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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 Phone-a-thon
- 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

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Report from Academics



It is a pleasure to write a brief report on academics at our College. Obviously, it is important for our alumni to keep informed on the academic progress of our institution. Everyone at the College is appreciative of the interest and support we receive from our alumni.

After two altered semesters following Hurricane Katrina, the College's 2006-2007 academic year has resumed in a typical August to May format. The College has just completed a short Mardi Gras break, and we now have entered the Lenten season. Our next major academic event will be the annual Honors Convocation which will take place On Friday, March 23rd.

The College has been actively involved in working on reaccreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Regarding SACS, there are three major initiatives taking place simultaneously. First, many of the academic programs are working on self-studies examining their strengths and areas of improvement. Second, the non-academic and academic units of the College are working on addressing over 70 compliance issues that every College must meet in order to meet SACS reaccreditation standards. Third, the faculty is working on a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The QEP is a plan to work on a single initiative that will improve instruction. The general topic of

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Mission Statement

We, as the Alumni Association of Our Lady

“developmental studies” has been chosen by the faculty as the College QEP. The work in all three of these areas will continue through next year. A report will be submitted to SACS in September of 2008, and the site visit will take place in the spring of 2009.

On another note, on February 6th and 7th the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education’s (IACBE) site visit team came to the College to review the self-study submitted for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Business Department. IACBE’s accreditation principles are designed to promote and stimulate excellence in business education, and each accreditation principle is linked to one or more characteristics of excellence in business education. Excellence is evaluated in terms of the results of the assessment of educational outcomes. In other words, educational quality must be measured by desired outcomes and the processes used by the institution and its business programs to produce successful outcomes.

The visit was successful as the reviewers were impressed with the faculty, students, alumni, and administration. The Business Department should be receiving a letter from IACBE shortly stating what modifications to the self-study must be made. After the modifications are made, the Board of Commissioners will do a review of the self-study to make a final decision. The College should know of its status no later than mid-April of 2007.

In lieu of our city still in the midst of recovery, much credit is owed to the administration, faculty, and staff for their hard work and commitment during this academic year. Also, our student body should be congratulated for their dedication to learning. Everyone associated with the College continues to be focused on maintaining a quality learning environment where emphasis is placed on *educating the hearts and minds* of those we serve.

Sincerely,
Myles M. Seghers, Ph.D.
Vice President and Dean for Academics

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.

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!

Phone-a-thon

The Alumni Association is seeking assistance making phone calls to OLHCC Alumni for this year's Phone-a-thon.

The Phone-a-thon will be conducted from Monday, March 5th until Thursday, March 8th. The phone calls will be made in the External Affairs Office from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. You do not have to stay for the entire time!

A script will be provided for all individuals interested in making the phone calls. There will be FREE food and drinks for the volunteers as well.

Any time that you could spare would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Chris Rholdon at 504.398.2279 or crholdon@lhcc.edu if you are interested.

Crawfish Boil

The Student Government Association & Alumni Association will be sponsoring the 15th Annual Crawfish Boil on Sunday, March 25th at Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by the crawfish boil from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for some FREE food and entertainment. Feel free to bring the kids too!

R.S.V.P. by contacting Chris Rholdon at 504.398.2279 or crholdon@lhcc.edu.

Blood Drive

Since being diagnosed with Pinealblastoma (a very rare type of brain and spine cancer) in February, 2005, 5 year old Ainsley Daussat has continued to have ongoing medical treatment for her cancerous tumor. Ainsley's tumor affected her brain and spine. Surgery is not an option to remove her tumor so chemotherapy is her only recourse. Ainsley's chemo commenced 2 years ago and she has endured 5 different types of chemo. This is her 7th round of the 5th type of chemo. Her current chemo is very aggressive and it dramatically affects her blood counts. As a result, Ainsley is requiring weekly red blood cells and platelet transfusions

Her Parents, Tommy & Stephanie, ask that you please donate blood regardless of your blood type. You are also helping so many other

Little Ones in need.

Contact Stephanie Daussat at (985)792-5739
sadaussat@yahoo.com or Tommy Daussat at
tom@johnlastrapes.com

All healthy people who are 17 years of age or older and weigh at least 110 lbs. can donate blood.
For medical questions call the Mandeville Donor Center at 626-4937 or 1/800/86BLOOD

Date: Saturday – March 17, 2007
Time: 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Place: Bloodmobile – Timberlane Subdivision,
200 Timberwood Court, Madisonville
Goal: 60 blood donations...70-75 sign ups
Needed

Walk for the Hungry

The 26th Annual Walk for the Hungry will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. This 4 mile walk begins at St. Anthony of Padua Churchyard (4640 Canal Street).

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:50 a.m. Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. Walk

For adults to participate it's \$15, \$10 for students, and \$7 for children. The fee includes your t-shirt.

This year's theme is "Seeds of Change: Help Farmers End Hunger."

Call 504.861.5834 for more information!

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.

Father Basil Moreau

Sometime after Father Moreau was ordained, he approached Bishop Carron to do work in the foreign missions. However, Bishop Carron thought he would be more useful to him in Le Mans. Thus, Bishop Carron sent Fr. Moreau to complete his studies with the Sulpicians in Paris.

After two years, Father Moreau returned to Le Mans. He was a remarkable preacher and was assigned to teach theology at the seminary. Being a tireless worker and a great organizer, he helped the Sisters of the Good Shepherd whose superior he became.

It was just about this time that the Brothers of St. Joseph, a congregation founded by Father Dujarié, was in danger of being ruined. Father Dujarié was worn out from old age and rheumatism, and realized that he was no longer able to lead the Congregation he had founded. Thus, in 1835, the brothers of St. Joseph begged Father Moreau to help them. Father Moreau offered to Father Dujarié that he would be willing to undertake the renewal and expansion of Father Dujarié's work. Father Dujarié then resigned. The Brothers came to settle in Le Mans and Father Dujarié resided with Father Moreau who treated him with warm hospitality.

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!

Congratulations

Ms. Liz Hartmann ('95) celebrated the birth of her granddaughter, Talyn Whitney Feicht, at 11:13 a.m. on Valentine's Day at Meadowcrest Hospital in Gretna. She weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces. She is 19 inches in length.

Mrs. Angela Vaccaro Babin ('00 & '01) and her husband, Todd, celebrated the birth of their first child, Amanda Viviana, on June 11, 2006.

Congratulations to Nicole DeSoto, OLHCC Bursar, and her husband, Eric, on the birth of Ashlyn Olivia who was born at East Jefferson General Hospital on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 5:17 a.m. Ashlyn weighs 7 lbs., 8 oz. and is 20-1/2" long. Mother and baby are doing fine.

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.

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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 remember in your prayers the family of Dr. Chris Baglow, Associate Professor of Theology. Dr. Baglow's grandmother, Rita Poche Klein, passed away on Sunday, February 25th at the age of 84.

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.