



# Alumni E-Newsletter

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## Alumni Board

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## Upcoming Events

10/7/09 United Way  
Bingo

10/9/09 Movie Night

10/13/09 Open House

10/15/09 Fall Social-  
Superior Grill

11/9-12/09 Phone-a-thon

11/19/09 Thanksgiving  
Prayer Breakfast

## Christmas in October

Students, faculty, and staff from Our Lady of Holy Cross College will participate in Christmas in October coordinated by Rebuilding Together New Orleans (RTNO). Led by the Nursing students of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, the team from OLHCC will be working this Friday, October 2, and Saturday, October 3. In addition, the OLHCC team will be partnering with a team from Folgers Coffee on Friday, October 9, and Saturday, October 10. The times will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

The OLHCC students and faculty have assigned us a house at 820 Deslonde (a location can be found at the following link: [http://www.mapquest.com/mq/9-FckGo18\\_wxo7rIAs](http://www.mapquest.com/mq/9-FckGo18_wxo7rIAs)). This OLHCC team is a first time build team. The house needs the entire inside painted and a wheelchair ramp constructed. The first week volunteers will be at 820 Deslonde doing interior painting and building a wheelchair ramp.

The second weekend the OLHCC team will be at 629 Forstall (<http://www.mapquest.com/mq/9-b88Qsg1k>) working with the Folgers Coffee team doing exterior painting.

## Concert at OLHCC

Irish Folksinger Danny O'Flaherty will perform in concert this Saturday, October 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Moreau Center at Our Lady of Holy Cross College. This event is open to the public; tickets are \$15.00 per person. OLHCC students, faculty, and staff may attend at no charge.

For advance reservations or more information contact: 409.384.5864 or 337.564.1234 or visit [www.dannyoflaherty.com](http://www.dannyoflaherty.com).

## Alumni Meeting

11/21/09 Fall Fest

## **Upcoming Board Meetings**

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

Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

## **Contact Us**

<http://www.OLHCC.edu>

[504.398.2279](tel:504.398.2279) Alumni Affairs

[504.398.2298](tel:504.398.2298) Alumni Affairs Fax

[504.394.7744](tel:504.394.7744) College Main

[4123 Woodland Drive](https://www.OLHCC.edu)  
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## **Alumni Board Members**

[Mary Zeringue \('03\) Vice President](#)

[Susan Lackey \('02\) Treasurer](#)

[Jo Ann Rosselli \('94, '02\)](#)

The next Alumni Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Moreau Center at OLHCC at 6:00 p.m.

**Everyone is invited to attend!**

## **Counseling Screening**

Sometimes it is difficult to know if what we are feeling is a “normal” reaction to stressors or a more serious state of anxiety or depression. Take a few minutes to care of yourself and come by the Moreau Center on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Counseling and Training Center will be providing free depression, stress, and anxiety (including test anxiety) screenings for students, faculty, and staff from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Each screening will take about 10-15 minutes; you will be given results immediately. If you decide you want to “address your stress,” counseling (free for faculty, staff, and students of OLHCC) is available.

*The Moreau Center  
Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>*

*11 AM- 5 PM*

*FREE*

*Depression/Stress/Anxiety Screening*

Sponsored by the Thomas E. Chambers Counseling and Training Center

## **Earth Mama**

“Earth Mama” Joyce Johnson Rouse will perform at OLHCC on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by Whitney National Bank, the Marianites of Holy Cross, and Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

“Earth Mama” (Joyce Johnson Rouse) is a singer, songwriter, actor, educator, and environmental activist. She holds a Master’s degree in Earth Literacy. She grew up on a farm near Cresco, Iowa, where the music of the Earth touched her at an early age. She’s been singing and writing ever since. Her songs have been recorded and used as theme songs for a number of events including national celebrations like the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage.

Her recordings are heard in over 80 countries on such programs as National Public Radio’s syndicated “My Green Earth” and “Every Living Thing.” All of her recordings, eco-tips, and environmental education resources can be found at the

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### Mission Statement

We, as the Alumni  
Association of Our Lady  
of Holy Cross College,  
seek to serve as active

Mama website at [www.earthmama.org](http://www.earthmama.org).

## Family Movie Night

OLHCC Movie Night  
*presents*

## Monsters vs Aliens

Friday, October 9, 2009  
6:30pm to 9:00pm  
*(movie begins at 7:00pm)*

Moreau Center

*(Feel free to bring blankets, bean bag chairs, etc. Chairs will be provided for  
as well)*

This event is FREE for OLHCC community members and their guests  
(appropriate age)!

*Rated PG; 94 minutes; 2009; DreamWorks Production*

Please RSVP to [aklene@olhcc.edu](mailto:aklene@olhcc.edu)

## Scholastic Book Fair

**CALLING ALL OLHCC ALUMS!!!**

**PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT**

**OLHCC'S SPONSORSHIP OF THE**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**OCTOBER 12-16 AT**

**MURRAY HENDERSON  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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 ALGIERS.**

**EVEN A \$5.00 DONATION  
GIVES A CHILD A BOOK!**

**DONATIONS MAY BE MADE  
IN CASH OR CHECK  
(MADE OUT TO OLHCC WITH  
"SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR"  
ON THE MEMO LINE).**

**DONATIONS MAY BE MAILED TO**

**DR. CLAUDIA CHAMPAGNE  
OUR LADY OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE  
4123 WOODLAND DRIVE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70131**

**ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.  
THANK YOU!!!!**

## Open House

Our Lady of Holy Cross College will host **Open House for all prospective students on Tuesday, October 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the College campus**

Guests can visit ANY TIME between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This event is open to **ALL** prospective students and their guests.

This Open House will provide an opportunity to learn more about Our Lady of Holy Cross College, a coeducational, Catholic college, offering undergraduate and graduate programs and located right here in New Orleans. Students, faculty members, financial aid representatives, admissions personnel, and alumni will be present and available to answer any questions. **Application Fees will be waived for the Open House.**

### **October 13 – On Campus Open House**

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Holy Cross College

Moreau Center

4123 Woodland Drive

New Orleans, LA 70131

**Please RSVP for the Open House by:**

- Text or E-mail your name, state that you plan to attend the Open House on October 13, your phone number and number of guests to [events@olhcc.edu](mailto:events@olhcc.edu).
- Call the Enrollment Services Office at 504-398-2175

**Other Important Dates:**

October 19 - Education "Mini" Open House (Moreau Center) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

October 21 - Nursing "Mini" Open House (Nursing Labs) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

November 5th - Graduate Studies Open House (Moreau Center) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Contact Becky Kientz ('06, Business) at [rkientz@olhcc.edu](mailto:rkientz@olhcc.edu) or Ashlee Lensmyer at [alensmyer@olhcc.edu](mailto:alensmyer@olhcc.edu) if you would like to volunteer

## Superior Grill

### **Alumni Fall Social**

You and a guest are invited to the  
***OLHCC Alumni Fall Social***  
Superior Grill  
3636 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA  
**Thursday, October 15, 2009**  
**6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

*Join us for free food  
and a chance to network with other graduates.  
Cash bar available.*

Alumni, Marianites, Faculty, Staff &  
Friends of OLHCC are welcome!

R.V.S.P. to [crholdon@olhcc.edu](mailto:crholdon@olhcc.edu) or 504.398.2279  
by October 10th

*Sponsored by the Alumni Association of OLHCC*

## *Edutopia*

Rene Lewis-Carter, Principal of Martin Behrman Charter Academy of Creative and Sciences in New Orleans/Algiers, is on the cover of *Edutopia* and the article is quite extensive (p. 22-27). Renee received her master's degree in education from OLHCC; she has her OLHCC yearbook picture in the layout as well. Kudos to Renee!!! *Edutopia* is the George Lucas Educational Foundation magazine.

## LA Book Festival

Juyanne James, Lecturer of English at OLHCC, will be one of the Louisiana authors at this year's annual Louisiana Book Festival. The book festival will take place in Lake Charles, Louisiana on the banks of the Red River Rouge on Saturday, October 17th, from 10:00 - 5:30 p.m. The official site is [www.louisianabookfestival.org](http://www.louisianabookfestival.org).

## All Souls Day

November is traditionally a month for us to pray for all our loved ones who have died. Please list the names of any family, relatives, friends who have died, and the names to Sister Marjorie Hebert, MSC at [mhebert@olhcc.edu](mailto:mhebert@olhcc.edu). All these names will be placed on the altar during the month of November and will be remembered each day at Mass.

## Saddle Up Dinner

Saddle Up for a Dinner Pawty to benefit  
Rescue Ranch & SpayMart

Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> ♦ 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Lil' G's Kajun Restaurant  
9338 Highway 23  
Belle Chasse, LA.  
504.433.0500

Reservations Accepted 601.268.2080;  
You can also pay at the Door

\$30 per person includes choice of 1 Appetizer (Seafood Gumbo, Crab Corn Soufflé, Gumbo, or Salad); choice of 1 Entrée (Grilled Chicken Montegut-grilled chicken breast lightly seasoned w/ crabmeat sauce served with kajun potato, or Fried Catfish, Empire-fried catfish with shrimp cream sauce served w/ kajun potato, or ½ Shrimp and ½ Fish Platter-6 fried shrimp & 3 pieces of fried fish w/ fries, or Red Beans and Rice); 1 Dessert (Bread Pudding), and Tea, Fountain Drinks or Coffee Included; tax & gratuity included

Cash & All Major Credit Cards accepted; No checks  
Dressy Casual/Casual Attire

Raffle \$1 per chance or 6 chances for \$5 –  
Winners need not be present

Rescue Ranch ([www.rescueranch.net](http://www.rescueranch.net))

P.O. Box 7112

Belle Chasse, LA.70037

504.818.6120

[rescueranch@live.com](mailto:rescueranch@live.com)

SpayMart ([www.spaymart.org](http://www.spaymart.org))

P.O. Box 6493

Metairie, LA.70009

601.749.0268

[spaymart@hughes.net](mailto:spaymart@hughes.net)

Thank you for your support &  
Thank you to Lil' G's Cajun Restaurant

## Prayer Breakfast

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual OLHCC Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>,

7:30 a.m. in the Father Basil Moreau Center at OLHCC

Keynote speaker is Dr. Anna Pou.

For more information, please contact the Office of External Affairs at 504.398

## Buddy Walk

Raenell Houston, Education Faculty member, is taking part in the DSAGNO's Buddy Walk 2009 to raise money for DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS. Please make a donation by visiting her Firstgiving page:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/raenellhouston>

You can donate online with a credit card. All donations are secure and sent directly to DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS by Firstgiving, who will email you a printable record of your donation. You may also register to participate in the Buddy Walk with her!!

## Tommy's Wish

As founders and the board of Tommy's Wish Foundation

([www.tommyswishfoundation.org](http://www.tommyswishfoundation.org)), Michael ('04, Interdisciplinary Studies) and

Shannon Casanova ('03, English) are asking for many prayers for the family of Gabrielle Chiasson. She was the child that they raised \$1700 for last year. She suffers from Neuroblastoma. The CT is showing progression of the disease. It involves her pancreas and the left side of her abdomen. Please pray for her and on as many prayer lists as possible

## Gold Canyon

Shelley Finnan ('96, Nursing) recently started a home based business with Gold Canyon - Candles, Home Decor and Body Products. With the holidays approaching she would love to help everyone get the perfect gifts! Her website is [www.mygc.com/shelleyfinnan](http://www.mygc.com/shelleyfinnan).

## Education Graduates

Please send us a picture of yourself with the class in which you currently teach. try to send an action shot and a group picture. Include your name, grade, school year you graduated with the pictures. Send pictures through email to [lpacaccio@olhcc.edu](mailto:lpacaccio@olhcc.edu) (Lori Pacaccio, 2008, Education) or mail attention Dr. Re Maloney (4123 Woodland Drive NOLA 70131). This will be greatly appreciated we need to complete our wall of fame in the education department.

## Light The Night Walk

Eunice Benson ('07, Nursing) is raising money for a very important cause: finding better treatments and cures for blood cancers so patients can live better, longer lives through The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light The Night Walk. She is asking you to help by making a contribution! Please use the link in this message to donate online quickly & securely. You will receive an email confirmation of your donation as soon as it is made. Thank you in advance for your support, which will make a difference in the lives of thousands of patients battling blood cancers.

<http://pages.lightthenight.org/la/NOrleans09/Eme2979>

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Larry Audler, Assistant Professor of Business and Chair of the Business Department, who was awarded a diploma for Doctor of Business Administration last Friday from Grenoble Ecole De Management. Congratulations Dr. Audler!!!

Congratulations to Rainell Hernandez ('08, Education). As Membership Chair

Kappa Delta Pi, she was recently awarded the Kappa Delta Pi Outstanding Officer Award for the Sigma Pi Chapter and will be honored at the biennial convocation in Orlando in October. In addition, she has been named to the national Member Committee for a one-year appointment.

Congratulations to Carol Scott, Associate Professor of Art, had a painting accepted into *American Art Today*. The exhibition will take place at "The Bascom," High School of Art in North Carolina, October 24 through December 18, 2009. Juror for the show was Annette Blaugrund, former director of the National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts in New York.

Art in a Box, a curated national exhibit, will open at "Rhino Gallery" in Canal Point, Florida, October 1 through November 15, 2009. Works by 34 artists showcase the box art. A box created by Carol Scott will be included.

Congratulations to Wavelen Andras, Enrollment Service Counselor, on the birth of her first grandchild, Jullien Frickey-Bullock. Jullien weighed in at 9.5 pounds, and 22 inches long! Mother, baby, and grandmother are all doing great.

## Alumni Survey III

The OLHCC Alumni Association has just released an Alumni Survey III. Please take a moment to complete the survey on the following link.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=kkLrhb8nvDYsEfIMK9p8BA>

## Job Search

Are you looking for a job? Interested in changing careers? What to post a position for your company?

If so, take a look at what the Career Services portion of the OLHCC website has to offer. You can access that link by clicking on <http://www.olhcc.edu/x371.xml>.

## Prayers Requested

Please offer your prayers for the family of Charlene Cavalier, a junior nursing student. Her uncle, Elphage Boudoin recently died trying to help a family member involved in a boating accident in Lafitte. He was 54 years old.

Please offer your prayers for Jack, the two-year-old nephew of Linda Schexnay, Assistant Professor of Nursing. Jack was recently diagnosed with lymphoma and admitted to Children's Hospital for tests and chemotherapy.

Also remember in your prayers the family of Kendall Kinnaird, student of Interdisciplinary Social Studies. Kendall's great-grandmother, Dora Rodriguez, recently passed away. She was 94 years old.

Please offer your prayers for Anita Delaup, sister of Jeannette Montgomery, Administrative Assistant in the Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and also Alex Lorio, an undergraduate theology student. Anita recently had open heart surgery. She is currently recovering.

Please offer your prayers for Mr. Buren Hopkins, father of JoAnna Clark, adjunct member of the nursing faculty. Mr. Hopkins recently passed away in Tucker, Georgia.

Please pray for the family of Erin Schrepfer ('07, Business Management). Erin's grandfather recently passed away.

Please pray for the family of Shelley Finnan ('96, Nursing). A close family member recently passed away.

Please offer your prayers for the family of Laren Neyland, an undergraduate psychology student. Laren's grandmother, Mary J. Francois, passed away yesterday.

## Alumni Advertising

Are you a graduate of the College? Would you like to advertise your business or service in the Alumni E-Newsletter? If so, please email Chris Rholdon at [crholdon@olhcc.edu](mailto:crholdon@olhcc.edu)

## Keep Us Informed

- Have you changed your address, phone number, and/or e-mail address recently? Please keep us informed by contacting Chris Rholdon at [crholdon@olhcc.edu](mailto: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](mailto:crholdon@olhcc.edu).***

