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alumni & families weekend

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discovering Italy
reconnecting

celebrating 40 years of innovative education
Dear Lynn Alumni,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural issue of the Lynn Alumni Magazine. I hope this issue and future publications that follow in the months and years to come will engage you, help you connect with other alumni, and serve as an outlet to keep you current with what’s going on at your alma mater.

Inside this issue, you will find articles highlighting regional alumni gatherings that have taken place around the country, the vision of Lynn University’s athletic director and staff, as well as alumni events from Stomp and Senior Sendoff to the Caribbean Extravaganza. In addition, you will find news about the development of the Student Alumni Association, reconnect with former classmates through class notes, and discover what you missed in a special feature on Alumni & Families Weekend 2002.

The Lynne Alumni Magazine is your voice. If you have comments, suggestions, photos, or news, please send them to alumni@lynn.edu or drop them to me the old-fashioned way at Lynn University, 3601 North Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33431. With a little help from you, we hope to make the Lynne Alumni Magazine something you look forward to receiving in your mailbox.

Cheers,

Gareth Fowles
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Senior Sendoff is a success for LUAA

On the evening of Tuesday, May 1, 2002, the Lynn University Alumni Association (LUAA) hosted their annual Senior Sendoff reception at the Muvico Premier theater in Boca Raton, Fla. South Florida alums, the graduating Class of 2002, and Lynn’s faculty and staff joined the fun.

Senior Sendoff was attended by more than 150 people. The cocktail reception was an opportunity for local alumni to visit with one another while inviting the Class of 2002 graduates to become active participants of the Alumni Association. The event was hosted in the theater’s second floor banquet room and offered complimentary appetizers, a cash bar and free movie tickets for the first 100 people who arrived.

Eugene M. Lynn Residence Hall opens

The new Eugene M. Lynn Residence Hall opened in the fall. The five-story, 93,410 square-foot building, houses 286 students and a full-time professional staff member. The residence center has four television lounges, two computer laboratories, two amusement/programming lounges, two lounges designed for group or individual study, a snack room, and a main lobby with a hall director office, security post, centralized mail distribution for the building and a seating area. Each room houses two students and is equipped with two walk-in closets and a bathroom, two computer connections, a university phone line and basic cable television. The facility also houses the Student Services Division and Student Health Services, complete with two examining rooms and three counseling offices.

“This was Gene’s idea,” said Christine Lynn, crediting her late husband during her remarks at the groundbreaking. “He believed in Lynn as a unique institution where education takes place in a family setting. This new residence hall was his dream; another way that students will feel that this is home.”

The E.M. Residence Hall was made possible through a $10 million gift from Christine E. Lynn on behalf of the E.M. Lynn Foundation.
New Lynn Alumni Directory becomes available

The Lynn University Alumni Directory is nearing completion and the directories will be shipped in the early days of January 2003. The new comprehensive directory is a compilation of the most current data available on more than 5,000 Lynn University alumni. The volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data, plus business information (if applicable), bound into a classic, library-quality edition. The directory will sort this data alphabetically by name, class year and geographical location within separate sections of the book.

“Our new directory is an excellent way to find former classmates and friends,” said Gareth Fowles, director of alumni relations. “I would like to thank those who returned their questionnaires and to those who ordered a copy of the directory—enjoy!”

Baseball memories are relived

The Alumni Baseball Weekend was held in late spring with 24 former Lynn University baseball players making the trek back to South Florida. Baseball players who participated in the event traveled from the east and west coasts of the state, and as far as Canada, as Gord Fairholm '88, flew in from Quebec to reunite with old teammates and play ball.

The Alumni Baseball Weekend kicked off on Saturday, March 24, 2002 with a cocktail reception at Pete Rose’s Ballpark Café, where players, families, friends, and supporters of the university enjoyed an evening of fun and reminiscing. The following morning the atmosphere was mixed with excitement, lots of emotion and a bit of tension. Players were ecstatic to be reunited on the field with teammates, but they were also intense, as each player was set on proving that he had not lost his touch when it came to playing the game they all loved.

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Christine Lynn

(Front, left to right) Bill Fanizzi '86, Brant St. Louis '01, Adam Romer '01, William Sabinso '98, Gord Fairholm '88, Michael Berg '89, Greg Mazlar '01 (Back, left to right) Tim DeVInney '02, Dax Hughes '00, Billy Horn '01, Jamie Saminski '01, Jay Brandt '99 '01, Richard Westover '96, William Oliveri '96, Michael Quijano '98, Brian Sommer '99, Dave Custons '99, Jesse Kapellusch '01, Rick Schanzle '89, Robert Rizzo '01. (Not pictured) Frank Abatino '00, Ed Sisko '90, Jim Mury '90.

After five solid innings and three hours, it was unanimously decided that every player had fulfilled his desire of playing baseball for the day and called it quits. Following the game, players, families and fans enjoyed a barbecue on campus.
Academic Adventure takes applied learning to new levels

Some universities promise their students the world. Lynn University takes its students to experience the world for themselves. Dr. Karla Stein, senior vice president for global enrollment management, introduced the concept of an educational international field trip for all first-year Lynn students in January 2002. Now a year later, the Academic Adventure, has evolved from a concept to reality as 647 students, staff and faculty embark on an educational experience of a lifetime.

On the Academic Adventure, students will cruise the Caribbean south to Belize, where they will study Mayan ruins, the country's rainforest, caves, marine life, ecotourism, and much more. As part of the First-Year Experience coursework, students have been learning about the island and its ancient Mayan cultural roots and will have hands-on experience. The Academic Adventure is further enhanced with on-board seminars taught by Lynn University professors.

"With students from 89 countries, Lynn University has created a community that provides students with a rich multicultural education and promotes global awareness," said Stein.

On Monday, January 6, 2003, the whistle will sound "all aboard" Carnival Cruise Line's Imagination for the five-day Academic Adventure. The Academic Adventure is required for all first-year students. Students will receive one credit hour. The cost of the trip for first-year students was part of tuition for the 2002-2003 school year.

Lynn alumni STOMP their way to Coral Springs Center for the Arts

More than 40 Lynn alumni gathered on a Wednesday evening in April at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts for a cocktail reception and the opening of STOMP, a musical show featuring the use of everyday items.

"Stomp was the most energetic, funny display of music that I have ever encountered," said Norma Lora '93. "To hear and see how you can get a beat from everyday household items was amazing. It was certainly an inventive and infectious performance."
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Dr. Karla Stein, senior vice president for global enrollment management

Governor Bush visits Lynn University

Some future journalists got the thrill of their lives on September 19, 2002, when Florida Governor Jeb Bush taped a television news interview at the Lynn University College of International Communications’ news studio.

The students, working for Lynn University Productions, produce Democracy 2002, NBC-affiliate WPTV's series that profiles local political candidates running for state and national office. The segment's host is well-known area television anchor and reporter Jim Brosemer, Lynn’s director of media services, who is also WPTV’s political consultant.

Brosemer’s broadcast production class sat in on the taping. Gov. Bush spoke to every student and graciously posed for individual pictures.

"All of the students were delighted to meet our governor," said Brosemer. "But just as importantly, it is a tremendous learning experience for them to watch and participate in the production of a show for commercial television. We’re extremely fortunate to be able to offer our communication students experiential learning in a facility that rivals the most well-equipped broadcast studio anywhere."

Democracy 2002 was seen on local cable channels. Lynn Productions also produces commercials for a wide variety of local clients and has made game show pilots for the Food Network and the Game Show Network.
Local Lynn soccer alumni continue their winning ways

With talents from across the globe, the Lynn University men's soccer program continues to be a powerhouse—even after they have graduated. Throughout 2002, 15 Lynn alumni, who are also former players of the soccer team, once again played together, but this time it was in the Gold Coast League (of South Florida), Division II.

The team, known as Radius, was comprised of Lynn alumni who graduated between 1988 and 2001, and was made-up of players who were originally from Denmark, Sweden, France, Ireland, South Africa, and England. The group of former teammates wanted to find a way to stay connected and participate in the one thing they all had previously shared—soccer. At the end of the season, Radius had won the league, as well as the championship game for the region.

"It's great to see how these alumni have formed a bond on the field and off, and continue their winning ways that they learned at Lynn University," said Shaun Exsteen '93 and '98, team coach.

The championship victory resulted in a $1,500 cash prize. With their earnings, the team headed to Key West, Fla., to celebrate and enjoy some rest and relaxation with one another. This year the team plans to continue playing in the Gold Coast League and have even more alumni join their team.

The soccer team Radius, comprised of former Lynn players, takes home the championship trophy for the Gold Coast League.
Caribbean Extravaganza welcomes students to campus

The Lynn University Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Association (SAA) co-hosted the Caribbean Extravaganza, a Caribbean-themed barbecue to welcome returning and first-year students to campus in the fall. Complete with fire dancers and a Caribbean band, more than 500 students enjoyed ethnic food from the region and a festive atmosphere.

"We wanted to make students aware of both organizations," said Eric Shaw, SAA president 2002-2003. "Everyone had a lot of fun and I think we succeeded in letting students know how active [the Lynn University] Alumni Association and SAA are on campus and after graduation."

On Friday, October 4, 2002, Lynn University's Office of Alumni Relations and Hannifan Center for Career Development co-hosted the inaugural Alumni Mentor Series Program. The guest speaker to kickoff the series was John Langan '81 of Langan Associates, P.C.

Langan is the founder and managing partner of Langan Associates, P.C., the nation's largest exclusive provider of accounting and consulting services for the not-for-profit industry. Langan spoke to approximately 75 students and staff members about his personal journey through college and into the world of high-power, high-stakes accounting. Langan incorporated business ethics into his presentation as he discussed personal etiquette in a post-Enron environment.

Langan established Langan Associates in 1988 after several years with an international accounting firm. Langan Associates is currently the 23rd largest accounting firm in the Washington Metropolitan area. With more than 50 employees, the company serves more than 350 not-for-profit organizations nationwide. Langan has more than 15 years of experience serving not-for-profit organizations and has a national reputation as an expert, author and presenter on financial, tax and technology topics facing not-for-profit organizations today.

For more information about the Alumni Mentor Series and reserving speaking engagements, please contact Lynn University's Office of Alumni Relations at (561) 237-7984 or e-mail Gareth Fowles, director of alumni relations at gfowles@lynn.edu.
Student Alumni Association creates lasting legacy

Community outreach and a senior gift to the university are just two traditions started by the on-campus organization.

Lynn University's new Student Alumni Association (SAA) was formed midway through the 2001-2002 school year, but has accomplished many major projects that will become traditions for the on-campus organization. From fundraising to purchasing a class gift for the university to supporting the greater Boca Raton area through participation in community projects, the SAA organization of 2002 left its mark on Lynn University for years to come.

In February, SAA members began to raise money to construct a sign that would dedicate Lynn's Families Walkway as a senior class gift. Members conducted raffles, solicited contributions from graduating seniors, and contacted the university's other student organizations, all of which made generous contributions in honor of the graduating seniors.

The organization is also reaching out to the local community. In mid-April, a group of SAA members and Lynn alumni joined hundreds of other individuals, clubs and organizations in participating in Boca Raton's Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's annual 24-hour team event that raises funds to fight cancer and celebrate cancer survivorship.

The Student Alumni Association was established to foster and promote beneficial relationships among Lynn students, alumni and the campus community. The organization provides students with career networking opportunities and makes students aware of how they can continue to be part of Lynn beyond graduation.

Jason Lopez '03, John McCarthy '02, Gareth Fowles '99 and '01, Omar De Souza '01 and '02, Eric Shaw '02, Paul Muir '99 and '01, Matthew Lyndon, Gina Lyndon '99 and '01, Judy Siegel '98 and '01, and Manuela Gravia-Muir '00 and '02 all participated in the Relay for Life event organized by the Student Alumni Association.
SAA brings students birthday wishes, stress relief

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) is bringing a bit of “home” to Lynn University students who live on campus. The campus organization is providing parents with the opportunity to celebrate a birthday or provide some “stress relief” support during finals despite being miles away.

Parents can surprise their Lynn student with a decorated birthday cake, personalized note and complete birthday party on their special day. Complete with candles, forks, plates, and napkins, students have been more than surprised as they celebrate birthday wishes with their Lynn friends. SAA members personally deliver the birthday celebration to each person’s residence hall room to kick off the party.

SAA is also helping parents support students during the stress of finals week with a Stress Relief Kit, which includes a stress relief ball, snacks, pens and pencils, a ruler, index cards, candy, a yo-yo, highlighters, and more. The Stress Relief Kit is also personally delivered to each student’s residence hall room during their time of need.

“The concept has been very well received,” said Jason Lopez. “In the first two months we filled more than 50 orders for birthday cakes and 40 orders for the Stress Relief Kits. Both the birthday cakes and Stress Relief Kits have been big hits with parents and students.”

If you would like to order a birthday celebration and/or a Stress Relief Kit for a current Lynn student, you may contact Gareth Fowles at gfowles@lynn.edu. The prices of the birthday celebrations and the Stress Relief Kits are $25 each.

From student to alum, SAA provides valuable link between current, former Lynn students

Deep-sea fishing trip planned for the spring

This fall, a new Student Alumni Association (SAA) grew from nine members in its inaugural year (2001-2002), to 23 members. The new members and board have been very active in the fall of 2002, participating and assisting with various events, including: Caribbean Extravaganza; Blue & White Auction, a fundraising event for Lynn University athletics; Alumni & Families Weekend 2002; and the Alumni Mentor Series Program.

Coming soon, the Student Alumni Association in conjunction with the Lynn University Alumni Association is organizing a deep-sea fishing trip out of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., that will take place in the spring of 2003. If you would like to join fellow Lynn alumni and current Lynn students for a day of fun, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (561) 237-7984 or e-mail alumni@lynn.edu.

Student Alumni Association 2002-2003

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SAA 2002-2003 Members
Class Notes
Tidbits, photos and news from alumni around the world who wrote in to alumni@lynn.edu.

1968
For the past 10 years, Hollis Barton has been working for the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities in upstate New York.

1975
Gary Pancost coaches traveling basketball and soccer teams.

1976
Claudia Korab is currently living in Melbourne, Fla. She and her husband, Mike, have been married 25 years and together they have children ages 24, 22 and 17. The oldest two have graduated from University of Central Florida.

1977
Douglas Logue enjoys living in Boca Raton, Fla., and watching Lynn University grow.

1981
C.J. Linge is very active in his community and career. He is currently chair of the Finance and Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees of Mount Mercy College, vice president of development for the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra, and a member of Daybreak Rotary. C.J. is also past president of the Association of Iowa Cemeteries and founder of the Cremation Society of Eastern Iowa.

1982
Philippe Debrose currently lives in Miami and goes back and forth to Haiti to visit relatives and friends.

1983
Lee [Denny) Smith is currently living in Belgium.

1984
Erika [Scholwin) Ostling received her bachelor's degree in international business management, and moved to Sweden. She plans to move back to Boca Raton, Fla., in 2003.

1986
After leaving Lynn University, Sandra Burke worked for Chubb Insurance in Boston and was transferred to New York and then Connecticut. She has since left the company to start her own appraisal firm. In addition to running the appraisal business, she is opening up Curves for Women, a fitness center for women. Sandra resides in Providence, R.I., for most of the year and spends the summers in Westerly, R.I., and in New Hampshire on weekends, taking advantage of the four seasons in New England by camping and skiing.

1988
Nundi Ramos is currently the manager of sales and marketing for Latin America and the Caribbean for Volvo Aero, an aerospace company headquartered in Trollhatten, Sweden.

1989
Jennifer McColgin is the president of a company that manufactures water removal for golf courses and playing fields. She has been very successful in business, and still lives in Skaneateles, N.Y.

1990
Christopher Tolman professionally manages money for high net worth individuals and institutions. At age 24 he started at Prudential as vice president, moved to Bear Stearns in 1996, and is now associate director of private client services.

1991
Ross Baird received a master's degree from Nova Southeastern. He married Staci W. Baird, and had a little girl, Rivers Grace Baird, in December 2000. All are living happily in Ormond Beach, Fla.
Richard (Pops) Cardoso is the president of Skatts U.S.A., Inc., a footwear producer in Boca Raton, Fla. He is married to Alejandra and has two children, Anthony and Victoria.

Todd Maxey got married on August 4, 2001, to Joanne Fazio and has two stepdaughters, Stacy and Kimberly.

Fernando Castro worked in the cruise line industry for the past 10 years. He is currently self-employed in the real estate industry and also managing various family businesses.

1992

Kathleen Frawley is living in New York City.

Cynthia [Cerqueira] Beauchamp currently lives in Naples, Fla., with her husband, Joe, and stepdaughters, Jessica and Danielle, and their daughter, Isabella, and son, Jacob.

Brad Fairholm moved back to Canada after graduation and relocated to Montreal and then to Ottawa to start a branch of Duocom (presentation product sales). Brad married in 1996 to Kathleen Fairholm and has two sons, Trevor and Brett.

Michelle Finizio is currently working at Office Depot Corporate. She lives in west Boca Raton, Fla., with her two beautiful Chinese pugs.

Johan Strerath is redirecting his professional horizons in the consulting business and is currently doing research on the possible impacts of the FTAA negotiations in the telecommunication industry, which may turn into a very interesting project for the future of telecom business in Latin America.

After graduation, Leslie Kent decided to stay at Lynn, where she completed her master’s degree in 1994. While going to school, she worked as a graduate assistant for the dean of the College of Education. She also worked for ABC, HBO and others. For more than seven years, Leslie has been working for a production company in Boca Raton, Fla., producing large corporate meetings and commercials for Fortune 100 companies around the world. She travels more than half the year visiting incredible locations. She purchased a house in Deerfield Beach and enjoys living in Florida.

1993

After graduation, Keith Simon moved back to Maryland to become vice president and partner for Infinity Funding Corporation, a full-service mortgage brokerage firm. In 1999, Keith also became a partner in Banner Title Company. At the present time, he and his fiancé plan to get married in the fall.

1994

Jose Duarte opened a restaurant in Boston, called Taranta, and received the Best New Restaurant Award by Food and Wine Magazine.

Dr. Ron Grassi has been using his training in biomechanical trauma as a medical expert witness.

Danielle Gray works for a boutique investment company in Darien, Conn., and lives in Norwalk, Conn. She works to raise money for the American Diabetes Association and is a Big Sister through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Since graduation from Lynn, Louise Palmstierna has traveled the globe as a meeting/event manager. She has started her own band.

Steven Cook earned his master’s degree at Lynn and returned to Jamaica in 1996. He got married on September 25, 1999, and his first and only son was born on December 2, 2000. Steven is still in the family movie business as the concessions manager for all cinemas, currently re-expanding the business and hopefully, in two years, will go overseas.

Christine [Baker] Parker is teaching U.S. history and government and is planning on starting her doctorate degree.


1995

Karen Finkelstein has been working at Florida Atlantic University as a coordinator of residency returning students and non-degree application.

Steven Osder recently moved to Maryland from New York, and was promoted to operations manager for an airline catering company.

Tiffany North is working on her Ph.D. at Lynn University in educational leadership. She is currently a program specialist, auditing family and child programs that are funded by federal funds to ensure program compliance and accountability. Previously, Tiffany worked with youth with DSM Diagnosis in residential settings.

1996

Peter Kaiser has been working at P.J.’s Tavern for three years in his hometown of St. Louis doing maintenance work. On November 1, 2002, he will be moving into a home in Kirkwood, Mo.

Anton Pastuszak has been teaching and coaching. He recently took the track team to the state championship.
Mariana Monge is living in Lima, Peru, with her husband and son and owns and manages Golf Los Incas Hotel.

Kelly Silva-Caruso is living in Connecticut with her husband and two children, ages 3 and 1.

Marco Sampaio is currently living in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with his wife, Camille. The couple is expecting their first baby, Gabriella. Marco’s sister, Bianca, also an alumna of Lynn, is back in Brazil after almost a decade in the U.S.A.

Hugo Nicolini owns and manages Transportes Pay Pay in Lima, Peru, an 18-wheeler transportation company.

1997

Yonara (Vigo) Gonzalez has a 2-year-old daughter named Yonara Maria and gave birth to her second child in September 2002.

Verschka Gonzalez is currently working for Rosewood Hotels and Resorts.

Stephen Hobbs is moving to New York City in December 2002.

Jennifer Baron moved out West, and is living in Denver. She earned her master’s degree in counseling psychology, and hopes to begin pursuing her doctorate.

1998

Vicky Guzman married Samuel Cabrera ’91 and has two children. Her husband was in the U.S. Navy for 10 years and has settled in San Antonio, Tex.

Elizabeth Oneglia is engaged, but an official date has not yet been set.

David Mann works for American Family Insurance in Wisconsin as a casualty claim analyst.

Kimberlyn Salmon graduated from Nova Southeastern University’s Shepard Broad Law Center and is pursuing an MBA at Nova Southeastern University’s School of Business.

Roger Stighall is living in Stockholm, Sweden, and is playing in a Division II team with the legendary Lynn goal scorer, Jakob Lorentzon ’96. Roger is working with former Lynn student, Robert Lindstrom at a successful Web design company.

Byron Warner and wife Erin ’00 welcomed their first child, daughter Malia Courtney into the world on January 9, 2002. Erin is a full-time mom (previously working at the Boca Raton Resort & Club) and Byron works at a financial planning firm in Boca Raton, Fla.

1999

David Chandler is head of Web operations for the Frame Source and Name Frame, Inc., in Atlanta.

Tanya (Cambio) Langlois moved back to New England. She married Matthew Langlois and is living in Rhode Island.

Jason Laudick went to GIA school in Carlsbad, Calif., to become a gemologist and works for the family business.

Hardeep Mankatala has been promoted three times and moved to Charlotte, N.C.

Lisa Metzger is working full time and raising her 3-year-old son, Brendan. She lives in Boca Raton, Fla.

Jonathan Prebich recently became engaged and currently resides on the shore of New Jersey.

Raul Villalobos is currently attending law school in Washington, D.C.

2000

George Ackerman is currently attending Nova Southeastern School of Law, working at the Florida State Attorney’s office and for a judge in the County Courthouse of the 17th Judicial District in Broward. He is an active member of the Broward Chamber of Commerce and many other community activities.

Marisa Bland worked in marketing for a company called Neovest, Inc. She is currently working for a company called S1 Corporation, a finance-banking firm.

Shelbie Casey moved to Fort Myers, Fla., where she is a television reporter for WFTX-TV Fox 4 News. She occasionally fills in as an anchor for the 10 o’clock newscast.

Jillian Caccavo has been working on her master’s degree in special education. She and her daughter, Haley, travel with her husband all over the United States and will soon relocate to Buckhead, Ga., after she completes her degree at Lynn University.

Carlos del Salto moved to San Juan in September 2002.

Alexander Flipse has been involved with a company that sells high-quality nutritional products.

Francesca Giudici is going back to school to pursue a degree in architecture. She will be attending the University of Florida in the fall of 2002.
Olga Gutierrez works for Eddie Bauer and is very happy with her career.

Katerina Koldova is pursuing her MBA at Lynn University.

Natalie (Smith) Haarlander traveled to 12 different countries in three months, graduated with a master's degree from Emerson College in Boston, got married and is starting her own company.

Karen (Mukamal) Kelln is currently attending Lynn for her master's in education and working on campus as a graduate assistant for the College of Arts and Sciences. When she completes her degree, she plans to be an elementary school teacher in North Miami.

Lara Murdock is employed as an operations manager at the Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm in Atlanta.

Kevin Ryan left Lynn University’s Office of Admissions after 20 months to accept a position at P.F. Chang's China Bistro (Boca Raton, Fla., location).

Alyson Weisel is working for an advertising agency in the creative department and lives in Maryland.

2001

Sonia Aliaga moved back to Montreal in the 2001, after graduation.

Jennifer Beckman hopes to start medical school in August 2003.

Annemarie Cardinale is engaged and getting married May 3, 2003. She is currently a kindergarten teacher at Plumosa Elementary School in Delray Beach, Fla.

Omar De Souza has completed Lynn University’s graduate program and recently moved to Chicago.

Bethsaida Dorvilus is currently attending graduate school in Paris.

Kimberly Gardner completed her MBA in international business on August 14, 2002, at Lynn University.

Jackie George is pursuing her MBA in international business, specializing in human resource management, at the University of Miami.

Kari Gonska has been living in Connecticut since graduation with a lot of traveling in between. She graduated from the Connecticut School of Broadcasting in March and is currently working for ESPN in production.

Since graduating from Lynn in ’01, Cal Haddad joined a restaurant chain called Scores Rotisserie in Canada and recently acquired a new territory.

Ronald Harrar is attending New York University graduate school, majoring in food management.

Matthew Overman is with MBNA America Management Development Program 2001-2002.

Rasheem Owens is a graduate assistant at the Ross College of Education, Health and Human Services and a substitute teacher for Palm Beach County. She earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration with specialization in accounting and is pursuing her master’s degree in education.

Abigail Suazo is working for a company called Devtech Studios, Inc., as a producer/writer.

Sam Van Allen has been working for UBS/PaineWebber in New York City for the past two years.

Jacqueline Varsalona has been working as a graphic designer for a college in Delaware, as well as doing freelance design and photography work. She is also playing guitar in an original band in Delaware and learning to play drums.

2002

Erick Cam is an engineering student at the University of Lima, Peru.

Hong Chen Ma is attending the University of Texas in Arlington for a degree in music education, graduating in May 2004.

Taryn Goldner received a B.A. in international communications. She is currently living in New York.

In July 2002, Philip Jackson transferred from Palm Beach Community College, where he served as associate dean of academic affairs for the past nine years, to Illinois Central College, where he is vice president of academic affairs.

Philimon Keshabile is currently living in Botswana.

Michelle Mitchell took a couple of months off and began Nova Southeastern University, Wayne Huizenga Graduate of Business and Entrepreneurship School (weekend program) in October 2002.

Mindy Tsou completed her graduate degree in October 2002.

Danielle Winn is currently working at Nova Southeastern University, West Palm Beach campus, as the coordinator of student affairs.
Students, alumni, families, and prospective students enjoy a weekend full of fun, sun, friends and Knight spirit.

The Fighting Knight spirit was in full force as Lynn University welcomed more than 200 alumni, 300 families and 33 prospective students and their families (totaling 85 people) to campus for Alumni & Families Weekend 2002 in October.

The weekend kicked off with the Blue & White Club President’s Reception, where attendees were able to meet the university’s championship-winning coaches, athletic staff and the Blue & White Board of Directors. A large audience also welcomed back Qi Liu, conservatory alumna, who performed a special musical program at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall in the de Hoernle International Center. Also on Friday, the tradition of the Lynn Alumni Reception at Gatsby’s, in Boca Raton, Fla., continued as more than 200 alumni reconnected with old and new friends.

The festivities continued on Saturday morning with “Coffee with the President,” which was followed by the dedication of the new Bamboo Garden. The afternoon featured the Academic Fair, which showcased the university’s 30 majors; and Academic Breakout Sessions, which provided information in the areas of communication, business and hospitality. More than 550 people gathered by the soccer field for a cookout and festivities while cheering for the Lynn University soccer team, which emerged victorious over Florida Southern, 7-0.

Lynn’s famed student golf cart parade (another Lynn homecoming tradition), the annual alumni “War of the Ages” soccer game, where the “old” alumni won in a 5 to 2 victory over the “young” alumni, also took place. A beer garden rounded out the day’s events, which ended with a cocktail reception at O’Connells. Another reception was also held at the historic Cornell Art Museum.

Coincidentally, the Cornell Museum’s current exhibit, “Hats, Handbags and Gloves,” showcased the work of Lynn’s own design students alongside that of some of the world’s most famous fashion designers. The weekend was concluded with a Sunday brunch.
The homecoming tradition continues with the annual "War of the Ages" soccer match.

Among friends at O'Connell's... Joey Rego '02, Matthew Nelson '00, Nathan Murray '00, and Robert Iovene '99.

Cherise Edwards '93 and Patrick Henning '91 kick back with friends at O'Connell's Irish Pub.
More than 550 people attended the cookout festivities held on campus on Saturday.

The traditional Lynn golf cart parade took place at Alumni & Families Weekend.

Kristy-Ann Murphy '02 and Robert Guarini '94 at the traditional Alumni Reception at Gatsby's.

Gina Lynulov '99, Erin Warner '00 and Michelle Cox '00 catch up and visit at Alumni & Families Weekend 2002.
More than 200 alumni from across the globe attended Alumni & Families Weekend.

(Back, left to right):
- Darren Carter ’05
- Gabriel DeJesus ’88
- Nundi Ramos ’88
- Kabelo Bosilong ’05
- Patrick Henning ’91
- Morten Kristensen ’00
- Craig Steenkamp
- Nathan Murray ’00
- Lenin Steenkamp ’93
- Matthew Nelson ’00
- Joey Rege ’02
- Darrin Karuzas ’91

(Front, left to right):
- Gustavo Pardo ’84
- Saskia Emmery ’96
- Derek Beckman ’98
- Clitch De Gouveia ’89
- Richard White ’94
- Richard Cardoso ’91
- Adam Payne ’01
- Gareth Dunn ’00
- Michael Araujo ’88
- Brent Mentz
- Colin Steenkamp ’91
- Byron Warner ’98 ’00
- Miljoe Donev ’85

(Middle, left to right):
- Robert Jerome ’93
- Paul Muir ’99 ’01
- Shaun Exteen ’93 ’98
- John Thomson ’99 ’01
- Eric De Abreu

Students and parents participated in various information workshops during Alumni & Families Weekend 2002.
Father/daughter alumni Jules Winn '75 and Danielle Winn '02 join Megan Bubb '02 at O'Connells Irish Pub as part of Alumni & Families Weekend 2002.

ALUMNI & FAMILIES WEEKEND 2002

Paul Muir '99 and '01, Lenin Steenkamp '93, Craig Steenkamp, and Colin Steenkamp '91 participated in the festivities at O'Connells Irish Pub.

William and Paige Cruise '94 and their sons ten and Sean, enjoy a day of fun and festivities with Dr. and Mrs. Donald E. Ross.
Students and families had the opportunity to meet with various members of the faculty during the Academic Fair.

Matthew Slobodkin '02 and James Huber '02 were just two of the 200 Lynn alumni who attended Alumni & Families Weekend 2002.
Lynn University names three alumni, who are no strangers to Lynn athletics, to take the reins of the school's winning legacy.

He was just a guy looking to make it through his graduate dissertation. The topic of the dissertation was a five-year plan for Lynn University athletics. After countless nights of research and writing, John McCarthy '02, hoped that the athletic department would take his recommendations to heart.

She was the Lynn basketball player fighting under the basket to get the next rebound for the team. After graduation, Kristen Moraz '97 and '00, stayed active on campus, hoping to still make a difference for her Fighting Knights.

He was the Lynn baseball champ who threw a mean curve ball and just wanting another strikeout. After graduation, Jay Brandt '99 and '01, had a successful career in sales, but longed for his Lynn college days.

The common threads among these three alumni are their passions for sports, their lingering connections to Lynn University, even after graduation, and their eagerness to help improve their alma mater, if given the chance.

With the retirement of Lynn Athletic Director, Dick Young, this dynamic trio would have the opportunity they've always dreamed. In June 2002, McCarthy was appointed Lynn University's new athletic director. Moraz accepted the position of associate athletic director and senior woman administrator. Brandt became the director of the Blue & White Club. Together, the three alums have set lofty goals for the future of Lynn University athletics.
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John McCarthy
Lynn University Athletic Director
Their purpose...

Their purpose is clear. They know where they are, where they want to be and for whom they are doing it all.

"It's all about people," said Moraz. "We must take care of our customers, who are the students. They are why we are here. We want them to enjoy their time here at Lynn just as each of us did."

Many would say that the three alums now at the helm of Lynn athletics have big shoes to fill—upholding the winning legacy of 16 championships in 16 years and following in the footsteps of Young. Some would even say that this is no easy feat for an experienced athletic director on any campus in the country. But that's not how McCarthy and his team see it. It is just part of a day's work that they are thoroughly enjoying.

"We want to instill in each student athlete that this is a place where he or she comes to be a champion," said McCarthy. "We want to convey to each student athlete that it will take a lot of hard work and determination, but it will also be fun and rewarding and that they have the responsibility to live up to the Lynn legacy and raise the bar even higher.

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So what does the future hold?

"Our goal is to educate our students and have them feel proud of Lynn University," said Moraz. "Everyone who steps foot on this campus should walk away with a good, warm feeling. We are examples of why we stayed closely connected to and active with the university. We've never strayed far from the place we considered to be our 'home away from home.'"

The dissertation...

Perhaps one of the biggest starting points for the new athletic director and his team was the thesis that McCarthy wrote for his graduate capstone class. The three alums have been using the paper and sticking pretty closely to what was originally planned. McCarthy had done a lot of research with Lynn coaching staff, other universities and athletic directors in the conference and universities with similar demographics to Lynn. With a few tweaks as they go along, McCarthy, Moraz and Brandt have been using the paper as a point of reference for their plan to reshape Lynn's athletic program.

"It's been a lot of work behind the scenes," said McCarthy. "We are looking at policies and procedures, number of scholarships, NCAA rules, and most importantly, our student athletes—making sure we exceed their needs in terms of health, eligibility, and most importantly, their education."

According to McCarthy, in recent years, Lynn University has fallen behind its competition in terms of facilities and the number of scholarships, where Lynn's rivals have put more focus and dollars.
"We've leveled off," said McCarthy. "We've been okay, but we are striving for excellence. Meanwhile, the rest of the conference has elevated. They have elevated their facilities, scholarships and coaches' salaries. We now need to move forward in each of these areas as well. The three of us [McCarthy, Moraz and Brandt] are focused on moving the program forward and this will lead to conference and national championships from which we can build.

"In Division I schools the athletic department is in the business of entertaining," said McCarthy. "As a Division II university, we are in the business of education. Therefore, our focus is to increase participation among student athletes. The more student athletes we have on campus, the better we are as a university. Athletics essentially then becomes a branch of the admissions department. Lynn student athletes have higher grade point averages, retention and graduation rates. Student athletes benefit the entire school."

The plan...

McCarthy and his team have a hardcover, bound, action plan to reshape Lynn University's athletic program.

"We have done a lot of listening," said Moraz. "Through several rounds of individual meetings with coaches, trainers and staff, we have learned a lot. They are the ones who deal with the students every day and at every level, as well as parents and the local community. We wanted to know what their needs were—how we could help them succeed."

The plan is comprised of four phases. The initial phase includes completing the seating in the gym and building offices on the east side of the facility. The next item on the agenda is adding lighting to the athletic fields, followed by orchestrating an athletic capital fund and athletic endowment, which will lead to the beginning of an athletic building.

"I'm constantly trying to remember what it was like as a player," said Brandt. "I remember that meals and transportation were important to me as an athlete and that gives me perspective now as an administrator. It has also allowed me to see what we are working for—the fields we played on, the buses on which our teams are riding to games, etc."

The three at the helm already have their sights set high with the rendering of the new athletic building already drawn. Complete with a Hall of Fame and state-of-the-art training facilities for athletes, the new athletic building would not only meet current, but future needs of the Lynn athletic program.

The Team...

According to Moraz, people took a "leap of faith" in putting this team together, but by all accounts it looks like the three alumni at the helm of Lynn athletics will be a winning combination.

"It's been a lot of fun," said McCarthy. "The three of us have been learning a lot, but the key is surrounding yourself with good people. We share the same spirit, drive and passion and that's what keeps us moving forward."

"I have been given this amazing opportunity and the chance to work with an remarkable group of people," said Brandt. "We are so happy to be here and we are dedicated, energetic and enthused about coming to work each day. It's a great feeling. I've always been involved in sports, and now I go to work for something that I'm so passionate about. I'm doing what I used to do for fun, for a living—not many people can say that."

"We all like to have a great time, but I want to express that I am absolutely thrilled to be given this opportunity," said McCarthy. "I am very proud and thankful people believe in me. I am determined to take advantage of this opportunity and to make sure I do a great job, not average, but excellent. I am also very fortunate to be surrounded by outstanding people on my team. Somehow, some way, we will make it happen."
The Office of Alumni Relations plans the first-ever international alumni getaway to Italy in March 2003. If you are interested in fine cuisine and wine, rich culture and history, breathtaking art and architecture, along with personalized tours and specially designed excursions, you will enjoy “Under a Tuscan Sky,” a nine-day getaway through Italy’s wine country, specifically created for Lynn alumni.

Lynn University’s first-ever international alumni travel tour, “Under a Tuscan Sky,” will unite Lynn alumni from across the globe, while visiting Florence, Castellina in Chianti, Orvieto, San Gimignano, Sienna, Pisa, and Lucca. The tour includes air, transportation between cities, accommodations in first-class hotels, various excursions and tours with English-speaking guides and 14 meals.

"Italy is one of the most highly desired travel destinations in Europe," said Gareth Fowles, director of alumni relations. "I cannot think of a better way to reconnect with old friends and reminisce than while generating new memories on this action-packed trip of a lifetime through the Italian countryside."

While on the journey, Lynn alumni will enjoy walking through historic vineyards, tasting gourmet cuisine, and visiting historic sites such as the gothic Duomo cathedral in Florence and the famed Leaning Tower of Pisa, just to name a few.

“Our vision to create a global university, where students would experience the various cultures of the world, continues as we take you, our Lynn University alumni, on another global journey,” said Lynn University President Donald E. Ross.

“Under a Tuscan Sky” will depart the United States on March 22, 2003, returning March 30, 2003. The tour is priced at $2,485 (leaving from Miami, New York or Chicago). The first payment of $500 is due January 17, 2003. For additional information or to request a brochure, please contact Gareth Fowles at (561) 237-7984 or via e-mail at gfowles@lynn.edu.
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Lynn University
Regional alumni chapters are established to reconnect old friends

Four new regional Lynn alumni chapters were established, and kicked off with receptions in their local areas in the spring and summer to reunite local Lynn alums in their hometowns. The chapters were established in New York, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

The first gathering took place in New York City on the Upper East Side at Fiona's Restaurant. Then it was off to Stamford, Conn., at the Bank Street Brewery, which was followed by a reception in Washington, D.C. at Clyde’s of Georgetown. The last reception was held in Chicago, where alumni had the opportunity to connect with classmates at a local bar in Wrigleyville called The Cubby Bear and watch the Chicago Cubs in action at Wrigley Field.

The Lynn University Alumni Association would like to thank Heather West ’98, Kimberly Borden ’93, John Langan ’81, Jeff John ’00, and Julia Jendruczek ’01, who assisted in the planning and preparation of these receptions in their respective cities.
Elizabeth Beck '00 and Julia Jendruscek '01 were two of 27 people at the alumni reception in Chicago.

Evan Giannarrt '99, Michael Ryan '00 and Jared Shulman '00 reconnect at the New York City alumni reception held at Fiona's Restaurant.

Randi Goldman '00, Valerie Smith '01 and Shannon Viard '93 were part of the event for the New York City Lynn Alumni Chapter.

Seema Klimar '01, Gareth Fowles '99 and '01, John Langan '81, Irving R. Levine, dean of the College of International Communications, Terri Wallace '83, and David Leone '98 gathered in Washington D.C. for the Lynn alumni reception in the area.

At the Connecticut alumni reception were:
(front, left to right) Ward and Kimberly Borden '93, Katarina Tisika '97 and '00, Eric Weisberg '99, Jason Morgan '98, and Jim Hundrieser, (back, left to right) Nathaniel Robinson, Gareth Fowles '99 and '01, Steve Vizzo '96, and Danielle Gray '94.

Attending the Chicago alumni reception were: Elizabeth Beck '00, Christiana Mason '99, Scott Dietz '97, Jeff John '00 and '02, Andrew Marini '00, Brianne Arbisi '01, Kelly Casezza '01, Chris Dunlevy '95, and Alan Feuerman '01.

Briarne Arbisi '01 and Alan Feuerman '01 reconnect at the Cubby Bear before the Cubs game.
Lynn celebrates 40 years of growth with innovative degrees, global perspectives

This year, celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding, Lynn University has taken its place among higher educational institutions as an innovative leader in preparing students from around the world to achieve success in some of the world's fastest-growing professions.

A global university...

> According to U.S. News and World Report, September 2002 issue, Lynn has the second largest population of international students among master's degree-granting universities in the southeast, with students from 89 nations.

> The university's study abroad program has grown from one option in 1993 to programs in Japan, China, Argentina, Spain, Ireland, Germany, Mexico, Italy, and the Caribbean.

> Last year, Lynn University was one of 20 higher-education institutions from across the United States and one of five private universities invited to serve on a U.S. government-supported taskforce for global education out of Washington D.C.

> Lynn is one of approximately 60 universities around the world, and one of only two in Florida, that was invited by the World MBA Tour to participate in its 2002 student recruitment fairs in six South and Central American cities.

New this year...

> The Academic Adventure, a required educational field trip, will take 500 first-year students, accompanied by Lynn faculty and staff, on a five-day cruise to the Western Caribbean to explore Mayan and Central American culture, history, geography, and the arts in January 2003.

> A corporate leadership specialization has been added to the Ph.D. in global leadership.

> Lynn's new Alpha Center developed a personalized profile for all new students arriving at Lynn, guiding them to areas of interest on the campus, as well as to possible courses and majors. The center maintains ongoing contact with each student regarding coursework, student activities, international travel and study options, community work and internships.

Notable achievements...

> Four faculty members are former Fulbright Scholars.

> Last year, Lynn introduced the country's only master of science degree in criminal justice administration with a specialization in technical intelligence. The program is under the direction of a former FBI special agent.

> The Conservatory of Music at Lynn University is one of the leading conservatories within a university environment, with graduation rates that rank among the highest in the nation. More than 98 percent of alumni remain active in music, including many with leading orchestras and graduate music programs. Faculty maintain active international performing careers and hold chairs in major symphony orchestras.

> The College of International Communications is headed by Dean Irving R. Levine, former NBC News chief economics correspondent. The communications school's for-profit Lynn University Productions gives students first-hand experience in writing, directing, reporting, and anchoring television commercials, videos, paid programming, news and even game show pilots.

> The university has achieved national recognition for its programs for students with learning difficulties through its academic support program, the Academic Center for Achievement (formerly known as The Advancement Program).
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