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## LEADER'S MESSAGE



Steven M. LaNasa  
President

Alumni and Friends,

I've always found the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas as one of the most hectic times of the academic year. In addition to the typical rush that most of us experience in preparation for the holidays, the last five weeks in an academic setting are consumed with the preparation of exams, the preparation for those exams, the worrying, the grading, and then the often crazy, last-minute push to post grades and draw the semester to a close.

But the end of the fall term is also a unique mid-point in the academic year – because it's at this point that students begin to recognize change at a different level. New students are about to have a semester behind them and are on the verge of figuring out the differences of a new educational environment. And then for many, the end of the tunnel comes into sight, and for those students nearing completion, a focus on what comes next is often consuming. In this sense, these five weeks aren't just the mid-point of the year, they also serve as the fulcrum of what we do! Our College provides for a continuous cycle of encouraging change and supporting students as they grapple and deal with those transitions.

Those transitions are Donnelly's legacy. For nearly 60 years Donnelly's faculty and staff have been helping students to embrace change: in themselves, in their spirits, in their communities, and in their futures. Our graduates become that legacy – and alumni and friends often ensure that legacy for future generations of Donnelly students.

That the Donnelly community kicks off the holiday season with a special emphasis on recognizing and expressing gratitude to those that make our work possible, is just one of the many reasons that tell me I made the best choice in joining the Donnelly community. I have remarked on several occasions on how impressed I am by the sincere gratitude and appreciation that the Donnelly faculty and staff hold for those who help make our unique mission possible.

As one other component of our expression of gratitude, in this issue we highlight those individuals, corporations and foundations that share their time, talent and treasure in support of Donnelly's mission and the students we serve. The support and assistance of these individuals ensures that tuition remains low at Donnelly, that scholarship funds are available, and that our programming and activities are high quality to meet the needs of today's workforce. But most importantly, the support we receive helps make Donnelly available each Fall term to new students seeking that change in their future – the legacy that you help us continue to build. For that we thank you.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the welcome that I've received from so many of you. For those I've not yet met, I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next event or gathering and getting to know you a little better.

On behalf of our entire community, we extend holiday wishes and blessings to you and your families –

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. M. LaNasa". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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# AROUND DONNELLY

## MARIAN HALL PHASE I RENOVATION NEARS COMPLETION

### ABOUT DONNELLY'S LPN PROGRAM

The Licensed Practical Nursing program was approved by the State Board of Nursing in March 2008. Donnelly received approval for a maximum of 50 LPN students per year, with one cohort starting in January and one starting in June of each year.

Studies show that only 11.6 percent of nurses in the U.S. are persons of color; only 1.8 percent of nurses are Hispanic. With a large percentage of Donnelly's population being students of color, this new program situates graduates for a bright future in a growing field.

Donnelly will be hosting an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring to show off these renovations and the fully equipped LPN labs. Check our website, [donnelly.edu](http://donnelly.edu), for the official date.

A major renovation of the building behind Donnelly College, known as Marian Hall, nears completion. This structure, which formerly housed nurses training with Providence Hospital and most recently served as an Archdiocesan assisted living facility for senior citizens, became Donnelly's second academic building after the Archdiocese donated the structure to the college in 2007. Marian Hall will house Donnelly's new Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program and in the future will also house an Elementary Education B.A. degree program, which is currently in development.

The renovation is part of the \$2.8 million Title V grant for Hispanic-Serving Institutions that Donnelly received last year specifically to help start these two new academic programs. Construction began in May, and included a lengthy demolition process. The contractors kept some existing walls, terrazzo floors, windows and doorways to limit costs. Architects for the renovation were Hollis-Miller; contractors were Hoffman-Cortes, a minority-owned business in Kansas City, Mo.

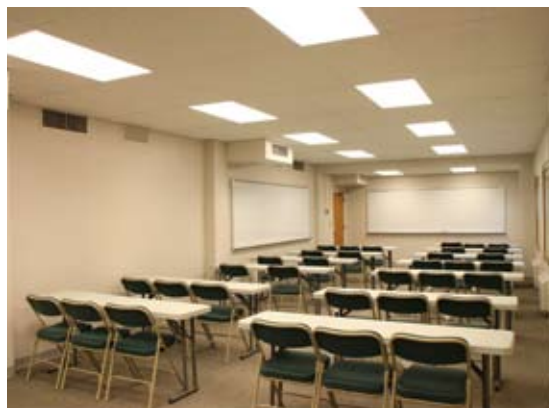
The first two floors of Marian Hall were converted into classrooms for these programs, yielding an additional 25% of instructional space to the college. This includes three large lecture rooms and seven smaller classrooms, clinical space with an observation room, physiology and anatomy labs, two nursing resource rooms and an elementary education lab/clinical room.

The Title V grant contributed \$720,000 for instructional space renovations. Additional work on restrooms and hallways were covered by other funding, including grants from The Sunderland Foundation, Cor Christi Fund and The McGee Foundation.

This project comprises the first phase of renovations to Marian Hall, as the third floor and basement renovations are currently under planning.

LPN students are excited to move into the new space in January and are proud to be a part of Donnelly's first LPN class.

*"All of us are so appreciative of the LPN instructors, faculty and staff,"* said Cheryl Ray, current LPN student. *"They truly want students to succeed and have made us feel important since the moment we first walked into the classroom. The renovations and new equipment are just the icing on the cake."*



Left: New carpet, white boards, and paint gives classrooms a more modern look. Top Right: Desks, chairs, and white boards fill the new lecture hall on the first floor. Bottom Right: Restrooms on first and second floors shine after the renovation.

## DONNELLY'S MEN'S SOCCER TEAM TAKES HOME FIRST PLACE HONORS

Donnelly's men's soccer team finished their second season on top, taking home first place honors within the All-American Indoor Sports Division 3 league. This year marks the second season for the soccer club teams, but already it seems they are making a name for themselves.

The final game began slowly with neither team appearing to have the edge. Donnelly then scored the only goal of the first half. The opposing team answered with a goal early in the second half, but Donnelly quickly responded by scoring five consecutive goals. The final score was 6-1.



Members of the men's and women's soccer teams huddle up before the men's championship game.

## ESL AND PREP ED STUDENTS ENJOY A MIDTERM BREAK

In early October, students and staff from Donnelly's English as a Second Language (ESL) and Preparatory Education programs spent the day attending their semi-annual picnic. Students of different cultures and ethnicities gathered together to get to know each other, participating in games for prizes and walking around Antioch Park. Many students brought a cultural dish to share, making the picnic an international feast. Donnelly's ESL and Preparatory Education programs will hold a similar event in the spring. Alumni and friends are encouraged to attend.



Cyrus Shadfar (Associate Dean of Preparatory Studies), Steve LaNasa (President), and Kevin Kelley (Vice President and Dean of Instruction) have lunch with ESL and Prep Ed students at Antioch Park.



## FASHION SHOW PROMOTES DRESSING FOR SUCCESS

In October, Donnelly's Career Center presented a fashion show event for students, demonstrating appropriate attire for a professional job interview. Students participated as models, and Dr. Amber Reagan-Kendrick, Dean of Student and Community Services, shared interview tips. Cyrus Shadfar, Associate Dean of Preparatory Studies, led participants in a tie-tying contest.



Faculty team members pose after battling the men's and women's soccer teams. Top: Student models appropriate attire for a job interview.

## DONNELLY'S SOCCER CLUB TAKES ON FACULTY AND STAFF

The men's and women's soccer teams geared up for their fall season – and the fall semester – by challenging the faculty and staff to a soccer match at the Wyandotte County City Park in early September. Despite a valiant effort, the students outscored the faculty by two points and earned the coveted golden soccer ball trophy. Other students, Donnelly staff and faculty cheered the players on from the stands.



## SCHOLARSHIP DINNER CELEBRATES LEGACY OF THE SISTERS

Donnelly hosted its second annual Scholarship Dinner on September 6, 2008, at the Jack Reardon Convention Center in Kansas City, Kan. The dinner honored the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica for their many contributions to Donnelly. More than 300 guests attended the event, raising \$104,050 towards the creation of a Benedictine Sisters Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Keynote speakers included Lawrence (Larry) Ward, Class of 1956, and Anita Dixon, Class of 1984.

Sister Constance (Connie) Krstolic, '64, one of six Benedictine sisters who are also Donnelly Alumni, served as emcee for the evening. "Where would many of us be if it were not for the dedication of the sisters at Donnelly?" she asked.

The Robert Frost poem, "A Road Less Traveled," provided the perfect theme for the dinner, as it illustrates Sr. Jerome Keeler's bold vision for the college and its unique heritage.

"The sisters have, without question, taken that path less traveled," said Larry Ward, Chairman Emeritus, Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, P.C. "Almost sixty years later, the mission of Donnelly College remains strong. The need is still here for a Catholic college to serve those who would not otherwise have the opportunity for an education.

Donnelly was there for me, and I am proud to say that although I was the first in my family to graduate college, I was not the last."

Anita Dixon, owner of Cultural Convention and Visitor Services, also gave a heartfelt testimony. "In 1982, as a single mom, I was led to Donnelly. I remember the prayer, 'God anything that I can do to further my life.' ...My path has certainly been one less traveled, because I'm not your usual speaker-before-Congress that I turned out to be. And that's because Donnelly constantly for the last 24 years has nurtured me through some aspect of what I was to become."

Since Donnelly's founding in 1949, the Benedictine sisters have contributed more than \$4 million in services to Donnelly. To honor the contributions of these wonderful women, the college unveiled a permanent tribute to the sisters that is prominently displayed in the front hallway of the college's main building. Alumni and friends are encouraged to stop by and see this impressive tribute, as well as 60-years of class portraits newly displayed along the walls of the first floor hallway.

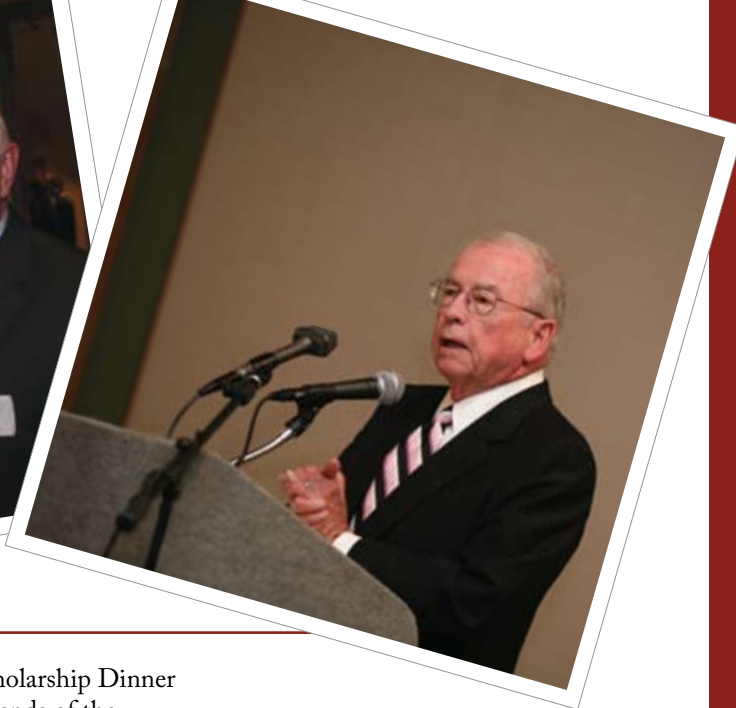
Prior to the scholarship dinner, guests attended an open house event held in Donnelly's main building. Here they had the chance to mingle with the College's new president, Steve LaNasa, other alumni, students, faculty members, friends of the College, and more than 60 Benedictine sisters.

"In looking at Donnelly's rich history, it is clear that the Benedictine sisters and all others involved have repeatedly taken the road less traveled," said LaNasa. "Our approach has 'made all the difference' to thousands of students and members of the Kansas City community. And today, Donnelly ranks among a very small number of private institutions nationally so committed to the form of educational access we provide."

"I am extremely proud to be a part of an institution with so much potential for growth—growth made possible by our continued commitment to the mission laid out by the Benedictines nearly 60 years ago."



Archbishop Joseph Naumann and Sister Connie Krstolic, OSB, converse before the program begins.



From far left:  
The sisters extend their hands  
and sing a blessing to begin  
the dinner.

Sister Rita Killackey, Board of  
Trustee, and **Dr. John Murry,**  
**Scholarship Dinner Chairman**  
(and President Emeritus) visit  
during the reception.

Larry Ward, Class of '56,  
delivers a moving speech  
to listeners.

Student ambassadors attending the Scholarship Dinner had a chance to mingle with alumni and friends of the college, learning about its history and legacy. "I learned so much about Donnelly at the dinner," said Paola Zapata, a third-year baccalaureate student. "It was inspiration to hear what Donnelly means to different people and how it has made such a profound impact on their lives."

Next year, Donnelly will host its **Third Annual Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, September 26, 2009** at the Jack Reardon Convention Center. This dinner will celebrate a remarkable milestone for Donnelly, serving as the formal kick-off to the college's year-long 60th anniversary celebration. Mark your calendars now to attend this remarkable celebration, and visit the website for more information.

Photographs, sponsors, video footage from the event, and a complete list of the sisters who have contributed their services to Donnelly can be viewed at [donnelly.edu/dinner](http://donnelly.edu/dinner).



Sister Barbara Mayer, OSB, finds a familiar face while admiring the new class portrait displays at the open house event; Anita Dixon, Class of '84, hugs Sister Connie Krstolic, OSB, after speaking to the crowd.



## ALUMNUS RETIRES FROM JACKSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Thomas Clark grew up in the shadow of Donnelly College, spending the majority of his childhood three blocks away from its first location on Sandusky Avenue. In his search for the right college, Clark admits that the “Catholic pressure” prevailed. His mother wanted him to go to Donnelly, so in 1956 he decided to give it a chance.

Throughout his time at Donnelly, Clark was active in student activities while keeping his focus on academics. He also served as emcee for Donnelly’s choral group, led by Sister Suzanne (Schmelzle).

“Sister Suzanne created this choral group to spread the good will of Donnelly to the community,” said Clark. “Most of my memories are of the sisters who encouraged me to work hard and, eventually, to continue my education.”

After graduating from Donnelly in 1958, he decided to go to the University of Kansas. “I remember Sister Sylvester (Elizabeth Coffey) being so proud of my decision to move on to KU,” said Clark. “She told me to either bring home a good diary or good grades.”

Clark graduated from KU with honors in 1961, obtaining both a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and a Bachelor of Science in engineering physics with distinction. The university encouraged him to further his education in physics, but he was determined to study law. By this time, Clark had met the love of his life, Margaret Grace Cathcart, his wife of now 45 years. He wanted to stay near Margaret so he chose to attend the University of Kansas Law School. In 1964, he graduated from KU Law School and was admitted to the Missouri Bar.

Clark practiced both criminal and civil law from 1964 to 1987, serving Kansas City as a prosecutor, trial attorney and assistant city attorney. In 1987, he was appointed to the Jackson County Circuit Court and continued to serve Jackson County as a Circuit Court Judge until his retirement.

“I learned quickly that it is best to be open with people in the courtroom,” said Clark. “I decided I’d rather have them leave the courtroom mad and well-informed than happy and deceived.”

In 1997, Clark graduated from the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada in Reno with a Master of Judicial Studies degree-

*“Throughout my life I always hoped to maintain the values and high purposes that I was taught at Donnelly.”*

Trial Judges major, a degree held by very few judges in the United States.

On August 26, 2008, Clark officially retired from the courtroom. However, he will continue to stay active in the community by teaching a trial practice course at Penn Valley Community College. He will also participate in senior judging in Kansas City, handling selected cases on a part-time basis for Jackson County.

“My experiences at Donnelly had a tremendous impact on me,” said Clark. “Throughout my life I always hoped to maintain the values and high purposes that I was taught at Donnelly.”

Clark and his wife have two children, Thomas II and Catherine Louise, both of whom graduated from the University of Kansas. Catherine teaches English and math to junior high students in Paducah, Kentucky. Thomas II followed in his father’s footsteps, graduating from St. Louis University School of Law in 1998 and becoming an Associate Circuit Court Judge in St. Louis in 2006. Clark and his son are believed to be the first father-son judge team to actively serve in Kansas City and St. Louis at the same time in the history of Missouri.



Judge Thomas C. Clark  
Class of '58

*“I remember Sister Sylvester being so proud of my decision to move on to KU. She told me to either bring home a good diary or good grades...”*

### NEXT ISSUE

Keep an eye out for the next issue of the Donnelly Digest, scheduled for March 2009. We will be featuring images and information about our new logo and website! E-mail Jennifer Price, our Marketing Coordinator, at [jprice@donnelly.edu](mailto:jprice@donnelly.edu) to find out more!



## RECENT ALUMNA EARNS BSN DEGREE

Maria Martinez is a truly passionate individual. Although her family was poor, her parents always stressed the importance of education as the key to success. After graduating from high school, Maria looked at several local universities and found Donnelly to be the most affordable.

Finding an affordable college was a priority for Maria because she had just become a new mother. "I wanted to be able to juggle work, school and being a mom," said Martinez.

Not only was she able to juggle it all, but she did so with tremendous success. As a student, Maria concentrated on her academics and discovered a passion for biology, nutrition and chemistry. She kept herself involved on the Donnelly campus by being a member of the Organization of Student Leaders (OSL), Phi Theta Kappa and the Bloch Scholars program.

In 2006, Maria graduated from Donnelly and went on to attend Rockhurst University where she earned her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing in May 2008. Today, Maria proudly works as a Registered Nurse specializing in cardiac care at Children's Mercy Hospital.

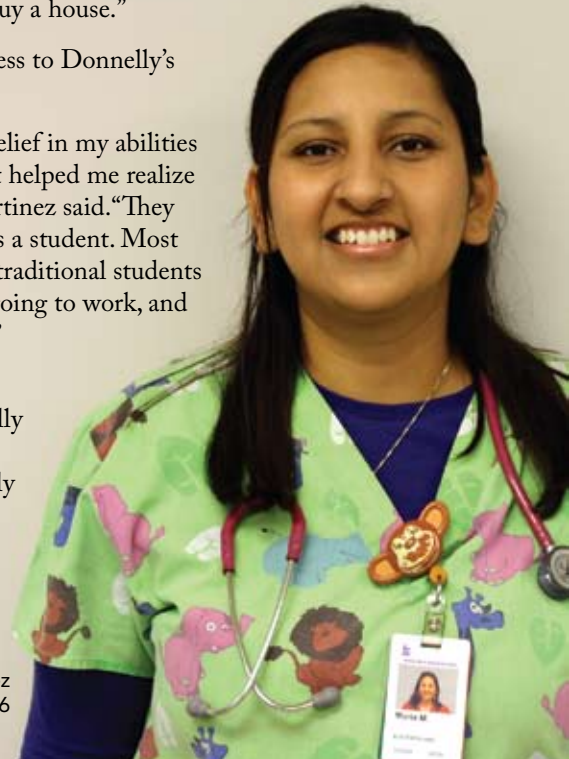
"Everything came together for me after I graduated and earned my RN degree," said Martinez. "I was finally accomplishing all of my top goals - I got my degree, my son was thriving in kindergarten, and I was able to buy a house."

She gives credit for her success to Donnelly's faculty and staff.

"At Donnelly, the faculty's belief in my abilities gave me an inner confidence that helped me realize I could reach any goal I set," Martinez said. "They don't let life's issues hinder you as a student. Most of all, they understand that non-traditional students are real people, raising families, going to work, and balancing school on top of it all."

Maria is not the only Martinez to have felt the Donnelly difference - her younger brother also just graduated from Donnelly in May and is now studying architecture at UMKC. Her two younger siblings also plan on attending college.

Maria Martinez  
Class of '06



## MONTHLY ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES SET TO BEGIN JAN. 17



Faculty member Steve Modrcin speaks to Donnelly community about the proposed bailouts at the first "Walk Down Wall Street" lecture.

The Donnelly College Alumni Association will be offering a free monthly lecture series for all alumni and friends beginning January 17, 2009.

Faculty member and financial expert Steve Modrcin will be leading the lectures, scheduled to take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month from January through April (Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, and Apr. 18). They will be held in Donnelly's first floor meeting room.

Each of the lectures will focus on a different finance-related topic. The January session will cover Wall Street and the status of the economy; February's session is set to focus on personal finance; March

will cover financial planning; and the final session will address retirement planning.

In early November, Modrcin held a community lecture titled "A Walk Down Wall Street." This presentation focused on the current status of the United States economy and investing. The event was a huge success, so much so another lecture was held two weeks later.

"Of all the financial seminars I've attended, this was certainly the most informative," said Dan Braum, Alumni Board Chairman. "We felt this would be a great topic to expand upon for our alumni."

Contact Roger Berg, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at (913) 621-8744 or [rberg@donnelly.edu](mailto:rberg@donnelly.edu) to register.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## ALUMNAE ACQUIRED LOVE FOR LEARNING AT DONNELLY

Attending Donnelly in 1949, Rita Dwight is part of the college's first graduating class and one of the first three African American students to attend Donnelly College. When looking back at her time spent at Donnelly, she admits that her fondest memories are of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica and the lessons they taught her.



Rita Dwight (pictured far right), Class of '51, shakes hands with President Ronald Reagan and Nancy Reagan.

"They found out what our interests were. If we made a mistake, they sat us down to see what went wrong," Dwight said. "The sisters tried to teach us about life and how to live peacefully with everyone."

Dwight recalled Sister Anthony's (Payne) words to her: "Never reject any idea, Rita. Store it in the vast memory bank of the subconscious, for today's science fiction is tomorrow's truth."

After graduating from Donnelly, Dwight transferred to Kansas State University. "Sr. Jerome (Keeler) was anxious to see how the first graduating class would do," she said. "When I went to K-State to major in clothing retail, I scored in the 90th percentile in every subject except physical science. But since Donnelly was not yet accredited, they made me enroll as a freshman. After the first year, they classified me as a senior."

### A FAMILY OF LEADERS

Rita Dwight comes from a family of history-makers. Her father, Edward, and brother, Edward Jr., have also had a hand in paving the way for African Americans. Following the Great Depression, Dwight's father opened Kansas City, Kansas' first restaurant for African Americans on the corner of 7th and New Jersey Ave. In 1961, Dwight's brother, also a Donnelly graduate (class of '51) was chosen by President

Dwight went on to become a teacher. Her interest in education was evident when she saw an advertisement for child development certification and responded immediately. After receiving her certification, she taught pre-school for five years.

"Donnelly shaped the way I taught my students," she said. "My theory was that no one fails in my class. I went to children's homes and worked out programs for parents."

Dwight has had a variety of careers, including licensed practical nurse at the University of Kansas Medical Center, assistant director of a 24-bed cottage at the Boys Industrial School in Topeka, a manager in the shipping department in the Kansas City Garment District, and a family aide for Alf Landon, who served as governor of Kansas from 1933-1937 and was the 1936 Republican Nominee for President.

*"Donnelly taught me that I was a citizen of the world and what I do affects others. I learned to respect humanity as a whole..."*

"Mr. Landon knew my father," said Dwight. "I planned to provide temporary help to the family for about three months, but ended up staying for four and a half years," Dwight said. "While I was there, we had a visit from Ronald and Nancy Reagan and George and Barbara Bush. President Reagan frequently called to see how Mr. Landon was doing and invited both of us to the White House, but Alf's health failed before he could go. Barbara Bush is the one who pushed me into the field of education."

Dwight also took care of her mother, Georgia, from 1994 to 2006. "My mother was a walking history book," she said. "She knew Count Basie and Duke Ellington and frequented the Room Upstairs at 18th and Euclid, Kansas City, Mo., where Basie played, as well as the Blue Room."

Dwight believes that Donnelly was a major influence in her life. "Donnelly taught me to love learning. It affected the way I relate to people and to the world," she said. "It taught me that I was a citizen of the world and what I do affects others. I learned to respect humanity as a whole."

John F. Kennedy to become NASA's first African American astronaut trainee. In the mid-1970s, his life began to travel down a different path when he became interested in the art of sculpture. Today, he has established himself as a world-renowned sculptor and has created his own studio, Ed Dwight Studios, Inc. For more information, visit [www.eddwight.com](http://www.eddwight.com).



## Dear Donnelly Alumni,

This summer I was asked to serve as the Donnelly College Class of '63 Representative. I hesitated at first, but Roger Berg, Alumni Relations Coordinator at Donnelly, and Pat Treff Callaghan, Class of '59, both assured me that technology would bridge the gap of time and distance. So, I agreed to serve the two-year term.

Then came the list of alumni to be contacted. It was great reading through the litany of names, remembering so many of my classmates, and wondering how their lives had evolved. I truly wanted to know, but, still actively teaching, I always had some other project beckoning. I postponed calling for a while, but once I started I didn't want to stop.

What great people! Everyone was cordial and appreciative of our efforts to re-connect with them. Even after a 45-year hiatus, suffice it to say there were very few short conversations. I spoke with many locals, but also with alumni living in Massachusetts, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, and South Carolina. We shared memories of our times in the old building on Sandusky. We remembered and appreciated our amazing Benedictine sisters. We spoke of the important difference this college experience made in the direction and quality of our lives in general.

I still smile when I think of speaking with Pat Casey Knight, who was looking out the window of her quilting room in Iowa, pot roast in the crock pot while I was looking out my window at pink plastic flamingos and white egrets in my backyard in Miami, roast pork, black beans and rice awaiting me. Now, just add other people's situations to ours, and I'm sure we'd all marvel at the rich tapestry we have created.

So why, you may ask, have I just shared with you my experience of being a class rep? I hope this little report will encourage members of other classes to step forward and serve. As you can see, my efforts weren't perfect, but they were important to Donnelly and its alums and personally rewarding to me. In these times of anonymity, it is really wonderful to know that even after much time has passed you still belong somewhere and that you have been missed.

**MARCIA DELICH BRAUN**  
CLASS OF '63

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE?

The Donnelly College Alumni Association recently instituted a class representative program in an effort to better communicate with alumni.

Many alumni have already signed up to represent their class. The following classes currently have a representative:

Class of 1951  
Class of 1953  
Class of 1957  
Class of 1959  
Class of 1962  
Class of 1963  
Class of 1966  
Class of 1967  
Class of 1968  
Class of 1971  
Class of 1984  
Class of 1986

*Don't see your class?*  
That means it still needs a representative!

To volunteer or for more information, contact Roger Berg, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at: [rberg@donnelly.edu](mailto:rberg@donnelly.edu) (913) 621-8744

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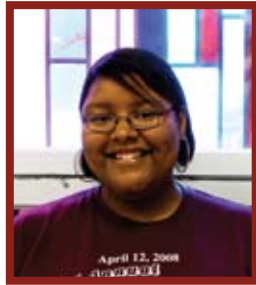
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## REMEMBERING FATHER FRANCIS MORIONES

Father Francis Moriones, 97, passed away November 29, 2008. A former instructor at Donnelly, Father Moriones is fondly remembered by many students and staff. He taught at the college for 21 years before moving to the Tagaste Monastery in Suffern, New York.

While teaching at Donnelly, Father Moriones was also the first pastor of St. John the Divine parish in Kansas City, Kansas.

“It was a small parish and he would take the time to visit every family, often to have dinner,” said Carmen Rangel, parishioner. “He was such a happy person; someone who always lit up the room.”

Father Moriones wrote multiple books on theology, and also had a passion for teaching and golf.

At the age of 90 he learned how to use a computer and began a major literary work on St. Augustine of Hippo, which was published in 2004 by the Library of Christian Authors, the most prestigious religious publishing house of Spain.

When completed, the book was presented to Pope Benedict XVI along with an earlier work, his award winning *Enchiridion Theologicum Sancti Augustini*. Each book contained a handwritten dedication in Latin to the Pope. Father Moriones received a gracious letter of thanks from the Holy Father.

Father Moriones is remembered by many Donnelly alumni as a truly inspiring soul.

“I took every class that he taught at Donnelly,” said DeAnn Trowbridge, Class of '69. “He was so uplifting.”

“I’ll never forget his passion, insight and challenging teaching method,” said Andres M. Dominguez, Class of '79. “We were so blessed at Donnelly to have had his presence.”



Top: Father Moriones (middle) speaks to Delia Hernandez (left), Class of '84, and other students during class. Above: Father Moriones encourages students in his class.

## DONNELLY INSTRUCTOR WEIGHS IN ON “BORDER WAR”



Steve Jansen, Donnelly history instructor and Program Coordinator for the Associate Degree Program at Lansing Correctional Facility, recently appeared in the television documentary, “Border War.” The documentary was produced by local

sports network, Metro Sports, and aired Nov. 26-27.

The documentary detailed the historic roots of the Kansas-Missouri rivalry, beginning with the guerilla combat of pre-Civil War America, and continuing today on the playing fields of athletic competition.

As a main commentator, Jansen focused his remarks on the history of Kansas and Missouri throughout the late 1800s.

Metro Sports contacted Jansen about the documentary in December 2007 because of his expertise in the field of U.S. history. Jansen’s expertise stems not only from his academic degree, but also his 22 years of experience working as the director of the Watkins Community Museum in Lawrence.

Although his loyalties were not discussed in the documentary, Jansen admits that he is a devoted Jayhawk fan. “I reside in Lawrence,” said Jansen. “I graduated from KU, my two children went to KU for their bachelor’s degrees, and my wife works at the university. I would say that makes us definite Jayhawk fans.”

To view the trailer for this documentary or to learn more, please visit [www.borderwarrivalry.com](http://www.borderwarrivalry.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JAN 5:** Spring Registration begins (classes start Jan.12)

**JAN 17:** Alumni Lecture Series:  
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**FEB 2:** Black History Month presentation

**FEB 21:** Alumni Lecture Series:  
"Personal Finance 101"

**MAR 21:** Alumni Lecture Series:  
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**APR 18:** Alumni Lecture Series:  
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**APR 1:** Poetry Festival

**APR 18:** Delta Dash 5K Run/Walk

**APR 19-20:** Alumni Phonathon

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**MAY 16:** Graduation

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