The university broke ground on the Remembrance plaza last May and anticipates its dedication in winter 2012. The Plaza will tell the story of the four Lynn students and two faculty members who, while on the Journey of Hope service mission in Haiti, lost their lives in the earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010.
CLASS OF 2011 LEAVES ITS LEGACY

The Class of 2011 selected an outdoor sitting area as its parting gift to the university. Located between residence halls and near the existing barbecues (gifts from the Class of 2009), this central meeting space provides a place for students with a place to study, spend time with friends and hold get-togethers.

Greg Sullivan ’89 presented a challenge to his fellow alumni: for every dollar given toward the 2011 class gift, he will match up to $2,500. More than half of the graduating class contributed, making the grand total more than $8,100.

PAAC ADVISES PRESIDENT FROM ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

Members of the President’s Alumni Advisory Council (PAAC) gathered last March, the day before the start of Alumni Weekend 2011, for an annual dinner meeting at the home of President Kevin M. Ross.

The group reassembled the next day to tour the newest additions to campus and programs before joining fellow alumni that evening for the Welcome Back Reception. PAAC members gain a behind-the-scenes look at the university’s current and future plans and have the unique ability to advise the president from an alumni viewpoint.

Created during the 2009-10 academic year, this hand-selected, prestigious group of alumni leaders provides President Ross with solid feedback and ideas for the university. It comprises successful businesspeople actively in touch with their alma mater and who have proven to be great advocates and stewards of Lynn University in their local communities.

PAAC members Barbara Cambia ’81 and Peter Smith ’02 hail from Boca Raton. Betsy ’02 and Matt ’99 Jaeger entertained D.C. area alumni at The Congressional Club, while Greg Sullivan ’89 hosted the regional club’s meeting prior to the reception.

Other members have designated gifts in support of the Remembrance Plaza, Institute for Achievement and Learning and the College of Business and Management. All PAAC members are Leadership Society donors who give at a level of $2,500 or above annually.

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP MAKES LYNN HISTORY

Ralph Norcio, associate dean and professor of finance and accounting in Lynn’s College of Business and Management, was awarded the university’s first-ever endowed professorship thanks to a generous $1.5 million gift from the Homer and Martha Gudelsky Family Foundation. This high honor is in recognition of Norcio’s consistently outstanding performance and ability.

“It was indeed a great honor for me to be awarded the Homer and Martha Gudelsky Endowed Professorship in Business,” says Norcio. “The award is especially gratifying since the recognition was the result of my passion for teaching and advising students at Lynn University.”

“The Homer and Martha Gudelsky Endowed Professorship in Business is not simply an individual honor for me but validation of the academic programs in general, and the business program in particular, at Lynn University,” he adds.

“The Gudelsky family has been very successful in the private sector and their commitment to Lynn University is another winning investment in their portfolio.”

Editor’s Note: Norcio also was named one of the 2010-11 Faculty Members of the Year by the deans of the university’s five academic colleges, the Conservatory of Music, School of Aeronautics and Institute for Achievement and Learning, as well as by a vote of faculty peers.

GUDELSKY FAMILY GENEROSITY EXTENDS TO STUDENTS

The newly-established Martha Gudelsky Endowed Scholarship provides funds to students in need who demonstrate exemplary talent and leadership potential. Energy Maburutse of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, is the first recipient of this scholarship.

“In my Shona culture, when a child is born, the whole village celebrates the feather in the parents’ cap,” says Maburutse, who is currently enrolled in the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication. “I was the first disabled person born in my village,” writes Maburutse, who has Brittle Bone Syndrome.

Although most children like him in Zimbabwe are kept at home, mostly out of shame, his mother sent him to school in the capital of Harare when he was 7. That is where he learned that he was not alone – there were tens of thousands of disabled children like him; and a vehicle, called a wheelchair, not only existed, but could offer him means of getting around on his own.

Motivated to prove wrong all those who doubted his ability to succeed scholastically, Maburutse was determined to advance his studies. He was awarded a scholarship to continue his education in Zimbabwe at the King George IV School for Disabled Children, where he learned independent living and gained self-esteem and hope for his future.

Lynn University is pleased to welcome Energy to campus, where he is currently enrolled in the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of International Communication. His life goal is to become a leader in disability rights across the globe. "I need to sort out how a young boy in a wheelchair from a remote corner of a landlocked country can make a difference," he says.

LYNN HISTORY

LOS T FACULTY AND STUDENTS REMAIN FOREVER IN OUR MINDS AND HEARTS

Please pardon our appearance. Our lake has been temporarily drained as we construct the Remembrance Plaza, honoring members of the Lynn community lost in the Haiti Earthquake in 2010.
In the 2009-10 academic year, 1,260 students received scholarships. Of those scholarships awarded, 81 were endowed.

Donors play leading roles

Donors to the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center and its endowment played the starring roles when they were treated to an extraordinary dinner on stage to mark the center’s one-year anniversary. Dramatic lighting and performances by Lynn conservatory students set the stage for a unique on-campus dining experience. Opened in March 2010, the new center welcomed more than 20,000 visitors in its first year.

Leadership Society donors were feted at the annual pre-concert, cocktail reception at Mizner Park in downtown Boca Raton last April. Following the reception, guests were escorted to an exclusive seating area at the front of the stage to enjoy the Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra’s “A Salute to Gershwin.”

Lynnsight
OLEWIN, PERPERS RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES

Last May, President Kevin M. Ross presented Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, degrees to longtime friends and loyal benefactors, Benjamin Olewine III and Harold and Mary Perper.

BENJAMIN OLEWIN III, a resident of Harrisburg, Pa., is a major contributor to many organizations focusing on education, healthcare, children, culinary arts, medical research and environmental issues. He provided the funding for the Olewine III Culinary Institute at Lynn University to instruct and inspire students to become successful professionals who will make useful contributions to the global community through the hospitality industry. He also contributed to the university's new performing arts center, naming the entrance garden.

HAROLD PERPER

Last May, President Kevin M. Ross presented Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, degrees to Harold Perper and Mary Perper for their philanthropy, civic achievement, vision and leadership; and are acknowledged for their patronage in the university’s Leadership Society and the exclusive E.M. Lynn Society, that recognizes donors who have made cumulative gifts of $1 million or more.

With their gifts, the Perpers have touched every aspect of student life at Lynn – the arts, athletics, scholarships, gathering and study spaces. They recently endowed Lynn University’s annual Boca Raton Award in 2005 for their philanthropy, civic achievement, vision and leadership; and are acknowledged for their patronage in the university’s Leadership Society and the exclusive E.M. Lynn Society, that recognizes donors who have made cumulative gifts of $1 million or more.

FOUR HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD BIBLE ENHANCES CURRICULUM

Boca Raton residents, MARY AND HAROLD PERPER, have been generous philanthropists to numerous community organizations including Lynn University, Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Hospice by the Sea, Boca Raton Museum of Art, United Way of Palm Beach County and the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers. Harold served on the university’s board of overseers, and Mary was a charter member and served on the board of directors of the Lynn University E XuLLary Society. The Perper name is very familiar on campus.

Lynn University is grateful to Tina Zegas, mother of senior Leah Zegas, for her donation of a Breeches Bible. This 400-year-old Bible, printed in 1603, is now permanently housed in the E.M. Lynn Library and makes a useful contribution to the global community through the hospitality industry. This Bible is significant because of the history surrounding it. When Mary Tudor became Queen of England in 1553, she tried to reverse the policies of her father Henry VIII (who had made himself head of the Church of England) and her brother Edward VI (who had encouraged the Protestant faith) and restore the Roman Catholic religion. Nicknamed “Bloody Mary,” the queen pursued a policy of burning both Catholics and Protestants. Many Protestant scholars fled to England from Geneva, where they produced the first English Bible translated entirely from the Greek and Hebrew.

Ofﬁcially known as the Geneva Bible, this translation is referred to as the Breeches Bible because, according to Genesis 3:7, Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together to make “breeches.”

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Thank you! We asked and you gave.

Lynn University alumni brought in the highest alumni giving rate to date – 7.43 percent – for academic year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Way to go, Knights!

Extra recognition goes to the alumni who supported their alma mater in consecutive years as noted:

11 Years: Jay Brandj ’99, ’01
8 Years: Kenyon Mulligan ’97, ’00
7 Years: Charles Barr ’92, Ross Lummelen ’94, ‘95
6 Years: Paul Breide ’88, Matthew Chaloux ’05, John Langan ’81, John Meyer ’01, E.K. Monroe ’96, Evelyn Nelson ‘03
4 Years: Arthur Armstrong ’98, Virginia Bailey ’93, Carlos Baldo ’94, Penn Bank-Odiwo ’96, ’99, Andrew Bمسلسل ’95, ’96, ’97, ’98, Rick Baroﬀ ’96, Clayton Bell ’74, Rafael Bravo-Torre ’87, Karsten Brown ’01, ’02, ’11, Marcha Barnes ’99, Amanda Carmichael ’98, ’99, Jose Cardoza ’96, ’97, ’99, Suzan Crepeau 94, Marthe Cleary ’96, Carla Cohen-Kar 96, Megan Coldb 92, Eva Cowburn ’95, Laurie Dankowski ’96, Heather Cohen Kar ’96, Megan Coldb 92, Eva Cowburn ’95, Laurie Dankowski ’96, Heather Cohen Kar ’96, Megan Coldb 92, Eva Cowburn ’95, Laurie Dankowski ’96, Heather Cohen Kar ’96, Megan Coldb 92, Eva Cowburn ’95, Laurie Dankowski ’96, Heather Cohen Kar ’96, Megan Coldb 92, Eva Cowburn ’95, Laurie Dankowski ’96, Heather Cohen Kar ’96, Megan Coldb 92, Eva Cowburn ’95, Laurie Dankowski ’96, Heather Cohen Kar ’96, Megan Coldb 92, Eva Cowburn ’95, Laurie Dankowski ’96, Heather Cohen Kar ’96, Megan Coldb 92, Eva Cowburn ’95, Laurie Dankowski ’96, Heather Cohen Kar ’96, Megan Coldb 92, Eva Cowburn 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