

INSIDEMU

IN THE SPOTLIGHT... Marymount's Reston Center To Open in March

It has now been confirmed that Marymount University will take occupancy of its Reston Center in March, with classes slated to begin in summer 2007. The facility, currently under renovation, will include nine flexible classrooms, a computer lab, and administrative offices. The Center is conveniently located on the first floor of 1861 Wiehle Avenue, which is adjacent to the future Wiehle Avenue Metro station.

Dr. Donald Shandler, assistant vice president for Graduate and Adult Education, explains, "We will be focusing on meeting the educational needs of nontraditional students with programs and formats that respond to those needs. The area's strong economy creates a great demand for a well educated, capable workforce. The Reston Center reflects Marymount's commitment to helping the region remain competitive."

Working closely with the deans, Dr. Shandler is identifying a balanced portfolio of offerings designed to meet the needs of adult learners. These include graduate programs, part-time undergraduate degree completion programs, and post-baccalaureate certificate programs. Select programs will be offered this summer, with a full launch of programs scheduled for the fall.

Dr. Shandler reflects, "We're excited about the opportunities this new facility provides Marymount and the community. Reston is a rapidly growing residential and commercial area. The new Center's location will enable us to serve those who live and work in western Fairfax County, Loudoun County, and the surrounding area."

Marymount will begin marketing programs to be offered at the new Center in February, and a grand opening is planned for late April. Stay tuned for updates!

FYI Weather Closings Information

The weather outside's not frightful – yet – but employees should know where to get information in the event of a snowstorm or other weather-related emergency.

Information about delays, closings, and cancellations due to severe weather will be made available as soon as possible once a decision is made (usually no later than 6 a.m.) through a variety of media: the Marymount Weather and Emergency Information Line at (703) 526-6888; www.marymount.edu; and local media.

DC-area television stations, including NewsChannel 8 and channels 4 (NBC), 5 (Fox), 7 (ABC), and 9 (CBS), will broadcast this information. You can also tune into WTOP-FM (103.5), WASH-FM (97.1), WGMS-FM (104.1 or 103.9), or WMZQ-FM (98.7).

Marymount to Host EACE Seminar

MU's Career and Internship Center will host an Eastern Association of Colleges and Universities (EACE) regional seminar on Friday, January 19, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Ballston Center. The program will be entitled "Are We There Yet? Tools for Strategic Planning and Assessment of Career Services."

For more information or to register for the seminar, visit www.eace.org or contact the Career and Internship Center at ext. 5960.

New Menu at Bernie's

Burgers and fries are out; pizzas, paninis, and wraps are in. Beginning January 16, Bernie's will partner with Sandella's to offer hot and cold wraps, flat bread pizzas, quesadillas, paninis, rice and noodle bowls, and salads. Sandella's is a quick-service restaurant chain found in travel plazas and on college campuses around the nation. Based on the concept

InsideMU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

To submit items for consideration in *InsideMU*, e-mail: insidemu@marymount.edu or send via campus mail to University Communications, Rowley Hall, Room 89.

“Eat Right, Right Away,” the Sandella’s menu includes a rotation of more than 80 items.

Hours of operation will be Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m.-11 p.m. For more information, contact **Upen Malani**, assistant dean for Auxiliary Services, ext. 1491.

Thanks for Your Support!

The Campus Fund Committee thanks everyone who has made a gift or pledge to the Campus Fund so far this fiscal year. To date, Marymount employees have donated more than \$19,000 toward the Faculty/Staff Scholarships.

Congratulations go to the following Campus Fund donors who were selected to receive door prizes during the holiday party drawing:

Sr. Virginia McKenna – \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card

Mark Tessmer – \$25 Best Buy gift card

Martha Whitney – \$25 Chili’s gift card

Month-long reserved parking spaces – **Pam Theodore** (February), **Dr. Ana Lado** (March), and **Dr. Linda McMahon** (April)

You can make a secure gift online at www.marymount.edu/support or send your gift through campus mail to the Office of Development. The next prize drawing will be held at an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, April 25.

New Show to Open in Barry Gallery

The work of **Sheila Mahoney Keefe**, a nationally known artist who resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico, will be on display in the Barry Gallery beginning January 19. The show, entitled “Captured Moments: A Decade of Discovery,” highlights

selected paintings created between 1995 and 2005. Keefe’s work is often described as mystical and is inspired by her international travels.

An opening reception will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. on January 19. The exhibit will run through March 1. Barry Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, contact **Judy Bass**, gallery curator, ext. 1561.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at Marymount

Marymount University will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Thursday, January 18, at noon in the Lee Center Pavilion. Members of the MU community will pay tribute to the late civil rights leader through music and selected readings. If you would like to participate in the ceremony, please contact **Vincent Stovall**, Student Activities, ext. 1612. All members of the MU community are cordially invited to attend!

Spring into Deeper Waters

The first Deeper Waters meeting of the spring semester will be held on Friday, January 19, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Lounge.

The discussion group will examine *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, a document on Catholic universities written by Pope John Paul II. The text is available online at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_constitutions/documents/hf_jp-ii_apc_15081990_ex-cordecclisiae_en.html. Please call ext. 1607 if you need additional information.

Save the Date

The Office of Human Resource Services will present an important Supervisors Briefing on Monday, January 29, from 1-3 p.m. in the Reinsch Library Auditorium. Topics will include employment background checks, new recruitment procedures, benefits, and the employee exit processes. There will also be an open forum. Details will follow via campus mail.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Shelly Haser, associate professor and chair, Education, published an article entitled “Year-Round Education: Why It’s Worth Considering,” in the January 2007 issue of *Washington Parent*.

PEOPLE

Transition

Linda Greenland has been promoted to acquisitions associate II, Library and Learning Services, ext. 6865.

Personal Milestone

Congratulations to **Caroline and Sean Tynan**, cross country coaches, Athletics, on the birth of twins Evangeline Marie and Kolbe Ray, on October 19, 2006.

EVENTS

January 13—Men’s basketball vs. Lancaster Bible, Verizon Sports Arena, 4 p.m.

January 15—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. University closed.

January 16—Spring semester classes begin

January 20—Alumni Basketball Day, Verizon Sports Center, 11 a.m. and noon

January 20—Women’s and men’s basketball vs. Salisbury, Verizon Sports Center, women’s game – 2 p.m., men’s game – 4 p.m.