October 2008 President's Update

Dear Bellarmine Students, Faculty and Staff,

I recently had the pleasure of announcing that we received a \$3 million gift from the James Graham Brown Foundation. This gift is one of the largest single contributions in school history, equaling a \$3 million anonymous gift received earlier this year.

The gift will support the most transformational capital project in Bellarmine's history – construction of three new signature buildings in front of and connected to the existing Horrigan Hall. The project calls for the addition of more than 65,000 square feet of new space and approximately 39,000 square feet of remodeled space in the existing building.

As Bellarmine continues to grow and achieve the goals of Vision 2020, gifts from the private sector are essential. We deeply appreciate the support of the James Graham Brown Foundation, and we applaud their vision in attending to the needs of this city, commonwealth and region.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Adam Bunnell

I am delighted to welcome to our community the Rev. Dr. Adam Bunnell, who joins our staff in the new position of Special Assistant to the President for International and Interfaith Relations.

Father Bunnell's many experiences over a long career of teaching, scholarship and ministry make him the ideal person to help guide the university as we follow our QEP imperative to become more international both in our outreach and on our own campus, and as we continue to embrace people of all faith traditions.

Having traveled all over the world, Father Bunnell says he is ready to "sink some roots" and share the fruits of his spiritual and intellectual life. I am so gratified that he has chosen to do so at Bellarmine. I know that he will be of great help to us as we continue to grow and to embrace people of all faiths and nationalities, just as I know that you will join me in making him feel at home here.

Ray Suárez to deliver Wyatt Lecture

I am happy to announce journalist and author Ray Suárez will deliver the 2008 Wilson W. and Anne D. Wyatt Lecture on Tuesday, Oct. 7. Suárez's lecture, "Election 2008," will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown Activities Center (Frazier Hall) and will be free and open to the public.

With more than 25 years of varied experience in journalism, Suárez is one of the most respected news anchors in Washington today and continues to make major contributions to the public understanding of the stories shaping America today. He currently serves as the senior correspondent for PBS's NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and was previously host of NPR's nationwide call-in news show Talk of the Nation.

His lecture will outline the upcoming election in November. Following the lecture, Suárez will conduct a book signing, and copies of The Holy Vote will be available for purchase.

News From the Lansing School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Congratulations to these Lansing School faculty members for their accomplishments:

Lansing School

Dr. Gina Pariser, Dr. Patty Gillette, and Dr. Karen Golemboski have been awarded a \$5000 grant from the American Physical Therapy Association, Cardiopulmonary Section for a study on type II Diabetes Mellitus.

Clinical Laboratory Science

Dr. Karen Golemboski been selected for the Metroversity Instructional Development Award. Her instructional strategy that gained this awards was the "Bioterrorism Scenario."

Exercise Science

Our newest Lansing School program opened Fall 2008. Freshman enrollments in the major peaked at 55 students. We all welcome the part time faculty teaching in the program, William Goral, Alice Kimble, April Richardson, and Chris Thompson.

Nursing

Dr. Kathy Hager has had her poster abstract, "Cultivating a Community of Care," selected for presentation at the American Academy of Pain Management, 19th Annual Clinical Meeting in Nashville, TN.

Congratulations to Dr. Joan Masters on being selected as the co-editor with Dr. Mary C. Townsend of the 6th edition of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing: Concepts of Care in Evidence-Based Practice.

Sherri Ryan, Gregory Matthew and Lisa Wheeler, BSN students have had their article, "SCDs Bring Sexy Back", has been selected for publication in the Data Bites section of the Kentucky Nurse.

The Family Nurse Practitioner program, under the direction of Dr. Michael Huggins, admitted its first class that will begin in Fall 2009. Huggins directs the free Umoja Health and Education Clinic housed at St. Martin de Porres Church on West Broadway. The Clinic is supported by the Catholic Enrichment Center. We look forward to expanding this program with his assistance.

Physical Therapy

Dr. Mark Wiegand has been elected to the American Physical Therapy Association Education Section Nominating Committee.

Dr. Elaine Lonnemann and Dr. Megan Danzl presented a Paper at the International Academy of Orthopedic Manipulative Physical Therapists Conference in Rotterdam.

The faculty in the Physical Therapy Department also have had the following paper acceptances for the 2009 Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

Instituting an injury prevention/performance enhancement program in adolescent club level swimmers

Authored and presented by: David Boyce

The Systematic Development of an Evidence-Based Ergonomic Training Module: A Community Partner Project

Authors: Sarah Tingle; Danielle Redmon; Carrie Kiefer; M. Lonnemann Presenter: Sarah Tingle

Implications of a Managed Care Physical Activity Benefit for Senior Adults: Physical Therapy Scope of Practice

Authored by: Patricia Gillette; Christina Caswell; Meghan Willson; Gina Pariser Presenter: Dr. Patricia Gillette

A service learning approach in physical therapy education for emergency preparedness and disaster response

Authors: Dave Pariser; Mark Wiegand; Joseph Brosky; Fred Ehrman Presenter: Dr. Dave Pariser

The Effects of Exercise Instruction in a Community-Based Diabetes Self-Management Class on Participants Knowledge and Physical Activity

Authors: Gina Pariser, Andrea Rothgerber, Lindsay Scheer, Marie Zanter, Patricia Gillette Presenter: Dr. Gina Pariser

The Effects of Aquatic Based Physical Therapy on Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Authors: Daniel Blandford; Cory Feger; Ashley Heister; Kelly McKenna; Kyle Thrasher; Beth Ennis Presenter: Daniel Blandford

Development of a Community Resource Guide for Families of Children with Special Needs

Authors: Mary Lampe; Jenna Lillpop; Allerie Schneider; Beth Ennis Presenter: Mary Lampe

Early Recognition of Childhood Developmental Delays

Authors: Holly Allgeier; Jenna Posey; Leslie Ruiz; Joseph Stinnett; Julie Wiedemer; Beth Ennis Presenter: Holly Allgeier

Respiratory Therapy

Dr. Jerry Walker is preparing for his leave of absence in Spring 2009 which will include research in China in collaboration with Dr. Yu, University of Louisville. We wish him the best of luck in his studies.

Congratulations Dr. Schmidt and Dr. Coomer

I am happy to report that the two 2003 graduates of the Economics Department of the Rubel School of Business recently completed Ph.D.s in Economics at North Carolina State University. Kristen Collett Schmidt defended her doctoral dissertation in Law and Economics last spring, and Nicole Coomer defended her dissertation in Labor and Health Economics in August. Kristen has accepted a teaching position at Notre Dame. Nicole is looking at employment options in industry or government. Congratulations to Drs. Schmidt and Coomer.

Bouncing Bowman Baby

I would like to congratulate Jessica Bowman and family for their new little bundle of joy. Lorelai Kathleen Bowman was born August 27 at 11:44 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Knights' Samuels Named GLVC Women's Runner of the Week

A job well done also in order for Bellarmine's Cross Country runner Cristin Samuels who was chosen as the Great Lakes Valley Conference Women's Runner of the Week. Samuels raced in the 5,000-meter in 20:24 leading Bellarmine to fouth-place among 11 teams at the Madison Kiwanis Invitational. Samuels' race time pushed her to 14th place out of 120 runners. Congratulations to Samuels and the Cross Country team. To read more about the Women's Cross Country team, click here.

Traffic signal update

We expect the long-awaited and much needed traffic signals and crosswalks to be installed and operating at our Newburg Road entrance by mid to late October. As you have no doubt noticed the underground electrical conduits have already been installed and we are awaiting the delivery of the specially manufactured light poles.

The plan is to set the poles as soon as they arrive.

Thank you for your patience, and for your attention to safety at this intersection now and continuing after the signals are installed and operating.