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Upcoming Board Meetings

All are invited to attend

- February 6th
- April 3rd
- May 1st
- June 5th

Meetings are held in the upstairs Board Room at the College and begin at 6:00 p.m.

2007 Events

- 3/5-3/8 Phonathon
- 3/9 Evening of Reflection
- 3/10 Alumni Awards
- 3/25 Crawfish Boil
- 4/1 Golf Classic
- 4/29 Graduation Brunch
- 5/6 Graduation
- 6/2 Book Worm Boogie

President's Message



The celebration of the Christmas event, 2006, announced to the world the gift of a new world in the New Year, 2007. The time between Christmas Day and the day of the New Year gives us the opportunity to reflect on the many memories of the past year and the expectations found in the next year. It is a time to reflect on our past and our future. This is so important because we, as gifted human beings, are able to learn from the past and bring newness to the future.

Of course, as we reflect on the days prior to December 25th in the year 2006 and the expectations after January 1st, our minds turn to the good times, as well as the pains and surprises. In 2006, we might have welcomed a new child or grandchild into the family, or finished a long project like a dissertation, or the rebuilding of a home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina or welcomed new members to our learning community of Our Lady of Holy Cross, or crossed the stage at graduation, or passed a license examination, or experienced a conversion of spirit for the new year. We opened our doors that January 2006 to many – faculty, staff and students – who found OLHCC as a port in the storm, a place to learn and develop their talents and lives. Actually, during those days between August 2005 and January 2006, many had the time to reflect on their lives and their future. Many decisions were made during that time which will be effective for a long time.

There is no doubt that during this week between Christmas 2006 and the first day of 2007, the people of the world reflected on the war in Iraq. The many images of deadly explosions fill our retinas with fear

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Sonja Washington ('93)

and trembling. We might ask: where does all this hatred come from and why is it so destructive? We turn to the Christ child and ask earnestly for the arrival of peace, healing, and harmony. We pray for the courage to do what is right always with the common good in mind. I imagine that the men and women immersed in the American Revolution, or the Civil War, or the wars in Europe, or the wars in Korea, and Vietnam, prayed earnestly for a new year of peace and healing. Today, we continue to pray that all share in the gifts of liberty, nourishment, and freedom from fear.

After the terrible storm of 2005, 2006 was a welcome change. All the residents of Louisiana and Mississippi, and vicariously all the members of the world, experienced a historical event. It was so destructive and painful, but also an opportunity for us to learn so much about our behaviors and attitudes. While there were some who saw this tragedy as the opportunity to profitably utilize the charity of the world community, the majority of people grew in altruism, empathy, charity, and a desire for the common good. I can remember seeing the emotion on the face and in the voice of our Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast speaker as he spoke about the courage he witnessed by individuals during and after the storm. I can reflect on the joy of our "Spes Unica" recipients who impressed the people in the room to care for the poor and the needy. We celebrated the 90th anniversary of the College, an event that brought together Marianites, faculty, staff, students, alumni, board members, and many friends of the College. Our frustrations were washed away by our joy of being together as a unified community.

At the College, we opened the New Year of 2007 with many new students, some new faculty and staff, and a new enthusiasm for the future. Many have taken notice of the wonderful learning community that we are and want to join us in our mission. However, this joy was mellowed by our pain over the loss of a beloved dean and the pain of those who are seriously ill or face many troubles. We will put these memories "into our personal vaults" for reflection at a future time, maybe the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, 2007 - 2008.

Always, as Christians, we hear the words of hope found in the scriptures: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

As we celebrate, learn, laugh, and cry together in this New Year, we know that we have the Our Lady of Holy Cross Community to depend on in the present moment and the future. We are overjoyed that all our alumni bring the spirit of the College into their workplace and home.

Mission Statement

We, as the Alumni Association of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, seek to serve as active volunteers, and community leaders dedicated to encouraging continual involvement by facilitating the efforts of our Alumni, the missions of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and the Ministry of the Marianites of Holy Cross.

Sincerely yours,

Father Anthony De Conciliis, C.S.C.

Sigma Tau Delta

On Friday, January 19th, Dr. Claudia Champagne, faculty sponsor (Alpha Xi Nu Chapter), inducted 6 OLHCC students, 9 OLHCC alumni, and 4 OLHCC faculty members into Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society.

Dr. Champagne conducted a beautiful service in Zydeco Point, college dining area, where all the inductees and their guests received a delicious dinner and an opportunity to experience this prestigious ceremony.

Sigma Tau Delta's motto is "Sincerity, Truth, and Design."



Beautification of Father Basil Moreau

Preparing for the beautification of Father Basil Moreau, founder of the priests, brothers, and sisters of Holy Cross, slated for September 2007, we would like to educate our Holy Cross Family on this influential figure and his impact on our lives.

Profile

Ninth of fourteen children born to a poor but pious family during the French Revolution. His parents were involved in the Catholic underground during the anti-religious Revolution. Educated by his priest. Entered the diocesan seminary in 1814; was run by Sulpicians, which greatly influenced his spirituality. Ordained at the Old Visitation Convent Chapel of the Sacred Heart in Le Mans, France in 1821 at age 22.

Un-doing the damage of the Revolution became the core of his ministry. Since most priests and religious had been forced into exile, it was almost like starting over in some parts of the country. Basil became a noted preacher and catechist, and wandered from town to town teaching and administering the sacraments. Assistant superior and theology professor at the seminary in Le Mans in 1835.

He soon gathered a group of like-minded priests, known as the *Society of Auxiliary Priests*, which soon worked with another informal group known as the *Brothers of Saint Joseph*. Discussion began on forming a religious institute, and in 1837 the two groups signed *Fundamental Pact of Union*, establishing the *Congregation of the Holy Cross* with the two groups being equal societies in one community. In 1841 a society of sisters was founded within the *Congregation*; the societies were called the *Salvatorists*, *Josephites* and *Marianites* after the three people in the Holy Family; they received formal approval in 1857, and today often call their congregations the *Holy Cross Family*.

Born

11 February 1799 in Laigné-en-Belin, Sarthe, France

Died

20 January 1873 in Le Mans, Sarthe, France of natural causes

Venerated

12 April 2003 by Pope John Paul II

Beatified

15 September 2007 at Centre Antarès, Le Mans, France by Pope Benedict XVI; his beatification miracle was the 1948 cure of a Canadian woman suffering from pleuritis of the left lung, and was formally acknowledged on 28 April 2006

Canonized

Pending

Mardi Gras
Invitational Career Fair

February 8 & 9, 2007
Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with employers from around the city and nation!
Visit the website to post your resume or find out what employers will be in attendance.

Registration is not mandatory, but is recommended.

<http://www.mardigrascareerfair.org/>

Counseling Center

Is your Child Ready For Kindergarten?

Many times as parents we notice that although our children are of chronological age for starting Kindergarten they are still lacking some of the social skills needed to be able to be successful. This can be a frightening time for both the child and the parent. To try and help make this transition easier **The Thomas E. Chambers Counseling and Training Center will begin running a series of social skills training classes for children who will be currently in kindergarten or will be in kindergarten next fall. The classes will cover the following topics:**

Listening, following directions, ignoring distractions, making friends, asking for permission, joining an activity, waiting your turn, showing appreciation, asking for help, apologizing, accepting consequences, dealing with teasing, bullying and being left out, peer pressure, disagreement and personal space.

Parents may chose from two different class sessions. Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. or Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. -12:00noon.

Children of Faculty, Staff and students of OLHCC may attend these classes free of charge.

All others must pay the regular fee which is \$10.00 per class or \$100.00 for the 10 week session

For more information or to place your child's name on the list please contact the Counseling Center at (504) 398-2168.



2007 Golf Classic



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

On behalf of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, I would like to take this opportunity personally to announce to you the College's 15th Annual Golf Classic. This popular event is scheduled for **Sunday, April 1, 2007** at Bayou Barriere Golf Club. This is a great opportunity for friends of the College to have a fantastic time while financially supporting the mission of Our Lady of Holy Cross College. All funds raised from this fun-filled event will go to the Annual Fund, thus directly impacting the lives of students and their dreams of successfully pursuing a college education.

Personal and community support is vital to the success of Our Lady of Holy Cross College. At this time, I would ask you to consider supporting this year's Golf Classic. There are many ways to become involved in this worthy cause. You can help with any and all of the following:

- getting sponsors for the event
- getting donations of prizes, food, etc.
- register to play

- serve as a volunteer.

For your convenience, **a donor form and a player registration form are both attached as one comprehensive sheet.** You can mail the form to the address indicated on the sheet or fax the form to the Office of External Affairs at 504-398-2298.

If you would like to volunteer and/or donate prizes, please contact me at 504-398-2208 (office), 504-491-3854 (cell), or smcneely@lhcc.edu.

The students, alumni, faculty, staff, Marianite Sisters and the entire academic community of Our Lady of Holy Cross College join me in thanking you for your on-going interest and support of our College. And I thank you for your attention, consideration, and response to our request.

Gratefully,
Stanton McNeely III, Vice President for External Affairs

Donations Needed

Our Lady of Holy Cross College is seeking folding tables, folding chairs, and tents that could be used for various events on campus, including the Crawfish Boil on March 25th.

If you know someone who is willing to donate these items, please contact Stanton McNeely at smcneely@lhcc.edu or 504.398.2208. Thank you in advance for your help!

Evening of Reflection

Campus Ministry and the Our Lady of Holy Cross College Alumni Association will be sponsoring an Evening of Reflection on Friday, March 9th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Moreau Center. The event entitled "Overcoming Our Fears" will be presented by Fr. Tony Rigoli, O.M.I. Please mark your calendar!!!!



Alumni Awards '07

The Alumni Awards featuring a Taste of Spain Wine Tasting is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th, in the Moreau Center at the College. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Food, wine, and entertainment will be provided. Please check the mail for your invitation!

It's Mardi Gras Time

It's that time of year again!

Mardi Gras is right around the corner, and the parades are beginning to roll. If you are interested in a 2007 parade schedule, please click on: <http://www.mardigrasneworleans.com/schedule.html>

The OLHCC crew will be gathering on the corner of Felicity and St. Charles Avenue during the weekend of Endymion (beginning February 17th) if anyone is interested in catching some beads with us. All are invited!

Designers' Gallery

Help support an Alumna and the College!

Mrs. Alison Bordelon ('93) owns and operates Designers' Gallery and has also been a faculty member at the College for over 7 years.

Alison has offered to give a portion of each sale from Designers' Gallery generated by OLHCC Alumni or the College community to Our Lady of Holy Cross College. Please identify yourself as an OLHCC member when making a purchase.

When you buy, we all win!

Designers' Gallery can make your house a home again by putting all the pieces together. They are unique because you can get everything from flooring to furniture, window treatments to lighting, accessories to rugs, all in one location. They also have gift items for every occasion like unique collectables by Arthur Court, Scentier Lampes, and Woodwick scented candles.

What makes Designers' Gallery different from the "big box" retailer is that they can bring samples of their entire portfolio to your home or office. They have offered personalized service and attention to the New Orleans area for over 32 years at the same location.

Please contact Alison for more information.

Website – www.designersgallery.net

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Alumni Advertising

Are you a graduate of the College? Would you like to advertise your business on the Alumni E Newsletter? If so, please email Chris Rholdon at crholdon@olhcc.edu.

Help rebuild New Orleans!

Presenting:

Jane Sprouse (Class of 2006)

With the job market at the professional level so competitive, Jane wanted to network with the alumni as a means of broadcasting her candidacy. After losing her job as Area Operations Director for a chain of retail stores, Jane returned to OLHCC full-time to complete her

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

TUTORS NEEDED FOR
STAIR
(Start the Adventure in Reading)

WHERE: William Hart Elementary
WHEN: T/TH 3:00-4:30 p.m.

For more information on STAIR visit <http://www.stairnola.org>

To volunteer contact:
Ms. Burl at 366-1550

Our Lady of Holy Cross College invites applications for the position of Director of Student Development and Academic Achievement. This 12-month position oversees all student life issues and student activities and implements a comprehensive offering of academic support services.

Master's Degree required, education or counseling degree preferred.

Interested parties should submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of recommendation to Ms. Kristine Hatfield, 4123 Woodland Dr. New Orleans, LA 70131 or via email at khatfield@olhcc.edu.

Alumni Survey

Our Lady of Holy Cross College is conducting a survey of all our Alumni. Please take a minute to answer a few questions on the following web page

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=451122514722>.

This information is vital for various national reports and accreditations, which helps the College remain a widely recognized institution to receive an education. Your participation is greatly valued!

Take Pride!!!

We are interested in what we can do better to enhance the Our Lady of Holy Cross College web site including the "Alumni & Friends" section, which can be found at <http://www.olhcc.edu/alumni/index.shtml>.

Please e-mail any updates or changes that you would like to see to crholdon@olhcc.edu. Together we can unite to redesign the "Alumni & Friends" section of the OLHCC web site to make it a more accurate representation of our College. Any suggestions or recommendations are appreciated!

Support

Want to make a donation to Our Lady of Holy Cross College, please visit <http://www.olhcc.edu/giving/index.shtml> or e-mail Stanton F. McNeely III at smcneely@olhcc.edu. Every donation makes a difference!

Keep Us Informed

- Have you changed your address, phone number, and/or e-mail address recently? Please keep us informed by contacting Christopher Rholdon at crholdon@olhcc.edu or 504.398.2279.
- Has anything happened in your life recently that you would like to share with the community? Marriages, confirmations, births, deaths, and other important news events are always accepted and appreciated. We hope you will participate so that everyone can share your news.

For more information or to be removed from the mailing list, send your request to crholdon@olhcc.edu.