



# Alumni E-Newsletter

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

\*\*\*All are invited to attend\*\*\*

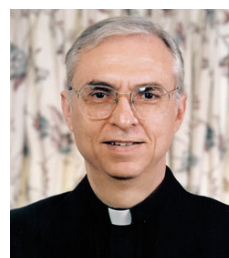
- September 11, 2007
- October 2, 2007
- December 4, 2007
- January 8, 2008
- February 12, 2008
- March 4, 2008
- April 1, 2008
- May 6, 2008
- June 3, 2008

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

## 2007 Events

- 8/29/07 Back to School BBQ
- 9/7-9/8 Rape Defense Seminar
- 9/14/07 Beatification Prayer Service

## President's Message



Dear Our Lady of Holy Cross College Community:

It is my pleasure to announce that the Louisiana Board of Regents has awarded a Presidential Endowed Chair to Our Lady of Holy Cross College. Several years ago, the College established the Thomas E. Chambers Presidential Chair from donations received by many in the local community. The foundation gift was given by the Edward G. Schlieder Foundation. The original restricted Chair was given for the support of the President's office and related activities. With this matching restricted academic award of \$800,000, the Thomas E. Chambers Presidential Endowed Chair is now valued at \$2,000,000 and will assist in the academic leadership in the community.

As we implement our mission and vision statements, we will continue to enhance our academic community and our reputation for integrating academic excellence with care and responsibility, that is, the mind and the heart.

This award is another indication of the esteem that many in the state have for Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

- 10/4/07 Fall Social at Superior Grill
- 11/5-11/8 Annual Giving Drive
- 11/15/07 Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

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Jamie Asher ('05)

Jason Campagna ('97)

Erin Caruso ('84) Social Chair

Johnny Danna ('98)

Kristine Hatfield-Staff Representative

Rebecca Kientz ('06)

Sr. Cynthia Knowles ('63) Marianite Rep.

Janey Ruth Lively ('88) Emerita

Mike Lopez ('92) Emeritus

Dr. Becky Maloney-Faculty Representative

Blaine Nielsen-SGA Representative

Steve Nielsen ('98)

Jeanne Noggerath ('03)

Christy Read ('97) Annual Giving Co-Chair

Tara Centanni Reese ('97 & '06) Emerita

Mary Zeringue ('03)

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Anthony J. De Conciliis, C.S.C., Ph.D.  
President

**OLHCC Updates**

A reorganization of the academic and student affairs areas has taken place to begin the implementation of the new Vision Statement. In the Academic Affairs Office, there will be two Divisions: the Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Division of Professional Studies. Under each Division, a departmental system was designed to provide leadership for each of its major programs. This system will enhance the excellent academic reputation the College has in its nationally accredited professional programs, Education, Nursing, Allied Health, Business, and Counseling, while providing a strong general education program and liberal arts and science majors. This assures a firm foundation for the development of important competencies, including critical thinking and writing skills which are so necessary for lifelong learning.

The teaching of theology and philosophy is an integral part of the College's intellectual tradition. In addition to the general education Theology and Philosophy courses, students are able to major in Theology on the undergraduate level (one of the growing majors) and study for a Master of Arts in Theology on the graduate level. These programs are further enhanced by the individualized attention given to student needs by its faculty and student life staff, from enrollment to graduation. To this end, the programs for academic advising, developmental studies, and student success have been enhanced along with a reorganization of student life.

The following administrative staff members have been hired to assist the existing faculty and staff members to implement the new vision.

Dr. Vernon Miles will be the new Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs. Dr. Miles comes to the College with extensive academic experience in the position. His most recent position was at Lynchburg College in Virginia where he was the Vice President and Dean and Professor of English. Prior to this position, he served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of English at Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky. Dr. Miles joined

## 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.

the staff of Union College in 1988, rising from Assistant professor to Professor in the Department of English. He served the College as the Chair of the Department of English, Communication, and Foreign Languages and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. He is the recipient of the Excellence in Research Award, the Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Student Government Association Distinguished Professor Award. He holds a B.A. in English from Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. The recipient of a Mellon Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, he did post-doctoral research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a frequent speaker at national meetings.

Dr. Clayton White has been appointed as Special Assistant to the President for Planning and Strategic Initiatives. On an interim basis, he will also serve as the Chair of the Business Department to further enhance the nationally accredited program. He has extensive experience as a business leader and consultant. Dr. White holds a Juris Doctorate and a Master of Business Administration, both from Loyola University New Orleans. He also serves as the current President of the Algiers Economic Development Foundation.

Dr. Raymond Gitz is Professor of Music and the newly appointed Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1973. He will supervise the Division chairs and the directors of General Education and the Center for Academic Success. Dr. Gitz received both a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; he earned his doctorate at Louisiana State University. As an active member of several local, state, and national music organizations, he has served as president of the Metropolitan Music Teachers Association, the New Orleans Music Teachers Association, and as the Louisiana Chair for the Music Teachers National Association's High School Auditions.

## Recruiting Efforts

OLHCC is recruiting at various locations throughout the New Orleans Metropolitan area and we need your help.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>-East Bank Open House  
Four Points by Sheraton  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>-Archdiocesan Fair  
Pontchartrain Center  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, & December 5<sup>th</sup>-Campus Visit Day  
OLHCC Campus  
1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>-Fall Open House  
OLHCC Campus  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

If you would like to volunteer for these events or for any other recruiting events, please contact Becky Kientz ('06) at [rkientz@olhcc.edu](mailto:rkientz@olhcc.edu) or Randy Bourg ('07) at [rbourg@olhcc.edu](mailto:rbourg@olhcc.edu).

Becky and Randy will be visiting over 35 sites, so your assistance is greatly appreciated!

## Back To School Week

The Alumni Association will be sponsoring a barbecue on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, to welcome OLHCC students as they begin their new semester.

If you are interested in donating any food or paper products for the event, please contact Blaine Nielsen, the OLHCC Student Government Association Representative, at [bnielsen@olhcc.edu](mailto:bnielsen@olhcc.edu).

In addition, if you are in the area, please feel free to stop by and say hello to some of your former educators.

## Rape Defense Seminar

The Alumni Association will be sponsoring a Rape Defense Seminar in the Moreau Center at the College.

- September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. AND**
- September 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.**
- Free for College personnel, Alumni, and students**
- \$20 for Community**

Don't miss this opportunity to learn defense techniques to protect yourself from predators.

R.S.V.P. to Chris Rholdon at 504.398.2279 or [crholdon@olhcc.edu](mailto:crholdon@olhcc.edu).

## Beatification Service

OLHCC will be holding a Beatification Prayer Service for Father Basil Moreau, founder of the Holy Cross Family.

- Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
- 12:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the beatification of Father Moreau with the College community.

## Superior Grill

The 2007 Fall Alumni Southshore Social will be held on **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Superior Grill**. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m.

Please join us for some **free** food, fun, and fellowship.

Cash bar will be available.

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## Mark Your Calendar

The Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast will be held at Our Lady of Holy Cross College on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

If you are interested in sponsoring a table or reserving a seat, please contact Mrs. Pam Lopez at 504.398.2206 or [plopez@olhcc.edu](mailto:plopez@olhcc.edu).

Tickets are \$50 per person, a table of 8 costs \$400,

President's Club Sponsor \$1,000, Saint Croix Sponsor \$2,500, and Spes Unica Sponsor \$5,000.

Thank you for your support!

## Job Opening

Capital One is searching for a Sales Support Specialist at the New Orleans Main Office.

### Basic Qualifications:

- 2 years of clerical experience
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel

### Preferred Qualification:

- 4 year college degree

This individual is responsible for Client Advisory Services (CAS) sales support, sales process assistance, and effective data management.

To find out more about this position visit [www.capitalone.com/careers](http://www.capitalone.com/careers) reference number 513211 or call Chris Rholdon 504.398.2279.

## Alumni Survey Results

The Alumni Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2006-07 Alumni Survey. If you are interested in viewing the results of the survey, please click on the following link

<http://www.olhcc.edu/Documents/audience/Survey%20Summary%202006-07.pdf>

We will be launching another Alumni Survey shortly.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

## Prayers Requested

Please remember in your prayers the mother of Mr. Steve Nielsen ('98) who passed away on Friday, August 3rd.

## 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](mailto:crholdon@olhcc.edu).

## Congratulations

Mrs. Margaret Tobi Herzog-Flair ('95) who was recently named principal of Harry Hurst Middle School.

Ms. Carolyn Favre ('03) who was named principal of St. Mary's Dominican High School.

Ms. Cynthia Ruel ('77) who was named principal of Christ the King.

Ms. Annette Passman ('93) who was recognized as the July 2007 Franciscan Service Award in nursing.

Mrs. Susan Panzavecchia ('96) and husband John welcomed their 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter into the world, Sophie Grace, on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Carmen Davis Linn ('03) and husband Joseph welcomed Robert Joseph Linn, Jr. into the world on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Danielle Sahuque Treme ('02) married Warren Treme in July of 2005. She is now a real estate agent for Prudential Gardner Realtors.

Mr. Ian Dermody ('05) recently celebrated the birth of his son Alexander. His mother, Mary, is also a graduate of OLHCC.

Ms. Daisy Hernandez ('07) recently accepted a job in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Ochsner Westbank. She is engaged and the marriage date is slated for May 2008.

## Keep Us Informed

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Have you changed your address, phone number, and/or e-mail address recently? Please keep us informed by contacting Chris Rholdon at <a href="mailto:crholdon@olhcc.edu">crholdon@olhcc.edu</a> or 504.398.2279.</li><li>○ 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.</li></ul> |
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