AFRICAN ART and ARTIFACTS COLLECTION at Lynn University
Lynn University was named a finalist for the 2007 Best Places to Work award, sponsored annually by the South Florida Business Journal.

The 45-year-old institution is the only university or nonprofit included in the annual list that celebrates the "super companies of South Florida."

The university, with more than 400 full-time employees, is joined in the Large Company category by Bank Atlantic and Bank United Financial Corp., among others. Winners were announced at an awards luncheon attended by 10 members of the university, including President Kevin Ross and past winners of Lynn's Employee of the Year award.

The competition, sponsored by Gateway Insurance, RBC Centura Bank, AM940-WINZ and Workforce One, is a unique awards program in that finalists are determined solely by employee feedback. In December, more than 240 of Lynn's full-time employees completed online surveys for the business journal, ranking their level of satisfaction with the university's benefits programs, organizational structure, vision and other factors. According to the award organizers, the high level of satisfaction and awareness illustrated in those surveys was used to place Lynn among the finalists.

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Message from the President

In February, Lynn University marked the one-year anniversary of the launch of its strategic plan, Lynn 2020. When the plan was introduced to staff and faculty in February 2006, there was much excitement as we outlined our bright future. Since that time our entire campus community has been working diligently to make our dreams become reality.

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Through staff and faculty efforts, we have accomplished a great deal. There is a palpable sense of momentum on campus and for good reason: our university is on the move. Here is just a small sampling of the many accomplishments of the past year:

- **An incredible amount of progress has been made toward making Lynn one of the most innovative, individualized and international small universities in the nation.**
- We improved many of our living and learning environments.
- We named a new vice president for academic affairs, and welcomed a new dean for the College of Business and Management as well as new leadership in our Office of Development and Alumni Affairs.
- We are experiencing one of our most robust fundraising years both in terms of donors and gifts.
- What’s next, you ask?
- We will make critical investments in our people and processes.
- We will enhance our community through new approaches to programming and design.
- We will establish a new and distinctive core curriculum.
- I invite you to visit our campus and witness our progress for yourself. I hope to see you soon.

Editor’s Letter

The Lynn campus is an exciting place to be...especially over the past year since President Kevin Ross presented to the campus community the strategic plan that paves the road to the university's future.

The plan's goal is to make Lynn one of the most innovative, individualized and international small universities in the United States. You’ll see those words sprinkled throughout the stories in this issue of LynnSights as we report on students, faculty and staff putting that plan into action.

Enthusiasm is in the campus air—from employees voting Lynn one of the best places to work (at left), to students enjoying the technologically advanced and physically upgraded classrooms (page 12).

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Toppels fund endowed scholarship for Conservatory of Music

Harold and Patricia Toppel of Boca Raton, longtime friends of Lynn University, have pledged $500,000 to establish the Harold and Patricia Toppel Endowed Scholarship at the Lynn University Conservatory of Music. Harold Toppel, a native of Franklin, Illinois, served in Gen. Patton’s Third Army in Europe. After graduating from the University of Illinois, he and two friends formed the National Grocery Company. After four successful years with the company, Toppel set out on his own for Puerto Rico to fulfill the need for better food distribution.

Alumni join students in 100 inning fundraiser

A fundraising tradition was started in January when nearly 50 Lynn alumni baseball players returned to their alma mater to challenge the current baseball team to the last seven of a 100 Inning Marathon Baseball Game. More than 150 spectators cheered on the Lynn baseball team that broke up into three squads and played continuously for more than five hours. Team members asked family and friends to sponsor them in this event, which raised more than $12,000. Proceeds from this year’s game will be used to fund improvements to Lynn’s baseball program and facility, including leveling of the infield, new practice uniforms, video analysis software for the players and an augmented travel budget.

Heller Family Diagnostic Center established at Lynn

Lynn University received the first of three installments of a $611,000 gift by the Heller Family Foundation Fund of Tides Foundation to establish the Heller Family Diagnostic Center. The center will be housed within the university’s nationally recognized Institute for Achievement and Learning, and will provide diagnostic and academic enhancement services to students with learning differences. The Heller gift is the largest to date supporting the 15-year-old institute, which has received close to $1 million in private financial support in the last year.

In addition to growing the diagnostic and learning services, staff and physical resources of the institute, the gift will reach out to talented students who struggle academically due to learning differences—a population that some have estimated to be as large as one in five students nationwide.

Generous longtime supporters of higher education, the Hessers have endowed numerous scholarships supporting the entrepreneurial spirit and cutting-edge scientific research at top-tier doctoral universities across the country. This is the first large-scale project of its kind to be supported by the foundation.

“We believe the Conservatory of Music at Lynn University is a great asset to Boca Raton, and we want to help ensure that the best and brightest have an opportunity to bring their talent to South Florida,” said Patricia Toppel.

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Perpers give $1 million student-focused gift

Local philanthropists and loyal Lynn University supporters Mary and Harold Perper have donated $1 million to develop the courtyard at the heart of the university’s campus. When completed, the outdoor plaza will double the amount of community space available for students surrounding the Lynn Student Center.

Perper Plaza, as it will be known, is an external courtyard adjacent to the Lynn Student Center, which holds the campus’s dining facility, Knights’ Court grill and game room, student involvement offices and the campus coffee shop. A crossroads to all corners of the university, the plaza also is the featured site for many campus activities, such as the annual Founders Day celebration and monthly Coffee in the Courtyard sessions. The nearby mail facility will also be renamed the Perper Mailroom.

“Once again, Mary and Harold Perper have demonstrated their commitment to improving the quality of student life at Lynn University,” said President Kevin M. Ross when announcing the gift. “Perper Plaza will be a special gathering place for our entire campus community for years to come and is a wonderful testimony to Mary and Harold Perper’s continued dedication to Lynn students.”

Residents of South Florida since the 1950s, the Perpers both worked as stockbrokers and then owned and operated hotels together. Mary and Harold retired and moved to Boca Raton in 1978. They have been generous philanthropists in the Boca Raton area, supporting numerous organizations including the Boca Raton Community Hospital, Hospice By The Sea, the Boca Raton Museum of Art and the Florence Fuller Child Development Center.

Perpers funded the Harold and Mary Perper Media Teleconferencing Center in the Green Center as well as the Perper Study Lounge in the Lynn Library. In 2006 they received Lynn University’s Boca Raton Award.

Mary Perper is a charter member of The Excalibur Society, which raises funds for scholarships for students at Lynn. She also has chaired numerous balls and philanthropic events in the community.

Palmer estate gift endows scholarships for business students

Lynn University is the recent recipient of a $526,000 estate gift from Alice and Leigh Palmer. The gift, which was directed to an endowed scholarship, which the Palmers first established in 1995. The Alice and Leigh Palmer Endowed Scholarship will provide, in perpetuity, financial aid for undergraduate business students.

Originally from Bradford, Ill., the Palmers retired to Florida in the late 1960s. With no children of their own, they were interested in helping students succeed. The late Jim Cumpton, who passed away in November 2006, was a former Lynn trustee and friend of the Palmers. He was instrumental in encouraging the couple to establish the Palmer Endowed Scholarship Fund to give others an equal opportunity to get a college education.

In 1995, Alice Palmer began making annual contributions to the Alice and Leigh Palmer Endowed Scholarship at Lynn. With this estate gift, the scholarship has been endowed with more than $831,000.

Tapestries, ceramics enrich art collection

Lynn University received a gift of three 15th century ceramics and 45 early 20th century hand-embroidered hangings, tapestries and rugs from Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan recently. The donors, who wish to remain anonymous, became fascinated with the richness of Bedouin life expressed through the use of embroidered hangings and tapestries during their travels to the eastern bloc. Created with both a decorative and functional purpose, the vividly colored embroidered hangings and tapestries were integrated into the fabric of daily Bedouin life, often adorning the entrance to the tent of a great and powerful nomadic Bedouin chief or softening the hard, rocky ground with plush coverings. The ceramic pieces, two covered storage pots and tea pot, show the type of glaze and pottery commonly produced in the 1400s and are from Thailand, Southeast Asia. The donors chose Lynn because of its focus on internationalized education and developing global citizenship. The pieces provide a direct link to understanding different cultures, and will be used by Lynn professors to enrich the learning experience.

For more information on making a gift of fine art, contact Michael James at 561-237-7469.
Golf tourney raises $100,000 for scholarships

Two hundred golfers gathered at Boca Country Club last November for the 15th Annual Frank A. Robino Jr. Golf Classic, and raised $100,000 for athletic scholarships. Gerrits Construction and Antol Restoration were the corporate sponsors.

First-place prize in the mixed division went to the foursome of Christine Lynn, James Jankowski, Dick Schuller and Bill Broich. Winners of the overall division were Dino Nardo, Sonny Nardo, Nicholas J. Nardo and Frank A. Robino III. Contest winners included Judy Konen in the women's division for longest drive and Brad Enns in men's longest drive. Ryan Nash won the closest to pin for the men, and Jeanette Jones won for the women.

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Blue & White Auction benefits athletics

Serving as a kickoff to Parents and Families Weekend last fall, the eighth annual Blue & White Club Auction attracted more than 300 parents and relatives who joined the local community to bid on auction items ranging from sports memorabilia to getaway packages.

One of the most popular items in the auction was a lunch with Lynn's new president, Kevin M. Ross. The item was so popular, in fact, that the president was promised to three different luncheon companions. Larry Schner, past president of the Blue & White Club, served as chair of the event; Tim "The Birdman" Byrd, from VOX Power radio, emceed; and Division 7 provided musical entertainment for the lively event that raised more than $46,000 in net proceeds for Lynn University athletics programs.

Extravaganza spotlights international students

The Excalibur Society raises funds for scholarships for worthy incoming freshmen, as well as for nontraditional students returning to school to complete degrees and/or advance careers. The Friends of the Conservatory raises money for scholarships for student-musicians.

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Extravaganza spotlights Lynn's international flair

The Excalibur Society of Lynn University's 14th annual fundraiser, Extravaganza, was held Jan. 28 at Boca Raton Country Club to support scholarships for deserving students.

Co-chairs Marcia Cohen and Gloria Soloff, along with committee members, selected the theme, "Around the World with Lynn," to spotlight the university's international student population that hails from 93 nations. Twenty students, dressed in the diplomatic sashes of their native countries, greeted, mingled and lunched with guests as international students from Lynn's Conservatory of Music performed classical duets on piano and cello.

Community leader Yvonne S. Boice served as honorary chair of the afternoon event. Owner of Fugazy International Travel in Boca Raton, Boice displayed the more than 25 national hats she has collected during her extensive world travels, and sponsored a contest for guests to match the hats to their countries.

Scholarship recipient Timea Varga of Hungary addressed Excalibur members and guests and spoke of how important the Excalibur scholarship is in allowing her to obtain an education at Lynn University. Coming from a meager background and having little academic opportunity in her native country, freshman Varga is now able to concentrate on her studies in international communication without money concerns.

For the 14th year in a row, David Stern Designing Jewelers donated the grand raffle prize. This year's unique creation, valued at $6,800, was won by Mimi Sadler.
Holiday concert lights up the season for the community

For the fourth year in a row, the Friends of the Conservatory rekindled an old-fashioned favorite—The Family Holiday Concert, held annually at Boca Raton Resort & Club. This concert was dedicated in honor of the late Jim Cumpton.

The afternoon's festivities included visits with Santa and songs of the season performed by the Dreyfoos School of the Arts Singles Ensemble accompanied by the Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra. The concert, conducted by Albert-George Schram, is sponsored and hosted by the Friends of the Conservatory, an auxiliary that raises scholarship funds for conservatory students. Pam Coffey serves as its president.

Each year, the university offers complimentary admission to many of the city's youth organizations such as Kids in New Directions, Boys and Girls Clubs, The Haven, and Florence Fuller Child Development Centers. Bette Cumpton, along with Chris and Deanna Wheeler, served as co-chairs.

Graham Ross and Santa
Dreyfoos School of the Arts Singles Ensemble

The Gerrits family:
David, Barbara, Debra, Kathleen, Julie, Janice, Patrick

Karen Pritchard, Pam and Gerald Coffer, Mary Ann Milhous, Rita Hobbs

John Gallio, Christine Lynn

Arnold Goldstein, Renee Ross, Kristen and Kevin Ross, Marlene Goldstein, Harrold Ross, Graham and Ainsley Ross

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES

Jim Cumpton's board of trustees passed away at the age of 85. He and his wife donated $300,000 to the university's greatest campus community.

The Cumptons' gift, in excess of a new Baldwin piano and a chance of a new Steinway piano, supported the Dreyfoos School of the Arts and the University of Florida's music program.

On row 1, from left:
M. Dusenberg, Bette Cumpton, Chris and Deanna Wheeler.

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The Lynn University community has been deeply saddened by the passing of its treasured friends and supporters.

JAMES CUMPTON, 1921-2006

Jim Cumpton, a member of Lynn University’s board of trustees since 2000 until his death, passed away on Nov. 9, 2006, at the age of 85.

He and his wife, Bette, were among the university’s greatest supporters since first joining the campus community in 1991.

The Cumptons have supported Lynn with several generous gifts, including an endowed scholarship to the Conservatory of Music and a Baldwin concert grand piano. Their most recent gift, in excess of $300,000, provided for the purchase of a new Cirrus SR20 aircraft for Lynn’s Burton D. Morgan School of Aeronautics.

On row 1, seat 2 in Lynn’s Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall is a small plate engraved with three names: E. Cumpton, H. Copeland and M. Dusenberry. Respectively, the names belong to Cumpton’s stepmother, an elementary schoolteacher, and a high school accounting teacher— all of whom recognized his potential and encouraged him to continue his education.

To fully appreciate their impact, one has to know about Cumpton’s childhood. Born in Annada, Mo., in 1921, he was the oldest of three children of parents who divorced when he was a young boy. He grew up with his father, who toiled as a sharecropper, mainly in the Midwest.

Cumpton’s elementary education was in four one-room country schoolhouses in two states—with no electricity or running water and all eight grades taught in the one room. Many of his contemporaries didn’t complete high school, much less college. But, through those three women’s encouragement and his own ironclad determination, Cumpton graduated from high school at the age of 16.

He saved for a one-way ticket to Chicago, where he worked and studied accounting at night, married, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, passed the CPA exam, and formed his own accounting firm. All the hard work paid off when his firm merged with international giant Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. (today KPMG).

In 1958, Cumpton transferred to the firm’s New York office, where he headed a major segment of the firm’s audit practice until retiring to Boca Raton in 1979.

True to his appreciation for education, he soon became involved with Lynn University.

“I saw Lynn as a school that was very student-oriented and geared toward helping students succeed in life. I liked that,” he said. “I try to help the university wherever I perceive a special need,” Cumpton explained in an interview before his death.

Over the years, Cumpton served on Lynn’s board of overseers, chairing the group in 1996 and 1997.

GEORGE KELLER, 1929-2007

George Keller, a friend to Lynn and one of the principal authors of Lynn 2020, the university’s strategic plan, passed away Feb. 28.

During his work with Lynn University, Keller was a constant presence on campus. He lunched in the cafeteria, sat in on classes, toured the facilities, and labored over financials—all before retiring each night to his room in the Lynn Residence Center.

The Lynn 2020 plan that he helped build during that time is a bold, imaginative, optimistic and student-centered document; not surprising for a man like Keller. He was defined by just such convictions and attributes. A Columbia University graduate, he got his start as a faculty member at that institution before moving on to leadership roles at the State University of New York, the University of Maryland system and the University of Pennsylvania. But it was his work as an author and consultant where he touched the most lives—empowering faculty, staff and administrators at campuses across the country and world with his ideas about our duties and opportunities as educators.

Keller’s wife, Jane, has asked that any memorial gifts be directed to Lynn University in her husband’s name.

JAMES BRADLEY REHRIG, 1938-2007

James Bradley Rehrig, a member of Lynn’s board of trustees since March 1999, passed away on Jan. 24.

“Brad,” as he was known to those who served alongside him, was a generous supporter of the Lynn.

Though he made his home in California, his thoughts and energies were often focused on the Lynn campus and its students in Florida. Rehrig spent the bulk of his professional life leading Rehrig Pacific Company, his family’s Los Angeles-based company. Established in 1913, Rehrig Pacific manufactures and sells storage and transportation products worldwide. It employs approximately 700 people and operates in the United States, Mexico, Brazil, Hong Kong and Belgium.

Brad served as the middle of three generations who have assisted Lynn University. His parents, Jane and Houston, also were supporters. His son, Will Rehrig, is a fellow Lynn trustee, who joined his father on the board in December 2001, and carries on the philanthropic tradition of his family at Lynn University.

The Rehrig family and its company have contributed extensively to the J.B. Rehrig Endowed Fund at Lynn University.
The African Art and Artifacts Collection at Lynn University, located in the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Library, contains more than 300 ceremonial and practical objects created by the diverse peoples of sub-Saharan Africa.

The objects in this collection can be appreciated from a variety of perspectives. They are sometimes viewed as art objects with exotic forms and motifs, and then again as cultural relics from a continent that remains an enigma to much of western civilization.

The people who created these objects did not create these works to be art, but rather to be used for practical, religious and ceremonial purposes. The Western concept of art as a personal expression of an artist's thoughts and feelings did not exist in tribal Africa. The African artifacts we see on display today are really fragments of a larger cultural context that determined the objects' forms and purposes.

Traditional African art is a powerful embodiment of much more than its appearance. It is essentially conceptual not representational; it was created to evoke responses in the viewers and connect them to cultural concepts within the society.

The tribal artist attempted to capture the spirit and power of the subject rather than create a realistic image. These objects were then used in rituals to instruct people and facilitate communication with the supernatural forces that influenced their daily lives.

Another key difference between African and European art objects is that of age. Western and European art and artifacts are valued for their antiquity. Tribal African art was valued by its creators for its impact and power; thus newer and more vibrant objects were seen as more effective in ceremonies. Older objects were "decommissioned" and either destroyed or marketed to colonials. At Lynn, as with other museum collections, most African art objects date from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Lynn University enjoys the rare distinction of having an academic library building that beautifully houses the African Art and Artifacts Collection, along with many other art collections as well. The Lynn Library serves the campus and surrounding community—providing a resource for learning about African art and culture.
The African Art and Artifacts Collection at Lynn University is available to the public for viewing. This vast collection is exhibited on all three floors of the library. To arrange for a guided tour, please contact Charles Kuhn at 561-237-7067. The collection also can be viewed online through the African Art Study Guide. For more information on Lynn’s African Art and Artifacts Collection and study guide, visit www.lynn.edu/artcollections.
President Kevin Ross announced Cynthia Patterson as the new vice president of academic affairs. Patterson joined Lynn as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences last August after serving as vice president for academic affairs at Fisher College in Boston and at Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass. Patterson's wide range of administrative experience includes positions at Northwestern University and Southern Methodist University, where she served, respectively, as assistant athletic director and associate athletic director for academic, student and compliance services. She also has been dean of academic advising and co-curricular life at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, and has continued to serve on the faculty throughout her administrative career, teaching American history, government, legal studies, critical thinking and writing, and courses focusing on race and gender in American society.

Since her arrival at Lynn, Patterson has been active in planning a revision of the core curriculum and overseeing the academic mission of the university in compliance with Lynn's strategic plan. She assumes her new role following the retirement of Kathleen Cheek-Milby, who has served as vice president of academic affairs since 1999.

As a result of the findings of the Academic Spaces Task Force, a group of campus individuals that make decisions on how to enhance the spaces where our students learn, Lynn invested more than $500,000 in improving the functionality and appearance of its classrooms. The task force addressed everything from technology to the physical appearance of the rooms themselves. Gone are the dusty chalkboards, harsh lighting and cramped desks. In their place are new flooring, comfortable seating, fresh paint, and interactive whiteboards known as SMART boards—a whiteboard with a digital projection system connected to a professor's desktop computer. The professor opens the lesson, and it is projected onto the central board. Students can concentrate more on what the teacher is saying, rather than taking notes. After class, the professor saves the work on the computer and uploads it so students can review their lessons online at any time and print out the board's contents. This is proving to be a big hit with students, who remind their professors to upload the day’s material.

Sophomore Maurice Vigier de Latour reasons through an algebra problem at the SMART™ Board.

Award-winning poets visit campus

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As a result of the findings of the Academic Spaces Task Force, a group of campus individuals that make decisions on how to enhance the spaces where our students learn, Lynn invested more than $500,000 in improving the functionality and appearance of its classrooms. The task force addressed everything from technology to the physical appearance of the rooms themselves. Gone are the dusty chalkboards, harsh lighting and cramped desks. In their place are new flooring, comfortable seating, fresh paint, and interactive whiteboards known as SMART boards—a whiteboard with a digital projection system connected to a professor's desktop computer. The professor opens the lesson, and it is projected onto the central board. Students can concentrate more on what the teacher is saying, rather than taking notes. After class, the professor saves the work on the computer and uploads it so students can review their lessons online at any time and print out the board's contents. This is proving to be a big hit with students, who remind their professors to upload the day's material.
Lynn named among best in nation for study abroad

In its annual report on national study abroad trends released November 2006, the Institute of International Education (IIE) announced that Lynn was third among the nation's master's level institutions in the total number of students going abroad. With 720 students studying abroad in 2004-05, Lynn appeared behind Elon University (915) and James Madison University (740). Lynn ranked ahead of larger institutions including Villanova (No. 4 with 706 students going abroad) and Loyola Marymount University (No. 5 with 676 students) on the top 20 list. It is the third time the university appears in the IIE's Open Doors report. The institute ranked Lynn among the top five in its 2005 study abroad report. The university, which has long been recognized for its international focus, was recently included in U.S. News & World Report's rankings of America's Best Colleges as a campus with one of the nation's highest concentrations of international students.

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Dean presents in Bogotá

"For the Children" was the theme of the 25th annual conference of the Association of American Schools of Central America, Colombia, Caribbean and Mexico held in Bogotá recently. Marsha Glines, dean of Lynn's Institute for Achievement and Learning, presented the full-day workshop, Brain Based Teaching Techniques, at Colegio Nueva Granada with her co-presenter Annie Acevedo, a psychologist, author and a pioneer in learning disabilities in Colombia.

Glines also attended a private reception with William Wood, U.S. Ambassador to Colombia, and later presented an overview of Lynn University to 22 international counselors, school administrators and psychologists during an evening hosted by Juan Camilo Tamayo of Lynn's Office of Admissions. Lynn's Institute for Achievement and Learning is an international pioneer in developing successful teaching strategies for students with learning differences.

Multicultural Day celebrates nations, cultures

The campus was alive with the sound of the Bahama Junkanoo Review band, as more than 1,000 people gathered amidst the waving flags and colorful booths at Multicultural Day. The annual celebration of nations and cultures featured food from various geographic regions of the world while highlighting the different cultures and heritages represented on campus. The Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale, a fair trade festival featuring handmade crafts from artisans in more than 30 developing countries around the world, was added this year. These crafts were available for purchase with proceeds from the sales going directly to the artisans.

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GREAT THINKING

"Project Runway,' Lynn style

Area residents and the Lynn community applauded as eight student-designers in the apparel production class staged their own version of Bravo network's Emmy-nominated show, Project Runway.

The students presented their own creations in a runway fashion show on campus. The collections were designed and stitched solely by the students—some of whom had never used a sewing machine before taking the class.

Among the standing-room only audience were the five judges: Senecca Moss, a national stylist and former fashion editor of In-Style magazine; Almee Dunstan, fashion writer for the Palm Beach Post; Nicole Munder of Munder Fashion Productions; Krista Fedor, creative director; and Lorraine Whalen, senior technical designer of Boston Proper.

The judges selected winners: 1st place—Tatiana Lacayo, $1,000 grand prize (donated by Boston Proper); 2nd place—Elizabeth Hirsch, $500 (donated by the College of Business and Management); and 3rd place—Stefanie Trevato, $250 (donated by Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Goldstein).

Lynn offers a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a specialization in fashion management.

Lauren Linderman models Janis Hoffmann's creation.

Marsha Glines, Annie Acevedo

Dean of Lynn's Institute for Achievement and Learning presents in Bogota.
Palm Beach Harvest, an organization that feeds the hungry in Palm Beach County, put out a plea for help last holiday season. Lynn students, faculty and staff responded by gathering more than 6,300 cans of nonperishable food, which they packed up and loaded in a truck bound for Palm Beach Harvest’s distribution center.

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A woman on a mission

Sonia Villaverde, associate professor of anatomy and physiology, is on a mission. After her older sister Nilma was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer and then she, herself, was diagnosed last year, she wants to spread the word that “knowledge saves.” Some of the current life-saving technology wasn’t available four or five years ago, when her sister battled the disease. This appreciation for what a few years and a lot of resources can do in the struggle against cancer got her to form her first Race for the Cure team in 2005, even as she was on radiation and recovering from her own mastectomy. Made up of fellow Lynn faculty, staff and her students, her team raised more than $3,500.

She led the pack again at Lynn, heading up the campus-wide effort to bring out teams for the 16th Annual South Florida Race for the Cure, which was held in January in downtown West Palm Beach. Joining her was her sister Nilma of Boca Raton.

Ted and Dave’s excellent coaching adventures

Year-round on the fields of Boca Raton, sports management professor Ted Curtis and hospitality management professor Dave Schapiro devote countless hours to coaching youth sports. Schapiro has coached his teenage sons’ baseball teams for eight years. They have won nearly a dozen different titles, and Schapiro’s youngest son, a pitcher and third baseman, has been named in Who’s Who in Youth League Baseball.

For Curtis, the love of coaching takes the form of a youth sports double play, with Curtis coaching his 9-year-old daughter’s West Boca Diamonds Softball team in the mornings and his 8-year-old son’s West Boca Raton Youth Baseball team in the afternoons. “As a coach, my goal really is not much different from that of teaching our students at Lynn,” says Curtis. “I want to instill in these youngsters a love for sports, a respect for the game, and a sense of self-confidence they will carry all their lives.”

Culinary professor has ‘sweet’ job

Craig Schmantowsky, culinary arts professor in the College of Hospitality Management, scrutinized and sampled dozens of spectacular chocolate specialties one by one at the Boca Raton Junior League’s 6th annual Chocolate Decadence Festival at the Boca Center in February. Schmantowsky’s volunteer work represents a growing trend in the college—when completed with their course work, the faculty leave their desks and lecture notes behind, all in favor of becoming a part of the South Florida social, cultural and communal landscape. “It’s important that we all do something fun and exciting outside of the classroom,” says Schmantowsky. “It helps us to grow but, more importantly, it helps our community.” The event drew more than 1,000 people from throughout South Palm Beach County, all to benefit local community projects, including the foster-care assistance program Kids@Home.

Book tour to benefit cancer society

Motivated by their aunt’s battle with breast cancer, Yanatha Desouvre and his brother will embark on a book tour, “Aspire to Inspire,” in their hometown of Philadelphia this summer. The brothers are both published authors and poets who are focusing their time and talents raising money and awareness of breast cancer by donating 20 percent of the proceeds from book sales to the American Cancer Society.
A visit with Matt Bookatz, men's golfer

by Chad Beattie

The youngest member of the 2006 Lynn University men's golf team, which finished eighth at the NCAA Division II National Tournament, Matt Bookatz is now the lone senior trying to help the Fighting Knights return to the national stage.

After winning his first career tournament, Bookatz sat down to talk about the pressures of winning, life after school, and some of his favorite golf courses.

In your senior year you finally won your first career tournament. How does it feel?

It feels great! I'm extremely happy because I put in so much work to get to this point. My swing coach came over twice from England and we practiced for hours and hours a day. It's a good feeling to know all of your hard work has paid off. And I'm not going to slack off now. If anything, winning my first tournament has made me want to work harder and win another.

How nervous were you on the 18th hole, knowing you were so close to victory?

After the first day I saw I was leading so I got my mind set into the fact it was just another day. But as I was on the final hole, I was very nervous—almost sweating bullets. I wasn't comfortable on the course and wasn't playing my best golf, so I just wanted to finish as soon as possible.

You were fortunate to play with some greats here, Hoyt McGarrity and Keir McNicoll, who've combined for three tournament victories. What kind of wisdom have they imparted to you?

Keir has helped me a lot with my work ethic. I thought I practiced hard over the summer, but after listening to what he does, my regimen pales in comparison. So I've been up from dusk 'til dawn when I don't have school, just improving my game. Hoyt is very focused in what he wants to do, so he's helped me learn to be more focused and create goals for myself. They both helped me realize where I want to take my golf and how to go about it.

How does it feel to be the old guy on the team?

I feel like I'm a leader on the team, but I don't try to tell the guys on the team what to do or when to do it. I like to lead by example and promote team camaraderie. I try to impart to them a work ethic just as it was taught to me over my career by Hoyt, Keir, Gavin [Deer] and Sebastian [Salem]. Playing with them helped me get to where I am now, because playing with better players makes you a better player.

You are from London, England. Was there much transition when you came to the United States?

I went to Arizona when I was 16, then went to Hilton Head, S.C., for high school. The level of play was completely different; it's much tougher in college.

Do you have trouble driving on the right side of the road?

I have trouble driving on both sides of the road, but I consider myself a very good parker.

What has been your most memorable moment here at Lynn?

The last round of the National Tournament last year. It was the last round all of us, Hoyt, Keir, Gavin, Sebastian and I, would play as a team, so it was very emotional and kind of sad. It also was nice because I was named a PING All-America Honorable Mention.

Do you want to stay in the United States after graduation?

Definitely. My plan is to do another year at Lynn then possibly return to Arizona and turn pro. It's not set in stone, but it is a goal of mine.

If you could play on any course in the world, which one would it be?

Ocean Breeze in Boca Raton or Whistling Straits in Wisconsin.

What is your favorite course you've played on?

Harbour Town-Hilton Head in Hilton Head, South Carolina.
Coach reaches 600-win career milestone

Lynn University head tennis coach Mike Perez reached another milestone in his tremendous career recently. With the Fighting Knights women team’s 90 victory over Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in February, Perez notched his 600th career win in his 18 years at the helm of the Lynn University program.

It’s only fitting that the team who gave Perez his first win, the women, also added to his accolades with win No. 600. Winner of six national titles in his tenure with the Blue and White, Perez looks for Nos. 7 and 8 at the NCAA Championships in Altamonte Springs, Fla., from May 9-12.

Mike Perez with tennis players

Lynn hosts SSC championships

Lynn University hosted the 2007 Sunshine State Conference Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships, Feb. 28-March 4, to much fanfare and acclaim. Fans poured into the de Hoernle Sports and Cultural Center from all corners of the state for one of the premier events the SSC has to offer.

Always willing to assist in the advancement of the Sunshine State Conference, Lynn proudly hosted the tournament that was widely considered the most well run in many years.

All 18 teams participated in the four-day event, crowning Eckerd College and the University of Tampa as the SSC men’s and women’s champions and earning them a spot in the NCAA South Region Tournament. Lynn University gained further prominence as Sunday’s finals were broadcast on Fox Sun Sports channel.

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Grad has eye for FOX News

Nelson Lewis, a 2006 Lynn graduate from Savannah, Ga., has been putting his international communication degree to work as a member of the FOX News team in Washington, D.C., where he works for anchor and host Greta Van Susteren. Recently, Lewis went from behind the camera to in front of it in a segment introduced by boss Van Susteren. In her set up to the segment, aptly titled "Irritated Eye for News," Van Susteren ID-ed this alum as an "engaging" staffer with a "great eye for stories... but one morning he showed up and that eye wasn't so great, instead it was red. Rough night, Nelson?" she asked. "Yes, you could say that," he answered as he explained his run-in with a neighbor's cat.

Admissions travels to Bahrain

On a recent recruiting trip to the Middle East, Stefano Papaleo, right, director of international admissions, met with the father of a current Lynn student and Bahrain Minister of Education, Majid Bin Ali Al Nuaimi, left. During his visit there, Papaleo accepted a gift on behalf of Lynn from the Ministry of Education.

Sold-out audience enjoys Broadway

Jan McArt, center, director of theatre arts development, presented 100 Hundred Years of Broadway, a sold-out performance in the Libby Dodson's Live at Lynn series. Madelyn Savruck, far left, sponsored the performance—a high-energy retrospective of Broadway's greatest musicals. They are pictured here with four current Broadway stars, who garnered standing ovations by re-creating the show-stopping songs they performed on stage.

Former ambassador leads 'U.N.' debate

Ambler H. Moss, former ambassador to Panama, longtime diplomat and foreign affairs expert, professor of international studies at the University of Miami and advisor to three different U.S. presidents, kicked off Parents and Families Weekend last October with his speech, "Diplomacy Then and Now: Meeting the U.N. Millennium Goals." The reception was followed by Lynn's second annual, day-long Model United Nations in-session debates where parents and students experienced international discourse. Lynn-style. This authentic simulation of the U.N. General Assembly showcased one of the many ways our students actively engage in the multicultural dynamics that are intrinsic to their Lynn educational experience.

Edna Hibel Beach County's first of three speeches will be held in Boston in 1919 at age of 9. Her work has been featured in more than 20 countries.
Soledad O’Brien speaks at Lynn

Soledad O’Brien, left, co-anchor of CNN’s American Morning, joined a standing-room only crowd of university faculty and budding student journalists before she moved on to address the community at a sold-out luncheon in Lynn’s Dively Frontiers in Globalization series. O’Brien spoke of her early days interning at a Boston television station and her on-site reporting of victims of the 2004 tsunami and last year’s hurricanes. “Those stories teach you what people can do, what they’re capable of,” she said, pointing to the now well-worn segment that ran about a 6-year-old New Orleans boy who, when separated from parents and older relatives after a helicopter ride to dry land, calmly led his younger cousins and neighbors to safety.

O’Brien is pictured here with Lynn supporter Martha Gudelsky at a pre-luncheon President’s Reception.

Edna Hibel addresses luncheon attendees

Edna Hibel, center, known as “Palm Beach County’s Most Famous Artist,” was the first of three speakers in The Excalibur Society’s 2007 luncheon lecture series. The audience listened intently as Hibel spoke about her life’s work and travels, and the processes she employs to create her works of art. Born in Boston in 1917, Hibel began painting at the age of 9. Her works have been exhibited in prestigious museums and galleries in more than 20 countries on four continents. She has received six honorary doctorate degrees, two Medals of Honor, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from Women in the Visual Arts, an organization of artists in the South Florida area. At age 90, Hibel still paints everyday in her studio. The Excalibur Society is a fundraising auxiliary that supports student scholarships. Hibel is pictured here with fellow American Pen Women Jackie Moffett, Alice Williams, Pat Wilson, and Dori Popenoe.

Lynn hosts U.N. Watch executive director

Hillel Neuer, right, executive director of United Nations Watch—the Geneva-based affiliate of the American Jewish Committee—delivered a presentation, “The Year After Kofi Annan,” to staff and students. His speech highlighted points of concern as the United Nations transforms under new leadership and changing world conditions. Established in 1993, U.N. Watch is an accredited, non-governmental organization, whose mandate is to monitor the performance of the United Nations, and focuses its concern on just application of U.N. charter principles. Neuer is pictured here receiving a gift from Ben Weinberg, a member of Lynn’s Hillel, an on-campus Jewish organization.

Dean, detective, yo-yo record holder

Gary Martin, associate dean of student wellness, keeps a pretty busy schedule. Not only does he oversee the university’s holistic approach to student development, he also is a local homicide detective and a 1976 Guinness Book of World Records yo-yo champ. Martin and the university’s wellness staffers maintain the philosophy of encouraging students to live well by strengthening mind, body and spirit.
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Leslie Uggams

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