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## 'WE'RE ON OUR WAY'

New president Kevin Ross  
is leading Lynn to new heights



## In Focus

### The Next Chapter: Mission-Driven, Vision-Directed

It is a great honor and privilege to have been chosen as the next president of Lynn University, one of the most exciting institutions in modern American higher education. It is particularly poignant for me as I am following in the (rather large) footsteps of my father who has led this institution so successfully for the past 35 years. Due to the hard work of those who have been the stewards of this special place before us, we have behind us a rich history of innovation and accomplishment and ahead of us an incredibly bright future.

Our mission, the foundation of what we do, is an exceptionally worthy one: *To provide the education, support and environment that enables individual students to realize their true potential and prepare for success in the world.*

This is the important work we engage in each day and the dedication and efforts of so many people here con-

tribute greatly to this effort. At Lynn we tell our students, “We believe in you.” Our dedicated faculty and staff engage our students in and outside of the classroom to promote self-awareness and to prepare them for the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Our vision, the declaration of what Lynn will look like in the not-too-distant future is: *To be recognized as one of the most innovative, international, and individualized small universities in America.*

We are well on our way to accomplishing this ambition and have posted early success toward the initiatives of the Lynn2020 strategic plan ([www.lynn.edu/2020](http://www.lynn.edu/2020)). The entire Lynn University is focused on our future, and there is a palpable sense of excitement on campus.

Lynn University is an institution on the move...fast. I invite you to be a part of our exciting plans for the future and to visit campus soon.

—Kevin M. Ross, president

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## That's the Spirit

### Editor's Note

This issue comes to you after a very spirited spring at Lynn. From heart-stopping athletics to new and old campus traditions, we had it all. I know I'll never forget the side-splitting stories of alumna Joanne Donnelly Archer at the 40th reunion of Marymount's Class of 1966. Or the sight of Dr. and Mrs. Donald E. Ross arriving on campus for the first Founders Day as scores of students, faculty and staff lined the Lynn entrance all the way to Military Trail. Or the first-ever separate commencement ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate degree candidates. (Who would have thought the smaller graduate ceremony would be as robust as the undergraduates'?)

All the excitement made me ponder what “Lynn spirit” really means. My conclusion? It's as different as all of

you. It's our alumni's memories of caring professors and lifelong friends. It's our students' life-changing experiences of study abroad and discovering a subject they're passionate about. It's our parents' joy in seeing their sons and daughters blossom at Lynn. It's the generous soul who funds a scholarship that transforms a deserving student's life. And so much more.

Turn the pages and see for yourself. From new president Kevin Ross' plans for Lynn, to the innovations under way in the College of Hospitality Management, to the triumphant faces of our newest graduates and athletics standouts, to the amazing strides funded by our benefactors—Lynn spirit, in all its manifestations, is a wonder to behold.

—Liz McKey, editor

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*Photo by Karin Martinez.*



**Lasting impression:** The Rosses leave their handprints along the university's main walkway.



**Top o' the morning to you:** Faculty, staff and students greet Donald and Helen Ross on Founders Day.

## Lynn celebrates first Founders Day

The Lynn University community turned out en masse to celebrate the leadership of retiring President Donald E. Ross and First Lady Helen L. Ross during the university's first Founders Day on March 29.

Launching the festivities shortly after 8 a.m., students, faculty and staff lined the circular driveway in front of the Schmidt building to greet the Rosses as they arrived on campus. Everyone cheered and waved cups imprinted with the message "Thank you for saving our college," a reference to Nov. 1, 1971, the first day Donald Ross came to an almost-bankrupt Marymount College. In those days, students fashioned cups from the cafeteria's empty soup cans, labeled them with the message: "Help save our college" and canvassed neighborhoods to raise funds for their struggling college.

President and Mrs. Ross then left their handprints in concrete along the university's main walkway as a permanent symbol of their 35 years at Lynn. Afterwards, the Rosses gathered with their "university family" at a coffee reception in the Student Center courtyard and later at a barbecue lunch on the lawn. Student leaders from Lynn's Residence Halls Association and Student Government Association presented the Rosses with commemorative gifts as tokens of the students' appreciation and affection.



Lynn archivist Kathleen Clunan, part of the university from the very beginning, with one of the commemorative "Thank you" cups

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Students Neil Solomon, Megan Perry (center) and Emily Lipman at the Founders Day picnic

## Alumna Kristen Moraz is named Lynn's athletics director



Kristen Moraz, '97, '00, is Lynn University's new athletics director.

In making the announcement, Gregory J. Malfitano, senior vice president for administration and interim vice president for development, said, "As Lynn's associate athletics director/senior woman administrator for the past four years, Kristen has distinguished herself as one of the country's brightest and most capable athletics administrators. We are confident that under Kristen's leadership, our national championship-winning athletics program will soar to even greater heights."

Malfitano added his gratitude to departing athletics director, John McCarthy, who has resigned. "Lynn won two national championships, three Sunshine State Conference regular season titles and 10 SSC tournament titles under John's leadership," Malfitano said.

Moraz is Lynn's first female athletics director and one of fewer than 50 women athletic directors, out of 289 ADs in NCAA Division II.

In her most recent role, the Columbia, Md., native handled myriad duties for the 11-sport Fighting Knight program, including overseeing budgets, supervising coaches and teams and co-advising to Lynn's Student Athlete Athletic Council (SAAC). She is the representative on the NCAA II's Softball South Region Advisory Committee and serves as a point-person for all home events and conference championships held on the Lynn campus. Moraz also has served as a member of the SSC Basketball Tournament Committee since 2004. She will serve as chairperson for the 2006-07 SSC basketball tournament, which Lynn will host on Feb. 28-March 4, 2007.

A member of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA), Moraz is a 1993 graduate of Hammond High School in Columbia, where she played for the girl's basketball team. Her accomplishments led Lynn to recruit Moraz for its first women's basketball team in 1993.

At Lynn, Moraz became a four-year letter winner who served as team captain during her senior year and was part of the Knights' 24-5 squad

that advanced to the NAIA National Tournament.

Moraz also found time to be a campus leader, serving as Student Government Association president, a member of the Knights of the Roundtable honorary society, and recipient of the Trustee's Medal, the university's highest



Moraz, second from right, and a few of her 1993 teammates

honor for a graduating senior. She earned her BS in business administration from Lynn in 1997, and an MBA from Lynn in 2000. Moraz is pursuing a Ph.D. in organizational leadership from Capella University School of Business.

## Don't touch that dial: Lynn commercial debuts on local TV

If you live in the local tri-county area, it's a pretty safe bet that the next time you go to the movies, read a local newspaper online, watch "Desperate Housewives" or listen to National Public Radio on your drive to work, you'll see or hear a Lynn University ad.

A Lynn University 30-second television commercial debuted in May on local network and cable stations in Palm Beach County and more than 100 movie screens in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade

counties. The branding campaign is designed to generate top-of-mind awareness of Lynn among potential students and their parents.

With the theme "Learning Your Way," the new spot complements Lynn's existing multimedia ads for Lynn PM, the university's evening undergraduate and graduate program. That campaign has been running in three newspaper online editions, special newspaper sections, on the local National Public Radio affiliate (WXEL), on the sides of buses

traveling throughout Palm Beach and northern Broward counties, and at AMC and Regal movie theaters in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Since the Lynn PM advertising campaign began in 2004, enrollment in both the undergraduate and graduate evening programs has risen over 8 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

Beginning this fall, Lynn lectures and cultural events will be advertised in the entertainment sections of *Sun-Sentinel Showtime* and the *Boca Raton News*.

## Learning gets personal in the Lynn library

Already distinguished for its award-winning architectural design, the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Library has received high marks from another influential group, Lynn's students, for its facilities and personalized services.

The rating, which was the highest of all institutions on campus, was noted in a survey of Lynn's freshmen published last September, following the third year that the library offered an orientation, or information-literacy training, for first-year students. The orientation includes two phases: (1) a weeklong challenge as part of Lynn's First Year Experience classes, in which students become familiar with the library's key places and staff, and (2) research sessions team-taught by librarians and instructors in core courses such as English composition,

public speaking, psychology, geopolitical affairs and sociology.

For the last two years, phase one has used the "Survivor" theme from the popular television show. Next year, this phase will be modeled on the television show "Lost."

Randi Pegnetter, one of the innovators of the training program and a reference and instruction librarian at Lynn, believes the program has had a positive impact on students. "Our students feel very comfortable asking for help," she says. "They get to know our staff and don't feel lost in the library."

Also significant about Lynn students' rating of their library: It was higher than the national average. In a Jan. 20, 2006, article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* titled "Bridging the Chasm: First-Year



Freshmen learn volumes about the library during the Survivor orientation.

Students and the Library," author Betsy Barefoot, a co-director of the Policy Center on the First Year of College, wrote, "...many first-year students think [the campus library] is irrelevant to their lives." Well-designed, engaging information-literacy courses like Lynn's change this perception—by not only getting first-year students into the library, but also keeping them coming back their entire college career.

**Dazzling designs:** Deborah Mandelbaum, '06, a graphic design major from Colombia, South America, displays a few of her creations.



## Lynn's SGA officers are 'world leaders'

With students from 93 nations and 46 states, geographic diversity is one of Lynn University's hallmarks, and its newly elected Student Government Association officers reflect that strength. Lynn's SGA leaders for 2006-2007 include:

**President** – Fiston Kahindo,  
a junior from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa

**Vice President** – Jean Nezivar,  
a sophomore from Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

**Knights Activities Team Chairperson** – Armando Castillo,  
a freshman from Quezaltenango, Guatemala

**Residence Hall Association Chairperson** – Vir Phillip,  
a freshman from New Delhi, India

**Secretary** – Heather Sears,  
a sophomore from Brockton, Mass.

**Treasurer** – Taryn Hamill,  
a freshman from Brick, N.J.



**Changing of the guard:** New and outgoing SGA officers include (front, center) Armando Castillo and Mark Adamson; (all others, from left) Vir Phillip, William Cockey, Heather Sears, Jason Touw, Fiston Kahindo, Jean Nezivar, Ryan Konikoff, Jon Stein, Taryn Hamill and Erin Ross.

# A feast for the eyes: seniors showcase creativity in exhibition

Thirteen seniors in Lynn's graphic and visual communication program displayed their portfolios to guests and members of the university community at an exhibition on May 3 in the Green Center.

The students hailed from around the nation and the world, and the creations were as diverse as the artists themselves, running the gamut from an animation of one student's work to wine labels, CD covers, letterhead and business cards, restaurant menus, posters and paintings.

Graphic design major Steven Lerner from Brooklyn, N.Y., was the creator of an animation featuring his paintings. "It took a semester to produce," he said. "I did it to help market my work." After graduating from Lynn, he plans to further his studies in computer animation in graduate school.

Kara Marchionte, a graphic design major from Providence, R.I., said her exhibition represented two to three years of effort. "It's gratifying to see all your work displayed together," she said. After graduation, she would like to learn

more about fashion and jewelry design and to attend graduate school at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Michelle Hoogveld, from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and a visual communications major, exhibited several large oil paintings. Said Hoogveld, who created an illustration for the last issue of *Lynn Magazine* (Spring 2006, pages 24-25), "After graduation, I plan to work as a fashion photographer." She also plans to continue to paint and hopes to one day own an art gallery.

## Noted musicians join conservatory faculty

Four renowned musicians have joined the faculty of the Lynn University Conservatory of Music: violinists Elmar Oliveira and Carol Cole, cellist David Cole and double bassist Mark Morton.

Oliveira is one of the most commanding violinists of this century. The son of Portuguese immigrants, Oliveira was 9 when he began studying the violin. He is the first and only American violinist to win the Gold Medal at Moscow's Tchaikovsky International Competition. He also is the first violinist to receive the coveted Avery Fisher Prize, in addition to capturing first prizes at the Naumburg International Competition and the G.B. Dealey Competition. He is a two-time Grammy nominee and has appeared as soloist with the world's greatest orchestras and in recital on five continents. He is one of the few major artists committed to the entire spectrum of the violin world—expanding traditional repertoire boundaries as a champion of contemporary music and rarely heard works of the past, devoting energy to the young artists of tomorrow, and supporting the art of modern violin and bow makers.

Carol Cole made her debut with the San Francisco Symphony at age 13 as winner of the San Francisco Young Artists competition. Equally at home as a soloist, chamber musician and orchestra leader, she has

appeared at major music centers in 20 countries and in more than 25 states. She has performed in the world's most prestigious music festivals and has backed artists including Ray Charles, Natalie Cole, Nestor Torres, Dizzy Gillespie and Frank Sinatra.

Artist-faculty cellist David Cole, who with wife Carol has presented duo concerts and collaborated with leading musicians performing chamber music, has been the acting cello faculty in the Lynn conservatory. He won the Young Artist of the Year award from Philadelphia in 1961 and has since made more than 80 solo and chamber music appearances throughout the world. He has taught at the New School of Music in Philadelphia, the Istituzione Sinfonica Abruzzese School for Strings in L'Aquila, Italy; the New World

School of the Arts; and the Dreyfoos School of the Arts.

New double bass professor Morton won first prize at the International Society of Bassists Solo Competition in New York City in 1990. He is the principal bass of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, where he performs on a large double bass made in Naples by Antonio Gagliano in 1805. As a soloist, Morton performs on a string bass made circa 1775 in Naples, Italy, by Gennaro Vinnacia. A busy recitalist and concerto performer, Morton has been a featured double bass soloist on radio and television and shares a compact disc of solo double bass music with Gary Karr on Albany Records. In addition to the "Dr. Morton" series of books on the art of bass playing, he is the author of numerous articles in music magazines.



New conservatory faculty members, clockwise, Carol and David Cole, Elmar Oliveira and Mark Morton

# Ask the Professor

A Five-Minute Interview with a Lynn Professor

## NICK RAVO, International Communication

**Nick Ravo**, an instructor of journalism, media studies and public relations, joined Lynn University three years ago. He has built a reputation for assigning innovative final projects in his classes. Prior to teaching, he spent 14 years on the metropolitan staff of *The New York Times*, writing features and covering issues of politics, business, personal finance and real estate. Earlier, he worked for *The Miami Herald* and newspapers in Virginia and Colorado. In addition to reporting, Ravo has worked in corporate public relations in New York and London as well as written for a variety of national magazines including *Details*, *Salon*, *Elle*, *Worth* and *Icon*, on topics ranging from Wall Street to popular culture. He holds an MA in journalism and public affairs from The American University in Washington, D.C., and a BS in radio, television and film from Temple University in Philadelphia.

**What was the most challenging part of being a reporter for *The New York Times*?**

Not being a star was a challenge for me. *The New York Times* was the first place I worked where everyone was as smart as or smarter than I was—everyone—even the clerks!

**How do you think working and writing for *The New York Times* affects your teaching style?**

I was hired at the *Times* because I have a quirky, off-beat sense of humor, and I wrote snarky, sarcastic feature stories. I still look for quirky, off-beat assignments to give classes. I guess that's the same part of my brain working.

**How would you describe your teaching style?**

Unstructured and irreverent.

**What was the most memorable story you covered?**

When I was working for *The Miami Herald*, I covered an execution of someone. It was front page news. Being one of the 12 state witnesses who actually sits in a room on the other side of the window and watches someone being executed is riveting. I have never forgotten it.

**What is your fondest memory from your time at Lynn?**

It was actually this year, when I sort of arm-twisted a group of my students in my mass media class to go out and work delivering the *Homeless Voice*. I picked the students up after a morning of hanging out with homeless people and trying to sell newspapers to people driving by in their cars. The students were so stunned that people would roll up

their windows when they approached them. Seeing what that failure felt like—these students had never experienced something like that. The fact that I reached that part of their brain for a few hours really made me feel good to be a teacher.

**What do you feel was the most successful project you have assigned, and what do you hope students learned from it?**

I had my students sing karaoke in my public speaking class, and if that wasn't the most successful, it was definitely the loudest. I hope they gained confidence, because if you think people are petrified about speaking in public, you can't imagine the fear generated by being forced to sing in public.

**What do you do in your spare time? What are your interests and hobbies?**

I try to stay healthy by playing a little bit of tennis, and I do a lot of spinning at the gym.

**What is your favorite movie?**

Probably "Annie Hall" by Woody Allen. I'm a fan of his; I have been called an "Italian Woody Allen."

—Laura Vann

*Laura Vann is a junior at Lynn University majoring in journalism and mass communication with a specialization in advertising and public relations. Nick Ravo was the first professor Vann met at Lynn, and she has since taken a number of his classes, including Public Relations and Introduction to Journalism. "I enjoy Nick's classes because he is blunt," she says. "He will tell you the truth regardless of the situation, and he teaches the real-world information I will need in the future. His classes are never 'just read the book and take the test'; he puts a lot of thought into his lesson plans."*



# Who's Lynn?



**Cis and Hagood Ellison's** love affair with Lynn began four years ago. As they and their son, Adger, awaited the start of a campus tour at the admissions office, a gentleman walking through the lobby introduced himself, welcomed them, and asked Adger what degree he thought he'd like to pursue. That gentleman was Lynn President Donald E. Ross, who gave Adger his business card and invited him to stop by his office anytime if he decided to attend Lynn. The astonished Ellisons knew immediately that if the university's president showed that kind of caring attitude, they had found the right college environment for their son.

They were right. Adger graduated in May 2006, and Cis and Hagood say he received the same level of personal attention from every faculty and staff member he encountered at Lynn. The Ellisons' enthusiasm was so strong that they agreed to chair Lynn University's Parents Association Executive Committee. Despite their active business and community involvement in their home city of Columbia, S.C., and beyond, they made time to host Lynn parent events around the country and to support Lynn's mission of providing innovative, international, individualized higher education.

Dedicated. Committed. Taking time to care. That's Hagood and Cis Ellison, and that is Lynn University.



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## Tarnows host reception in Naples, Fla.

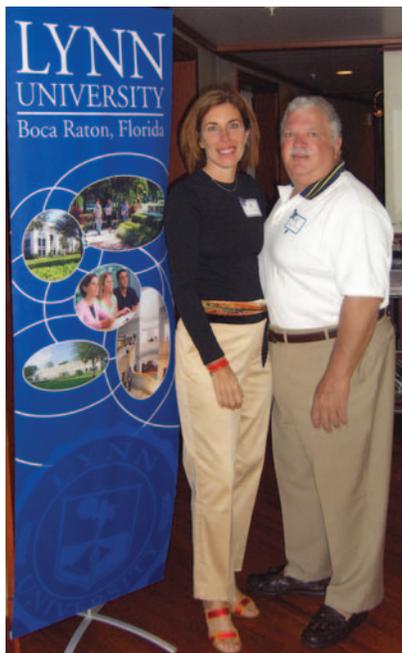
On Feb. 16, Barbara and Herman Tarnow, parents of Lynn University senior Mackenzie Tarnow, hosted a cocktail reception at beautiful La Playa Beach and Golf Club in Naples, Fla.

The event started with a magnificent sunset, delicious cocktails and exquisite food, but the highlight of the evening was the lively conversation among alumni, parents and friends.

Our Gulf Coast family had the opportunity to hear Lynn's Kevin M. Ross give an overview of Lynn 2020, the strategic plan that will guide the university for the next 15 years.

Lynn's Greg Malfitano, '75, Anthony Casale, and Gareth Fowles, '99, '01, met with alumni from throughout the years, such as Donald Partrick, College of Boca

Raton Class of 1974, and Mike Ryan, Lynn University Class of 2000.



Lynn parents Barbara and Herman Tarnow

## Aviation Parents Club takes off

Parents of Lynn aviation students now have their own organization to network and stay connected with Lynn—the Aviation Parents Club. Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics Dean Jeff Johnson, his staff and the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations are modeling the club after the successful parent organizations of the Air Force Academy and other U.S. universities.

As members of the club, parents of aviation students will benefit by having an exclusive forum to:

- Engage in dialogue with other aviation parents
- Get to know and network with other aviation parents in their area

- Receive updates regarding the aviation program
- Share ideas for activities and events such as picnics and dinners
- Plan and hold regional meetings.

For more information about the Aviation Parents Club and to sign up, visit [www.lynnparents.com](http://www.lynnparents.com) or contact Lynette Johnson, Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics, at 561-237-7331, or Susana Fernández, director of alumni and parent relations, at 561-237-7433.



# Parents and Families

Plan to attend this weekend at Lynn just for you and your student on Oct. 20-22, 2006.

Catch up with your student and spend a relaxing weekend together at Lynn University. For details and reservation information, look for a mailing about this event in the coming weeks and check our Web site at [www.lynn.edu/parents](http://www.lynn.edu/parents).

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The Mooney family, from left: Gayle, Amanda and Steve. Amanda is a 2005 Lynn graduate.

## Galena Foundation establishes scholarship for Native-American students

The Galena Foundation has committed \$140,000 to Lynn University to endow a scholarship for Native-American students.

The foundation, based in Englewood, Colo., was established by Gayle and Steve Mooney. Their daughter, Amanda, graduated from Lynn in May 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in art. Both Amanda and Gayle Mooney were born in Fairbanks, Alaska, and are members of the Doyon native tribe.

“The Galena Foundation looks for opportunities where we can make a difference, primarily in education,” explains Steve Mooney. “We were happy with Amanda’s experience at Lynn and thought by establishing this scholarship, someone else could

have a similar experience there.”

Amanda, who has dyslexia, chose Lynn University because of the programs offered through the Institute for Achievement and Learning. She excelled in her studies at Lynn and interned one summer in the office of U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell. She also is accomplished in showing Arabian horses and has won awards in national competitions. She plans to pursue an advanced degree in interior design.

“We are grateful to the Mooneys and the Galena Foundation for creating this scholarship,” says Lynn President Kevin M. Ross. “Their generosity will enable future generations of Native-American students to obtain a quality education at Lynn.”

## Successful alumnus gives back to Lynn

Robert Guarini, '94, is one of a growing number of young alumni who are stepping forward to support Lynn. What's more, he is encouraging other alumni to do so with a new challenge gift. He'll match the first \$2,500 in alumni contributions for a total gift of \$5,000.

This latest gift is in addition to \$20,000 Guarini pledged to the College of Hospitality Management,



Robert Guarini

the Alumni Association, alumni and parents weekends, and the annual Frank A. Robino Golf Classic that raises scholarship funds for

Lynn athletics. He also is an avid supporter of the Alumni Association Book Scholarship Fund.

A graduate of Lynn's liberal arts program, Guarini owns and operates seven Hampton Inns and one Hilton Garden Inn in the South Florida area, and is a member of the Alumni Association board of directors.

“As I experience success, I feel an obligation to give back to the university that provided me with a quality education, great memories and lifelong friends,” he says. “It's a great feeling to share my time and efforts to support Lynn. I highly recommend it.”



## Boice creates endowment for study abroad

Yvonne Boice, chair of the board of overseers, has given the university \$100,000 to establish an endowed scholarship that will help fund study abroad programs for students in the College of Business and Management. Boice is the owner of Fugazy International Travel and the Shoppes at Village Pointe in Boca Raton.

"This truly is an exciting time for Lynn University," says President Kevin M. Ross. "Yvonne is a long-time friend of ours and has once again given Lynn a very generous gift, which reflects an extraordinary commitment toward our vision to be recognized as one the most innovative, international and individualized small universities in America."

The Academic International Travel Endowment will have a direct impact on students in the College of Business and Management who, like all other students at Lynn, are required to fulfill four credit hours pertaining to academic study abroad. The endowment will allow students to apply for assistance to help finance their travel.

"I am delighted to contribute to

students' needs so they can encounter the many cultural experiences that traveling the world offers," says Boice. "Having journeyed to 115 countries and all the continents, I know how valuable travel is to one's educational process."

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**Yvonne Boice**

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Study abroad opportunities range from faculty-led study tours to spending a semester or a year abroad at Lynn's sister school in Ireland, American College Dublin. Additionally, all Lynn freshmen go on Academic Adventure, a five-day academic tour to the Caribbean. This year's class will travel on the Semester at Sea ship to Mexico.

Lynn was one of the first univer-

sities in the nation to make study abroad part of the required curriculum. The university's international education initiative has been recognized worldwide. The Institute for International Education, for example, ranked Lynn No. 1 in the number of students taking part in study abroad programs in its 2004 "Report on International Education Exchange."

In addition, a 2004 report by NAFSA: Association of International Educators lists Lynn as one of only 13 U.S. colleges and universities providing an exemplary international education.

Boice's gift to the College of Business and Management is not her first to Lynn. A previous \$100,000 donation in 2004 went to establish scholarships for students in the Lynn University Conservatory of Music.

Boice, a successful businesswoman and benefactor of numerous nonprofit organizations, has been an active supporter of Lynn, serving as ball chair in 2003. She is a life member of The Excalibur Society of Lynn University and served on its board of directors as scholarship chair.



(Left) Conservatory on Parade attracted 1,500 Boca West residents and guests.

(Below) President Kevin M. Ross accepts Boca West's generous contribution from Dorothy Bucksbaum, Jay DiPietro and Arthur Adler.



## Boca West concert benefits Conservatory of Music

The Lynn University Conservatory of Music Philharmonia Orchestra presented its second annual Conservatory on Parade before an audience of 1,500 residents and their guests at Boca West on April 4.

The event has gained quite a following, attracting more than double the 650 residents and guests who

attended the previous year.

The audience enjoyed dinner and a concert under the stars. Under the baton of Maestro Albert-George Schram, the philharmonia performed timeless favorites that included Big Band, Broadway, movie and patriotic selections. All proceeds benefited the Conservatory of Music.

Event chairs were Dorothy Bucksbaum, Boca West Board of Governors chair, and Arthur Adler, Boca West Country Club member. Assisting them were committee members Dan Freed, Robert Artley, Christina Guilianti and Jay DiPietro, Boca West Country Club president and general manager.

## Gifts to new endowed fund keep teaching strong at Lynn

All of us can remember at least one teacher who made a difference in our lives. At Lynn University, where outstanding teaching is a hallmark, our dedicated professors have positively impacted the lives of thousands of individuals.

Recognizing that exceptional teaching must be nurtured, Lynn University has created the Fund for Faculty Enhancement. This permanent endowment primarily will support faculty salaries, helping Lynn attract and retain excellent profes-

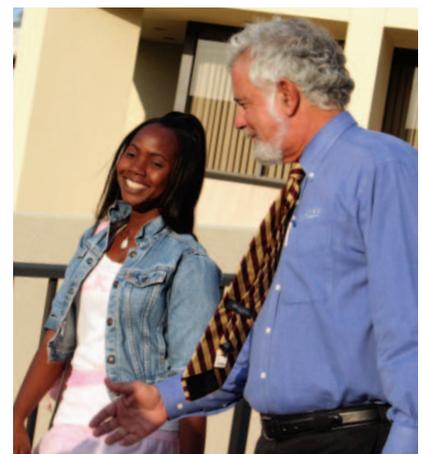
sors. The fund also will support the faculty in other important ways, such as providing international study grants, instructional training and additional professional development opportunities.

To date, more than \$100,000 has been committed to the fund.

"We are deeply grateful to our alumni and friends who have generously supported this endowed fund," says Gregory J. Malfitano, '75, senior vice president for administration and interim vice president for develop-

ment at Lynn. "Their gifts will go a long way toward ensuring teaching excellence at Lynn."

For more information or to support the fund, please contact Larry Cowan at 561-237-7269.



## Graduation Golf Classic is 'fore' a good cause — Lynn athletics

Graduating from college is one of life's biggest celebrations. Lynn's Graduation Golf Classic, held just before undergraduate commencement, gives alumni, friends, faculty and staff the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of fun together prior to this milestone. And, importantly, all proceeds help support the Blue & White Club, which provides scholarships for student-athletes along with funds for equipment for each of Lynn's 11 sports.

Held on May 12, the classic welcomed 96 golfers, who raised more than \$8,600 for the athletics program. Of that total, \$500 was raised by Lynn's new Sports Management Club, through a putting contest.

Earning first-place team honors at the Boca Country Club event was the foursome of John Benson, Michael Zuckerberg, Mark Myersfield and T. Paton. Gareth Fowles and Chris Childers won closest-to-the-pin for the men's and women's

divisions, respectively, while Jon Benson and Ashley Nelson led their divisions in the longest drive.

Doubletree Guest Suites was the presenting sponsor of the event. Additional sponsors were Fifth Third Bank, Antol Restoration, the family of graduating senior C.J. Magale, and Academy Trophies. Chairs were Julie Chadwick and Greg Manning.

This was the event's fourth year.



**Game for golf:** (left photo, from left) R.G. Hackett, Bob Hackett, and Kurt Sjostedt

(bottom photo, from left) Charles, Pam, C.J. and Jamie Magale



## Now we're cooking: grads and alumnus fund improved grilling areas

Thanks to the generosity of the Class of 2006 and alumnus Christian Arakelian, '95, Lynn students will have improved recreation areas on campus outfitted with barbecue grills for their own cookouts.

2006 marks the third year that Arakelian of Troy, N.Y., has contributed to the class gift. Combined with his commitment of \$3,000, the class has raised nearly \$5,700 as this issue of *Lynn*

*Magazine* went to press. Soon-to-be graduates contributed \$20.06—the amount corresponding to their class year—or more to the cause. Each member of the class who made a donation received a Lynn University checkbook cover sporting the Fighting Knight.

"We polled graduating students using the university's portal, MyLynn, and their top choice for a class gift was the recreation area and grills," says

Mariana Acevedo, '06, a leader in the Class Gift project.

The Class Gift is a young but strong tradition at Lynn. Previous gifts have provided for the pedestal clock and remodeled courtyards on campus.

Class of '06 poll results for the class gift

Here's how you voted...	
Which of the following would you like to "give back" to Lynn University as the 2006 Graduating Class Gift?	
Water fountain	20%
Sundial	6%
Bench	2%
Bleacher seats	8%
Pool table	2%
Patio tables	2%
Recreation area with grills	38%
Additional room to Knights Court in the student center	22%



# A conversation

with Lynn's new president

K E V I N R O S S

**A “people-person” who views Lynn’s people as its greatest asset, new president Kevin M. Ross is eager to guide Lynn into the next exciting phase of its development.**

*By Liz McKey*

A new era began at Lynn University on July 1, as Kevin McAndrew Ross took office as Lynn University’s fifth president. He succeeds Donald E. Ross, his father and Lynn’s president and CEO who retired on June 30, after serving the university for 35 years.

Kevin Ross grew up on Lynn’s campus, actually living in an apartment in Trinity Hall during his infancy and at his parents’ sides as they worked to save what was Marymount College, a struggling, two-year women’s college. While Kevin Ross was still a young child, the college changed its name to the College of Boca Raton, and later, in 1991, to Lynn University.

President Kevin Ross’ career in education is extensive and multifaceted (see career highlights in sidebar on page 19). Most recently as Lynn’s chief operating officer, he initiated and oversaw completion of Lynn’s

long-range strategic plan, “Lynn 2020” ([www.lynn.edu/2020](http://www.lynn.edu/2020)), with the aid of George Keller, noted higher education strategic planning expert.

Keller notes, “Kevin’s mind is keen and quick. He is open to new approaches, yet before he embraces them, he has thoroughly assessed all the implications. He also is blessed with three essential characteristics of a modern college president: he’s energetic, financially astute and has a good sense of humor.”

Said Lynn University Board of Trustees Chair Christine E. Lynn in announcing his appointment, “Kevin Ross represents an exciting new breed of entrepreneur who promises visionary leadership for the future of higher education.”

Shortly after taking office, President Ross shared his thoughts with *Lynn Magazine*.



**Q: Not many university presidents can say they actually grew up on their campus. You did. What was that experience like?**

**A:** I was quite young, but I do remember the strong sense of community here, being surrounded by really fine people, the spirit of the college and our communal meals. My cousins and I rode our Big Wheels on the third floor of Trinity.

It was a very comfortable feeling. Even now there's a sense of being in your own neighborhood on campus. I've spent more time here on this campus than anywhere else in my life.

**Q: You can probably draw some parallels between your own growing up and that of the university. Particularly during the past seven years, when you've held leadership positions here, how have you seen Lynn change and develop?**

**A:** The university's character and complexity have changed for the better. We believe in the potential in people, and we've responded to the needs of individuals and our community. Our academic programs, for example, have grown. Our Conservatory of Music, which we added in 1999, is one of the nation's finest conservatories of music within a university environment and a cultural gem in this region. Our Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication has flourished, with state-of-the-art broadcast journalism curriculum, studios and equipment. Our study tours, including Academic Adventure at sea and the Adirondack Experience, are among the most innovative in higher education. Our alumni and parents network is thriving and extends worldwide. And our financial strength is increasing—thanks to our many generous friends.

Our development now is happening so rapidly. With more established institutions, you usually read about their founding long ago, but here,

our history is being written today. Our lore is being written now.

In the midst of our growing, bustling community, our campus has emerged as an oasis. The other evening I experienced one of those "perfect Lynn moments." I had parked my car in the northwest lot as sort of an experiment to check on the availability of parking in the evening. When I left the Schmidt building that evening, I walked westward back through the campus.



Graham and dad Kevin Ross after graduation ceremonies from Vanderbilt

Between the Green Center and Christine's, I could hear the beautiful sounds of our conservatory students practicing. As I passed by the Assaf building, I could see students and professors talking in the courtyard between classes. Then, coming past the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center, I heard the hum of a plane overhead, looked up into the gorgeous evening sky and saw that the plane was one of ours. Beautiful moment.

That strong sense of place is critical on a college campus. In our future plans, we'll build on this oasis-like quality. In our master plan, we have a layout that has a strong pedestrian feel, planned to allow people to "rub shoulders" as they move about the campus and featuring many special places for both large and small groups to gather.

**Q: How have the three institutions you attended influenced your role as an educator?**

**A:** Colgate University, my undergraduate institution, is known for its liberal arts program and exceptional teaching. St. John's College, where I earned my Master of Arts in Liberal Arts, has a truly distinctive curriculum based on the Great Books. Vanderbilt, where I obtained my doctorate from the Peabody College of Education, is professionally oriented. Currently at Lynn we offer a liberal arts core and professional study programs, but we're working on bringing true distinctiveness to the Lynn experience, through interdisciplinary education, study abroad and enhancements to the core curriculum.

**Q: You obtained your doctorate from the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University while fulfilling important jobs here at Lynn. What was that experience like, and what role did your family play during this busy time?**

**A:** Earning my doctorate took six years, and I think my wife, Kristen, bore the burden. During that time we had two children, Ainsley and Graham. I was gone a lot of weekends, and when I was home on the weekends, much of the time I was writing. Mondays through Fridays were consumed with work. Many nights I stayed after hours, doing my research and writing. I also missed holidays and vacations. It was hard, but you do what you need to do. You make it happen.

**Family time:** Kevin, Graham, Ainsley and Kristen Ross



I dedicated my dissertation to Kristen. Ainsley knows the word “dissertation” very well. She said to me just last night, “Daddy, I’m so proud of you that you’ve finished your dissertation.” I came home from Nashville after my defense, and there was this big sign on the house that read, “Congratulations, Dr. Daddy!” that Ainsley and Graham helped make. That same night Ainsley said, “I can’t wait to see you wear that silly hat”—her description of my doctoral tam.

The experience of working at Lynn and studying at Vanderbilt was somewhat complementary and began a fine relationship between the institutions. It provided me a network of resources that came to bear at Lynn, from people, to products and services that otherwise I wouldn’t have had access to.... It’s sort of like a busman’s holiday where you’re able to look around a little bit and see how another organization is functioning, particularly at a place like Vanderbilt

that’s been around so long. Peabody, Vanderbilt’s college of education, is about the size of Lynn. It’s been interesting to be able to observe that up close and to be able to use Lynn as a backdrop for a lot of projects.

**Q:** *As chief operating officer, one of your major priorities was supervising the development of Lynn 2020, the university’s strategic plan. Why was this initiative so important at this time?*

**A:** At this pivotal point in our organizational lifecycle, I and the leadership team recognized that this was the time to marshal all of our forces, to come together and decide how we’re going to move forward, how we’re going to differentiate ourselves from the other colleges and universities out there. How are we going to get there? How long will it take? Who’s responsible for it? We knew we needed a series of actionable steps that would get us there. Because we care deeply about the place, we wanted to bring in the best in the field to

help facilitate our plan. That’s why we sought out George Keller, an acclaimed innovator in strategic planning.

Even before Dr. Keller arrived, one of the chairs of our SACS review had told my father in his final analysis that Lynn is on the verge of greatness. Keller called it a “tipping point.” We’re off and running to become even more special than we already are. You see that with so many of our programs—their quality, whether it’s athletics or a college or school, or just the nature of the people who work here and the students who come here. I like that we’re constantly striving to get better. Continual improvement. Continual assessment and being honest with ourselves. This was the right time.

Sometimes transitions can be one of those right times. You’re finishing one chapter and beginning another. There’s that timing in between the two when you can set yourself up for great continuity. It reminds me of a

Kevin Ross with, clockwise:

Parent Luis Asilis Sr. and son Luis Jr. at the President's Coffee during Lynn Weekend

The Lynn community at the launch of the strategic plan

Board of trustees chair Christine E. Lynn and parents Helen and Donald E. Ross just prior to commencement on May 13.



**“The future of Lynn University is very bright, and our trajectory is at a lightning pace. Lynn is on the move very, very quickly.”**

quote by Ebenezer Dodge, president of Colgate University—one of my alma maters, in an address to the Class of 1870: “An institution should never break with its history, for to that it owes the inspiration necessary for discharging its present obligations.”

**Q: What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing our university, and how do you see us meeting that challenge?**

**A:** As an institution, one of our major challenges is our newness. From a fundraising standpoint, we

do not have a long, rich, storied history of philanthropy. A big challenge before us is, How do we move forward in an era of rising costs, rising tuitions and the inability of consumers to pay for the goods and services without being saddled in debt—and that’s not something we want to teach our students. So, we’re seriously exploring how we as an institution can help ourselves while helping our students. That means strategic deployment of resources based on the goals. That means reaching out to our different constituents to be

sure that we’re truly listening to what their hopes, wishes and desires are, while being realistic about how we can, or in some cases cannot, meet those.

We’re moving away from singular champions. This is not a sustainable model over the long haul. To do the things we need to do, everyone has a role. I would prefer for a lot of people to come together to accomplish our goals than for just one person to do so, because that shows buy-in. That shows conviction and commitment to our cause.

**Q: What do you see as one of our greatest strengths?**

**A:** Our people, definitely. The people here are unbelievably dedicated to this place. We talk about the “Lynn family” all the time. We take care of one another. That’s just what people who care about what they’re doing and care about one another do. Also, Lynn is collegial. People who visit us from other institutions remark on this all the time.

**Q: Strong teaching is one of our hallmarks. What do you think makes for strong teaching?**

**A:** Formal and informal engagement, inside and outside the classroom, and personal attention—another hallmark of ours. We did some focus groups, and the students said, “You can’t really hide at Lynn. They know who you are, and they care about you.” Oftentimes students have their faculty members’ cell phone or home numbers. And we communicate frequently with parents because we have a partnership with them in their students’ success and well-being.

**Q: You’ve had excellent mentors in your father, former President Donald Ross, and your mother, Helen, founder of Pine Tree Camps—both of whom served Lynn for 35 years. Any advice that you’ve taken to heart?**

**A:** My father is remarkable in a lot of ways—and my mother, too. They have this faith, not only in themselves, but in people. They’re innovators. They make things happen. I’m a bit more pragmatic. I’m more of an early adopter. I’m going to look, assess and then move forward, which is appropriate as we move into the next phase of development here at Lynn.

Having been in the chief operating officer’s role now, it’s almost unfathomable to me how my father has done what he has over the last 35 years. I asked him on one particularly challenging day, “How have you accomplished all this, with the average college president’s tenure being five to seven years?” He said, “It’s actually like having been the president of three different institutions: Marymount, College of Boca Raton and now Lynn University.” I view my role as leading the next phase of Lynn University—“Version 4.0” of this place.

**Q: Like Dr. Donald Ross, you’ve become president of our university at a relatively young age, 33. What do you view as the advantages that your youth brings to your role as president?**

**A:** Like my father, I stepped into this role when my own college experience was fresh in my mind. I think I can identify with and respond to our students’ concerns. At the same time, I listen closely to input from individuals with more experience. I’m at the age where my children are young, and I place a high value on spending time with my family. I think this helps me keep the job in perspective.

**Q: What message would you like to convey to alumni? What role can they play in our future?**

**A:** We’ve had some great success in connecting with alumni across the nation and around the world with a relatively new alumni relations program. We’d like to further engage them in the life of their university. They are still part of the Lynn family. We want them to come back for “family reunions” and celebrate new and old family traditions.

We’re working every day on significantly increasing the value of our graduates’ degrees. We’re never going to stop doing that. That was an investment they made in their education here. Contrary to what some people may think—that when they leave a university, their investment is over—our graduates’ investment in Lynn is compounding interest every day and will for the rest of their lives.

The future of Lynn University is very bright, and our trajectory is at a lightning pace. Lynn is on the move very, very quickly. We’d love for our alumni to be a part of Lynn’s future and to come along with us for this ride.

## About Kevin Ross

### Education

- Doctor of Education, Vanderbilt University, Peabody College of Education, 2006. Dissertation: “Bridging the Gap: A Multi-Case Study of the Adoption and Implementation of Instructional Technology in Higher Education”
- Master of Arts in Liberal Arts, St. John’s College, 1997
- Bachelor of Arts in English, Colgate University, 1994

### Career Highlights

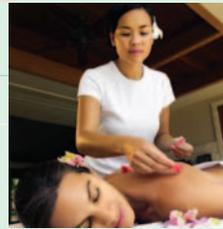
- Lynn University: President, 2006; chief operating officer, 2004-2006; vice president for institutional advancement, 2003-2004; director of development, 2001-2003; director of special projects, 2000-2001; associate dean, Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication, 1999-2000
- Wilmington College: assistant to the president, 1998-1999
- Avon Old Farms School (Avon, Conn.): associate director of admissions, 1997
- The Hill School (Pottstown, Pa.): admission officer, 1994-1996

### Community Involvement

- Boca Raton Educational Television, Founding Board
- Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition, Board of Directors
- Pope John Paul II High School, Advisory Board
- Lynn University Board of Trustees

### Personal

Married seven years to Kristen Carr Ross, former vice president and current member of the Junior League of Boca Raton, as well as the owner of a clothing business; two children: Ainsley, 4-1/2, and Graham, 2-1/2



# Hospitality's Wave of the Future

From spas to timeshares to luxury hotels, hospitality is a “natural” for Lynn University.

*By Debbie Stern*

There's a gold mine of hospitality management opportunities emerging globally—and Lynn University is ready for some serious prospecting.

The “prospecting charge” is being led by Mike Hampton, dean of hospitality management, who came to Lynn last year to help make that a reality. He's been a hospitality “practitioner” his entire professional life and came to Lynn because he liked the entrepreneurial direction in which then-Chief Operating Officer

(now President) Kevin M. Ross is taking the university. Hampton's enthusiasm for this “new direction” is infectious. “It feels like a clean slate,” he says.

Plans for the hospitality program are in direct response to Lynn's long-range strategic plan, Lynn 2020, to be recognized as one of the most innovative, international and individualized small universities in America.

“The goal to make the college unique—to make it stand out—intrigued me,” says Hampton.



## THE PERSONAL TOUCH

As Lynn sets out to distinguish itself in its program and to address the changing complexion of the hospitality industry, Hampton is preparing to respond to President Ross' call for change. What won't change, however, is the university's signature style of learning, its high faculty-to-student ratio, and its one-on-one mentoring by faculty.

Lynn's College of Hospitality Management always has strived to blend academic and career preparation and to equip graduates to meet the needs of the hospitality industry in a 21st century global society. Hospitality is a practitioner's program to prepare students to go straight into the industry. "Our real goal is preparing people to go to work," says Hampton.

Both students and alumni sing praises for the school's personalized

approach and the preparation they were given for entering the "real world."

Lina Beltrán came to the United States four years ago from Colombia. After earning her degree in international business, she secured a job at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. That is when she knew that she wanted to go into the hospitality industry. Soon, she was faced with a choice—Florida International University (FIU) or Lynn.

"I chose Lynn because it had everything I was looking for and a completely different way of teaching," Beltrán says. "They really care about students here. At FIU, I'd just be a number. I love the personalized feeling here."

This year, Beltrán found herself back at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, this time in a for-credit internship. At Lynn's Career Expo this spring, she landed another internship at the Four Seasons Hotel in Palm

Beach. "I'm training in every department," she says. "I love it." Beltrán also landed a scholarship from the Palm Beach County Hotel and Lodging Association. Beltrán graduates from Lynn in May 2007 and says she knows she will be well prepared for her field. "Lynn has given me the skills and knowledge I need to go into the industry and be a successful manager."

## ROOM AT THE INN

Bryan Bourgeois is the personification of a successful manager. Since graduating from Lynn in 1991, he has worked his way up the hospitality ladder to his current plum position as director of rooms at the Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay in Hawaii. He remembers his first internship experience as a cook in an employee cafeteria. "To get your feet wet, you have to start at the bottom," he says.

As a young boy, Bourgeois traveled the world with his family—middle school in Brussels, high school in Tokyo. His father was an executive with Exxon and relocated often. The traveling gave him a taste for the hotel industry. “I was fascinated with different cultures and lifestyles,” he says.

“Lynn reinforced the direction I wanted to go in,” he adds. And he appreciated the class size, the availability and one-on-one attention from professors. “They really showed they cared and took the time to give honest advice.”

Bourgeois obviously is doing well and is exactly where he wants to be, but it takes a lot of hours and dedi-

cation, he says. “The money is great, but you have to have passion and love for the industry.”

## FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

José Duarte knows all about passion and dedication. He graduated from Lynn in 1995 and returned to earn his master’s degree in 1998. Originally from Peru, he has been the owner of Taranta, one of the top restaurants in Boston’s historic North End, since 2000. Like Bourgeois, he knew early on where his career path would take him.

“My grandfather loved to cook,” he says. “Going to the market was my favorite part of the day. I always had a passion for food and hospitality.”

Though originally slated to attend Boston University after moving to the United States, the weather caused Duarte to change his mind. He came to Lynn where he says he received a “solid background” in hospitality and had the opportunity to put theories into place. He even admits that, occasionally, he goes back to his Lynn textbooks for reference. His

classes in leadership, customer service and employee training served him well, and he honed his skills through in-ternships at Lynn, which included involving him in catering and offsite events.

He remembers his first experience with a wok at the opening of the Morikami Museum in Delray Beach. “I got so excited learning how to use it, rice started shooting all over the place,” he says. “It was like a new toy for me.”

## A ‘BRAND’ NEW DAY

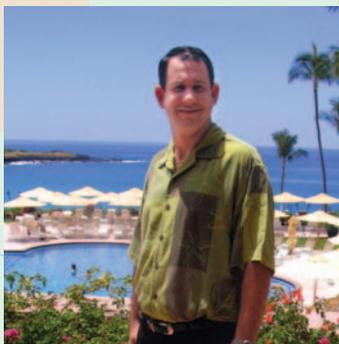
When Lynn alumnus Neil Flavin graduated in 1979, Lynn was called the College of Boca Raton, there were approximately 500 students, and there was no college of hospitality management. He majored in business and wanted to go into sales. “But I’ll always remember Dr. [Donald] Ross telling my parents that I should be in the hotel business and that I would do well,” he recalls. “I have no idea why he said that, but coincidentally, it worked out.”

He says that he “stumbled” into the industry after applying for a security job at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. That job wasn’t available, so human resources personnel put him in the reservations office and subsequently, at the front desk. “That’s where I got my exposure to the industry,” he says. “And once I got into it, it was in my blood.”

Flavin has since worked for many



Bryan Bourgeois, '91 (below), director of rooms at the Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay in Hawaii (above)



“Lynn reinforced the direction I wanted to go in. They really showed me they cared and took the time to give honest advice.”



different hotels including the Ritz Carlton, Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale, and the Sheraton River House in 1985 with Dean Mike Hampton.

He's extremely excited and enthusiastic about his month-old position as vice president of operations for the Southern Region for Hyatt Place, where he is "birthing a new brand of hotel." These smaller hotels are specially designed for the corporate client and incorporate the latest technological advances such as gallery hosts with PDAs instead of front desk check-in and touch-screen menus in the restaurant.

## 'NICHIFY': NEW SPECIALIZATIONS

As Lynn prepares to birth a new brand of hospitality management, the next generation of students will have the opportunity to be part of Lynn's upcoming dynamic new specializations, and still enjoy all the dis-

◀ Spas, including medical spas, are growing at the rate of nearly 30 percent each year. "Spa management is at the top of the list for visibility for this university," says Dean Mike Hampton.

tinctive qualities of Lynn's small classes and personalized approach.

Currently, there are 266 students in hospitality management and the plan is not necessarily to grow in size, but rather to continue to improve the quality of the program.

Beginning with the 2007 fall semester, Lynn will offer a Bachelor of Science degree in hospitality management with five specializations—luxury resort and hotel management; vacation ownership/timeshare management; club management; spa management and sports and recreation management.

The specializations were chosen after extensive research that revealed a number of important industry trends, including a boom in the luxury hotel, specialty and international club management, and sports management businesses.

In addition, Hampton's research found that one of the fastest-growing

fields in hospitality is timeshare and vacation ownership. Only two other institutions—the University of Central Florida in Orlando and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas—offer programs for students interested in that field.

Finally, the College of Hospitality Management's new specialization in spa management stems from tremendous growth in that industry as well: Spas, including medical spas, are growing at the rate of nearly 30 percent each year. "Spa management is at the top of the list for visibility for this university," says Hampton.

## DOWN THE ROAD

Hampton also anticipates revitalizing the master's programs in hospitality management and sports management and, eventually introducing a doctoral program in hospitality management. He also hopes to establish a Center for Hospitality that will serve as the "go to" place in the industry, providing an information clearinghouse, a journal to serve the industry, outreach and certificate programs, as well as academic and professional non-degree programs.

After doing an analysis of the top 20 hospitality programs worldwide, Hampton concludes, "While many colleges offer hospitality management programs and degrees, no other school will offer the range of programs planned for Lynn. We wanted to find a way to put Lynn University on the map."

Hospitality management senior Lina Beltrán is gaining a wealth of experience through her internship at the Four Seasons Hotel in Palm Beach.



# Triumph



For the first time, Lynn's undergraduate and graduate students celebrated the completion of their degrees at their own ceremonies on May 10 and 13. What better way, too, for retiring President and CEO Donald E. Ross and First Lady Helen L. Ross to mark the conclusion of their 35 years at Lynn.

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*By Liz McKey*

Lynn University's 2006 commencement was too momentous for just one day. Instead, the "big day" extended for two—May 10 and 13, with undergraduate and graduate students having their own days to celebrate their accomplishments. And lending even more significance to the ceremonies, they were the last presided over by retiring President and CEO Donald E. Ross, who led Lynn for a remarkable 35 years.

Lynn's historic first graduate commencement ceremony began at 6:30 p.m. on May 10, as Chief Marshal and Associate Professor of Education Virginia Salus led the procession into the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center. Darren

Carter, a candidate for the Master of Business Administration, spoke on behalf of his graduating class. A native of South Africa who finished both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Lynn with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, Carter was a soccer star, a resident assistant and a student leader who discovered that he had a gift for tutoring students with learning differences. In his speech, he thanked his family and the Lynn faculty and staff who contributed to his success. Borrowing from the title of Lynn's recent fashion show, "An Explosion of Color," Carter credited Lynn's diversity as an added bonus to his education. "I like to think of my university as a rain-

bow university," he said. "Lynn University is a tapestry of diversity and cultures. We should all feel very fortunate to be woven into its design." He concluded by urging his fellow graduates to "go out there and be 'an explosion of color'—be yourself and embrace your true colors."

Irving R. Levine, dean emeritus of the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication, delivered the commencement address, which he titled "A Reality Fix for the Class of '06." Levine, one of the most renowned and respected journalists in broadcasting, shared his wisdom on pursuing happiness and success, taking gambles, maintaining a healthy

degree of skepticism and staying informed—particularly on China. “Many countries deserve your attention, but China tops the list,” he said. “Your lives and that of your children will be influenced for better or worse by this nation.”

Following the address, President and Mrs. Ross presented the Distinguished Alumna Award to Joanne Donnelly Archer, '66, a graduate of Marymount College. Since graduation, Archer has been a teacher, a successful businesswoman and a leader in her community in Ridgewood, N.J. Special awards also were presented to two outstanding graduates (see the outstanding graduates sidebar on page 26). In total, the university awarded 191 doctoral and master's degrees.

## 420 Degrees of Happiness

The long-anticipated moment for Lynn's 420 undergraduate degree candidates arrived at 10 a.m. on May 13, as they filed in to the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center. Melanie Haraldson, 22, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and a candidate for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, gave the student address. Haraldson was a four-year soccer player for Lynn and team co-captain in 2005 and achieved a GPA of 3.8 out of 4.0. She spoke of her class' many shared experiences. “I'll always remember Academic Adventure,” she said. “Our class was the first that got to experience it.” After thanking Dr. and Mrs. Ross, her professors and family members, she urged her classmates to “follow that inner voice, because in the end, some boy or girl or important cause is waiting for you.... Be a hero for someone or something in life.”

Lawyer, professor, writer and actor Ben Stein delivered the commencement address. Stein's part as the boring teacher in “Ferris Bueller's Day Off” was recently ranked as one

of the 50 most famous scenes in American film. Since July 1997, he has been the host of the Emmy-winning Comedy Central quiz show “Win Ben Stein's Money.” In a talk punctuated with his trademark humor, Stein dispensed his advice in two parts, “How to Ruin Your Life”—drawn from his recent, best-selling self-help book of the same title—and “Rules for Making Life Work Well.” Among items he included in the first category were “Don't learn any useful skills” and “Convince yourself that you are the center of the universe; God went on vacation and left you in charge.” Among his recommendations in his latter list were working hard, having integrity, showing gratitude, setting goals and shunning perfectionism. “Each one of us has a committee that meets at 4 a.m. and tells you that you're a loser or a failure. Don't listen.”

He also told the graduates, “Being kind is better than being smart,” adding, “The single best

thing I did in life was be a good son to my parents.”

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were presented to Italian hotelier Roberto Wirth and South Florida philanthropist Ruth Coleman. Wirth is president and general manager of the Hotel Hassler in Rome and founder of the International Wine Academy of Italy, which serves as a cultural and academic resource for hoteliers, restaurateurs and wine aficionados from around the world. Born hearing-impaired, Wirth has been active in organizations serving the needs of the deaf. He attended the Hotel School Maggia in Italy and Gallaudet University, received a bachelor's degree from the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University and completed his Master of Business Administration at the University of Hawaii.

Coleman, who lives in Boca Raton, is a longtime benefactor and friend of Lynn University. Along with her late husband, Baron,



### Smiles all around (clockwise):

Master's graduates, from left, Joel Vanderhorst, Maria Palacios, Enda Bucke Yavuz, Vanessa Aron and Satu Oksanen

A family photo after the graduate ceremony

MBA graduate Nicola Givans-James with her many tokens of achievement



Below: M.Ed. graduate Joe Asen and daughter Autumn; Boca Raton Award recipients Mary and Harold Perper (center) with Mayor Steven Abrams and President Donald E. Ross



Master's and doctoral degree recipients bask in the commencement afterglow with family and friends.

Coleman also has supported many nonprofit organizations, among them the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Habitat for Humanity, Caldwell Theater and Kids in Distress. Quietly and without fanfare, Coleman has provided significant financial assistance to some 25 individual local families.

President Ross and Boca Raton Mayor Steven Abrams then presented the Boca Raton Award to Harold and Mary Perper, a couple whose names are synonymous with “giving”

in South Florida, especially at Lynn University. The Perpers have supported virtually every segment of the Boca Raton community—the Florence Fuller Child Development Center, to the Boca Raton Museum of Art. At Lynn, they have created The Harold and Mary Perper Teleconferencing Center and The Perper Study Lounge, and supported student scholarships.

In a commencement tradition, Vice President for Academic Affairs Kathleen Cheek-Milby bestowed the

## Outstanding Graduates Earn Honors

Twelve members of the Class of 2006 were recognized during the undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies for their exceptional achievements. The graduates and their awards include:

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|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Jessica Ann Springborn</b>  | Medina McMenimen Bickel Fashion Award                   |
| <b>Emir Erkan</b>              | Bradley Middlebrook II Student Service Award            |
| <b>Kelly James</b>             | Count and Countess de Hoernle Humanitarian Award        |
| <b>Jonathan Charles Stone</b>  | James J. Oussani Award                                  |
| <b>Valentin Mansurov</b>       | M. Elizabeth Maddy Cumpton Endowed Memorial Award       |
| <b>Walter Nelson Lewis Jr.</b> | Gordon and Mary Henke Excellence in Communication Award |
| <b>Amber Nicole Wojack</b>     | Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education  |
| <b>Allison Jill Lazarus</b>    | College of Education Outstanding Graduate Student Award |
| <b>Furheen Saber</b>           | Professional, Adult and Continuing Education Award      |
| <b>Amber Nicole Wojack</b>     | Baccalaureate Degree Award                              |
| <b>Nancy S. Patrick</b>        | Master's Degree Award                                   |
| <b>Jason Touw</b>              | President's Award                                       |
| <b>Mark Adamson</b>            | Trustees' Medal   |



Above, clockwise: Board of trustees member Jan Carlsson, left, with Walter Nelson Lewis Jr., recipient of the Gordon and Mary Henke Excellence in Communication Award



President Donald E. Ross, left, and Ben Stein, right, chuckle during Stein's introduction by Irving R. Levine, dean emeritus of the Lynn College of International Communication.

BA graduate Tinamarie Compitiello hugs mom Barbarann.



(Below, left) Alumna of Distinction Joanne Donnelly Archer, '66, with Helen and Donald E. Ross; (below right) President Ross congratulates Outstanding Professor of the Year Jim Miller.



Outstanding Professor of the Year Award. The honor is determined by vote of the graduating class, and this year's recipient, Professor of Management and Accounting Jim Miller, was greeted with thunderous applause. Miller joined the faculty in 1985, when Lynn was known as the



College of Boca Raton. This was the fourth time Miller has been selected for the honor.

Awards then were granted to 10 outstanding undergraduates for their exemplary achievements (see the outstanding graduates sidebar on page 26).

The most poignant moment came as Donald Ross took the commencement podium for the last time as Lynn president. "Today as you know, I'm leaving," he said. "Our trustees have appointed a new president, and you'll be the first to meet him. May I introduce Dr. Kevin Ross, whom I will now give the university seal." He then conferred the degrees upon the graduates.

And with those words, an extraordinary chapter ended and an exciting new one began—not only for Lynn's newest alumni, but also for the entire university.



President Ross and honorary degree recipients Roberto Wirth (left photo) and Ruth Coleman (right photo)

## An Early Mother's Day Gift Arrives on May 13

A mother and daughter—Kathleen Cooper, a 52-year-old mental health specialist from Miami Gardens, and Monique Carr of Miramar, a 35-year-old legal secretary in the Federal Public Defenders Office for the Southern District of Florida—realized a lifelong dream when they marched across the stage at Lynn University and received their Bachelor of Arts degrees in Behavioral Science on May 13.

The duo says they encouraged each other to go back to school and achieve their goals.

Cooper, who became pregnant as a 17-year-old high school junior, graduated from high school in 1972 and received an associate degree in social work in 1974 from Miami Dade College.

Carr, a single mother of 8- and 12-year-old sons, completed her associate degree in English from Broward Community College in 2004.

In January 2005, the two decided to pursue their bachelor's degrees and enrolled at Lynn University together. With support from their family and friends, the two women proved to them-

selves and others that with effort, dreams can become reality.

"I wanted to prove to my five children and 12 grandchildren that it's never too late to receive an education," Cooper says.



Kathleen Cooper and daughter Monique Carr



**Baseball:** The Lynn University baseball team reached the NCAA South Regional Tournament for the first time in program history after posting a 34-23 record and won their first NCAA post-season game 12-7

against  
Albany

State. Nicolas Boisvert set program records for hits (90), triples (7) and fielding percentage (1.000 in 150 chances) in a season, and finished second in runs scored and third in stolen bases. Boisvert and Jimmy Bacon (52 RBI) earned All-Sunshine State Conference Second Team honors, while Lonnie Patterson (6-2 record) was named SSC Honorable Mention.

**Men's Basketball:** After making an appearance in the Elite Eight a year ago, the Fighting Knights' postseason hopes came to an end with a loss to Barry University in the Sunshine State Conference Tournament Semifinals. With its second-straight 20-win season, Lynn finished 20-9 overall and 10-6 in the SSC. Also for the second-consecutive season, the Knights had four players with double-figure scoring averages as senior Marcus Hayes led the way with 14.0 points per game. Senior James Cage knocked down 13.9 points per game, while leading the team in three-point shoot-

ing at 45.3 percent. Averaging a near double-double in his final season with Lynn, senior Sheldon Edwards recorded 12.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per outing. Hayes, Cage and Edwards achieved All-SSC honors. Junior-transfer Andrew Smith posted 12.7 points per game and led the Knights defensive efforts with a team-high 81 steals.

**Men's Golf:** The men's golf team placed fourth at the NCAA Division II Men's Golf National Championship, improving four spots from the previous year. Junior Matt Bookatz led the Fighting Knights, tying for 11th individually, the second consecutive year Lynn had a student athlete finish in the top-15. The Blue and White also claimed their second SSC championship in three years while having Hoyt McGarity being named SSC Golfer of the Year and a Ping Second Team All-American. Keir McNicoll succeeded on

the links and the classroom, being named the 2005-06 Lynn University Male Scholar Athlete of the Year and an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District selection.

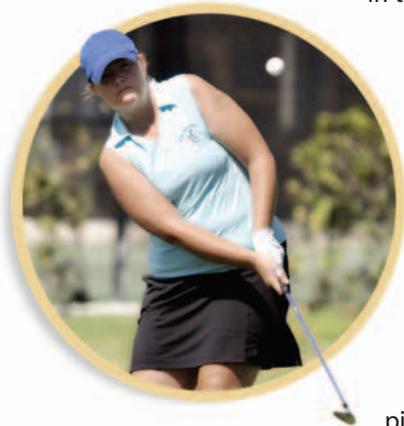
**Women's Basketball:** Jackie Codiga and Jade Williams earned All-Sunshine State

The Fighting Knights kept fans on the edge of their seats, scoring plenty of post-season play, new records and a mountain of honors.

Tournament  
**THRILLS**



Conference honors, while Codiga became just the second player in program history to earn ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First Team honors. With a 67-55 win over Florida Southern on Feb. 15, head coach Pam DeCosta became the first coach in program history to record at least one victory against every team in the SSC.



**Women's Golf:** Lynn University's women's golf team won four tournaments in the 2005-06 season and advanced to the NCAA Division II Women's Golf National Championships as a team for the

first time since 1997. The Fighting

Knights finished third overall, and Natasha Morgan finished tied for eighth individually. Morgan also was named a NGCA Second Team All-American with Elisabeth Whitehouse earning All-American Honorable Mention honors and Elise Brandt being named an Academic All-American for the second consecutive year.

**Men's Soccer:** The Lynn University men's soccer team reached the NCAA Division II National Semifinals for the second time in three years and fourth since joining the NCAA in 1996.

Unfortunately, the Fighting Knights fell to eventual national champions Fort Lewis by the score of 6-4, just missing out on winning the program's fourth national title. The



Fighting Knights finished the season ranked third in the nation after posting an 18-3 record, and saw Lee Paul Scroggins become the program's ninth NSCAA All-American in the last 10 years. Scroggins, Leon Jackson and David Benn all earned All-Region honors, while the trio were joined by Lee Porter, Carl Wallace, Chris Knox and Liam Bull on the All-Sunshine State Conference.

**Women's Soccer:** A season of ups and downs closed out on a high note with the selections of Kim Pyra and Rebecca McCray to the All-Sunshine State Conference First Team and Bridget Penta to the Second Team. Lynn University finished 9-9-0 overall and 4-4-0 in the SSC, good for fourth in the conference. Goalkeeper Jenn Shropshire was also named SSC Defensive Player of the Week for the final week of the season after posting a career-high 15 shots in a close 1-0 overtime loss to rival Barry University.



**Softball:** The Lynn University softball team battled this season with an overall record of 24-26 and a 7-17 mark in the Sunshine State Conference. The Fighting Knights were once again led offensively by junior Christina Rolla for the third-straight season finishing with a team-high .390 batting average and 19 extra base hits. Rolla also slammed a team-high 11 home runs, and is the program's all-time leader with 47 total homers in her three-year career. Freshman Meghan Osborne was the only player on the squad to start in all 50 games this season, as she put up a .340 average in her rookie season and recorded a .971 fielding average at second base. Both Rolla and Osborne received All-SSC honors. Freshman

Cristin Kelly showed her toughness on the mound after the Knights No. 1 pitcher, Rachel Foster, suffered an injury. Kelly started a team-high 25 games in her first season with the Knights and compiled a 6-15 record with 53 strikeouts. Kelly was named Lynn's Most Improved Player, and Osborne received the Most Valuable Player award at Lynn's annual Student-Athlete Recognition Banquet.



**Men's Tennis:** After the tragic loss of tennis standout Aivarus Balzekus in October 2005, few could have predicted the men's tennis team to succeed as they did. But the Knights claimed their first outright Sunshine State Conference title, then won their second consecutive South Regional and finally reached the NCAA Championship match for the first time in school history, dropping a tough match to

Valdosta State 5-2. Along the way Lynn achieved a program record 21-6 and saw Julien Carsuzaa named SSC Freshman of the Year, along with five All-SSC selections and four ITA All-Americans honors.

Head coach Mike Perez was named the SSC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year.



**Women's Tennis:** A perennial national contender, the women's tennis team once again proved their might. Lynn won its sixth SSC crown, Victoria Weltz was named SSC Player of the Year, six

Fighting Knights were named to All-SSC teams and four members of the women's tennis team earned All-America honors. Lynn lost to Armstrong Atlantic 5-1 in the NCAA Semifinals to finish the season 23-2, the seventh consecutive 20-win season and 11th overall. The women's tennis team has reached the quarterfinals or better at the NCAA Tournament for 10 consecutive years and has reached the post-season for 15 straight seasons.

**Volleyball:**

The Fighting Knights volleyball team finished the season with a 10-13 overall record and a 5-9 record in the Sunshine

State conference as senior Theresa Daniels led the offensive efforts with a team-high 397 kills. Daniels totaled 1,218 kills in her four-year career with the Knights and will leave her name in the record books with the second-most in program history. She also led the team with 24 double-double performances this season, including kills and digs. Senior Jessica Woodby finished her three-year career with a program-best 2,113 assists. Daniels earned First Team All-SSC and Second Team All-Region honors.



## Three join Athletic Hall of Fame

Lynn University inducted three former student-athletes into its Athletic Hall of Fame at the annual Student-Athlete Banquet on April 26. The three former players include baseball star Ed Sisko, women's golf standout Josefin Stalvant, and men's soccer great Darren Warham.

Sisko was a four-year letter winner from 1987 to 1990 with the Fighting Knights' baseball team and is the first baseball player ever inducted into Lynn's Athletic Hall of Fame. A two-time NAIA 2nd-Team All-American (1988-1989), one of only two in the baseball program's history, he ranks in the top-five in 11 season and career records at Lynn. Sisko holds the program record for batting average (.447) and triples (6) in a season and home runs (32) and runs batted in (174) for a career. During his tenure, Lynn improved its record every season culminating in a program best 35-9 (.795) record in 1990.

Stalvant was a four-year letter winner from 1994 to 1997 and is the first women's golfer inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. She posted an 80.7 scoring average, became a three-time All-American (1995-1997) and won three team national championships and one individual championship. She recorded a team best 80.89 stroke average in the 1994-

1995 season, earning Team MVP honors, winning the NAIA Individual Title and NAIA National Championship. She improved her scoring average in 1995-1996, helping her team to their second consecutive NAIA National Championship while also being named the Lynn Female Scholar Student-Athlete of the Year. In the program's first year in the NCAA, she lowered her scoring average to a career-low 78.35 and helped guide her team to a third national title as well as Team MVP honors.

A four-year letter winner from 1995 to 1998, Warham holds the program record for matches started as a field player with 80. He is a three-time NCAA All-American, earning second team honors in 1996 and first team honors in 1997-1998. He was the first men's soccer player to garner NCAA All-American honors, is one of only eight NCAA All-Americans in program history and one of only three to earn First Team



**Fighting Knights forever:** 2006 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Ed Sisko, Josefin Stalvant and Darren Warham

All-American honors twice in his career. A stalwart defender, Warham was the first men's soccer player to earn Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year honors and was the first defender in conference history to earn the award. He also was named LU Male Scholar Student-Athlete of the Year for the 1998-1999 school year. On the field he helped the Knights to the first of four SSC titles and to a semifinal and runner-up finish at the NCAA Tournament in 1996 and 1997.

Nominations for the Athletic Hall of Fame can be submitted online via the Lynn Athletics Web site, [www.lynn.edu/athletics](http://www.lynn.edu/athletics).



The latest inductees to Lynn's Athletic Hall of Fame join an illustrious group. The other outstanding athletes and leaders in the Hall of Fame include:

1995

**Dick McCusker**,  
university trustee

2002

**Mimi Nieporte, '91**,  
women's tennis

**Arteus Sullivan, '96**,  
men's basketball

2003

**Jim Blankenship**,  
women's soccer coach,  
1986-1998

**Ivan McKinley, '91**,  
men's soccer

**Christine Richardson, '97**,  
women's basketball

2004

**Derek Backman, '89**,  
men's soccer

**Ann Sjodin-King, '91**,  
women's tennis

**Ivan Kesinov, '97**,  
men's tennis

2005

**Lenin Steenkamp, '93**,  
men's soccer

**Hanna Nissen, '96**,  
women's soccer

**Katerina Koldova, '00**,  
women's tennis



## New beginnings

*“summertime, oh, summertime,  
pattern of life indelible...”*

—E.B. White

The end of the academic year is one of the most rewarding times for me as an educator. It is at this time that the cycle ends and the pattern emerges once again. Invariably, at the first hint of “Pomp and Circumstance,” my mind races back to find images of those same students—now confidently crossing

the stage to receive their diploma—as expectant freshmen in search of a future. Now, the end of the cycle is here, bringing with it a time for goodbyes, a time for pictures, and memories and accomplishments. But the end of a cycle also brings with it the promise of new beginnings. It is at this time of year when students pack for their life’s journey, and when we welcome them as alumni. For an alumni office, no time of year is more exciting or promising.

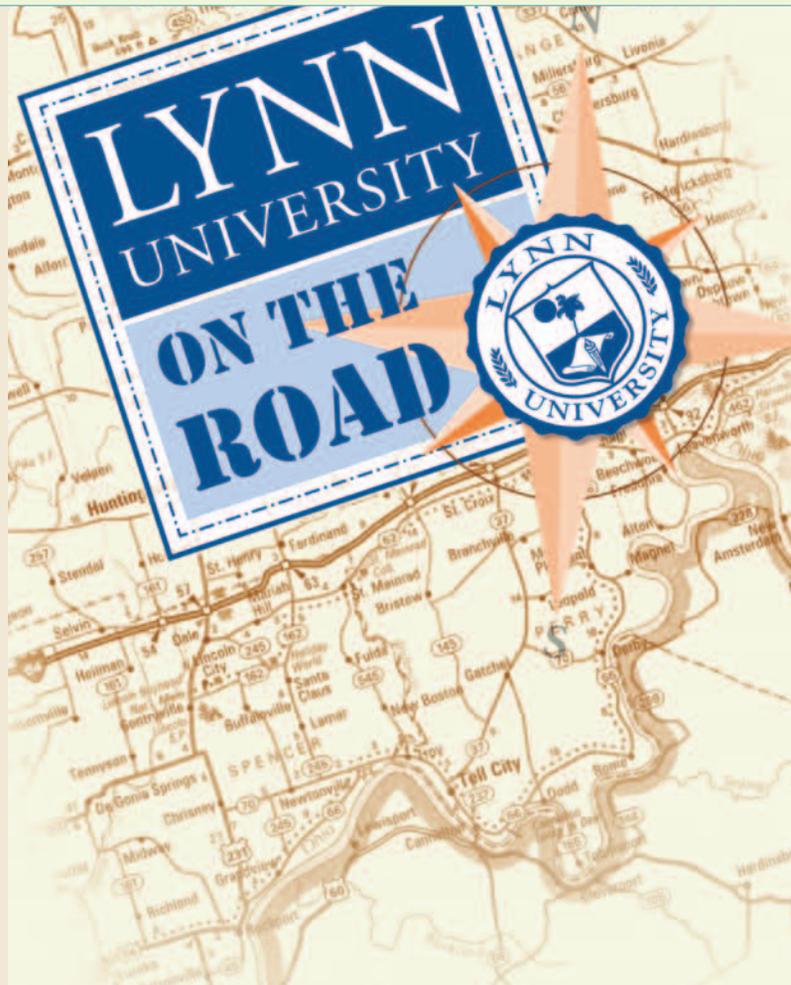
A new cycle unfolded for me this past semester, as I began a new role as director of Alumni and Parent Relations. Since I joined Lynn a year ago, I have come to meet many of you, and in doing so, I have learned about your successes and triumphs. I have laughed with your stories and welcomed your suggestions. But most of all, I have felt invigorated by your loyalty and commitment to Lynn’s mission. Whether in the eyes of a Marymount alumna who recognizes a familiar campus hangout after 40 years, or in the smile of a College of Boca Raton alumnus who proudly wears his CBR T-shirt to a reception, or in the enthusiasm of a Lynn University entrepreneur who is engrossed in marketing a product he patented while still a business student, there is no doubt that the Lynn spirit is alive and contagious.

As this cycle ends, a new pattern also emerges for Lynn University in the figure of Kevin M. Ross, who will serve as Lynn’s fifth president.

I, like you, have ended and begun many cycles, and the most important lesson I have learned is that any ending—just as any beginning—is strengthened by the friendships that surround us. As William Butler Yeats said, “Think where man’s glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends.”

May this new cycle bring with it a pattern of success for Lynn University and all of its alumni, and may the friendships woven during your college years be renewed once more!

Susana Fernández  
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations



1. Lynn alumni and staff gather at Bernini of Ybor in Tampa, Fla.

2. Donna and John Papadakis (center) with Dominique and Georgia Claessens at Santa Monica’s Viceroy Hotel

## Orlando, Tampa, Santa Monica and Boston

From January through April, Lynn University alumni rallied at hotspots from coast to coast to catch up with one another and their alma mater.

In Orlando, alumni from both recent and College of Boca Raton days enjoyed the cellar atmosphere at Eola Wine Company, a downtown wine boutique, on Jan. 24.

The next stop on Jan. 26 was historic Ybor City in Tampa. At the famed restaurant Bernini of Ybor, formerly Ybor City's main bank, alumni feasted on Italian cuisine and hilarious stories well into the evening.

On Feb. 9, "left coast" alumni and Lynn parents gathered poolside at Santa Monica's trendy Viceroy Hotel.

On April 20, it was back to the East Coast, at Boston's award-winning Taranta restaurant, owned by Lynn alumnus José Duarte, '95, '98. Alumni and parents were treated to outstanding company and cuisine—Duarte's signature Southern Italian and Peruvian fusion creations.

For more pictures, visit the online photo albums at [www.lynn.edu/alumni](http://www.lynn.edu/alumni).



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3. Boston alumni and parents at Taranta restaurant

4. Lynn's Greg Malfitano, '75, left, with Lynn parents Russell and Kathryn Milnes in Boston

5. Lynn's Larry Cowan with Taranta owner José Duarte, '95, '98, in Boston

6. Matthew Bekoff, '96, and Criscilla Crossland in Santa Monica

7. On the Boston scene are (from left) Lynn parents Mark Lanza, Sharon and Philip Touchette and Mary Jane Lanza with Lynn's Greg Malfitano.

8. Orlando alumni and Lynn staff at Eola Wine Company

# Lynn Weekend 2006

Lynn Weekend on March 23-25 sizzled with fun, drawing nearly 400 parents and alumni from around the world to campus.

Friday included a Wicked Wheels car show, presented by the Student Alumni Association; the 40th reunion of Marymount College's Class of 1966; and an "Explosion of Color" fashion show. Reunion speaker Joanne Donnelly Archer, '66, a standup comedienne and New Jersey TV show host, kept everyone laughing. "Some of us even wore our pajamas to class!" she recalled. Most of the 20 attendees had not seen each other or the campus in four decades, and some ventured into the residence halls to find their old rooms. The fashion show, produced by Lynn's Fashion Management class guided by Professor Lisa Dandeo, dazzled the crowd with styles and skits presented by students, faculty and staff.

Saturday began with a coffee where soon-to-be new president Kevin M. Ross discussed Lynn's strategic plan. Then, it was on to hands-on sessions including a cooking demonstration, a simulated airplane flight and a television studio production; a barbecue; three athletics competitions—alumni soccer, alumni baseball and varsity softball; and an evening reception at Delray Beach's Shore Restaurant.

A scrumptious Sunday brunch at Lynn brought the weekend to a perfect close. For more photos, see the Lynn Weekend photo albums online at [www.lynn.edu/alumni](http://www.lynn.edu/alumni).



A Lynn family poses with the parrots at Saturday's barbecue.



A student models a fashion "must," jeans.



Lynn parents Jackie (left) and Al Joyner (right) with son Lee (second from right) and Kevin Ross at the Shore Restaurant reception



Fashion show entertainers Jim Miller, left, and Gregg Cox impersonate AC/DC.



Lynn junior Chris Breton in a 1955 Ford Thunderbird during the Wicked Wheels car show



Parents Keith and Norah Ashworth (left and third from left) with Institute for Achievement and Learning Dean Marsha Glines and President Donald E. Ross



A parent joins the discussion during Professor Jim Miller's entrepreneurship class, one of several "Take Your Family to Class" programs.



Some of the Marymount Class of 1966 reunion participants with Kathleen Clunan (front row, second from right), who was Marymount's head librarian and is now Lynn's archivist.

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- mail to Lynn Magazine, c/o Office of Alumni Relations, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33431.



### 1986

Stephen Ames won the coveted Players Championship March 26 at the TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Ames played on the College of Boca Raton golf team before turning professional in 1987.

### 1993

Daniel Ilias ("Danny") is now the general manager of King Pacific Lodge, a Rosewood Resort in British Columbia, Canada. Check out his Web site at [www.kingpacificlodge.com](http://www.kingpacificlodge.com).

### 1994

Jeremy E. Kerr was named Oneonta (N.Y.) Country Club head golf professional in April 2006. Last year he made the best 25 assistant pros list by Golf World Business and was also named Assistant Golf Professional of the Year by the Northeast New York section of the PGA. He lives in Niskayuna, N.Y., with his wife and two sons.

### 1995

Tami and Robert Guarini announce the birth of their daughter, Siena Elayne, born on Feb. 13, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Siena Elayne



### 1998

Heather Burrell and husband Michael moved to Southhampton, N.Y., after their son, Mickey Jr., was born in 2003. Daughter Abby joined the family in November 2005. Michael works for friends in his hometown, while Heather is a stay-at-home mom.

Karen Shelledy was promoted to senior vice president, franchise services of Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. She has been with Arby's for more than 27 years. Karen resides in Marietta, Ga., with her husband.



Karen Shelledy

### 1999

David Chandler is starting a new voiceover business ([www.MrAnnouncerMan.com](http://www.MrAnnouncerMan.com)).



David Chandler – Mr. Announcer Man

Matthew and Tanya Langlois had their second child, Gavin Langlois, on Feb. 13. He joins brother Jacob, 3.



Gavin and Jacob Langlois

Jonathan Prebich recently left *Scientific American Magazine* to take the position of circulation manager at *Luxury Spa Finder Magazine* in New York City.

### 2002

Heather Mallon married Scott Dobos, an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, on Nov. 27, 2005, at the Ritz Carlton in Palm Beach, Fla. Heather works as a corporate sales manager at the Radisson in Tampa. The Dobos reside in St. Petersburg, Fla., where Scott is stationed.



Heather and Scott Dobos

### 2003

Katy Adams won a regional Emmy Award for her work at WPTV (NBC) in West Palm Beach as an investigative producer on the report, *One Woman's Fight for More Guardrail Protection*. The report profiled a local woman who lost her son in a Florida Turnpike accident when their car skidded into a canal on a section of the roadway with no guardrail. Because of the report, several members of the Florida Legislature are presently sponsoring a bill that would place guardrails along sections of state roads within 100 feet of waterways.



Katy Adams

## Remembering our alumni and friends

**Donald L. Chaloux**, father of Matt Chaloux, Lynn's director of auxiliary services, passed away in Connecticut on April 30 following a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.



**Alan Combs**, international admissions counselor, passed away on March 22.

**Shirlee Cohen Freed**, a dedicated supporter of the music education program at the Conservatory of Music at Lynn University, passed away on April 23.



**Norton Miller**, long-time university friend and volunteer, passed away on Jan. 24. He worked as a volunteer career advisor/mentor for the Hannifan Center for Career Development and Internships from 1994 until his death, helping and advising students and alumni in areas relating to their job search and career techniques.



**Mary Ann Ranspach**, wife of long-time university faculty member Ernie Ranspach for 50 years, passed away on April 23.

**Virginia Reed**, the mother of Lynn Campus Recreation and Fitness Director Sue Merrill, passed away on April 24.

## Then & Now

If you'd like to be featured in Then & Now, e-mail us at [alumni@lynn.edu](mailto:alumni@lynn.edu). Tell us about your Lynn days and what you're doing now, along with past and present photos. Be sure to include your name, class year and telephone number.

# Then & Now

A look at Lynn University alumni during their student days and today

## DARIN HAFT, '91

**THEN:** The only time Darin ventured away from his hometown of Marlboro, N.J., was to attend college. After being accepted by several schools, he narrowed it down to colleges in "freezing cold Boston" and "sunny, warm and beautiful Boca Raton." The College of Boca Raton was an easy choice, he says. He majored in business and hotel/restaurant management, but his fondest memories are of his many college friends and their good times together.



Darin Haft, CBR student

He remembers playing golf at the Boca Raton municipal golf course where, for just \$10, he and his buddies were allowed to play nine holes after 4 p.m., including hot dog, soda and cart. A favorite 1 a.m. spot was the gym on Military Trail—not to work out, but to dine on Belgian waffles and ice cream.



Darin today with, clockwise, wife Nicole, sons Bradley and Ryan, and family pet Harley

**NOW:** After graduating, Darin headed back to Marlboro, where he started a recruiting company he owned for over 10 years, and subsequently a mortgage company for the past five years, Elite Mortgage Professionals, with offices in New Jersey and Florida. The company focuses on helping individuals buy a home with very little, if any, money down. "When I was a recruiter it was always rewarding to place a person into the right job at the right company. Now I enjoy putting people into their homes through the right loan program that has been customized to their needs. Best of all, I am having fun!"

Darin says he never did use the restaurant management part of his degree, except occasionally when he's "allowed in the kitchen" at home where he lives with wife Nicole, whom he's known since kindergarten and started dating in college (she went to FAU); two sons Ryan, 10, and Bradley, 7; and a shih tzu named Harley.



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**A moment to look back on:**  
2006 graduates pose for posterity.

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