

INSIDE MU

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

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Open Enrollment for Benefits Deadline Approaching

Do you plan to change your health, dental, or vision coverage or any other optional benefits provided by Marymount? If so, you have until this Friday, November 21, at 5 p.m. to make your new benefit elections online at www.marymount.edu/muebs.

Remember, you need only complete the online form *if you are changing, adding, or discontinuing* a benefit. If you are not making changes, you do not need to enter your current elections.

Payroll deductions and effective dates for all benefit elections will begin in January 2009.

This Friday, November 21, is also the deadline for PayFlex Flexible Spending Account enrollment. A PayFlex enrollment document is required to accompany your enrollment if you are changing your deduction, stopping it, or selecting/adding a new account. You can get the form by visiting the PayFlex Web site, www.mypayflex.com, and clicking the "forms" button at the top of the page.

Any benefits or Open Enrollment questions should be directed to **Bing Hobson**, director, HR Services, ext. 1617, or bing.hobson@marymount.edu

FYI

New: Teaching Toolbox Program

Faculty, get inspired for teaching your spring 2009 classes by attending the first annual Teaching Toolbox, sponsored by Marymount's Center for Teaching Excellence, on Thursday, January 8.

Experienced faculty will share their expertise from 9 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch. All workshops and the lunch will take place on Main Campus. (In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Friday, January 9.)

Watch the CTE Web site for more information, www.marymount.edu/mucte. There, you will also be able to register and find the full program, once it is finalized in mid-December.

Today is the Day – Thanksgiving Adopt-a-Family

Today, Monday, November 17, is the last day you or your office can provide monetary contributions or canned food items to Campus Ministry's Thanksgiving Adopt-a-Family program.

Food collection boxes are located in the back of the Chapel and in the Campus Ministry office in the Lodge.

Didn't bring any money or food donations to work today? There's another option: you can make a commitment to provide an entire Thanksgiving meal for an adopted family. Just contact **Kelly Power** in Campus Ministry today at ext. 1622.

Help the Homeless Walkathon

All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to join Campus Ministry in the Help the Homeless Walkathon, Saturday, November 22. The event is sponsored by Fannie Mae.

The Walkathon seeks to raise awareness and funds for Washington metropolitan area organizations that work to prevent and end homelessness. This year, it is estimated that there are nearly 12,000 homeless people in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

The walk will begin at 9 a.m. If you would like to walk with your Marymount colleagues, call Campus Ministry at ext. 1607 to reserve a spot on the bus.

Thanksgiving with an International Flavor

The entire MU community is invited to join Campus Ministry and International Student Services for a Thanksgiving feast like no other on Thursday, November 20, at 5 p.m. It will take place in the Lee Center's Recreational Gym, and will include traditional American and international dishes.

The event is free. For more information, contact **David Eyer** in Campus Ministry, ext. 3853.

Get Ready to Shop

Mark your calendar now for a unique holiday shopping experience: The Shops at Main, a holiday boutique at Marymount, will be held on Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the University's Main House.

The Shops at Main will feature custom ceramics, jewelry, holiday and home accessories, painted furniture, specialty foods, pashmina and silk shawls, floral decorations and topiaries, designer fashions for men and women, and lots more. A complete list of participating vendors can be found at www.marymount.edu/shopsatmain.

This event is organized by the Marymount Angels, a volunteer group that supports the University. A percentage of the boutique's proceeds will be directed to the Marymount Angels Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Late Night Breakfast Volunteers Needed

Faculty and staff are invited to help serve late-night breakfast during a prefinals study break for students on Thursday, December 4, from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Gerard Phelan Dining Hall.

The event is sponsored by Auxiliary Services and the Office of Residence Life. To volunteer, contact **Upen Malani** in Auxiliary Services at upen.malani@marymount.edu.

PLAUDITS

Annette Ames, associate professor of Fine and Applied Arts, won two awards at the International Textile and Apparel Association's annual conference in Schaumburg, IL, this month. For her design "Ancient Future II," which was also exhibited during the Faculty Design Exhibition in the Barry Gallery earlier this year, she was honored with the "Lectra Outstanding Faculty Designer Award" and the "2008 Sandra Hutton Award for Achievement in Fiber Art Scholarship." Ms. Ames wrote about her design in an article in the April 2008 issue of *Clothing and Textiles Research Journal*, in which she gives her view of future fashion.

At the annual conference of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) in Washington, DC, **Dr. Cynthia Knott**, assistant professor, Management Science, presented a paper on October 12, "The Role of Total Quality Management in Providing Private Legal Services," co-authored with Abigail Isaacs, a Marymount MBA candidate.

Michael Schuchert, executive director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, presented a paper, "Rethinking the Alumni Survey: An Expanded Role Supporting the Quality Enhancement Plan," at the Southern Association for Institutional Effectiveness in Nashville last month.

Dr. Ana Lado, professor of Education, has been invited to be one of 35 scholars to present and submit a paper on Early Literacy of Children in the 21st Oxford Roundtable, to be held at Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford in March 2009. The roundtable will include scholars from various disciplines who will be defining some of the important issues, debating research, and discussing international research outcomes affecting early childhood literacy.

PERSONAL MILESTONES

Congratulations to women's lacrosse coach **Jamie Reynolds** for completing the Marine Corps Marathon in 03:59:45.

PEOPLE Welcome

Jonathan Cannie, computer lab supervisor, Information Technology Services (ext. 3854, jonathan.cannie@marymount.edu)

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marjorie Avery Willard**, who died October 25. A member of the emeritus faculty and a professor of Physical Education, Ms. Willard taught at Marymount from 1954 to 1981. She also established Marymount's athletics program.

EVENTS

Nov. 18 — Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lee Center Atrium

Nov. 18 — Advanced Datal Training, "Lookups and Printing Reports," 1 p.m., St. Joseph Lab. Register at www.marymount.edu/its/datal101

Nov. 18-19 — TIAA-CREF retirement counseling sessions, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Reinsch Library Boldt Room, open to individuals who preregistered through TIAA-CREF.

Nov. 18 — Men's basketball vs. Goucher, 7:30 p.m., Verizon Sports Arena

Nov. 21 — Advanced Datal Training, "Student System Overview for Inquiry and Reports," 10 a.m., St. Joseph Lab. Register at www.marymount.edu/its/datal101

Nov. 21-23 — Marymount Marine Corps Women's Basketball Tip-Off Tournament, various times, Verizon Sports Arena

Dec. 1 — Penance Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9 p.m., Chapel.