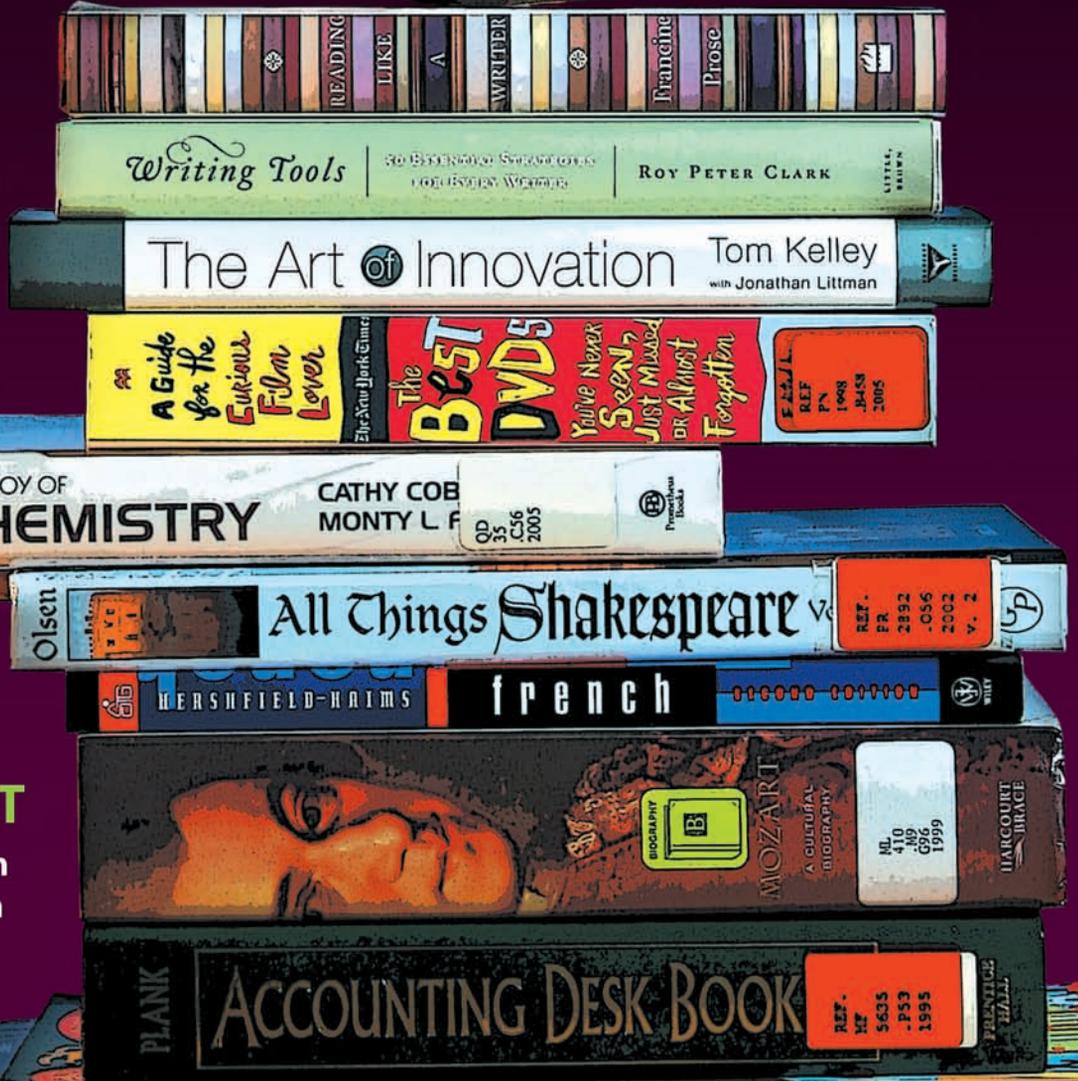


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BALANCING ACT
It takes finesse to be an
Academic All-American





In Focus

In the blink of an eye

It's hard to believe that a year and a half has passed since we launched our strategic plan, Lynn 2020, on Feb. 1, 2006. In our plan, we clarified our vision to be recognized as one of the most innovative, international and individualized small universities in America and identified 51 key initiatives for making that vision a reality.

Today, just 18 months later—a mere blink of an eye in the life of a university—we've made amazing progress. Most recently and as you'll read in this issue, we've welcomed outstanding new academic leaders and we're continuing to improve Lynn's living and learning environments. Last spring, I was delighted to announce a \$6 million lead gift from Elaine J. Wold for the construction of a new performing arts center at Lynn and a \$1 million donation from Mary and Harold Perper for a magnificent courtyard at the heart of our campus.

All of the strides we've made thus far would not have been possible without the confidence you, our alumni and friends, have shown in Lynn University through your generous gifts and loyal support. You've inspired all of us here to work with renewed vigor in accomplishing every important initiative outlined in Lynn 2020. (To read more about the plan and our progress, please visit www.lynn.edu/2020.)

This is an exciting time for our university. If you haven't visited us lately to see what all the excitement is about, I hope you'll plan to do so soon. Whether it's at Families Weekend on Oct. 19-21, Alumni Weekend on April 4-5, 2008, or one of our many cultural or sporting events, I look forward to seeing you at Lynn.

—Kevin M. Ross, *president*

You're on my list

Editor's Note

I'm fanatical about making lists. It's the only way I can keep track of the details that flood my personal and work lives. I have lists lining my wall at work, on my computer screen and in my purse, my car, and various surfaces in my house. In any given week, you could sum up my life from my lists.

The alumni in this issue's cover story on Lynn's Academic All-Americans (see "Best of Both Worlds" beginning on page 8), have evolved far beyond my mundane list-making model. They are masters of organization—they had to be in order to excel in the classroom and in their sports at Lynn. They are also terrific people. It was so much fun

getting to know Lynn alumni from Stockholm to Boca Raton—and to travel along with them down memory lane, as they relived their student-athlete days on campus.

And this brings me to an item at the top of my magazine list—I'd love to hear from more of you. Whether it's for a story idea or a Class Note about a new job or personal milestone, please say hello by e-mail (lmckey@lynn.edu) or snail mail. And for you adventurous types or "Xtreme alumni," see our ad on the inside back cover asking for your stories and photos for a future story about your daring pursuits. I hope to see *you* in the next issue.

—Liz McKey, *editor*

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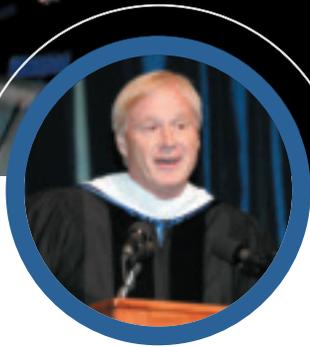
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On the cover: Lynn University's 40 Academic All-Americans represent eight sports, but they have one important skill in common—they've learned to master the balance of academics and athletics.

Photo by Anthony Bosio with art direction by Andréia Brunstein and Teisha Huggins.



(Above, from left) Chris Matthews and Ashley Ulrich '07 delivered messages at the undergraduate ceremony, and Paul Begala and Stella Quintero '07 spoke at the evening and graduate ceremony; (right) business graduate Rashed Al Noaimi with parents Dr. and Mrs. Majed A. Al Noaimi.

Sixteen members of the Class of 2007 were recognized for their outstanding achievements:

Janelle Hoffman
Medina McMenimen Bickel
Fashion Award

Eleni Colon
Bradley Middlebrook II
Student Service Award

Tami Saslo
Count and Countess de Hoernle
Humanitarian Award

Tyler Robbins
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Jena M. Zakany
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in Communication Award

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Stacey Bauberger
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Graduate Student Award

Lisa Adair
Professional and Continuing Education
Award

Heather Hileman and Jessica Sokol
Bachelor's Degree Award

Robin Fowler
Master's Degree Award

**Lori Kukuck, Wilhelmina Robertson and
Darnell Kirkwood**
President's Award

Neil Solomon
Trustees' Medal



Honorary degree recipient Henrietta Countess de Hoernle with (from left) President Emeritus Donald E. Ross, Senior Vice President for Administration Gregory Malfitano, and President Kevin M. Ross

President Kevin M. Ross, Professor of the Year Ralph Norcio and Kathleen Cheek-Milby, who retired last May as vice president for academic affairs

Trustees' Medal recipient Neil Solomon '07 with mom Bonnie



Graduates bask in the glow of a 614-degree day

At long last, their big day had arrived: 614 bachelor's, master's and doctoral candidates received their degrees from Lynn University in ceremonies on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12.

Evening and graduate students received their degrees on Friday. Keynote speaker and CNN political analyst Paul Begala imparted a simple message to graduates: "Believe in yourself. Believe in your family. Believe in your country." With James Carville, Begala was a senior strategist for the Clinton-Gore presidential campaign in 1992, and with his friend, the late John F. Kennedy Jr., he launched *George* magazine.

MSNBC news anchor Chris Matthews adopted a similar theme in his address to graduating seniors at Saturday's ceremony. The *Hardball* host related his journey from Peace Corps volunteer in Africa to jobless college graduate to political commentator.

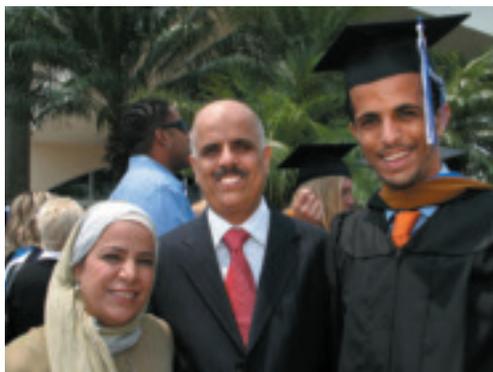
Saturday's ceremony contained many highlights. Philanthropist and Lynn trustee Henrietta Countess de Hoernle was awarded

a Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*. A generous, long-time Lynn supporter and member of the board of trustees, the countess was recognized for her devotion "to philanthropy and improving the quality of life for those in her local community."

In her final commencement before retirement, Kathleen Cheek-Milby, vice president for academic affairs, bestowed the annual Professor of the Year award upon Ralph Norcio, professor and associate dean of business. A Fulbright scholar and 17-year faculty member, Norcio was selected by the graduating class.

President Ross then announced the winners of the first Lynn Innovation Prize competition (for details, visit the Web site www.lynn.edu/president), which he launched last fall to encourage innovative thinking by faculty, students and staff.

The undergraduate ceremony drew to a close as awards were presented to outstanding graduates (see listing at left), followed by President Ross conferring the degrees.





David Gergen is interviewed by students Ashlea Evans (left) and Chrissy Thibodeau.

DAVID GERGEN

speaks on the essence of leadership

“It’s important to ‘make a life and not just a living.’ Service and leadership are one of the most satisfying ways to do that.”

Leadership, says former presidential advisor David Gergen, boils down to just three traits, but it is the strength and mix of those traits that determine the caliber of leadership.

The three qualities, he says, are (1) ambition—not just for yourself, but a burning desire to make a difference and leave a mark, (2) judgment/knowledge—“knowing your stuff” in order to do your job and (3) character—self-control and a moral compass.

Gergen should know. Over the course of his career, he’s observed firsthand the leadership styles of four U.S. commanders in chief—Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Clinton—as well as Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Last March he visited Lynn as part of the 2006-07 Dively Frontiers in

Globalization Luncheon Lecture Series. While on campus, Gergen also spoke to Lynn students.

“It’s important to ‘make a life and not just a living,’” Gergen told them. “Service and leadership are one of the most satisfying ways to do that.” Describing the three leadership traits, he pointed to examples among a few U.S. presidents.

Abraham Lincoln, Gergen said, “was a humble man, but had enormous ambition for the country. John Locke Scripps [who wrote Lincoln’s first biography] called him ‘a little engine that knew no rest.’”

Nixon and Truman, both voracious readers, ranked high in the “knowledge category.” Clinton was the ultimate multitasker, a “great synthesizer” with “360-degree leadership.” Integrity was Gerald Ford’s great strength, Gergen said, while Reagan’s ambition, “a contagious optimism,” had the power to inspire others.

Today Gergen is a professor of public service at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and director of its Center for Public Leadership. He is the author of the best-selling book *Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership, Nixon to Clinton*, published in 2000.

Gergen was the last of three speakers in the 2006-07 Dively series, which included author and innovator Tom Kelley and CNN correspondent Soledad O’Brien. The Dively series is made possible by a generous grant from the George S. Dively Foundation, with additional annual funding provided by the R. A. Ritter Foundation.

The 2007-08 Dively series begins Nov. 13 with noted author Carl Hiassen. For more information, call 561-237-7467.

Sports management class learns first-hand at Final Four

Lynn's sports management students had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity last March to see what the business of sports is really all about when they attended the NCAA's premier event, the Final Four, in Atlanta.

In addition to the big games, the group of 12 students, led by professors Ted Curtis and Chad Barr, toured Turner Field, Phillips Arena, Atlanta Motor Speedway and the Centennial Olympic Museum, and met with executives with the NCAA, Coca-Cola and Atlanta's professional sports teams.

Along the way, the class caught the attention of dozens of national media outlets including CNN Headline News, The Associated Press, ESPN, Sports Illustrated.com (SI.com), CBS Radio, CBS SportsLine.com, MSNBC, and a wide variety of local radio and TV programs.

The media interest "became quite extraordinary," says Curtis. "One afternoon, we had just completed three hours of meetings with executives from Phillips Arena, and it all came together. My phone rang, and it was a reporter with CBS News. Chad Barr's phone rang, and it was a reporter with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. One of the students was on the phone with his hometown newspaper, and then on the screens throughout the arena, we popped up on ESPN."

The media attention provided an additional learning experience for all of the students, Curtis says. "Every one of them spoke with at least one reporter, they all were on CNN, and



Sports management students outside the Georgia Dome during their visit to the Final Four last spring

they saw firsthand how the sports media works."

Class work involved much more than the whirlwind visit. Before and after the trip, students took examinations on the NCAA's complex revenue distribution plan, completed papers on stadium design, conducted in-class debates on intercollegiate athletics' amateurism status and prepared multimedia presentations on major sports facility and event operations.

All told, the professors are pleased with the results. "These students learned the true operations of professional, intercollegiate and Olympic sports in a way unlike anything we could do for them in the classroom," Curtis says.

"Experiential learning is a big part of what we do at Lynn University," adds Barr, who has taken students on study tours to China, South Africa and Thailand. "For Lynn students, learning doesn't end in the classroom—it only begins there."

LYNN SPANS THE



Greetings from Costa Rica: Fourteen of Lynn's hospitality management students, led by faculty members Craig Schmantowsky and Linsley DeVeaue, traveled to Costa Rica March 3-10 for a culinary study tour. Based at Guayabo Lodge in Santa Cruz de Turrialba, the group learned about the region's cuisine through cooking lessons and took in rainforests, local farms, Irazu Volcano, and several charming villages. Among the hands-on learning experiences were (right, from top) Angela Wheeler, who milked a cow as part of a cheese-making lesson; Dave Lundquist (left) and Hunter White, who prepared *tres leches*—the national dessert; and a fruit exhibition featuring the cocoa plant at the 27,000-acre Tropical Agricultural Research and Training Center. Among the study tours planned for 2008 include an ecotourism tour in January and another culinary tour in the spring—both in Costa Rica, and trips to China and France in the summer.



Student leaders reflect Lynn's diversity

It was a lively campaign season, peppered with catchy slogans rivaling the best of Madison Avenue, but when the votes were cast, history was made once again at Lynn. The Student Government Association (SGA) will be led by the second consecutive president from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bernard Londoni. He is a sophomore majoring in international relations and minoring in international business.

Before coming to Lynn, Londoni fled the war in the Eastern Congo and was living as a refugee in Harare, Zimbabwe. Last year's SGA president, Fiston Kahindo, shared a similar background. He also fled the Congo and was living in Kenya before attending Lynn.



New SGA officers (from left) Castillo, Prousnitzer, Londoni, Griffith, Hidalgo and McNamara

Joining Londoni are the following officers:

- Vice President Armando Castillo, a sophomore from Guatemala, majoring in business administration with a concentration in international business
- Chief Financial Officer Michael Griffith, a sophomore from Princess Anne, Md., majoring in communication with a concentration in film studies
- Secretary Gene Prousnitzer, a freshman from Roland, Ark., majoring in business administration with a concentration in general management
- Knights Activity Team (KAT) Chair Joey McNamara, a sophomore from Lancaster, Mass., majoring in hospitality administration with a concentration in hotel, resort and food services
- Residence Hall Association (RHA) Chair Lynette Hidalgo, a sophomore from Southwest Ranches, Fla., majoring in criminal justice with an international relations minor

A bloom like no other

Like the person for whom it is named, the Helen Ross Orchid is lending grace and inspiration to the Lynn University campus. Blooming for the first time last March, the orchid variety is named for Lynn's former first lady of 35 years, Helen L. Ross. The orchid, which adorns an oak in the newly named Perper Plaza in front of the Lynn Student Center, was presented to Mrs. Ross during a retirement party last May in honor of her and President Emeritus Donald Ross.



Fashion show is a walk in Bryant Park



Paying homage to the glitz and glamour of New York City's Bryant Park, Lynn's fashion management students presented the fourth annual spring runway fashion show on campus on April 24 beneath a festive white tent.

Themed "Provocative," student, faculty and staff models dazzled the capacity audience with more than 65 models wearing 117 outfits in six collections: conservative, sporty, punk, vintage/retro, bohemian and glamorous.

The class is taught by Lisa Dandeo, assistant professor in the College of Business and Management. Her 24 students coordinated fashions from more than a dozen Boca Raton and Delray Beach boutiques, along with lighting and music.

Brian Collins models plaid in the vintage/retro collection.

During the first two weeks of the semester, the students elected a director, Janelle Hoffman, and assistant director, Stefanie Trovato. The remaining students were divided among groups charged with advertising and public relations, vendor contact, models, hair and makeup as well as music selection and compilation. Over the course of the next 14 weeks, the students held model castings, secured more than 100 items for a charity raffle preceding the show and 27 items for each VIP guest's goody bag, and determined the look for the six collections.

Proceeds from the show and the raffle raised \$1,000 to benefit the Alonzo Mourning Children's Charities and Lynn's fashion management program.

Ask the Professor

A Five-Minute Interview with a Lynn Professor

LISA DANDEO

Business and Management

What is your favorite class to teach and why?

The Fashion Events Management class because it provides me with the opportunity to work with students outside the textbook realm. This fashion show production class involves creativity, innovation, leadership and mentoring. And so does the most recent addition of the Apparel Product Development class, which was coined “the Project Runway design competition class.” This past fall, eight students began a journey of learning the fundamentals of sewing and garment construction. It was an experience to see the students in the class acquire the art of sewing and pattern modifications.

You've led fashion study tours to Paris, New York and Los Angeles. How valuable do you think these tours are to students?

They are a great networking experience for students to meet and talk with industry professionals. The tours also give students an inside look at the different job opportunities in the fashion industry, as well as the opportunity to work behind the scenes of Fashion Week.

You began teaching at Lynn in the fall of 2003. How do you think the Fashion Management program at Lynn has changed since then?

My mission was to strengthen and increase student enrollment in the specialization. Since then, enrollment has risen from 55 students to more than 100 students. Our new curriculum has further strengthened the enrollment.

Lisa Dandeo, assistant professor of fashion marketing and management, teaches eight undergraduate courses—Introduction to the Fashion Business, Retail Buying, Fashion Events Management, Textile Knowledge for Managers, Fashion Forecasting, Color Theory, Retail Management, and Apparel Product Development—as well as several master's level courses. She has designed and led fashion study tours to Paris, New York and Los Angeles. Her Fashion Events Management class has produced four large-scale fashion shows each spring since 2004. In May 2005, the Lynn faculty named Dandeo Faculty Member of the Year for her outstanding service and leadership. Prior to joining Lynn in 2003, she was a faculty member at the University of Kentucky and Florida State University. She holds A.A.S. and B.A. degrees from Fairmont State University, an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and a Ph.D. from Florida State University.

What do you like best about the fashion industry?

Fashion is never boring, and you can reinvent yourself every day.

Who is your favorite designer and why?

Michael Kors, because he brings an everyday classic to life with a trend-forward look.

He's also one of the judges on the hit show *Project Runway*, which was the inspiration for the event our Apparel Production class presented on campus last fall. You created a collection for the show, too. Why did you think it was important to design along with students?

I wanted to lead by example as well as share the classic moments of seam-ripping, ironing and design. Who will forget the 12 Saturdays we spent together—especially the one where all of us (including me) learned the art of putting in a zipper? This was an experience we'll all remember. My students inspired me every day of this class.

If you had taken a different path in life, where would it have led you?

I probably would have majored in animal science at West Virginia University and moved to Texas upon graduation. I would have lived on a big ranch and raised horses and farm animals.

—Stefanie Trovato and Janelle Hoffman

Senior Stefanie Trovato and Janelle Hoffman '07, both business administration majors with a specialization in fashion management, have taken five of Dandeo's classes and have participated in the professor's fashion industry study tours to both New York and Los Angeles.



IT'S A WRAP

Lisa Dandeo (center) with student interviewers Janelle Hoffman (left) and Stefanie Trovato



BEST OF THE WORLDS



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alent, determination and hard work are essential for success in any endeavor, but especially so in earning the honor of Academic All-American at Lynn University. There's the constant juggling of course work, practices, games, travel and, in some cases, campus jobs. And, contrary to the "All-American" part of the title, these student-athletes hail from around the world, giving them the added challenges of adjusting to a new country and new language.

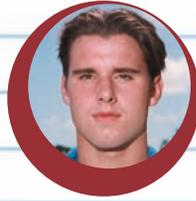
As former Lynn tennis star and Prague, Czech Republic, native Petra Stankova-Lorentzon '96 puts it, "It's one thing to pass the

TOEFL [Test of English as a Foreign Language] and quite another to take history and biology in English."

Some must overcome the setback of injuries, as women's soccer standout Keri Remillard Kolettis '96 did. In her freshman year, she was diagnosed with a stress fracture in her hip and was out for the season. If that weren't enough, she suffered two stress fractures in her tibia right before a national tournament. "I was not allowed to practice. I was only allowed to play in games," she recalls. "Ultimately, it paid off, because we won another national championship that year."

It's that kind of dedication that epitomizes Academic All-Americans, says Athletics Director Kristen Moraz '97, '00. "They master a balancing act between scholarly pursuits and athletic excellence." In specific terms, they must maintain a minimum 3.2 grade point average and perform at the highest level in their sport.

Recently, Lynn Magazine caught up with six of Lynn's 40 Academic All-Americans to look back at their "glory days" and to find out how that experience has shaped their lives.



While students at Lynn, these alumni represented the best in both athletics and academics, earning the honor of Academic All-Americans. What does it take to be champions in the classroom and on the field, and what life-long lessons come with the honor?

By Liz McKey



From soccer to soccer mom

Every day, Keri Remillard Kolettis '96 relies on the time management and multitasking skills she mastered while a top student-athlete at Lynn. That's because she's now a full-time mom to two energetic boys, John, 4, and Bruce, 3. Residents of Boca Raton, her family includes husband George Kolettis, an orthopaedic surgeon. Both are involved with Lynn University. She serves on the Blue & White Club board of directors, and he is a team physician for Lynn.

Before the boys came along, she worked in a busy orthopaedic surgery practice after earning a graduate degree as a physician's assistant from Nova Southeastern University. "I naturally gravitated toward orthopaedic surgery

because of my background in sports," she says.

Her love of soccer began as a child of 5 in Miami, when her father, a former college athlete, encouraged her to spend time outdoors and acquire some physical skills. "I preferred to spend most of my time reading in my room," she recalls. "He encouraged me to play soccer because it would help me develop coordination and teach me how to participate on a team."

She proved to be a natural and eventually earned an athletic/academic scholarship to Lynn. Under former coach Jim Blankenship's guidance, her team won two national championships in 1994-95 and 1995-96. In addition, she made NCAA Division II First

Team All-American, NCAA II All Tournament Team, Academic All-American and the Umbro Select College All Star Team.

She also thrived academically, graduating summa cum laude with a degree in behavioral science.

Excelling in both the classroom and on the soccer field had a big impact on her life. "I easily adapted to the demands of my profession—long work hours, intense situations and teamwork," she recalls. "I worked in the operating room until the 39th week of my first pregnancy!"

But now, the best job, she says, is being a stay-at-home mom. "I get to spend every day and every minute with my boys."

KERI REMILLARD KOLETTIS '96

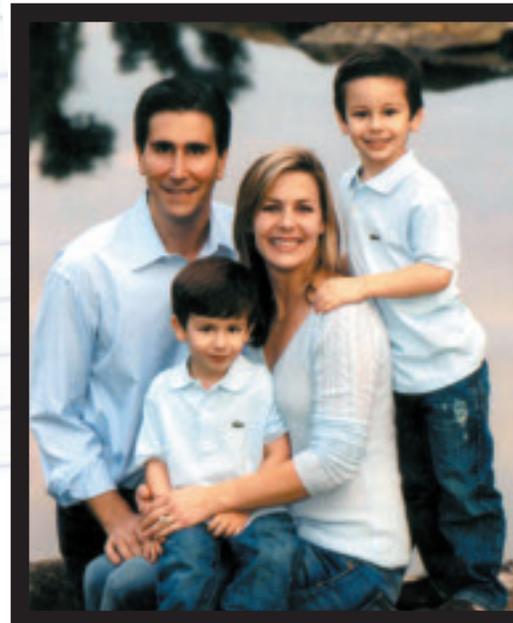
Sport: soccer

Athlete she most admires: Debi Thomas, former figure skating champion and today an orthopaedic surgeon

Other hobbies/interests: tennis and gardening

On Lynn University: "Attending Lynn was one of the best decisions I have made. Not only did I receive an outstanding education, but I also got to play soccer with some of the best athletes in the world."

Advice for student-athletes: "Strive for excellence. Play hard. Keep focused. Enjoy life."



Still on the Lynn team

A passion for tennis and a dream to attend college in the United States led Rome, Italy, native Stefano Papaleo '94, '00 to another passion—helping other international students discover Lynn. Today, he is Lynn's director of international admissions.

It all began when Papaleo was just a boy, watching his father and uncle play tennis in Rome. At age 8, he was given his first tennis racket. "From then on, I played all the time," he recalls. When it was time to consider college, he knew he wanted to study in the States, but the expense of studying abroad was prohibitive. So, he began looking into scholarships. A friend of his, Federica Lentini '94, played tennis at Lynn and recommended the university to him.

"After I visited the campus, I fell in love with the university," recalls Papaleo, who earned a scholarship to attend Lynn. While an undergraduate, he was a member of Lynn's nationally ranked tennis team, a resident assistant and photography editor of the yearbook and student newspaper.

After earning a B.A. degree from Lynn, he returned home for mandatory military service. Two years later, he was back, working as a graduate assistant in the Office of Admissions while pursuing an M.B.A. degree. After earning that degree, he joined the office full time, advancing to director of international admissions. It's a job that he performs at his trademark high level; in 2005, he was selected as Lynn's Employee of the Year.

Notes tennis coach Mike Perez, "Stefano was always a hard worker and the consummate team player. Even today he is committed to the success of Lynn tennis and will always be an integral part of our program's success."

Papaleo, who lives in Boca Raton with wife Jill, still enjoys tennis and photography—as well as cooking and following the Italian soccer league, AS Roma. But most of all, he likes working at Lynn.

"I had such an incredible experience here as a student," he says. "Now I enjoy helping other international students make the transition to Lynn."



(Top photo) Keri Remillard Kolettis with husband George and sons John and Bruce.

(Lower photo) Stefano Papaleo—"the consummate team player"

STEFANO PAPALEO '96, '00

Sport: tennis

Favorite subjects at Lynn: poetry, psychology and philosophy

Greatest challenge while a student: balancing academics and athletics. "It was challenging, but satisfying. And it makes you a better person."

Personal philosophy: "When you love what you do, life is so much better."

MELISSA "MERTZ"
WEGMAN '90

Sport: soccer

On discipline and teamwork: "My friends who played sports at other universities laughed when I told them we had curfews, but it made us strong and respectful of each other. It always comes down to, there is no 'I' in 'team.'"

Advice for students: "No matter where you attend college, it's not just about the education you receive; it's the whole experience. It's about time management when you are on a road trip trying to catch up on your school work. It's about coping with being so far away from your family. It's about learning to make decisions on your own. It's about being focused on goals and striving to achieve them. It's about thinking positive with each day's challenges. It's about life!"



Melissa "Mertz" Wegman (right) and her trailblazing teammates

The captain who could

Melissa "Mertz" Wegman '90 chose the College of Boca Raton (as Lynn University was known from 1975 to 1991) because she wanted to be part of school history. It was just one of many goals she set and accomplished while a student.

"The new coach, Jim Blankenship, called and offered me a better opportunity than my original choice of college in Miami," Wegman says. "I saw it as a great chance to help establish a new program at a school that already excelled in soccer with a men's team."

She wound up being the team's captain for four years.

She also was a diligent student and active on campus. She was a member of the Knights of the Round Table

when the group helped host President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush during a campus visit. She worked in the athletics department with Athletics Director Roy Wiggemansen, helping to coordinate all the teams' travel arrangements and to organize the first intramural sports programs.

"I even babysat for Greg Malfitano's kids," she recalls. (Malfitano '74, today Lynn's senior vice president for administration, was then vice president for student affairs at CBR.)

Building the first women's soccer team was challenging, but highly satisfying, she says. "We had the school's and community's support, but we worked hard for everything we got. We did raffles, car washes and such to raise

money for sweats and t-shirts.

"Ultimately, the effort paid off—each year we were ranked nationally," she adds. "The fifth year of the program, the team won the nationals! Needless to say, I was there in spirit."

After graduating, she returned to her hometown of Cincinnati, where for 10 years she coached the girls' soccer program at her former high school. Today, she works with her family's business, refurbishing old buildings. She's in the process of opening a "meal prep" business named Sweet Sallie's Dinner Club. For fun, she enjoys travel, partaking in marathons and being "the best aunt ever."

Love match

It's not surprising that Jakob Lorentzon '96 and Petra Stankova '96 married. They have a lot in common: Both international students, they enrolled at Lynn in the early '90s and were exceptional athletes. Jakob, from Stockholm, Sweden, was a member of Lynn's men's soccer team, and Petra, from Prague, Czech Republic, played tennis for Lynn. Both took to their sports at an early age at a parent's encouragement.

"My father is a TV sports announcer, and his main interest is in soccer," Jakob says. "He coached my first team when I was 4 years old."

Petra's interest in tennis was spurred by her mother, who enjoyed the sport. "I hung around her and started to play," she says. "I began playing seriously at the age of 8."

Jakob and Petra followed different paths to Lynn. A friend of Jakob's, Johan Lundgren '95, was already on Lynn's team and recommended Jakob to coach Shaun Pendleton, who needed a striker. "Shaun took me on for a year, to see how it worked out," Jakob recalls.

Petra found out about Lynn while playing Women's Tennis Association tournaments in the United States for two months. "The last tournaments were in Florida," she says. "I had Czech friends who knew the coach, Mike Perez, who saw us play and later offered us scholarships."

Recalls Perez, who still coaches tennis at Lynn, "Petra was one of the most talented players that we have ever had. Her picture-perfect backhand and composure on the court allowed for a tremendous number of victories."

Jakob and Petra met as freshmen at Lynn, but didn't become a couple until their senior year. In 2004, they made it official—twice.

"We got married in Prague in April 2004 and in Sweden in July 2004. We did it twice, just to make sure," Jakob says with a smile.

They now live in Stockholm with their daughter, Viktoria, 2, who will



Jakob Lorentzon and Petra Stankova-Lorentzon with daughter Viktoria

JAKOB LORENTZON '96 AND PETRA STANKOVA-LORENTZON '96

Sports: Jakob—soccer; Petra—tennis

Most vivid Lynn memories: Jakob—"Competing in the national championship finals in both '92 and '93."

Petra—"Our team was so international; there was just one American girl, Ali Peshkin, from Boca Raton. When we'd travel to matches, we all talked in our 'weird English.' Ali could barely understand us, but the rest of us understood each other perfectly!"

Greatest challenge while students: Jakob—"Adapting to a new environment, new language, new school, everything in the first year."

Petra—"Definitely, the language!"

Proudest achievements: Jakob—"My scoring record from '93: 34 goals, 15 assists and 83 points. It's still a season record."

Petra—"My team's three national championships and my two single national finals."

soon have a little brother in August. Jakob works as a sales manager in the Global Services unit of Ericsson, and Petra, an art lover, is pursuing a master's degree in curator management at Stockholm University.

A kick out of life

Soccer was a natural for Englishman Darren Warham '99, who grew up in the small mining village of Ashington in northeast England. There, "everybody," including his father and older brother, played the game. It wasn't long before young Darren joined in the fun.

When it was time to attend college, he heard about Lynn from a friend who played for the Fighting Knights, Steve Locker. "Steve said he'd speak with the coach and see if he were interested in recruiting me," Warham recalls. "It all grew from there."

Warham became one of Lynn's finest soccer players. Among his many honors, he was a three-time NCAA All-American, the first men's soccer player to earn Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year honors, and the Male Scholar Student-Athlete of the Year for 1998-99. On the field, he helped the Knights to the first of four SSC titles and to a semifinal and

Forty of Lynn's former and current student-athletes have achieved Academic All-American status. Notably, Michele Newman '03, '04 is the only Fighting Knight to have earned the honor in more than one sport—women's basketball and volleyball. By sport, Lynn's Academic All-Americans are as follows:

Women's Golf

Elise Brandt '07
 *Josefin Stalvant '98

Men's Golf

Peter Cherry '88
 David Levasseur '86
 Richard McKillop '88

Women's Basketball

Michele Newman '03, '04

Men's Soccer

Gareth Dunn '00
 Ian Hindmarsh '96
 Andy Hirst '05, '07
 Jakob Lorentzon '96
 Johan Lundgren '95
 Matt Nelson '00
 Lea Oxley '94
 Lee Paul Scroggins '06
 Carl Wallace, Lynn junior
 *Darren Warham '99
 Richard White '93

Women's Soccer

Chris Albrecht '92
 Camille Marciant Hartung '95
 Gwendolyn Hasse '93
 Victoria Hahl Kenney '95
 Keri Remillard Kolettis '96
 Holiday Nay '93
 Dorte Nielsen '94
 Michelle Riegler '92
 Megann Garretson Schooley '94
 Melissa Wegman '90

Volleyball

Michele Newman '03, '04

Men's Tennis

Thomas Grapin '94
 *Ivan Keskinov '97, '99
 Brett Ormandy '97, '01
 Stefano Papaleo '96, '00
 Carl Rinman '95
 Sascha Wulschleger '98

Women's Tennis

*Cristina Cavina '96
 Delphine Contoz '92, '95
 Dragana Ilic '06
 Federica Lentini '94
 Petra Stankova Lorentzon '96
 Mischa Peterova '96
 Katrina Triska '00

* Member, Lynn University Athletic Hall of Fame



DARREN WARHAM '99

Sport: soccer

Proudest achievements: not conceding a goal during conference play one year; being drafted by three teams in one year: Dallas (MLS), the Florida ThunderCats (an indoor league) and the Staten Island Vipers (USL); being inducted into Lynn's Athletic Hall of Fame

Most vivid Lynn memory: surprisingly, not soccer related—the late Lizzie Hanusi, the former food service employee who checked students' ID cards in the cafeteria. "She was a character and very good at her job. It was always interesting trying to get past her—even when you did have your card!"

Personal philosophy: "Work hard; try your best."

Warham (left) signed his share of programs while in the pros.



England forever: Darren and Erin Warham's children (from left), Briton, Chloe and Jack

runner-up finish at the NCAA Tournament in 1996-97.

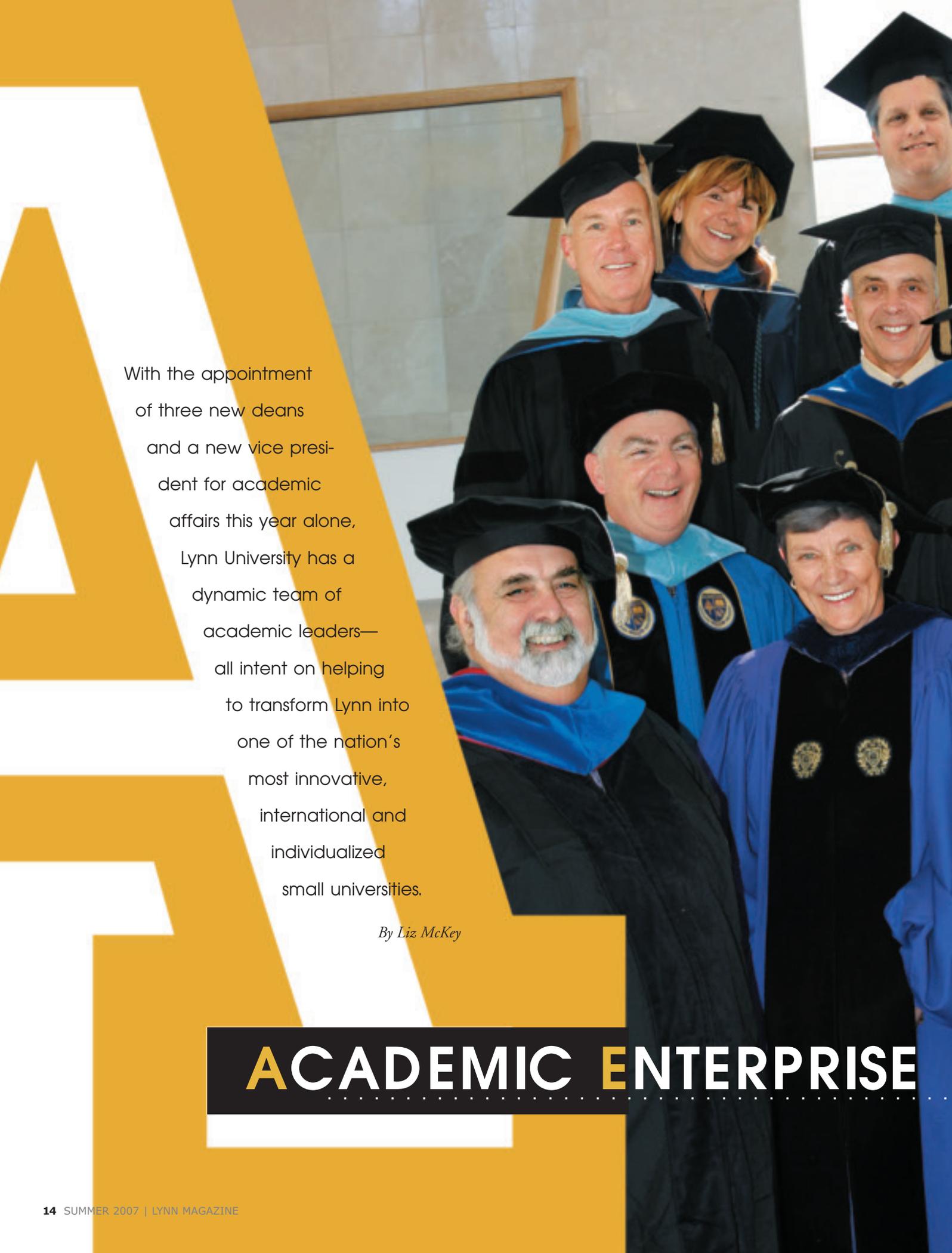
Most difficult of all, Warham says, was "going into that first semester. We were on campus a couple of weeks before everybody else for pre-season play, and I didn't realize what was ahead of me, trying to balance practice, playing and studying. It was a different way of life. ... If you haven't been through it, it's hard to understand what student-athletes go through. It's a juggling act that is very difficult to pull off at times."

On the academic side, Warham's favorite professor was the late Richard

"Doc" Thomas, in the College of Hospitality Management. "He was a great man," Warham recalls. "He had a lot of influence on me during my time at Lynn."

Today, Warham, wife Erin, and their three children—Chloe, 7; Jack, 4; and Briton, 1, live in Virginia Beach, Va., where Darren is director of coaching at a youth soccer club.

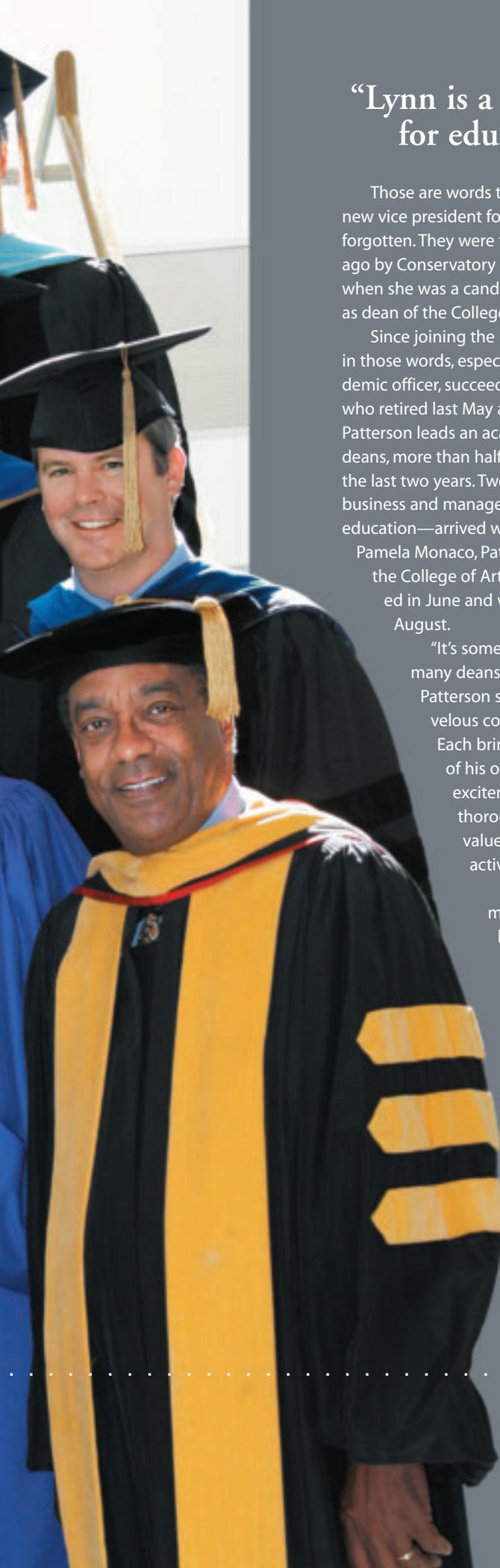
"I get to be around 10-, 11-, 12-, 13-, and 14-year-olds five days a week," he says. "It's a lot of fun." And, he adds, it makes relaxing his No. 1 hobby.



With the appointment of three new deans and a new vice president for academic affairs this year alone, Lynn University has a dynamic team of academic leaders—all intent on helping to transform Lynn into one of the nation's most innovative, international and individualized small universities.

By Liz McKey

ACADEMIC ENTERPRISE



“Lynn is a place where, if you have a vision and passion for education, you can make excellence happen.”

Those are words that Cynthia Patterson, Lynn’s new vice president for academic affairs, has never forgotten. They were told to her more than a year ago by Conservatory of Music Dean Jon Robertson when she was a candidate for her first job at Lynn as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Since joining the university, she’s seen the truth in those words, especially now as Lynn’s top academic officer, succeeding Kathleen Cheek-Milby, who retired last May after 11 years of service. Patterson leads an academic team comprising 10 deans, more than half of whom have joined Lynn in the last two years. Two of them—Russell Boisjoly in business and management and Patrick Hartwick in education—arrived within the last six months.

Pamela Monaco, Patterson’s successor as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was appointed in June and will join the university in August.

“It’s somewhat remarkable to hire this many deans in this short period of time,” Patterson says. “We have in place a marvelous complement of individuals. Each brings tremendous knowledge of his or her field, a passion and excitement for pedagogy, and a thorough appreciation for the value of research and scholarly activity.”

She adds, “Part of what makes Lynn so attractive for leaders, I think, is there’s a great spirit of entrepreneurship and creativity here. For the person who believes that education should make a difference in the lives of students and that our work should be done with dedication

to excellence, purpose and accountability, Lynn is a very special place.”

In fact, it’s what drew Patterson to Lynn in August 2006, after serving as vice president for academic affairs at Fisher College in Boston (2003-2005) and at Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass (1997-2003). At both institutions, she led a strategic planning process focused on improving academic programs, general education, faculty development, first-year advising and academic support—the very work and more she’ll be doing at Lynn. She’s also served as assistant athletic director and associate athletic director, respectively, for Northwestern University and Southern Methodist University, and she’s been dean of academic advising and co-curricular life at Sweet Briar College. Throughout her career, she’s taught American history, government, legal studies, critical thinking and writing, and courses focusing on race and gender in American society. She holds a Ph.D. in history from Northwestern University and a B.A. in history from Rollins College.

Patterson’s brief but productive deanship in the College of Arts and Sciences has been filled with successes—among them, the addition of new faculty members and the completion of a proposal for a new core curriculum, created after a year-long process involving 27 faculty members working on five task forces.

“It articulates an academic vision for Lynn University that is consistent with Lynn 2020—to be a learning-centered institution that is innovative, international and individualized,” Patterson explains.

“At Lynn we’re fortunate to have a strong sense of community—that sense of ‘we’ as President Kevin Ross often says. You look for deans who understand that. It’s about contributing to something greater than yourself. It’s about Lynn.”

Highlights of the deans follow.

Lynn’s academic leaders gather before commencement last May (clockwise from top):

Patrick Hartwick, dean, Ross College of Education; David Jaffe, dean Lynn College of International Communication; Jeff Johnson, dean, Morgan School of Aeronautics; Jon Robertson, dean, Conservatory of Music; Cynthia Patterson, vice president for academic affairs; Russell Boisjoly, dean, College of Business and Management; Mike Hampton, dean, College of Hospitality Management; Gregg Cox, academic dean; and Marsha Glines, dean, Institute for Achievement and Learning. Not shown is Pamela Monaco, who will join the College of Arts and Sciences as dean in August.

Gregg **COX**
Academic Dean

PROFESSIONAL



Education: B.S., University of Florida, 1976; M.S., Ed.D., Florida Atlantic University, 1981, 1990

What led him to his field: “I was lucky enough to find something that I was good at, but not until after I had earned a degree in chemistry and discovered that it was boring.”

At Lynn since: September 1981

Proudest achievement: “Twice being voted the Outstanding Professor of the Year—quite an accomplishment for a guy who teaches math!”

Top priorities as academic dean: “Helping students and faculty reach their fullest potential; being proactive by bringing all resources together before issues become problems.”

Best part of his job: “Working closely with faculty, other administrators and most importantly students. I truly value the opportunity that Lynn University has given me to both grow as a person and, hopefully, have a positive impact on so many lives.”

Top three wishes for Lynn: “(1) We will never lose sight of the importance of each individual on this campus, including students, faculty, administration and staff in all areas of our community. (2) The university will continue to grow and mature as an institution of higher learning. (3) We will receive the financial resources that will enable Lynn University to expand and enhance the physical plant and to endow future learners.”

PERSONAL

Birthplace: Knoxville, Tenn.

Family: wife Nancy, a special education teacher; daughter Kari, 25, and son Kevin, 21—all graduates of the University of Florida

Word or phrase most overused by others: “like”

How he'd explain his profession to a child: “After all is said and done, I am a teacher.”

What he sings or hums when alone: classic rock and Jimmy Buffet

Talent he'd most like to have: play the piano

Book that changed his perspective on life: *Trigonometry with Analytic Geometry*

Personal philosophy or motto: “To always consider how it would be to ‘walk a mile in the other man’s moccasins’ ”

Russell **BOISJOLY**
Dean, College of Business and Management

PROFESSIONAL



Education: B.S. in industrial management, University of Massachusetts at Lowell, 1972; M.B.A. in finance from Boston University, 1973; D.B.A.

in finance from Indiana University, 1978

What led him to his field: “An interest in being interdisciplinary and the encouragement of a professor from Boston University”

Most recent prior positions: chairperson and professor of finance at Stonehill College, Easton, Mass; dean of the School of Business and associate dean of graduate programs, Fairfield (Conn.) University

Proudest professional achievements to date: At Fairfield’s School of Business, earning accreditation with distinction from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and helping to secure a \$25 million contribution to name the school; having an article, “Roger Boisjoly and the Challenger Disaster: The Ethical Dimensions,” included in the International Library of Management, Volume 1, as one of the 1,000 most important management research articles of the 20th century. (Roger Boisjoly is his brother.)

At Lynn since: January 2007

Top priorities in leading his area: “Interpersonal communications: keeping everyone involved in the plan for growth; faculty development and hiring; curriculum development; obtaining funding to support the growth of the curriculum, the faculty, and the facilities of Lynn and the college”

PERSONAL

Birthplace: Lowell, Mass.

Family: wife Carol Somers, an occupational safety and health nurse

Historical figure he most identifies with and why: “I admire Winston Churchill because he had the courage to take enormous criticism when highlighting the impending emergence and danger of the Nazi party in Germany. He then distinguished himself as a leader during a time of crisis for Great Britain during World War II.”

How he'd explain his profession to a child: “Education is an individual’s most valuable resource because it is the one asset that no one can take away.”

Talent he'd most like to have: fluency in several languages

Other profession he'd choose: rock singer

Book that changed his perspective on life: *The Celestine Prophecy* by James Redfield

Personal philosophy or motto: “Nothing is impossible.”

Marsha **GLINES**
Dean, Institute for Achievement and Learning

PROFESSIONAL



Education: B.A., Emerson College, 1970; M.Ed., Lesley University, 1979; Harvard University Graduate School of Education, special studies student, 1981-1982; Ph.D., Union Institute, 1988

What led her to enter her field: “My mother, who had earned a law degree at Portia Law School—the only all-women’s law school at the time, contracted polio during the epidemic right after I was born. She was in an iron lung and had to have multiple surgeries. She was told she would never walk again, but she eventually taught high school English for 20 years and led an incredibly full life, never acting or feeling ‘handicapped.’ She was an inspiration, and at 13, I began volunteering at a summer camp in Martha’s Vineyard for adults with cerebral palsy. Then it just seemed like a developmental path that ultimately led me to my work at Lynn.”

Proudest achievement: “Being nominated for the Baylor University 2004 Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching. Just to be considered was an honor.”

At Lynn since: 1991

Top priorities as dean: “Finding staff who are talented, passionate and have endless energy for doing ‘good’ work so that we deliver comprehensive, personalized support services for all Lynn students”

Top three wishes for Lynn: “That someone would fund three new buildings at Lynn—a new residence hall, an academic building and a student center”

PERSONAL

Birthplace: Weymouth, Mass.

Family: two daughters, Melanie Glines Connors and Ronnie Glines Payne

How she’d explain her profession to a child: “Helping every individual understand how their brains work, how thinking occurs, how we learn things. It is a great adventure to come to understand why we learn the way we do.”

Other profession she’d choose: “An artist living in Paris on the Left Bank”

Book that changed her perspective on life: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho and *Love in the Time of Cholera* and other works by Gabriel García Márquez

Personal motto: “Something [historian] Laurel Thatcher Ulrich said: ‘Well-behaved women rarely make history.’”

Mike **HAMPTON**
Dean, College of Hospitality Management

PROFESSIONAL



Education: B.S. in business management, Florida State University, 1975; M.S. in hospitality management, Ed.D. in adult education and human resources development, Florida International University 1984, 1997

Why he entered his field: “After undertaking a required college internship in accounting that happened by chance to be for a hotel, I wound up working in the hospitality industry for nearly 25 years. Once I had completed my master’s in hospitality management, the associate dean at FIU asked me to teach a course in marketing as an adjunct professor. I loved teaching and decided to pursue a terminal degree that would allow me to become a full-time faculty member.”

Proudest professional achievement to date: “Other than becoming dean of the College of Hospitality Management at Lynn, one of my most gratifying accomplishments is the establishment of a training and HR development company, HSA International, recognized throughout the hospitality industry worldwide as one of the premier resources for performance improvement workshops, seminars and custom learning programs.”

At Lynn since: March 2005

Top priorities in leading his area: “Creating and maintaining an academic program that is unique, rigorous, challenging, evocative, interesting, and relevant to the evolving needs of the hospitality industry. Attracting and cultivating fiscal, human and physical resources necessary for providing a preeminent environment for learning, research and service. Establishing industry relationships that provide a progressive conduit for internship, field study, career planning and practical exposures for students.”

PERSONAL

Birthplace: Tallahassee, Fla.

Family: wife Lizet; daughter Anna, 8; son Derek, 14

How he’d explain his profession to a child: “For hospitality, I’m in the business of helping people eat, drink, sleep and have fun; for academia, I’m in the business of helping people get smarter so that they can enjoy whole new levels of eating, drinking, sleeping and having fun.”

What he had to learn the hard way: “Always check your zipper before teaching a class on videoconferencing.”

Talent he’d most like to have: “Tap dancing. I’ve had to do it occasionally in business meetings without having had formal lessons.”

Book that changed his perspective on life: *The Ultimate Gift* by Jim Stovall.

Patrick **HARTWICK**

Dean, Donald E. and Helen L. Ross
College of Education



PROFESSIONAL

Education: B.S. and M.S. in education, State University College of New York at Buffalo, 1978 and 1985; Ed.D. in special education, West Virginia University, 1987

What led him to his field: “I spent the summer of 1976 at a camp for children with disabilities in Angola, N.Y., on Lake Erie and discovered my passion for working in special education and teaching.”

Proudest achievement: “The completion of a four-year project to develop and obtain \$3.9 million in funding for the construction and staffing of a Center for Special Education. The center serves elementary and middle school children with learning disabilities in an after-school program housed on-campus and in the schools.”

At Lynn since: June 2007

Why Lynn: “The small private college atmosphere with a great deal of energy and creative spirit to offer new and exciting programs for the students”

Top priorities as dean: “Program review and revisions based on new state regulations and standards for educators. These two activities will allow the college to provide the highest of quality pre-service training program in the area.”

Top three wishes for Lynn: “(1) Add more talented, bright faculty to the college to contribute to the already wonderfully talented people here; (2) develop and implement a Professional Development School model within the college; (3) improve services for our majors in all programs of the college.”

PERSONAL

Birthplace: Buffalo, N.Y.

Family: wife Christine R. Brinkworth-Hartwick; daughter Allie, 21, a junior at the University of Toronto; son Jonathan, 19, a freshman at SUNY Fredonia

Historical figure he most identifies with and why: “JFK, a bright, intelligent leader with vision”

How he'd explain his profession to a child: “I teach teachers how to make learning important and fun.”

Book that changed his perspective on life: *Your Best Life Now* by Joel Osteen

Other interests: reading, golf and biking

Personal philosophy or motto: “Work hard, have fun and enjoy the people around you.”

David **JAFFE**

Dean, Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn
College of International Communication



PROFESSIONAL

Education: B.A., Albright College, 1966; M.S. in mass communication, Temple University, 1968; Ph.D. in mass communication, University of Iowa, 1971

At Lynn since: 2001

What led him to communications: “My parents wanted me to be a physician, so I applied to a couple of pre-med programs and got into Temple University. The first month I was there, I discovered the student-run radio station, WRTI, and spent all of my time hanging out at the station.”

Professional and research focus: emerging technologies and how they're incorporated into the mass media

Industry “firsts”: He helped establish the first cable television origination station in the United States (WRFY cable channel 5 in Reading, Pa.) in 1967 and in Israel in 1980; while a consultant in Israel, he built the first Internet radio station that produced original news programming and assisted in establishing the first Internet radio station operated by a daily newspaper (*The Jerusalem Post*).

His college's biggest challenge: “In this college, we're driven by technology. And the pace of technological change is increasing. As a college with a strong four-year program in nine different areas—in September we'll have nine majors—we have to be sure that in addition to a strong liberal arts foundation, our students have pre-professional skills that will enable them to enter the communication field of their choice when they graduate...Our challenge is to predict where the industry will be when they graduate.”

Top wishes for the college: “A benefactor to help us upgrade our television studio to high-definition, wide-screen technology; endowed chairs”

PERSONAL

Birthplace: West Reading, Pa.

Family: wife Elaine, a reading teacher at Broward High School; two sons, Seth, 36, an aerospace engineer at Johnson Space Center in Houston; Jakob, 21, who attended Lynn for two years, graduated last May from Brown University and is now enrolled in the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University; and daughter Rachel, 18, who just completed her second year at Lynn and is attending the University of Southern California this fall to major in film.

Other: has a second home in Tel Aviv, Israel; has done a few minor roles in films, including *Delta Force*.

Jeff **JOHNSON**

Dean, Burton D. Morgan
School of Aeronautics



PROFESSIONAL

Education: B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, 1985; M.A.S. in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University,

1997; Ph.D. – Arts and Sciences with a specialization in Aeronautical Science, Union Institute and University, 2007

What led him to his field: “I was a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot on active duty for 15 years before joining the U.S. Air Force Reserves.”

Proudest professional achievement: USAF Senior Pilot’s wings

At Lynn since: September 2000

Why Lynn: “I like the individual attention we as faculty and staff can give our students. We get to know them and can truly make a difference in their lives.”

Top priority as dean: student development

Top three wishes for Lynn: “(1) a complex aircraft so that we could meet the required FAA training requirements for the commercial pilot rating; (2) more money for the aeronautics endowed scholarship to help our students financially; (3) increased funding for off-campus student events”

Outstanding 2007 graduates and their plans: “Jack Sergeant, a commercial pilot flying for ExpressJet; Mark Smith, USAF second lieutenant assigned as a contracting officer; John Paddrick, aircraft broker in South California; and Maureen King, who works in the LaGuardia Airport Authority”

PERSONAL

Birthplace: Vandenburg Air Force Base, California

Family: wife Lynette Johnson, project manager in the Morgan School of Aeronautics; son Beau, 20

What he sings or hums when alone: “Tiny Bubbles”

Other profession he’d choose: “I wouldn’t.”

Hobbies: “Flying!”

Personal philosophy or motto: “Do what you love, and the money will follow.”

Jon **ROBERTSON**

Dean, Conservatory of Music



PROFESSIONAL

Education: B.A., M.S., D.M.A. in piano performance, The Juilliard School of Music, 1964, 1966, 1972

Position prior to Lynn:

chair of the Music Department and professor of conducting/director of orchestras at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for 11 years

Additional post: conductor and music director of the Redlands (Calif.) Symphony Orchestra, 1982-present

What led him to his field: “My father, aside from being a minister, was a brilliant musician. From a very young age, I could play anything I heard on the piano. My family moved to California when I was about 4 years old, and at 7 I was accepted into the studio of renowned pianist and teacher Ethel Leginska. By 10, I made my professional debut at Town Hall, New York. *The New York Times* said I was a ‘pint-sized Paderewski.’ From there, it just kept going.”

At Lynn since: June 2005; consulted for six months prior. “This has been an exciting two years; we’ve gone from 34 students to probably 80 to 85 next year—within 3 to 4 students of our maximum enrollment.”

Top three wishes for Lynn: “A place for the conservatory to be housed; an endowment naming the conservatory; and endowed chairs for our extraordinary faculty... This conservatory’s potential is unlimited; the sky is the limit.”

PERSONAL

Birthplace: Jamaica, West Indies

Family: married to Florence Bellande Robertson, who holds a Ph.D. from UCLA in French literature; three adult daughters, Sabine, Nadege and Berangere; and six grandchildren (four girls, two boys). “And my sons-in-law are like my own sons—they are great men. I’m very blessed.”

How he’d explain his profession to a child: “This question reminds me of something a little friend of mine said when I got my doctorate in piano: ‘Do you fix sick pianos now?’”

Historical figure he most admires and why: “Beethoven. The worst thing that could happen to a composer is to lose his hearing, yet the more deaf Beethoven became, the greater his output and its quality became.”

What he sings or hums when alone: “Hymns—I come from a minister’s home, and at one time I pastored a church for 14 years.”

Talent he’d most like to have: “I would love to be able to play jazz or the organ.”

Little-known fact: As a boy, he appeared twice in the Talent Round-up segment of the *Mickey Mouse Club* TV show.



A Lynn graduate reflects on lessons learned outside the classroom.

By Jena M. Zakany '07

Jena M. Zakany, 21, received a Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude from Lynn University last May. Majoring in communication with a specialization in journalism, she fulfilled her degree requirements in just three years and earned The Gordon and Mary Henke Excellence in Communication Award. She is now enrolled in Lynn's master's program in communication and mass media, and is a graduate assistant in the Office of Marketing and Communication.



I wish I could say that

there was one clear lesson I learned in my years at college. I wish I could turn to my little siblings and be able to give them a definitive answer on what path they should take during their years away at school. But I can't, because there isn't one clear message that I've received or one clear path that I've learned to follow. Nowhere in my years at school did I learn that one specific thing that has led me to where I am today.

For what I've learned is that I have so much more to learn. What I've been taught is how to open my mind to new experiences and life lessons, and how to soak it all in. What I've come to realize is how important it is to be prepared for what life throws at you, and to be willing to accept it when it's not what you expected.

What I am walking away with is the knowledge that I don't know all that there is to know. And what I've learned from my years at Lynn is that the most important thing you can do in life is to seize every opportunity, no matter what it is or how small it may seem to be. For you never know how valuable each opportunity can be until you take it.



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When I came to Lynn University, I didn't know exactly what to expect. I had visited the campus a few times before, so I generally knew my way around. I was fortunate enough to have met my roommate before school began. I also had taken a few college courses at my local community college as part of the dual enrollment program at my high school, so I had an idea of what to expect in the classroom. On paper, I was prepared.

But I'm not going to lie to you. I was nervous. Scared, even. I was living on my own for the first time in my life. And, yes, I teared up when my mom drove off campus that first day after helping me move and unpack. But, instead of getting homesick or sad, I decided to look at it as a wonderful opportunity. I was about to have a great experience, meet new people and get the education that I'd been working toward my whole life. I was ready.

My first year at Lynn flew by. Looking back now, it seems like a distant memory, though it was just three years ago. Everything was new to me then. Everything was a chance to do something better. Everything was an opportunity to grow. Though I didn't see it then, as I look back now, I can see how much I learned and changed and grew. And I can tell you that everything happened just the way it should have. Here are a few of the things I learned as a Lynn student (in no particular order):



Unforgettable: At the iPulse editor's desk; participating in WalkAmerica with classmates; with campus visitor and CNN journalist Soledad O'Brien; on a study tour in London

Always be willing to lend a helping hand

I believe that what you give out comes back to you. I always made sure to help out my friends in school when I could, whether it was to give a friend a ride to work when his car broke down or to simply help a classmate study for the big exam. And I know that if I'm stuck in an emergency situation or need a shoulder to lean on, someone will be there for me as well. So, even though it may not seem to be beneficial to you to help out your classmate, it's important and valuable. It's good for your soul. Sam Levenson may have said it best in his poem "Time Tested Beauty Tips"—famously recited by Audrey Hepburn, "Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."



Dunkin' Donuts: Not always worth the trip

As awesome of an idea as it may sound at the time, it is *not* the smartest thing in the world to hop in the car with your friends at one o'clock in the morning to get two dozen donuts from the 24-hour Dunkin' Donuts up the road, and then proceed to eat said donuts. Trust me. (Though, I can tell you that you will form a rather strong bond with your toilet. I'd never felt closer to that first stall in Freiburger Hall.)

Leave the flip-flops. Take the umbrella

When you're a freshman with a car on campus, you'd better get some comfortable shoes, because the walk from the depths of the North Lot to the far reaches of the dormitories on campus is not a short one. Flip-flops may be in season all year 'round here in South Florida, but tripping over speed bumps and slipping on the wet sidewalks is just not fun. (Although a few laughs at my own expense never hurt. No, it was the bruises on my backside that hurt!)

Further, always bring an umbrella. It may not look like rain. In fact, it may not even look cloudy outside. But believe me, if you're in South Florida during hurricane season, it's going to rain. In fact, go ahead and buy a half-dozen umbrellas and stash them in various places in your room/apartment and car. It's a safe bet you'll use them all at some point or another.

Proper sunscreen application...that's what friends are for

Always have a friend help you put sunscreen on your back when you go to the beach. (Oh, and be sure that you're actually *wearing* sunscreen when you head to the beach. This is Florida, people.) Believe me when I tell you that a bright red back with five white streaks around your shoulders strangely resembling your fingers just isn't attractive. And I really think it's unnecessary to pay homage to the raccoons, so wearing sunscreen on your face (even though you've got giant sunglasses) is top priority.



Strive to be the best you can be

Something I've learned during my time at Lynn is that the worst thing you can believe about yourself is that you're going to fail or that you're a failure. Several times during the last few years I was overwhelmed by what was happening in the classroom, the workplace, my personal life, and the combination of the three. But I never gave up. I pushed through, and for the most part, things worked out. I learned to never lose hope and always believe that there is a chance you will succeed.

Read

Yes, read. Even if it's not an assignment, it's so important to keep reading. And no, reading the comments on your MySpace page doesn't count. Read a book! Turn off *Dancing With the Stars* for one night (they'll still be dancing tomorrow, I swear), flip on the TiVo, switch off the TV, and read. A good book, much like a good song, can speak to you in a way that not much else can. A good book can move and inspire. I've been a reader since I was a small child (*Hooked on Phonics* really did work for me. Thanks, Mom.), and I believe it's extremely beneficial to always read something on the side, whether it's a novel, a history book, or even a science fiction tale. Books allow you to escape from all of the burdens of reality. Whenever life gets to be too much for me, I turn to one of my favorite Jane Green novels, or even that old dragon fiction series that I loved when I was in sixth grade.



Be a part of something

Join a club or organization. I think that, aside from doing well in class, one of the most important things that I did during my college years was to get involved on campus. During my years at Lynn, I was involved in several student organizations and activities on campus, and I feel that, in many cases, I gained just as much valuable experience in those organizations and activities as I did in the classroom setting. With the help of some key members in the Honors Colloquium, I was able to start the first Lynn University WalkAmerica team to benefit the March of Dimes, dedicated to saving the lives of premature babies. I wanted to make sure that I did as much as I could during my time at Lynn and that I was a part of something beneficial to the community. Our generation is one of the most selfish I've seen. It's up to *us* to change that. It's up to *us* to get out there, volunteer and help our communities.

Take that chance

One of the most important things I think I've realized during my years at Lynn is that sometimes it's okay to just let things happen. Not everything has to be planned. So much of life is just happenstance. And though I'd heard the phrase "being in the right place at the right time" before, I never really got it until my years away at college. I never realized how important it is to just put yourself out there. Be willing to do the job. Be willing to go above and beyond what is called of you because it's worth it. When you work hard, achieve your goals, surpass them, and keep on reaching, opportunities will come knocking on your door. But you've got to be there to answer it. You've got to be out there, doing all that you can, willing to allow things to happen. You've got to be there, waiting and ready to seize that opportunity.



Men's tennis wins first national title, women's team finishes in semifinals

Lynn men's tennis won its first National Championship with a 5-1 victory over Valdosta State on May 12 in Altamonte Springs, Fla. The title is head coach Mike Perez's seventh championship.

Notching a program-best 24 victories, Perez also picked up his 600th career victory en route to earning his first Intercollegiate Tennis Association Coach of the Year accolade. Senior Dennis Riegraf set a Lynn record for career doubles wins with 74 and tied the career singles record with 72. He was

named the ITA Southeast Region Senior Player of the Year.

The women's team defeated Hawaii Pacific 5-3 in the quarterfinals, before falling to West Florida 5-1 in the semifinals. Both teams also proved they were champions in the classroom. Six members of the men's team and five on the women's team were named to the Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll, which requires a minimum 3.2 GPA on a scale of 4.0. Of those 11, five earned 4.0s.



Coach Mike Perez (standing, second from left) and the men's tennis team proudly display their National Championship trophy.



Hall of Fame inductees (left) Cristina Cavina '96 and Richard Young and (below) Henrik Nystrom '95



3 inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Lynn University welcomed three new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame on April 25:

- Richard Young, former athletics director from 1993 to 2002. During his tenure, the Fighting Knights moved from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II, won 13 NAIA and NCAA National Championships, and added volleyball, softball, cross-country and rowing.
- Cristina Cavina '96 led the Fighting Knights to NAIA tennis national championships in 1993, 1995 and 1996, and was the 1993 NAIA National Singles Champion. She, husband Luca Brambilla '94, '96 and their son and twin daughters live in Rome, Italy.
- Henrik Nystrom '95 in 1994 posted a 72.69 stroke average, the lowest in program history, and became Lynn's first NAIA Individual National Champion. Today, he is a member of the European PGA Tour and lives in Stockholm, Sweden, with wife Catharina (Lindstrom) '96 and their two daughters.

BIG LU GOES TO COLLEGE

Lynn University graduates weren't the only ones earning degrees recently. Big LU, the Fighting Knight mascot and alter ego of Lynn sophomore Chris Dillon, "graduated" last March from Mascot Camp 2007 in Canyon Lake, Texas.

The life of a university mascot may seem carefree, but there are some definite do's and don'ts to bear in mind when boosting school spirit. As a matter of fact, most of these guidelines apply to all of us.

Mascot do's

1. Give high-fives and hugs.
2. Give out prizes.
3. Interact with the fans and make them laugh.
4. When you greet children, get down to their level.
5. Overexaggerate your actions.
6. Dance, dance, dance all night long!

Mascot don'ts

1. No talking.
2. Don't lift or punch kids.
3. Don't touch people in inappropriate places.
4. Don't autograph anyone's body—only paper or souvenirs.
5. Don't take off your costume in public.



Knight **S**potlight

KATY McNICOLL, women's golf

Katy McNicoll is a sophomore women's golfer who has followed in the footsteps of her older brother, former Fighting Knights men's golfer Keir McNicoll '06. She recently sat down with Sports Information Director Chad Beattie to talk about her family legacy, season-ending knee injury and life in her native Scotland.



The golf course in McNicoll's native Carnoustie, where the sport has been played for more than 500 years.

So you're playing golf at a school where your brother was an All-American. Do you feel pressure to play like him?

I guess there is pressure to play like him, but I look up to him and aspire to play like him. He's a great golfer, and I hope to be able to play as consistently as he does.

Your brother, though, won only one tournament in his four-year career, while you have already won twice in just a year and a half. How do you feel about that?

Last year, my goal was to settle in with the team and play. This year I was playing to get better and win. I worked hard on my game, and when I was playing, I was playing to win. I've gotten more consistent, but there is still work to do.

How does Keir feel about that?

He's happy for me. He wrote me a letter before I had my surgery, and he told me he is proud to be my big brother.

Have you ever beaten him on the links?

I've never beaten him fairly.

You suffered a season-ending knee injury in the winter after starting the year as one of the top golfers in the country. How frustrating has it been to see your season cut short and be away from the team?

It's been terrible—the worst experience I've ever had. It was completely unexpected and disappointing. Coming off the fall season, I thought this was going to be my year to help the team win the national championship.

Has your rehabilitation gone well? When do you expect to return?

Really good so far. I'm working very hard to get to each level. It's usually a six-month mark, but I'm trying to get ahead of schedule. So, hopefully by the start of August, I'll be able to start playing again. Maybe I'll sneak some short clubs in before I should.

You are from Carnoustie, Scotland originally. What are some of the things you like about being in South Florida compared to Scotland?

The weather and the chance to play golf year-round. The people are not bad either.

Do you miss Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster?

[Laughing] I've never been to Loch Ness, but I hear it's very nice.



Lynn University Board Chair Christine E. Lynn, President Kevin M. Ross and Elaine J. Wold

The Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center at Lynn University was designed with a light-filled lobby to “glow invitingly in the evening,” says architect Herbert S. Newman.

“I am very excited about the new performing arts center. It will fulfill a longtime dream to provide a warm and inviting venue for theatrical performance in Boca Raton.”

Elaine J. Wold



\$6 million lead gift will build new performing arts center

Elaine J. Wold has made a \$6 million gift through her foundation for the construction of the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center on the Lynn campus.

The 750-seat theater with its elegant, two-story lobby will be home to live theatrical performances by the university's theater arts program, as well as Conservatory of Music concerts and other university-hosted events. The 25,000-square-foot center will feature superb acoustics, a modern lighting system, a large, light-filled lobby, and flexible space well-suited for dramatic productions, concerts, and other cultural events.

"I am very excited about the new performing arts center," says Elaine J. Wold. "It will fulfill a longtime dream to provide a warm and invit-

ing venue for theatrical performance in Boca Raton.

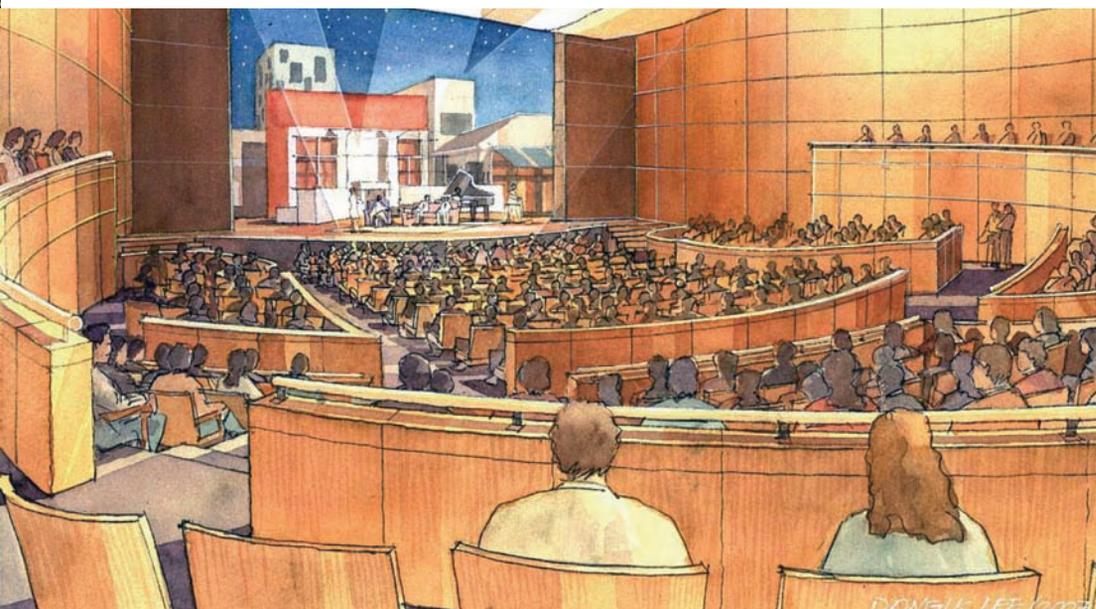
This gift is made as a follow-up to a \$1 million gift made by Elaine Wold in 2003 to create The Keith C. Wold, M.D. Memorial Fund for the Development of Theater Arts, in honor of her late husband. That gift was in support of the fledgling theater arts program at Lynn University, which has been capably guided by Jan McArt, often noted as Florida's "First Lady of Theater." The gift brought about the "Live at Lynn Series" and many local theatrical productions.

"This \$6 million gift demonstrates how much Elaine loves the performing arts. Her generosity will open Lynn's doors to all of South Florida," notes Board Chair Christine E. Lynn.

Adds President Kevin M.

Ross, "Elaine and her late husband, Keith, have been patrons of the arts and Lynn University for many years. We are thrilled that we can look forward to a new 'home for the arts' at Lynn, thanks to Elaine's latest gift."

Nationally acclaimed architect Herbert S. Newman, who developed Lynn's new master plan, the Ronald and Kathleen Assaf Academic Center and the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Library, is responsible for the stunning design of the performing arts center. Newman says, "I envision the Wold Performing Arts Center as home to a vibrant community of artists and audiences. We hope that the audience will feel as much a part of the theatrical experience as the performers. The design anticipates a light-filled lobby which will glow invitingly in the evening, and an intimate performance space with curving walls largely of wood, in which the audience shares the excitement and immediacy of the performers."



Herbert S. Newman designed an intimate performance environment for the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center at Lynn University.

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It's been a phenomenal year. As I reflect on my first year at Lynn, I am humbled by the generosity of Lynn's benefactors and by the commitment and enthusiasm of Lynn's parents,

alumni and friends around the world.

To reach out to more alumni and benefactors, we have reorganized the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. You will see more of us on the road more often, as we

travel across the country to meet with you, hear your stories and concerns and share Lynn's needs and the opportunities for your involvement.

Judi Nelson
Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs

Perpers give \$1 million student-focused gift to double the size of student courtyard



Groundbreaking moment: Mary and Harold Perper (center), with President Kevin M. Ross, left, and First Lady Kristen C. Ross, officially note the start of construction of Lynn's new Perper Plaza.

Local philanthropists and long-time Lynn University supporters Mary and Harold Perper have donated \$1 million to develop the courtyard at the heart of the university's campus. Construction began immediately following commencement and should be completed by the end of the summer.

Perper Plaza is an external courtyard adjacent to the Lynn Student Center. A crossroads to all corners of the university, the plaza is also the featured site for many campus activities, such as the annual Founders Day celebration and popular monthly Coffee in the Courtyard get-togethers.

"Once again, Mary and Harold Perper have demonstrated their commitment to improving the quality of student life at Lynn Univer-

sity," says President Kevin M. Ross. "Perper Plaza will be a special gathering place for our entire campus community for years to come and is a wonderful testimony to Mary and Harold Perper's continued dedication to Lynn students."

Residents of South Florida since the 1950s, the Perpers both worked as stockbrokers and then owned and operated hotels together. The Perpers retired and moved to Boca Raton in 1978. They have been generous philanthropists in the Boca Raton area; at Lynn, the Perpers funded the Harold and Mary Perper Multimedia Teleconferencing Center in the Green Center as well as the Perper Study Lounge in the Lynn Library. In 2006 they received the Boca Raton Award.

"For us, it's all about the young people," says Mary and Harold Perper. "We feel education is the most important thing, and we want to do all we can to encourage the students. We hope Perper Plaza will be a special place for students to gather on the Lynn campus."



Development officers (front, from left) Gareth Fowles, Bob Levinson and Judi Nelson, vice president for development and alumni affairs; (back, from left) Michael James, John Gallo, Matt Roos and Jay Brandt

Guarini and Arakelian named distinguished alumni

Two members of the class of 1995, Robert Guarini and Christian Arakelian, were presented the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award by President Kevin M. Ross on March 31, as part of Lynn's 2007 Alumni Weekend festivities.

Guarini is the co-owner of Boynton Beach-based Green Park Management, the construction and management company for Hampton Inn hotels in South Florida. He sponsored the Lynn Parents and Families Weekend 2006 and has supported the College of Hospitality Management, the Alumni Association, alumni and parents weekends, and the annual Frank A. Robino Golf Classic. He is a member of the Alumni Association board of directors.

Arakelian is a member of the management team at Troy, N.Y.-based Standard Manufacturing Company, the parent company of Sportsmaster Apparel, American Image and Zurich-based Great for Image. A loyal supporter of annual giving, Arakelian has donated matching funds to the last three graduating classes for their senior class gift campaigns.



Distinguished alumni Robert Guarini (left) and Christian Arakelian (right) with President Kevin M. Ross

Lynn welcomes new alumni director

The Office of Alumni Affairs has a new face—Matthew Roos. The Indiana native, formerly on the library staff in the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Library, will coordinate events and direct outreach activities serving the university's more than 10,000 alumni worldwide.

Roos will oversee outreach to Lynn University, College of Boca Raton and Marymount College alumni. He will coordinate Alumni Weekend and facilitate "Lynn On the Road" receptions for alumni and parents in the major alumni hubs of Washington, D.C.;

Boston; New York City; South Florida; Chicago; and Connecticut.

Roos, who is pursuing his M.B.A. at Lynn, planned Evans Scholars alumni weekend and philanthropic activities while at Indiana University. An artist and an educator, he taught fine arts in the Indianapolis Public Schools. Following a move to Alabama, Roos headed the fine arts department for the Tarrant City School District and subsequently worked in the fine arts department at Spain Park High School, part of the nationally recognized Hoover (Ala.) City Schools.



Dave Shutts '06, left, and Anna Svistunov '05 chat with Matt Roos, Lynn's new alumni director.

Lynn alumnus and CIO earns technology award

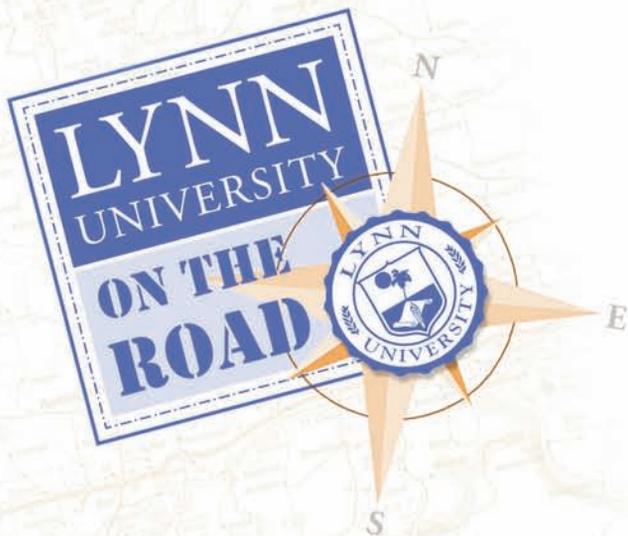
Chris Boniforti '02, chief information officer at Lynn, merited the top CIO distinction at the *South Florida Business Journal's* 2007 Technology Awards last May. He was among five finalists for the honor, which recognizes innovative business practices, community involvement, successful business plan/growth models, and unique company culture, among other superlatives.



Shelly and Chris Boniforti

Boniforti joined Lynn's Information Technology department as a graduate assistant in 1999 and became network administrator while working on his M.B.A. at Lynn. He was named CIO in 2006.

He and his wife, Shelly (Hall) '01, reside in Wellington with their 1-year-old son, Nathan.



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From its humble beginnings to these exuberant and exciting times of change, Lynn University is a product of the people who have experienced it as students, parents, fans, alumni or supporters.

As your new alumni director, I look forward to meeting you, hearing your stories, and learning more about this remarkable learning community.

Please take a moment to contact me by phone (561-237-7433) or e-mail (mroos@lynn.edu) and introduce yourself. I value your input as we shape and develop Lynn's alumni program.

Matt Roos, director of alumni affairs

LYNN ALUMNI

Connections



Whether on campus for Alumni Weekend or off campus at a Lynn on the Road gathering, Lynn alumni know how to get together and have a great time.





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1. Chef Jose Duarte '95, '98, owner of the Taranta Restaurant in Boston's North End, treated Lynn alumni and parents to an evening of exquisite hors d'oeuvres.
2. Daniel Horowitz '06 and Meghan McCarthy '06 in Boston on April 5
3. Kevin Wilkins '06; David Jaffe, dean of the Lynn College of International Communication; and guest Eric Slagle in Washington, D.C., on April 26
4. Alumni Board members Jay Brandt '99, '01; Sarah Daigle '03, '04; and Wayne Jarvis '96



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5. Alumni Board Member Dan Azer '96 with his wife, Sanya, and Judi Nelson, vice president for development and alumni affairs, at the Blue Martini in Fort Lauderdale on Feb. 8



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6. Rebecca Mace; Stephen Rosenthal; Karlton Brown '01, '02 (Alumni Board member); and Marsha Glines, dean of the Institute for Achievement and Learning in Miami on March 8
7. Parents Dr. and Mrs. Edmund A. Geller hosted the Miami alumni and parent reception, held under the stars and amidst the waterfalls and exotic palms at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahia Restaurant.



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8. Parents Sharon and Philip Touchette; Kevin Ross, president, with wife Kristen Ross; and parent Mark Cragan



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9. Inez Duarte, Gareth Fowles and Marinez Duarte '99
10. Parents Martin Fenton and Ralph Tedeschi in Boston
11. Trustee Will Rehrig and wife Lisa with Lynn College of International Communication Dean Emeritus Irving R. Levine and wife Nancy, who hosted the Washington, D.C., reception at the exclusive Cosmos Club
12. Catching up in Chicago are, from left, Justin Joseph '03, Emily Bluestein '05, Elana Levy '04, Scott Shower, Lynn's Matt Roos and Angela Goral '03.



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ALUMNI WEEKEND

- 13. Jonathan Colon, flight instructor Jonathan Reese and (seated) Jason Touw '06 check out a Lynn plane.
- 14. Becky Carlsson '96 (center) with children Felicia (left) and Damien
- 15. Sharen Resnik '69, Big LU; and Sharen's daughter Robin at the picnic
- 16. Students Ana Galatzan and Maria Vriza man the Edible Arrangements (owned by alumnus Daniel Leo '94) booth at the Sidewalk Festival.
- 17. Marymount alumnae Jane Beattie '67 and Debbie Kritzer '69 at the picnic
- 18. Photo time with President Kevin Ross
- 19. The alumni soccer game brings out the Fighting Knights spirit.
- 20. Bobby Guarini '95 and Christian Arakelian '95, recipients of the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award



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Who's Lynn?



They are. **Icles Vilce**, **Amy Greene**, **Stefano Papaleo '96, '00**, **Dian President**, **Sheila Sheppard '98**, and **Joe Carey** are in an elite group. Each of them has been honored as an Employee of the Year at Lynn University, singled out from the 420 employees who are helping Lynn to become one of the most individualized, international and innovative small, private universities in America and who made Lynn a finalist in the 2007 "Best Places to Work in South Florida."

We salute our Employees of the Year and thank all the members of the Lynn University family who nominated and voted for Lynn to be recognized as a "Best Places to Work." Our more than 2,500 students from 93 countries and 43 states tell us Lynn is also a "best place to get a college education."



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1981

Joe Sullivan works for public safety at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., and is the father of four sons.

1987

L. C. (Chip)Woody is married with two boys ages 8 and 10, who are currently in school in Maryland. Chip commutes back and forth from Florida to Maryland because his business is based in South Florida.

1995

Henrik Nystrom and Catharina (Lindstrom) Nystrom '96 and their daughters, Isabelle and Filippa, reside in Stockholm, Sweden. Henrik, a professional golfer playing on the European PGA, was inducted into Lynn's Athletic Hall of Fame last April (see story on page 24).



The Nystrom family during a recent visit to Lynn

1998

David Mann is a casualty claim senior adjuster for American Family Insurance in Wisconsin. He recently earned a casualty claim law degree and is now pursuing an M.B.A. at the University of Phoenix.

1999

Jay Brandt and wife Mayra welcomed their son, Tyler James, into the world Dec. 24, 2006. Jay, who also



The Brandt family

earned an M.B.A. from Lynn in 2001, is a regional development officer at Lynn University.

2000

Randi Goldman and husband Amit Sofer welcomed their first child, daughter Jordyn Leah Sofer, on Jan. 10, 2007.



Randi Goldman and daughter Jordyn Leah

Katerina Koldova Kucerova gave birth to a son, Daniel, on April 6. She is a former member of Lynn's women's tennis team and was recently selected for the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame—the first Lynn student-athlete to be chosen for the honor. Katerina, who also earned an M.B.A. from Lynn in 2003, resides with her family in Vlarska, Czech Republic.



Katerina Koldova Kucerova's son, Daniel

2002

Alan Ma received his Master of Arts degree in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2006. He moved to Lakewood, Colo., in March 2007 for his new job as a lateral police agent with the Lakewood Police Department.



Alan Ma

Mariola Prado was married to Juan José Siliézar on Nov. 4, 2006, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, where they now reside. She works as a brand manager in the marketing department at Molinos Modernos, a manufacturer of wheat flour for the baking and pastry industry.

2003

Jonathan Nimerfroh is the staff photographer for the *Main Line Times*, a 10,000-weekly circulation paper located just outside Philadelphia in Ardmore. He also has an active freelance business, JDN Photography, LLC (www.jdnphotography.net), through which he photographs weddings, portraits, musicians, corporate and sporting events.

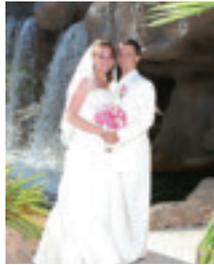
2005

H. Richard Dozier is vice president and dean of student development for Corning (N.Y.) Community College. Before earning his Ph.D. from Lynn, he received bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from Hampton (Va.) University. He is the author of a book, *The Education of a Native Son*.

Derek Rodgerson is the assistant director of admission at Saint Joseph's College of Maine in Standish, Maine. He also is the assistant men's basketball coach for the Monks. The team finished 22-8 this year and lost in the ECAC Regional Championship game.

2006

Tiffani Ashline married Anthony Patrick Caruso at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale on Oct. 7, 2006.



Tiffani Ashline and Anthony Patrick Caruso

She earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology at Lynn.

Jackie Codiga and **Megan Osmer**, both former Lynn women's basketball standouts, were selected to participate in the England Basketball League's Women's All Star Game, which was played last February. Codiga, who plays for the Manchester Mystics, and Osmer, with the London Heathrow Acers, are in their first season with the league.

(CLASS NOTES)

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- 1) e-mail us at alumni@lynn.edu
- 2) go online to www.lynn.edu/alumni and click on Stay Connected
- 3) mail to Office of Alumni Affairs, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33431

CLOSE-UP

Inspired by the Beatles and U2



Todd McFliker '05 thought long and hard about the words he would inscribe in his newly published book, *All You Need Is Love to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb, How the Beatles & U2 Changed the World*, at book signings: "Music makes life worth living." That pretty much sums up his passion in life.

Though the book—released last May—is his first, this creative journalist, as he calls himself, "has freelanced all over the place" for such publications as *Rag Magazine*, *The Miami Herald* and *South Florida Business Journal*. And he holds down a full-time job as a copywriter/copyeditor for a book publisher. His ultimate career goal is to work for *Uncut* magazine in London.

McFliker, 31, is a generation removed from the Beatles lovers' heyday. "I never appreciated them until 1998," he said. "I heard a used *Beatles Anthology II* CD, and it blew me away. It changed my life."

As he was researching his book, which was originally set to feature U2, the song *God Part II* sparked the analogy. "The poetic, brilliantly written song responded to John Lennon's *God*. In it he says, 'Instant karma's going get him, if I don't get him first.'" After that, the Beatles/U2 comparisons kept coming. In *Blender* magazine, a journalist asked U2 lead singer Bono how does one dismantle an atomic bomb, and Bono said, "with love." And the title of McFliker's book (originally his master's thesis at Lynn) was born.

"I owe so much to Lynn University," he said, "for giving me the opportunity to do something so cool and so close to my heart." He credits David Jaffe, dean of the Lynn College of International Communication, and his advisor and professor, Erika Grodzki, with encouraging him and guiding him through the process.

Stay tuned for his next book: "I've always known I wanted to write a book on Led Zeppelin."

For more information about McFliker and his ventures, visit his Web site, www.CreativeJournalist.com.

—Debbie Stern

Remembering our alumni and friends



Barbara Eberle, a former staff member who served the university for 30 years, passed away on Feb. 18. She worked in the Office of Admissions and the Lynn Library before retiring in 1999. During her three decades on campus, she saw the institution evolve from Marymount College to the College of Boca Raton and, finally, Lynn University.



George Keller, noted higher education scholar and one of the principal authors of Lynn 2020 strategic plan, passed away on Feb. 28. A Columbia University graduate, he began his career as a faculty member there before moving on to leadership roles at the State University of New York, the University of Maryland system and the University of Pennsylvania. “It was his work as an author and consultant, however, where he touched the most lives—empowering faculty, staff and administrators at campuses across the country and world with his ideas about our duties and opportunities as educators,” said President Kevin M. Ross. “American author Walter Lippmann wrote that the ‘final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on.’ By such a measure, George was a leader of the highest order. The good work he spent his life forwarding will continue in the days and decades ahead and will stand in tribute to him.”

Robin L. Prachel '81, of Fairfax Station, Va., passed away on Feb. 28.



James Bradley Rehrig, a member of the Lynn University board of trustees since March of 1999, passed away on Jan. 24. His son, Will, also serves on the board, having joined in December 2001. “Brad was a generous supporter and fan of Lynn University,” said President Kevin M. Ross. “Though he made his home on the West coast, his thoughts and energies were often focused on our campus and students. A loyal and trusted friend to many, including my father, Brad spent the bulk of his professional life leading Rehrig Pacific Company, his family’s Los Angeles-based company.”

Travis J. Rios, of Titusville, Fla., a former Lynn student and member of the Fighting Knights baseball team, passed away on April 15.



Emad Wajeih, director of Lynn’s Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment, died March 24. He had served as director of the office since September 2003. He is survived by his wife, Nahla, three grown children and three grandchildren. His daughter, Sara, earned her M.B.A. degree at Lynn in December 2005.

Save the dates

Watch your e-mail and snail mail for information and invitations on upcoming events:

Parents and Families Weekend
Oct. 19-21, 2007

Alumni Weekend
April 4-5, 2008

To register for events, RSVP for receptions and obtain updates, please check www.lynn.edu regularly or call 561-237-7748.

Be included in the new alumni directory

The Alumni Association is working on the second **Lynn University Alumni Directory**. The first directory was printed in 2002. Since that time, Lynn has graduated an additional 3,000 alumni.

The directory will be published in spring 2008. Between now and then you’ll be contacted by phone, e-mail and U.S. mail to update your home, business and education

records as well as to purchase a paper or CD directory for your own use.



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