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Upcoming Board Meetings

All are invited to attend

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
- 6/16 Bookworm Boogie

Contact Us

Vice President for External Affairs



Dear fellow OLHCC alumni and alumnae,

On behalf of the entire Our Lady of Holy Cross College family, I extend warm wishes to you and your family. We have many exciting happenings at our alma mater, and I would like to take this opportunity to share some "good news" relating to the College we hold so dear to our hearts.

Our Lady of Holy Cross continues to have a healthy enrollment post-Katrina with approximately 1,200 students enrolled for the Spring 2007 semester. Also, all academic areas of the College continue to excel with national accreditations, bringing more prestige to the degrees we earned and current and future students will earn from our alma mater.

Come visit the campus! Plenty of exciting improvements have been made to the College facilities. The Hurricane Student Center has been a wonderful success, with the combination of the Norman Student Lounge, Jazzman's Café, and Zydeco Point dining hall. Also, the Father Basil Moreau Center is a great example of the various ways to live the mission of the College, by hosting masses, courses, seminars, as well as public

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Christy Read ('97) Annual Giving Co-Chair

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Mission Statement

We, as the Alumni Association of Our Lady

relations and “friend raising” events. And, the technological infrastructure has been undergoing a tremendous positive transformation. Just as an example, in the past year, the College has added a web portal for student/alumni/faculty/administrator interface, allowing for services through the OLHCC web site (www.olhcc.edu) on a twenty-four hours, seven days a week basis. Finally, a newly redesigned OLHCC web site will be launched in April!

The Office of External Affairs continues to work with alumni and friends of the College to develop the Annual Fund, which will help fulfill the goal of revenue diversification while at the same time being true to the College’s mission of providing a top-quality Catholic college education at a reasonable price. Christy Cowart Read '97 and Stephanie Rosiere Gelpi '00 have been giving countless hours as co-chairs of the Alumni Annual Giving Drive. As alumni and alumnae, we know of the outstanding value of an Our Lady of Holy Cross education as well as the dedication of the faculty, staff, administration, Board of Regents, and Marianites of Holy Cross. The Annual Fund will help ensure that the College remains accessible to many future generations of alumni.

Finally, the participation of alumni has been unprecedented this year. The OLHCC Alumni Board, led by Keith Taranto '01, has been more active than ever in bringing together alumni and supporting the College. Events such as the Alumni Awards and Wine Tasting, Crawfish Boil, Golf Classic, and many others are great opportunities to reconnect with fellow alumni and alumnae, the faculty, staff, and administration, as well as the Marianite sisters. We want you to be an active part of the Our Lady of Holy Cross College family!

Our experiences as students and alumni to date were just the beginning. Together, united in an Our Lady of Holy Cross College family of students, alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, administration, Board of Regents, and Marianites of Holy Cross, we can truly advance and support the mission of our alma mater in ways we can only imagine. We have a bright future ahead!

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.

In Our Lady of Holy Cross College,



Stanton F. McNeely III ('95)
Vice President for External Affairs,
Communications, and Institutional Effectiveness

Nursing Celebrates 20 Years

The Nursing Division at Our Lady of Holy Cross College is celebrating 20 years of education, service, and success on Friday, April 27th, in the Moreau Center at the College.

The anniversary celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m. and include food, refreshments, and an opportunity to reunite with some of your former classmates. The cost will be \$25.00 per person.

We encourage all of our Alumni, especially the Nursing Alumni, to participate in this joyous event!

If you would like to R.S.V.P., please contact Mrs. Tami Valadie at tvaladie@lhcc.edu.

Counseling Center Celebrates 10 Years

The Rev. Thomas E. Chambers, C.S.C., Ph.D., Counseling and Training Center will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary on Thursday, May 10th with a rededication ceremony.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Moreau Center at the College. It is free to attend.

If you would like to R.S.V.P., please contact Mrs. Susan Wetwiski at suwetwiski@lhcc.edu.

Counseling Center

Dr. Roxane Dufrene, Assistant Professor of Counseling, University of New Orleans, will be a guest of the Thomas E. Chambers Counseling and Training Center on

- **Thursday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Mater Dei Chapel near counseling faculty offices**

She will make a presentation on guidelines for state licensure. Dr. Dufrene sits on the Louisiana licensing board for professional counselors and brings with her a wealth of information. Undergraduate social counseling students, graduate counseling students, and counseling alumni are invited to attend.

Book Signing

The Friends of the Library invite you to a book presentation and signing by Peggy Scott Laborde and John Magill for their new book

Canal Street: New Orleans' Great Wide Way

- Sunday, February 25th
- 2:00 p.m. in the Moreau Center

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. A reception will follow.

The book signing is free and open to the public.

R.S.V.P. 504.398.2100 or hfontenot@olhcc.edu.

Father Basil Moreau

Early Years of Father Basil Moreau (cont'ed)

In the region of Le Mans at the end of the 18th century, in the days after the French Revolution, the persecuted Church survived only because of the faith of the people

and the courage of the priests who secretly exercised their ministry. It wasn't until the beginning of the 19th century, that the Church and State were reconciled and priests were once again able to exercise their ministry freely.

So, by the time young Basil reached school age, all Church property had been given over to the Revolutionary government; there were few priests with any kind of grounding in Catholic morals and theology. Catholic Masses and Sacraments were illegal, as was any kind of religious schooling. In the rural areas children did not learn the basics of reading and writing because most of the schools prior to the Revolution were Catholic and, in the chaos of the upheaval, the new government provided no schools at all. Except for those few whose parents could provide them with some semblance of an education, an entire generation of French children grew up as street urchins.

Basil, from his early years, was bright and reverent. He had a zeal about him that impressed everyone — a quality that marked his entire life. After the Concordat of 1801, which brought about a period of peace and openness for the Church, a new pastor, Father Julien Le Provost, was assigned to the parish church of Laigné. This holy man had hidden himself in Le Mans during the Reign of Terror. Now that he could act openly, he recognized the quality of his young student and convinced Basil's father to allow him to study the academic subjects he would need to enter the seminary. At first, Mr. Moreau required that Basil still tend his duties of watching the cows in the pasture while he studied Latin, but eventually, he was allowed to study full-time. He became so adept at his studies that in 1814, at the age of fifteen, he entered the Collège of Château-Gontier, which at that time was a preparatory seminary. It is generally believed that Basil's tuition was paid, at least in part, by a wealthy friend of the family, Mlle. De Boismont. Two years later he entered the major seminary of the diocese, St. Vincent's. Here he encountered Father Bouvier, the man who would

become his vengeful enemy in later years. Thus, in 1821, Basil Moreau is ordained a priest at the age of 22.

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 OLVCC 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!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs. Rebecca Leddy Emmons ('05) and husband Mr. Chris Emmons welcomed their second child, a daughter, Hayden Christine Emmons on January 17th. She was 8 lbs and 21 inches long. All are doing well.

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!

Prayers Requested

Please pray for Mrs. Carol Scott, faculty member in Art, who was hospitalized for several days with internal bleeding. She is home now and resting and will return to classes after Mardi Gras. She and her family would appreciate everyone's prayers at this time.

Please pray for the family of Diana Jemison who works in the copy center. Her brother recently died; he was only 42 years old. Please remember them at this time.

Please pray for the family of Michelle A Lester, a student and also a student-worker in Enrollment Services. Her husband's father, Mr. Louis J Lester, Sr., passed away on Friday, Feb. 9th. Please remember them in your prayers at this time.

Job Opportunities

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@lhcc.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.lhcc.edu/alumni/index.shtml>. Please e-mail any updates or changes that you would like to see to crholdon@lhcc.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.lhcc.edu/giving/index.shtml> or e-mail Stanton F. McNeely III at smcneely@lhcc.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@lhcc.edu or 504.398.2279.
- Has anything happened in your life recently that you would like to share with the community?

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