

# LESSONS FROM COMMENCEMENT SPEECHES

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Americans have the right to express their views. After all, debate and dissent are integral parts of the democratic experience. College students in particular should be encouraged to find their voice and passions, which some apparently did last weekend at the University of Notre Dame when they were joined by Catholic leaders and conservative activists in protesting President Obama's commencement address.

There were, however, two problems with the story... and they are not what you might think. One was that there was actually very little in the way of a protest. Yet, the media hyped both the tone and extent of protest, giving the false impression that Obama and abortion rights were very unpopular and that Catholics spoke with one voice against abortion, and an aggressive voice at that.

None of this was true. University officials, after all, not only invited Obama but proudly awarded him an honorary degree. Most students and faculty attended the ceremony and graciously welcomed Obama, just as many Americans (and many Catholics) did not oppose Obama's

speech and remain pro-choice. The story that was missed was how the media discredited itself, much as it did when, conversely, during the invasion of Iraq in 2003, it either understated or failed entirely to cover the protest against both the war and President Bush.

The other problem was the protesters' stated gripe: Obama didn't share the Catholic Church's teachings on the sanctity of life when it came to abortion and embryonic stem cell research. This complaint smacked of hypocrisy. Notre Dame and other Catholic universities have hosted politicians who have promoted unjust wars and support for the death penalty, both of which resulted in the tragic loss of innocent lives. Such positions contradict the teachings of Jesus regarding the sanctity of life.

Where was the protest when religious institutions and leaders honored those politicians and others who cut programs that provided nutrition and healthcare for needy children? Where was the outrage over politicians who let the hospitals treating our veterans fall into disrepair? Where was the moral condemnation over politicians who took bigoted stances against certain of God's children? Such policies can't possibly be consistent with the teachings of the Church or University, or the sanctity of life.

In his remarks on campus, Obama recognized the complexity and sensitivity of these issues, noting that there will always be disagreements and that it is doubtful the fight over abortion would ever be resolved to the satisfaction of all. Yet, in order to move forward in a pluralistic, democratic society, we must look beyond a narrow fixation on division to find common ground.

The same is true when inviting or protesting a commencement speaker. Good luck finding a speaker who is lock-step with Catholic canon on all issues. Most American Catholics fail to adhere to all the teachings of their church and the handful of protesters at Notre Dame probably disagree with the Pope on more than one issue. Catholicism, as in all religions, endures various interpretations of scripture.

It is a good thing when students and religious leaders take a stand for what they believe. But it would have been a great thing if they were not so silent during the Church's complicity in covering up the child molestation epidemic among their clergy. Opposing abortion as contrary to Church teaching makes sense, but not when countless other immoral actions are excused or even applauded in the name of God. The protesters at Notre Dame get a failing grade for their moral relativism and inconsistency.

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# FEAR AND FAILURE

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By 1933 three straight years of economic depression had produced record numbers of bank failures, the collapse of entire industries, and an unemployment rate of 25 percent. It was within this context that Franklin Roosevelt uttered the memorable line at his inauguration that soothed the nation's anxieties and launched a bold new direction: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

During his first 100 days at the helm FDR embarked on an aggressive and ambitious array of initiatives to right the ship of state: He closed banks to prevent a run – wisely labeling his actions a "bank holiday" – then reorganized and propped up the financial sector with the Emergency Banking bill and FDIC; assistance was provided to millions of homeowners and farmers fearing foreclosure; and the newly created Federal Emergency Relief Administration and Reconstruction Finance Corporation along with FDR's "alphabet soup" agencies, such as the CCC and TVA, helped create jobs.

The results are well known to most Americans. With the exception of a recession in 1937, every year under Roosevelt thousands of jobs were created, unemployment dropped, and GDP grew at robust rates. As another president today tries to steer the American economy (and the entire nation) back on the right path, there are some relevant lessons from Roosevelt worth noting.

First and foremost among them was that FDR made mistakes. Many of his New Deal efforts failed. But, while inspiring the nation to free itself from the grip of fear, he himself was not afraid to fail. There was no blueprint for recovery to guide his actions and FDR threw spaghetti on the wall hoping something would stick. Fortunately, much of it did.

Second, Roosevelt was willing to put innovation before ideology and pragmatism ahead of politics. For instance, faced with destitute veterans from WWI he pushed a Bonus bill that

allotted money to them. In so doing, FDR went with the spaghetti that stuck and, irrespective of his own beliefs and preferences, discarded that which did not.

The same can be said for George Washington who, during the Revolutionary War, was innovative and, though he made mistakes and lost more battles than he won, was forever adapting his tactics. Likewise, Abraham Lincoln tested generals and policies as the Union lost battles during the first two years of the war, but he learned from his mistakes and his experimentation eventually produced the right general and winning strategy.

Third, the process doesn't end at the 100-day mark of a presidency. Many of FDR's greatest accomplishments – federal crop insurance, the WPA, a minimum wage, Fannie Mae, and Social Security, to name a few – came after 1933. Most of the wartime accomplishments of both Washington and Lincoln also came later rather than earlier. Rarely are complex problems and great crises resolved quickly or painlessly.

These great leaders did not govern based on fear and division, but imbued their countrymen with a sense of hope and unity. They understood that extraordinary challenges call not for stubborn adherence to failed policies or ideological orthodoxy, but rather boldness, innovation, and persistence. Lacking a blueprint or precedent, they found their way through trial and error and were not afraid to fail.

America is now facing the latest crossroad in her history and it is clear that President Obama is pursuing a difficult path to recovery and a boldly ambitious new chapter in the American experiment. It is a path that was not taken by his predecessor, but history shows it was one chosen by the greatest of our presidents. Let us hope the results are the same.

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## **Talk About It**

## LYNN WRAPS UP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Susan Egan Norstrom, Michael Gregalis and Dean Mike Hampton attend a session during faculty professional development week.

Lynn University faculty members recently participated in a series of engaging workshops as part of professional development on May 18-21. During the sessions, faculty gained insight on numerous initiatives occurring at the university and gained successful skills to continue professional growth.

At the culmination of professional development, faculty were invited to attend a celebration and faculty party at Cinemark Palace 20 in Boca Raton.

The iPulse recently asked faculty members “what was your favorite part of faculty professional development?”

“The [technology] session, of course, and all of the new things that we’ve seen that we can use in the classroom to engage students to a higher level,” said Dean Mike Hampton.

Faculty member Michael Gregalis enjoyed “Dan Bagnoni’s jokes,” and faculty member Susan Egan Norstrom enjoyed “Jason’s presentation on SACS.”

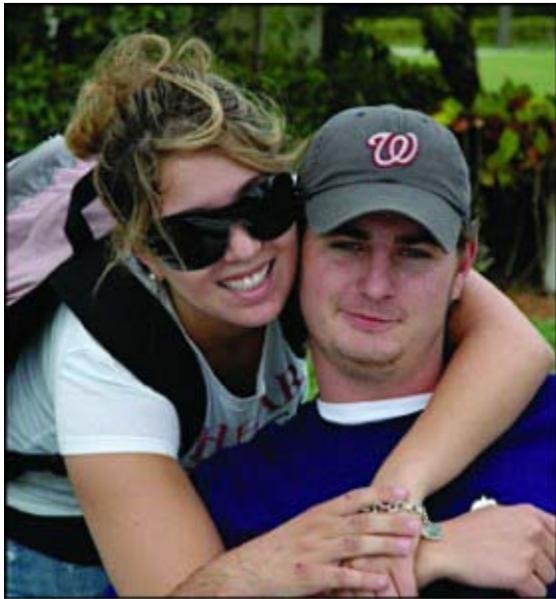
# LEARNING THE BUSINESS OF BUSINESS

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*Marshall Braden Gets the Most Out of His Education at Lynn*

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Marshall Braden with dear friend Joanna Petrucci. Staff Photo/Scott Plumb.

Marshall Braden is graduating with an international business degree. Originally from Virginia, Braden came to south Florida for a more tropical, warmer atmosphere during his college years. He ended up loving Lynn so much, that he is staying after he graduates. He says he has learned

much in appreciation of academics during his tenure. From the small classes with close friends, to the comforts of Christine's, the Library and the campus, Braden really feels happy being at school. "Ever since I came to Lynn, I felt at home," he said. "The setting of the campus, laid back atmosphere, and fun and entertaining classes has proven not only to educate me to a higher standard, but also has allowed me to grow as a person in a setting I love."

From day one, Marshall joined student organizations, was in a fraternity and mentored younger students.

He never felt that graduation would be coming anytime soon, as he has enjoyed himself throughout his experiences. From going on the cruise freshman year, to organizing fraternity events on campus, even simply talking with a teacher after class, Braden has learned to enjoy every moment.

"You're only in college once, and being somewhere as special and as cool as Boca Raton is truly something I will miss when it comes to my studies and good times with friends," he said.

## **GRADUATES TAKE TO THE SCRIPTS**

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*Andrea Zabriskie and Eleni Colon Master the Art of Script Writing*

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Andrea Zabriskie and Eleni Colon enjoy working together creating and revising scripts.  
Staff Photo/Brittany Hutchinson.

For most graduate students, receiving a master's degree often involves an individual project that they pour themselves into. For Andrea Zabriskie and Eleni Colon, nothing could be more true. Both students have written their own feature-length movie scripts as part of the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication master's Program.

Both women have put much of themselves into their scripts and have leaned on each other for support throughout the process.

"There's a different opinion and a lot of coaching," said Zabriskie, who started writing her script as a junior in a script writing class.

Zabriskie's script is a dramatic story about a woman's exploration and self-discovery.

Colon's script also deals with a woman's self-exploration as well as family issues.

While writing their stories, both women became closer friends, helping each other through writer's block and frustrating moments.

Both Colon and Zabriskie would like to get their scripts out there by entering them into student script contests and finding script agents who would help them be made into movies.

Both Zabriskie and Colon offered their advice to other student writers. "It's hard and the structure of a script can be difficult, but don't let that get to you," said Zabriskie.

"If you have an idea, you should definitely try to write it out," said Colon. "It is a long process, but it is definitely incredibly fulfilling when you are done."

# A FASHIONABLE FUTURE IN SIGHT

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*Graduating Senior Gains Practical Experience For Future in the Fashion Industry*

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Lyndsay Nicholas. Staff Photo/Francesca Piancone.

Lyndsay Nicholas is graduating with a degree in business administration, specializing in fashion management.

Nicholas enjoys Lynn's location, citing it as one of the things that drew her to the university.

She was also drawn to Lynn's small class size and the personalized attention provided by Lynn's professors.

Nicholas chose fashion management due to her great interest in clothing and the entire fashion industry. She decided to focus on the business area of fashion management to help further her knowledge of the area and prepare for a future career.

Nicholas feels that all of the courses in which she was enrolled have ultimately prepared her to be successful in the field of fashion management.

In June, Nicholas will be moving to Denver for an intern management-training program at Nordstrom.

“My dream job for my chosen major would be to have a head position or be a buyer in the fashion industry, particularly at Nordstrom,” she said.

Looking back at her life so far, Nicholas believes her greatest influences came from a close source. “My mother has definitely influenced me the most throughout my whole life, especially when choosing this major. She works in interior design, so I have always been around great artworks. She has certainly inspired me,” she said.

## A REMARKABLE PERSONALITY

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*Brittany Barberino Takes Full Advantage of Her Time Here at Lynn*

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Brittany Barberino shows a little bit of her comical side. Staff Photo/Mike Slavin.

Brittany Barberino transferred to Lynn in 2006. She is graduating with a major in English and after graduation hopes to continue her studies in graduate school. She would also like to work for the Palm Beach Literacy Coalition.

“I loved Lynn because they would send me to all different types of conferences and festivals,” said Barberino.

Barberino took advantage of many of the opportunities Lynn gives to those interested in pursuing English. She was the editor of Quest Magazine and has had poetry published in the periodical as well as the Utah publication "Metaphor."

One of her most memorable experiences was writing two plays for the 24-Hour Theater Project.

One of her major accomplishments was presenting poetry at the National Undergraduate Literature Conference for two consecutive years.

In the spring exhibit of the Boca Raton Museum School of Art, she had a painting on display. Barberino also attended a workshop with Campbell McGrath and Thomas Lux.

Barberino will be remembered at Lynn for her poetry and her remarkable personality.

## FROM BALTIMORE TO BOCA RATON

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*Human Services Major Michelle Rosenthal Expresses Fond Memories*

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Graduate Michelle Rosenthal.

Michelle Rosenthal is a human services major, originally from Baltimore. Rosenthal found her way to Lynn University when looking for a quaint, private learning institution that was accompanied by warm weather.

When it comes to a comfortable classroom environment, Rosenthal was very impressed with Lynn's program to assist individuals with learning differences.

"I feel in the beginning it was difficult to adjust myself to the expectations of a college student, however looking back I have realized how I have grown to be both strong academically and socially," she said.

On occasion, during one's college career, a professor will not only touch a student's mind, but also their heart. Rosenthal says that the professor that she connected to most was Professor Judith Adelson.

"She has always been there for me academically and her courses have always been filled with a passion for psychology," she said.

Walking across the stage and receiving a diploma is a tremendously gratifying experience as students reflect back on how they, too, took the road less traveled, and followed on their own path to success. Rosenthal has invited her family members to attend this special day and the celebration will begin at commencement.

"I am going out for dinner with my family after graduation, and then going out with my friends at night," said Rosenthal.

When it comes to plans for the future, Rosenthal seems to have it all figured out as she is getting ready to head back to Baltimore and work as a special education teacher.

## **BALL PLAYER HITS ACADEMIC HOME RUN**

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*Graduate Star Athlete Breaks Into New Roles Outside of Lynn*

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Baseball player Gabe MacDougal.

Graduating senior and Lynn baseball star Gabe MacDougal majored in psychology during his tenure. After transferring from Cosumnes River Community College after his freshman year, MacDougal has had a tremendous impact on and off the baseball field.

“Playing a college sport and having a 4.0 (GPA) is tough, but I’ve worked hard for it,” said MacDougal. “It takes good time management to keep my GPA where it is between baseball, working out and school. I also have to make room for down time.”

While holding on to his 4.0 grade point average, he also worked to help the Fighting Knights baseball team fight for their spot in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament.

Due to his success on the baseball field, his hope is to play in the big leagues.

“If I get drafted I see myself playing in the big leagues,” said MacDougal. “It’s every kids dream to play with those guys.”

## ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

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*Melvin's Photographic Flair Takes Her to NY*

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Kelly Melvin smiles for the camera.

Lynn University on early admission in 2005 from Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Before deciding on a degree in Photography, Melvin took many graphic design courses. Melvin is now “confident in knowing a lot about photography.”

What Melvin loved most about her photography courses was that they taught her how to make a great portfolio.

“I loved how in photography class we frequently went on field trips,” said Melvin, crediting Professor Kip Miller as a great teacher who she learned a great deal from.

After graduation, she is moving to New York, where she hopes to find an internship in the field of photography, eventually working as a photographer for National Geographic.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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*Heidel Follows Her Dreams*

**By AMANDA TOMEK**  
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Amanda Heidel.

Graduating senior Amanda Heidel is excited to be starting this new chapter of her life.

Heidel is looking forward to a future in advertising, writing and design but continues to look to the past for inspiration and to reminisce.

She studied in Florence for a semester, which she said opened her mind and broadened her horizons. Since her study abroad experience, she has been able to decide what direction she would like her future career to take.

During her four years at Lynn, Heidel participated in numerous internships. She interned for public relations firm The Gab Group, where she assisted in planning events. She is currently interning for Boca Magazine and is excited to pursue a career in magazine writing.

Someday she hopes to write a book about her life and traveling abroad experiences. Heidel has enjoyed each and every one of her times at Lynn and will miss everyone who helped her become who she is today.

## **SELF DISCOVERY STORY AT LYNN**

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*Frannie Coggeshall Recounts How Lynn Will Forever Be in Her Heart*

**By MELANIE SHANKEN**  
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Frannie Coggeshall. Staff Photo.

Many graduates have been making plans for the next step in their lives, and senior Frannie Coggeshall is no exception. Coggeshall will be graduating with a degree in business and hopes to continue her education and obtain a position in her field.

Coggeshall has made many discoveries about herself over the years she has spent as an undergraduate. She loved her travel abroad experience in Rome, as part of her studies at Lynn, and would like to eventually work for an international marketing company.

She enjoyed the fact that almost all of her business teachers owned their own businesses. After graduation, Coggeshall hopes to take some time off from school, spending time both in her hometown of Cape Cod and in Boca Raton.

Coggeshall would like to continue her education and receive a masters degree somewhere around the world. “I want to go to graduate school in the next year, hopefully somewhere abroad, I’m thinking Australia,” said Coggeshall.

Although the future that Coggeshall has planned encompasses exciting choices and great possibilities, she looks back on the years at Lynn as an important part of her educational and social growth.

“The experiences I had at Lynn in my classes over these past years has given me the educational skills I need to succeed in my professional future,” said Coggeshall. “The people I have met and gotten to know have enriched my life, and I look forward to keeping in touch with the friends I’ve made here at Lynn.”

Whatever the future holds, it is clear that the four years Coggeshall has spent at Lynn have left an impression on her that will last long after she receives her diploma.

## DRAMA STUDENT IN BRIGHT LIGHTS

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*Graduate Carly Dorfman Reflects on Her Experiences at Lynn*

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Graduate Carly Dorfman lights up the stage.

Carly Dorfman, graduating with a degree in communication with a specialization in drama, has thoroughly enjoyed her time while at Lynn.

“I got to meet such amazing people that I would have never met otherwise,” said Dorfman.

“I liked meeting fellow actors because you get to know each other really well and also become close with the drama professors. They’re all awesome people,” said Dorfman.

Dorfman has had many great experiences at Lynn, including many dramatic performances on and off campus. One thing she will certainly miss are her daily interactions with her drama professors.

“I will miss the drama professors,” said Dorfman. “They were all so supportive of our accomplishments and goals.”

Dorfman’s time at Lynn was certainly meaningful.

“Lynn has given me the confidence and ability to achieve whatever I choose to pursue in life,” she said.

Upon graduation, Dorfman plans to return to her home in Hong Kong. “I want to pursue either broadcasting or acting, so watch your television screens!”

## GRADUATE GAINS CREATIVE EDGE

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*Graphic Designer Learns Responsibility and Time Management at Lynn*

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Graduate Mesfin Seyoum.

Mesfin Seyoum has enjoyed his time at Lynn in Florida. Seyoum describes his experiences at the university as “simple, yet crazy.”

He said that attending this institution was a privilege for him because of its diversity.

“Lynn has been a special experience for me because I have met people from all over the world,” said Seyoum. “It is so small, you get to know everyone around.”

As a graduating senior studying graphic design, Seyoum hopes to pursue a future where he can apply his creativity on the computer for an advertising firm.

“When I get a job in a company, I would like to be in their advertising department where I can apply these graphic design techniques I have acquired over the past five years,” he said.

Seyoum plans to obtain a master’s degree in marketing upon graduation.

Seyoum’s experiences at Lynn have marked a significant part of his life. “I have, in my years of studying here at Lynn, learned to be responsible and to manage my time wisely.”

## FORMER SGA PRESIDENT BIDS GOODBYE

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*Involvement in Student Activities Made for a Memorable Leader*

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Joey McNamara enjoying his last days at Lynn before graduation. Staff Photo/Carolina Gonzalez.

Joey McNamara arrived at Lynn as a freshman in the fall of 2005. It was his first time moving away from home, Lancaster, Mass. After being here for only a couple of days, McNamara dove right into his involvement with the residence halls and the Knights Activities Team, (KAT).

McNamara is graduating with a degree from the College of Hospitality Management. During his four-year experience he took part in three different semester long internships including The Resort on Singer Island and Atlantic Resort and Spa.

This year McNamara was elected as president of the Student Government Association (SGA). “Being president was a very solid position that made me learn to become an even stronger leader,” he said. “In each of my different positions here at Lynn I have gained skills and really learned what it means to be a Lynn student.”

The community here at Lynn is one that is very important to most students and faculty at the university. However, it really holds a special place in McNamara’s heart. “I have made friends here for life. No matter where life takes us, I have a handful of people that I can always count on,” said McNamara.

Each year at Lynn symbolized special meaning to McNamara, all of them full of many new experiences that were “really a blast.” Senior year in particular was a time, on many occasions, that I wish I could have paused.”

Director of Student Involvement Jen Herzog has been a mentor to McNamara during his years at Lynn. “She continuously challenged me to go above and beyond in everything I was inspired to do,” said McNamara. “When I was frustrated, Jen was someone I could vent to. When I couldn’t figure out a problem, she always seemed to have solutions. Her support, advice, guidance and passion have been so meaningful to my growth and development as an individual and a student leader.”

Upon graduation McNamara hopes to pursue a master’s degree in business administration and continue his university work.

Lynn has made its impact on McNamara and he certainly has left his footprint behind here as well. No one would argue that student involvement would not be the same had McNamara not been so involved.

“I would relive the past four years in a heartbeat. I wouldn’t change anything,” said McNamara. “I really feel as though I just arrived here in Boca. It was all worth it and much more.”

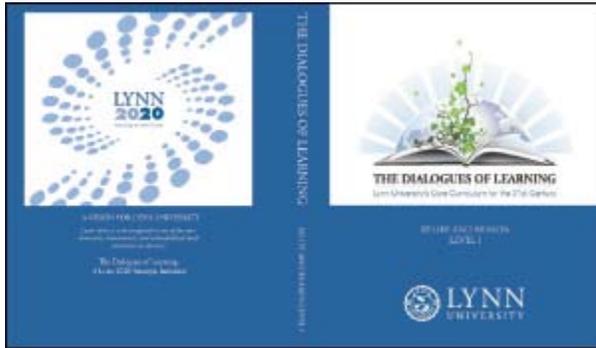
## **iPULSE YEAR END REVIEW LYNN UNIVERSITY LEADS THE WAY**

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*Lynn Implements an Innovative and Engaging New Curriculum*

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The Dialogues of Learning cover designed by Staff Member Andrew Hirst.

At the start of Lynn University's fall 2008 semester, the campus curriculum said farewell to College Algebra and English 101, but hello to an innovative new curriculum.

Both the Office of Academic Affairs and Lynn faculty spearheaded the new curriculum, which took two years to complete. Vice President for Academic Affairs, Cynthia Patterson said the new core (titled the "Dialogues of Learning") was "designed to match our academic core with the university's mission to be one of the most innovative, individualized and international small universities in the country."

Instead of Algebra, students will enroll in Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning, which involves everyday mathematics. A seminar course based on writing and debating will replace English 101. The elements of the seminar course will focus on Self and Society, Belief and Reason and Justice and Civic Life. Finally, instead of Science, students will take Introduction to Scientific Literacy. This course will investigate mysteries, methods, discoveries and theories of the scientific world.

Eva Domato, freshman, is currently enrolled in American Pop Culture.

"I like the new curriculum," said Domato. "I think it will help with real life experiences."

Professor Steve Aiello currently teaches a dialogue course on the theme of Self and Society, The Emerging Self in the Sixties.

"I think it will challenge students to think critically and creatively and will offer them a wide range of topics and choices as compared to a traditional core curriculum," he said.

It is not only professors and freshman that enjoy the new curriculum.

"I think that by offering these classes to students they will be able to relate more to real-life situations," said Devin Porter, senior. "Classes such as Introduction to Qualitative Reasoning can help students with their personal finances."

# LYNN GOES FULL SPEED AHEAD

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*Students Experience Life Aboard the USS Ashland Navy Ship*

**By JENNIFER O'TOOLE**  
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Students from the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication aboard the USS Ashland. LU Photo

On Saturday, April 25, five Lynn students from the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication Naval Operations class boarded the USS Ashland in Jacksonville for a two-day voyage.

Under the direction of Professors Jim Brosemer and John Bennardo, students enrolled in COM399, "Video Applications: Naval Operations," had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience by scripting, filming and editing news pieces, which were debuted on WPTV News Channel 5 web Site and the Boca Raton Police Department's Viper Vision.

The students arrived in Port Everglades for the start of the 2009 Broward Navy Days and were on-hand for the official ship greeting reception.

"It was an experience beyond belief. We were able to live with sailors and marines and eat meals beside them," said Mike Griffith, senior. "We saw every part of the ship, from the engine room to the captain's stateroom. We were in every part of the ship we were allowed to be in. I got up each morning wanting to do more."

Broward Navy Days is a South Florida tradition in which numerous Naval Ships dock and the men and women of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy get to participate in numerous events throughout involving the community.

Throughout the week, students will participate in a variety of events, such as a welcoming party, a Habitat for Humanity project, Navy displays and a flight stimulator activity.

“This class has given me so many awesome opportunities to do things I would have not been able to do otherwise,” said class participant Trevor Schliefer.

## HOW THE iPULSE HAS GROWN

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The iPulse is the daily heartbeat of Lynn University and is the premier connection to the more than 3,000 members of the Lynn community.

All Lynn University students, faculty and staff have access to the daily iPulse publication. The iPulse provides timely reporting on matters relating to the university community and serves as a forum for student discussion and interest.

Lynn University’s iPulse is committed to providing students with the necessary educational tools to achieve success in the ever thriving and changing journalism field.

By empowering Lynn University students with a strong journalistic knowledge base, the iPulse is determined to assist the next generation of reporters, writers, public relations experts, advertising and media executives.

Students take great pride in the planning, production and distribution of the news media iPulse. The publication is committed to bringing fair and balanced news to Lynn University students, faculty, staff as well as the greater Lynn community.

The iPulse was launched as a daily publication in September of 2005 and was presented as a two-page broadsheet on 11 X 17 paper. The paper was, as it still is, printed in-house. At this time the publication ran four days a week. Beginning in Fall 2007, the iPulse underwent a redesign, becoming a four-page publication that is created and distributed five days a week.

More than 200 issues are currently distributed on a daily basis, in addition to several special edition papers created throughout the year. Fall 2008 saw the launch of a new video initiative, and the LynnPulse broadcast show, in both a video and radio format, was born.

In Spring 2009, the iPulse launched its new interactive and innovative Web site, [www.lynnipulse.org](http://www.lynnipulse.org), providing newsworthy information to the Lynn community and international web audience at large.

## LIVING THE HAITIAN EXPERIENCE

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*Students Live in Center of Campus for Week Without Modern Amenities*

By **LAURA VANN**  
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Food For The Poor member's shirt challenges the student body to help others during their next J-Term. Staff Photo/Carolina Gonzalez.

This spring, a group of Lynn University students went without electricity, running water or even cell phones as they lived in a shelter they built at the center of campus. The goal was to raise awareness about the plight of Haitians living just an hour's flight away from Boca Raton.

The participating students were all members of Students For The Poor, a campus organization in support of Food For The Poor, the international nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating hunger and suffering in Haiti and elsewhere. The house they lived in mirrored two others that Lynn students have raised money for and erected over the last year during study abroad trips.

Gary Martin, Lynn's associate dean for student wellness, has led one trip to the country with Food For The Poor. He says this is the first time a group aligned with the nonprofit is doing an event of this kind. It's an idea that came directly from Lynn students.

"This was their idea, something they wanted to do," he said. Groups of Lynn students have spent their last two spring breaks in Jamaica and Haiti working on behalf of Food For The Poor. And two dozen students were in Jamaica with the group for two weeks during Lynn's new January Term this year.

"So many of them come back changed by these experiences," Martin says. "They're hungry to help their fellow students see what they saw, and experience what they experienced. They can't do that from here, necessarily, but I think with this week they're hoping to give them at least a glimpse."

Activities started with the building of the house, a pre-fab building that was supplied by Food For The Poor and built by students in the Perper Plaza, located outside of the Lynn Student Center at the heart of campus. Four students stayed in the house for an entire week, and subsisted off of a typical Haitian diet. They left the house only to attend class and occasionally to shower at a nearby residence hall.

Also during the week, students hosted a 5K Walk/Run. Students simulated traveling the distance from campus to Haiti by team walking a predetermined campus route until they reached a combined 1,000 miles. The Lynn Runner's Club joined them.

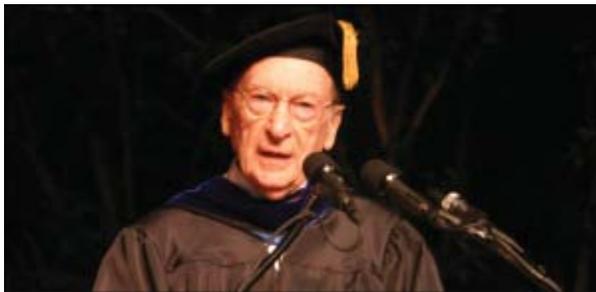
Students For The Poor members also hosted a forum on campus to discuss their experiences in Haiti and Jamaica.

## REMEMBERING DEAN LEVINE

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*Lynn University Honors World-Renowned Journalist*



Dean Emeritus Irving R. Levine at Lynn University commencement. LU Photo.

Irving R. Levine, the beloved Dean Emeritus of the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication and world-renowned broadcast journalist died Friday, March 27, at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and their three children, Jeffrey, Daniel and Jennifer.

Irving R. Levine joined the Lynn University family in 1994, and in 1996 he was named Dean of the College of International Studies (which later became the College of International Communication), bringing decades of journalism experience and unparalleled knowledge of the communications field.

Even after his retirement as dean in 2004, Dean Levine – as he preferred to be called – remained a prominent fixture at Lynn University. Because of his love for Lynn, he continued serving students as a member of the board of trustees and was often spotted around campus sporting one of his trademark bow ties.

Dean Levine began his journalism career with the Providence, R.I. Journal-Bulletin and continued on as a foreign correspondent for the International News Service and a special correspondent for The Times of London.

Throughout the course of his reporting, Dean Levine has stood on the sidelines of history, covering everything from the Korean War to the Berlin airlift. He also accompanied government delegations to several G-7 Economic Summit meetings around the world and to the start of U.S.-China trade talks in Beijing.

In honor of his vast contributions to broadcast journalism, the Library of Congress houses an “Irving R. Levine Collection” of his work. He also received the “1995 Lifetime Achievement Award” of the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame and was the first ever to receive the Martin R. Gainsborough Award for Economic Reporting.

During his time at Lynn, Dean Levine was interested only in helping make the university better than when he had found it. And as he did in all things, he more than succeeded in that pursuit.

Former College of International Communication faculty member and Lynn alumus wrote to share their memories of Dean Levine:

Nick Ravo, writing from Kirribilli, NSW, Australia said, “He was an American original, and I feel so enriched spending even the small amount of time I did with him. Besides the kindness he bestowed on me, his skill as a raconteur, his aplomb and deftness with a bon mot, is something, in particular, I shall never forget.”

Nelson Lewis writing from Washington, D.C. said, “Mr. Levine had a profound effect on my life and he was not only a remarkable journalist but a remarkable human being. He was certainly a giant of the industry and pioneer in the financial news beat in television news and to broadcasting as a whole. I think a lot of people forget that he was the creator of CNBC.”

Source: Lynn University

# CHARLIE DID IT”

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*Making a Career Standing Up for the Underdog*

**By SCOTT PLUMB**  
Assistant Editor



Wilson poses with Carolina Gonzalez, graduating senior, and Christina Mendoza, graduate student. Staff Photo/C. Gonzalez.

Former Texas Democratic Congressman Charlie Wilson recently visited Lynn University to entertain questions and share his unique life experiences with his involvement in the largest covert CIA operation in history.

Wilson, whose story is best known from the book “Charlie Wilson’s War” by George Crile, helped arrange the arms buildup in Afghanistan to help defend the country against the Soviets during the 1980s. “Charlie Wilson’s War” was later made into a Hollywood film starring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts.

During his visit at Lynn the 12-term congressman had a full schedule, beginning with a faculty breakfast in the Henke Room followed by a Q&A session with students in which Wilson answered questions on a variety of topics, including the current state of the middle east, the U.S. economy and his past achievement as congressman.

“It was beneficial to hear his thoughts and to understand the type of role he played in the operation,” said William Adams, junior. “The information given was very insightful.”

After meeting with students, Wilson had a short break until meeting with members of the Lynn community and guests for the second installment of the Lynn University’s Dively Frontiers in Globalization Luncheon Speaker Series of the 2008-2009 academic year. The lectures are designed for outstanding communicators to share their life experiences and their stories of career success. Previous speakers included politicians, authors and journalists from all over the world.

After lunch, President Kevin Ross introduced Charlie Wilson, who explained the importance of helping the underdogs, which was his main motivation in helping the Afghans.

“I realized that if we are going to take on the red army in a clandestine operation, it was going to take aggression, determination and a certain amount of recklessness,” said Wilson. “We had to take risks in a willingness to pay the price, in other words dealing way outside the box.”

After hearing Wilson’s heroic tale, the message he wanted to leave the Lynn community was the importance of the mission that was accomplished. Through his efforts, Wilson managed to end the Cold War and transform Europe and the Middle East into completely different worlds, reminding all to give an extra hand to the underdogs.

## FROM BOCA TO BROADWAY

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*J-Term Students Earn the Privilege to Perform Plays on Broadway*

**By JENNIFER O'TOOLE**  
**Publishing Editor**



From Boca to Broadway cast. Staff Photo/Staff Carolina Gonzalez.

In fall 2008, a new course, "Performing on Broadway," was created. Throughout the semester student prepared one-act plays that they ultimately performed on Broadway as a part of the J-Term experience.

"We came up with the idea, got approval and have worked on the project with students since May of 2007," said Carrie Simpson, one of the courses two professors.

When classes began in the fall, the 19 students involved read through and discussed 20 different scripts. After ten different plays were chosen, auditions were held to select a cast for each piece. "My favorite part of the class was developing our characters and the rehearsal process," said Carly Dorfman, student performer.

Not only did the students perform the play on Broadway but they also participated in fundraising, promotions, and public relations needed to make the debut on Broadway a success. The transformation from performing at Lynn to Broadway was incredible experience enjoyed by all the students involved.

"I came back from New York feeling like I accomplished something," said Molly Anderson, student performer. "I learned so much aside from the fundamentals of acting."

With the success of the inauguration term of Boca to Broadway, students will participate in this endeavor again in January of 2010.

## **FLYING TO NEW DESTINATIONS**

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*Specializing in Aviation Management, Graduate Soars to New Heights*

**By KATHERINE PAXSON**  
**Advertising Manager**



Emma Roberts preparing to fly. Photo/LU Photo.

Emma Roberts is a graduating senior who studied in Lynn's Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics.

Roberts transferred from Florida Atlantic University to Lynn University to pursue her dreams of a four-year degree in Business Administration with a specialization in aviation.

Smaller classes with more student-teacher interaction in an intimate learning environment appealed to Roberts, who would like to pursue a career in flight operations and managing crew members.

"Flying is awesome. I had a great time," said Emma Roberts.

Roberts' plans for her future and career consist of continuing her current prestigious internship at Spirit Airlines. Along with working for the airline, Roberts plans to attend graduate school at Lynn.

"I really enjoyed Lynn and look forward to grad school," said Roberts. "Dean Johnson and all of the instructors made this an exceptional experience."

With a four-year degree in business administration and aviation management, Roberts is graduating with flying colors.

## **ACTIVE GRADUATE ACKNOWLEDGES ALL**

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*Assistant Editor's Love of Lynn Leads to Communication Graduate Program*

**By SCOTT PLUMB**  
**Assistant Editor**



Scott Plumb interviews Anucha Browne-Sanders regarding her career in the sports industry. LU Photo/Joe Carey.

The past four years attending Lynn University has been nothing less than the best years of my life. I lived a college experience unlike any other, enjoying the local beaches and south Florida's rich culture. My experience at Lynn definitely had great impact on my development into the person I am today.

Four years ago when I made the long car ride down I-95 from Valley Forge, Pa., to start my college experience, I had many preconceptions of what college life would be like, and I quickly learned that it was better than what I have imagined.

The friends I met at Lynn became my family, and my professors became my mentors. They inspired me to reach new heights and pursue dreams I never thought possible. It's hard to believe that people I only met four years ago would have such an impact on my life.

I never thought it would be possible to study abroad in Europe, study cultures in South and Central America or intern at the White House as a college student, but Lynn made it happen for me. I have had so many unique and unbelievable opportunities that I know I could have never achieved anywhere other than Lynn.

I am happy to say that Lynn is not like other colleges. Lynn is a fairly young institution that is still writing its history. As I graduate today, I am happy to say that the class of 2009 certainly contributed to a large chapter of Lynn's history.

To all my fellow graduates, it has been a pleasure and an honor to have made this journey with you over these past four years. I hope that you have learned as much from me as I have from you. I cannot imagine myself being the person I am today without knowing you all.

## iPULSE EDITOR FINDS HOME AT LYNN

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*A Former Copy Editor, Assistant Editor and Editor-in-Chief's Farewell*

**By CAROLINA GONZALEZ ATIENZA**  
**Editor-in-Chief**



Carolina Gonzalez poses in front of her artwork and with her son at the Graphic and Visual Communication Senior Portfolio Exhibition. Photos/Mark Falcone.

Many of those who know me know that throughout my life I have found it difficult to truly call one single place home. I spent my childhood as well as my high school career moving across states, countries and continents. While this gave me life experiences that could never be replaced, it also left me feeling a sense of confusion as far as my identity.

Recently when I was filling out graduation forms, there it was, the question I have always dreaded to answer. Under my name and personal information there was a line that simply said "hometown." I generally explain that I can relate to much more than one place due to the fact that before I came to Lynn the longest I spent in one place was a span of two years. However, the

answer to that question was right there on all of my forms and all of my papers. I am proud to say that I can now call Boca Raton my hometown because I now have a community I can relate to as my home community: the Lynn community. My four years at Lynn have given me precisely what others stray from when they depart for their college experience. Unlike many students, I was not leaving home to attend college, I was attending college and in doing so found my true home.

I would not be where I am today had it not been for the everlasting support from both of my parents, friends and family and love from my beautiful son Aiden.



Carolina Gonzalez poses in front of her artwork and with her son at the Graphic and Visual Communication Senior Portfolio Exhibition. Photos/Mark Falcone.

During the past four years I have bonded with so many people and have received advice and help to achieve things that I once believed would take me years to achieve. I could not have made it without the help of my professors, and I would like to thank each professor I have taken a course with since they have each contributed to my learning and to making me the person I am today.

Additionally I would like to thank my advisor Kip Miller for always letting me know that it is “easier to pull someone back than it is to push them forward” and who instilled in me drive and motivation to be in a constant state of creating art.

I would like to thank every member of the Marketing and Communication Department who accepted me as an equal, giving me a home within a home in the Schmidt building on campus. I would like to thank Andreia Brunstein for being my constant motivator and for caring about my growth not only as a professional but as a whole person (who is both happy and healthy). I would like to thank Jason Hughes for allowing me to be a member of a team where I was able to work in a fast-paced environment and for always building up my confidence and showing appreciation for my work.

I would like to thank every single person that has been involved in the iPulse, especially Professor Stefanie Powers. Although my major was not in journalism, she allowed me the opportunity on my first day of class to become involved with an amazing publication and from that moment on has done nothing but help me in every way possible to succeed. She made me feel at home in the newsroom and has always been a constant support and true friend.

I would like to thank the editorial staff members I have worked with throughout my three semesters in the iPulse. Nothing that has been achieved for this publication could have been done without the contributions everyone has made.

I would like to thank Samantha Bartley and Jena Zakany for not only being multimedia support, but being my support in any and every way they could have been.

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I would like to thank Dean Jaffe for always being available to listen and address any questions or concerns I may have had. His enthusiasm and passion for the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication and any project he becomes involved in are qualities that are inspirational, and I hope to carry onto anything I work on or am involved in.

I would like to thank Anna Krift and Sonia Villaverde for being professors that not only engaged me in subject matters that I was unfamiliar with but that extended their enthusiasm about the subjects to me and the rest of their students. Both of these professors have gone above and beyond for their students and I will always hold a special place in my heart for these two incredible women.

## **GRADUATE LEAVES HER MARK AT LYNN**

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*Publishing Editor Says Lynn Crafted Her Character and Charisma*

**By JENIFFER O'TOOLE**  
**Publishing Editor**



Jennifer O'Toole shows her true colors during Disney internship. Staff Photo/Jennifer O'Toole.

It is with mixed emotions that this is the last article I write and paper I will lay out. It has been my pleasure to be a part of the amazing transformation the iPulse has undergone in the past two years.

I first came to the iPulse in the fall of 2007 and was given the opportunity to be the graphic designer and have since worked my way up to publishing editor. I quickly fell in love with the atmosphere of the newsroom and the ability to learn new skill- sets.

During my time here at Lynn I have been given so many wonderful opportunities to reach my full potential. It felt like just yesterday that I left the small town of Norwood, Mass. to further my education at Lynn.

Freshman year was, full of first times for me, such as the academic adventure trip where I was able to travel with my class to Grand Cayman, Jamaica and Mexico and experience cultures.

Sophomore year I was able to intern at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. where I worked as a safari driver on Kilimanjaro Safari at Disney's Animal Kingdom. It was one of the most amazing experiences I've ever had. I continued my work with the Walt Disney Company and served as a campus representative for the Lynn and Florida Atlantic University campuses. After being gone for a semester, coming back for junior year was a difficult adjustment, and without getting involved with the iPulse made the transition also easier. I don't know what I would have done.

Senior year has been the most memorable year thus far. I was given the opportunity to be the advertising production chair for Performing on Broadway. During this J-term course, I traveled to New York City and performed on Broadway with a wonderful cast and professors. Being a non-drama major, it was an experience that I would have never gotten the opportunity to do anywhere else.

I traveled back to the city with Carolina Gonzalez, iPulse editor-in-chief, for a conference with the New York Times for newspaper editors. I learned so much and it was such a valuable experience to learn about the future of journalism and new media.

I would like to thank some of my key mentors in my academic success at Lynn.

Thank you to Professor Stefanie Powers, who is so much more than a faculty advisor to me. I look up to her in so many ways. I cannot praise her enough for giving me the opportunity from the start to be a part of the iPulse. I will forever be grateful for the things she has done for me.

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Special thanks to the editorial staff for their patience and for dealing with my crazy antics and to my staff and contributing writers for all the hard work they've put in.

I will forever be grateful for my time here at Lynn and will cherish these memories forever. None of this would be possible without my parents who have unconditionally supported me and encouraged me.

Congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 2009!

## **BEST WISHES CLASS OF 2009**

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*Lynn to Award More Than 500 Diplomas at This Weekend's Commencement Ceremonies*

**By BROOKE BIDGOOD**  
**Copy Editor**  
**and**  
**LAURA VANN**  
**Contributing Writer**



The editorial staff poses with Big LU in their caps and gowns.

Commencement 2009 is finally here. It is the day that many students have been waiting and working for throughout the past four years. As graduates gather with family and friends, there will be celebrations of accomplishments and hard work. Even more, commencement marks the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of the graduates. While all of Lynn's graduating seniors may lead very different paths, they will all come together one last time here at Lynn University this weekend.

The students crossing the stage both days make up the 44th graduating class at Lynn University. More than 300 students will walk in the day undergraduate ceremony on Saturday, and some 200 students will walk in the evening graduate ceremony on Friday.

Lynn University President Kevin M. Ross will address students and will introduce student speakers and guest speakers at the ceremonies. A portion of today's event will also be dedicated to remembering Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication's Dean Emeritus Irving R. Levine, who passed away last month. Dean Levine, as he preferred to be called, was a fixture at Lynn's past commencement ceremonies and will be greatly missed.

With graduates facing an especially tough job market this season, Lynn University administrators were intent on giving the class of 2009 one last timely lesson at commencement ceremonies on Friday and Saturday. To deliver that message, the university tapped Jean Chatzky, an award-winning journalist, best-selling author and motivational speaker, who is the financial editor for NBC's Today Show, not to mention a fixture on the Oprah Winfrey Show. She is expected to discuss the current economic climate and what it means for the country, world and especially, Lynn's latest graduating class.

Upon the closing of this weekend's ceremonies, Lynn University's 2009 graduates will be parting ways. The iPulse staff sincerely wishes the best of luck to the Class of 2009 in their future endeavors.