



IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Hearst Foundation Provides Naming Gift for New Nursing Lab

Marymount University has received a \$125,000 grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation to establish and name The William Randolph Hearst Nursing Laboratory, which will be in Caruthers Hall, the new academic building that is part of the 26th Street project.

Dr. Tess Cappello, dean of the School of Health Professions, notes, "The Hearst Nursing Laboratory will have state-of-the art equipment that will enable our students to learn current best practices and develop skills essential to excellent patient care."

The Hearst Nursing Laboratory is one of four Nursing labs planned for Caruthers Hall. It will house five stations that simulate an acute-care hospital setting, with all the accompanying equipment, from bedside monitors, IV pumps, and EKG machines to a code cart with automatic external defibrillator and portable ventilator.

Nursing students will use the lab to develop basic skills in such procedures as taking vital signs, inserting IVs and catheters, and suctioning a patient with a tracheostomy. Computers at every bedside will be used for physical assessment documentation, medication administration, and viewing medical records. A Smart Board and testing station with audio/video capability will assist in documenting student skills.

FYI

Show Your Marymount Pride! License Plates Available This Fall

Virginia license plates bearing the Marymount University name and seal are now in production with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and will be available for purchase in the fall.

After the first thousand plates are purchased, \$15 from every plate purchase and renewal will be contributed to a Marymount scholarship fund. Once the scholarship is endowed, it will be awarded to a Virginia resident student with academic promise and financial need.

The Marymount community will be notified as soon as the plates are available for purchase.

Bookstore Renovation Ahead

The Barnes & Noble bookstore at the Lee Center will undergo renovation July 13-31 to update the 10-year-old interior decor.

Improvements will include a new book buyback window; new bookshelves, carpet, and flooring; and updated paint and signs.

While the bookstore will remain open during the renovation, the inventory may be limited. If you have questions about the availability of items, please call **Theresa Kuron** or **Jessica Coffin** at ext. 1614.

RSVP

Human Resources will hold a Benefits Forum at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 to discuss the results of the employee 2008 Benefits Survey and start planning for the 2010-2011 Health Plans.

In order to help HR secure the right-size venue for this forum, please RSVP by Thursday, July 9, to **Loranna Owens** at ext. 6880, or loranna.owens@marymount.edu.

Inside MU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

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

Faculty-backed School Program Draws First Lady's Attention

Dr. Shannon Melideo, assistant professor of Education, has been working for the past year with an organization called Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital, which identifies children in need of extra help and then brings community resources to public schools to keep them engaged.

Those resources include tutors, mentors, health care, after-school programs, and cultural enrichment.

Dr. Melideo supports volunteer tutors by developing reading and writing strategies and creating tutoring guides with tactics personalized to each piece of literature used in the program.

The program has been so successful that first lady Michelle Obama visited Ferebee-Hope Elementary School in Washington, DC, in May to observe the tutoring program in action.

Dr. Melideo says, "The Communities in Schools program shows the importance of tutoring and literacy to keeping schoolchildren interested in learning. When I was recruited as a literacy expert, I instantly became endeared to the students and their skilled teachers and devoted tutors, and I'm proud to be a part of their success."

PLAUDITS

Dr. Virginia Bianco-Mathis, professor of Human Resources, recently co-authored a book entitled *Organizational Coaching: Building Relationships and Programs that Drive Results* (ASTD Press).

Frank Rizzo, associate vice president and dean for Student Development, graduated on May 28 as a member of Leadership Arlington's Class of 2009. Leadership Arlington is a 10-month program that enhances personal and professional skills and provides a forum for representatives of the business, nonprofit, and public sectors to discuss issues and opportunities facing Arlington. Mr.

Rizzo was also the Commencement speaker for his class.

Dr. Donald Shandler, assistant vice president, Graduate and Adult Education, graduated on June 10 as a member of Leadership Fairfax's Class of 2009. The organization's mission is "to develop, connect and inspire leaders to strengthen our communities" by bringing together Fairfax County business leaders to work and study together during a 10-month program. Dr. Shandler was also recognized by The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Ace Awards as Committee Chair of the Year.

Ashley Mouberry Sieman, assistant director of Housing and Residence Life, was awarded a doctor of Education degree from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC, on May 9. Dr. Sieman served as the Commencement speaker for the College of Education and her dissertation, entitled *Motivational Predictors of Academic Cheating Among First-Year College Students: Goals, Expectations, and Costs*, was named Outstanding Dissertation of the Year by the NCSU Department of Adult and Higher Education.

Dr. Ken Yusko, associate professor, School of Business Administration, was interviewed by Nina Totenberg of NPR regarding Ricci v. Stefano, an employment discrimination case on which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 29.

PEOPLE Transitions

Joan Alfasi has been promoted to assistant director, Student Health Center. Her previous title was insurance coordinator in the same department.

Kelly L. DeSenti has been promoted to assistant dean for Student Development. She will continue to serve as director of Disability Support Services until a replacement can be hired. In her new role, Ms. DeSenti will be responsible for working with the areas of Student Employment, the Career and Internship Center, Leadership

Development, New Student Orientation, Housing and Residence Life, and Student Activities.

Personal Milestones

Katie Pouchot, coordinator, Alumni Relations, married Richard Chapin on Sunday, May 24, at her hometown church in Gibsonia, PA.

Welcome

MacKenzie Blair, administrative assistant, Graduate and Adult Education, Reston Center, ext. 5770.

Raymond Bryson, acquisitions/cataloging associate, Library and Learning Services; ext. 1534.

Barbara Fischer, administrative secretary, Academic Success Center, ext. 6927.

Heather Jolly, residence hall director, Residence Life, ext. 6513.

Lauren Kiesling, alumni events manager, Alumni Relations, ext. 6814.

Erin Schlesing, donor relations associate, Development, ext. 1695.

Andrew Warring, assistant director, Campus Ministry; ext. 1622.

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dr. Maureen Christian**, assistant professor of Forensic Psychology, who passed away June 28 after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Jim Christian, and their son, Justin.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Alice Braggs**, who died May 17. She was the mother of Grace Braggs, accounts payable coordinator in the Business Office.

EVENTS

July 16 — Graduate Education Information Session; Ballston Center, 2 p.m. RSVP to Jordi Izzard, ext. 5902 or www.marymount.edu/infosession.

August 1 — Black Alumni Network and Basketball Alumni Network Social; Rowley Patio and Ireton Lawn, 4-8 p.m. Registration at www.marymount.edu/alumni.