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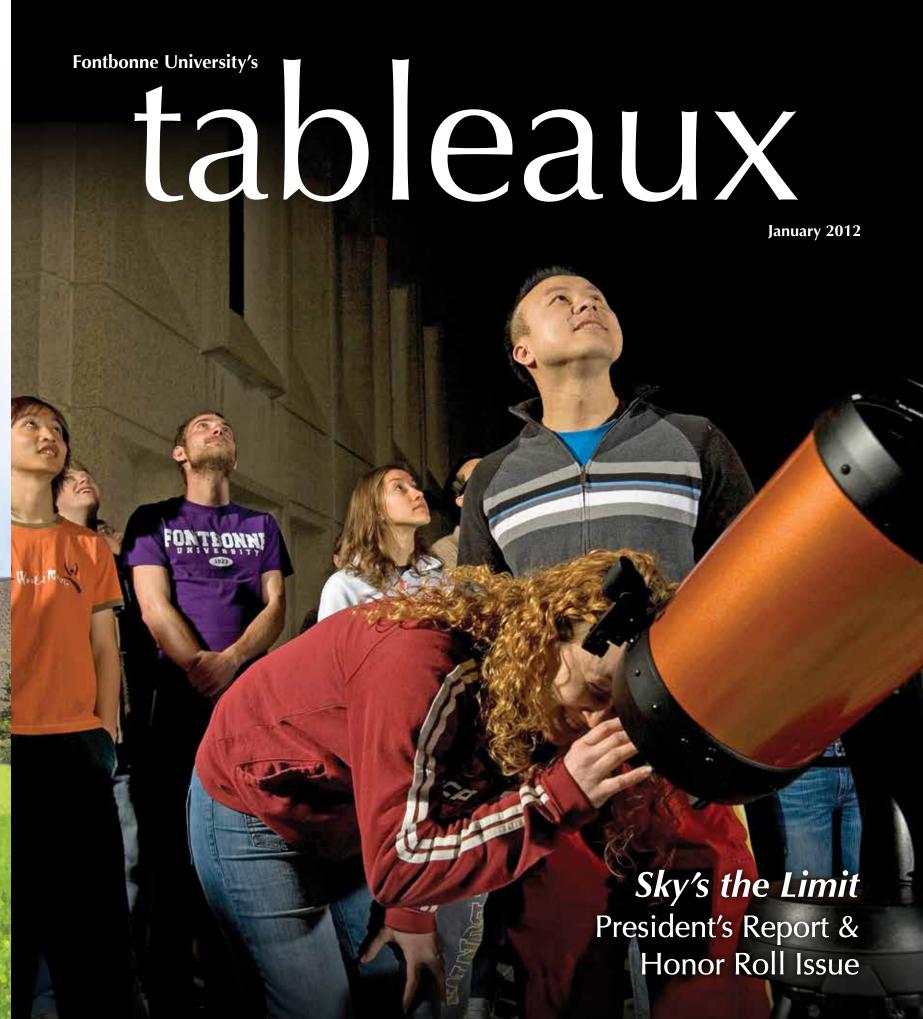
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**On the cover:** Dr. Minh Truong, professor of physics, hosts astronomy nights two or three times each year on Fontbonne's campus. Here, he guides students, faculty and guests in a tour of the night sky. Much like these celestial voyages, the university community is looking up and out, anticipating the promise, and even the unknown, of a new year.

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# Corporate Generosity — Emerson Strengthens IT Systems

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

When David Farr, CEO of St. Louis-based Emerson Electric Co., visited Fontbonne University, it was a two-fold cause for celebration.

Farr gave a thoughtful and insightful presentation to a packed room of Fontbonne students, faculty, staff and guests as part of the university's Building Global Relationships speaker series. Farr's visit also gave the campus community the opportunity to thank the business leader and his company for a generous gift — a \$235,000 grant marked specifically for enhancing and upgrading Fontbonne's technology systems. The gift will provide system stability, educational opportunities and peace of mind for the university and its students for years to come.

"Emerson is well known for its commitment to educational institutions in the St. Louis area, and the company has been a past donor to Fontbonne," said Mark Franz, Fontbonne's vice president for information technology. "In recent conversations with corporate personnel at Emerson, we made them aware of strategic needs of the institution, which were consistent with their interests. Some specific products that Emerson has developed and perfected were implemented as key elements in solving the issues we were facing."

Through the grant, Fontbonne purchased products and installation services that will provide the university's central computer servers with a new system for reliable and consistent power. These include a battery backup system, a cooling system server racks, and an uninterruptible power supply (UPS), as well as a diesel generator and transfer switch for Ryan Hall, which contains the central server room. Additionally, the grant led to the naming and upgrade of the Ryan Hall third-floor computer labs, now known as the Emerson Technology Center.

"This gift enabled us to upgrade our computer labs, as well as do major work behind the scenes of our IT department," said Sandra Lehrer, Fontbonne's vice president for institutional advancement. "Before, if we had a power outage, we had about a 15-minute window to get systems back up, or we would run

the risk of losing data. The university is now in a completely different place to safeguard our technology."

While Emerson's financial gift was more a "behind-thescenes" boon to the campus, Farr's presentation provided a rare and up-close glimpse into the leadership of a successful multinational corporation. For aspiring business students, especially, it was a momentous opportunity.

The day, however, brought with it one more surprise. On top of his company's already generous grant, Farr, upon touring the IT department and seeing Fontbonne's phone system, offered to fund its upgrade as well.

"He took one look at our phone system and knew immediately what we needed," Lehrer said. "He's a person who makes things happen and a very generous individual who firmly believes in supporting the country's next generation of leaders."

No one was happier with the surprise improvement than the IT department. "In the 20 plus years since Fontbonne acquired its current system, the technology in the telecommunications industry has been transformed," Franz said. "Emerson recognized that a new telecommunications system, with its wide range of enhanced functionality, would transform our communications infrastructure and augment the level of services we can provide to our students, faculty, staff and other constituencies."

The generosity, dedication to education, and level of corporate responsibility Emerson exhibited during this project didn't surprise Dr. Linda Buhr, a former Emerson employee who is now a Fontbonne assistant professor of business administration and an organizer of the speaker series. She likened the company's key tenets to Fontbonne's mission and vision.

"Fontbonne's overarching integration of ethics and integrity actually mirrors Emerson's own deep dedication to those same grounding principles," Buhr said. "That connection is what brought Mr. Farr to Fontbonne."

And it is this type of strong corporate support for which the Fontbonne community will be continually grateful.

# The Joy of Giving

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Fontbonne graduate student

Natalie Rinck assists Joe Gaebes at

a special theater camp for children

Cameron Kellog proudly shows off an

award he received at the theater camp.

with communication disorders.

John Capellupo, chair of the finance committee for the Fontbonne University board of trustees, and his wife, Mary Ann, a member of the Fontbonne Community Connection, are both actively involved and engaged in the Fontbonne community. Inspired by family friends who have a child with a communication disorder, the couple has found a way to become even more supportive of the university.

This year, the Capellupos met with Dr. Dennis Golden, Fontbonne president, and Sandra Lehrer, vice president of institutional advancement, who introduced them to the heads

of the university's department of communication disorders and deaf education (CDDE): Dr. Gale Rice, professor and chair of the CDDE department, and Dr. Susan Lenihan, professor and director of the deaf education program. After assessing the needs of the department with Rice and Lenihan, the Capellupos ultimately decided to give a multi-year gift, which will impact three different areas. Now, every CDDE student and every client who walks through the department's doors will benefit from the Capellupos' generosity.

Part of the \$250,000 gift will name the John P. and Mary Ann Capellupo Development Language Group Family Observatory

and Therapy Rooms, a suite of rooms within the Eardley Family Clinic for Speech, Language and Hearing, which is open to the public and meets the needs of individuals with John and Mary Ann Capellupo, ardent and active Fontbonne supporters

communication disorders. Another segment of the gift will fund 12 annual John P. and Mary Ann Capellupo Communication Disorders and Deaf Education Scholarships over the next five years. And the rest of the gift will help fund the department's biannual Capellupo Family Augmentative and Alternative Communication Family Theater Camp.

"Part of the gift from the Capellupos will fund 'It's Showtime,' a family weekend theater camp for children who use augmentative communication," explained Rice. "The camp is directed by faculty members in the department of communication disorders and deaf education. Speechlanguage-pathology graduate students work one-on-one with campers during the weekend."

The camp, affectionately termed "Camp Cap" by the department, accomplishes a variety of tasks. Fontbonne students receive hands-on experience in their field, parents and siblings receive support, and children with communication disorders have the chance to do something they might not otherwise — perform in a play.

"While Camp Cap directly benefits children and families and provides a valuable experience to our graduate students, the indirect benefits are substantial and far-reaching," Rice

Lehrer was struck — but not surprised — by the generosity of the Capellupos, who brought their grandchildren to see the performance at the most recent Camp Cap this fall.

"It's just like them to share the joy of giving with the next generation," she said. "They're such caring people. Their funding really gives the CDDE program an edge."

The university will honor the Capellupos in a ceremony in January.

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#### Fontbonne Celebrates Convocation, Kicks Off 2011 Dedicated Semester

Fontbonne University began the 2011 school year with a rich annual tradition: Academic Convocation, which serves as a reminder of the university's founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and celebrates the school's Catholic identity. Kerri Morgan, occupational therapy and neurology instructor at Washington University, served as the speaker during the August 31 ceremony. Her discussion kicked off the 2011 dedicated semester focused on "The Disability Experience: Quest for Empowerment."

As an avid wheelchair athlete, Morgan was the first woman selected to the U.S. Quad Rugby National Team in 2009, and she currently trains as a member of the United States track and field team preparing for the London Paralympic Games in 2012.

Also at the ceremony, Fontbonne honored Kevin Cloninger, Ph.D., president and COO of the St. Louis-based Anthropedia Foundation, as recipient of the Jason Sommer Dedicated Semester Award, an honor that recognizes leadership in relation to the university's annual dedicated semester experience. Cloninger contributed to the 2010 dedicated semester focused on "Happiness: Traditions and Tensions."



Kerri Morgan's address at the 2011 Academic Convocation ranged from disability to Murderball. She's pictured above with Dr. John Bruno, VP for Academic Affairs (left), and Dr. Dennis Golden, president.

#### **EXTRA! EXTRA!**

Curious what current students are reporting? The Fontbanner, the student newspaper of Fontbonne University, has graduated to a new format. Now exclusively online, readers can comment on articles, submit stories, search topics and subscribe to receive the newspaper's latest content.

Read all about it at **fontbanner.fontbonne.edu.** (8)

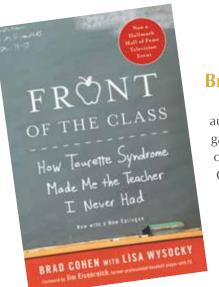


#### **Navy SEAL Featured as Speaker**

Eric Greitens, St. Louis native, author of the New York Times bestselling book, "The Heart and the Fist: The Education of a Humanitarian, the Making of a Navy SEAL," and CEO of veterans nonprofit organization The Mission Continues, joined Fontbonne for a presentation as part of the university's 2011 dedicated semester focused on disability. Greitens' presentation, held in early November, included photos, videos and a reading from his new book. He wrapped up the event with a book signing. In September, the Fontbonne University/KMOX Book Club event featured Greitens and astronaut and author Bill Pogue as guest speakers.

#### **Career Services for Alums**

This October, the Fontbonne University career development department teamed up with the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies and the diversity and social justice department to host a Career, Internship and Volunteer Fair. Students and alumni were invited to meet with representatives from more than 45 for-profit and non-profit organizations to network and learn about potential jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities. Throughout the year, career development continues to provide resources, guides, resume assistance, career assessment and etiquette training for students and alumni. *Visit www.fontbonne.edu/careers* to learn more. (8)



## **Bringing in Top Talent**

Nationally recognized teacher, award-winning author and motivational speaker Brad Cohen gave an energetic and inspiring presentation to a captive Fontbonne audience in late September.

Cohen, who has Tourette Syndrome, overcame great difficulties before fulfilling his life's dream—becoming a teacher. His first year of teaching, he was honored with the Sallie Mae First Year Teacher of the Year Award for the State of Georgia. He later appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show to discuss Tourette Syndrome

and tell his story. Cohen's book, "Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had," was made into a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie in 2008.

# Commitment and Compassion

Sister Rosemary Flanigan, CSJ, a former faculty member at Fontbonne University and renowned philosophy professor and health care ethicist, recently received two honors in her hometown of Kansas City. She was awarded the Mother Evelyn O'Neill award from her alma mater, St. Teresa's Academy, for excellence in education. She also was honored in Ingram's Kansas City Business Journal as a 2011

**Mission & Vision** "Rooted in Mission: Family and Consumer Sciences in Catholic Universities," a paper by Dr. Janine Duncan, Fontbonne professor of human environmental sciences, was published in the June 2011 edition of Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice.

#### **Biz Journal Honors Griffins**

The St. Louis Business Journal's July edition honored two Fontbonne University Griffins, Kit Crancer and Michelle Kuehler, as winners of the 2011 30 Under 30 Awards. The awards recognize the successes of young professionals living, working and giving back in the St. Louis region. Crancer, 24, is completing his bachelor's in social work at Fontbonne and serves as the chief of staff for Missouri Senator Jane Cunningham. Kuehler, 29, a partner with Black Twig Communications, graduated from Fontbonne in 2004 with a bachelor's in communications and public relations. She serves as a member of Fontbonne's alumni board.

In September, the newspaper also recognized alumna Cynthia Jordan, vice president and community affairs manager at Regions Bank, as a 2011 diverse leader. The award recognizes individuals who promote diversity around race, sexual orientation and disability. Jordan graduated from Fontbonne in 2009 with a bachelor's in organizational studies. She has 16 years of experience in the banking industry.



#### **Horsing Around with a Purpose**

Sandy Rafferty, above in red, her staff members, and two equine friends took over Medaille Meadow in early October to discuss Therapeutic Horsemanship, a non-profit organization that provides award-winning equestrian therapy programs for people with disabilities in St. Louis. Rafferty, a co-founder of the organization and its supervising therapist, presented the organization's story, then walked audience members through a demonstration with horses and riders. The event was part of Fontbonne's 2011 dedicated semester focused on disability.

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## **Teaching Accolades**

Vicki Nelson, a Fontbonne University adjunct faculty member, was one of six finalists in the 2011–12 Missouri Teacher of the Year program. Nelson is a special education teacher at Litzinger School in the Special School District of St. Louis

County. She is a senior lecturer in Fontbonne's department of education/special education.

#### **Beautiful Music**

Dorothy Fleck '69 (left) and Jackie Post-Miller '58 entertained the Fontbonne University Legacy Society with dueling piano music. The gathering took place in November at the Monday Club in Webster Groves, Mo. Both former music majors, Post-Miller and Fleck often play together at venues around the St. Louis area.



#### **Save the Dates!**

2012 promises to be a good year, with many activities for Fontbonne alumni in the works. Pencil the following on your calendar, then check back for more information: www.fontbonne.edu/alumni or 314.889.1403.

January 27 – 28: Alumni Retreat
February 25: Family Night at the Magic House
March 20: Spring Alumni Spirituality Event
April 19: Spring Kansas City Alumni Chapter Event



Community Service: Several members of Fontbonne University's Kansas City Area Alumni Chapter and their friends and family volunteered this November at Harvesters, a food bank in Kansas City that provides food and household products to agencies that serve those in need. Front row: Melissa Henderson; Emma Van Lieshout; Meleigha Henderson; Kathy Kuhn Migneron '72; Lauren Graham; Kay Barnes, Fontbonne University assistant vice president for institutional advancement; and Marianne James '73. Back row: Clare Bond; Bill Migneron; Michelle Kilper, Fontbonne University alumni event coordinator; Pamela Sloofman Kanter '73; Ellie Matejka Behrmann '62; Maureen Kennedy '69; Martha Willis-Graham '73; and Maggie Mitchell '69.

#### **Extended Family**

The institutional advancement department introduced this fall semester the Parent and Family Program to the Fontbonne community. Incoming students and their families were welcomed to campus by representatives decked out in Fontbonne polos, answering questions and passing out bumper stickers. The new initiative strives to connect the families of current students to the university, welcoming them into the Fontbonne family. Parents can opt in for updates and event information, and find resources about on-campus activities, health services, parking and more at www.fontbonne.edu/parents. ®



## **Refreshing Renovations**

After a water main break in the basement of the Jack C. Taylor Library, the Lewis Room experienced an unexpected but welcome renovation this fall, thanks in part to a new gift from the library's namesake, Jack Taylor. Cozy new seating and plush carpeting now adorn the auditorium.

## **Good Work in the Big Easy**

Two senior sociology students recently presented papers on their senior internship experiences at the annual conference for the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology in New Orleans, La.

Lauren Sandefur presented her paper titled "A Summer in Washington: An Applied Sociology Internship and the Sociology of Politics." Andrew Cohen presented his paper titled "Applied Sociology and AdCult: Reflecting on an Applied Sociology Internship."

Cohen also published a paper titled "Investigating the Apathy toward Applied Sociology" in the fall 2011 edition of the Journa of Applied Social Science.

## **Giving Circle Awards \$83,399**

This fall, the Fontbonne Community Connection (FCC), a women's giving circle at Fontbonne University, announced its 2011 grants to staff, faculty, students and student organizations.



The FCC membership voted to award 15 grants ranging from \$1,225 – \$10,000 — more than \$83,000 in total. Projects supported by these grants include faculty and staff professional development opportunities, an outdoor sound system for the campus, a campus-wide recycling effort, a new play contest sponsored by Mustard Seed Theatre, and a new oil painting medium lab for art students, among others.

The FCC, with 92 members, is completing its third full year and fourth giving cycle as an organization and has awarded nearly \$250,000 in total.

Visit www.fontbonne.edu/fcc to learn more.



#### **Outstanding OPTIONS Faculty**

At a Nov. 18 event celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Fontbonne University OPTIONS program, the university announced the school's Outstanding OPTIONS Faculty Awards. Honorees Walter Eschmann '97 MBA '00 (left) and Jim Marchbank (right) are pictured above with Linda Maurer-Magrath, dean of the Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies. The annual awards recognize two adjunct faculty members for their contributions to the college's business programs and curriculum, involvement with the university, and exceptional student evaluations.

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# A New Recipe for Summer Camp

by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

Mention campFRESH<sup>SM</sup>, and Mary Beth Ohlms' eyes light up. A new initiative offered at Fontbonne this past summer, campFRESH<sup>SM</sup> brought grade schoolers to campus to set sail for seven weeks of global adventure. Ohlms, a registered dietitian and instructor in Fontbonne's dietetics department, captained the ship, enthusiastically steering her crew on their maiden voyage.

The camp itself was a new take on an old childhood favorite: summer day camp. But campFRESH<sup>SM</sup> did away with construction paper crafts and animal cracker snacks. Each week, from June through August, students were transported to a different continent to explore and celebrate unique cultures through food, sports, science, music and theater. At the core of the camp was a focus on health and wellness, and the idea that equipping a child with culinary skills and nutritional knowledge can help foster a lifetime of healthy living.

While Ohlms served as the director of campFRESH<sup>SM</sup>, her colleagues in the Human Environmental Sciences department, including then-department chair Cheryl Houston, supported her endeavors.



Hands-on activities were key to the new summer camp.

"Cheryl has been trying to do this for years," Ohlms said.

"Last year, two donors came to her and wanted to do something different. So Cheryl pitched the idea of a passport to health. They were thrilled."

The donors, Tracey and Bill Marshall, saw a need in the community they felt Fontbonne could fill.

"We chose to support campFRESHSM because we have an interest in education and teaching life skills," said Tracey Marshall, who graduated from Fontbonne with a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences in 1997 and a master's in the same field in 2007.

"We are aware, as most are, of the nutritional challenges that face our young people in the community," Marshall said. "This is a chance for children to not only learn their way around the kitchen, but to create healthy snacks while learning about other cultures and worlds. We found this idea both creative and intriguing, and definitely worth supporting. We are thrilled with the success!"

The camp started small for the first year, said Ohlms, with space for 10 fourth- through sixth-graders each week in order to give every child a hands-on experience. Targeting only that particular age group was a conscious choice.

"This is right before high school, when kids begin leading more sedentary lifestyles and struggle with self-identity and body issues," Ohlms explained. And, she added, healthy children equal healthy families.

"No one wants to spend a lot of time in the kitchen, but the reality is that the best way to improve your health is to cook," Ohlms said. "These kids will leave summer camp with a book of healthy recipes to use at home."

Ohlms and her team, a group of two chefs, two educators and three aides, most of whom were Fontbonne students or alumni, built "camp cookery" into almost every day's camp schedule.

The chefs taught campers food science and safety, and the campers then had a hand in preparing, cooking and even presenting their homemade lunches.



Fontbonne instructor and registered dietition Mary Beth Ohlms, center back in purple shirt, camp staff and campers present tasty fare.

"Every day, I would pick three children to present their dishes," said camp chef Jean Ann Mantia. "It was their favorite thing." She kept a stack of tablecloths and decorative serving wear on hand for the campers to display their culinary masterpieces. "I thought they should be involved in every aspect of their work. They chose the fabric, the height and the 'star of the show' for each meal."

This hands-on experience empowered the campers to try new flavors and remain open to different foods. They didn't always like what they tried, but for Ohlms and her team, the point was that they tried it.

"We had a sandwich with beef — well, I had chicken — peppers, onions and some type of leafy vegetable," wrote camper Ajay in the camp blog about lunch during Australia week. "And we had a salad with the best goat cheese ever, and something I had never tried before. Pine nuts!!!"

Throughout their travels, campers made and tasted foods like baba ghanoush, lamb patties, lettuce wraps, curry, and yes, pine nuts. They even convinced KSDK-TV reporter Heidi Glaus to visit camp, where she learned that veggies really can be delicious. Campers also participated in a Food Network-style cook-off, transforming family recipes into tasty, healthier versions. A sweet potato bread took top marks.

"My favorite part of campFRESH<sup>SM</sup> is when we get to cook our own lunch with Chef Karen," camper Emma wrote in the blog. "We get to cut most of our food ... and we get to try out a lot of cool new foods. Cooking in the kitchen is fun!"

Because the camp focused on overall health and well-being, campers also played sports, produced plays, took field trips and tried science experiments. On the last day of camp, the campers, their families and the camp staff rocked out to a performance by the Rockstar Nutritionist, Jill Jayne, who reminded everyone involved that it's cool to be healthy.

Next year, Ohlms plans to increase the capacity of the camp, add a garden that will supply the campers and the campus dining hall with fresh

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vegetables, and help the campers understand the origins of the foods they eat.

"As a dietitian, it was extremely rewarding for me to see the campers prepare and taste foods that they might not otherwise have experienced at home," Ohlms said. "Better yet, they surprised themselves by enjoying the foods they prepared. What a great way to get kids to not just try new foods, but eat them too!"

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# Dery Personal Production by Elizabeth Hise Brennan

When Deanna Jent began writing her new play, "Falling," it started as an essay. The Fontbonne University theater professor felt uncomfortable writing her thoughts as a theatrical work, she said, because she didn't know how it would end. It is, after continuation. But it just wouldn't come together as an essay." all, based on her own life.

It turns out that the reason for her hesitation is the very same reason for the play's success. Performed by Mustard Seed Theatre, Fontbonne's in-residence theater company founded by Jent, "Falling" is a brief glimpse into the life of the Martin family, whose 17-year-old, fully-grown son has severe autism. And just like the lives of so many families of children with disabilities, the play offers no magic bullet, satisfactory resolution or even happy ending. What it does offer is honesty and an admission that life is made up of both pain and joy, often in unequal measure.



Jent and her husband, Steve, have three children: 20-yearold twins, Chris and Lindzey, and a 17-year-old son, Andy, who was diagnosed with severe autism at age 3. Like the family in "Falling," the Jents deal daily with the hurdles autism poses.

"We had a very challenging summer in 2010," Jent said, looking back at the play's beginnings. "There aren't a lot of summer programs appropriate for kids with severe autism. Andy had a lot of struggles that summer."

To relieve stress, Jent picked up a pen.

"I started writing, which is how I process and think about things," she said. "Ten years ago, I published a piece called 'Educating Andy,' and I thought this new draft would be a

After sharing a cup of coffee and receiving a little prodding from her colleague Jason Sommer, a Fontbonne English professor, Jent decided to try writing a play. In the new construct, the words with which she initially wrestled slipped easily into place, and encouragement from a playwright friend convinced her to truly commit to the project. A year after she began writing, Jent had drafted "Falling."

"Throughout the whole process, I worried that this was a story that would never mean anything to someone who didn't have a son with autism," she confessed. "But it also reflects universal truths; there are things we all struggle with. And people have responded to that."

The play initially opened Sept. 1 and was so successful during its first run that it was extended for another week. And then another. Reviews rolled in, all of them positive. After each performance, Jent and the director moderated discussions among the cast and the audience.

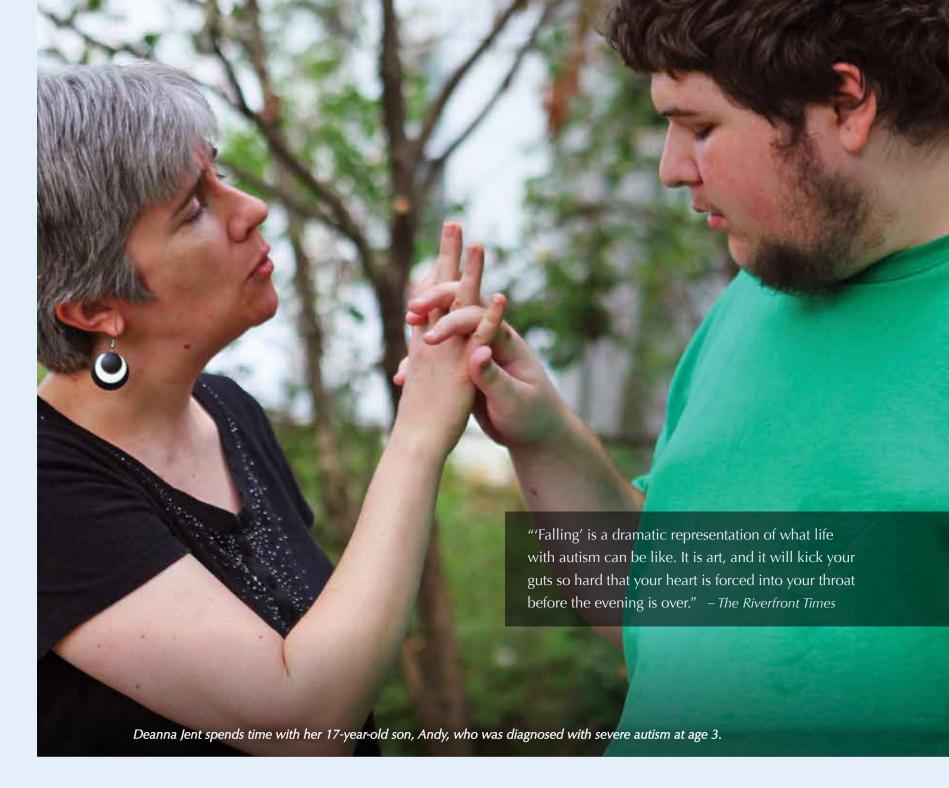
"Mustard Seed was founded to present plays that encourage dialogue. The discussion after every show of 'Falling' was amazing," Jent said. "All the discussions were different because of who was there — parents of kids with autism, teachers, and even people who were unfamiliar with the disorder but related through other experiences."

Although deftly acted and directed, the play itself wasn't always easy to watch. The Martin family — parents Tami and Bill, and their adolescent daughter Lisa — must deal with violent outbursts from Josh, who, at 17, is physically larger than his father. These outbursts make life at home not just unstable, but sometimes terrifying.

"I think people were grateful that I showed the truth in its humor and its despair," Jent admitted.

Since becoming a parent, she said, she has come to realize that life is messy. Parenthood can be challenging and rewarding, infuriating and exhilarating. And it can be hard, regardless of your children's abilities or disabilities. The play makes all of this evident and doesn't gloss over the ugly,

"My family is, in part, amazed that other people find their lives interesting," Jent mused. "I think their reactions to the



play mirror other families of children with autism. We're not the only people who struggle with these feelings."

Sometime next year, even more people will get a chance to experience "Falling," thanks to producer and St. Louis native Terry Schnuck, who was moved and impressed by the original production. He's in the process of taking Jent's play off-Broadway. While he rounds up financial backers and puts a business plan in place, Jent will have a seat at the table, helping to choose the director and cast, attending the occasional rehearsal and rewriting as needed. Next year,

staff, students and faculty might be taking a Fontbonne van to

But in Jent's mind, here in St. Louis, the play has already accomplished what she intended.

"I wanted the audience to leave the performance and not know what to do with it," she said. "Does this experience lead to more questions? Does it lead to research? Action? If enough people ask questions, action is the next step."

Visit www.mustardseedtheatre.com to stay up-to-date on "Falling" and other productions.



When you walk into [RE]FRESH on Brentwood Boulevard, it feels just like any other retail store targeting teens and young adults. The mannequins model stylish fashions, the visuals dazzle, and the professional staff greets you at the door. But [RE]FRESH isn't any other retail store. It's the latest initiative of the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition (FACC) and it simultaneously benefits foster families, kids, teens, and the community — all in one space. It's a space that Fontbonne University students and faculty had a hand in developing, and it reflects the passion and talent of everyone involved.

The Coalition is a non-profit agency in St. Louis that recruits foster and adoptive families for children without permanent homes, then provides training, advocacy and support for those parents, families and children. Support comes in a variety of forms, including access to affordable necessities like clothing.

"Kids in foster care receive an average of just \$340 from the state of Missouri each year to purchase clothes," said Executive Director Melanie Scheetz. "One of our purposes is to support these kids and families. We've had a small resale shop (the KidStore) for a while, but it benefits only young children. [RE] FRESH is for teens and twenty-somethings."

About three years ago, Scheetz called Rogene Nelsen, director of Fontbonne's fashion merchandising program, looking for participants for a focus group related to the resale concept. A few students gladly volunteered.

A year later, Scheetz called again, looking for more input from students, so Nelsen built a focus group experience into her fashion promotion strategies class. Scheetz hosted a formal development meeting, bringing together her team with Nelsen's 15-student class. The meeting became a "designer's challenge" for the students, dividing them into three groups to brainstorm the concepts, and develop ideas about marketing, visual merchandising and store design. It was intense, Nelsen said.

"Their eyes were opened," she said. "This was the real thing. They were tasked with developing a store out of these concepts in only 15 minutes, then presenting their ideas to the group."

While it was daunting, according to Nelsen, the professionalism of the situation was not lost on the fashion merchandising majors. "They came back and told me they felt so empowered," she said.

Jessica Duco '11 (left), a Fontbonne fashion merchandising graduate, and Jen Frey MM '08, worked closely together to organize, manage and run the opening of the new Brentwood resale store.

One of the students was Jessica Duco, a fashion merchandising major from Belleville, Ill., who loved fashion, but hated to see her barely used clothes end up in just another resale bin.

"We were all part of the store's target market, and came together as a class to discuss what we liked and what worked," said the 24-year-old, who would go on to intern with the resale store. "So much of what we suggested came true."

Next, Nelsen brought in Angie Dowell, another Fontbonne fashion merchandising instructor, who used the real-life space as a basis for a semester-long project in her store planning and visual merchandising strategies class.

"Everything we did that semester dealt with the store concept," Dowell explained. "The students built the profile of the store's target market and went to the location and took measurements. It was creative, but it was also a very analytical process. They came up with a layout and floor plan, and developed signage and fixturing."

Armed with binders and blueprints, the students made formal presentations to Scheetz and her team, which included store director and Fontbonne alumna Jennifer Frey MM '08, introducing the images, pricing, measurements and research they had gathered.

"So many of the ideas permeated what we have done here," Scheetz said. "Having touchpoints with our target audience was so important."

Frey, an experienced retail professional, couldn't say enough about the collaboration — and about the quality of the

Fontbonne students involved.

"They provided ideas about store traffic, color schemes, different ways to present merchandise, and all from the perspective of our target audience," she said. "Their professionalism was extremely impressive."

[RE]FRESH celebrated its grand opening on August 20th, and although it's an attractive space, its beauty isn't found solely in its design and layout. The finished store is an allencompassing collection of community service, recycling, advocacy, fashion and support.

"In addition to being a gift to the agency, Fontbonne's input is a gift to the teens with whom we work. I wish I could adequately describe how thrilled they are to be here.

They own it."

Melanie Scheetz Executive Director, Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition

"I love the fact that [RE]FRESH gives back," said Duco, who graduated from Fontbonne in May 2011. "Even people with busy lives find time to volunteer here and give."

While [RE]FRESH is a place where foster teens can purchase inexpensive clothing, it also provides them with opportunities to become associates, receive job training and develop professional skills. Teens have a community space where they hang out, host birthday or sweet 16 parties, and take comfort in a supportive environment. [RE]FRESH also accepts all used clothing donations, but only sells higher quality pieces, then finds new homes for items it doesn't use. And the space was created using donated or found items — lighting, fixtures, lockers and even the cashier's table.

"It's been like a community barn-raising; everyone has come to the table with something to offer, including Fontbonne," said Scheetz. "In addition to being a gift to the agency, Fontbonne's input is a gift to the teens with whom we work. I wish I could adequately describe how thrilled they are to be here. They own it."

**Editor's Note:** Visit www.refreshstl.org for more information about [RE]FRESH, and visit www.foster-adopt.org to learn more about the programs of the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition. To donate to or volunteer with [RE]FRESH, contact Jennifer Frey at jenfrey@foster-adopt.org or 314.881.0331.

# DOUBLE THE LEGACY

by Jamie Sokolik

When Monsanto asked Bill Wester to return to college and get his degree in biology, he looked to his wife, Maggi, for guidance. She had attended Fontbonne as an adult and graduated in 1980 with a degree in business management. Seeing how happy his wife had been with her education, and after speaking with the science department about the benefits of their program, Bill happily enrolled.

Maggi's reasons for returning to school were very different from Bill's. She had a good job as an administrative assistant for A.G. Edwards, but she always regretted not getting her degree. When she received a small inheritance, she decided a college education would be the best way to use the money.

"I wanted my parents to be proud of me," she said. "I felt a void not having my college degree."

Maggi quit her job and started taking classes at Fontbonne. "I shopped around a little when I was looking," she said. "But Fontbonne was the most accommodating and genuine. I truly appreciated the spiritual background that Fontbonne offers, too." Bill agreed with Maggi's assessment.

"They gave me credit for my work experience, which was very helpful," he said. Bill also learned firsthand how valuable small classes are. "Some of my classes only had two people. The nearly one-on-one attention was very beneficial in my more difficult courses, like biochemistry."

In addition to their core classes, both Maggi and Bill took electives that allowed them to discover new passions. Bill particularly enjoyed his photography class. "Each student had a key to the dark room, so I could go any time I wanted," he recalled. He also appreciated that his professor was a recent Fontbonne graduate. This reinforced the sense of community and commitment that alumni invest in the university.

Bill graduated in 1983. The day after he received his

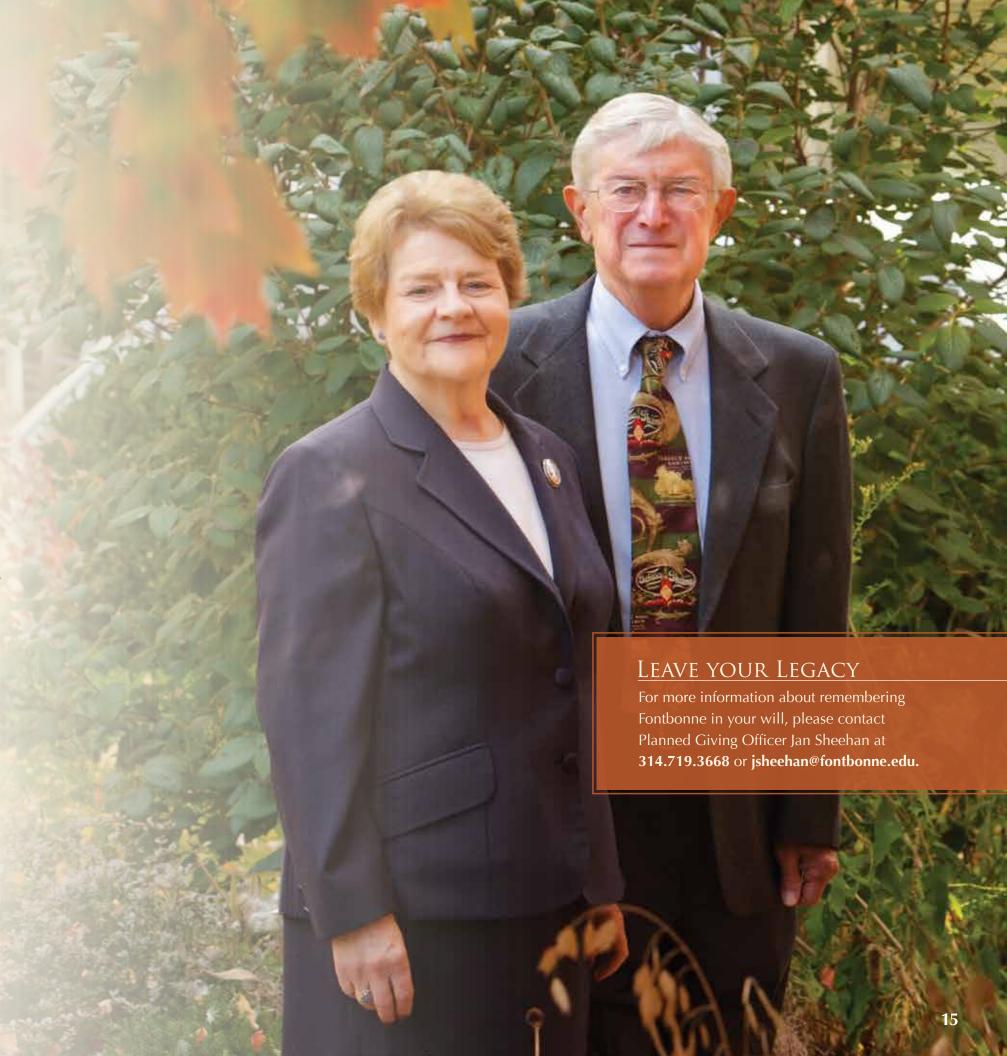
diploma, Monsanto promoted him to research biologist and handed him a bonus check. "It's what I'd always wanted to be," he said. "I had finally gotten there. It wouldn't have happened without Fontbonne."

Maggi also feels that her time at Fontbonne greatly affected the rest of her life. "I often tell people that going to Fontbonne is the nicest thing I ever did for myself. I improved my self-esteem and had great pride in my success when I was finished."

Today, the Westers live on the Mississippi River in Golden Eagle, Ill. Bill, now retired, keeps himself busy by restoring his 1988 Buick Reatta. They enjoy traveling the country to show the classic car when Maggi has free time from her job as an estate planner. Things have changed since each experienced Fontbonne, but they have never forgotten all they gained as students.

To commemorate these experiences and to ensure future generations will also receive the quality education they cherish to this day, the Westers have decided to give to Fontbonne in the form of a Legacy Gift. "We never had any children, and when we discussed how we'd like to divide our estate, it seemed natural to give part to the university," Bill said.

"The people we met and the university's ever-present spirituality have enriched our lives incredibly," Maggi added. "We feel this is an appropriate way to give back and to express our deep appreciation."



# RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO MAKE US PROUD

Earlier this year, Fontbonne University announced the recipients of the annual Founders Awards. Their stories, accomplishments and accounts of dedication follow.

#### Distinguished Service In Education

President of Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School, Leon Henderson formerly served at Wilberforce University, the oldest private African-American university in the United States and at Xavier University in New Orleans.

Fontbonne University invited Henderson to present the convocation address in 2006, knowing that his experience provided a wealth of wisdom to impart to his audience.

A native of Cincinnati, Henderson grew up in a housing project and attended Catholic school, though his family was not Catholic. He converted to Catholicism in elementary school, remaining a man of great faith to this day.

Prior to his career at Cardinal Ritter, Henderson served as dean of students at Wilberforce University. At Xavier University he was a faculty member, associate dean of student life, and a mentor to many black educators during the summer sessions.

As a teacher, principal and president, Henderson is responsible for building the leadership development program for students, as well as spearheading the leadership concept of the school. When meeting with Fontbonne University

student teachers, he invites high school students to speak with them about what kind of teaching inspires them to learn.

Henderson is a crusader for racial and economic justice, willing, as a colleague remarked, "to put himself out there for racial equality." As the leader of a high school, Henderson is fortunate to possess a "warm and wide" sense of humor.

Henderson has earned the recognition of a Founders Award.



A 1966 Fontbonne graduate, Dorothy "DeDe" Dallas Caspari received her undergraduate degree in communication disorders, a field in which she worked as a speech therapist in elementary schools for the East St. Louis School District.

Caspari married and then resided in St. Louis, Knoxville and Memphis, where she volunteered: from guiding a Brownie troop, to preparing the annual garden at a national landmark in Knoxville, to tutoring elementary students with Down Syndrome. Due to her connection with the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's order, Caspari helped in the rebuilding efforts in New Orleans in the wake of hurricane Katrina.

Caspari is one of the five women who pioneered the Fontbonne Community Connection (FCC), a women's giving circle, donating many hours to planning and bringing the idea to fruition, and she has also served on the awards committee.

Caspari's generous spirit has been evident in her role as class representative for alumni reunion. She assisted in planning class activities, as well as encouraging classmates to attend. Currently, she is a member of the golf committee and has personally made a commitment for a team and hole sponsorship.



Friends and co-workers say that Caspari is always ready to help, one who works behind the scenes and does not expect any recognition. For her dedication to Fontbonne University and its ideals, Caspari is the recipient of a Founders Award.

#### Distinguished Service To The CSJ Charism

Sister Barbara Dreher, CSJ, has been involved for 40 years in some form of education, whether with children or adults.

A 1971 graduate of Avila University in Kansas City, Sister Barbara taught elementary school in Kansas City and then served as director of religious education and faith formation director in several cities in Colorado.

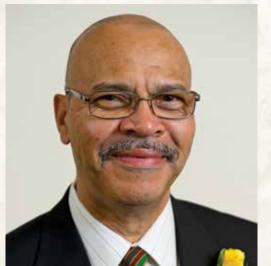
Sister Barbara earned a Master of Theological Studies at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif., as well as a Master of Arts in Religious Education from the University of San Francisco.

Upon her return to St. Louis, Sister Barbara was named co-director of vocation education for the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Louis Province. Over the next 10 years, she served on the province leadership team as assistant director and then director.

Sister Barbara's experience in higher education led her to the position of chancellor at Fontbonne University where she served for three years. Currently, as director of mission advancement of the St. Louis province, she expands awareness of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and their ministries, raises

funds to sustain and enhance the sisters' work and collaborative efforts to better serve those in need, and invites others to partner with the CSJs in "serving the dear neighbor."

She continues to share her talents on a number of boards of trustees, as well as with the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Colleagues, current and former, describe her as joyful, enthusiastic and energetic, and one who sees a need that becomes a goal. Sister Barbara truly embodies the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph and is deserving of a Founder's Award.



#### Distinguished Service In Ethics And Spirituality

Father John Kavanaugh, SJ, is an internationally recognized leader in spirituality, philosophy and ethics. He was ordained a priest in 1971 and received his doctoral degree in philosophy in 1977 from Washington University in St. Louis.

Father Kavanaugh, a professor of philosophy at St. Louis University, founded the university's Ethics Across the Curriculum Program and is the author of numerous books, among them "Following Christ in a Consumer Society" and "Human Identity and the Ethics of Killing."

For his columns in AMERICA magazine, the Catholic Press Association in 2003 honored him as Best Regular Columnist. The judges stated: "Father Kavanaugh examines public issues through a moral lens and discusses them thoughtfully and powerfully. . . . Tough minded, articulate, on point, Father Kavanaugh asks disturbing questions that demand careful thought about the meaning of the Gospel."

In addition to writing, speaking and preaching, he composes contemporary music, performs Irish music and has reviewed movies for a major local newspaper.

He is currently collaborating with a French physician in the preparation of a paper on medical ethics. Among his off-campus activities, Father Kavanaugh worked with the disabled in L'Arche communities and with Mother Teresa at her Home for the Dying in Calcutta.

He said of himself in an interview, "The greatest achievement for my teaching would be if, because of their stay here at Saint Louis U., my students are more inclined to be people of hope. More inclined to be open to love. More inclined to faith, not only in God, but in the human person."

For all he has done, Father Kavanaugh is a worthy recipient of a Founders Award.

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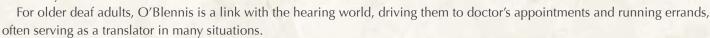
#### Distinguished Service To The Deaf Community

Jene Randolph O'Blennis is a 1968 Fontbonne University Graduate. Born deaf, Jene entered St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf (SJID) at age 3, and her years at SJID allowed her to gain verbal capabilities, an achievement difficult to attain at that time. She graduated from Mexico Senior High School in 1964 and then enrolled at Fontbonne.

She currently serves on the board of directors for SJID. In addition, she volunteers in the school library and has often served as chair of the annual dinner and auction, the school's largest fundraiser. She's also active with the alumni association.

Approximately 12 years ago, O'Blennis had a cochlear implant, allowing her to hear. The rehabilitation was difficult, but she uses her experience to help both adults and children undergoing the surgery and rehabilitation.

O'Blennis is active with the Ephpheta Society, caring for deaf children who are poor, as well as the Catholic Deaf Ministry. She is supportive of the Sisters of St. Joseph, visiting the retired sisters at Nazareth Living Center, often bringing gifts and candy.



This loving wife, mother and grandmother generously gives to others her time, talent and treasure. She exemplifies the mission of Fontbonne in service to the deaf community and therefore is a deserved recipient of a Founders Award.

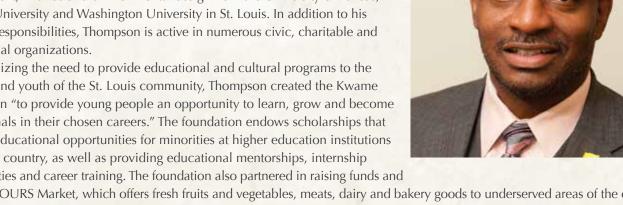
#### Distinguished Service In Creating Opportunity

Anthony Thompson, founder and CEO of Kwame Building Group, Inc., heads one of the leading minority-owned general contractor and construction management firms in St. Louis. Thompson's firm belief in the value of education is evidenced by his bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, construction management, finance and environmental design from the University of Kansas, Webster University and Washington University in St. Louis. In addition to his business responsibilities, Thompson is active in numerous civic, charitable and professional organizations.

Recognizing the need to provide educational and cultural programs to the children and youth of the St. Louis community, Thompson created the Kwame Foundation "to provide young people an opportunity to learn, grow and become professionals in their chosen careers." The foundation endows scholarships that improve educational opportunities for minorities at higher education institutions across the country, as well as providing educational mentorships, internship opportunities and career training. The foundation also partnered in raising funds and

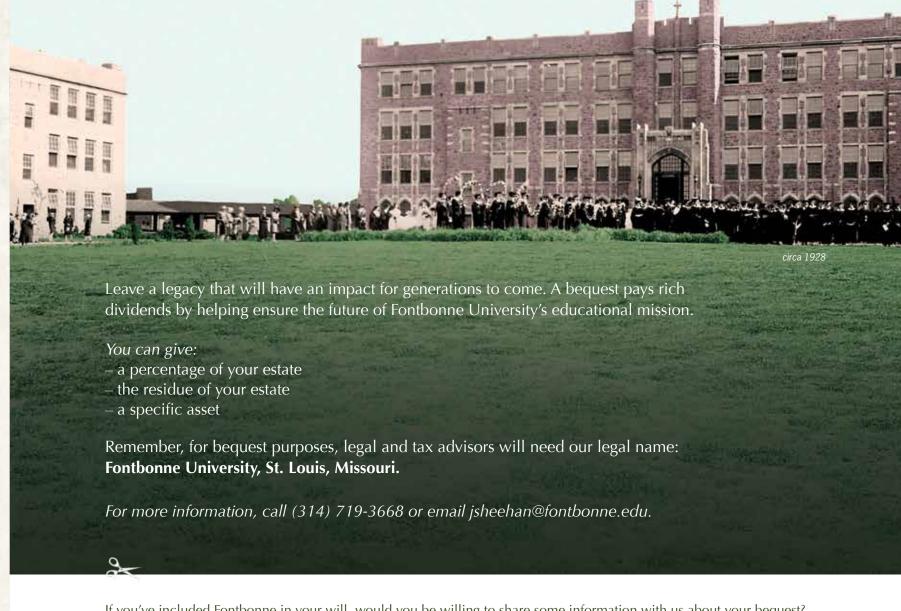
building YOURS Market, which offers fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy and bakery goods to underserved areas of the city. Thompson also supports the Tyrone Thompson Institute for Nonviolence, which honors his brother who was killed by two

teenagers in an attempted robbery. The institute provides tutors for students who are suspended at school. Thompson has received the University of Kansas Distinguished Alumni award, the Mayor Francis Slay Spirit of St. Louis Award and Kappa Alpha Psi Professionalism Award. And now, due to Thompson's dedicated efforts for creating opportunities for others and living the mission of Fontbonne University, he is the recipient of a Founders Award.





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# The Journey to Grad School— by Elizabeth Hise Brennan Not Always An Easy One

Berlanty Azzam has traveled a long way to attend graduate school. Currently working on a Master of Business Administration degree at Fontbonne University, the 23-year-old began her educational journey at Bethlehem University, a Catholic institution located in Bethlehem in the West Bank near her native Gaza, Palestine. But because of the political and military forces at work in the area, she was denied access to

Bethlehem — and her studies — two months prior to her graduation in 2009.

Here in St. Louis, Dr. Dennis Golden. president of Fontbonne University, heard of Azzam's plight through Brother Jack Curran, FSC, Ph.D., vice president of development at Bethlehem University. Golden said he respects the university for its mission and commitment to providing education for Muslim and Christian students alike. On Azzam's behalf, Golden sent a letter petitioning for her return to

Bethlehem and to her studies. His letter was joined by similar efforts of supporters around the globe, as well as human rights organizations garnering attention and support for Azzam's cause. Ultimately, however, the Israeli High Court denied her appeal, and she could not return to Bethlehem University.

Azzam has spent the past two years telling her story, speaking out about the importance of access to education and freedom of movement. She has a right, she says, to obtain an education, whether locally or abroad, as do other Palestinians. "After my case, I couldn't choose my university and my

country," she said. "I want to send the message that, as Palestinians, we are human. We have the right to choose where and what to learn."

In spite of great obstacles, Azzam remained hopeful. Bethlehem University worked with her and allowed her to complete her studies and earn her bachelor's degree remotely in the spring of 2010. In that same year, after many false

stops and starts, she received permission to travel to the United States. And it was in St. Louis, at the home of Vincent and Judy Shaw, supporters of Azzam's, where she met Golden and began the next chapter in her life.

"At the beginning, there were difficulties, because English is my second language," she said. "But I'm comfortable now.
The people here are so good. The day I arrived, everyone was so friendly. I feel like it's my home."

The university has welcomed her with open arms,

said Golden, but that's the nature — and the mission — of Fontbonne and its founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who "serve the dear neighbor without distinction."

"God works in mysterious ways," Golden said. "Berlanty is a young woman who has encountered extreme circumstances, and we have the opportunity and the responsibility to help provide her graduate education. Like Bethlehem University, she's a beacon of home for students in the Holy Land and beyond as she develops into a leader to serve a world in need."



Fontbonne University hosted a reception for graduate student Berlanty Azzam and others. First row (I–r): Brother Robert Smith, FSC, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs, Bethlehem University; Dr. Fadi Kattan, dean of the faculty of business, Bethlehem University; Azzam; Rebecca Bahan, Fontbonne director of international affairs; Dr. Dennis Golden, Fontbonne president.

Second row (I–r): Monica Golden; Vincent and Judy Shaw, supporters of Azzam and friends of Fontbonne.

# Alumni Honored for Contributions to Fontbonne, Community



From left, Craig L. Glover, recipient of the 2011 OPTIONS Alumni Award; Victor S. Wang, recipient of the 2011 Professional Achievement Award; Christina Anderson, president of the Fontbonne University Alumni Association; Catherine Gallas Deutsch, recipient of the 2011 Service to the University Award; Meghan Mueller, recipient of the 2011 Young Alumni Award; and Dr. Dennis Golden, president of Fontbonne University. Not pictured: Kim Furlow, recipient of the 2011 Service to the Community Award.

The university honored five alumni during Reunion Weekend 2011, recognizing their accomplishments and contributions to the university, the alumni association and their communities.

**Catherine Gallas Deutsch,** who earned an English degree in 1973, received the Service to the University Award. Deutsch is a learning consultant at Ursuline Academy in St. Louis and has been an active alumni volunteer. She also served two terms on the Alumni Association board of directors.

**Victor S. Wang,** who earned master's degrees in art and fine arts from Fontbonne in 1990, received the Professional Achievement Award. A professor of art, Wang has taught at Fontbonne for 20 years. His paintings have been the subject of numerous solo exhibitions in St. Louis, New York, Chicago and abroad. He has also been featured in many articles and reviews, and he is the author of two books.

**Kim Furlow**, who earned a communication arts degree in 1986, received the Service to the Community Award. Furlow is a

professional actress, singer and voice talent who continues to perform in local and regional professional theater productions. In 2009, she and her husband founded Dramatic License Productions, which presents theater and cabaret performances, as well as after-school and summer drama camps for children and teens.

Craig L. Glover, who earned a 2001 business administration degree through Fontbonne's OPTIONS program, received the OPTIONS Alumni Award. He is president and CEO of Central Counties Health Centers, Inc., in Springfield, Ill., and he is chairman of Confluence Academy, a five-campus charter school system in the St. Louis area.

Meghan E. Mueller, who earned a 2003 bachelor's degree in English, received the Young Alumni Award. After her graduation, Mueller earned a Master of Divinity degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology. She currently works for SSM Healthcare, and she continues to actively serve as a member of Fontbonne's Alumni Association.

#### STARTING THE PARTY ▶

Joan Maschmann '55 (left) and Jan Stelloh Reilly '66 begin the weekend at the Friday night Kick-off Party.

#### REUNITED **>>**

Communication disorders & deaf education department alumna (I – r) Sarah Kreher Kolweier '01 MA '02, Emily Touchette Haberl '01, Christina Stark Roth '01, Emily Fischer Elmore '01 MA '09, Dr. Susan Puetz Lenihan '75, Amy Dismuke '01 MA '02, Sara Couch '01 MA '04 MS '04, and Liz Keuss Fales '01 MA '02.



#### HUMECUMING

From left, Karen Klutho Reimer '73, Geri Pitti '73, Joan Weber Shine '73, Judy Goltschman Sturm '73 and Cathy Gallas Deutsch '73.

#### PALLING AROUND >>

John Gordon and Ernestine Jones-Gordon '80 get to know Gunner at Saturday's All-Alumni Reunion Luncheon and Dessert Reception.





#### FINE ART 1

From left, Ellen Gochnour MA '06, LiChi Wang and Hua Ran mix and mingle at the opening reception of the Alumni Artist Gallery Exhibition.

#### BACK TO SCHOOL ▶▶

Alums gather for an Alumni University class, "Alternative Photographic Processes: Van Dyke & Cyanotype," with Denise Schilling '07 MA '08 MFA '09 (second from left).











#### ■ LANDMARK YEAR

Members of the Class of 1961 return to Fontbonne to celebrate their 50th reunion.

#### **■■** ALL SMILES

From left, Cicely Brown '99, Ernestine Jones-Gordon '80 and Kristy Daniels-Jackson '97.

#### **■ MAKING ROUNDS**

From left, Dr. Ben Voss, husband of alumna Jenna Bollinger Voss '03 MA '04, Dr. Dennis Golden, university president, and Dr. Donald Burgo, a Fontbonne professor emeritus.

#### **◄** YOUNG ALUMS

From left, Sarah Buffa '09, Charles Franz '05 MST '07, Betsy Berger '07, Colleen Harter Phillips '07 and Deanna Grither '05 MA '06.

#### 4 A COOD VEAD

Classmates catch up: (I – r) Jo Ann Kallenberger Rushing '66, DeDe Dallas Caspari '66, Kathy Atchity Coco '66 and Rita Becker Telken '66.

#### **▲** ■ GRIFFIN PRIDE

Current faculty members also enjoy Reunion activities: (I – r) Dr. Gene Schwarting, Kathy Schwarting, Joan Steffen O'Reilly '51 and Dr. Mary Abkemeier.

Fontbonne University **ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND** 2011

Several hundred alumni took a Griffin Expedition this fall, reconnecting with friends old and new at the annual Fontbonne University Alumni Reunion. Here are just some of the pictorial highlights.

View more at www.fontbonne.edu/reunion. Check back for more information on next year's Alumni Reunion.

#### 1940

Mary Pascaline Coff, BSPA '48 celebrated her 60th jubilee with the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. She has been a leader in interreligious dialogue for decades and has directed a variety of retreats for people of many faiths. She currently lives at the sisters' monastery in Tucson, Ariz.

#### 1960

Ann M. Middleton '69 was honored with the 2011 Angel Award by Northwest Pilot Project (NWPP). which provides housing services for seniors age 55 and older who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Portland, Ore. A volunteer with NWPP for 22 years, she has served on the board of directors for 18 years. Middleton is a social worker for the Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center where she primarily works with people who have suffered spinal cord injuries or strokes.

#### 1970

Mary Whelan Eichhorn '71 is the proud grandmother of her fourth grandchild, Eleanor "Ellie" Catherine Stephenson. She was born Aug. 5, 2011, and weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Michael Hamilton '76 received a 2011 Kevin Kline award as Outstanding Director of a Musical for the production "Promises. Promises" at Stages St. Louis. The Kevin Kline Awards are presented by the Professional Theatre Council of St. Louis to honor excellence in professional theater. Hamilton is artistic director at Stages St. Louis.

#### 1980

Leanora "Lea" Moore-Beulah '81 ioined the Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau in Romeoville, Ill., as tourism coordinator.

Bryan Quinn '85 received his Certified Financial Planner™ designation from the CFP® Board of Standards.

#### 1990

Mary "Penny" Duckett Crumpton '90 has joined the staff as community dietitian at the Caswell Family Medical Center in Yanceyville, N.C. Mary is a registered dietitian and has more than 19 years of experience working in the clinical and community setting.

Edward "Ed" J. Reggi '94 is project manager at the Nine Network of Public Media, the St. Louis PBS television affiliate

Susan Turner Buford '95 MBA '97 was selected as one of the 2011 honorees to receive the Saint Louis Argus Distinguished Citizen Award. She is a telecommunications industry professional with more than 20 years of experience. Buford is also a dedicated community servant and volunteer, as well as a member of the Fontbonne University board of trustees.

Cynthia A. Burkhead '95

Conversations," which assembles for the first time long-form interviews with the television creator. The book features interviews ranging from 2000-2009 that cover the most dynamic years of Whedon's career. Burkhead is an English instructor at the University of North Alabama in Florence, Ala. She is also the author of "Student Companion to John Steinbeck" and the co-editor of "Grace Under Pressure: 'Grey's Anatomy' Uncovered."

co-edited the book, "Joss Whedon:

#### 2000

Dr. C. Jon Bauer MBA '00 has been selected to serve as president of East Central College (ECC) in Union, Mo. His term will begin July 1, 2012, when the current president retires. Bauer will serve as the community college's sixth president. He is currently ECC's vice president of finance and administration, a position he has held since 2005.

Kala Eichhorn Chase MBA '00 was hired by Clifton Gunderson as the new regional director of business development.

Roger L. Hunt, Sr. MM '00 was selected to be the television host of "The Spoken Word," which was scheduled to begin taping eight episodes in St. Louis in November and will be carried on HBO in late fall 2011/winter 2012. Also in 2012, Hunt will host "Who's Next to Praise Him Live" on the Word Network. Additionally, Hunt co-stars in the film "26.2," which is scheduled to appear at the 2012 St. Louis International Film Festival and other film festivals around

lacqueline G. Bland MBA '02 has joined HR-Haven, Inc., as a human resources outsourcing director to establish a presence in the St. Louis area. Bland has more than 15 years of human resources management experience.

Jon B. Hisaw '02 MBA '04 is engaged to Elizabeth Marie Schmoeller. A July wedding is planned. Both are employed at Biomedical Systems in St. Louis.

Natalie J. Austin '02 MA '04 was one of 12 students selected from a nationwide pool of applicants to receive a fellowship from the National Leadership Consortium on Sensory Disabilities. Austin is pursuing a doctorate degree in deaf education at the University of Northern Colorado and currently works as a teacher of the deaf for Northeast BOCES where she provides teletherapy and on-site services to deaf/hard of hearing students at schools in northeast Colorado.

Scott E. Meyer '03 is engaged to Melissa Gunder. A March wedding is planned. Meyer is employed as an information technology consultant.

Jenna Bollinger Voss '03 MA '04 was one of 12 students selected from a nationwide pool of applicants to receive a fellowship from the National Leadership Consortium on Sensory Disabilities. Voss is pursuing a doctorate degree in speech and hearing sciences at Washington University in St. Louis and is also a part-time faculty member at Fontbonne University.

Stephanie Evangelopoulos Vojicic '04 was named to the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. She is employed by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Missouri.

Jessica Byington Cain '05 and Bill Cain announce the birth of their child, River Grace Cain who arrived on Oct. 3, 2011. Karen Minshall Byington '89 and Bill Byington are the proud grandparents.

Dr. Luke J. Drury '05 was one of 19 students to receive a doctor of philosophy degree from The Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee at its 98th annual commencement

on May 20, 2011. Following graduation, he began a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

Kelly R. Hayes '05 is engaged to Jason Tucker. She works as a design specialist at Joel Marion Photography in Manchester, Mo. A spring wedding

Kathleen M. Juresic '05 MBA '08 is engaged to Andrew J. Warren. An October 2011 wedding at St. Joseph Croatian Catholic Church in St. Louis was planned. Kathleen is a pharmacy information systems analyst at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Nicole "Nikki" Giesler '06 and Alexander "Alex" Cornwell '07 were married on August 6, 2011. Giesler is the director for student involvement and instructor of leadership studies at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. Cornwell is a full-time student at the University of Missouri School of Law and is employed part-time at Rogers, Ehrhardt and Weber L.L.C. in Columbia, Mo.

Frances Ellen Gochnour MA '06 and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of their son, William, born on August 19, 2011. He joins big brother Alex.

Joanna Taylor Lorella '06 and her husband, David, announce the birth of their son, Clayton Isaac, born on April 21, 2011. He joins big sister Paige. Proud grandmother Gaylee Taylor is a staff member in the Fontbonne admissions office.

Pertella Mitchell '06 MBA '10 is now a program management associate at Laclede Gas Company in

Lauren M. Fish '07 and James M. **Pingleton '08** are engaged to be married. A lune wedding is planned. Fish is a teacher at St. Ferdinand Catholic School in Florissant, Mo., and Pingleton is employed as a client services processor by Stifel Nicolaus in St. Louis.

Leslie A. Marecek '07 and Jim Thomas '06 MBA '08 were married on Sept. 10, 2011, in St. Louis. The couple, who met in 2004 as students attending Fontbonne, exchanged vows in St. Louis at St. Ambrose Catholic Church on The Hill, took wedding photos on Fontbonne's

Clayton campus, then enjoyed a downtown reception at Kemoll's Top of the Met. They currently reside in Sunset Hills, Mo.

Sarah N. Sponik '07 MA '10 is engaged to Kyle Arciszewski. A June wedding is planned in Columbia, Ill. Sponik is employed by the Francis Nathan R. Gwin MBA '09 has joined Howell School District in St. Charles, the board of directors at Lift for Life Mo., as a special education teacher.

Clementé G. Champagne '08 is engaged to George Love Jr. A June wedding is planned, and the couple will reside in Grand Forks, N.D. Clementé is employed by Alerus Financial.

Andrew J. Almany '09 is engaged to Amanda Meppiel. A July wedding is planned. Almany works as a team sales representative at Key Sport Shop in Rolla, Mo., and serves as a site supervisor for the Licking Summer Camps.

Academy in St. Louis.

#### 2010

Amanda M. Jones '10 is engaged to Daniel Francis Williams Jr. A June wedding is planned. Jones is employed as an accountant at HRM Services in Ellisville, Mo.

Cynthia A. Prost '10 was elected to the Private Sector Council of Americans for the Arts, an elected body designed to provide advice and guidance to Americans for the Arts. The council helps develop and implement private sector advocacy programs and helps other local arts agencies seeking to connect with the private sector. Prost is president of the Arts and Education Council of St. Louis.

Timothy "Ted" P. Sengpiel MBA '10 is now sales director at DataServ. He manages and oversees DataServ's

sales team and directs the company's efforts to build and maintain strong sales pipelines and maximize company revenue. An Ohio native, Sengpiel brings more than 16 years of sales and management experience to the position.

Blake R. Tolan '10 is engaged to Amanda Fisher. A September wedding is planned. Tolan is employed as a manager with Walgreens.

Brian M. Weyand '10 is engaged to Kelly Hennelly. A June wedding is planned. Weyand is employed at Bank of America.

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If you've recently moved, married, had a baby, changed jobs, or you have other information to announce, we welcome your news! Or, sadly, if you have information about the passing of a Fontbonne University alumna or alumnus, please let us know. Submit the information to the Alumni Office at 314.889.1403 or alumnievents@fontbonne.edu.

# A Message from

# THE PRESIDENT





The world right now is a tumultuous place presenting political, moral and economic challenges to individuals and organizations alike. It makes me think about the warnings given some years ago by Alvin Toffler in his best-selling book titled "Future Shock." Toffler said that, on a worldwide scale, we should anticipate enormous anxiety and accelerating change, and we would have to work extremely hard to become adaptable and properly balanced.

At Fontbonne, our response to these challenges has been to adopt a "Yes We Can" attitude. This is evident by the successful collaboration of our faculty, students, staff and administration. This attitude is also bolstered by the ongoing support of our alumni, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and our most generous benefactors. I thank you, one and all.

During the past academic year, the frontiers of knowledge have been expanded through both internships and experiential learning. Students had opportunities to engage and demonstrate competencies and moral courage in the greater St. Louis area, as well as in international settings such as Belize and Mexico. In early summer 2012, a group of 30 will travel to Limuru, Kenya, to care for children in orphanages and classrooms who are victims of poverty, abuse, HIV/AIDS and neglect.

Looking to the future, I am deeply grateful to each of you who continue to think about, pray for and support Fontbonne. Together, we form the "Yes We Can" Fontbonne family, a family that is destined to thrive well into the future.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

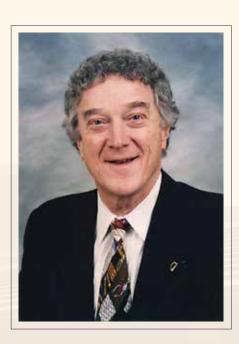
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This past year, the incoming class of 2015 has brought an increased level of energy to an already enthusiastic student body. Our adult students working toward both undergraduate and graduate degrees embody professionalism and represent Fontbonne well in the St. Louis business community. Faculty members passionately continue to guide our students as they become leaders dedicated to serving a world in need. Our administration strives for success, guiding the direction of the university in alignment with the mission and vision set forth by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

We are continually grateful to and inspired by our alumni and benefactors who are so committed to our students. Your continued support, whether through time, talent or treasure, serves as the foundation of the university. As we move into 2012, in spite of global economic challenges, we know that Fontbonne has the solid leadership, moral compass and support system in place to carry us into a bright future.

We are blessed to have such dedicated leadership, faculty, staff, students, alumni, benefactors and friends of the university.

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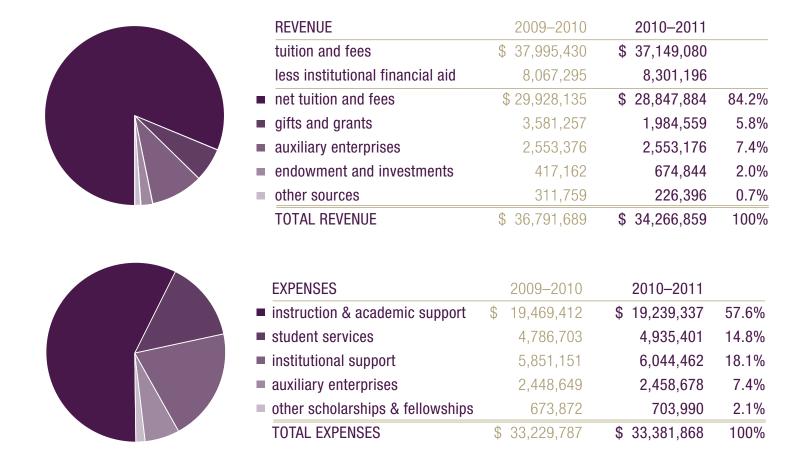
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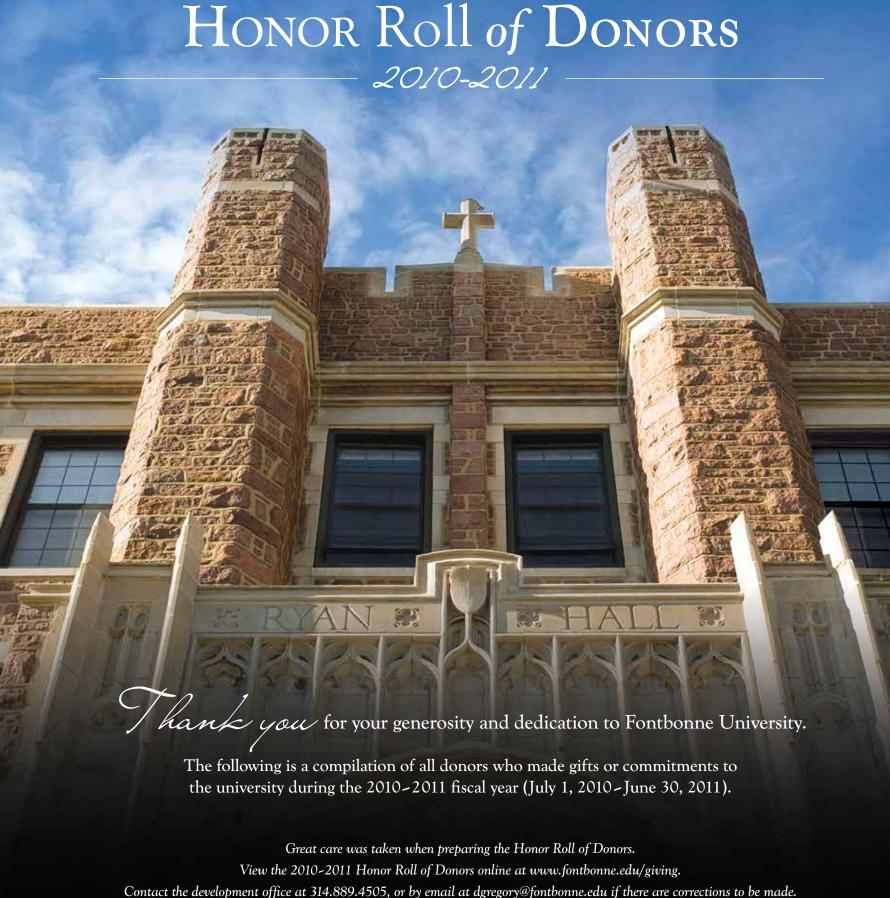
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