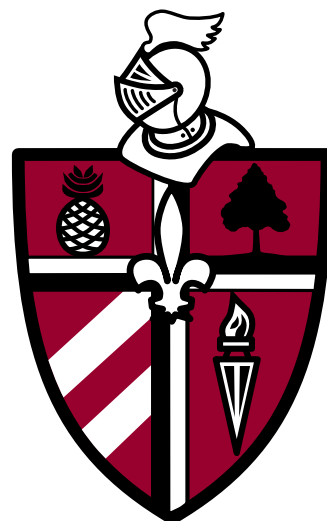


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BELLARMINE FACULTY VOLUNTEERS FOR HABITAT

Bellarmino faculty, staff and students have an opportunity once a month to make a difference in the lives of low-income Louisville families working to build their own homes with Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. Beginning in fall 2007, the second Saturday of every month has been reserved for a Bellarmine crew (12 people maximum) to volunteer on a Habitat construction site, and all are welcome to participate on a first-come, first-served basis. Several faculty and staff have already participated, in addition to IDC classes last fall.

A nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry, Habitat for Humanity builds simple and affordable homes in partnership with those in need of decent housing. Families purchase the houses at no profit, through interest-free loans.

Habitat builds alongside families who demonstrate the need and willingness to partner with Habitat. Families invest hundreds of hours of their own "sweat-equity" labor into their houses. Their monthly mortgage payments help fund the construction of more houses.

Volunteering with Habitat is a great way to fulfill Bellarmine's mission and commitment to service to others in the Catholic tradition. For more information about our local Habitat affiliate, visit their website at www.hfhlouisville.org. To volunteer, email Beth Davis at bdavis@bellarmine.edu.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Bobbie Painter joined Academic Affairs in December. She was joined by **Amber Dunlap** in Communications and Public Affairs, **Lawrence Levine** and **Mae Stone** in Security, **Rodney Stone** in Athletics and **Denise Brown-Cornelius** as the Assistant Vice-President in Business Affairs.

Since the new year, we have welcomed **Joshua Gray** in Facilities and **Adriaan Kroon** and **Eugenia Bryant** in Security. **Sarah Fromm** is the new interim assistant director of Student Activities. And the newest member in Accounts Payable is **Susan West**.

MOVING DAY

Purchasing and Accounts Payable has moved to H-210.



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH WEEK

No matter which department or division we work in, our work relates in some way to Bellarmine students. Undergraduate Research Week is an opportunity for students to show off their best work in their majors. The eighth annual Undergraduate Research Week was April 7-14, 2008.

The week kicks off each year with a poster display and reception. Students presented approximately 115 posters this year to show their research in a wide array of topics from the natural sciences to music technology. Biology, Chemistry, Math, Management Science, Clinical Laboratory Science, and Communication Ethics are a sampling of the departments that were represented.

Other events of the week included multi-media presentations by Communication majors, the opening of the annual student art show, and a set of short plays written or directed by students. One of the events used the Black Box Theatre as the setting for students to read their original poems in open-mic style. A new event this year was a reading of the play "Break Room" by Jordan Kelch, the student artist-in-residence for the Lansing School.

STAFF NEWS

Helen-Grace Ryan successfully defended her doctoral dissertation proposal with hope of completing her dissertation this summer. She also co-authored an article in the Association for Fraternity Advisor's on-line publication, "Essentials," titled Using NSSE Data for Good Practice in Fraternity and Sorority Communities.

Melanie Evans was nominated for the CPAK "Outstanding New Professional Award" on behalf of Bellarmine.

Melanie-Prejean Sullivan successfully defended her doctoral project in mid-March. She will receive her Doctorate in Ministry from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May. Congratulations, Dr. Sullivan!

Jessica Randall co-presented at SEAHO on research she has conducted concerning the preparedness and comfort level of housing professionals to develop students spiritually. She also co-presented at the state conference for Student Affairs on Christian privilege and creating inclusive campus communities that welcome all faiths.

Ann Zeeman also presented at the state conference for Student Affairs (CPAK): Career Consulting: A New Model to Connect Career Services with Alumni Affairs.

In December, **Sharon Riney** received her BA in Liberal Studies and **Joe Frye** received his MBA.

Stephanie Pieper will become the new Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and **Lois Roby's** new title is Development Specialist.

Marisa Zoeller will join the president's office in June as his new Executive Assistant. At the same time, **Shawna Ropp** will become the Director of Special Events.

Congratulations to all!