Visitors to Lynn University, as well as those who drive by our campus on Military Trail, often remark about the impressive array of flags that surround the circle at our front entrance. And while these flags truly are a magnificent sight—a multitude of colors and designs blowing in the warm South Florida breeze on a sunny day—they are more than just attractive decorations. Each flag represents a nation that has at least one of its citizens currently enrolled at Lynn University. As the make up of our international population changes, so do the flags. This semester there are more than 80 countries from six different continents represented in our student body. This number has been as high as 99 and has generally averaged between 80 and 90 for several years.

Lynn’s ability to attract qualified students from so many nations makes the university stand out among American colleges and universities. While many of our fellow institutions can also boast of a meaningful cross-section of students, Lynn has been particularly successful in our international recruiting efforts. This is a major plus for Lynn as well as for this community.

Those students who travel to South Florida each year not only receive their academic training here, but learn a great deal about our country—its culture, its values and its role in world affairs. Many of them return home with an entirely different and, we hope, much more positive attitude about America and Americans.

Likewise, the presence of such a meaningful cross-section of international students has had a major impact upon those students who have always lived in the United States. Providing American students with the opportunity to meet, study and live with other young people from varying ethnic, religious and racial backgrounds has been a very meaningful and positive experience. This interaction definitely fosters a better understanding and acceptance of those who may be “different” from us.

One need only visit us at mealtime to observe this first-hand. You will hear several different languages being spoken; you will view intense discussions on the issues of the day; and you will feel a great sense of camaraderie. What I see each day prompts me to refer to our dining hall as a mini-United Nations.

Helen Keller once said, “The highest result of education is tolerance.” As our nation and our world struggle to find peace and harmony in what appears to be an increasingly hostile environment, I am convinced that just as education is the key to fostering economic success, international education is the key to fostering a better understanding of our world and those who live in it. Lynn University strives to practice and accomplish this on a daily basis.

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Message from the President

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Editor’s Letter

We were delighted to receive your phone calls, e-mails and notes of feedback and well-wishes as we launched the inaugural issue of LynnSights, our new university publication for the community. We’re proud to bring you the spring issue.

Our goal in publishing LynnSights is to let the community in on the "best-kept secret in town" and it seems we’re accomplishing that.

You’ve let us know that you’re interested in reading what’s doing on Lynn’s campus, how our students and employees serve the community, the status of our athletic teams, what big names we bring to our hallowed community relations...as our nation and our world struggle to find peace and harmony in what appears to be an increasingly hostile environment, I am convinced that just as education is the key to fostering economic success, international education is the key to fostering a better understanding of our world and those who live in it. Lynn University strives to practice and accomplish this on a daily basis.

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Happy reading!
The Dively Frontiers in Globalization Luncheon Lecture Series brings prominent individuals to campus for spirited dialogue on contemporary issues.

The guest speakers are not only address members of the community at the luncheon, but also enjoy breakfast and an interchange with faculty and deans, and field questions from students in a morning session.

All speakers are introduced by former NBC economics correspondent Irving R. Levine, dean emeritus of The Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication. Levine dons his signature bowtie, and in parts his charm and wit to the audience. His speaker introductions alone can draw a large crowd to the Lynn campus.

Just before Election Day, guests listened to a lively exchange between Carol Moseley Braun, a former senator and one-time presidential hopeful, and Torie Clarke, CNN correspondent and former Pentagon spokesperson. Republican Clarke and Democrat Moseley Braun sparred on subjects ranging from the war in Iraq and national security to the presidential election, health issues, stem cell research, possibility of a draft, and Social Security.

In January, Anderson Cooper, anchor of CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360°" took the podium to speak about the time he spent in Iraq, covering the hand-over of government to the Iraqis; his trip to Sri Lanka following the tsunami disaster; and his then-upcoming plans to cover the elections there. He told the audience that when, after graduating from Yale, he asked his mother Gloria Vanderbilt what he should do with his life, she responded with Joseph Campbell directive, "Follow your bliss."

In March, Ron Insana, anchor of CNBC's "Street Signs" and Westwood One's "The Ron Insana Show," spoke on the state of the financial market, 2005 economic forecast, tax revision and Social Security.
Students, faculty strut their stuff

Lynn University students in the business administration fashion management program will host a fashion show and feature more than 85 garments from area retailers, as well as designs created by students. The show will be held 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 12 in the Louis and Anne Green Center on the Lynn campus.

“Fashion Flashback,” involving some 60 student and faculty models displaying the top fashion trends of each decade from the '50s through today, is the final project for students specializing in marketing, merchandising and management in the fashion events management class.

The show, complete with lighting, music and theatrical skits introducing each of the theme decades, is the second show coordinated by Lynn students in two years. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. For further information or to purchase tickets, please call Laura Santos at 561-237-7771 or email to lsantos@lynn.edu.

Students experience Fashion Week in New York

Lisa Dandeo, assistant professor in the College of Business and Management, and Gareth Fowles, director of parent and alumni relations, escorted 28 students in September and 37 students in February on study tours of New York City during Fashion Week.

Students met with leaders in the fashion industry, attended professional seminars on retailing, apparel design, advertising, manufacturing and journalism, and received valuable course-related information in a hands-on setting.

In September, the group was invited to the Gortex and Zang Toi runway shows in the Bryant Park tents, and volunteered for Gen Art, a non-profit group hosting its 10th annual Fresh Faces Fashion Show, presented by L'Oréal Feria. During the trip in February, students attended the Kenneth Cole Fashion Show, volunteered for the Zang Toi Formal Wear Show, and had the opportunity to meet well-known designer Joseph Abboud and fashion commentator Joan Rivers.
Building Lynn's future

An announcement early last December heralded big plans in the making at Lynn University—Donald E. Ross, president and architect of the university's development for 34 years, will retire effective June 2006. As the capstone to his remarkable presidency, Ross will work to broaden and strengthen Lynn's endowment—the financial reserves that are so vital to the long-term well-being of the university.

To permit President Ross to focus on this goal, the board of trustees appointed Kevin M. Ross chief operating officer. Formerly an associate dean of the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication and most recently vice president for institutional advancement, Kevin Ross is now responsible for the day-to-day operations of all university divisions as well as the development and execution of a strategic plan for the university.

He holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Colgate University (N.Y.), a Master of Arts in liberal arts from St. John's College (Md.) and is pursuing a doctorate in higher education leadership and policy at Vanderbilt University (Tenn.). His community involvement includes service on the Palm Beach Literacy Coalition board of directors, Pope John Paul II High School president's advisory board, and Boca Raton Education Television's founding board.

Kevin Ross' priority is to examine the future of Lynn University and then design the path to get there. To this end, he has retained the services of George Keller and has brought Jason Walton on board.

Keller will aid in reflecting on Lynn's current core values, mission and commitment, as well as help establish the blueprint of Lynn University's plans for the future. Keller is renowned in higher education as an innovator in strategic planning. An education consultant, he is one of America's leading scholars of higher education. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Columbia University, where he served as a faculty member in political science and a college dean. He later worked as assistant to the chancellor of the SUNY system and to the president of the University of Maryland system. Until recently he chaired the program in higher education studies at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education.

Keller is the author of more than 100 articles and reviews. His 1983 book, "Academic Strategy: The Management Revolution in American Higher Education," is in its seventh printing and was named in two polls of college educators by The New York Times and Change magazine as the most influential book of the past decade. His 2004 book, "Transforming a College," details how North Carolina's Elon College emerged as one of the nation's more desirable colleges.

Working closely with President Ross, Kevin Ross and Keller, Jason L. Walton has been named director for strategic initiatives. A native of Hernando, Miss., he most recently served as assistant director of Tennessee's office of education accountability. He holds a master's degree in education from the University of Mississippi and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in education leadership and policy studies at Vanderbilt University.

"All of our planning will be very much steeped in who we are—our heritage and our history," notes Kevin Ross. He points to Lynn's student-centeredness, superior teaching, close-knit campus environment, multitude of offerings for its small size, strong athletics, and diverse student body as among the signature qualities that will factor into Lynn's strategic planning.

"We have unlimited opportunity, driven by the courage and scope of our vision," Ross adds. "By working together, all of us—alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff and students—can accomplish even greater things for Lynn University and fulfill our goal of becoming one of the great small universities in the United States."
Excalibur Society

Excalibur members, guests shop for scholarships

The Excalibur Society held its 12th annual Holiday Extravaganza and luncheon at the Boca West Country Club recently. The event raised much-needed scholarship dollars for non-traditional students returning to school to further their education and/or complete a degree, as well as an endowed scholarship to an incoming freshman. Jim and Bette Cumpton served as honorary chairs, and Mary Ellen Courier and Lucille Matthews were the co-chairs for the event.

More than 200 guests enjoyed pre-holiday shopping with 21 vendors, a gourmet lunch and a musical presentation by a quartet of Lynn University Conservatory of Music students. Recent scholarship winner Kira Hammond received a standing ovation after speaking to the group about the dramatic impact the scholarship has had on her life.

During the event, Eva Friedel, Ileana Koles, Frances Cohen, Lois Lane and Katherine Jacobson were honored with Excalibur Society Lifetime Membership pins. A raffle with 25 prizes valued at $150 each, as well as three grand prizes, was another highlight of the day. The grand prize of a custom-designed necklace and earrings was generously donated by longtime Lynn supporter, David Stern Designing Jewelers.

Mark your calendars now for next season’s Holiday Extravaganza, set for Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Boca West Country Club. The day will include pre-holiday shopping with upscale vendors, the latest fashions presented by local boutique ETOILE and modeled by some of Boca’s leading ladies, gourmet luncheon, awarding of scholarship, and raffles.

Currently, the Excalibur Society has more than 200 members and welcomes anyone interested in helping to raise scholarship funds. For more information, call Linda Lancara at 561-237-7750.

Scholarship winner Kira Hammond, Vivian Allen

Harold & Mary Perper with flutists

(standing): Helen & Don Ross, Bette Cumpton
(seated): Wilma Elmore, Debra Elmore
Elaine Johnston, Beverly Englishman, Kitty Gross

Kristen Ross, Christine Lynn, Becky Carlsson

Yvonne Baker, Kevin Rosas, Sarah Hruby

Barbara Fox, Pat Toppel, June Toppel

Bonnie Re, Sue Snowden, Liz Wilmsman, Deanna Koles, sleeves Caplan, Kathe Koch

New Lifetime Members: Fran Cohen, Eva Fridel, Lois Lane, Katherine Jacobson, Deanna Koles with Linda Melen, life membership chair

(seated): Adele Barrett, Elma Schaeffer
(standing): Norma Callahan, Shirley Feinstein

Louise Cammarata, Peggy Stein, Rose Kruzer

Mary Anna Fowler
Blue & White Club builds champions

Blue & White Club, the fund-raising arm of Lynn University's athletic department, offers an opportunity for businesses and individuals to support intercollegiate athletics at the local level.

The purpose of the Blue & White Club is to build champions on and off the fields and courts. By receiving financial assistance, student-athletes are given the chance to shine in their sport while learning life skills that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. All of our student-athletes understand that academics come first and that they will have the opportunity for athletic success only if academics are a priority.

From recruiting and enhancements to additional scholarships and equipment, Blue & White Club recognizes the importance of providing a top quality experience for student-athletes. With last year's support from Blue & White Club members, Lynn purchased an additional rowing shell, made further improvements to the baseball facility, and provided additional scholarships to many deserving student-athletes.

Currently, the Blue & White Club is raising funds for additional office space in the gymnasium for coaches and administration, and for additional bleacher seating. This will allow Lynn University to host a conference tournament in the future.


To learn more about the Blue & White Club, or to sponsor and/or participate in its events, please contact Jay Brandt, director of athletic development, at 561-237-7947.

Spirited bidding boosts Lynn athletics

Mark Wells, Richard Sommers

Courtside tickets to the Miami Heat, a cruise to any Carnival destination, a customizable Pepsi machine, golf packages and spa escapes were among the 139 fabulous prizes that drew 240 guests to the sixth annual Blue & White Club Auction. Kerry Morrissey, director of public and community relations at Ocean Properties, Ltd., served as chair of the auction that raised more than $28,000 for Lynn University athletic programs.

Mark Wells, 1980 U.S. Olympic gold medalist in hockey, was the event's special guest. He spoke about the 2002 movie, "Miracle," which was based on his team's victory over the Soviet Union at the Winter Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. The victory became known as the "Miracle on Ice" after sportscaster Al Michaels exclaimed, "Do you believe in miracles? Just after the final seconds in the game wound down.

Number 13 brings luck to golf tourney

Number 13 brought good fortune to Lynn University student-athletes as the 13th Annual Frank A. Robino Jr. Golf Classic, held at the Boca Country Club, attracted a record number of players and raised unprecedented funds for Lynn athletic scholarships. David Gerrits of Gerrits Construction chaired the tournament that hosted 252 players and raised nearly $80,000.

First-place prizes were awarded to the following: women's division—Suzanne Klein Edna Meyer-Nelson, Janice Montgomery and Margie Maskat; mixed division—Tim McDellan, Larry Hoskins, Candy Winters and Richard Ekey; open division—Charles Robino, Louis Capano III, Brooks Pierce and Joe Fragomeme Jr.; longest drive—Courtney Montgomery and Ray Jacarco; closest to pin—Candy Winters and Scott Timmerman.

The event is named in honor of the late Frank A. Robino Jr. of Boca Raton, a longtime Lynn University trustee, benefactor and friend whose primary objective was to provide scholarships to students in financial need.

Etching in the school record books

Senior Justin White finished the season as Lynn's new all-time point and free throw scoring leader. He scored 1,334 points and 1,334 points in the Fighting Knights' 70-78 all-time record win over 79 in front of DePauw's Richard White. He is the all-time leader in field goals with 791 in his career.

Blue & White Club officers (from left): Greg Manning, John McCarthy, Larry Smith, Rebecca Cohen, Jay Brandt

For more information, visit www.lynn.edu athletics.
Once again, the Fighting Knights had unprecedented success in 2004 on and off the field of play. Since becoming a full-fledged member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II in the 1996-1997 academic year, the Lynn University athletic department has established itself as a major player on the national scene. A member of the Sunshine State Conference, tabbed "The Conference of Champions," Lynn University teams and student-athletes have attained remarkable success on the playing field. Lynn has won 11 Sunshine State Conference titles and six NCAA National Titles. Combined with the 11 national titles the school won as a member of the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA), Lynn is the proud holder of some 17 national championships. Individually, many Lynn University student-athletes have risen to the top as some 50 have garnered First Team All-American status. The success of the student-athlete just isn't confined to the playing field as over 60 percent of Fighting Knight athletes have produced GPAs of 3.0 or higher in the past four years.

Etching their names in the books

Senior James Taylor registered 19 double-figure scoring games during the Knights’ regular season schedule, surpassing Kenny Ander’s school mark of 1,217 career points. Becoming Lynn’s new leading scorer, Taylor currently has 1,334 points in his four-year career with the Fighting Knights. Senior Justin Wingard moved in front of Demetrious Montgomery’s mark of 708 all-time rebounds set from 1994-97, now with 791 in his four-year career with the Blue & White. He is the only player in Lynn history to tally 1,200 points and grab 750 rebounds.

Four Knights named to NSCAA

Lynn University's women's soccer program added four more awards to its 2004 season. Megan Vondal earned First-Team All-Region honors and concludes her career at Lynn as the all-time leader in saves; Piper Seaman, a three-time All-SSC pick, earned National Soccer Coaches Association All-American honors; Michelle Hoogveld was named to the All-South Region Second-Team after earning First-Team All-Conference honors; and Rebecca McCray becomes the seventh defender in program history to earn All-South recognition and second to earn Second-Team honors. Lynn's four selections are the most since the team garnered five in 1999. The Knights, 11-4-2 overall and 5-3-1 in the conference, also earned the 2004 College Women's Team Academic Award for outstanding excellence in the classroom. LU finished with a 3.48 cumulative grade-point average.

2004 men's soccer team

For the seventh time in eight years, Lynn University's men's soccer team placed an athlete on the National Soccer Coaches Association All-American (NSCAA) Team. Coupled with four selections on the NSCAA All-South Region Team, the Fighting Knights have earned 11 post-season awards this year. Andy Hirst was named Third-Team All-American and First-Team All-Region as a defender; Carl Wallace made his first appearance on the All-South Region First-Team; Liam Bull earned Second-Team All-South honors; and David Benn follows up his first All-Conference selection with his first All-South Second-Team honor.
More than 350 guests gathered at Boca Raton Resort & Club for Lynn's annual fund-raiser, "Cirque de Lynn: A Celebration of the Performing Arts." Event Chair Henrietta Countess de Hoernle and Honorary Chair Christine E. Lynn raised the curtain on an event full of the unexpected.

As guests stepped out of their cars, they were greeted by the evening's performers from the renowned Orlando-based New Vision Cirque and Dance Company along with Lynn University students who thanked guests for their support and escorted them to the festivities.

The cirque performers continued to mingle with guests during the cocktail hour, which also featured an "oxygen bar" and sumptuous, elegant hors d'oeuvres.

Both Countess de Hoernle and Mrs. Lynn made grand entrances - Cleopatra style - into the ballroom, as Jan McArt, Lynn's director of theater arts development, kept the evening moving at a lively pace as the "ringmaster."

McArt shared Lynn University's vision for its burgeoning fine arts programs, which includes the design of a building to house the academic and performance spaces for Lynn's communications, theater, graphic arts and Conservatory of Music programs. Slated to be built on the southwest quadrant of the campus, the building will be designed by noted architect Herbert S. Newman of Herbert S. Newman and Partners of New Haven, Conn. Newman, who began his architecture career working for I.M. Pei and Partners in New York, designed the Yale University master plan and several new Yale campus buildings.

New Vision performers entertained cirque guests with a breathtaking combination of illusion, acrobatics and dance. Lynn University Conservatory of Music artist-faculty Sergiu Schwartz, staff pianist Tao Lin and several prizewinning students departed from their usual classical roots to provide live accompaniment.

As always, the evening's highlight was the presentation of the Boca Raton Award to a person or couple who has made a difference in Boca Raton. This year, Lynn University President Donald E. Ross and Boca Raton Mayor Steven Abrams presented the university's annual award to local philanthropists Louis and Anne Green, who received a standing ovation from an enthusiastic audience. In presenting the award, Ross said the Greens are "a couple whose names are synonymous with philanthropy in South Florida, especially Lynn University." He recounted the Green's generosity of time, talent and resources to expand the expressive arts at Lynn and improve educational opportunities for its students, as well as their impressive charitable and civic endeavors throughout the region.

Louis Green is a charter member of the university's board of overseers, while Anne Green has been an active member of the Lynn University Excalibur Society and has served on numerous committees.

Isabel Paul, cirque performer
Mary Anna Fowler

Sergiu Schwartz (back): Jared Valentine (front): Brenda Schwartz
Erik Fahnoe flanked by cirque performers

Juliette Esaquai, cirque performer, Valeria Rosenbloom, Joanne Gabay

Don & Helen Roos, cirque performer, Christine Lyon, Henrietta Countess de Hoernle

Sergiu Schwartz (back, center), violin artist-faculty, with Conservatory of Music students (back): Jared Weidenzum, Tao Lin, Matthew Henderson, Basifuke Sanshi (front): Brandie Phillips, Sylvia Kim, Diana Schwartz, Yemi Gonzalez

Ken Valentine, Fatti Carpenter, Harold & Pat Poppel

Sharma1l & George Grima, cirque dancer, Jay DiPietro, Dan & Sharleen Freed

Bret & Lucy Colston, Richard Gold, Denise Andrade

Ruth McGoldrick, Countess de Hoernle, Madelyn Saverick with cirque performers

Per & Ana Loof, Susan & Gary Struck, Sue & Dr. John Strobis
Words from the Experts

Marsha A. Glines, Ph.D.
Dean of the Institute for Achievement and Learning.

What is good teaching?

- Having passion to motivate students to learn
- Caring for the subject matter and conveying that knowledge with passion to students
- Keeping up-to-date in your field—reading, researching, attending workshops
- Being a good listener
- Bridging the gap between theory and practice—from ideas to experience
- Helping students get from ideas to action
- Learning for understanding
- Getting away from the podium and working the room
- Mentoring and role modeling
- Having humor and not taking yourself too seriously while establishing a balance between authoritarianism and being a pushover
- Being responsive
- Having substance, but deviating from the syllabus or lecture when there is learning happening elsewhere

Dr. Marsha Glines served as dean of Lynn University's Ross College of Education, Health and Human Services for nine years. During this tenure, she created the nationally recognized The Advancement Program (AP). In April 2003, Glines was appointed executive director of Lynn's Institute for Achievement and Learning for students with learning differences, and in 2004 she became dean of the program. She earned an M.Ed. degree at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass.; a Ph.D. from Union Institute University in Cincinnati, Ohio; and received her training in curriculum development, teaching pedagogy and multiple intelligence theory through Harvard's Graduate School of Education, Project Zero and as a Harvard yearlong special studies student.

Her experience includes the founding of Beacon College in 1989, work as a professor and administrator at Lesley College and eight years as a resource room teacher and public school consultant. Information about her innovative programs has been discussed and described in various publications including the 2001 release of "Maybe You Know My Teen" by Mary Fowler. In 2001, Glines published a chapter in "Transitional Skills in Post Secondary Success," and has had a chapter published in the 2004 publication, "Many Shades of Success—Other Views of Post-Secondary Options."

Most recently, Glines has lectured and provided professional development workshops throughout North and South America, and is the recipient of numerous honors and awards in the field of education.

Ralph Norcio, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Business and Management.

Staying current

Success for individuals, organizations and governments requires learning new skill sets and competencies on a frequent basis. Change is occurring at an increasing speed.

- The grandparents of today's undergraduate students were able to have a successful professional career over their 40-year work period with the knowledge acquired in their undergraduate studies.
- The parents of today's undergraduate students likely required a major update at some point in addition to their undergraduate degree (a major update is approximately equal to 30 credit hours, just under the 36 that is required for many MBA degree programs).
- Today's undergraduate students will likely need seven major updates if they wish to achieve personal and professional success during their work careers.

As a manager in the global marketplace, the development of new patterns is essential for organizational survival. How does an owner/leader/manager stay current and acquire new skill sets?

- Never stop reading. Your day should include at least two hours of outside reading each day—one hour for current events to assist in a general environmental scan and one hour for various topics such as marketing, finance, logistics and information technology.
- It is likely that there will be those times when a formal educational setting will be necessary. The MBA degree offers the best structure for acquiring a new skill set. As you move through your career, you will need to continue formal education as new information in your field becomes available. Find a program that will provide this new skill set.

Dr. Ralph Norcio serves as the dean of Lynn's College of Business and Management. As an educator, Norcio has held positions as a faculty member and administrator, both at Lynn University and Northern Virginia Community College. His private industry experience includes various management positions in accounting and finance in the defense industry. Additionally, he has had entrepreneurial experience as the part owner of a distributorship that serviced more than 1,000 stores in 10 states and a partner in an accounting firm. In 1989, Norcio was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach graduate finance at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, Romania. He has also led several study abroad trips to Western and Central Europe. Norcio earned a BS and MS from Georgetown University, an MBA from Cornell University, and a Ph.D. from The Union Institute. He also is a certified public accountant, a certified management accountant, and is certified in financial management.
Earth angels soar to new heights

Quest for Professional Excellence, a program in Lynn's College of Business and Management, teams up students to provide business solutions for local organizations.

Angel Flight Southeast Wing Leader Herb Milstein received some "prayers come true" from a team of dedicated Lynn students who launched an action plan to spread the word about Angel Flight’s philanthropic assistance of coordinating free air transportation to those with medical or compelling human needs. The students also created a database of volunteer pilots in Boca Raton and recommended producing a video, which will be created with help from other Lynn departments.

Lynn's Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics has agreed to be the first school that offers free air time and gas for its volunteer pilots to fly Angel Flight missions. The Lynn program has 10 flight instructors and aviation students who meet Angel Flight's requirement of 250 hours of flight time to take part in a mission.

Angel Flight Southeast volunteer pilots fly more than 1,500 missions each year. Locally, 130 pilots from Vero Beach to Key West are on call at all hours to help connect patients within a five-state area for needed medical attention. For more information on Angel Flight, contact Herb Milstein at 561-368-6118; for information on Lynn's Quest for Professional Excellence program working with your organisation, contact instructor Grace Greenberg at 561-577-7861.

Students take honors at Monaco competition

A team of Lynn University undergraduate students' business plan for a new bottled health drink helped them become the only team from the United States to compete in the Next Generation Forum at the International University of Monaco—and place in the top three.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, both nerve-wracking and exhilarating."

During a study tour in June 2004 to Monaco, France and Switzerland, led by Ralph Norcio, dean of the College of Business and Management, the students visited the International University of Monaco and heard about the competition. They met with faculty and area business owners for advice and encouragement.

Just a week before the competition, they received word that their plan was one of 10 chosen to be presented at the forum for young entrepreneurs from around the world. The team leaders were Denise Fraile of Boca Raton, a senior majoring in graphic design; and Joey Fago of Palm Beach, a senior hospitality management major. They were accompanied by Josh Lebrun, Gabe Scudino and Lynn alumna Dominique Fraile (Denise's sister).

"Now we know it’s a viable business plan," Fraile said. "This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, both nerve-wracking and exhilarating."

All the students are members of Lynn's chapter of the Future Business Leaders Society, which Fraile heads as president. Area businesses and several Lynn University faculty and staff sponsored the students' trip to Monaco, and served as advisors and mentors.

Renowned poets gather on campus

Lynn University hosted the successful Palm Beach Poetry Festival on campus recently. The festival featured renowned poets Billy Collins, U.S. Poet Laureate; Sharon Olds, former Poet Laureate of New York State; Patricia Smith, author of three poetry volumes; and Thomas Lux, director of the McEver Visiting Writers Program at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and holder of the Bourne Chair in Poetry.

The three-day program included sold-out advance workshops, craft classes with more than 100 in attendance, readings for more than 300 people and book signings, which garnered book sales in the thousands. For more information, call Jeff Morgan, chair of the English department, at 561-237-7207.
Founded in 2003, the Friends of the Lynn University Conservatory of Music is a volunteer organization that promotes high-quality performance education for exceptionally talented young musicians, and assists in establishing a superior standard for music performance education worldwide. Rita Hobbs of Boca Raton serves as president of the organization that boasts more than 100 members who serve as ambassadors to create community awareness for the conservatory. The conservatory’s student-artists, who hail from more than 12 countries, hone their knowledge and performance of music as they prepare to join the world’s leading symphony orchestras and most prestigious graduate music programs. For more information about the Friends auxiliary, call 561-237-7766.

‘Friends’ unites the community

More than 700 children, parents and grandparents, dressed in their holiday best, converged on the Boca Raton Resort & Club for the second annual Family Holiday Concert sponsored by the Friends of the Lynn University Conservatory of Music.

Chaired for the second year by John and Margaret Mary Shuff, along with Lynn benefactors Dr. Arnold and Marlene Goldstein, the program featured performances of the season’s most beloved music by the Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra, the Saint Andrews School All-American Singers and the Lynn University Chorus. Proceeds from the concert benefit student scholarships at Lynn’s Conservatory of Music.
New dean of conservatory named

Dr. Jon Robertson, who chaired the department of music at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), was appointed dean of the Lynn University Conservatory of Music and will begin his new position full-time in fall 2005.

For the past 12 years, Robertson has been a professor of conducting and director of orchestral studies, and has conducted both UCLA’s Philharmonia Orchestra and the Redlands (Cal.) Symphony. Under his guidance, the department of music gained national and international recognition, and reached unprecedented levels of achievement and fund-raising success.

Robertson, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, was a child piano prodigy who was awarded full scholarships to the Juilliard School of Music, where he received his undergraduate and master’s degrees in piano performance. He returned to Juilliard as a Ford Foundation Scholar to complete his doctoral degree, also studying choral conducting at Juilliard and orchestral conducting at the New England Conservatory of Music.

First ‘Friends’ scholarship awarded

Valentin Mansurov is the recipient of the first scholarship awarded by the Friends of the Lynn University Conservatory of Music. Mansurov began his violin studies at age 7 at Uspensky School for Musically Gifted Children in his native Uzbekistan. He completed two years toward a bachelor’s degree in music performance at Bilkent University in Turkey. He continued his studies at the National Conservatory for Music in Toulouse, France, and at Victoria Conservatory of Music in Canada, where he completed a violin teacher’s training program and received an award for excellence in performance at the annual Greater Victoria Festival. Winner of first prize in the National String Competition, held among the most prestigious musical institutions in the former USSR, Mansurov has appeared in solo and orchestral concerts in numerous countries, and had the honor of performing for visiting dignitaries such as Barbara Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien. Last September, Mansurov transferred as a junior violin student to Lynn’s Conservatory of Music and is pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance.
Local motion

Lynn students, faculty and staff gathered on AIA for the American Cancer Society's 5K walk, "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer." The Lynn team raised more than $2,500, which remains in the community and goes toward programs for survivors. In addition, Lynn's Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority collected $500 in donations on campus.

Walking tall

This year for the first time, Lynn hosted Relay For Life, an overnight track event to benefit the American Cancer Society's (ACS) programs and research. Community members form teams, with each having a representative on the track at all times. The track is lit by luminaria (paper bags with sand and a candle inside) in memory of those lost to cancer. Relay For Life was introduced to Lynn by junior honors student Jessica Stearns, who participated in the event in her home state of Connecticut for the past five years. Stearns served as chair of this year's event, working with ACS staff and other Lynn student committee members Nicole Frazier, MacKenzie Moravec, Tele Claire Juliette &holm and Mike Clyburn.

Love at first bite

Lynn’s chapter of Hillel hosted a peanut butter and jelly drive on campus recently. In just two hours, students, faculty and staff made 20 sandwiches, which were then delivered to the Caring Kitchen in Delray Beach that feeds the hungry in the community.

A good fit

Each year, the student activities department plans a Volunteer Fair, where students sign up for community service. Representatives from local nonprofits are on hand to answer questions and provide information on the missions of their organizations.

Forever young

Knights in the Community (KIC) members visited with day participants and overnight residents of the de Hoernle Alzheimer's Pavilion in Deerfield Beach. Students spent the day interacting with the seniors by reading the newspaper, dancing to live music, serving lunch, watching a movie and making Valentine's Day cards.

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on-campus food has won for "People’s Choice Village" restaurants in the League of Matronly Need, a non-profit that helps women. For more information, visit www.lynn.edu/admission or call the office of admissions at 561-237-7900 Toll-free: 800-888-5966

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Lynns HELPING HANDS

Lynn faculty and staff reach out and give back to the community. These are just a few examples of the many helping hands from the university.

LAURIE LEVINE, vice president for business and finance, has served on the board of directors for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Florida for the past eight years, and is now the organization’s chair-elect. The nonprofit organization, which grants wishes for children with life-threatening illness in nine counties in South Florida, fulfills nearly 500 wishes per year.

PAULA De La ESPIELLA, director of special events, along with five Colombian friends, established a Florida committee for the Atlanta, Ga.-based foundation, Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. The committee raises funds for children who have been affected by the violence in their country.

AMY D’ARECCA, student administrative services systems analyst, volunteers with the Tropical Ridge Neighborhood Association and Lake Worth Police Department for neighborhood cleanups and crime prevention.

ERIKA GRODZKI, professor in the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication, volunteers at The Way Café feeding program in Lake Worth. The organization serves meals to low income families every Saturday at the Calvary United Methodist Church. Erika also volunteers at the church nursery on Sundays.

CHRIS BONTFORTJ, director of information technology, ran 26.1 miles in the West Palm Beach marathon with Team in Training, the world’s largest endurance sports training program. The program helps raise funds for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma research and patient services.

DR. KATHLEEN CHEEK-MILBY, vice president for academic affairs, is now serving as chair of the committee on trustees at Saint Andrews School where she previously served as chair of the school life committee.

PEGGY PETERSON, administrative assistant for development and alumni relations, has spent the last four Thanksgiving Days joining other St. Jude parishioners in preparing, packaging and delivering meals to the homebound in Boca Raton and Delray, and to migrant worker families in Boynton Beach. She oversees 25 volunteers who last year delivered 211 meals to 110 homes.

PHOENIX RESTAURANT, which provides all on-campus food services for Lynn University, has won for the second year in a row the People’s Choice Award at the “Chili in the Village” competition in Miami. Phoenix Restaurants also picked up the Best Chili Award at the event, sponsored by the Junior League of Miami-Dade to benefit Women in Need, a nonprofit organization serving homeless women and children.

A site to behold

If you’ve visited Lynn University online recently (www.lynn.edu), you’ve noticed a dramatically improved Web site. It’s the result of months of planning and design by Lynn’s Marketing and Communication Office. Lynn’s Web site now features a dynamic design, improved links and navigation, and the most up-to-date information. The new Web site also has been designed to be flexible enough to evolve with the changing needs of both users and the university. In addition, the creative team made a few “behind-the-scenes enhancements,” such as improving the ranking of Lynn’s Web pages in search engines and adding a new internal Google search to improve searches.

Sections for alumni and parents and families have been revamped, too. At www.lynn.edu/alumni, alumni can update their personal records, participate in discussions with other alumni via an online message board, RSVP for events, locate classmates in an online directory, view online photo albums from recent Lynn events, and use an animated map to view the number of alumni worldwide. Alumni also can read about the Student Alumni Association’s activities, link to the university’s magazine or make a gift to Lynn online by clicking the “Support Lynn” option. More alumni features are planned, including Net communities, where alumni can form their own discussion groups, for example, by class year, geographic region or other criteria they share.

Lynn parents and families also can connect with each other quickly and easily through their own new Web pages. At www.lynn.edu/parents, they’ll find information about the Parents & Families Association, a listing of upcoming events, parents’ Frequently Asked Questions, an online membership directory, and more.

The redesign of the Lynn University Web site is just the first step in developing Lynn University’s Web strategy, according to Alberto Fernandez, director of Web Strategy in the Marketing and Communication Office. “The next step will be to create intranet/portal areas for our internal users,” he says. “We want to enhance communication with our students, faculty and staff through the Web so that everyone can exchange ideas while being informed and entertained.”

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Shining examples

Bob Levinson, vice president of corporate development, and his wife Phyllis (right) were honored with the United Way of Palm Beach County's 2004 Alexis de Tocqueville Leadership Award. The United Way created the society in 1972 to honor those who annually contribute $10,000 or more, and who serve as inspiring examples for others. The 2003 recipients, Harold and Mary Perper (left), helped present the award to the Levinsons. At age 80, Bob Levinson has penned his latest tome, "The Anti-Retirement Book." He believes that retirement is hazardous to one's health and encourages readers to make lifestyle decisions in their 40s, 50s and 60s.

Well-traveled

During a recent trip to Puerto Rico, staff from Lynn's offices of admissions, academics, institutional advancement and alumni relations (from left) Larry Cowan, Stefano Papaleo, Dr. Marsba Gines, Paula De La Espriella, Gareth Fowles and Juan Camillo Tamayo met with Lynn alumni and parents of current students, as well as prospective students and their parents at a reception held at Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel. In addition, staff visited with Nancy Escabi (second from right), director of the Dorado Academy, which was founded by Don and Helen Ross.

The write stuff

A play written by David Fleisher was selected for publication by Dramatic Publishing in an anthology that will be released this spring. Fleisher teaches courses in English as well as playwriting and theatre appreciation in Lynn's College of Arts & Sciences. His plays have been produced at theaters around the country, including his collection of short plays entitled "Grave Concerns," directed by Professor Steve Aiello at Lynn University two years ago. Fleisher also held a staged reading of his new full-length play, "Spring Training," at GableStage in Coral Gables' Biltmore Hotel. Two of Fleisher's monologues were published by Smith & Kraus in "The Best Men's Stage Monologues of 1996" and "The Best Women's Stage Monologues of 2000.

A tale of survival

Rony Zavodaver (left), a senior majoring in psychology, posed with "Survivor" Ethan Zohn, the $1 million winner of the TV hit show, "Survivor: Africa." Zohn came to the Lynn campus to speak to students about moments in his own life, from his father's death when he was 14 to college experiences he had on the soccer field in the United States and Zimbabwe, to illustrate how character is built and why it is important to develop, nurture and refine one's character. Zohn used his newly acquired million and notoriety to help provide AIDS education in Africa, using African soccer players as role models to teach children about HIV and AIDS.

Applause

Elaine Wold among the theatre University's new by Jan McArt (Lynn, featured play, and informal club Lynn, presented season in the fall.

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Gift that keeps on giving

On behalf of Lynn University, John Gallo (left), vice president for endowment, accepted a check for $5,000 from Pernille Ostberg (right), president of the GFWC Royale Women’s Club of Boca Raton. The club awards scholarships to college students studying for careers in medicine.

Designing women

The fall 2004 issue of LynnSights reported on 2003 Lynn grads Erica Domeneck (left) and Jackie Trebilcock (right) and the success of their business Belle & Jax, a line of beaded jewelry. We caught up with the designing duo recently and were updated on their latest venture. They now work out of the Hollywood, Fla, headquarters of the SWI Group, an Inc. 500 company who acquired Belle & Jax into their organization. The SWI Group is best known for its timepieces that sell all over the world, and is the largest distributor of name brand watches from Casio to Cartier. Domeneck and Trebilcock head up the marketing, PR and visual design for all brands, and plan to re-launch the popular Belle & Jax label in spring/summer 2005.

Up, up and away

Congratulations to Jeff Johnson, dean of the Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics at Lynn University, who was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. Johnson is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program. He served a rotation in Turkey, flying missions over Northern Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort, and received the Air Medal and Aerial Achievement Medal for bravery in aerial combat. He has earned the rating of assistant professor of aerospace studies, which allows him to teach AFROTC classes on the Lynn campus, opening doors to AFROTC scholarship opportunities to more than 10,000 college students outside the Miami metroplex. On the latest board, only 32 percent of eligible officers in the zone for promotion received the green light to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Local LYNNFLUENCE

Ric Bradshaw, a student in Lynn’s master's program in emergency planning and administration, was sworn in as the 12th sheriff of Palm Beach County recently. Bradshaw took time off from his studies to focus on his campaign but is expected to graduate in May 2005. Lynn’s department of criminal justice is delighted that Bradshaw was elected because his commitment to education is sure to have an impact on the sheriff’s department. He also appointed another Lynn student, Delsa Bush, who is currently in the Ph.D. program, as his successor in the West Palm Beach Police department. Bush also received her master’s degree in criminal justice administration from Lynn.

Michael Campbell (BA'Ol), a.k.a. Mikey Dread, revolutionized Jamaican radio in the ’70s by mixing the sounds of local reggae artists with electronic effects. He has collaborated with such well-known bands as The Clash and UB40, as well as recording artists Seal and Izzy Stradlin of Guns N’ Roses. Campbell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international communication with magna cum laude honors at Lynn. “I’m trying to see this business not just as a talented artist, but as someone with the academics that can help further it,” he told Miami Herald writer Evelyn McDonnell.
MARCH 31 – THURSDAY
The Conservatory of Music at Lynn University presents “Jon Nakamatsu Piano Recital.” Winner of the 10th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Nakamatsu has been invited to most of the major orchestras in the U.S. and Europe including the San Francisco Symphony, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He has made extensive recital tours throughout the U.S. and Europe with performances at Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. This concert is sponsored by a friend of the conservatory, 7:30 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall. Tickets: $25. Call 561-237-9000.

APRIL 1 – FRIDAY
Lynn University hosts Relay for Life, an overnight track event, to benefit the American Cancer Society, 3 p.m.-8 a.m. at FAU. Call Justine at 561-237-7153.

APRIL 3 – SUNDAY
The Conservatory of Music at Lynn University presents “Romantic Chamber Music,” featuring Johanne Perron, cello, and guest artists on violin and piano performing Tchaikovsky Piano Trio, Mendelssohn, and more, 4 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall at Lynn. Tickets: $25. Call 561-237-9000.

APRIL 8 – FRIDAY
The Conservatory of Music at Lynn University presents an “All Gershwin Concert,” featuring Elizabeth Caballero, guest soprano; Paul Green, clarinet; Sergiu Schwartz, violin; Lisa Leonard, piano; Tao Lin, piano; and other faculty and conservatory students presenting popular favorites by the celebrated American composer, 7:30 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall at Lynn. Tickets: $25. Call 561-237-9000.

APRIL 12 – TUESDAY
Students in the business administration fashion management program host “Fashion Flashback,” featuring garments from area retailers and designs created by students, music and theatrical skits, 7 p.m. in the Louis and Anne Green Center on the Lynn campus. Tickets: $10 in advance, $15 at the door. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. Call 561-715-8685 or e-mail to Isantos@lynn.edu.

APRIL 15 – FRIDAY
The Lynn University Conservatory of Music presents “Percussion Ensemble,” featuring percussion students from the studio of Michael Parola performing the music of John Cage, 7:30 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall at Lynn. Tickets: $10. Call 561-237-9000.

APRIL 17 – SUNDAY
The Lynn University Conservatory of Music presents “Robert Rust in Recital,” performing Beethoven Für Elise; Mozart Fantasy in C minor; Villa-Lobos Brazilian Cycle; a new work by our theory/composition faculty Thomas McKinley; and Nocturnes, Etudes, and the Second Scherzo of Chopin, 4 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall at Lynn. This concert is sponsored by Mary Ann Fowler. Tickets: $25. Call 561-237-9000.

APRIL 22 – FRIDAY
The Lynn Conservatory of Music presents “Philharmonia Orchestra #6,” with resident conductor Albert-George Schram and featuring works by Richard Danielpour, Vaughan Williams and Prokofiev, 7:30 p.m. at Spanish River Church. Tickets: $25. Call 561-237-9000.

APRIL 27 – WEDNESDAY
The Excalibur Society holds its Membership Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. on campus at the dell’Orozio International Center, featuring Jan McArt, Lynn’s director of theatre program development. Tickets: $30 members; $35 non-members. Call 561-237-7766.

APRIL 28 – THURSDAY
The Lynn University Conservatory of Music presents “Dean’s Showcase,” an exhibition of various delightful solo and chamber works performed by the conservatory’s finest young musicians. The dean and music faculty of Lynn University are proud to present these students who have demonstrated extraordinary virtuosity. This performance is sponsored by Jim & Bette Cumpton, 7:30 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall. Tickets: $10. Call 561-237-9000.

APRIL 29 – FRIDAY
The Lynn University Conservatory of Music presents “Lynn University Chorus - Pops Concert” performing works of Gershwin, Berlin and others. Carl P. Ashley, conductor, 7:30 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall at Lynn. Tickets: $10. Call 561-237-9000.

MAY 8 – SUNDAY
The Lynn University Conservatory of Music presents the “Class of 2005 in Concert,” a salute to the graduating class as they captivate the audience one last time with a final serenade to the patrons and those who have supported their pursuit of musical mastery, 4 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall at Lynn. Tickets: $10. Call 561-237-9000.

MAY 13 – FRIDAY
The public is invited to the Graduation Golf Classic at Boca Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Fee: $150 per person, $600 per foursome, includes golf, lunch, gift bag, awards ceremony with appetizers and cocktails. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Call 561-237-7947.

MAY 14 – SATURDAY
Commencement

MAY 21 – SATURDAY
The Lynn University Conservatory of Music presents “Young Musicians Competition for Strings,” featuring pre-college string students from across the state of Florida as they compete for cash prizes and an opportunity to appear as soloist with the Philharmonia Orchestra during the 2005-2006 concert season, 2 p.m. in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall. Tickets: $10. Call 561-237-9000.