A winning dynasty
Fighting Knights rise to the challenge
Engage.
Engage with our constituents to further foster our culture of pride, loyalty and support.

Elevate.
Elevate the Lynn experience, building on our strong foundations to continually improve and adapt.

Expand.
Expand our programs, services, opportunities and capabilities.
✓ Virtual and physical resource hubs
Launched for students, alumni, parents, employees and campus visitors
access to important tools and information geared to their specific needs.

✓ Navigate mobile app
Launched to help students explore majors, understand requirements from financial aid to course registration, and keep track of important dates and deadlines.

✓ CliftonStrengths
Online talent assessments helped all first-year students discover their natural strengths and maximize their potential.

✓ Greater alumni engagement
15% increase in lynn.edu/alumni page views

✓ Largest fall class in our history (See page 36.)

✓ Christine E. Lynn University Center (See page 26.)
✓ New academic leaders (See page 16.)
✓ Snyder Center for Health and Wellness (See page 32.)
✓ Amended Campus Master Plan approved by the City of Boca Raton (See page 30.)
✓ New women's lacrosse locker room
Thanks to a generous gift by the late Mary Perper

✓ One of the region's healthiest employers
Recognized by South Florida Business Journal (See page 24.)

✓ Added 13 new academic majors and 11 new certificate programs
✓ Recruited new women's lacrosse and men's swimming teams
✓ Launched campus coworking space (See page 17.)
✓ Welcomed more than 30 Watson scholars to Boca Raton
✓ Facilitated 22 Ambassador Corps summer internships
"We experiment, evaluate outcomes and remain open to strategic opportunities that embolden us to learn and thrive. We will achieve our mission through innovative curriculum, technology and campus design."

*Lynn 2025*
Another winning year

This year marked an extraordinary chapter in the Fighting Knights dynasty.

The men’s golf team brought home a national championship (again), and our student-athletes earned their way into nine NCAA Division I post-season appearances. Women’s golf, women’s tennis and men’s lacrosse all clinched Sunshine State Conference (SSC) championships. Our men’s teams captured Lynn University’s fourth SSC Mayor’s Cup.

Three coaches—Andy Walker, Marcelo Huarte and Brian Kingsbury—earned Coach of the Year accolades, and Toto Gana and Leolia Jeanjean received Athlete of the Year recognition. Krissy Ortiz was named the SSC Woman of the Year, and Catalina Berraud-Galea became the first female student-athlete in school history to be named an Academic All-American of the Year. They make us proud to wear blue and white.

A winning drive has propelled us forward in our Lynn 2025 strategy, too. We are well on our way to achieving our goals to engage our community, elevate the Lynn experience and expand learning opportunities. As you read about our progress in this issue of Lynn magazine, I hope you’ll take a moment to celebrate our shared successes.

We have a lot to be proud of this year, and we couldn’t have done it without you—our students, alumni, parents, employees, donors and friends. Your support and unwavering commitment inspire us and provide a strong foundation for the future.

With heartfelt thanks,

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If you root for the home team, you're LYNN.
Fighting Knights 2018–19 season demonstrates program’s winning dynasty

Tradition never graduates. Cliché? Maybe. True? Definitely—and no three words better capture the legacy of success that defines Lynn University NCAA Division II athletics.

At the close of the 2018–19 season, the Fighting Knights boasted 25 national championships and 42 Sunshine State Conference (SSC) titles. The program sealed its fate, once again, as a power on the national landscape, welcoming expectations that come along with the status.

Just over one year ago, the blue and white added a men’s golf national championship to their trophy case, along with a litany of other personal and team accolades. In some places, one national championship and several NCAA postseason appearances would be enough—but that is not the case in Boca Raton. The big wins only inspired the Fighting Knights to ask, “How can we perform better and win more in 2018–19?”

It’s become the Fighting Knights’ charge, year after year. As the tradition would have it, Lynn’s coaches and student-athletes answered the call once again.

The past athletic year wasn’t just better than the prior—it was one of the best in the university’s decorated history. The men’s golf program, under head coach Andy Walker, steamrolled its way through match play at the NCAA championship on its way to its second-straight national title.

Both the women’s golf and women’s tennis teams secured postseason SSC titles and made deep runs into the NCAA tournament. And the men’s lacrosse program reached unparalleled heights, capturing its first regular-season conference championship on its way to its first-ever end-of-year national ranking. In total, the Spring 2019 semester featured three conference champions, four NCAA tournament appearances and, last but not least, one beautiful and well-deserved national championship trophy. And that was just the spring.

Rewind to the winter, and Fighting Knights fans witnessed two memorable seasons on the hardwood with the men’s basketball program’s electrifying Sweet 16 run and the women’s basketball team winning its most games in six years.

In the pool, Lynn’s swimmers displayed their continued strength, qualifying a university-record six participants for the NCAA championships. In Indianapolis, the blue and white proved they weren’t satisfied with just being there, as Karolina Smylek became the program’s first-ever First Team All-American in the 200 backstroke. Fellow teammate Catalina Berraude-Galea earned the prestigious NCAA Elite 90 Award for the second consecutive year, becoming one of only 29 student-athletes in NCAA Division II history who have accomplished the same.
Lynn’s fall season also featured highlights including men’s soccer, which qualified for the NCAA tournament for the third straight season, advancing to the South Region final.

On the track, women’s cross country freshman Emmanuelle Le Tertre became just the second Fighting Knight ever to race for the national title, and the men’s program enjoyed measured success in its first official season.

Postseason awards further decorated the blue and white: Toto Gana and Leolia Jeanjean swept SSC Player of the Year accolades, while Berraude-Galea became the first female student-athlete in Lynn’s history to be named an Academic All-American of the Year. Additionally, the Fighting Knights men’s programs earned the SSC Mayor’s Cup for the fourth time in school history. The SSC presents the award to the top men’s and women’s programs from across 11 member institutions.

The blue and white anticipate maintaining their “Lynning” momentum as the 2019-20 campaign gets underway and as they welcome the inaugural women’s lacrosse and men’s swimming competitions. The Fighting Knights additionally anticipate continued expansion under the strategic plan.

One thing, however, remains the same: The Fighting Knights will continue their rich tradition while living the values of spirit, service and strength.

Players gone pro

Here’s a quick look at Lynn alumni who’ve played professionally. See the full list at lynnfightingknights.com.

Baseball
Thomas “Tommy” Kahnle, New York Yankees
Patrick Dorrian, Pittsburgh Pirates
Sal Giardina, Atlanta Braves

Men’s basketball
Aaron Harrison, Latrobe Energy
James Taylor, Roanoke Dazzle (retired)

Women’s basketball
Gülsah Akkaya, Besiktas (retired)
Paola Vázquez-Concepción, Atletienses de Manati

Men’s golf
Stephen Ames, PGA
Henrik Nyström, European PGA

Women’s golf
Maha Haddou, Ladies European Tour
Jessica Bradley, Ladies European Tour

Men’s soccer
Tim Melia, Sporting Kansas City
Ivan McKinley, Charleston Battery (retired)

Softball
Christina Rolla, Terrasvogles (retired)
Aimee Murch, Terrasvogles (retired)

Men’s lacrosse
Austin Jerhoff, Vancouver Stealth
Dream debut

New golf coaches begin their Lynn careers with championship wins.

Start the first day of practice with the same level of intention you will have through the end of the season. It's simple advice in the coaching world. And—it worked for two coaches as they entered their first year with the Lynn University Fighting Knights.

Andy Walker, a seasoned professional and coach, accepted the challenge of coaching the NCAA Division ll's national championship-winning men's golf team. They became back-to-back champs.

Decorated coach Marcelo Huarte encountered a women's golf team whose previous season could have become a crippling distraction. He let it be an inspiration, instead and led the team to a regional championship and a national appearance.

These are their stories.

Marcelo Huarte
A coach for the comeback

With several years of national championship experience behind him, Huarte entered the season with a vision to return the women's golf team to excellence. First, they changed how they practiced—rain or shine, warm or Florida-cold. Then, they changed how they played.

"Since the beginning, I knew this team was special," said Huarte. "They had a desire to improve and were willing to do whatever it would take. They just needed the right guidance. We put in a lot of quality work, and I knew a big improvement was in store for the spring."

Tweaks to their game—including course management and setting process and outcome goals for each tournament and semester—produced significant improvements. The team played smart and eventually outsmarted their competitors, clinching three tournaments and the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Championship and NCAA South Regional.

"We compete in the strongest conference in all of Division II golf," Huarte said. "The championship was a tight race, but our team hit clutch shots coming down the stretch, which ultimately propelled us to a one-shot victory. It was pure joy and happiness when they realized what they had accomplished. Victories, like this one, are what inspire all athletes to compete."

Huarte believes he'll never forget his first year as head coach—from the obstacles they overcame to the success they built. According to First Team All-American Helen Kreuzer, the student-athletes won't, either.

"We trusted him, and he helped us all become better players."
Andy Walker
A champion, coach and fan

Walker, a professional golfer, renowned golf instructor and admired collegiate coach, began his inaugural season with the basics. He knew the team was highly ranked, its roster was highly international, and that the team had a good chance of becoming repeat national champions. He also knew it needed to remain together.

"National champion teams have to work extra hard not to become complacent," Walker said. "I knew this team could be better than it already was, and the players immediately opened their arms to me. They bought into what I had to offer and let me show them how we could reach the next level."

A player's coach, Walker provided leeway while he identified each athlete's motivations and evaluated their training and conditioning. He also observed team dynamics, and once he was satisfied the foundations were secure, he introduced more structure for practice and play.

"I try to coach them as though they're trying to win the U.S. Open. We grind a little harder," he said. In play, he let team leaders emerge naturally. He coached the player who most needed him at moments that would make the most impact. "I tell them, you're going to be learning in this game for the rest of your life. Trust your skills, trust your experience and you'll always do better."

His words instilled confidence and eventually propelled the team through tournaments and conferences. Before long, the team earned the NCAA Division II National Championship title. (See page 10.)

Walker also earned a title: David Williams Division II National Coach of the Year. But it's about more than that to him.

"The efforts of so many people are behind coaching successes," he said. "For me, in golf, it's about the players and everyone who's played a role in helping us achieve success... I'm so proud to be a part of their team."

Andy Walker
Head Men's Golf Coach
Back-to-back champions
More than a winning team—a Lynn family

In May, the men's golf team earned its second consecutive national championship title and the Fighting Knights' 25th.

"It's unusual to see a team go back-to-back," said Head Coach Andy Walker. "All too often teams just don't play as well as they're supposed to. It's like having a target on your back. It's easy to become complacent or just not live up to the expectations."

Walker, in his first season at Lynn University, was motivated by the challenge of coaching a successful team and building upon it. He said getting to know the players, helping them improve their foundational structures and reinvigorating their discipline is tough but rewarding work.

"I feel I have more to give really good players, and early in the season I could see that this team has talent," he said. "They're highly ranked, and they're successful. The bonus for me is the incredible culture at Lynn and in the athletics department. We're so innovative and forward-thinking that we can pursue lofty goals. We can take the long view and ensure that the team can be even better tomorrow."

With nationally recognized players like Carlos Bustos, Toto Gana, Agustin Errazuriz, Giovanni Manzoni and Jorge Villar, further improvement is hard to imagine. All five championship starters will return next season—and it's clear Walker is largely responsible for that.

"Coach is passionate about golf. All day he talks about golf, golf shots and players he wants to recruit, or he shares stories from when he was a professional," Bustos said. "He has an impressive memory. He'll say, 'In this shot, I would like to see a 7-iron like the one you hit a month ago on the eighth hole at Valdosta State.' It means a lot that he cares so much. We also have a lot of fun—sometimes we are in the van at 6 a.m. and he begins rapping. We have so many great stories and memories."

In Gana's words, "We're a family." It's clear on the green—when one player falls behind, another steps up.

"I've coached national competition before, and I can say that these guys are so good that they don't even know how good they are yet," Walker said. "Watching them do their thing in tournaments or performing at the national championship is rewarding. I became a fan. I am coaching these young men, but I am a fan, too. I hope they know more than anything how proud I am of their hard work."

As for next year, Walker believes the team can be even better.

"We played our best golf of the year at the end when we're supposed to. We have more in the tank. It's fun knowing we don't have to sit back and do what we did last year."
That's the SPIRIT

Twenty-five national championship titles and 42 Sunshine State Conference titles prove that our student-athletes are a force to witness in action. But so are their coaches, who encourage, test and demand the best in and outside of the classroom.

Rudy Garbalosa
A coach on and off the field—to students and alumni.

His name is familiar to nearly everyone on campus. In the eyes of his peers and his players, he is an inspiration. He is the baseball program's all-time winningest coach, and in 2009 he took the program to the NCAA Division II National Championship.

He helped more than 25 Lynn alumni sign professional contracts and supported others as they earned coaching positions at universities across the country. (See page 7.) Nearly all former players support the team’s annual fundraiser, the 100-Inning Game, and at least 40 come out for the annual alumni game.

It's only natural that these traditions are honored well after graduation. Those who know Garbalosa know that baseball is in his blood.

In fact, baseball was in his family's blood. From a young age, Rudy “Garbs” Garbalosa nearly always had a bat in his hand and a cap on his head. The Cuban native spent hours playing, practicing and dreaming about baseball. He played in high school and in college, where he also had his first coaching experience.

“When you first start coaching, it's almost always about competitiveness. All you want to do is win and beat everybody,” Garbalosa said. “While that attitude is okay, the longer you coach, the more you realize it's about a lot more than that. The greatest joy is helping people grow.”

Now 21 years into coaching at Lynn, Garbalosa’s mentality involves two aspects: first, to develop young men academically, personally and socially. Then he develops them professionally, prepares them for competition, to win games and to become the best baseball players they can be.

Read more at lynn.edu/rudy.
Developing a program as strong as the Lynn University Fighting Knights’ takes not only good leadership and management but also discipline and dedication.

Rudy Garbalosa and Mike Perez embody the Fighting Knights’ values of spirit, service and strength. Their leadership within the department and their dedication to their sports have helped alumni like Melissa Ortiz develop the talent to earn professional athletics gigs and the confidence to be successful outside their sports, too.

Mike Perez
Coaching for balance—athletics and attitude.

Mike Perez joined Lynn in 1989 as an assistant tennis coach for its men’s and women’s teams.

“When I started at Lynn, I was 23 years old. I grew up here,” recalled Perez. “When you come in for an early morning practice at 8 o’clock and the university president’s car is there before yours, that’s really something. Even now, I try to live up to that example.”

Back in 1989, Lynn had only seven sports teams, but boundless potential.

“What made Lynn special then makes Lynn special today. We just want to be the best we can be,” Perez explained.

“We appreciate the value of sacrifice and hard work.”

Perez, who became head coach in 1990, proves that point every day. Even with two sets of players, practices and matches, he keeps things simple.

“People complicate things too much,” he said. “You have to have a basic philosophy.” His is to create a healthy balance between athletics and attitude.

Everything begins with physical training. To take his teams to the next level, Perez builds confidence and perspective.

He said, “If you get on the court knowing that tomorrow—win or lose—your family is going to love you and everything is going to be fine, you’ll be free to give your best effort.”

To date, Perez has achieved 30 seasons at Lynn, seven national championships, well over 1,000 career victories and the NAIA Coach of the Decade honor for 1990-00. It’s a remarkable record. But to Perez, it’s only part of the story. To have the best experience on and off the court, he suggested, “Be true to yourself, do your work with joy and enjoy the process, instead of focusing on the result.”

Read more at lynn.edu/mike.
Melissa Ortiz, soccer superstar, found passion through hardship.

Melissa Ortiz '12 has been called many names: a boundary-breaker, trailblazer, college graduate, world-class athlete, Olympian. She was the first Colombian woman to play for a professional U.S. soccer team. Perhaps most importantly, however, she is an entrepreneur.

"This small business became possible through the heartbreak my injury caused, but I'm grateful for the opportunity to show others that sometimes failure is part of the journey."

Melissa Ortiz '12

After suffering a devastating injury while training for the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2015, Ortiz created a small business to support artisans in her home country. Ortiz' torn Achilles heel rendered her unable to compete. With shattered dreams, she returned to Colombia, where she discovered a flea market with local artisans making bracelets.

A few months later, Ortiz launched Vakano bracelets. The line features handmade beaded, braided, tribal and stackable bracelets. Proceeds provide income for Colombian artisans.

As word spreads about her socially conscious business, orders have increased in size and quantity. Vakano continues to increase its community of artisans, generating an impact on her home community.

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Students and coaches use mobile learning to support athletic and academic excellence.

Lynn University classrooms are a place of discussion and interactivity with technology front and center. Apple TV, iPad and practical apps empower learners to actively participate in and help guide lessons as teachers immediately assess student comprehension and now, with Wi-Fi-enabled busses, student-athletes and their coaches stay productive on the road, too.

"The iPad is one of the main reasons why I chose Lynn, and it has helped me succeed in softball and academics," said Natalie Costero, class of 2020. "This year, we had nine trips and I was able to complete assignments, take tests and prepare for my next opponent by watching film and plays on the bus."

Lynn's mobile ecosystem supports the Department of Athletics' mission to be a model NCAA program. The Fighting Knights earned a 25th national championship in Spring 2019 and an average 3.32 GPA for the 2017-18 academic year. Nearly 12% of Lynn student-athletes held a perfect 4.0.

Connected on the court
Coaches are able to stay connected on the court better than ever with iPad. It allows student-athletes to access live stats and instant replays so they can analyze their performance, learn opponent tendencies and improve their game in the moment.

"My iPad is with me on the sidelines at all times," said Volleyball Head Coach Adam Milewski. "Typically, you review stats after every game, but I have a live snapshot of how both the offense and the defense are performing. It's a game-changer in matches."

Milewski uses VidSwap to prepare for games with videos of past matches and opponents. The Video Delay app allows him to instantaneously review plays. In addition, he replaced his traditional clipboard with CoachBoard.

Meeting and locker rooms equipped with Apple TVs support Lynn's sustainable campus efforts since there's no need for whiteboards or paper.

Preparing tomorrow's coaches
Julia Huddleston Tucker, head coach for women's basketball, sees the benefit mobile technology has in academics and on the court. She identified an opportunity to train the next generation of coaches.

"I have a player who wants to be a coach, and she was out because of an injury last season," said Huddleston Tucker. "She used her iPad and the Fast Draw app during games to practice drawing plays, which is one of the hardest things for an up-and-coming coach to learn."

Huddleston Tucker also found that students benefit from connecting their suite of Apple products. For example, Division II student-athletes cannot train in the summer, but with their Apple Watch, iPhone and iPad, they can still monitor their caloric burn and physical activity.

"We're able to engage our players in a way they're used to learning," she added. "I can't imagine not having the iPad."
Passing the torch

Campus leaders take new roles to lead academic affairs.

**Dr. Katrina Carter-Tellison** became vice president for academic affairs June 1. She oversees university curriculum, accreditation, faculty assessment and development, career services, international student services, study abroad and the Social Impact Lab.

She also supports Lynn University's iPad-powered learning program and student retention efforts.

Since joining Lynn in 2004, she served as assistant professor of sociology, criminal justice program chair, curriculum chair, College of Arts and Sciences dean and academic dean. She developed Lynn's Dialogues core curriculum, launched Celebration of the Arts, introduced the Bachelor of Fine Arts in drama and helped launch Navigate, a student success platform.

"Katrina was instrumental in building our core curriculum into the nationally recognized program it is today," said Lynn President Kevin M. Ross. "Her innovative thinking and action-oriented approach complements our leadership team as we realize our Lynn 2025 plan."

Carter-Tellison hopes to elevate the Lynn learning experience to support student success—a key component of the plan.

"My vision for academic affairs is rooted in collaboration and excellence in student service. I see opportunity to incorporate essential skills, such as technology, data and measurement, into our critical thinking curriculum," she said.

**Dr. Gary Villa** succeeded Carter-Tellison as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Serving as a biology professor at Lynn since 2002, Villa helped shape the Dialogues curriculum and instituted a peer mentoring program. Most recently, he and College of Arts and Sciences faculty began emphasizing research in undergraduate programs.

"The College of Arts and Sciences played a fundamental role in developing Lynn's core curriculum, but our impressive faculty holds the key to our continued success," said Villa. "Professors continue to push the boundaries of learning with a desire to implement innovative new initiatives. I'm looking forward to elevating academic offerings across all programs."

**Mike Petroski**, now academic dean, oversees academic assessment, the advising center, the registrar and instructional design, among other areas. He is also the interim dean of the College of Communication and Design.

Petroski joined Lynn in 1989 as a faculty member before becoming director of faculty development and academic assessment in 2014. He supported development of Lynn's iPad-powered learning program and Canvas learning management system, established iPad Institute and implemented a student success management tool.

"I want to see faculty succeed beyond their expectations, so I appreciate hearing their opinions and experiences," said Petroski. "I enjoy working together to enhance our programs and better prepare our students for the future."
Coworking for social entrepreneurs

Pilot program provides students and faculty space to innovate.

Small Business Labs predicts that the number of global coworking spaces will more than double to just over 30,000 from 2017 to 2022. Lynn University is now part of that emerging trend.

In Fall 2019, Lynn began piloting its own flexible workspace on the third floor of the Christine E. Lynn University Center. The university opened up the space to students and faculty who are working on projects with social impact. Students and teachers who qualify for free coworking memberships may reserve flex desks and conference rooms and gain access to the Funding Information Network database to search for project funding opportunities from more than 140,000 foundations and donors worldwide. In addition, faculty will teach social impact classes in the space.

“We are big believers that doing good is good for business, so we want to support social entrepreneurs in our community with an incredible resource on our campus,” said Lynn President Kevin M. Ross. “The coworking space is designed to provide the necessary tools to help students, faculty, alumni and community organizations collaborate to solve social challenges.”

Lynn plans to eventually expand memberships to alumni and community organizations. It will invite a select group of social entrepreneurs to participate in a “pioneer year” with reduced rates and special offers including tuition benefits and opportunities to apply for federally funded student workers. In order to qualify for membership, entrepreneurs must be part of a registered business entity with a social impact focus and engage students in a meaningful way such as internships, free workshops or mentoring.

For more information, contact coworking@lynn.edu.
When it comes to learning from experience, Professor Sindee Kerker could teach a “master” class. A graduate of the University of Florida and Whittier Law School, she worked as a prosecutor for Los Angeles County. When she joined Lynn University in 1999, there was no criminal justice undergraduate major. So, she helped create one.

Recently, Kerker earned another accolade, Lynn’s first Award for Excellence in Teaching and Dedication to Students. The honor, presented at commencement in May, recognizes one faculty member who demonstrates a commitment to student learning, utilizes innovative teaching techniques and impacts student lives beyond the classroom.

A conversation with Sindee Kerker

Criminal Justice Professor Sindee Kerker celebrates 20 years at Lynn with Delray Beach police officer and former student Loise Pimentel '14.

Like Lynn itself, Kerker has an innovative, global and personalized approach. She emphasizes real-life learning and has written an interactive e-book. She leads study trips abroad and helps students memorialize world history through art. Above all, she is a dedicated, creative educator.

How does your life experience impact your teaching? As a kid, I would always say, “What do you mean by that? Give me an example.” So as a teacher, I always give examples—from life and work experiences. Sometimes students share their examples, too. That’s how we learn and understand different ideas.

Being a prosecutor taught me how everything interacts. That knowledge makes me a better teacher. Criminal justice is theoretical until I say, “Let me tell you how it works in the real world.”

Being a mom also makes me a better teacher, and being a teacher makes me a better mom. I recognize and understand the way young adults think.

What is your favorite class to teach? I love them all. I like the Introduction to Criminal Justice class because I enjoy getting people excited about the major. I like the Dialogues of Justice and Civic Life class because we discuss social justice issues and how laws vary between different states and countries. I like my Holocaust class on the Nuremberg trials because it requires advanced critical thinking. They each have something to offer.
Why do you give your students a firsthand look at the criminal justice system via police ride-alongs and jail and courtroom visits? They help everyone understand process and procedure. For example, they teach students about their own rights, while dispelling myths about the police. In general, I believe everyone needs to see the inside of a courtroom. You should know how the system works. Then, for a ticket or small claims issue, you can represent yourself.

You advise, “Don’t be complacent.” How do you want students to take action? I want them to sit on juries, to vote, to participate. I want them to be involved in the community. In my citizenship class, projects can range from spending time with troubled juveniles already in the criminal justice system to supporting a local policing project with light landscaping. One student became a police officer, largely because of these kinds of experiences.

What is your ultimate goal as an educator? I want my classroom to be an environment where students feel safe, secure, loved and welcomed. I want them to feel confident, believe in themselves and know they are capable of doing whatever they want to do.

Read more at lynn.edu/magazine.

John Pickering offers a historian’s view on life and Lynn

Professor Emeritus John Pickering is a historian with a unique perspective. After 43 years at Lynn University, he looks back on his career with an eye toward the future.

Pickering earned a B.A. from Stetson University, an M.A. from Florida State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Denver. But after teaching dozens of Lynn classes on history, government and more, his heart is with the Fighting Knights.

Lynn President Kevin M. Ross awarded Pickering the emeritus title this spring. Ross said, “This is our university’s highest academic honor, and we are proud to recognize all of his contributions to our students and university in such a meaningful way.”

What were your most meaningful accomplishments at Lynn? I was on the Lynn 2020 committee, which set in motion the Dialogues curriculum. I introduced new courses, received multiple teaching awards from student groups and participated in many campus drama and musical productions. Also, I feel very privileged to receive this emeritus recognition.

What are your plans for the future? I am blessed. I have already spent more than half my life at Lynn. While I hope to gain other positive life experiences, I want to continue my involvement here. So starting this fall, I will teach online courses, including History of American Capitalism and U.S. Public Policy.

What advice can you offer Lynn students? This is the time in your life to explore and broaden your perspective about academic disciplines and your own individual growth. Do this, and you will discover things about the world and yourself that will always be a part of you.

Read more at lynn.edu/magazine.

“When a professor and student share insight into course content, the magic of the classroom is amazing.”

John Pickering

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A new conservatory endowment aims to amplify its impact

To the gifted students who study there, the Lynn University Conservatory of Music offers an exceptional education. But that is only the beginning. Through its performances, the conservatory also offers audiences on campus and in the local community the chance to enjoy its vital creative spark. It’s an experience that inspired Elaine J. Wold to create a spark of her own.

Mrs. Wold, a longtime university friend and benefactor, recently established the Elaine J. Wold Endowment for the Conservatory of Music. Her personal $500,000 gift is the largest single-payment endowment ever presented to the conservatory. At Mrs. Wold's request, the gift recognizes two meaningful occasions: Dr. Jon Robertson's 15 years of leadership as dean and the conservatory's 20th anniversary.

"I grew up around music and the theater," said Mrs. Wold. "I truly appreciate the hard work, talent and discipline that it takes to deliver a performance that moves an audience."

Mrs. Wold's contribution is a leadership gift intended to inspire matching funds from other donors. The endowment will provide ongoing support for equipment, production and instruments, as well as audition and competition fees.

"We are all privileged to enjoy remarkable musical performances provided by the conservatory and Dean Robertson. I believe in returning the favor to those who have given so much," said Mrs. Wold. "I hope others in the community share that view and will join me in raising the funds needed to support the future of the conservatory. Together, in the coming months, I believe we can reach $1 million."

Elaine J. Wold received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lynn University in 2014. Her generous support has made possible the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Elaine's in the Christine E. Lynn University Center, Elaine's Annual Musical Treat, student scholarships and more.

From left, Donald E. Ross, Jon Robertson, Elaine J. Wold and Kevin M. Ross announce a generous $500,000 challenge gift from Mrs. Wold to honor the 20th anniversary of the Lynn Conservatory of Music.
DINNER DRINKS & SHOW
JOIN US BEFORE OR AFTER AT Christine's

Headed to a Lynn performance and looking to make a night of it? Then we have just three words for you: Bourbon. Bread. Pudding.

Join us before or after the show to enjoy beer, wine and a delicious bistro menu at Christine's on the second floor of the beautiful new Christine E. Lynn University Center.
Celebrate 10 years of arts, culture and ideas

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A musical homecoming

Conservatory of Music honors history with its largest alumni concert.

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, the Lynn University Conservatory of Music welcomed some of its most accomplished South Florida-based graduates to perform at its Third Annual Alumni Concert Sept. 26. The event featured musicians from the brass, percussion, piano, strings, wind ensemble and woodwinds conservatory studios. Afterward, conservatory faculty and alumni mingled during a special reception. Among the performers were Stojo Miserloski '09 and Laura Sinclair '11.

Stojo Miserloski '09
As a young Macedonian clarinetist, Stojo Miserloski dreamed of studying abroad. After high school, Miserloski dedicated himself to learning English and, after just one year, he earned a scholarship to study at Lynn.

"Dean Jon Robertson was like a father to many of us. He taught us in the classroom, in the office and in the hallways. We learned from his example about integrity, hard work, collaboration and believing in ourselves," Miserloski said.

Today, Miserloski is a clarinet professor at Florida Atlantic University, a freelance musician and an artist for Buffet Crampon and Silverstein Works.

He advises students to "Zoom out and look around—there is a lot to learn, everywhere. Lessons and opportunities come in different shapes and forms."

Laura Sinclair '11
Violist Laura Sinclair journeyed from Canada to the U.S. to study under Professor Ralph Fielding. During her time at Lynn, she not only learned from celebrated performers, she also taught at Plumosa School of the Arts, a Title I elementary school in Delray Beach.

Sinclair today serves as Plumosa's director of strings and coordinates Lynn's Music Education Partnership Program, which pairs Lynn graduate students with Plumosa students in private music instruction and mentorship.

"From my private studio to the mentorship program at Plumosa, Lynn has touched and enhanced every part of my life as a musician—I am forever grateful to be an alumnus," Sinclair said.
Wellness for the working mind and body

South Florida Business Journal named Lynn one of the region's healthiest employers.

Professional development opportunities, a collaborative environment and work-life balance are a few of the reasons why The Chronicle of Higher Education has consistently named Lynn University a “Great College to Work For.” This year, South Florida Business Journal recognized another reason employees love Lynn when it presented the university with a 2019 Healthiest Employer award.

“This honor reflects the total wellness package that we offer employees,” said Aaron Greenberg, director of Employee Services. “From retirement plans to healthy dining selections, employees can take advantage of options to improve and sustain their physical, emotional and financial well-being.”

In 2017, Greenberg hired Benefits and Wellness Manager Katrina Valentino to help elevate wellness program awareness and offerings. “We’ve seen our efforts increase positivity among employees, lower health claims and drive participation in employee events,” said Valentino. “Our Wellness Fairs have great turnout — employees meet with vendors and take time to learn how they can improve well-being.”

Campus programs include weekly yoga, campus walks, an annual 5K run and biometric screenings, as well as monthly and yearly employee recognition. Lynn also offers an Employee Scholarship Program for continuing education. The team plans to add a Zumba class and new lunch-and-learns to its offerings.

Valentino says financial advising programs are among the university’s most popular. In addition, employees participate one-on-one sessions with benefits, retirement and trust advisors several times a year.

Sherry Henry ’19, director of annual giving, took advantage of the Employee Scholarship Program to complete her bachelor's degree.

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Lynn University offers yoga on and off campus throughout the year. Employees and alumni take a class at Deerfield Beach during Alumni Weekend.

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Katrina Valentino
Benefits and Wellness Manager
President Kevin M. Ross, left, poses with Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run winners and their medals.
"The technological changes and the space surprised me. It's huge!"

Oliver Medina
Class of 2021

"I like to study or even watch movies in the conference rooms."

Jake Moll
Class of 2022

"Students thrive in new university center"

"I love the kitchen and the commons. They have great music and food, and I can always meet new people."

Cristina Margarita
Friebe De La Salas
Class of 2022

"I love the building's open layout and especially the second floor."

Natalie Costero
Class of 2019
"I think everybody who contributed to this building [has done] something really special for the school and for the students."

Christine E. Lynn
The Campus Master Plan crafted in 2009 called for a lively center of campus. The Christine E. Lynn University Center has created exactly that. The 65,000-square-foot project broke ground in the spring of 2017 and opened in February 2019. It was designed with the student in mind and provides social, academic and dining facilities in the heart of campus. Beyond transforming the campus, the building also transformed ways of working and collaborating for Lynn’s community.

Parties, programs and parks
A quick glance across campus or upon entering the building and it’s obvious: The space is sparkling.

And there’s good reason. Research demonstrates that when organizations work hard to make a place feel pristine, patrons recognize the effort and do their part to keep it that way.

According to Anthony Altieri, vice president of student affairs, students are proud of the space. “The students feel as though they have a place to go, whether it’s to interact, relax, study or socialize. It’s a one-stop shop for all the support they need,” he said.

“After hours, we see students gathered in collaboration rooms and other groups using spaces as they were designed and meant to be used. It’s been a reinforcement of our vision for the building’s vital role on campus.”

The thoughtfully designed spaces also have caused an uptick in the amount of formal internal and external programming. The building’s centralized location ensures a significant amount of foot traffic. Faculty members are inspired to hold outdoor classes at the amphitheater in the building’s adjacent park. Students and community members are motivated to offer creative entertainment and programs. Recently the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, FICURMA, Bank United and other local business guests have hosted events for the local community.

Comfort food and love letters
The new building also enabled Lynn to provide 24/7 accessibility to the Perper Mailroom and feature the Schmidt Family Campus Store prominently in the center of campus.

“The campus store is light, bright and airy, and retail turns over more readily,” said Matthew Chaloux, director of auxiliary services. “The store’s expanded hours and proximity to the mailboxes—a high-traffic area—was designed with today’s buyer in mind. It’s also become a happy destination for families completing their Lynn Campus Visit Experience.”
Food service has risen to the occasion, as well. Lynn Dining, managed by Sodexo, revamped its fall menu, including student must-haves like a baked potato bar, plus themed events at least once per month. Stations in Mary's Kitchen provide everything from farm-fresh local and vegan options to pizza and flatbread, salads, grilled food, deli sandwiches, comfort food and more.

"The number of students we see bringing their own lunches is welcome and reinforces our goals," added Altieri. "Bobby Campbell Dining Commons was designed to welcome everyone. You don't have to purchase food to enjoy the space with friends or colleagues."

This "something for everyone" approach is elevated at Christine's, the second-floor bistro. The upscale menu matches the ambiance and creates a welcoming spot for students and community members to relax and enjoy themselves on campus.

In August, President Kevin M. Ross announced another campus game-changer:

Construction on the Snyder Center for Health and Wellness will begin later this year.

The center will be located just steps from the Christine E. Lynn University Center, and it will bring together all aspects of physical, mental and social well-being under one roof. (See page 32.)

"Use of the university center will continue to evolve as the health and wellness center comes to life," said Altieri. "We're evaluating more ways to offer trendy and healthier food and snack options. Eating well and staying involved on campus are part of being a well-rounded student."
Master plan brings *Lynn 2025* to life

Updated plan earns approval from city.

Master planning for a 21st-century campus is about more than traditional land-use planning, zoning and place-making. Campus design is an essential part of how universities, especially Lynn University, continue innovating.

Lynn crafted its *Campus Master Plan* in 2009 with the support of high-profile design firm Gensler. Fast-forward one decade, and the firm and university administrators just placed finishing touches on its next iteration.

“Our campus design is strategic,” said Gregory J. Malfitano ’73, ’75, senior vice president for development and administration. “Like a city with its surrounding villages, we designed our campus to have a hub of student activity in the center, with student life and entertainment around it. The Christine E. Lynn University Center is our heart of campus, and academics, athletics, performing arts and residences are on all of its sides.”

A stamp of approval

The updated master plan addresses the entire 115-acre campus and considers enrollment projections, financial stewardship, opportunities to elevate the brand and ways to improve environmental sustainability as just a few starting points.

“We speak with students, faculty, staff, the City of Boca Raton and community members to understand what they want,” Malfitano said. “Our primary goal is to make Lynn as accessible, comfortable and safe as possible for our students, and as welcoming as possible for our surrounding community.”

According to Malfitano, the plan supports retention and student satisfaction given its emphasis on opportunities to continue elevating and enhancing residential and athletics quadrants. It also addresses topics including: general access to campus, public transportation, future bike and vehicle parking, residential and academic building enhancements, lighting and sound specifications, and more.

The city approved the *Amended Campus Master Plan* in June, and it will continue its involvement though granting permits and conducting assessments as projects come to life.

“I’m energized because I know that we have accomplished so much, and we have very impactful projects on our horizon,” Malfitano said, referring to the upcoming Snyder Center for Health and Wellness. “We have a lot to be thankful for as the campus continues to evolve.”
What students want

The Amended Campus Master Plan addresses many Lynn 2025 objectives:

- Additional athletics facilities
- Wayfinding and parking solutions
- New academic spaces for faculty, instruction and collaboration
- Long-term student housing strategy
- Enhanced residential facilities
- Improved campus facilities through timely renovations (See page 32.)
Building connections
Lynn announces plans for the Snyder Center for Health and Wellness.

With many spots for mindful moments, places to gather and gorgeous green spaces, Lynn University's campus is designed with student wellness in mind.

Lynn's newest project—the Snyder Center for Health and Wellness—will raise the bar even higher. Launched with a generous lead gift from Jamie S. and Stephen F. Snyder and their family, the $5 million state-of-the-art center will bring together the university's fitness, health, counseling and wellness services under one roof. Moreover, it will create countless positive connections between the mind, body and spirit of both students and employees.

Construction crews will begin work on the nearly 20,000-square-foot Snyder Center in late 2019. Once completed, the facility will complement the nearby Christine E. Lynn University Center, the lively heart of the campus.

“This will be a game-changer,” said Senior Vice President for Development and Administration Gregory J. Malfitano '73, '75. “Combining our wellness offerings in a central location will better serve everyone at Lynn with greater convenience and enhanced services.”

Three additional cornerstone gifts will bring the project to life. Supporting Lynn's commitment to individualized education, the Schmidt Family Foundation will provide the counseling center. This resource will offer services for personal, social and emotional matters.

A gift from Larry and Elaine Smith will create an athletic strength and conditioning area. This space will deliver specialized resources to Lynn's NCAA Division II student-athletes to improve athletic performance and prevent injuries.

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Gregory Malfitano
Senior Vice President for Development and Administration

A rendering of the future Snyder Center for Health and Wellness
And thanks to the support of the late Mary Perper, the building will include a multi-faceted health center. This facility will reflect her love and care for Lynn students—providing an array of services, including routine check-ups, first aid, vaccinations and nurse-practitioner care.

"I can't say enough about these longtime donors and friends of the university, like the Perpers," said Malfitano. "They have supported Lynn for many years in many ways and, in the case of the Snyder and Schmidt families, through multiple generations. Together, they are creating a wonderful legacy of giving."

**Designed with wellness in mind**

Stand-up desks, healthy snacks and a gym with classes and trainers have become increasingly common as today’s employers design corporate campuses to foster employee well-being. Universities across the country are following suit. A 2014 Gallup-Purdue study, *Great Jobs Great Lives*, illustrated higher education’s need to equip students to not only pursue better jobs, but also to pursue better lives. The survey of more than 30,000 college graduates across the U.S. found that their odds of thriving in all areas of well-being more than double when they believe college helped prepare them for life outside it.

Clockwise from top: Stephen F. and Jamie S. Snyder, the late Mary Perper, Larry and Elaine Smith and Richard and Barbara Schmidt.
One **BIG** Lynn family

For the first time ever, the entire class of 2019 graduated in one giant ceremony. Lynn University hosted the annual commencement celebration at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach.
Leader. Mentor. Warrior.

Michael Kitts ’03, vice president of corporate partnerships for the San Francisco Golden State Warriors, earned the 2019 Distinguished Alumni award.

Kitts was raised with a strong work ethic. His business studies at Lynn reinforced lessons like: Ask questions, express interest in others, be prepared and be present. He joined the NBA’s Golden State Warriors when they placed 27th out of 30 teams, believing that if you invest in relationships you can be successful in anything.

Today, he’s done more than proved that. Beyond establishing millions in corporate partnerships, he’s also built an award-winning sales team and helped the enterprise grow to over 2,000 employees from only 250. The combination of his team’s and the Warriors’ success keeps the organization motivated and thriving—proof of how far sound leadership and a clear vision can take you.

Learn more: lynn.edu/michael
Record-breaking enrollment
In August 2019, Lynn University welcomed the largest class in its history.

953
full-time, first-year undergraduates

96
countries represented

18%
international students

46%
total growth in 10 years

3,196
total enrollment
2,172 full-time undergraduate students
1,248 residential students

(Enrollment as of Sept. 24, 2019.)
Thank you, Lynn Conservatory of Music for 20 years of talent and inspiration

Join us as we celebrate two decades of inspirational music with a special season of performances by our talented student musicians and world-renowned faculty.

Celebrating 20 years

Faculty Concert
Nov. 17 at 4 p.m.

14th Annual New Music Festival
Jan. 12-15

Happy 20th Anniversary!
A Conservatory Extravaganza
March 28 at 4 p.m.

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