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Upcoming Board Meetings

All are invited to attend

May 5, 2009

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- 4/16/09 Climate in Peril
- 4/18/09 Habitat for Humanity
- 4/25/09 March of Dimes
- 5/7/09 Spiritual Entrepreneurs
- 5/9/09 Delta Sigma Pi Rose Gala
- 5/16/09 Graduation Mass
- 5/17/09 Graduation

Jay Leno

Have you ever wondered where Jay Leno receives his jokes for his opening stand-up act during his "Tonight Show"? Well, meet Mr. Benjamin Welsh, a 1986 business alumnus of Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

Ben Walsh was showcased in a recent article in *The Times-Picayune*. Please click on the following link to read the article in its entirety.

http://blog.nola.com/anguslind/2009/03/did_you_know_jay_le_no_gets_jok.html

Easter Baskets



During the April Alumni Board meeting, alumni/alumnae of the College along with the Office of Student Life teamed up to make Easter Baskets for the Jefferson Parish Homeless Shelter. Mrs. Susan Lackey, treasurer of the Alumni Association and a 2002 graduate of the College, helped organize the event with Catholic Charities.

6/16/09 Bookworm Boogie IV

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Mission Statement

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

Members of the Holy Cross family are blessed to help those in need and are proud to enhance the ministry of the Marianites of Holy Cross.

If you are interested in getting involved or have an idea that the College may be able to support, please contact Chris Rholdon at crholdon@olhcc.edu or 504.398.2279.

Business Class Excels

Kudos to the students in Mr. Jason Rabalais' BUS 414 class, Business Policies and Problems, for the success they are achieving in international competition regarding their rankings in the top 100 groups "playing" the business strategy game online.

The Advanced Athletics and Clever Run groups rank high amongst competition in Stock Price and Earnings per share, with advanced ranking 17th among all competitors in Earnings Per Share. They also scored a phenomenal 82.7% Return on Equity placing them 4th in the competition.

We are proud of Jason Rabalais and our students for their excellent performance – a performance that reflects well on the caliber of instruction that they are receiving.

Climate in Peril

The Marianites of Holy Cross in conjunction with Our Lady of Holy Cross College invite you to a special program on **Thursday, APRIL 16th, in the MOREAU CENTER at 7:00 PM.**

Climate Crisis: Peril and Promise
Presenter: Sr. Mary Turgi, CSC

The Earth Charter describes this moment in Earth's history as a time of "great peril and great promise." Nowhere is this more apparent than in the current climate crisis. If humans fail to act wisely, we risk radically altering Earth, making it inhospitable to much of life. But the crisis also invites us to re-invent our

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.

relationships with Earth and one another – to create new ways of meeting our economic and social needs that are both sustainable and just. This interactive program will explore both the peril and the promise of climate change through the eyes of Catholic faith.

- Sr. Mary Turgi presently serves as **Director of the Holy Cross International Justice Office from Fall 2000 until present.**

This program is presented as a part of the Sr. Vivian Coulon, MSC Lecture Series.

Habitat for Humanity

Members of the OLHCC Family will be working with Habitat for Humanity on

Saturday, April 18th

7:45 a.m.

Westbank Build Location

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Chris Rholdon at 504.398.2279 or crholdon@olhcc.edu.

March of Dimes

Members of OLHCC will be participating in the March of Dimes Walk on Saturday, April 25th in memory of Izabella Grace Rogers, niece of Katie Valence Reine (2008 OLHCC Education graduate).

Please consider making a donation to show your support. You can make an online donation by visiting my page at

http://www.marchforbabies.org/personal_page.asp?w=181024667&u=Rainell_Hernandez or contact Rainell Hernandez ('08) at 504-606-9895 if you would like to make a donation in person. Any donation, small or large, would be greatly appreciated.

Principals' Forum

Principals' Roundtable Forums Purpose: Discussion of educational leadership topics impacting elementary and secondary schools.

Hosted by: Dr. GERALYN DELL and the Educational Leadership Graduate Students from EDG 636 N Educational Leadership School and District Leadership

Guest Speakers: Local Elementary and Secondary School Principals.

When: Mondays, April 20th and April 27th

Where: Our Lady of Holy Cross College April 20th in Rooms # 27 and 28 April 27th in Basil Moreau Hall

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for dialogue on important issues and answers.

Spiritual Entrepreneurs

The Spiritual Entrepreneurs of

Our Lady of Holy Cross College

*With the support of the Sr. Vivian Coulon, M.S.C.
Lecture Fund*

cordially invite you to a panel discussion on

*WOMEN WHO HAVE INSPIRED
NEW ORLEANS:
PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE*

*On Thursday, May 7, 2009
5:30 p.m. Reception • 6:00-7:30 p.m. Panel discussion*

Our distinguished panel includes:

Dr. Emily Clark on the Ursuline nuns in colonial N.O.
Dr. Christina Vella on the Baroness Pontalba
Sr. Doris Goudeaux on the Blessed Henriette Delille, foundress
of the Sisters of the Holy Family
Sr. Clarita Bourque discussing the career of Lindy Boggs
Ruthie Frierson talking about The Citizens of 1 Greater New
Orleans

RSVP—Ms. Pamela Lopez, 504.398.2206 or plopez@olhcc.edu

Delta Sigma Pi

The Nu Omicron Chapter
Of Delta Sigma Pi

Request the honor of your presence at the annual
Rose Gala

Saturday, May 9th
6:00 p.m.
Moreau Center

For an evening of
Food, music, and celebration

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 upon arrival.

RSVP to JoAnna Ogier at
jogier@olhcc.edu

Graduation

Our Lady of Holy Cross College will host its Graduation
Baccalaureate Mass on May 16th at 4:00 p.m. in the
Moreau Center at the College.

The graduation ceremony will be held on May 17th at
12:00 p.m. in the Alario Center.

Bookworm Boogie IV

For the Expansion of the Blaine S. Kern Library
At Our Lady of Holy Cross College

Saturday, June 13th
7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Mardi Gras World
233 Newton Street
Algiers, LA 70114

\$50 per person
\$350 table of 8

Vince Vance and the Valiants
Food provided by New Orleans' Finest Chiefs
Cash Bar
Door Prizes
50/50 Raffle

To obtain more information or to RSVP, please contact
Sr. Helen Fontenot at 504.398.2100 or
hfontenot@lhcc.edu.

Creations in Hand

Mother's Day is approaching. Do you need a special gift for your mom? Jewelry is a great way to give her something as unique as she is.

Creations in Jewelry specializes in hand-crafted designs for all occasions.

Call LeeMarie Martinez Spatafora, a 2007 graduate in Marriage and Family Counseling, at **504-344-3241**.

Counseling

In today's society it is imperative that we take care of our mental and emotional health as well as our physical health. Counseling is a great way to stay mentally and emotionally healthy ensuring optimal functioning in all areas of life.

Counseling services are offered by LeeMarie Spatafora, MA, NCC, LPC Intern Graduate of OLHCC working with families, couples, individuals and children.

Please call for an appointment 504-344-3241.
Conveniently located at 700 Papworth Avenue Suite
202, Metairie, LA 70005.

Academy of Our Lady

Academy of Our Lady located at 537 Avenue D in
Marrero will be in need of a full time High School
Spanish teacher for next school year.

All interested applicants should call 504.341.6217.

Evening of Reflection



On Friday, March 20th, the OLHCC Alumni
Association and the Office of Campus Ministry hosted
an Evening of Reflection.

Father Tony Rigoli was the presenter.

During the Evening of Reflection, Father Tony provided
numerous examples on how to most constructively deal
with "Healing Life's Hurts." There were over 70
attendees at the event.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and Marianites
of Holy Cross, we would like to thank everyone who
attended.

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=kkLrhb8nvDYsEflMK9p8BA_3d_3d

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>.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Larry and Dr. Lisa Melancon Sullivan, Associate Professor of Education and a 1991 alumna in education, on the birth of Joshua Roland. Joshua was born on March 16th and weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz.

Marie Comeaux, a sophomore nursing student, has been awarded the Promise of Nursing for Louisiana Scholarship in the amount of \$3,500 from the National Student Nurses' Association. Scholarship recipients will be honored during the National Student Nurse Association's 57th Annual Convention Opening Session and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, in Nashville, Tennessee. Funding for the Promise of Nursing Regional Scholarship Program is contributed by several hospitals and healthcare agencies, by Johnson & Johnson, and by national companies with an interest in supporting nursing education. Marie is the first OLHCC student to apply for and receive this scholarship. Congratulations, Marie!

An OLHCC nursing student has been awarded the Promise of Nursing for Louisiana Scholarship from the National Student Nurses' Association. Congratulations to junior nursing student, Sreen Askar who was awarded \$4,000 for the 2009-2010 academic year!

Ms. Sharon Chaisson, a 2004 nursing graduate, was recently named Employee of the month at West

Jefferson Hospital.

Prayers Requested

Please offer your prayers for Mr. Chris Cahill ('98), Assistant Professor of Nursing. Mr. Cahill recently underwent surgery for a torn Achilles tendon.

Please offer your prayers for Raymond Charles "Tanker" Young who recently passed away. Mr. Young was the grandfather of Matt Chiasson, a general studies major, and the father of Cheryn Young, a 1986 nursing graduate.

Please offer your prayers for the family of Nicole Mire, an undergraduate counseling student and work-study student in the counseling center. Nicole's great-grandmother, Euna Mae Rodrigue, recently passed away.

Please offer your prayers for the family of Kia Golden, senior nursing student. Kia's father, Henry "Sonny" Golden, Jr., recently passed away.

Please offer your prayers for the family of Ami Shuford, a pre-nursing student. Ami's father recently passed away.

Please pray for Judge Ronald Fonseca, lecturer of history. Judge Fonseca recently underwent bypass surgery at East Jefferson General Hospital.

Please pray for the family of Angela Caudle, a junior nursing student. Angela's father-in-law, Ronnie Dugas, recently passed away after suffering a massive heart attack.

Please offer your prayers for the family of Sabrina Richardson, a student in the tourism program. Sabrina's father, William Richardson, recently passed away after suffering with cancer.

Please pray for the family of Tricia Marshall-Ferguson, a counseling graduate. Her 28 year old daughter-in-law recently passed away after a lifetime battle with sickle

cell disease.

Please offer your prayers for the family of Larrice Anderson, a 2008 nursing graduate. Larrice's mother recently passed away.

Please pray for Stacey Autin, 2008 English graduate, who recently lost her father, Murphy Autin, Jr. to lung cancer.

Please offer your prayers for the family of Sr. Kateri Battaglia, MSC. Sr. Kateri's mother, Sylvia, recently passed away after a brief illness.

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.

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 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.