FROM THE EDITOR

In the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti and its effect on the Lynn University community, a memorial service was held to remember and honor the four Lynn students and two faculty members who lost their lives. As we continue to honor the memory of these Lynn family members and hold them dear in our hearts, we are excited to bring you this celebratory issue of LynnSight. It carries happy news of three joyful campus dedication events – the Perper Tennis Complex in January, the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center and the unveiling of a life-size sculpture in March.

One thing we know for sure at Lynn University: our donors have remained firm in their commitment to support our students, programs and capital projects. The following pages spotlight the events and those donors who helped to enhance the campus this year.
LYNN UNIVERSITY’S Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center is the newest state-of-the-art theatre in South Florida. On Thursday, March 18, the building was officially dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by self-guided tours and an ice-cream social.

Lead donor, Elaine J. Wold, cut the ribbon before welcoming the crowd into the new theatre that features superb acoustics, a modern lighting system, a large, light-filled lobby, and a flexible space well-suited for dramatic productions, concerts and other cultural events. The following week, Tony Award-winning actress, Bernadette Peters, dazzled a private audience of invited guests during a premiere performance.

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"This performing arts center is a dream come true for me. Our community now has a warm and inviting performance venue that transforms its cultural offerings while enhancing the programming at Lynn University. I am so delighted that others have joined me in contributing to this exciting project and endowing the center. The endowment will ensure that this fabulous facility is cared for into the future."
— Elaine Wold

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"When I come to Lynn, I feel like a part of the family. How wonderful it will be to sit on the Wasserman Terrace and hear the sound of music across the campus."
— Gail Wasserman

"I so much admire Elaine. Because of my love for her, I wanted to be a part of this project."
— Christine Lynn

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“We wanted to support Elaine and her desire to create a world-class performing arts center at Lynn University. Because of her great generosity and her great attention to detail, the center has exceeded all our expectations.”
— Deanna and Christopher Wheeler

“The new Wold Center for the Performing Arts has added a new dimension of excitement and dignity to the Lynn campus. I was happy to be invited to participate in the development of it.”
— Mary Anna Fowler

“I am excited to be part of the Lynn University family and the superb Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center. Elaine has my utmost admiration and respect for her generosity in bringing this new dimension to our community.”
— Holli Rockwell

“The new Wold Center as the youngest donor made me feel honored to be part of a special group that helped create this great venue. I am proud to support the growing arts and music program at Lynn.”
— Chris Dillon
On January 29, students, staff, faculty and friends gathered to celebrate the dedication of the Perper Tennis Complex, a fitting home for Lynn’s seven-time national champion tennis program. Escorted by members of Lynn’s men’s and women’s tennis teams, donors to the complex took ceremonial serves to inaugurate the courts. In attendance were lead donors Mary and Harold Perper, Barbara and David Gerrits, Keith Brown of Burton D. Morgan Foundation, Sandy and Dick Young, Robert Hackett, Luia Sousa, Carole and Jay Weitzman and Pepsi Americas representatives Tim McDulin, Candy Pitman and Joel Condra. They were joined by Sunshine State Conference Commissioner, Jay Jones, and members of Lynn’s Blue & White Leadership Council. Unable to attend were donors Maria and Brooks Eden and Mary Calvin Harrison.

“We wanted to provide a facility for the champion Lynn University tennis teams because winners deserve excellence.”
— Harold and Mary Perper

At the time of printing, both the men’s and women’s tennis teams are heading to the Sunshine State Conference Championships in Lakeland, Fla. The women are looking for their 10th title, and the men their fourth.
“THROUGH POPPIED FIELDS” UNVEILED

On the heels of the dedication of the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Walt Performing Arts Center, Lynn unveiled and dedicated a life-size aluminum cast sculpture, “Through Poppied Fields,” on March 25. Guests heard from sculptor Seward Johnson and President Kevin M. Ross. More than 350 of Johnson’s figures have been featured in private collections, museums and prominent places around the world.

The sculpture, “Through Poppied Fields,” was acquired by the Cultural Enrichment Fund at Lynn University through the generous support of Elaine J. Wold. Inspired by two paintings by Claude Monet, the sculpture consists of two figures: a woman and a boy, Monet’s wife and son, standing in the breeze atop a grassy, poppy-covered hillside.