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Steven LaNasa
President

Alumni and Friends,

Over the past eight weeks the weather has certainly been a topic of conversation, and if you're like me and most of the people I know, we are all hopeful that the end of winter is near! Clearly, we have seen our share of problematic weather this year that, despite the initial beauty of a snowfall, often disrupts our lives, schedules, and plans in unexpected and sometime unwelcome ways. The events in Haiti in early January leave me feeling guilty for bemoaning a one-day school closure, an hour-plus commute twice a year, airport delays, and sporadic power outages!

On January 12, the lives of three Donnelly students were forever changed by unexpected and unwelcome natural events—paling in comparison to our local experiences despite the attention the weather garners on the news. The catastrophic earthquake that devastated the small country of Haiti killed thousands of people and destroyed for many years to come the basic infrastructure that supports day-to-day life.

These three students helped to make real the situation in Haiti for the entire Donnelly community, and these students, along with faculty members and Donnelly's student organizations, have pulled the community together to provide much-needed supplies and funds for Haiti relief. *(Learn more about these students and our relief efforts on page 10.)*

These relief efforts serve to profile the tremendous strength and passion of the Donnelly community. We've witnessed that when a member of the community is in need, the community comes together to provide support. Our College was founded with this in mind, and it is incredible to see it continuing well into our 60th year. That is the Donnelly way. Each day I see concrete examples of how Donnelly College is Transforming People... Transforming Places...and Transforming Spirits.

The following pages highlight those transformations as they unfold on a day-to-day basis by the faculty, staff, students and alumni of Donnelly College. We invite you to participate in the many events planned for the spring, attend graduation or simply stop by to see what's happening in KCK!

Finally, on behalf of the entire College, we so appreciate the support provided by all of you to make our work, education and outreach possible.

Sincerely,

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Class of '51 alumna reflects on career, time at Donnelly

From student to liquor-store owner to teacher to graphic designer, Barbara-Page Stocks has worn many hats throughout her life.

As a Kansas City native, Stocks attended elementary and high school at Redemptorist parish in Kansas City, Missouri. Upon graduating from high school, she was offered a full scholarship to attend St. Teresa's College (now Avila University).

"My grandmother told me I needed to check out this new college Bishop Donnelly was starting before I enrolled at St. Teresa's," said Stocks.

Knowing that she had already secured a scholarship to St. Teresa's, Stocks didn't think anything or anyone was going to change her mind. But, that was before Stocks met Sister Jerome Keeler.

"I sat down with Sister Jerome, showed her my transcript and discussed my interests," said Stocks. "She immediately offered me the same full scholarship to come to Donnelly. She explained that after two years at Donnelly, my credits at would transfer to Mount St. Scholastica College (now Benedictine College) in Atchison, Kansas. I immediately enrolled and that was that," laughed Stocks.

Throughout her time at Donnelly, Stocks remained close to Sister Jerome. "She was my buddy," said Stocks. "Nothing could stop Sister Jerome from doing something she set out to do. Her energy was contagious. She taught me a lot and truly helped form my character."

As promised, Stock's Donnelly classes transferred to Mount St. Scholastica College and she graduated within two years. Next, she took a few classes at the Kansas City Art Institute.

"At that time, my family was pressuring me to open another location of our family liquor store," said Stocks. She gave in and ran the store for seven years.

After that, Stocks sold the store and used the money to build a beautiful new home in the

suburbs – the home she still lives in nearly 50 years later.

Next, she began teaching cooking classes around the area.

In 1979, Stocks decided to take on an entirely new adventure and began working at United Telephone. She organized events to bring in new clients, created contests, and spent time on something not many people knew much about – the Internet.

"At the time, the Internet was primarily for government use and record keeping," remembers Stocks. "I remember helping people purchase Internet usage time for about \$7.50 per hour!"

When the company began relocating to Florida, Stocks and a group of 350 coworkers decided to stay behind. "Those left in KC built the Sprint Corporation," said Stocks. "I took the role of a graphic designer and staying for 15 years, retiring in 1999."

"Nothing could stop Sister Jerome from doing something she set out to do. Her energy was contagious..."

In addition to professional work, Stocks kept busy as a member of the Overland Park Arts Commission for 27 years. She also married and had five daughters – Leanne, Christine, Laura, Lisa and Leslie.

Today, Stocks has five grandsons and three granddaughters. She continues to volunteer for Friends of the Arts in Overland Park, Kansas, and sings in her church choir.

"I'm in a great place right now," said Stocks. "I like to keep busy. Currently, my daughter Leanne and I are writing our family genealogy – something I've always wanted to do."

Stocks' story is proof that you can do anything you set out to do – a lesson she undoubtedly learned from Sister Jerome.

1979-94:

A TIME OF GROWTH AND INVESTMENT AT DONNELLY

Each segment of Donnelly's 60-year history is filled with incredible memories and milestones, but the 80s marked a time of substantial growth and success.

In the late 70s, it became apparent that Donnelly had outgrown its location at 12th and Sandusky Avenue. So, in 1979, Donnelly's Board of Trustees began evaluating possible locations around Kansas City, Kansas, for the College's new campus.

In the end, the former site of Providence Hospital proved to be the best choice as it could accommodate growth but would keep Donnelly in the urban core, maintaining the focus on providing access to education for the underserved – a conscious decision instituted by the College's esteemed founders, Sister Jerome Keeler, the Benedictine Sisters and Bishop George Donnelly.

So, in 1981, members of the Donnelly faculty and staff began packing up their belongings and moved just six blocks west to the College's current location at 608 N. 18th Street.

"It was time to move," said Sister Mary Lucy Kramer, OSB, who began teaching in Donnelly's Intensive English program in 1975 and continues to tutor on campus today. "Faculty within our program had been teaching in the basement of the Sandusky building, meaning we never saw much of the outside world. We were delighted to be on the fifth floor when we moved because of the wonderful views of the neighborhood and downtown Kansas City."

Students were also excited to make the move. "Donnelly's move to 18th Street was the talk of the town," said Delia Hernandez, Class of 1984. "Everyone recognized that the College was growing and, being part of one of the first classes to start and finish in the new building, I remember feeling proud."

In addition to the move, Donnelly expanded its academic offerings to include College Credit Now courses, beginning in 1983.

Throughout the 80s and into the early 90s, the College also increased its focus on development and fundraising as a means of investing in its future. This focus remains strong today as the College looks to continue expanding its offerings and update its facilities in the coming years.

Join us in celebrating the creation of our Alumni Hall of Fame and its first six inductees!

Donnelly will celebrate its newly created Alumni Hall of Fame and honor the 2010 inductees on **Thursday, May 13, at 5 p.m.** in the College's Meeting Room. All alumni and friends are encouraged to attend this free event and join us for appetizers and refreshments as we honor the following individuals:

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| Judge Thomas Clark, '58 | Father Dennis Wait, '66 |
| Albert Roos, '63 | John Mendez, '74 |
| Sister Connie Krstolic, '64 | Delia Hernandez, '84 |

Congratulations to these alumni!

Donnelly is now accepting applications for the 2011 Alumni Hall of Fame! Visit donnelly.edu/halloffame for an official nomination form. Please submit your 2011 nomination(s) by October 1, 2010. 📧

1979-94 Timeline

- 1979** Board approves feasibility study on Providence Hospital as new site for College
- 1980** "Key to the Future" capital campaign begins
- 1981** First Phonathon held
- 1982** Donnelly completes its move from 1236 Sandusky to its current location at 608 N. 18th Street
- 1983** College Credit Now classes begin
NEH challenge grant of \$600,000 received
- 1986** Development Office raises a record \$235,000
- 1987** Dr. John Murry named president
Jack Reardon receives Delta Award
- 1988** Sr. Paula Howard named Academic Dean
- 1992** Campus modernizes with the addition of an all-new computer lab
Enrollment numbers increase by nearly 40%
- 1993** Archbishop Ignatius Strecker receives the Delta Award

DC's baccalaureate program continues to grow

In 2006, Donnelly grew to new heights when it added its first-ever bachelor's degree program. Fifteen eager students enrolled in the program, looking to earn their bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership (OL).

In less than four years, **Donnelly's OL program has grown to nearly 75 students.** More than 15 have graduated from the program, and another 10 plan to graduate in May.

The OL program is the only bachelor's degree program offered in Wyandotte County, and fulfills a community need for leadership expertise.

The program's curriculum is built on the philosophy that an organization's success is driven by capable leaders.

Like a business degree, our OL degree focuses on economics, finance and accounting. However, students go beyond these specific business skills and learn to develop themselves as a leader.

Student discovers the importance of education, gains self-confidence



Shirley Miller, Executive Director of Gracious Promise Foundation (left), stands with intern and DC baccalaureate student, Michelle Cooper (right), at an orientation for individuals looking to take advantage of the foundation's services.

For baccalaureate student Michelle Cooper, the importance and accessibility of a college education was not always obvious. After high school, she went straight into the workforce, taking a job as a customer service representative at a financial firm.

Within a few months at the firm, Cooper began taking on supervisory roles alongside coworkers with college degrees. When a higher-level position opened up at the company, she applied but was turned down. Later, she learned the position went to one of her colleagues with a college degree.

"That broke me," said Cooper. "From that moment on, I was determined to get my degree."

Cooper was filled with uncertainty about what to do next. She knew of Donnelly College because it was close to home, so she nervously came to campus and applied for admission.

She was accepted and enrolled in the associate program. "When I came to Donnelly, I didn't feel lost or nervous anymore," said Cooper. "My advisor laid out my options and I felt good about my future."

After completing her associate requirements in 2007, Cooper decided to continue her education and enrolled in Donnelly's Bachelor's in Organizational Leadership program.

"I knew I wanted to be a leader in the workplace," she said. "Donnelly's program seemed like a good fit because it would allow me to enhance my leadership skills on top of earning a degree."

Before graduating from Donnelly's baccalaureate program, students must complete an approved senior integrative experience project. This project, similar to an internship, places the student in a real-world work environment for one or two semesters, preparing them for life after graduation.

For Cooper, this experience turned out to be much more than that.

She decided to complete her senior integrative experience at the Gracious Promise Foundation (GPF), a foundation that provides materials and spiritual assistance to families of the incarcerated and ex-offenders in an effort to rebuild their lives.

"When I first heard about Gracious Promise Foundation I was immediately interested," said Cooper. "It is truly a place of hope. Everyone who works or volunteers there is passionate and willing to help people get their lives back on track."

During her time there, Cooper was tasked with promoting the importance of education to individuals coming through GPF's programs.

"I was able to showcase my own experiences and encourage people to further their education," said Cooper. "I had a hand in the foundation's Project L.I.V.E. (Leading Individuals to Value Education) program. Through Project L.I.V.E., I provided key information about educational opportunities to ex-offenders and their families."

Cooper made quite an impression on her coworkers at GPF, specifically on the foundation's Executive Director, Shirley Miller.

"Many people think they can't get an education. Donnelly tells you you can."

"Michelle has a phenomenal work ethic and was one of the best interns we've ever had," said Miller. "She not only contributed wonderful ideas, but she worked hard to put her ideas into action. She brought so much to the foundation."

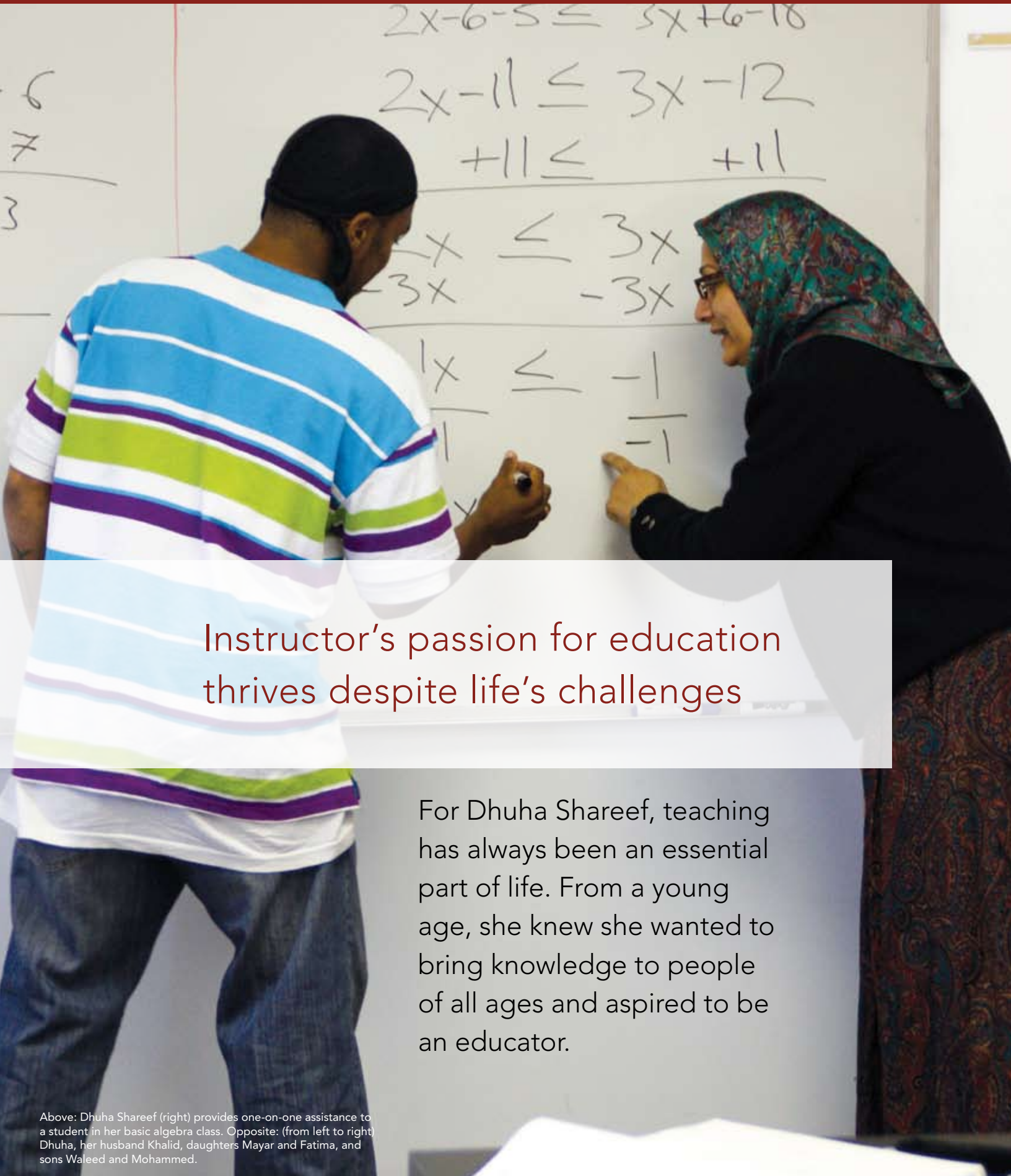
Sue Laird, Coordinator of Donnelly's Organizational Leadership program, was not surprised to hear the positive remarks about Cooper from GPF.

"Michelle stands out," said Laird. "It has been wonderful to see her grow and gain confidence through this experience."

Cooper gives much credit to Donnelly for her success. "In addition to equipping me with a quality education, Donnelly has given me increased self-confidence. Many people think they can't get an education. Donnelly tells you you can. Many think they can't afford college. Donnelly tells you you can."

Although Cooper is scheduled to graduate from Donnelly's baccalaureate program in May 2010, she isn't stopping there. She plans to pursue her master's degree at the University of St. Mary next fall and continue volunteering at Gracious Promise Foundation.

Learn more about the Gracious Promise Foundation at graciouspromise.org.



Instructor's passion for education thrives despite life's challenges

For Dhuha Shareef, teaching has always been an essential part of life. From a young age, she knew she wanted to bring knowledge to people of all ages and aspired to be an educator.

Above: Dhuha Shareef (right) provides one-on-one assistance to a student in her basic algebra class. Opposite: (from left to right) Dhuha, her husband Khalid, daughters Mayar and Fatima, and sons Waleed and Mohammed.

Growing up in Iraq, Dhuha Shareef graduated from Al-Mustansiriya University's College of Science and Mathematics in Baghdad. Following graduation, she followed her passion for teaching and was offered a coveted teaching position at one of the most elite high schools in Baghdad.

Shareef married and had four children. Her life was happy and healthy. There was just one problem – her family no longer felt safe living in Iraq.

“My husband and I knew Iraq was not a safe place for our children,” said Shareef. “We decided it was time to move somewhere where we didn't always feel threatened and on-edge.”

In 2008, Shareef's family packed up their lives and moved across the world to the United States, anchoring themselves in Kansas City because they had extended family living here.

“It was hard to leave Iraq, but harder to stay,” she admits.

That fall, Shareef enrolled in Donnelly's advanced English as a Second Language (ESL) program to fine-tune her English skills. She quickly made an impression on her instructors and fellow classmates.

“Dhuha was a model student in the classroom,” said Aaron Faulkner, Intensive English faculty member in Donnelly's ESL program. “She absorbed information very quickly and began volunteering in Donnelly's Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) as a math tutor.”

Shareef continued advancing in Donnelly's ESL program throughout the spring of 2009, eventually testing out of the program at the end of the semester.

“After completing ESL, I was asked to serve as an instructor in Donnelly's summer TMaSA (Transportation, Math and Science Academy) program,” said Shareef. “I was thrilled! Teaching is my forte and I was determined to give it my all.”

Immediately, students in the TMaSA program loved Shareef. “It is clear she

understands, as an educator, what a student needs to achieve success,” said Faulkner. “This knowledge translates to her being a great instructor.”

Faculty and staff members were also impressed with Shareef's ambition and success as a TMaSA instructor.

“Everyone is amazed with her ability to listen so intently to the students,” said Faulkner.

In August of 2009, Shareef made known her ambition to teach in Donnelly's Preparatory Education program.



“I felt so at home at Donnelly,” said Shareef. “The students I work with are incredible, and the faculty members are faith-filled, passionate and hard working. The Donnelly spirit is so strong. I knew that through my love for teaching and appreciation of Donnelly's mission, I had a lot to offer students here.”

She now teaches basic algebra and arithmetic in the preparatory program. Shareef and her family live in Kansas City, Kansas, and have adapted quickly to their new life in the U.S.

“We are all so happy here,” she said. “We feel safe, comfortable and blessed to have found our way so quickly. Donnelly played a big part in bringing us to this peaceful place in our lives.”

STAFF NOTES

Director establishes endowed scholarship in husband's name

Frances Sanders, long-time DC administrator, has established an endowed scholarship fund in memory of her late husband, Steven Sanders, who passed away on January 13, 2010. Donnelly is still accepting memorial contributions to the Steven J. Sanders Memorial Scholarship Fund. All contributions will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Title V endowment challenge match. Thanks to Frances and her son Joseph, as well as the many contributors to date, the fund has reached \$5,000!

English instructor brings expertise to local high-school students

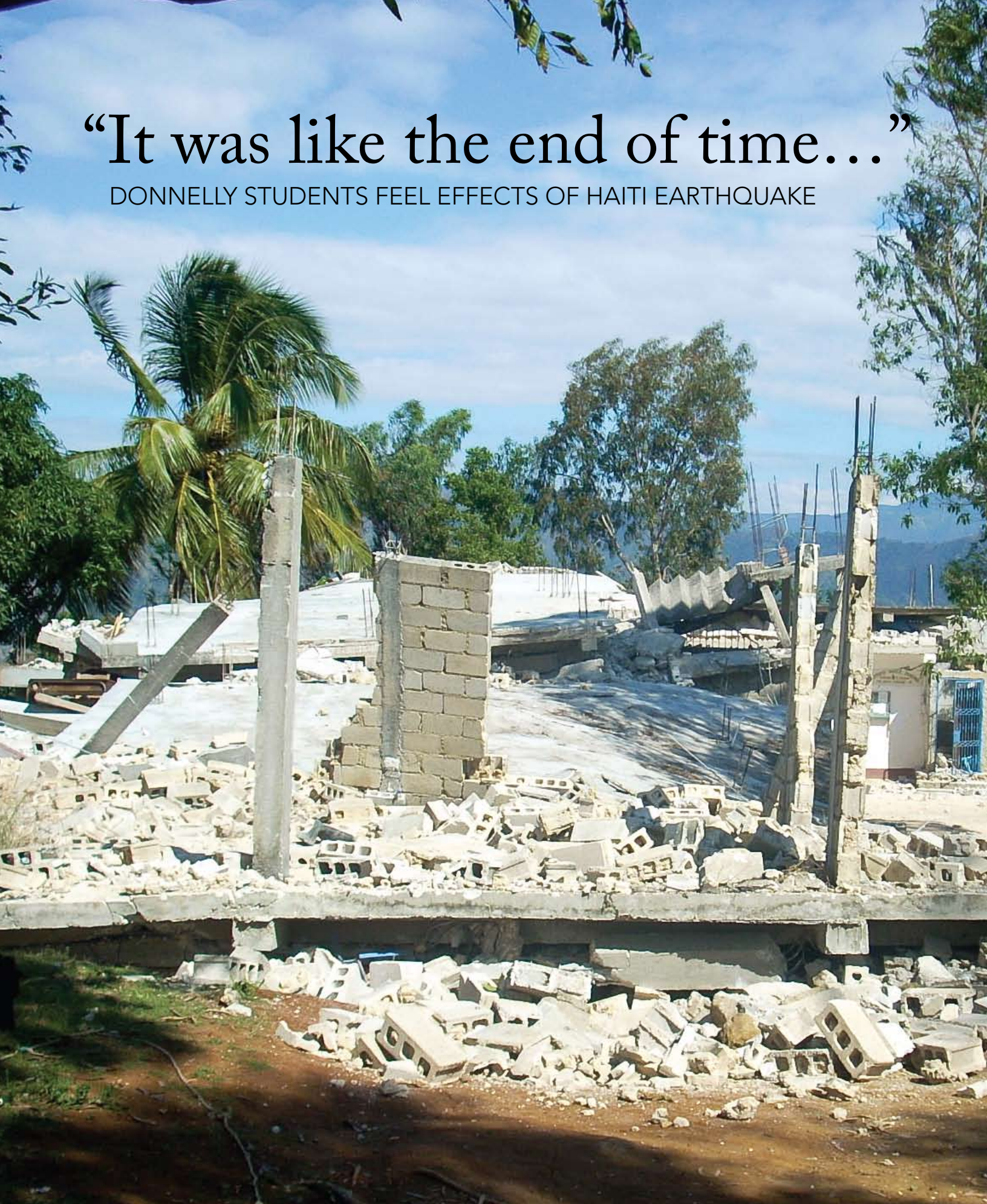
On January 27, Dr. David-Michael Allen, English instructor, delivered a presentation titled, “Poetry is a Living Thing,” to more than 60 high-school students enrolled in Donnelly's college-credit Introduction to Literature course at J.C. Harmon High School, located in Kansas City, Kansas.

Associate Dean to present at national conference

Donnelly's Associate Dean of Preparatory Education, Dr. Teresa Kriley, will present at the Teaching Academic Survival Skills (TASS) national conference taking place March 21-24, 2010, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. To learn more about this conference, visit tassconference.org.

“It was like the end of time...”

DONNELLY STUDENTS FEEL EFFECTS OF HAITI EARTHQUAKE



Despite the many miles between Kansas City and Haiti, three Donnelly College students felt the effects of the devastating earthquake.

When the monstrous earthquake hit Haiti on January 12, 2010, it crippled Port-au-Prince, the hometown of Donnelly baccalaureate student and co-founder of the Haitian Community Center of the Midwest, Vesnel Francois.

“I saw images of the earthquake’s destruction on the news,” said Francois. “Immediately, I contacted my family but did not get a reply. Time stood still, my mind raced and I began to panic.”

After three long days, Francois’ family was able to contact him and he learned that his mother and brothers had survived the quake. Unfortunately, three of his closest cousins had not been so lucky.

“When I asked my mother what the earthquake was like, she told me ‘it was like the end of time,’” said Francois. “I am just so grateful my mother and brothers are alive. So many were lost.”

“The earthquake adds to a laundry list of issues that my country is struggling to recover from,” he added. “As part of the Haitian Community Center of the Midwest, we are calling every individual and organization in the region to help in any way possible. This is a critical moment in Haitian history.”

Many organizations have responded to this call, including Donnelly College. The College is currently organizing a relief effort that will send necessary items and funds directly to a small orphanage in the village of Fondwa, Haiti, located in the mountains south of Francois’ hometown of Port-au-Prince.

Donnelly learned of this orphanage through two students within its English as a Second Language (ESL) program who, like Francois, have felt the devastation of the earthquake – Sisters of St. Anthony of Fondwa Myrlande Moise and Melicia Singelus.

“The orphanage was home to 10 Sisters of St. Anthony and approximately 65 orphans at the time of the quake,” said Sister Melicia. “The earthquake took one of our Sisters and an infant orphan. Our entire village was destroyed, which included a church, orphanage, school, guest center, health clinic, the Sisters’ convent, and all seven buildings within the University of Fondwa.”

The presidents of Donnelly’s student organizations and Father John Melnick, SSA, (Professor of Theology and Director of Donnelly’s Campus Ministry program),

along with various faculty members, Francois, Sister Myrlande and Sister Melicia, have come together to lead the College’s relief effort to send necessary supplies and raise money for the orphanage.

“Donnelly has been provided with an amazing opportunity to assist in Haiti relief efforts,” said Father Melnick. “Through the Sisters of St. Anthony, we can provide direct assistance to this orphanage and know exactly where the money and supplies will be used. No administration fees, no questions, just direct money to those who need it badly.”

Francois plans to help by traveling to Port-au-Prince in the coming months with a humanitarian group. “There is so much we can all do, whether through monetary contributions or giving of time and energy,” he said. “With this catastrophe behind us, we now need to look ahead and focus on rebuilding Haiti.”

If you are interested in helping the Sisters of St. Anthony of Fondwa Orphanage and contributing to Donnelly’s relief effort, please send donations to Father Melnick, Donnelly College, 608 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102. For more information, please contact Father Melnick directly at (913) 621-8792 or jmelnick@donnelly.edu.



Left: A photo of what remains of the Sisters of St. Anthony of Fondwa orphanage in Fondwa, Haiti (photo courtesy of Father Joseph Philippe, Founder of the Peasants Association of Fondwa). Above: Sister Melicia Singelus (left) and Sister Myrlande Moise (right), current ESL students at Donnelly and Sisters of St. Anthony of Fondwa, hold candles during a prayer service for the victims of Haiti’s devastating earthquake.



Support KCK arts!

Attend our upcoming Arts in the Heart events

Donnelly's Department of Humanities is planning a month-long celebration, rejoicing in all the different cultures, forms of arts and self-expression that make our KCK community unique.

We're bringing in local artists, nationally-renowned poets, writers and film experts to give you a taste of the art that thrives throughout Donnelly's surrounding KCK neighborhoods.

See page 14 for a complete Arts in the Heart calendar of events or visit donnelly.edu/artsintheheart for more info.

Donnelly receives NEH grant to advance its humanities department

In early January, Donnelly College announced that it has received a \$485,000 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to advance its humanities department.

The grant, which requires Donnelly to raise \$970,000, will create three endowment funds totaling \$1.34 million: Philosophy/Ethics Faculty Endowment, Sister Jerome Keeler Distinguished Lecture Series Endowment, and a Humanities Library Acquisitions Endowment.

"These NEH funds and humanities endowments will help ensure our general education program remains high-quality and highly integrated," said Dr. Steve LaNasa, President of Donnelly. "Our mission to serve students who largely go underserved in higher education requires that we continuously update and grow our campus resources. This grant allows us to do just that.

"Most importantly, the help in funding a humanities instructor will further our faculty's ongoing efforts to update the general curriculum and promote relevance of coursework to key issues in today's society."

On top of funding a humanities faculty position, this grant will help fund a distinguished lecture series. The Sister Jerome Keeler Distinguished Lecture Series, named after the College's beloved founder, will bring external experts to Donnelly's campus to present topics relevant to the themes, issues and questions woven throughout the College's humanities and general education curriculums. This lecture series will build off the College's annual Poetry Festival, which brings literary experts to campus and allows Donnelly faculty and student authors to engage in dialogue and sharing.

Finally, a portion of the funds will establish a specific endowment to support library acquisitions, including two online research database services — a World History collection and Religion and Philosophy collection — and expand the Donnelly Library's literature collection. Remaining funds will be used to install instructional technology into humanities classrooms.

"Each component of this project provides students with a variety of benefits and humanities-related experiences in and out of the classroom, each with a purpose of encouraging student exploration and critical thinking," said Dr. David-Michael Allen, English instructor and Project Director of this NEH grant. "Our goal is to lead students to the realization that the humanities offer complex avenues to explore issues of today."

Help Donnelly meet this challenge and advance our humanities curriculum!

Please send donations to Emily Buckley, Donnelly's Director of Development, at 608 North 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102.

Inquiries or questions regarding the grant should also be directed to Buckley at (913) 621-8731 or ebuckley@donnelly.edu.

5 things you can do to move DC forward...

As Donnelly moves forward into its seventh decade of existence, the support of alumni and friends becomes even more critical. While monetary contributions are a direct way to impact Donnelly students through scholarships and programs, there are many other ways you can help advance the College.

How can you help?

1

Help us grow our enrollment by referring potential students.

If you know someone looking to further their education, invite them to attend our 2010 Open House from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, in the Meeting Room. Visit donnelly.edu/openhouse for more info.

2

Show your Donnelly College pride by wearing DC gear when you're out in the community!

Donnelly's bookstore is full of new merchandise, including t-shirts, hoodies, polos, lanyards and mugs. You can purchase this merchandise on campus at our bookstore or on the Web at donnelly.edu/bookstore.

3

Stay connected.

There are many ways to stay connected to the College.

- Visit donnelly.edu/update to update your contact information and share your success stories with us!
- Join or refer someone to our Young Friends network (see opposite page, bottom left).
- Nominate a Donnelly alum for our Alumni Hall of Fame (see page 5, top right).
- Become a Class Rep.
- Follow DC online through Facebook or Twitter at twitter.com/donnellycollege.

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Come to campus!

If you haven't been to campus lately, please come visit! Stop by to see our main hallway lined with class photos, or attend an upcoming event (see page 14 for upcoming events). Numerous volunteer opportunities also exist, varying in scope of time and commitment. Visit donnelly.edu/volunteer to learn more.

5

Give.

Help Donnelly advance by making a financial gift to support our mission. Your gift can be designated to scholarships, specific programs or endowments. We hope you'll also consider making a planned gift, allowing you to contribute to Donnelly's success beyond your lifetime.

You can give online at donnelly.edu/donate or participate in the upcoming Phonathon. We also encourage you to attend our annual Scholarship Dinner, held each September. This year's dinner is scheduled for the evening of **Thursday, Sept. 30**. Visit donnelly.edu/dinner for more information.



2010 PHONATHON

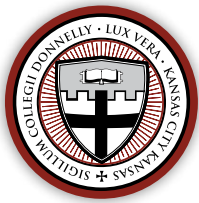
Donnelly's annual Phonathon is scheduled for April 11-13 and 18-20.

Help us reach this year's goal of \$15,000 by making a Phonathon pledge when you are called. Our student callers are anxious to talk to alumni and hear your success stories! Your Phonathon gift will provide direct scholarship support to hundreds of Donnelly students this year.

Volunteer at a Happy Hour!

No, that's not a misprint! Donnelly is creating a Young Friends of DC program and looking for young professionals and recent alumni to join!

Our first event is a happy hour from **5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, at The Drop**, located at 409 E. 31st Street on Martini Corner in KCMO. Come network with young professionals from across the metro and learn how you can touch the lives of Donnelly students. Contact Laura Bryon at (913) 621-8752 if you or someone you know is interested in attending.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APR 1-30:** Arts in the Heart celebration
A month-long series of events celebrating KCK arts and humanities. All events are free and open to the public. (See page 14 for complete calendar)
- APR 20:** Open House, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- APR 24:** Community Multicultural Festival, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Fun for the whole family! This new, free festival will feature live music, ethnic food and local vendors.
- MAY 13:** Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 5 p.m.
- MAY 15:** 2010 Commencement Ceremony, 4 p.m.
Jack Reardon Convention Center
- JUNE 10:** Donnelly Night at the Wizards, 7 p.m.
Community America Ballpark
Visit donnelly.edu/events to learn more.
- SEPT 30:** Fourth Annual Scholarship Dinner
Visit donnelly.edu/dinner for more info.

Friends, alumni and neighbors are invited to join us at any of these events.

Network with young professionals from throughout the KC metro at our first **Young Friends of DC Happy Hour** from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, at The Drop, located at 409 E. 31st Street on Martini Corner in KCMO.