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Welcome to the Spring 2012 Loras Magazine!

From the Editor
Sr. Director of Marketing Sharon Rea (’92)

As you finger through the back pages of this edition of the Loras Magazine – we all know you read the recognitions first – I encourage you to peruse the rest of the stories, too!

The cover story, The Gift of Loras, is a compelling discussion regarding the impact your gifts have on current Loras students, students who are here because of the generosity of others. Fr. Joensen’s Interfaith Engagement article summarizes several amazing faith-based activities on campus and encourages us to be ambassadors of interfaith cooperation. He will be a regular contributor to the Magazine. The From the Hill and Athletic News sections highlight many of the great accomplishments of our Loras students – too many of fit into our pages here, and finally the Alumni section offers you photos and stories from around the country regarding your Duhawk family. Be sure to pay special attention to the Connecting to You story, and I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention Homecoming 2012 – mark your calendar for September 28, 29 and 30!

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During the first week of December, as students geared up for final papers and exams, a group of seniors in the Honors Program at Loras began a different sort of project. They joined members of the Dubuque community to explore what happens when you take the liberal arts out into the world.

On three different evenings, groups of Honors students met with community members to read works of literature—the types of writings you typically find only in classrooms—and then talk about how these works address social issues. Organized and led by the students, these discussions required all participants to interpret the writings and relate them to their experiences as professionals in fields as diverse as health care, farming, education and the arts. Topics introduced by the readings included charity, leadership and service.

The discussions were part of a national initiative established in 1998 at Valparaiso University called the Project on Civic Reflection. According to the Project, which was founded with support from the Lilly Foundation, civic reflection is a process that gathers people with common work areas together so they can talk about the motives, principles and purposes of their civic lives. Specifically, they come together to read, talk about and apply great works of the humanities to their own experiences as family members, co-workers, volunteers and concerned citizens.

The first of the three Honors discussions took place in the library at Prescott Elementary School with a community group called “Circles.” Sponsored by the City of Dubuque, the Circles Program brings together families working to get out of poverty and several middle and upper income allies who befriend them and lend support. With the help and friendship of their
allies, each family sets and achieves goals that are unique to their needs.

The discussion was led by Honors students Alejandro Ruales-Almeida ('12) (Bogota, Colombia), Alexa Tuescher ('12) (Clinton, Iowa) and Andrea Tobon-Acosta ('12) (Bogota, Colombia). Together with members of the Circles group, the Honors students read a reflection on giving called “The Sweetness of Charity” by the poet Maya Angelou, after which everyone present discussed what kinds of acts can be considered truly charitable. The discussion expanded upon the typical understanding of charity as a monetary gift, and it raised several examples of charity as offerings of time in our otherwise very busy worlds. Drawing upon Angelou’s text, the discussion was able to conclude that the essence of charity rests in charitable actions—specifically in a love of giving—and not in the size or even type of the gift. According to this understanding, charity is in no way limited to certain groups or social classes.

The second discussion took place at the Dubuque Art Center in downtown Dubuque. Members of the Art Center joined others from New Hope Catholic Worker Farm and the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium to discuss two readings with the Honors students: “The Use of Force” by William Carlos Williams and “The History Teacher” by Billy Collins. Leadership was the central topic, and both writings raised questions about what makes a good leader.

Although the group found that Collins’ poem introduced an interesting scenario about how truthful our leaders need to be, it was Williams’ brief story of a doctor who forces care upon a sick but stubborn child that generated the most discussion. When do our leaders know what’s best for us? Do they have a right to force their positions upon our lives? What about when the lives of others are at stake? These were just some of the questions that the group, under the direction of Brennan Tesdahl ('12) (Dubuque, Iowa) and Abby Moore ('12) (Des Moines, Iowa), found in the text. Drawing on their own experiences with different types of leaders, the participants shared a variety of answers to the questions.

The final discussion took place on campus as participants from AmeriCorp, the Dubuque Boys and Girls Club, Mercy Hospital and Paramount Ambulance met on the Keane Hall porch to talk about readings that included a poem titled “Theme for English B” by Langston Hughes. Honors students David Kula ('12) (Circle Pines, Minn.) and Traci Evers ('12) (Sugar Grove, Ill.) led the discussion.

Because Hughes’ poem raises issues of human identity and racial difference, the group was invited to share their experiences of working with people from different backgrounds at their workplaces. The notion of how one’s race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, culture and other environmental factors can shape identity became the focus of discussion. Hughes’ poem suggests that we are more inter-related than we realize. “You are white,” the poet writes, “Yet a part of me, as I am a part of you. / That’s American.”
Hughes’ poem ends by applying this notion of inter-relatedness directly to education, and community participants in the discussions seemed prepared to do the same. Mary Moody (’85), principal of the New Hope Catholic Workers’ Farm, cited the educational value of such conversations by pointing out that “it’s critical thinking and civil discourse that can better connect us to others and, ultimately, make us think bigger.” Jordan DeGree, founder and executive director of the Dubuque Art Center, agreed, emphasizing that talks like these that require “discourse about civic issues” are occasions to learn from one another; such conversations, he pointed out, “can often be positive, thoughtful and responsible things.”

As the Honors students learned, these types of discussions also can be uncomfortable. Unlike typical campus discussions, these conversations with community members introduced a number of new viewpoints that often went beyond the traditional classroom. Students who found it difficult to discuss their own beliefs and values in class faced even greater challenges when sitting elbow-to-elbow with people from very different backgrounds who could lay claim to dissimilar cultural, political or religious values. They discovered that the “civic” realm of their lives—the world they share with others as citizens of towns, cities, states or nations—requires us to think deeply about who we are and how we relate to others. Democracy, they discovered, depends on seeing others as human beings with needs and desires similar to our own. Sometimes that lesson comes from politicians, but there is reason to think that poets might be delivering it even more effectively as they seek to move both our minds and our hearts.

Honors students who participated in the discussions

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Celina Cantu (’12)
Chicago Heights, Ill.
John Clark (’12)
Sterling, Ill.
Janet Crone (’12)
Peoria, Ill.
Reena Dev (’13)
Kathmandu, Nepal
Dana Disteldorf (’12)
Oak Forest, Ill.
Kathleen Ehlbeck (’12)
Freeport, Ill.
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Making Internships Possible

Loras Awarded Scholl Foundation Grant

Loras College recently received a $20,000 grant from the Dr. Scholl Foundation. The funds provide scholarships for students interning for academic credit outside of the Dubuque area, in the U.S. or abroad.

The opportunities for students to gain valuable experiences through internships through Loras College have grown significantly in recent years. For a person new to a major, the possibilities to apply classroom learning to the “real world” are invaluable. In addition, living and working in a new cultural environment also is educational. Approximately one-half of the Loras student body come from communities with a population of fewer than 55,000. For those students, interning in cities, often with much greater diversity than their home towns, is a richly rewarding experience. The same can be said for the other half of the student body, coming originally from a metropolitan area and taking an internship in a rural setting. Internships also give students an advantage later when entering the job market or in applying to graduate school.

In any given semester, students leave campus for internships in Dubuque, across the U.S. and in other countries. Recent internship placements include television network MTV, New York; “Good Morning America Now,” New York; Disney, Orlando, Fla.; Cashmere Agency, Los Angeles; Underwater Adventures Aquarium, Minneapolis, Minn.; Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Chicago, Ill.; World Relief Program, Chicago; and Rutgers University Neuroscience Laboratory at the Center of Alcohol Studies, New Brunswick, N.J.

An increasing trend among students at Loras is international internships. In the past, students have been placed at TNT Magazine, Sydney, Australia, and MCI, Barcelona, Spain. Last spring, 16 students participated in internships in Spain. International internships are experiences greatly enriching to students, allowing them to work as well as live and study abroad. Students have the opportunity to speak a second language in the workplace, and experience firsthand a foreign work environment. In an increasingly global economy and workplace, this country needs professionals with experience beyond the U.S. borders.

Internships typically come with added expenses above and beyond tuition, room and board costs. Particularly in larger metropolitan areas and in Europe, housing, food and transportation costs are significantly higher than in Dubuque. Students also incur transportation costs to and from the internship, and often must purchase professional attire.

To help make internships possible, Dr. Scholl Internship Away Scholarships allow needy students with proven ability and initiative the opportunity of an internship. The Dr. Scholl Internship Away Scholarship awards this funding at varying levels, based on need.

The Dr. Scholl Foundation, of Chicago, Ill., was established by William M. Scholl, M.D., in 1947. It is a private, independent grant-making foundation for charitable purposes, and has been a supporter of Loras College students since 1989.
Making music at Loras College just got a little sweeter. Loras College was the recipient of an $18,750 grant from the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA) in 2011. With this grant the College was able to purchase five new instruments, instrument repairs, piano tuning and other band equipment including music stands and supplies.

The new instruments and equipment from the DRA grant will be showcased in the College’s spring concert series including the Wind Ensemble Concert performed on March 10 and the upcoming Loras Choirs Spring Concert on April 14. This new equipment comes at a critical time, as the Loras instrumental music department has seen steady growth in recent years with an increase of 45 students.

Strengthening this program helps educate more students in the liberal arts tradition and develops the habit of service to the community. Two College bands have helped display these values in the concerts they have held annually, free of charge to the public, six times throughout the year. They visit nursing homes, more specifically the Alzheimer’s wards, and also provide music therapy to children with autism. Adding to their service to the community, the bands play for not-for-profit organizations, tour and perform with area middle schools and high schools, host music clinics and provide music ministry to area churches. This Christmas, the DRA funds allowed the bands to lend music stands to the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce for the Festival of Trees. This collaboration would not have been possible without the DRA support.

The DRA, through its racing, gaming and entertainment facilities, provides social, economic and community betterment and lessens the burden to the City of Dubuque and area government, while contributing to the growth and viability of Dubuque-area tourism. In 2011, 235 charitable organizations received monies from the DRA Grant Program.
This Week in Business

Planning is currently underway for the third annual Loras College Business Week, presented by the Loras College division of business administration, which will be held May 7-11, 2012. All are invited to attend this year’s events.

Afternoon and evening presentations will be given throughout the week by Gary Wolter ('76), chairman of the board, president and CEO of Madison Gas and Electric Company; Art Gilloon, attorney with Gilloon, Wright, & Hamel, P.C.; and Loras College finance majors participating in the LIFE Portfolio class, which actively manages a portion of the Loras College endowment. Thursday evening will feature a student showcase, where students will present accomplishments and activities from the 2011/2012 academic year as well as a keynote address by Dan McHugh ('79), CEO of Southern Air, Inc.

Current business majors or students interested in majoring in business are invited to attend alumni panels that will be held throughout the week for each business major offered at Loras College. In addition there will be an internship panel where students who have completed internships while at Loras College will share their experiences with students interested in seeking internships within a business discipline.

For more information, please contact Luke Lammer, assistant professor of accounting, at luke.lammer@loras.edu or 563-588-7379.

POINTS OF PRIDE

Loras College is “Petal Certified”, an award showcasing dedication to environmental sustainability. With over 1 million square feet of infrastructure, Loras has maintained its commitment to green initiatives, from the incorporation of geothermal wells to sensor controls, and numerous other programs around campus. The Petal Project is a regionally recognized sustainability certification program.
The junior and senior students majoring in athletic training participated in an internet project this fall. The students were invited to help write content for sharecare.com website. Sharecare is an interactive, social Q&A platform designed to greatly simplify the search for quality healthcare information and help consumers live their healthiest life. Sharecare is enlisting the nation’s leading health experts, care providers, organizations and brands to join the health and wellness conversation and empowering users with high-quality, relevant answers to their health questions from multiple expert perspectives and with interactive health and wellness tools to take action on what they’ve learned. The website was launched in 2010 by Jeff Arnold, founder of WebMD, and Emmy-award winning host Dr. Mehmet Oz, in partnership with Harpo Studios, Sony Pictures Television and Discovery Communications.

The Loras group was one of approximately 30 programs nationwide who participated. The students wrote common questions and answers the general public would want to know about common athletic injuries to the knee and thigh. The content was submitted in October and is now being reviewed for posting to the sharecare.com website.
Twelve students majoring in athletic training attended the Hawkeye Sports Medicine Symposium in Iowa City, Iowa, on Dec. 1, 2011. The students used the opportunity to hear from respected members of the sports medicine field and also visited and toured the athletic training and sports medicine facilities in Iowa City. The students were: Burke; Griffith; Bauder; Marino; Bruns; Robbins; Dunn; Henderson; Gilman; Pulido; Thies; and Pilcher.

### Points of Pride

Patrick C. Runde ('58) gifted a beautiful sterling silver chalice and paten set to Loras College. Runde graduated from both Loras Academy and Loras College and served for many years as a priest, and then later as a lay minister guiding others.
The Loras College Sport Management program had eight students place nationally in the Sport Marketing Association Conference in Houston, Tex., this fall.

This year the team of Dustin Rumple ('12) (Rockford, Ill.), Kathryn Belanger ('14) (St. Charles, Mo.), Logan Potter ('12) (North Liberty, Iowa) and Leanne Szela ('12) (Downers Grove, Ill.) finished third nationally. The team of Mike Considine ('14) (Sandwich, Ill.), Kraig Liske ('14) (Donahue, Iowa), Eric Theilacker ('14) (Naperville, Ill.) and Taylor Heinrichs ('14) (Manchester, Iowa) finished second, and were informed the central component of their idea will likely be pursued by the University of Houston.

Matt Garrett, coordinator of the sport management program, said “Once again our students demonstrated their ability to compete on a high level with the top sport management programs in the nation. The fact that we are the only college in the country that has placed in the top three in the last five national case study competitions is testament to the students’ hard work and the expectations that have been established.”
Inspiring the Class of 2012

Loras College is honored to have Kevin White, Ph.D., serve as the Loras Commencement speaker on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

White has a long history of career accomplishments. He started his higher education career at Loras College as the director of athletics in 1982, was promoted to vice president of student development and dean of students in 1985 and two years later named vice president of college advancement. In college advancement he supervised the College’s $15 million capital campaign, a $1.2 million annual fund, planned giving, alumni relations, college publications and public relations. White re-launched the National Catholic Basketball Tournament (NCBT) in 1982 and oversaw Loras’ entry into the NCAA Division III and re-entry into the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

In 1987, White accepted a position as director of athletics at the University of Maine. Over the years White was able to continue his career at many different universities including Tulane University, Arizona State and the University of Notre Dame. In 2008, White moved to Durham, N.C., to become vice president and director of athletics at Duke University. Under his leadership, the student athletes’ performance has grown both on and off the court. The school has captured a total of six NCAA titles between 2009 and 2011, and in spring 2011, 25 of 26 sports teams earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. White has also announced that a portion of ticket sales at the university will be directed to the Duke University libraries. With his vision, the revenue will help support teaching and research across the institution.

According to Loras College President Jim Collins (’84), “It is an honor to have Kevin White back on campus to serve as our commencement speaker. Kevin’s leadership at Loras and his successful career since are a tribute to his dedication to higher education and intercollegiate athletics. He has deep affection for Loras and continues to say it is one of the most “magical” places he has ever served. Kevin is a tremendous leader, a man of faith, outstanding role model and a great friend. Kevin’s message will serve as a lifelong inspiration for the Loras Class of 2012.”

Spanning the Globe

International study is highly recommended at Loras College because it introduces students to new cultures, ideas and people. The ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Fellows Program awarded Loras College a grant of $29,800 which will help four students gain that experience. The funding will make possible a research trip to China in summer 2012 by faculty member Lee Zhu, Ph.D., associate professor of history. This will be the second trip Zhu has made to China as an ASIANetwork Freeman Fellow. While in China, Zhu will conduct research of case studies of a Buddhist temple and a Protestant church in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China. The research is a comparison study of Buddhism and Christianity in post-Mao China. Results of the research collected will be presented in two papers and a photo exhibition. ASIANetwork is a 20-year old consortium of over 170 North American colleges that hope to strengthen the role of Asian studies within the liberal arts education.
New Faculty 2011-2012

Douglas Gambrall, Ed.D., chair of the division of business administration and associate professor of business administration, earned his doctorate in leadership education. Gambrall’s previous experiences include teaching at Aquinas College, Anderson College and Oakland City University, as well as industry experience in banking. He can be recognized by a bit of Southern (Indiana, Tenn.) inflection in his speech and a good sense of humor.

Roger Kerkenbush, M.S., assistant professor of accounting, was previously the associate dean of business at Waukesha County Technical College. A Potosi native and Packer fan, Kerkenbush has been a Fulbright Scholar to the Czech Republic and has industry experience at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Andersen Consulting and others.

Angela Kohlhaas, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics, graduated from Notre Dame University and was a visiting professor at Loras during the previous academic year. She is an accomplished musician, has already contributed to mathematics professional activities for Loras students and faculty and can teach the mathematics of origami. She has presented her research internationally and is an ultimate Frisbee enthusiast.

Luke Lammer, M.A., C.P.A., assistant professor of accounting, joined Loras in January 2011 from McGladrey & Pullen. He has a master of accountancy from the University of Iowa, as well as the CPA, CMA and CIA. Most recently, Lammer participated in the AICPA Leadership Academy, one of 30 professionals selected to participate. Among his many accomplishments, he also can recite the alphabet backwards and has a bobble-head doll of himself on his desk.

Anne Marx, Ed.D., assistant professor of sport management, has had careers as a naturalist, Montessori teacher, outdoor educator and assistant professor at Elon University, N.C. She also brings wide experience in service learning and undergraduate student research to her new position.

Jonas Meyer, Ph.D., (’04), assistant professor of mathematics, graduated from Loras with mathematics and computer science degrees, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa and has served as a lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He returns to his alma mater where he may share his punk rock preferences with his former teachers, now colleagues.

Nathan Newman, M.S., instructor of athletic training, was previously an assistant athletic trainer and clinical director for athletics at Loras until moving to the division of physical education and sport studies as an instructor in athletic training. He has a M.S. from Western Illinois and is beginning a doctoral program at UNI.

Leon Niemoczynski, Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy, has a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University and teaching experience from West Chester University, Pa. Niemoczynski has a strong environmental interest, watches Man vs Wild, bikes, camps, hikes and can do a good job cooking Thai food.

Heather Riley, M.A., assistant professor of physical education and sport studies, is now a tenure-track assistant professor after serving as an instructor in the division of physical education and sport studies. She has a strong professional interest in adaptive physical education and is enrolled in a doctoral program in special education and curriculum.
Erin VanLaningham, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, has a Ph.D. from St. Louis University and experience in Irish studies, honors programs and study abroad programs while an assistant professor of English and director of the Fellows Program at Concordia College in New York. She studied at the University of Nottingham and Cambridge College in England. A Luther College undergrad, she has promised to cheer for Loras when the Duhawks and Norsemen meet.

Visiting Faculty 2011-2012

Michael Ivanov, Ph.D., (’03), visiting professor in chemistry, recently completed his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He conducts research related to Parkinson’s disease and credits his chemistry interest and skills to what he learned from his first quiz in Dr. Binz’s class.

Sarah Hankerson, Ph.D., visiting professor in psychology, has degrees in biology and psychology. Her Ph.D. is in behavior, ecology, evolution and systematics from the University of Maryland in College Park. At a previous institution, she offered a popular January Term course in “Monkey Love.”

Academic Staff:

Lynn Gallagher, Ed.D., director of the Lynch Office of Disability Services, was previously the Upward Bound director at NICC. Her Ed.D. is in educational leadership from National-Lewis University. Gallagher has significant leadership experience through her appointments to two state-level advocacy groups: the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Illinois Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force.

Julie Greenberg, M.I.S., M.L.S., instruction services librarian, returns to her hometown after completing a M.I.S. degree at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and a M.A. in teaching from the University of Iowa. A lifelong piano student, Greenberg is beginning violin and guitar studies—when she isn’t reading medical anthropology or Harry Potter.

Faculty/Staff Recognitions

President James E. Collins (’84) has been appointed to a three-year term on the Seton Hall University board of regents. It is an honor for President Collins to be recognized by Seton Hall for his leadership expertise by being added to their board.

Sister Bernadine Curoe, S.V.M., (MA ’69), part-time coordinator for academic success, was presented with a special Archdiocesan award by the Most Rev. Jerome Hanus, S.T.B., to highlight her contributions made as a consecrated religious.

Mary Johnson, Ph.D., professor of psychology, was elected to the chair of Behavioral Sciences Licensure Board for the State of Iowa.


Dana Livingston, Ph.D., associate professor of modern languages and cultures, has been recertified as an American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) examiner. The ACTFL is the only national organization dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction. ACTFL is an individual membership organization of more than 12,000 foreign language educators and administrators from elementary through graduate education, as well as government and industry.

The Loras College English program’s creative writing faculty gave readings of their creative work on December 2, 2011, those participating were: William Jablonsky, M.F.A., assistant professor of English, fiction; Kevin Koch, Ph.D., (’81), professor of English, creative nonfiction; and James Pollock, Ph.D., associate professor of English, poetry.


Luke Lammer, M.A., C.P.A., assistant professor of accounting, has been selected to attend the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' third annual Leadership Academy.


James Pollock, Ph.D., associate professor of English, had two books accepted for publication. Sailing to Babylon, a book of poems, will be published by Able Muse Press in California, either this winter or in spring 2012 and will include a foreword by a well-known poet, to be determined. You Are Here: Essays on Criticism and the Art of Poetry in Canada, will be published by The Porcupine’s Quill in Canada, in spring 2012.

Wendy Romero, M.F.A., associate professor of art, was notified that her mixed media artwork “Secret Serenity” was selected for exhibit by the EMC Insurance Juried Exhibition. This work was presented in their headquarters for exhibit during the month of October 2011. EMC Insurance is purchasing the work and entering it into their national corporate collection.

Erin VanLaningham, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, delivered the paper “Playful Art: Viewing Desire in the new Jane Eyre film” at the Midwest Modern Language Association (MMLA) in St. Louis, Mo., on November 4, 2011. She also presented a version of the paper at the Streamlines conference at Clarke University on November 12, 2011.

Art Sunleaf, associate vice president of student development and dean of students, was promoted to vice president for student development and dean of students on January 19, 2012.

Bruce Kotowich, D.M.A., associate professor of music, published “The Choral Music of Ruth Watson Henderson” in the Research Memorandum Series with Chorus America. In addition, Kotowich was the bass soloist with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra in their performances of the Bach Magnificat with members of Loras' Chambers Singers performing in the massed choir. In April 2010, Kotowich performed the role of Il Bozo in the Dubuque Symphony's performances of Madame Butterfly. Kotowich was also the music director for Rising Star Theatre’s production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. He also taught vocal and choral technique at the International Music Camp at the International Peace Gardens.

Donna Bauerly, Ph.D., professor emerita, was re-elected as president of the Carnegie-Stout Public Library Foundation.
When Yvette Bahena’s (’15) (Waukegan, Ill.) parents dropped her off for her first day of the “Launch into Loras” first year orientation program last fall, her mom’s parting embrace included a tearful whisper to her daughter, “Yvette, make us proud.” Her family had long dreamed of the day that Yvette would become the first person in their family to attend college. For Yvette, the fact that she would be attending Loras College made that dream complete. “I never doubted that Loras would be the perfect fit for me,” said Yvette, “the only thing I questioned was whether it would be financially possible for me to attend.” Despite years of personal sacrifices, including selling their Waukegan home and moving into a modest apartment, Yvette’s family was simply not in a financial position to pay for private college tuition. “One day I received a call from President Collins saying I was going to receive a Breitbach Scholarship,” said Yvette, “and that was really the day that my dream came true.”

Felizia Dambach (’13) (Green Bay, Wis.), was set to attend Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., until she received a financial aid package from Loras that caught her attention. “Loras offered me a merit scholarship that made me take a long look at Loras. When I did, I saw a very special community that I could part of,” said Felizia.

Yvette and Felizia are two of the many students on campus whose scholarship support is the tipping point that makes it financially possible for them to attend Loras. When you make a gift to support financial aid scholarships, you aren’t just giving the gift of higher education—you are giving the gift of Loras College. It is a gift that changes the trajectory
of a young person’s life because going to college and going to the right college for you are two very different paths.

In 2012, Loras College will launch a concentrated fundraising initiative to marshal funds for scholarship support. This ongoing effort will focus advancement resources on scholarships, one of the most important institutional priorities. “I consider this both a fundraising and awareness effort,” said Loras College President Jim Collins (’84), “we want our alumni and friends to know, or be reminded, just how pivotal a scholarship can be in the lives of students—as well as in the life of our institution.”

Although nearly every student who attends Loras College receives financial aid assistance, the College does not have the resources to provide optimal scholarship packages to meet the needs of worthy applicants. According to Collins, “Every year there are students who want to come to Loras, who deserve to come to Loras and who would be valuable members of our community, but they simply don’t have the money to attend. And there are current students who will graduate facing substantial financial debt. This has to change.”

The scholarship initiative will focus heavily on raising money for the Loras College endowment. An endowment is a type of financial fund that includes all of the Colleges’ investments and is used to both protect the financial health of the institution and fund key institutional priorities. “There is no better way to support Loras than by giving money to endowed scholarships,” stated Pam Gerard, vice president for institutional advancement, “endowment funds strengthen the colleges’ overall financial position while helping families make the Loras experience possible for their children.”

Perhaps there is no greater testament to the transformative power of financial aid scholarships than the testimonials of alumni who were recipients during their time at Loras. Sha-Chelle (Devlin) Manning (’90) was born into the dustbowls of Lawton, Okla., where her father served in the military. The first home she lived in was a tiny, 800-square foot house without air-conditioning. Today she splits her time between her residence in Texas and Malibu, Calif., where she is a founder of MalibuIQ, an entrepreneurial investment partnership that works with one of the most elite private research facilities in the world, HRL (formerly known as Hughes Research Laboratories). For Manning, Loras College was key to her success, “Loras was an amazing place. It wasn’t just the rigor of a liberal arts education that made it unique, it was the fact that this disciplined training took place in the context of a close-knit community that placed value on service. The Loras educational experience gave me the fundamental tools to be all that I could be—and I know that unique experience, steeped in a tradition of service and quest for excellence, is doing the same for current students as well.”
Manning’s education at Loras was made possible, in part, by scholarship support. And it has served as a motivator for her to want to support the College to create similar opportunities for prospective students. “I think it is terribly important for alumni like myself to contribute financially to the College in a meaningful way,” said Manning, “Loras did so much for us and now it is time for us to give back.”

Donna (Metz) Loewen, Ph.D. (’77) has been a lifelong educator and friend to Loras College. For Loewen, education is a great equalizer in life and scholarships are a vital conduit. “Many of us come from humble beginnings where a college experience was certainly not pre-ordained,” said Loewen. “Scholarships change everything—they open doors to bright futures that would otherwise remain closed for disadvantaged students,” she added.

“There are many ways to contribute to the Loras College scholarship initiative,” said Gerard, “you don’t have to fund an endowed scholarship to know that you are making a difference. We just ask that you consider our need for scholarships among your top philanthropic priorities.”

For more information about contributing to the Loras College scholarship initiative, please contact the Advancement Office at 800-245-6727.

POINTS OF PRIDE

Accounting Grads Among Best in the Nation

Loras College accounting grads exceeded the national average pass rate. Loras College also had the fourth highest overall CPA exam pass rate among all Iowa colleges and universities, as shown in the latest data from 2010.

The results of the Certified Public Accountant Exam are provided by National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). Each year NASBA publishes the Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination. In addition to besting the national average for overall exam pass rate, Loras College grads also exceeded the national average among first-time takers of the exam.

The Uniform CPA Examination is a total of 14 hours long and is divided into four sections. Exam-takers have 18 months to pass all four sections.
An Everlasting Gift

By Eric Solberg, director of major and planned giving

The annual budget at Loras College is fueled by three sources: 1) tuition income; 2) gifts from alumni, friends and parents; and 3) income from our endowment. Of the three, the endowment provides the smallest percentage of support, representing about 3% of the overall budget.

Mary Agnoli ('15) (Davenport, Iowa) started her first year at Loras this fall and matriculated here from Assumption High School. Agnoli is representative of many Loras students, manifesting active involvement on and off campus. She writes and edits for The Lorian, she is in the Honors program, Social Work Club, Liturgy Committee, Daughters of Isabella, a Pope John Paul II Scholar and participated in a winter service trip to Haiti. “When applying to Loras, I was not sure how I was going to pay for it. I knew it would be expensive, but I felt a call to come.”

Like many of her classmates, Agnoli receives financial aid from Loras. Virtually every student here receives some type of assistance, and over 75% of our current students receive “need-based financial aid.” On a percentage basis, more Loras students receive need-based aid than all but one of our peer institutions. Need-based aid is awarded on the basis of the financial resources of the applicant’s family. Due to Loras’ generous financial aid policy, about one of every four current students is on track to become a first generation college graduate! Also, the average family income at Loras College is on par with the family incomes at the three land-grant institutions in Iowa (University of Iowa, Iowa State and University of Northern Iowa).

Mary Agnoli is bright, talented and ambitious; precisely the kind of student Loras wants today as an undergraduate and tomorrow as an alumnus. Other
colleges felt the same way about Agnoli, who comes from a middle-class family. She had other options from schools who offered financial-aid packages. If Loras had not made it affordable, she stated, “I would have gone elsewhere.”

How is the Endowment Involved?

The Endowment at Loras College is a fund that rises and falls with market conditions. The College utilizes a percentage of earnings, when there are earnings, to support the budget. The largest expenditure of Loras’ budget is financial aid.

Keeping Up with Our Peers

As of May 31, 2011, Loras’ endowment hovered around $22 million. Of the schools for whom we consider our peers (those whom we most often compete for students), our endowment is in last place. (1)

Philanthropic support helps to augment the endowment. Endowed scholarships are an example of such a gift.

Loras College awards $20 million in aid, of which $1 million is funded by endowment.

In terms of percentage of alumni giving, Loras ranks #6 out of our seven peer schools. In fiscal year 2010-2011, 21% of Loras alumni made gifts to the College. (2)

The Importance of a Healthy Endowment

President Jim Collins stated, “A healthy endowment is critical to the future success of Loras and we have been woefully inattentive to making this an institutional priority as an alumni constituency. Most individuals can’t understand the importance of an endowment for an institution. However, most individuals understand the need to have life insurance, a pension plan and a savings account for their families. They recognize that the sustainability of their lifestyle depends on building these critical safeguard funds. From my perspective, a healthy savings and pension account for a family is the parallel equivalent to the importance of a healthy endowment for an institution. Loras needs to build a healthy endowment or we all fail to honor its future.”

For information about making an endowment gift, such as endowing a scholarship at Loras College, please contact Eric Solberg, director of major and planned giving, at 563-588-7969 or Eric.Solberg@Loras.edu.

(1) 2011 Council for Aid to Education
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**Endowment Comparison Among Loras College's Peer Schools**

(as of fiscal year ending May 31, 2010)

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Interfaith Engagement Rekindled at Loras

By Rev. William Joensen, Ph.D., dean of campus spiritual life

A host of initiatives and forms of outreach put in motion before the 2011-12 academic year have sought to deepen understanding, respect and cooperation among members of the Loras community and representatives of distinct religious traditions. These efforts do not simply reflect the realities of the socially connected, increasingly diverse world in which we live, but are an intentional expression of Loras’ identity as a College both Catholic and catholic in its global scope of awareness. As the Second Vatican Council’s *Nostra Aetate* (“In Our Time”) declares, “The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in [other] religions. She regards with sincere reverence those ways of conduct and of life, those precepts and teachings which, though differing in many aspects from the ones she holds and sets forth, nonetheless often reflect a ray of that Truth which enlightens all men” (n. 2).

The selection of Eboo Patel’s *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* as a common reading text for the first year students’ Modes of Inquiry experience helped to catalyze both interfaith (among Christians and members of other religious traditions) and ecumenical (among separated Christians) dialogue and reflection. Patel, the founder and director of the Interfaith Youth Corps (IFYC), recounts his own life path as the suburban Chicago son of two Indian Ismaili Muslim immigrants. His lukewarm regard for his own faith was challenged in his days as a college student. He eventually became convinced that religion in general was not an obstacle to collaboration and the promotion of social justice and peace. Hanging around faith-based small communities such as Catholic Worker helped him “overcome those parts of me that would tackle somebody from behind. I wanted to be good” (p. 137). Patel claims that full and active participation within one’s own respective religious tradition should both deepen their particular faith commitment and motivate persons to look beyond their own community for converging perspectives on human dignity, flourishing and our ultimate destiny.

IFYC staff joined Loras faculty and staff in their August convocation as they explored interreligious attitudes about life, works and religious experience and situated them within our Catholic Identity and Diversity statements, and later helped train MOI faculty and peer assistants in how to engage students in the often thorny issues tied to religion and politics. Subsequent mid-week Common Time groups composed of students ranging from first year to senior were joined by other staff and faculty who extended the discussion of topics raised in *Acts of Faith*.

Patel’s guest appearance at Loras during the October 5, 2011, Common Time event in the Athletic and Wellness Center afforded him the chance to address members of the campus community, area parochial school students and persons from around the tri-state region, including representatives from the local Muslim community who are in the process of establishing a new mosque in Dubuque. He accented the need to cultivate shared
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values, to gain appreciative knowledge of persons from other traditions, as well as the history and theology of interfaith cooperation. A friendlier spirit of pluralism that does not ignore or water down the real differences that exist among various religions. But honest dialogue can unearth shared perspectives and hopes that can then help nurture positive relationships and accent our commitment to the common good—which is not some abstraction, but is most evident when we are called out of a passive silence to speak on behalf of others who suffer humiliation or intolerance rooted in religious differences.

Also this year, Loras has taken the President’s Challenge issued by President Obama to colleges and universities across the nation to expand forms of local community service rooted in interreligious collaboration. This executive initiative transcends partisan lines; it does not prescribe policy standards tied to funding, but serves as a clearinghouse of ideas and practices emerging from the grassroots level—thereby honoring the Catholic social principle of subsidiarity. Colleen Kuhl (’81), director of campus ministry, and Loras student coordinator Maggie Writt, (’12) (Carol Stream, Ill.) have helped spearhead the Loras efforts, facilitating the formation of “Better Together” interfaith groups, making presentations to various local organizations and animating student outreach to address poverty in the Dubuque community, including participation in the “Make a Difference Day” and Manasseh House efforts to rehabilitate local residential spaces. Following the Manasseh House event, Writt commented, “Every time I serve with other Loras students I always leave feeling proud of the way our school is represented. From their work ethic to the kindness shown to the women living in the house, each member of the group led by example.”

This is not the first year that Loras history professor John Eby, Ph. D., and local physician and Imam Dr. Adib Kassas have met weekly with Loras and outside community members in a Qur’an reading group, where a close study of the text is joined with more wide-ranging conversation about religious, cultural and political topics. Some Loras students have been prompted to not only participate in the group, but to take up Arabic language study in order to engage the Qur’an in its authoritative tongue, so to be better equipped to become responsible contributors on a global scale. A novel development this year by Eby and his fellow facilitators is the initiation of the “Children of Abraham: Conversations across Traditions” series aimed at enhancing dialogue and common understanding—met with occasional shared prayer and fellowship. Loras cooperates with the Tri-State Islamic Center, Temple Beth El Jewish community and the University of Dubuque in hosting series events.

The increasing cultural and interreligious diversity of Dubuque and the tri-state region, accelerated in part by the advent of IBM and other corporate and individual arrivals to the area, has made it ever more incumbent upon all persons of good will to actively engage one another in a spirit of hospitality and mutual respect. The prevailing motivation of interfaith engagement at Loras is not to face or forestall problems, but is rooted in the firm belief that as we turn our faces toward one another and recognize the image of our common Creator present in our brothers and sisters, we continue to sow seeds of peace. October 2011 marked the 25th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace initiated by now Blessed Pope John Paul II, who highlighted the role and responsibility of persons of faith to endow our young people with the understanding and resources to propel humans beyond the religiously-rooted conflicts that have scarred human history, “Peace is a workshop, open to all and not just to specialists, savants and strategists. Peace is a universal responsibility: it comes about through a thousand little acts in daily life. By their daily way of living with others, people choose for or against peace. We entrust the cause of peace especially to the young. May young people help to free history from the wrong paths along which humanity strays.” And, we might add, may Loras Duhawks be among those ambassadors of interfaith cooperation who help to light the way that leads to peace.
Amongst the many fall sports accomplishments, Loras College finished #38 in the Learfield Sports Director’s Cup standings. The cup standings are based on success during the NCAA Division III Championships.

**Football**

The first season under Head Coach Paul Mierkiewicz (‘89) was also the last season for record-setting quarterback Vaughn Gesing (‘12) (Waukon, Iowa). As a unit, there were highs and lows; bright spots and frustrations. When it was all said and done, the 2011 season included one win over Rockford College and nine losses.

On offense, the Duhawks matched the passing ability of veteran signal-caller Gesing with the fresh legs of converted first-year running back Devin “Billy” Kass (‘13) (Solon, Iowa) Kass went over 100 yards on the ground three times and finished with 829 yards and four scores. Gavin Kaiser (‘12) (Galena, Ill.) led the Duhawks in receiving with 36 catches for 652 yards and a team high seven touchdowns in eight games.

On defense, linebacker Zach Myers (‘12) (Dubuque, Iowa) led the way with 96 tackles and safety Eric Meyer (‘13) (Bernard, Iowa) was next with 86. Both finished with 51 solo tackles. Ben Coleman (‘13) (Itasca, Ill.) led the team in sacks and Dave Pirkle (‘14) (Frankfort, Ill.) nabbed three interceptions and broke up an additional eight passes – all team highs. Linebacker David Zoeckler (‘12) (Iowa City, Iowa) led the team with eight tackles for loss.

The talented senior class of Gesing, Kaiser, Myers, Zoeckler, Meyer, Andy Brown (‘12) (Iowa City, Iowa) and Frank Pereiro (‘12) (Orland Park, Ill.) finished 14-27 in their careers with the Duhawks.
Second team All-IIAC honorees included Dubuque natives Myers, Meyer and Tyler Wilker ('13) (Dubuque, Iowa) and honorable mention to Sam Ross ('13) (Epworth, Iowa), Kass and Kaiser.

Gesing leaves as Loras’ all-time leader in completions and attempts after four years as the starter and threw 36 career touchdowns. Kaiser departs with multiple records in the return game and career touchdowns.

**Men’s Cross Country**

For the second time in program history, the Duhawk men’s cross country team reached the season’s final event – the NCAA Division III Championships.

After a successful regular season that included the 2011 Iowa Conference Championship the team promptly finished fourth at the regional event where they were also the top IIAC team and advanced to Oshkosh, Wis.

Upon winning the IIAC team title, head coach Bob Schultz (MA ’94) was named the 2011 Coach of the Year.

The team then rallied to finish in 25th place in Oshkosh, a handful of slots ahead of where they were seeded.

Dan McDermott ('12) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), Austin Steil ('13) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), Jerry Olp ('14) (Wheaton, Ill.), Rob Howe ('15) (Wood Dale, Ill.), Steve Loran ('15) (Sugar Grove, Ill.), Ty Wittman ('15) (Dubuque, Iowa) and Chris Higgins ('13) (Geneva, Ill.) represented the purple and gold at the NCAA level. McDermott, the senior captain who regularly led the Duhawks to the finish line and finished 32nd at the Championships, was the lone senior on the roster. First years Howe, Loran and Wittman finished at the 4-5-6 slots in the finals and gained valuable postseason experience. Six of the seven runners return for the 2012 season.

McDermott, Olp and Steil made the All-IIAC cut in Decorah at the Iowa Conference Championships and the same trio made it to the All-Central Region based on their finishes at the November 12 Regional race.

**Women’s Cross Country**

The women’s cross country team made a bit of noise at the Iowa Conference and regional levels this season. The Duhawks finished third at the IIAC meet and ninth at the Regional meet, where Genna Kinley ('12) (Waukee, Iowa) qualified for Nationals.

Kinley headlined the women’s cross country efforts by qualifying as an individual for the 2011 NCAA Division III Championships and was Loras’ top finisher at every race in 2011. She provided the leadership for the squad as captain. She finished seventh at the IIAC race alongside Mary Rector ('14) (Highland Park, Ill.) who placed eighth. At the Regional meet, Rector was 20th and at Nationals posted a lifetime personal record of 22:28 and crossed the finish line in 124th place.

Kinley made the All-Region list.

**Women’s Golf**

The women’s golf team finished in second place at their annual Fall Invitational and fifth at the 2011 Iowa Conference Championships.

Junior Abby Potts ('13) (Dubuque, Iowa) was routinely atop the Loras leaderboard. Potts won the Loras Invitational in late September in a playoff and used
that momentum to earn All-Iowa Conference honors in the season-ending event. This year’s event was split between Pheasant Ridge in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the first weekend and ended at Lake Creek in Storm Lake, Iowa. Kathryn Belanger (‘14) (St. Charles, Ill.) and Lauren Gonner (‘15) (Dubuque, Iowa) each finished in the top 25 at the IIAC Championships for the young Duhawks.

The team will compete in a handful of events this spring.

Women’s Tennis

The women’s tennis team battled through a 1-13 season in 2011 with a win over Millikin University on September 5.

In the win over Millikin, the Duhawks swept the three doubles matches and went 5-1 in singles. Loras’ closest matches from the loss column came against Dubuque, UW-Stevens Point and St. Ambrose.

Esterjoy Mungai (‘14) (Lauderdale, Minn.) won the most singles matches for the Duhawks, playing in both the #5 and #6 singles spot in the lineup to earn a 6-5 record overall. She paired with Caroline Rainey (‘15) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) to win a pair of #2 doubles matches. Ale Ruales (‘12) (Bogota, Colombia) was competitive throughout the season at #1 singles, going to a tiebreaker four times.

At the season ending IIAC Championships, the doubles team of Mungai and Rainey performed the best in the Flight B Doubles bracket. They went 3-2 and finished in fourth place.

Women’s Soccer

The women’s soccer team was once again a force to be reckoned with on the Iowa Conference and Regional levels in 2011. The team finished 18-3-1, won the regular season Iowa Conference title, the Iowa Conference Tournament in the Rock Bowl and reached the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. It was the second consecutive regular season title and seventh overall for the ladies.

The Duhawks carried a 17-game unbeaten streak into the second round of the NCAA Tournament, where they fell 2-1 to the College of St. Benedict. This being the only loss of the season in the Rock Bowl (12-1-1). Loras outscored their opponents 72-17 over the course of the year.

Individually Kate Young (‘12) (Roscoe, Ill.) scored a team high 13 goals and Danielle Vujovic (‘15) (Elmhurst, Ill.) scored nine goals (5 game-winners) and tied Ali Schmitt (‘12) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) for the team lead in assists with nine. A total of 16 different players scored goals for Loras in 2011. Senior goalkeeper Katie Chambers (‘12) (Sleepy Hollow, Ill.) departs as the program’s all-time leader in goals against average.

Dan Rothert (‘96) won Iowa Conference Coach of the Year Award and a total of 10 players made the All-IIAC list including four first team members, two
second team members and four awarded honorable mentions. Young and Jessica Kern (‘12) (Elmhurst, Ill.) were voted onto the All-North Region team as well.

Men’s Soccer

Another year, another Iowa Conference title and NCAA Tournament appearance for the Loras College men’s soccer team. Loras was dominant in the Rock Bowl again (10-1-2), went on the road to win the IIAC Tournament Championship and reached the second round of the NCAA Division III Championships.

An unheard of 23 different players scored goals for the Duhawks in 2011. No other college in Division III came close to that number. The purple and gold outscored opponents 75-18 and went unbeaten during a 12-game stretch from mid-September through late October.

Donald St. George (‘12) (Elm Grove, Wis.) led the offense with eight goals and six assists for 22 points. He was followed closely by Brad Joiner (‘13) (Lemont, Ill.) with seven goals, seven assists and 21 points. Kevin Cavers (‘14) (Arlington Heights, Ill.) often provided the play-making in the middle of the field. Nate DuBois (‘12) (Lemont, Ill.) returned to Loras to hold down the fort as goalkeeper. His goals against average finished at 0.87 and he posted nine shutouts.

Postseason honors included seven Duhawks on the All-IIAC list. Three made the first team and four made the second team. Cavers was recognized as an All-North Region selection.

Volleyball

The 2011 volleyball squad went 10-22 and 4-4 in the Iowa Conference on their way to a fourth place finish in the league. Regan Riley (‘13) (Brookfield, Ill.) led the Duhawks with 330 kills and 354 digs. Kaity Frost (‘12) (Dyersville, Iowa) was not far behind with 295 kills and hit the best percentage for Loras at .211. Frost and Cassie Crabill (‘13) (Dubuque, Iowa) provided the primary source of defense at the net by combining for over 100 blocks. Kenzie Goedken (‘13) (Lamont, Iowa) and Crabill each posted seven solo blocks and Goedken finished third on the team in kills with 280. Setter Julie Rogers (‘12) (Homer Glen, Ill.) finished with 954 assists, led the team in aces and logged 91 kills in her 112 sets played.

As a team, the early part of the season was a mix of wins and losses, including a 3-1 start to the IIAC schedule. The .500 record in the IIAC was good for the #4 seed. In the IIAC Tournament opening round the Central College Dutch won a pair of intense sets to start a 25-23, 25-23, 25-15 loss for the Duhawks. The Dutch were familiar opponents to the Duhawks, meeting a total of four times. The Duhawks swept the regular season, though the Dutch took the IIAC match. The two teams met one last time in the IIAC semifinals, though Central eventually prevailed.

Riley and Rogers were awarded with second team All-IIAC honors following the season. It was the second selection for Riley.
On October 12, 2011, Loras College officially announced their plans to add women’s lacrosse as the department of athletics’ 22nd sport. On January 5, 2012, Director of Athletics Bob Quinn (’86) announced the first head coach in the program’s history would be Emily Goetz.

Goetz, a 2004 graduate of the University of Redlands (bachelor’s degree, Psychology) and 2011 graduate of Carthage College (master’s degree, education/counseling) comes to Loras College with experience as a player (attack wing and defense wing) for the Bulldogs in Redlands, Calif., and helping to start the Lady Reds program in Kenosha, Wis., as an assistant coach.

“I’m looking forward to establishing a competitive lacrosse program at Loras College and believe we have all the right components to achieve success,” said Goetz.

“I am extremely appreciative and proud to join the Duhawk family and am very excited to get started.”

Quinn shared in the excitement of the newest sport at Loras and newest member of the coaching staff. “I believe Loras College is going to be providing a great opportunity to high school lacrosse players who want to have the Loras College experience,” he said. “Emily will bring the lacrosse knowledge and relationship building to the program we believe will move us forward.”

Goetz was Rookie of the Year in her freshman season and a two year co-captain for the Bulldogs from 2001-04, and believes Loras College is a place where she can build a successful program. “The people I met on my visit to Loras College have left a positive impression on me that has directly influenced my decision to become a Duhawk,” she said.

Shortly after she accepted the position, she participated in a Q & A with duhawks.com.

What style or coaching philosophy will you implement?

“My philosophy goes hand-in-hand with the Division III philosophy that you are a student first and foremost and an athlete second. There is also an expectation that all players will treat others with the highest amount of respect, trust and care.”

What is the most exciting part about starting a program from scratch?

“The most exciting thing about starting a program is getting to build it into whatever you want. It allows you to be creative and build the type of program you would want to play for. Along with this, your team gets to create the traditions that will span the programs lifetime. Imprinting the program is definitely the most exciting part.”
What about Loras College has impressed you as you’ve seen the campus community? Your first impression?

“*The facilities were absolutely beautiful and I was greeted by so many people who had such a genuine nature about them.*”

Any ideas about what your first practice will look like?

“*Structured, but fun.*”

What about your experience as a student-athlete playing lacrosse at Redlands will help you the most as a head coach?

“One of the greatest things about being a student-athlete at Redlands was having a coach who supported me in everything I did. She was a great mentor to me and continues to be to this day (eight years later). I hope to instill that same kind of care and mentorship to my athletes.”

Who do you lean on for advice – in life and in lacrosse?

“My family has given me a lot of great advice that has made me wiser beyond my years in a lot of areas in my life. In lacrosse, I was very lucky to play with a lot of very smart and talented women at Redlands who have all given back to the sport of lacrosse in youth, high school and college programs. I rely heavily on them for their advice and support.”

What is one misconception of lacrosse that fans need to be clear on from the beginning?

“That women's lacrosse is non-contact. It's very different from men's lacrosse. They could basically be two different sports.”

What rule of the game will the new lacrosse fan have a hard time understanding?

“*‘Across the body’ which is reaching across an opponent to check. This one seems to happen a lot and causes the game to stop and go frequently.*”

Tell us some of your favorite things – movies, hobbies, etc.:

“I love movies that make you feel something, there's always some drama from Netflix lying around my house. I love running and traveling, and love it more when my dog comes with me. I'm an animal lover. As for hobbies, I spend a lot of my time snowboarding and have really been focusing more on backcountry snowboarding, I love its combination of danger and hard work.”
Is Anyone Here a Doctor?

By Erin White ('01)

If you had asked, “Is anyone here a doctor?” to the group of Duhawks celebrating their 10-year reunion at the Loras College Homecoming this past fall, more than a half dozen people would have raised their hands.

Nine Loras alumni from the class of 2001 have graduated from medical school and are now practicing physicians. Nearly a dozen more from the class include dentists, physical therapists, chiropractors and medical researchers.

Having so many alums succeed in the medical field from one graduation year is exceptional, but Thomas Davis, Ph.D., chair of the division of molecular and life sciences in the biology program, isn’t surprised. He knew in 1997 when this class entered as first year students, they were different in the best possible way.

“They were an amazing group of students,” Davis said. “Not only were they bright, with great GPAs, but they knew early in their education what they wanted, and that is rare. They also seemed to feed off of each other’s success.”

Two such alums are Jeffrey Lynch, M.D. ('01) and Alyssa (Beckman) Lynch, D.O., ('01). They are medical doctors, Loras classmates from the class of 2001 and husband and wife. Jeffrey graduated from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and Alyssa the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

“Loras had a well-rounded pre-medical curriculum that provided the fundamental knowledge and experience necessary to be accepted to medical school,” said Jeffrey, a fellow physician in pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. His father Charles Lynch, M.D., ('74) also graduated from Loras before attending Iowa and becoming a doctor.

A strong pre-med curriculum and family tradition were not the only reasons why Loras was a good fit for so many budding medical doctors who graduated in 2001. Elizabeth Rogers, M.D., ('01) majored in biochemistry and minored in English and said her liberal arts education has served her well in the world of medicine.

“Loras was a nurturing community and I gained important insights through a range of classes, especially my literature classes,” said Rogers, a primary care research fellow at the University of California, San Francisco. “My liberal arts education set a foundation for having a balanced perspective through medical school and pursuing experiences that have kept medicine firmly grounded in the context of individual stories as well as complex social and political systems that very much affect health.”

With hard work and support from Loras, there will likely be many more Duhawk doctors in the future. The recent rates of Loras graduates being accepted into medical schools are consistently 60-80 percent, which is at or above the average acceptance rate of other colleges nationwide, according to Davis.
Homecoming 2011


At the Presidential Homecoming Dinner on Saturday evening, seven graduates were honored as Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Tom Goodman (’54) received Service Provided to Loras by Faculty, Staff or Administrator; Rev. Everett Hemann (’67), Rev. John Hemann (’56) and Rev. Mel Hemann (’55) received Volunteer and Christian Service; Bob Roth (’60) received Contributions Made in Public Service; Al Ruffalo (’69) received Professional Achievements and Contributions Made to Loras; and Colleen Savory (’09) received Young Alumni Award.

Nominate a fellow Duhawk for the Distinguished Alumni Awards at Loras.edu/Alumni.
Connecting to You!

Loras Alumni Online Community

This February the Alumni Relations office launched a new community site aimed at increasing the ease and simplicity of user navigation. This new, intuitive workflow will provide alumni the ability to update their individual profile pages, register for multiple events at once and easily check the monthly calendar for upcoming events and activities. Find an old roommate on the site’s new and improved Alumni Directory available only to logged in and verified users. Connect with other Loras alumni with links to the alumni Facebook and Linked In pages or request an Email for Life, which allows you to receive a loras.edu email address.

Photo slideshows from alumni gatherings will continue to be available to users and message boards will allow you to upload a picture of your wedding, engagement or new baby. See what other alumni networks are doing and find out how you can get involved by checking out our “Networks & Boards” link. Stop in at our new “Loras Shopping” center and purchase Loras apparel, sign up for a Loras Visa card or register for a Loras license plate! And let’s not forget about Homecoming! You’ll have the ability to see all of your class activities and schedules for 2012 as these events unfold. Registration for Homecoming 2012 will exist on its own page to allow easy navigation and clear direction.

So, why the change? Among many deciding factors one of the main reasons for the change is the seamless and dynamic link to the alumni database, which will continue to provide us with accurate information, updated data and more user-friendly design. The website requires you to log in, this will protect the information of all of our Duhawks, but with the new system you will be able to determine a user name and password. In addition, creating a profile and logging in will allow you access to information others surfing the site will not see. Logging in will also speed up registration for events as fields will be prepopulated.

Make sure to stop by our new website at loras.edu/alumni, create your personal profile page and decide what information you would like to share with others. Basic information has been prepopulated, but can only been seen those who have logged in, and you can choose to show or not show whatever you prefer! Do we know about your latest career or have you moved recently? Perhaps we still have your parents’ address listed and we have lost touch with you. Take a few minutes and log on today! See what events are coming up on the monthly calendar and enjoy the added simplicity of navigating through your online campus community.
Get Your Jersey

The Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI), is an annual seven-day bicycle ride across the state. Heading into its 40th year, RAGBRAI is the oldest, largest and longest bicycle touring event in the world.

Order your Loras College RAGBRAI jersey today by calling the Alumni Relations office at 800-245-6727 or email Justine.Kuboushek@loras.edu.

Save the Date: Homecoming 2012

September 28, 29 and 30!

Make plans to join your classmates, former faculty members, advisors, staff and favorite work study supervisor this year on September 28, 29 and 30.

Homecoming Weekend will be filled with a variety of activities from liturgies, performances and panel discussions to the tailgate and football game, there will be something for everyone. For a complete listing or to register, go online at Loras.edu/alumni.

Two New NAB Members

Rich Clayton ('87) and Jim Smith ('56) have each been elected to a four-year term on the National Alumni Board.

The culture, community and values of Loras drew Clayton to Dubuque after graduating from Marian Catholic High School on the south side of Chicago. Graduating with a bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1987, he played rugby for Loras and was an officer in the Gamma Psi fraternity. The liberal arts model of Loras served Clayton well as he initially started his career in accounting at McGladrey and in the early 1990s found his passion and transitioned to marketing in the high tech industry. Most notably, he led marketing for Hyperion Solutions, a Silicon Valley analytical software company. In 2007, Hyperion grew to be #1 in the market, reached $800 million in revenues and was purchased by Oracle Corporation. Today, Clayton is vice president of marketing for a $2-billion global business unit within Oracle. He is responsible for the go-to-market strategy for Oracle’s business intelligence products. In his spare time, Clayton coaches high school rugby, advises venture capitalist on future investments and mentors young professionals looking to pursue careers in high tech. He currently lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his Clarke College sweetheart, Suzanne, and his two teenage children Parker and Hunter.

Smith, a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, came to Loras in 1952. After receiving a bachelor’s degree he completed his master’s at the University of Iowa. The native Iowan then transplanted to Southern California where he has been ever since. Once on the west coast, he spent the next 22 years in the steel industry as manager of industrial relations/human resources. An opportunity to buy a small manufacturing company brought Smith and his family into the residential furniture business. The company has grown to two larger facilities and now provides interior designers with custom made furniture for clients in the western United States. Although Smith and his wife Audrey are still very active in the business, they are pleased that their children (Julie, Stephan, Bradley and Stewart) have assumed many of the operational responsibilities. Outside of work, Smith has been involved in the Core Team project, which provides transportation, support and companionship for people with serious HIV/AIDS complications. He has still found time, however, to complete 36 marathons and numerous other races. Smith says, “The academic foundation, spiritual guidance and personal discipline gained at Loras has been a major factor in my life. I am honored for the opportunity, through the National Alumni Board, to give back to the College.”

National Alumni Board Mission Statement

The National Alumni board was formed in 1989 under the direction of the Loras College Office of Alumni Relations. The board serves to develop and promote support of alumni and friends through a variety of programs, events and communication in an effort to strengthen the College.
Duhawk Sightings

New York Presidential Reception – October 20, 2011
(l to r): Brian Smith ('77), Brother Angelus Montgomery ('07), President Jim Collins ('84), Brother John Mary, Jason Calvi ('04) and Pat Ryan.

Alumni Choir Concert – Christ the King Chapel – October 8, 2011

Huntington Beach Alumni Social – November 5, 2011
(l to r): Pam Gerard, Jim Duncan ('58), Katie Duncan, Keith Loebig ('60) and Rev. Charles Lang ('61)
Duhawk Sightings

Sounds of the Season – December 10, 2011
(l to r): Jennifer Kasel, Jill Kasel ('79), Santa, Cletus Kasel ('83) and Jeff Kasel ('12)

(l to r): Kim Paprockas ('10), Scott Johann ('11), John Johann ('10) and Laura Cornelis ('11)

Loras Network of Dubuque Duhawk Den – September 10, 2011
(l to r): Kendall Griffin ('94) and Pat Flanagan ('63)
Duhawk Sightings

Loras Network of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Golf Outing – June 13, 2011
(I to r): Dan Lynch, Dewey the Duhawk, Jim Brems ('71), Pat Courtney and John Negro (alumnus)

Loras Network of Rockford Scholarship Luncheon – June 28, 2011
(I to r): Betty and Dick ('66) Giesen

Duhawk Sightings

Loras Network of Waterloo Golf Outing – August 11, 2011
(l to r): Brett Becker, Jeff Jones, Sheri (Schmitz) Becker ('89) and Joan (Havel) Schaefer ('89)

(l to r): Joe Schaefer ('62), Carol Schaefer, Chris Korte ('76), Charlie Lex ('72) and Bob Wagner ('76)

Ronald McDonald House Service Project – Cedar Rapids, Iowa – September 2011
(l to r): Meredith Marlow ('08), Nicole Reisen ('10), Taryn Kuntz ('08) and Lea Peters ('99)
Duhawk Sightings

Chicagoland Tailgate – Chicago, Ill. – September 3, 2011
(l to r): Jim Glunz (‘85), Mike Doyle (‘91) and Carl Adducci (‘63)

Cedar Falls Basketball Game/Social – Cedar Falls, Iowa – December 19, 2011
(l to r): Ardith (Lehmann) Phillips (‘78), Faye Finnegan (‘78), Jim Phillips (‘76) and Jane (Noonan) Demmer (‘76)

The Rev. Ev Hemann (‘67) (former regent) and Jim Davis (‘67) (current regent)
Recognitions

1950s


Dick Locher ('51) had bestowed on him, by the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists, its distinguished Ink Bottle Award, in recognition of his service to the association and to the profession of editorial cartooning.

Duane Bruening ('52) along with his wife, Eileen, were among a small group of honored guests who met with their Majesties King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway. Duane was also present for President Barack Obama’s August visit to Decorah.

Virgil Blocker ('53) and his wife, Joan, at the recommendation of their pastor, Rev. Joseph Hauer, each received the Benemerenti Medal from Pope Benedict XVI. The medal was presented to the Blockers by Archbishop Jerome Hanus, S.T.B.


1960s

James Hayes ('60) spoke about the experiences of living in Grant Wood's former house on July 19, 2011, at the Dubuque Museum of Art. Hayes restored and preserved Wood's last residence on Iowa City's East Court Street, and the home is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Thomas J. O'Regan ('62) was honored by Theda Clark Medical Center in Neenah, Wis., for his 33 years of service with the naming of a state-of-the-art multiple birth operating room after him.

The Rev. Msgr. Michael Tierney ('63), known to most as “Father Mike,” '70, is retiring from the priesthood after 44 years and leaving St. Margaret Mary as pastor.


Kenneth Quinn ('64) presided at the grand opening of the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World Food Prize Hall of Laureates in Des Moines, Iowa, on October 9, 2011. Quinn, president of the World Food Prize Foundation since 2000, was the ambassador to Cambodia from 1992 to 2000. The World Food Prize occupies the restored former Des Moines Public Library.

Dennis Callahan ('65) departed for Ghana on October 4, 2011, to begin pre-service training as a small enterprise development Peace Corps volunteer. Callahan will serve a 27-month tour in the developing country.

Roger Hanley ('66) was inducted into the St. Bede Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tom Brunkan ('67) received the Excellence in Education Teacher Award from the Sioux City Diocese on October 9, 2011.

Bill Walter ('67) was appointed to the Senior Executive Panel for the Valence Group.

1970s

Mike Runde ('70) was inducted into the Loras Varsity Athletics Hall of Fame in September 2011 for his participation in baseball and club football.

The Rev. Msgr. David Kagan ('71) was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as bishop of Bismarck, N. Dak.

John Cody ('72) was inducted into the Loras Varsity Athletics Hall of Fame in September 2011 for his participation in club football.

Bob McDonell ('72) has been named branch manager of the Liberty Bank’s 2201 Jackson Street, Dubuque, Iowa, location.

Sister Roserita Kimmel ('73) celebrated 60 years as a Racine Dominican Sister.

John Looby ('73) was named “Alumnus of the Year” from the Carmel Catholic High School Alumni Association.

Linda Budde ('75) joined Premier Bank as a mortgage lender.

Roger Hoeger ('77) was promoted to vice president and chief financial officer for the Dubuque Racing Association and Mystique Casino, Dubuque, Iowa.

Frank Quigley ('79) was inducted into the Loras Varsity Athletics Hall of Fame in September 2011 for his participation in swimming.

Kevin Kraus ('79) was appointed vice president of academic affairs and academic dean at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

Lynne Devaney ('79) was re-elected as a member of The Carnegie-Stout Public Library Foundation, Dubuque, Iowa.

1980s

Beverly Bellows ('80) joined Weitzel Financial Services Inc. as an administrative assistant.

Jeff Carter ('81) was inducted into the Loras Varsity Athletics Hall of Fame in September 2011 for his participation in men's basketball.

Jim Quigley ('81) joined Segerdahl Corporation as the senior vice president of sales and business development.

Debra Domeyer ('81) began a new position as the co-president of Oversee.net.

Jeff Hefel ('82) joined the Dubuque County Fair Association Board.

Victoria Richter ('83) was promoted to senior vice president-commercial banking at American Trust & Savings Bank.

Randy Keleher ('83) continues to serve as secretary for the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority Board.

Kevin Costello ('84) took the bench as one of the newest judges for McHenry County in October.

Diane Gallagher ('84) continues to serve as chairperson for the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority Board.

John Baxter ('85) was awarded the 2011 Football Scoop Special Teams Coordinator of the Year presented by SpeedTracs.

Joanne Huss ('85) joined TAG Communications as a new account manager to the marketing team.

Joe Hearn ('86) was promoted to CEO of Dupaco Community Credit Union, Dubuque, Iowa.

Kevin Kelleher ('86) was elected as a new member of The Carnegie-Stout Public Library Foundation.

David Quinn ('88) was awarded the Staffing Professional of the Year Award for 2011 by the Staffing Management Association of Greater Chicago.

Karen Enright ('89) a founding partner of the Chicago law firm of Winters Enright Salzeta & O'Brien, LLC, has been elected treasurer of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA).

Ann M. Gansemer-Topf ('89) a founding partner of the Chicago law firm of Winters Enright Salzeta & O'Brien, LLC, has been elected treasurer of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA).

1990s

Jennifer Quick ('90) joined Heartland Financial USA as a marketing project specialist.

Michael Van Paemel ('90) was promoted to second senior vice president at American Trust & Savings Bank.

Kendall Griffin ('95) was inducted into the Loras Varsity Athletics Hall of Fame in September 2011 for his participation in football. Griffin was also named the new assistant principal for operations at West Niles High School and new member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Eddie Moore, Jr., Ph.D., (MA '95) joined the Brooklyn Friends School as the director of diversity.

Tracy Bauer ('96) became CEO of Midwest Medical Center in Galena, Ill.

Chad Graeve ('96) won the 2011 Hagie Heritage Award.

Chris DeGrassi ('96) joined the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries (ASPPA) as executive director over The National Tax Sheltered Accounts Association and assistant executive director over The National Association of Plan Advisors.

Jean Luna ('96) was appointed as the new principal of Clarksville High School.

Patrick Hanniford ('96) joined Asbury Hy-Vee as a service manager.

Rob Stenander ('97) has joined Jim Beam as a director in the company’s tax department and will be in charge of global tax accounting and SEC reporting matters. Stenander formerly worked at KPMG LLP for 14 years and lives in Chicago with his wife, Kathy, and his four children, Jack, Ryan, Hope and Tommy.
Erin Allen ('97) was selected among 150 others to attend NASA Tweetup for the launch of Twin Lunar-Bound GRAIL Spacecraft September 7 and 8, 2011.

John Glennon ('97) joined Prudential Financial as a customer service representative in the call center.

Michael Hedges ('98), artist, signed with Thomas McCormick Gallery in the West Loop.

Amber Wright ('99) was promoted to assistant treasurer of ATBancorp.

2000s
Torrence Oxendine ('01) was promoted to athletic director at Laurel High School in Maryland.

Dustin Baker ('01) joined the Henkels Law Firm in Dubuque, Iowa.

Anthony Kruse ('02) was ordained a priest on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Rev. G. Robert “Bob” Gross ('02) has been appointed associate pastor of Nativity Parish, Dubuque, along with becoming associate director of seminarians for the Archdiocese of Dubuque and vice rector of St. Pius X Seminary at Loras College.

Michael J. Conmey ('02) recently joined the law department of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, a leading financial security company, and been named counsel on the investment products and advisory services team.

Dr. Anna Kramer Miller ('02) completed a nationally recognized post-graduate continuing education program in contemporary esthetic dentistry, as announced at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Adam Ottaviano ('02) joined the optometry practice of Drs. Suzanne Battaglia and Peter Vlasis.

Brian Kallback ('02) recently attended the 2011 YPloa Conference in Sioux City.

Angela (Murphy) Malavolti ('03), along with her husband, launched Jungle Wagon Press, which publishes and sells children’s books on the internet with the couple’s first book titled, You Are a Twisting Tornado.

Dr. Melissa Holtz ('03) joined the team of obstetricians/gynecologists at Siouxland Obstetrics & Gynecology PC, in Sioux City.

Marcus Murphy ('04) won the overall men’s 10-mile division race at the 29th Capital Striders in downtown Des Moines.

Tara Velez ('04) joined St. Mark Community Center as the executive director.

Erin McGovern ('04) joined Heartland Financial USA, Inc. as a financial analyst.

Diann Guns ('04) was elected as a new member for The Carnegie-Stout Public Library Foundation and continues to serve as a trustee of the library.

Jude Wilbers ('05) joined WLUK-TV in Green Bay, Wis., as a sports reporter.

Jason Flogel ('05) competed at the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials in Houston, Tex., and is ranked 62 out of approximately 160 runners.

Chris Buesing ('06) was inducted into the 2011 Jefferson High School Football Hall of Fame on September 8, 2011.

Adam Tritz ('06) was promoted to solutions architect at Dubuque Data Services.

Tom Giovingo ('06) began a new career with the mobile team at Yahoo!

Danielle Stowell ('07) started at Clarke University as manager of audio visual services.

Jonathan Richards ('07) and Richards Graphic Communications received the 2011 Illinois Family Business of the Year Award sponsored by Loyola University.

George Bruggenthies ('07) received his juris doctorate from Valparaiso University School of Law in May 2011.

Candace Eudaley ('07) was promoted to assistant executive director at East Central Intergovernmental Association.

Tara Stovie ('07) began her work as a freelance tutor and a primary school teacher teaching English as a foreign language at Compania de Maria in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and is also working as a freelance tutor.

Nick Koppes ('07) was named second assistant manager for Asbury Hy-Vee, Dubuque.

Ron Udelhofen ('08) joined Cottingham & Butler as a sales executive.

Katie Lange ('08) was reappointed as secretary of The Dubuque County Early Childhood Board.

Natalie Capron ('09) started a full-time position as coordinator of the Kids Connection program at St. Mark Community Center in Dubuque.
Sidny Harker ('09) is currently working as the regional director of sports at the Special Olympics Wisconsin and is a graduate student at Marquette University.

Kelsey McElroy-Anderson ('09) joined the East Central Intergovernmental Association as the regional economic development and sustainability coordinator.

Jarid Brockman ('09) was featured in an article with the Chicago Sun Times.

Ryan Kruse ('09) was re-elected as a member of The Carnegie-Stout Public Library Foundation.

2010s

Miguel Bonilla ('10) became a finance analyst at IPCOM Network USA in Miami/Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Nicole Kutsch ('10) began working at HK Financial Services as a marketing/administrative assistant.

Kristy Demmer ('11) started her first year of graduate school at St. Ambrose University in Davenport and was the champion and reserve champion overall dairy showman at the Iowa State Fair.

Amber Chambers ('11) has been hired as an English and religious studies teacher for the Signum Fidei ‘Signs of Faith’ Program at La Salle Catholic College Preparatory.

Andrew Healy ('11) was promoted to applications programmer at Dubuque Data Services.

Adam Rathje ('11) was named as operations manager trainee at the Heartland Financial Operations Center.

Andrew Gregory ('11) joined American Flooring Outlet, Peosta, Iowa, in administration and as a flooring sales consultant.

Chenelle Schultz ('11) joined Prudential Financial as a customer service representative in the call center.

Alumnus

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POUNDS OF PRIDE

Mediation Team

Heather Jackson ('12) (Dubuque, Iowa) set a record at the National Mediation Championships adding her fourth All-American Mediator Award, having previously won her first year, sophomore and junior years. That means she also has $18,000 in law school scholarships should she decide to attend Drake Law School next year. The Loras Mediation Team captained by Jackson placed 10th overall in the competition.

Moot Court

One of the Loras College Moot Court teams secured a bid to the National Championship by virtue of a third place win. Loras also placed five of our six students in the top 10 ranking of individual orators. The top four orators received rewards, and Loras earned two of these four.
Rebecca Nischik ('01) to Matt Pray on Oct. 8, 2011.

Kelly Spiegel ('02) to Adam Kinyon on June 25, 2011.

Brianna Wolbers ('02) to Troy Dreyer on Sept. 10, 2011.

Jacob Beck ('02) to Helen Hughes ('04) on Oct. 29, 2011.

Bethany Kempel ('02) to Teag Haughan on Nov. 5, 2011.

Bradley Domeyer ('02) to Jeannie Hill ('03) on Nov. 19, 2011.

Shelly Hermiston ('02) to Branden Bair on Nov. 19, 2011.

Kristy Bauer Salierno ('03) to Aniello Salierno on June 25, 2011.

Ken Kurt ('03) to Kate Schemmel on July 16, 2011.

Reynaldo Rodriguez ('03) to Beth Yaddof on Oct. 1, 2011.

Crystal Kadlec ('04) to Chad Haring on July 9, 2005.

Stephanie Ripoli ('04) to Bill Orsa on Sept. 3, 2010.

Cole Zalaznik ('05) to Eleanor "Rodie" Doar ('06) on Aug. 27, 2011.

Tara Mensen ('05) to Sean McMullen on Oct. 21, 2011.

Amanda Oostendorp ('05) to Alexander Cachaldora on Oct. 29, 2011.

Andrew Portzen ('07) to Stacy Richard ('08) on Aug. 24, 2011.

Adam Fassellius ('07) to Jacie Van Soelen on Sept. 22, 2011.

Abby Engelman ('07) to Justin Veach on Dec. 31, 2009.

Aayush Basnyat ('08) to Brita Kirbug ('09) on June 11, 2011.

Brandon Kuboushek ('08) to Danielle Cifonie on Sept. 3, 2011.

Brandon True ('08) to Brittani Lorenz ('08) on Sept. 3, 2011.

Stephanie Beer ('08) to Reid DeSotel on Oct. 1, 2011.

Andy Wilkinson ('08) to Lindsay Rinaldo ('08) on Nov. 12, 2011.

Donald Pirkle ('09) to Christine Bockniak (alumnus) on July 16, 2011.

Christina Schmidt ('09) to Steven Schreiber on July 23, 2011.

Jon Pereiro ('09) to Megan Bowens ('08) on July 30, 2011.

Chris Read ('09) to Angie Kettmann ('10) on Aug. 1, 2011.

Elizabeth Kane ('09) to Benjamin Pape on Sept. 23, 2011.

Lindsey Ehlers ('10) to Andrew Gosse on June 11, 2011.

Michael Black ('10) to Heather Heffernen ('10) on July 23, 2011.

Ashley Sodawasser ('10) to Ben Johannsen on Sept. 9, 2011.

Sara Hamel ('10) to Caleb Hildebrand on Oct. 15, 2011.

Abby Then ('10) to Adam Gansen on Dec. 10, 2011.

Maria Rauen ('11) to Brad Buelow on Sept. 10, 2011.

Jeffrey ('79) and Lisa Kurt, a son, Jeilah.

Randi ('92) and Carolyn (Quinn) Tomkins ('99), a daughter, Quinn Marie, on July 22, 2011.

Kelly ('93) and Teena Francois, a daughter, on Nov. 18, 2011.

Todd ('95) and Kathleen (Davidshofer) Klapatauskas ('95), a daughter, on Dec. 26, 2011.

Beth (Nischik) ('96) and Chad Mund, a son, Blake Walter, on July 23, 2011.

Mick ('96) and Heather Hermsen, a son, on Aug. 2, 2011.

Kathryn (Magner) ('97) and Michael Panoch, a daughter, Margaret Rose, on Jan. 19, 2011.

Jake ('97) and Cora Boyle, a daughter, Cecilia Rose, on May 28, 2011.

Andrew ('97) and Tiffany Elwood, a son, Gavin William, on June 28, 2011.
Stephanie (Smith) (’97) and Kevin Skinner, a son, Archer James (AJ), on Sept. 21, 2011.

Mark (’97) and Staci McKeon, a son, on Oct. 7, 2011.

Drs. Tiffany (Juergens) (’98) and David Clark, a son, Dawson Robert, on Feb. 2, 2010.

Michelle (Ruggaber) (’98) and Michael Dougherty, a daughter, Cecilia Katherine, on May 9, 2011.

Nauman, a daughter, on George (’01) and Abigail Nauman, a daughter on Sept. 29, 2011.

Bellini (’01), a daughter, on John Katherine, on May 9, 2011.

Megan (LaPrell) (’01) and David Kempen, a son, on Oct. 4, 2011.

Brad (’01) and Naomi (Hoppenjan) Feldott (’02), a son, on Nov. 7, 2011.

Steve (’01) and Kasey Godek, a son, Andrew James, on Nov. 18, 2011.

Karen (Kuhle) (’02) and Will Babler, a daughter, on Sept. 6, 2011.

Dana (Clemens) (’02) and Greg Goetz, a son, on Oct. 26, 2011.

Abby (Gantenbein) (’02) and Marty Kluesner, a son, on Nov. 3, 2011.

Krista (Dodds) (’02) and Kirk Lebeck, a daughter, on Dec. 26, 2011.

Matthew (’03) and Laura (Egan) McDonough (’04), a daughter, Julia Rose, on June 9, 2011.

Michael (’03) and Julie Ivanov, a son, on July 6, 2011.

Christopher (’03) and Caitlin Breyfogle, a son, Jackson Benjamin, on July 11, 2011.

Kyle (’04) and Tasha (Splinter) Lippold (’04), a son, on July 22, 2011.

Jon (’04) and Stephanie (Burgmeier) Ludovissy (’05), a son, on Aug. 5, 2011.

Brian LeClere (’04) and Jennifer Denhof, a son, on Aug. 11, 2011.

Brian (’04) and Kristie Cassidy, a son, William James, on Aug. 17, 2011.

Bridget (Cleary) (’04) and Dan Tippett, a son, Jack Robert, on Aug. 24, 2011.

Angela (Bingaman) (’04) and Wylie Pfaff, a daughter, on Nov. 30, 2011.

Scott (’05) and Emily McGuire, a son, on July 21, 2011.

Samantha (Polacek) (’05) and Bobby Friederick (’06), a daughter, Emery Luella, on July 23, 2011.

Brad (’05) and Shelly (Kilburg) Theisen (’06), a daughter, Brooklyn Rose, on July 27, 2011.

Trisha (Leuchs) (’05) and Dave Blaser, a daughter, on Oct. 21, 2011.

Jill (Cook) (’05) and Scott Gogel, a son and daughter, on Dec. 18, 2011.

Meggan (Perleth) (’06) and Matthew Guns (’06), a daughter, Ashlyn Marie, on Apr. 19, 2010.

Jonathon (’06) and Cheri (Strutt) Moser (’06), a son, Trace Russell, on June 1, 2011.

Jacqueline (Weiss) (’06) and Christopher Reuter, a son, Dylen Christopher, on July 14, 2011.

Amanda (Reiss) (’06) and Travis Steines, a son, Troy John, on Aug. 18, 2011.

Jason (’06) and Kjersti Eliers, a daughter, on Nov. 14, 2011.

Abby (Engelman) (’07) and Justin Veach, a son, on Sept. 17, 2011.

Meghan (Fritz) (’07) and Chad Kohlenberg, a daughter, Serenity Lynn, on Nov. 10, 2011.

Cindy (Thelke) (’09) and Ryan Brinkman, a daughter, on Oct. 12, 2011.

Audrey Kees (’10) and Adam Gottschalk, a daughter, on Sept. 16, 2011.


Leo Lidd (’43) on July 19, 2011, in Charles City, Iowa.


Gerald Schissel ('51) on Oct. 21, 2011, in Sun City Center, Fla.

Robert Link ('51, A '45) on July 23, 2011, in Dallas, Texas.

James Wendt ('52) on Aug. 8, 2011, in Appleton, Wis.


The Rev. Daniel Krapfl ('54) on Sept. 12, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.


William Smith ('55) on Sept. 27, 2011, in Des Moines, Iowa.

James Hunter ('56) on Aug. 28, 2011, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Joseph Conway ('56) on Sept. 12, 2011, in Tennyson, Wis.

Richard Wiley ('57) on Sept. 25, 2011, in Walnut Creek, Calif.

George Heck ('58) on Nov. 30, 2011, in Tennyson, Wis.

George "Bud" Heck ('58) on Nov. 30, 2011, in Tennyson, Wis.


The Rev. Daniel Finnane ('59) on June 25, 2011, in Fitchburg, Wis.

Maurice Burr ('59) on Dec. 4, 2011, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.


Roger Vincent ('62) on May 17, 2011, in Jackson, Miss.

John Reavley ('63) on June 29, 2011, in Geneva, Ill.


Melvin Deutmeyer ('64, A '59) on Aug. 18, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.


John Lewis ('66) on Aug. 18, 2011, in Washington, D.C.

Kenneth Knobbe ('66) on Aug. 27, 2011, in St. Louis, Mo.

John Carroll ('67) on July 8, 2011, in Elmhurst, Ill.

James Spaight ('68) on July 26, 2011, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Raymond Krek ('69) on June 4, 2011, in Jefferson, Wis.

Peter Kelly ('69) on Nov. 3, 2011, in Elmhurst, Ill.

David Richters ('70) on June 16, 2011, in Madison, Wis.

John Meyer ('70) on July 31, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Sister Margaret Jungers, O.S.F. ('71) on Dec. 18, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Thomas Pitz ('73) on Dec. 28, 2011, in Oelwein, Iowa.


Dennis Beadle ('77) on Oct. 25, 2011, in Hazel Green, Wis.

Robert Minucciani ('78) on July 5, 2011, in Countryside, Ill.

James Fitzgerald ('81) on Aug. 25, 2011, in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

David Toth ('83) on Sept. 2, 2011, in Shorewood, Ill.


John Vrotsos ('86) on July 29, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Colin Schultz ('86) on Sept. 14, 2011, in Hempton, Minn.

June Selle-Schissel ('91) on June 15, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

David Bakewell (alumnus) on Mar. 11, 2011, in Mesa, Ariz.

James Hughes (alumnus) on June 12, 2011, in Springfield, Mo.

Bernard Keninger (alumnus) on June 16, 2011, in Spencer, Iowa.
Thomas Breitbach (alumnus) on July 6, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Joseph Hein (alumnus) on July 6, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Rev. Edward Everitt (alumnus) on July 10, 2011, in Waveland, Miss.

James Reilly (alumnus) on July 10, 2011, in Union Grove, Wis.

Terence Meany (alumnus) on July 15, 2011, in Austin, Texas.

John Duffy (alumnus) on July 16, 2011, in Port Hueneme, Calif.


Raymond Drew (alumnus) on Aug. 31, 2011, in Hampton, Iowa.


Kenneth Kline (alumnus) on Oct. 19, 2011, in Waukesha, Wis.


Willard Behlmer (alumnus) on Dec. 28, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Robert Dietrich (alumnus) on Dec. 29, 2011, in Dodgeville, Wis.


Brett Buse (former student) on Oct. 12, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

William Tully (A ’42) on July 8, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.


John Ullman (A ’44) on Aug. 24, 2011, in St. Thomas, Mo.

John Fabricius (A ’45) on Aug. 17, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.


Walter Lester (A ’46) on Sept. 25, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.


Roger Wallace (A ’48) on Oct. 6, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

John Carney (A ’48) on Nov. 7, 2011, in Manning, Iowa.

Paul Meyers (A ’49) on Nov. 7, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Floyd Wiederholt (A ’49) on Nov. 13, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Robert Broghammer (A ’50) on Aug. 25, 2011, in Iowa City, Iowa.

Eugene “Gene” Schroeder (A ’56) on Aug. 6, 2011, in Dickeyville, Wis.


Clarence Berning (A ’57) on June 7, 2011, in Platteville, Wis.

Ronald Behrens (A ’58) on Sept. 9, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Paul Schwendinger (A ’58) on Dec. 20, 2011, in Guttenberg, Iowa.

Ronald Post (A ’60) on June 24, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

James Speak (A alumnus) on Sept. 25, 2011, in Davenport, Iowa.

A = Loras Academy
This photo, taken in the 1950s, is somewhat reminiscent of the 1970s musical “Grease” with this Loras student in Levi jeans and a white t-shirt. But what is that he is using? A pay telephone with a rotary dial! There were no phones in the dorm rooms and this was long before cell phones were in existence. Students had to go to the lobby of the campus center to make phone calls and had to pay 25 cents for local calls. Considerably more for long distance calls. Today, communications have certainly changed with the advent of cells phones, iPhones, iPods, texting, e-mail, instant messaging (IM), Twitter, Facebook, etc. From the first mainframe computer on campus in 1968 to the present laptop initiative with wireless accessibility, the College has provided its students with the most innovative learning and communication experience possible. And there certainly are no pay phones to be found on campus! (Photo courtesy Loras College Archives)

The Loras College Archives and the Loras College Center for Dubuque History are interested in collecting Loras College and Dubuque memorabilia. Contact Mike Gibson, archivist, at 563-588-7163 or Michael.gibson@loras.edu.
Why Loras?

We are nationally recognized as a strong academic institution: Loras earned the 13th spot in the Top Tier among Best Midwest Regional Colleges in the 2011 edition of “Best Colleges” by U.S. News Media Group.

We serve locally and globally: Loras College ranks 12th Nationally for Service among all baccalaureate U.S. colleges and universities by “Washington Monthly.” This is the second consecutive year Loras has ranked nationally.

We produce strong outcomes: Loras College has a more than 92% graduate placement rate. Within six months of graduation students are employed or enrolled in graduate school.

We encourage students in experiential learning: Over 90% of our students study abroad, participate in service trips or service learning, and work internships. These experiences are principally facilitated by six full-time professional staff in the Center for Experiential Learning and seven full-time Campus Ministry staff members.

We are affordable: Loras is one of only 240 schools nationally that is consistently listed in “Barron’s Best Buys in Education” underscoring the affordability of a Loras College education.

We do it “for the kids:” Loras College Dance Marathon 2011 raises $129,402.50 for the Children’s Miracle Network and the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital. Since its inception in 2006, the program has raised $434,724.16 for children with significant medical needs. Loras ranks #1 in the nation since 2009 for per capita fundraising.

We are one of the best places to learn, to grow and to succeed: Loras College was one of only 20 Catholic colleges and universities designated as a 2010-2011 College of Distinction.

We achieve athletic success: Loras College is ranked in the top 8% of NCAA D-III institutions for the fall 2011-12 Lierfield Sports Trophy standings.

We have outstanding teams and coaches:
- Men’s Cross Country and Women’s Soccer were Iowa Conference Champions
- Men’s and Women’s Soccer were Iowa Conference Tournament Champions
- 30 All IIAC selections in seven sports
- Coach of the Year Awards — Dan Rothert for Women’s Soccer and Bob Schultz for Men’s Cross Country
# Upcoming Events

## April

1. Loras Players present *THE MOUSETRAP*
2. Loras Network of Dubuque Scholarship Reception
3. Loras Choirs Concert
4. Rite of Initiation Mass
5. National Alumni Board Meeting
6. Heitkamp Planetarium presents *SPACE ODDITY*
7. Dance Marathon
8. Colloquium
9. Philosophy Lecture
10. Loras Players present *WAY OFF-BROADWAY ON LORAS - 10*
11. Instrumental Recital
12. Loras Players present *WAY OFF-BROADWAY ON LORAS - 10*

## May

1. Loras Network of Chicago Spring Reception
2. Invisible Children Speaker
3. Heitkamp Planetarium presents *IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS*
4. Alumni Soccer Games and Trivia Night
5. 1st Annual Final PD Bach Festival
6. Last Lecture
7. Springfest: Reel Big Fish Concert
8. Baccalaureate Mass
9. Commencement

## June

1. All-Sports Camp Session 1 Reception
2. Loras Network of Cedar Rapids Golf Outing
3. All-Sports Camp Session 2 Reception
4. Loras Network of Rockford Scholarship Luncheon

## July

1. All-Sports Camp Session 3 Reception
2. All-Sports Camp Session 4 Reception

## August

1. Loras Network of La Crosse Golf Outing
2. Loras Network of Waterloo/Cedar Falls Golf Outing
3. Loras Network of Dubuque Golf Outing

## September

1. Homecoming