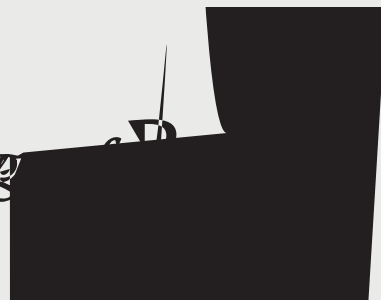


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Dear Friends of the College of Business,

I am inspired to share the highlights and accomplishments from the College of Business at Lewis University as we celebrate a remarkable year of growth, achievement, and continued dedication to our Lasallian mission.

is past year, our student body grew to more than 650 undergraduates and nearly 1,000 graduate students, representing 32 states and 46 countries. Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion remains steadfast, as we strive to cultivate an inclusive community that reflects our Lasallian principles. Student success stories abound, with individuals like accounting graduate Emily Huebner who are able to secure impactful internships and positions, due to the strong support from both faculty and peers.

Additionally, our innovative programs, such as the Sales Excellence Program and the Entrepreneurship Hub, continue to provide hands-on experiences that are crucial for career success. Beyond academic achievement, our students are actively involved in leadership roles, participating in events like the Lasallian Business Ethics Competition which included two of our sister institutions in Mexico and the Br. Joel Damian Business Pitch Competition. These initiatives not only develop critical skills but also reinforce our commitment to ethical leadership and community engagement.

Our faculty, representing nearly 40 full-time and 60 adjunct instructors, remains at the forefront of innovation, continuously adapting our curricula to meet the evolving needs of the global business landscape. In the following pages, you can read about Dr. Larry Hill's presence at Lewis University since 1968 to Mr. Rich Burke, who teaches business courses in the recently launched Prison Education Program.

Our alumni have played a pivotal role, enhancing student experiences through scholarships and support for student organizations as their network continues to flourish, exceeding 16,000 strong. The commitment from our alumni and donors is evident through generous scholarship support and engagement with our thriving student organizations. The ongoing generosity allows us to strengthen our programs through scholarships and updated facilities.

# HIGHLIGHTING DR. LAWRENCE HILL'S 55 YEARS AT LEWIS

What are some memorable moments that you had during your time at Lewis?

I have thousands of moments, but one stands out. On June 4, 1968, a twenty-three-year-old economist walked up a dirt road to Lewis College with his bride of two days. He looked forward to a bright future. A new car doesn't cost \$2,000. Salaries are not \$7,000 a year.

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

## WOMEN IN BUSINESS CLUB

The Women in Business club at Lewis University officially launched in Spring 2023. The club provides support, inclusion and empowerment to our diverse undergraduate and graduate student population. Through education and experience, we aim to prepare future business leaders to be successful both personally and professionally. Our members have participated in the 2023 & 2024 Plane Pull held at Lewis to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. We have also held resume/networking/career fair events and executive women's panels. Enrollment in the club is open to all majors and gender identities at any time during the semester. Our executive board includes Julia Schmidt, President; Milca Jimenez, VP of Student Relations; Julia Lesnicki, VP of Communications; Larissa Alves, VP of Programming and Outreach; Andrea Garcia, VP of Programming and Outreach; Anahi Salgado, VP of Operations; Stephannie Pratt, VP of Finance.

## ECONOMIC & FINANCE CLUB

During year 2023, the Club has been as active as possible, holding weekly meetings in person at the St. Charles Borromeo campus and stream them via Zoom. Our club transformed the leadership to Jordan Rozich after the former president graduated. We are committed to providing a platform and expanding our reach to all Lewis members who are interested in investment. Investment performance during the year 2023 was in line with the Club's strategy to hedge against inflationary pressures and tightening monetary policies. In the midst of market volatility, the Club maintained a portfolio invested in a basket of stocks that largely represent the S&P 500 index. The portfolio achieved a return of 11.98% during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

## DELTA MU DELTA

Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business recognizes and encourages academic excellence of students at ACBSP accredited colleges and teaches them to become successful business leaders.

## SHRM STUDENT CHAPTER

The Lewis University SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management) Chapter continued to build momentum this year, with multiple events held in partnership with HR professionals from the Human Resource Association (HRA) of Greater Oak Brook. Supported by faculty advisors Dr. Kami Tsai and Dr. Lesley Page, the Lewis University SHRM student chapter is open to all majors and helps students build critical HR knowledge and develop a strong business professional network.

Club meetings were held monthly, with senior-level HR professionals attending meetings to provide insights into different HR career opportunities, critical skills needed for future jobs, interviewing “do’s and don’ts,” and how to use LinkedIn for networking effectively.

The SHRM student chapter at Lewis had a great event, partnering with the Human Resource Association (HRA) of Greater Oak Brook. The HR professionals from HRA presented on the importance of a good LinkedIn profile and helped students 1:1

## NSLS STUDENT CHAPTER

This will be our third year of having an National Society of Leadership and Success chapter at Lewis! The NSLS is the largest leadership honor society in the United States. NSLS gives student members access to exclusive scholarships and awards, customized letters of recommendation, access to an online job bank, networking events, brand discounts, and more. Supported by faculty advisor Dr. Sheila Boysen, the Lewis University NSLS chapter is the largest student organization on campus with 220 student members.

During the 2022-23 academic year, the NSLS chapter conducted live orientations, leadership training days, volunteer events, and training sessions to equip students with key leadership skills, networking opportunities and tools to create and execute their individual personal and leadership goals. The Executive Board was led by Dontrail Evans (President), Elyja Parker (Vice President), and many Covarr

# COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

## CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

This year, fourteen senior Business Administration students presented at Celebration of Scholarship, a student symposium showcasing the work of undergraduate and graduate students. The students participated in a panel presentation, detailing the critical organizational and leadership challenges contributing to the collapse of Theranos. As part of the presentation, the students highlighted the need for internal organizational changes and greater external controls, providing detailed recommendations for future organizations.

Annabella Zambrano, Keith Anthony, Jonathan Cunningham, Areli Ramos, Jessica Lapaso, Joseph Maybrun, Mikayla Stapleton, Nathan Matheu, Pamela Castro Bustos, Nathan McLean, Michael Sclafani, Leon Szumny, Gabriel Gonzalez, and Marla Pereda Gonzalez all participated in the panel, which was facilitated by Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Dr. Elizabeth Belgio.

## LASALLIAN SOCIETAL IMPACT CASE COMPETITION

Students in the College of Business were excited to participate again in the annual Lasallian Societal Impact Case Competition. Intended to support student learning and growth, this competition originated from a desire between six U.S. Lasallian Business Schools to deepen community and engagement.

Lewis University Business Administration seniors Kyle Godin, Aaron Novakovic, and Jacquelyn Manriquez were chosen as the top student team to represent Lewis University in the broader business school competition. Competing against eight other Lasallian schools, the students were tasked with developing and presenting detailed recommendations based on the HBR case, Theranos: Who Has Blood on Their

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Celebrating the fruits of  
his vision and dedication,  
Christian Brothers Services  
(CBS) honored its founder,  
Br. Joel Damian, FSC, with



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Employers Attending Career Networking Events

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The Lowell Stahl Center for Entrepreneurship & Real Estate (Center) was established in October 2006, with a gift from Lowell Stahl. The Center, since its inception, has been serving as a catalyst to encourage and support students interested in entrepreneurial and real estate activities. In addition, it has served as an opportunity for alumni and community stakeholders to engage through networking and mentoring with our students and faculty. The Center continues to establish itself in the broader community where a blend of academic programming, faculty expertise and leaders of industry are able to come together to pursue and support the growth of entrepreneurial initiatives..

## College of Business & Graduate School of Management Enrollment

<b>UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES</b>	Graduates
Business Administration	4,496
Accounting	2,131
Marketing	1,253
Finance	767
Sport Management	404
Management*	360
Economics	263
Organizational Leadership	226
Management Information Systems*	216
Information Security and Risk Management*	133
Information Technology Management*	107
Management Science*	77
International Business	62
Information Systems*	54
Social Media Marketing*	28
Computer Information Systems*	25
Digital Marketing	17
Business Analytics	16
Information Security Management*	5
Supply Chain Management*	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,641</b>
<b>GRADUATE DEGREES</b>	<b>Graduates</b>
Master of Business Administration	4,001
MA Organizational Leadership	1,257
MS Business Analytics	362
MS Finance	123
MS Project Management	104
MS Information Security*	56
MS Management*	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,928</b>

\*No longer offered as a program of study or has relocated outside of COB/GSM at Lewis

# ALUMNI DATA

## THE BRYAN AND MARY DURKIN FAMILY FINANCE AND TRADING LAB

The Bryan and Mary Durkin Family Finance and Trading Lab was made possible through a generous gift from the Durkin family. They largely accredit Lewis University for their personal and professional success. After graduating from Lewis, Bryan began his 38-year career, starting with the Chicago Board of

The Bryan and Mary Durkin Family Finance & Trading Lab is designed as a state-of-the-art facility. Through the generosity of Bryan '82, '93 and Mary '82, '93, our faculty will have the opportunity to bring real-world resources into the classroom to improve students' quantitative and analytical skill sets.

The layout and resources within the lab will assist student members of the CoB Finance & Economic Investment Club to assist in the management of its portfolio. Further, the presence of this real-world learning lab and associated resources will support both students and club members to successfully compete in international trading competitions such as the CME Group University Trading Challenge.

The Bryan and Mary Durkin Family Finance & Trading Lab will provide students with the ability to navigate the uncertainties about the future. The lab will be utilized by both undergraduate and graduate students across the University as a whole.

# BRICK PAVERS

The College of Business has a great tradition of graduating leaders in 11 undergraduate programs and 5 graduate programs since 1972. To honor the college's 50th anniversary, alumni, faculty/staff, friends, family, donors and supporters could purchase a commemorative, engraved brick paver to be installed outside of St. Charles Borromeo Hall by making a gift.

With a gift of \$150, \$250 or \$500 to the College of Business, they became a part of the College of Business legacy at our Romeoville campus. 21 bricks were purchased with a total of \$8,250 raised.

### THERE'S STILL TIME TO CONTINUE YOUR LEGACY!

If you would like to purchase a brick, please contact Krysten McGee at [kmcgee2@lewisu.edu](mailto:kmcgee2@lewisu.edu).

#### A \$150 GIFT

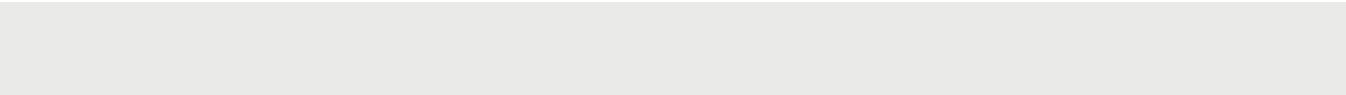
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#### A \$250 GIFT

will allow you to purchase a standard stone brick with 4 lines/13 characters per line.

#### A \$500 GIFT

will allow you to purchase an extra large stone brick with 5 lines/16 characters per line.



### DR. JAMES KREJCI

Dr. James Krejci professor of Business Administration, passed away Tuesday, August 29.

He was an altruistic mentor taught for 30 years at Lewis University, most of them as an adjunct while working as either Vice President of Operations or Vice President of Quality in Industry. He was a corporate certified Black Belt in Six Sigma served as chair of Business



# SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

## IYAD ROCK HONORED BY CPA SOCIETY

Iyad Rock, assistant professor of accounting, was awarded the 2024 Outstanding Educator Award by the Illinois CPA Society for his achievements in education and the accounting profession. The Outstanding Educator Award



# SCHOLARS LUNCHEON

Fall 2023 Scholars' Luncheons

In Fall 2023, the COB held two Scholars' Luncheons, where



### Stahl Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Hub

Mr. John Wightkin, Coordinator

Mr. Rahul Akula, Graduate Assistant

Mr. Jason Savsani, Entrepreneur -Resident-

Dr. Yasmin Babalou

Yasmin Babalou is the Program Director of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management at St. Augustine College teaches courses in Hospitality Marketing, Hotel Operations Management, Current Trends and Issues in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry, and the Capstone Course for Internships/ Externships. Yasmin's research focuses on tourism and hospitality marketing, risk management, and guest experience design. Yasmin received a Ph.D. in Tourism and Hospitality Management from the University of Florida.

Dr. Asif Ashiqali



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## GIVE BACK

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