was named the Women’s Division of the 2009 Miss America Elite Pageant. She is a former special education teacher and is currently pursuing a modeling and acting career. She married Rodney Young (LAS ’08) in March 2009, and they reside in Downers Grove, Ill.

To read more about Young’s pageant experience, visit DePaul’s Demon Tracks blog (depaulidemontracks.wordpress.com).

Mustafa Ahmet Duzdag (LAS MA ‘04) is working toward his doctorate in comparative literature at Istanbul Fatih University in Turkey. In April 2009, he chaired an international English language teaching conference.

Shweta Sahay (JD ’04) and her business partner, Kan Anand (JD ’04), are co-Managing directors of the Chicago-based Aeroliton Industries, a start-up company in the renewable energy sector.

Qwen M. Infusino (LAS ’03) became first-year composition classes at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Ill.

Donnie N. Boyd (Edu ’06) is an English teacher at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School in Chicago.

Michael A. Lewandowski (MED ’06, LAS MA ’06) is the director of business development for the Davidson Center for Learning in New York City.

Ashley G. Richardson (LAS MA ’06) is the marketing and communications consultant for the Nick Richardson Law Office in Palatine, Ill.

Kelly L. DellaVentura (LAS ’07), a student at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, received the David and Bonnie McConnell Scholarship, given to a member of the Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association who displays outstanding skills in the basic sciences.

Brigidh O’Shaughnessy (S NL MA ’07) was awarded DePaul University’s David O. Justice Award for her achievement in the development of new and unusual learning opportunities in the field of mental health education. She founded and runs Erasing the Distance, which generates awareness about mental illness through live professional theatrical productions.

Eric S. Stang’s (MUS ’07) music group, 11th Hour Band, performed at Milwaukee’s Summerfest with hip hop and spoken-word artist Malik Yusuf.

Molly G. Hahn (COM ’08) spent 10 months volunteering with AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (AmeriCorps NCCC) Pacific Region. Her team focused on areas that had been devastated by hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike.

Eric D. Leser (LAS ’08), a medical student at Loyola’s Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood, Ill., volunteered with an international service trip to Africa, where he worked in two village hospitals and helped run several village health clinics.

E. Donner N. Tyler (LAS ’08) is the international coordinator for college students and campsites for The Day to Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.
Marriages & Engagements

Marilo (Timis) Rivera (EDU ’97) married Gustavo A. Rivera on April 18, 2008, at the Hilton Princess Hotel in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. She owns a pet services business and is a substitute teacher, and he is a civil engineer. The couple lives in Rhmeland, Wis.

Patricia F. Stanton (COM ’03) and his wife, Dawn, were married in December 2008 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Chicago. He works for Betterman Investment Group LLC, an independent investment advisory firm in Evanston, Ill. The couple resides in Chicago.

Births & Adoptions

Jennifer Walberg (LAS ’94) was married in December 2007 and in February 2009 welcomed a son, Herbert John “HJ” Walberg IV. In July, she was awarded tenure at the DePaul University School of Education.

Darren J. Lenox (COM ’95) and his wife, Kara Hoover Lenox (MBA ’04), welcomed a daughter, Addison Naomi, on July 10, 2009. The family resides in Mount Prospect, Ill., where Kara works as a senior product developer at Northern Trust and Darren works as a customs compliance manager for ACCO Brands.

In Memoriam

Lord, we commend to you the souls of our dearly departed. In your mercy and love, grant them eternal peace.

Alumni

Samuel J. Ostdahl (LAS ’88)
Kathleen H. Kain (COM ’42)
Ira J. Miller (JU ’48)
Donald D. Gardner (COM ’68)
Kathleen T. Wirtz (LAS ’49)
Howard J. James (LAS MS ’50)
Bernard Karrin (LAS ’50, MED ’92)
Richard J. Stanzica (COM ’50)

Brandon A. Kanagy (COM ’97, MBA ’07) and his wife, Erinn (Gallea) Kanagy (EDU ’96), are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Katherine Nora, on April 28, 2009. Kate joins a sister, Emma, age 1½.

Altaira K. Plonis-Barrezzetta (LAS ’00) and her husband, Ed, are pleased to announce the births of their twin daughters, Olivia Maria and Aurelia Joyce, on June 15, 2009.

Jacob C. O’Donnell (COM ’01) and his wife, Mary, are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Dylan Joseph, on May 15, 2009.

Laura A. (Hale) Robinson (LAS ’03) and her husband, Peter, welcomed their first child, Julian Hale, on April 11, 2009.

Rasha G. Prowitt (LAS ’04, MED ’08) and her husband, Addiam, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Cadden Louis, on March 17, 2009.

Thomas E. Vore (EDU ’04) and his wife, Shana, are pleased to announce the births of their first children, Zoe Teresa and Xavier Vincent. The twins were born on June 18, 2009.

Arthur P. Gasior (COM ’51)
Gary L. Silvers (COM ’51, MBA ’52)
Helen E. Lukewicz (LAS ’52)
Joseph P. Tkala (LAS MS ’52)
Hon. James P. McCourt (LLB ’53)
Sister Lois Speier (LAS MA ’53)
Edward T. Curlin (LAS ’56)
John W. Kuehn Sr. (COM ’58)
Rev. Clarence J. Bogotello, C.M. (LAS MA ’57)
Robert J. Murphy (LAS ’58)
Paul F. Sannassante (COM ’58)
Arlene M. Smith (LAS ’58)
Robert M. Addich (COM ’59)
John P. Gilberomo (MUS 60, MM ’72, MED ’73)
Carolyn Caywood Agar (LAS ’91)
Sister Katherine McCarthy (LAS MA ’92)
Col. Francis D. Ruth (COM ’92)
Thomas Brockman Jr. (COM ’93)
Thomas F. Cotteleer (COM ’93)
Hon. John V. Virgilio (LLB ’93)
Sister Blanche M. Schlosser (MUS ’94)
Bishop Roger L. Kibler (MED ’96)
James T. Brannk (COM ’96)
Darrel R. Gillette (LAS ’99, MBA ’79)
Philip F. O’Donnell (LAS MA ’99, MED ’00)
Robert C. Schenone (COM ’99)
Celeste M. Neilsen (EDU MA ’70)
J. N. Boyle (LAS MA ’73)
David W. Wade (LAS ’73)
Richard H. Koch (MBA ’74)
Ann J. Mikulicek (LAS MS ’77)
Ann R. Schenlen (SRL ’79)
Vincent W. Weidner (MBA ’79)
Lora M. Honeycutt (SRL ’80)
Paul W. Gross (COM ’80)
Caryl J. Schmidt (COM ’83)
Joseph D. Frazier (MBA ’84)
Paul R. Sierocki (LAS ’86)
Steven Michalko (LAS MS ’88)
John D. Callaway (LAS EHL ’86)
Carlos Navarro (COM ’86)
Benjamin B. O’Meara (COM ’86)

Friends

Paula J. Andrachts
Albert Johnson
Karl Melden
Matthew M. Neumeyer
Norman R. Pellegrini
Lawrence E. Singer
Henry W. Surma

Editor’s Note: Due to space limitations, this memorial list includes only those alumni and friends who have provided a year(s) of death.

Class notes will be posted on the Alumni & Friends Web site and will be considered for inclusion in DePaul Magazine.

DePaul reserves the right to edit class notes.
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**October**

**Oct. 16-18**
DePaul Reunion Weekend

**Oct. 20**
Alumni Reception
Denver Botanic Gardens
Denver

**Oct. 22**
Alumni Reception
BlackRock
Seattle

**Oct. 29**
Blue 2 Blue Networking Event
DePaul Center
Loop Campus
*This event will provide business-to-business networking opportunities for alumni in the nonprofit, healthcare, government, education, and related industries.*

**November**

**Nov. 5**
Alumni Reception
Astra
New York City

**Nov. 7**
Giving Thanks Service Day
St. Vincent de Paul Charity of Phoenix Phoenix

**Nov. 7**
Third Annual Chicagoland Tour:
Historic Chicago
Tour departs from the DePaul Center
Loop Campus

**Nov. 10**
Alumni Reception
Chambers Hotel
Minneapolis

**Nov. 11**
Alumni Conference Call:
Work/Life Balance
Teleconference

**Nov. 12**
Alumni Reception
Hotel Baker
St. Charles, Ill.

**Nov. 19**
Career Transitioners Work Group
DePaul Center
Loop Campus

**Nov. 21**
Fannie Mae’s Help the Homeless
Walkathon
Washington, D.C.

**December**

**Dec. 5**
Grand Opening Celebration
Alumni Center
Lincoln Park Campus

**Dec. 11**
Christmas at DePaul
St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Chicago

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**Recent Alumni Events**

**Summer Send-offs**

DePaul alumni welcome new students and their families at the Summer Send-off in Glenview, Ill.

Incoming DePaul students, current students and alumni gathered for the third annual Summer Send-offs in August. Picnics were held this year in Orland Park, Ill., and Glenview, Ill. Alumni also had the opportunity to welcome incoming students and test each other’s Chicago trivia knowledge during a pizza dinner celebration in Detroit on Aug. 1. New students and alumni mingled at Dodgers Stadium in Los Angeles before enjoying a baseball game together.

**Cubs and White Sox Baseball Outings**

About 400 members of the DePaul community enjoyed summer baseball outings to see the Chicago Cubs take on rivals nationwide—from AT&T Park in San Francisco to Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., and at a number of cities in between. Alumni and guests met before the games to catch up and grab some Alumni Association goodies before hitting the stands. In Chicago, alumni and friends met up at the Wrigleyville Goose Island Brewpub on July 28 and then caught the Cubs vs. Astros game at Wrigley Field. On July 30, alumni and guests gathered at Chicago’s U.S. Cellular Field to see the White Sox defeat the New York Yankees.

**Alumni Receptions across the Country**

DePaul’s new vice president for Alumni Outreach and Engagement, Patricia O’Donoghue, is hosting receptions in some 20 cities across the country during the 2009-10 school year to meet alumni and share new ideas and initiatives. The first of these receptions was held Sept. 13 at The City Club of San Francisco. The Biltmore Country Club in North Barrington, Ill., served as the backdrop for the second reception on Sept. 22.

At both events, O’Donoghue shared the latest university updates and tapped attendees for their insights about existing Alumni Relations efforts and ideas for future DePaul community activities.
Thank You Both

MARY A. DEMPSEY AND PHILIP H. CORBOY SR. FOR SERVING THE COMMUNITY—THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS GIFT TO DEPAUL

Mary A. Dempsey (JD ’82), longtime commissioner of Chicago’s public library system and chair of DePaul’s Board of Trustees, and her husband, noted trial lawyer Philip H. Corboy, recently made a gift to DePaul’s College of Law—the largest made to the school in more than a decade—to establish an endowed scholarship in their names.

Their generosity to the university—indeed, their lifetime of public service—is a shining example of the Vincentian mission in action.

Over the course of her career, Dempsey has been active on many boards and commissions, tackling a range of city, state, Catholic, civic and educational issues, while at the same time supporting personal causes like Mercy Home for Boys and Girls and Misericordia.

Since his graduation from law school in 1949, Corboy has devoted himself to representing brave and injured people and their families in personal injury cases. In the process, he has not only become one of the country’s top trial lawyers, he has transformed the field.

“Phil told me once,” Dempsey recalls, “if you have the talent and ability to help the people of this city to grow, you have the responsibility to do it.” Following the guidance of St. Vincent’s example and work, we believe that this scholarship is one way to accomplish that goal.”
“My business card has said the same thing for six years, and my job has been different every day.”

Jason M. Bristow (COM '95)
Treasurer, Amazon.com. See p. 10.