Founders Week Enlightens University Community

From listening to educational presentations to sharing in food, fellowship, song and prayer, the University community came together during Founders Week 2012 to celebrate Spiritan Heritage and Spiritan Mission Today.

From Feb. 1-5, Founders Week guest speakers addressed topics including how students share the Spiritan charism, how Spiritans communicate with people they serve in Africa and how challenging it is to work in communities from Haiti to Hazelwood. The speakers offered unique insights and welcomed students, faculty and staff to join in the Spiritans’ ongoing commitment to serving those in need.

“I think we saw some beautiful examples of the practice of the Spiritan charism in our daily lives and how our mission is alive not only on campus, but around the world,” said the Rev. James McCloskey, C.S.Sp., vice president for mission and identity.

The Rev. John Fogarty, C.S.Sp., provincial superior of the Spiritan United States Province, celebrated Mass on the feast day of Venerable Francis Libermann, co-founder of the Spiritan congregation. As participants carried candles into the chapel, Fogarty said the theme of light brings together two great events—celebrating Libermann’s life and Founders Week at Duquesne.

“Let us see beyond appearances and beyond our normal routines to observe the light of Christ in the disparaged and the broken, just as Fr. Libermann did, and let us work together to bring that light into the lives of others,” Fogarty said.

Lenten Reflections

The 40 Days of Lent provide us with the opportunity to connect with the universal church on a journey of penitence, spiritual discipline and preparation. Lent invites us on a deep, personal journey. If we follow the formula for the law of love, we should consider our relationships—with God and with each other.

One way to do this is to look up and out—away from computers and cell phones with the latest apps, away from Nooks, Kindles and iPads—to consider the “other”...our roommate, our co-workers, our families and those who are in proximity to us.

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Duquesne University Surpasses Fundraising Goal Early

Duquesne University has exceeded the largest capital campaign goal in the school’s history a year ahead of schedule. The Advancing Our Legacy fundraising effort, which is slated to end in Dec. 2012, has reached $151.3 million as of Dec. 2011. This is $1.3 million over the goal announced in 2008.

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**Lenten Reflections**

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For Lent, let’s do more social networking without the aid of technology—face-to-face—so the face that meets our eyes belongs to a person that has breath and life.

We don’t have to do away with technology altogether, but we can put it aside when in the company of others. Maybe this can be the rule rather than the exception. We know that Lent calls us to Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Consider doing this in non-traditional ways along with the traditional, by giving alms in the way of presence and fasting from the pull of technology. Perhaps the simplest way to prepare for this grace is to pray—and pray that these changes will instill in us more mindfulness that places us in the presence of God who will lead us to a powerful celebration of the Risen Christ at Easter!

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“We are fortunate to have such generous donors—both large and small—who recognize and embrace the fervent belief of our founders that higher education provides an opportunity for a better life,” said President Charles J. Dougherty. “These funds will help current and future students benefit from a Duquesne education.”

The University has received tremendous support in both donations and participation:

- More than 60,000 donors have supported *Advancing Our Legacy*, as of Nov. 30 and 30,081 were first-time contributors.
- Corporations and foundations have made gifts totaling $38.2 million.
- The University received its largest gift ever—$12.5 million—from the late philanthropist William Dietrich.
- Faculty and staff have made gifts totaling $2.1 million, underscoring a deep commitment to the University’s mission.
- The comprehensive campaign focuses on academic quality, student experience initiatives, scholarships and need-based student financial aid.

**New PA Law Requires Students to take Sexual Violence Awareness Course**

To meet a new legal requirement and to promote respect and dignity of the individual, Duquesne University requires all undergraduate and graduate students to complete the Sexual Violence Awareness Program.

*Those who do not complete the course will have their registration withheld for the Fall 2012 semester.* Graduating seniors are asked to take the course but are not required.

**Sexual Violence Awareness Online Course Instructions**

1. Log into DORI ([www.duq.edu/dori](http://www.duq.edu/dori)) using your MultiPass credentials
2. Click on the Bb (Blackboard icon) in the upper right corner
3. Click on the “Sexual Violence Awareness Program” link under “My Communities” on the left-hand side
4. Once in the Sexual Violence Awareness Program site, follow the directions to complete the course

**New Living Learning Center**

For a virtual tour of Des Places, our new Living Learning Center, go to [www.duq.edu/residence-life/living-learning-centers/desplaces/virtual-tour.cfm](http://www.duq.edu/residence-life/living-learning-centers/desplaces/virtual-tour.cfm)

**New Student Leaders**

*The newly elected Student Government Association Executive Board:* Zachary Zeigler (President), Anissa Gilbert (Vice President of Student Life), Mackenzie Kennedy (Vice President of Finance), Shannon Smith (Vice President of Academic Affairs) and Lauren Turkovich (Vice President of Communications).

*The newly elected SGA Senators include:*

- **Law School:** Shayna Petrella, Genevieve Pecharka and Meredith Fabian
- **A. J. Palumbo School of Business:** Valerie Rodgers and Franklin Giovannelli
- **School of Education:** Nikolas Kouknas
- **McAnulty College of Liberal Arts:** Emalea Helisek, Justin Leonelli and Alexandria Pappas
- **Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences:** Hally Ramirez
- **Mylan School of Pharmacy:** Dragana Masic and Kelsey Zborovancik
- **Rangos School of Health Sciences:** Dale Wilson

*The newly elected Residence Hall Association Executive Board:* Vincent Rugani (President), Rory Gledhill (Executive Vice President) and Jeff Wright (Vice President of Membership)

*The newly elected Officers of Commuter Council:* Anthony Milan (President), Michael Foglio (Vice President), Justin Battaglia (Vice President of Finance), Stephanie Neice (Vice President of Public Relations) and Nicholas Ricci (Vice President of Programs)
Greek Leadership

We would like to congratulate our new Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council Executive Officers!

The newly elected SGA Senators include:

Inter-Fraternity Council: Ryan Smith (President) Sigma Nu and Justin Bernard (Vice President) Alpha Phi Delta

Panhellenic Council: Vanessa Alleruzzo (President) Delta Zeta, Katelyn Barley (Vice President Recruitment) Alpha Gamma Delta, Alex Jaehn (Director of Pi Chis) Sigma Kappa, Crystal Schultz (Treasurer) Zeta Tau Alpha, Anissa Gilbert (Scholarship) Alpha Sigma Tau, Yamilette Ayala (PR/Risk Management) Alpha Phi, and Caitlin McGowan (Secretary/Service) Gamma Phi Beta

Panhellenic Recruitment

This Panhellenic Council Recruitment 2012 was the largest yet! They were able to place almost 150 women into Duquesne Sororities. We are very proud of the Recruitment Counselors and sororities for their hard work during recruitment this year. We would also like to congratulate all of the new members on acceptance into the Duquesne University Greek Life Tradition.

The newly elected Student Leaders will be installed on Sunday, March 11 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the University Chapel.

Academic Advisor Survey

Undergraduate students had the opportunity to provide their feedback through a new academic advising student expectations survey. The survey, a joint effort of advisement, enrollment management and the Student Government Association, was sent to DU student email addresses the week of Feb. 6.

All undergraduate and 5th year students, whether on campus, online or abroad, received the email. The survey took approximately five to ten minutes to complete, and students who completed the survey had the chance to win one of (10) $50 Visa gift cards.

The survey was created in response to student concerns and the University’s interest in collecting information about advisor expectations and performance.

NEW Format for Bluff Stuff

The next issue of Bluff Stuff will be introduced in a new electronic format. We look forward to your comments and suggestions.
Gumberg Library... Let Us Know How We’re Doing!

We need your help. Tell us what you think of Gumberg Library services. Take the online LibQual+ Lite survey between February 6 and Feb. 29, 2012. It should take approximately 5 minutes. Complete the survey and you will be eligible to enter a drawing to win one of several prizes including an iPad2, gift cards, gift baskets and more. Your responses will be anonymous and confidential.

To take the survey or get more information, go to: http://guides.library.duq.edu/libqual

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Gumberg Library Changes Building Access

Gumberg Library has changed its building access policy to preserve a safe study environment for Duquesne students and staff. Swipe card access hours have been extended. Students are asked to carry their DU ID with them at all times, and to sign in their guests during evening and weekend hours. Anyone who has a problem swiping in can call the Circulation Desk at 412.396.6130 for assistance.

Student vs. Food

Duquesne Dining Services kicked-off their first annual Student vs. Food Competition on Jan. 30 in the Sean Hogan Student Dining Center. Four students participated, tackling the “Banana Split.” They were given one hour to complete the giant bowl filled to the brim with ice cream, whipped cream and a case-load of bananas. The four students did their very best attempting this great feat. On Monday Feb. 20, the second annual Student vs. Food Competition was held. This time students competed to finish a giant bowl full of spaghetti and meatballs!

Chef Jeff Fischio and Carla Robinson prepare the banana splits.
Tip-off Tailgate

To welcome the students back from winter break and kick-off the spring semester, 14 organizations and departments co-hosted a tailgate for the Duquesne Men Duke’s game against St. Bonaventure on Saturday, Jan. 7. There were games, music, lots of food, and prizes that were all free to the students who attended the event.

National Panhellenic Council/Black Greek-Letter Organizations

The Black Student Union and the Office of Multicultural Affairs coordinated a program in the Africa Room that aimed to educate the campus community about prominent and historical figures who are affiliated with the NPHC/Black Greek-Lettered Organizations. The program also highlighted the various civic engagement initiatives that each organization participates in locally and nationally.
Annual Duquesne Class Ring Blessing

The Division of Student Life is pleased to host the 7th annual Class Ring Blessing Ceremony on Sunday, April 15, 2012. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. in the DU Chapel. During the Mass, students and their families will be invited to have their class ring blessed and to sign the keepsake book. Brunch will follow in the DU Union Ballroom. To register, please e-mail ringblessing@duq.edu.

Eugene P. Beard Student Award for Ethics in Leadership

The Beard Award is intended to recognize a senior who exemplifies the best in those values and virtues that we seek to cultivate here at Duquesne. We are particularly interested in students who by their example manifest a desire to serve others and advance the common good. Nominations for a graduating senior or 4th-year Health Sciences or Pharmacy student are now being accepted. Forms and more information are available at www.duq.edu/business/beard/beardaward.

Duquesne Named a ‘Most Popular’ National School for the Third Time

For the third consecutive year, Duquesne University has been listed among U.S. News and World Report’s Most Popular nationally-ranked universities. To compile its list, the publication looks at school yield—the percentage of accepted applicants who actually enroll at national, research-oriented universities, a marker that U.S. News calls “one of the best indicators of a school’s popularity among students.”

Based upon figures from Fall 2010, the latest U.S. News list shows that Duquesne accepted 4,989 students and enrolled 1,416 students for a 28.4 percent yield.

Duquesne’s last freshman class was the most selective ever and represented 26 states and Puerto Rico, and more than 50 other countries.

Basketball Successes

The men’s and women’s basketball teams are wrapping up their 2011-12 seasons and both squads are having successful years once again.

The men’s team recently defeated Fordham, 77-67 at the Palumbo Center to improve to 15-10 overall and 10-3 at home. It marked the fifth consecutive season that the Dukes posted double digit home wins.

The Red and Blue have a trio of players averaging double-digits in points as B.J. Monteiro leads DU with 14.9 points per game, Sean Johnson follows with 14.6 and T. J. McConnell adds 11.8.

The Dukes complete their 2011-12 season on March 3 by hosting Saint Louis at noon at Palumbo Center before competing in the Atlantic 10 Championship, March 6-11.

The women’s team recently won at Fordham, 56-50 to improve to 18-8 overall and 6-5 in Atlantic 10 play. The Dukes, who have a stellar 12-1 record at the confines of the Palumbo Center, are on pace to record their fourth straight 20-win season.

The Red and Blue are led in scoring and rebounding by Wumi Agunbiade with 14.9 points per game and 6.7 boards per contest. She is followed by Alex Genlser with 13.9 ppg and Orsi Szecsi with 10.5 ppg.

The Dukes wrap up the regular season at home versus Dayton on Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. at Palumbo Center, then head to Philadelphia for the 2012 Atlantic 10 Championship March 2-5.
Student Life SHOWS Pride!

The PRIDE Campaign is alive and well in the Division of Student Life. The staff in Student Life prepared and sent a gift basket filled with a variety of cheeses, meats, crackers and spreads as well as a candy tower to the retired Spiritan priests at the Bethel Park Center. In return, we received a lovely “thank you” card signed by the many grateful priests who enjoyed the treats.

Career Services PRIDE Event

Career Services hosted PRIDE month in Jan. On Jan. 18 at the Coffee and Careers event Duquesne PRIDE travel mugs and a calendar of events for the semester were distributed. The Career Services office was decorated in PRIDE colors the week of Jan. 23 and visitors enjoyed Muffin Monday and Duquesne cookies on Friday. All students with advising appointments received a PRIDE t-shirt and a drawing was also held. Finally, “Points of Pride” were developed into PowerPoint slides and placed on monitors around campus.
Major Semester Events

Fridays  Feb. 24 – March 30  Lenten Fish Fry, Union Concourse, 11 a.m.
Saturday  March 10  Monte Carlo Night, Union Ballroom, 8 p.m.
Tuesday  March 13  Health & Beauty Fair, Africa Room, 12 p.m.
Friday  March 16  Miss Duquesne, Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.
Thursday  March 22  ISO Night, Union Ballroom, 5 p.m.
Friday  April 13  Unity Banquet, Union Ballroom, 6 p.m.
Tuesday  April 17  Student Organization Awards, Union Ballroom, 6 p.m.
Saturday  April 21  Relay For Life, Academic Walk, 4 p.m.
Monday  April 23  Spread the Word to End the Word, Union Ballroom, 6 p.m.
Thursday  May 3  Senior Commencement Brunch, Union Ballroom, 12 p.m.
Thursday  May 3  Baccalaureate Mass, A.J. Palumbo Center, 3 p.m.
Friday  May 4  University Commencement, A.J. Palumbo Center, 5 p.m.
Saturday  May 5  Diploma Ceremonies, A.J. Palumbo Center

Let the Madness Begin

On March 15 and 17, the Duquesne University Department of Athletics will be hosting the NCAA Men’s Division I Basketball Championship Second and Third Rounds at CONSOL Energy Center.

Pittsburgh is one of eight second and third round sites across the country as Duquesne will host eight teams with four games played on March 15 and two on March 17. The teams will be announced the evening of March 11 (“Selection Sunday”) and game times will be announced on Monday, March 12.

Though tickets for the event have been sold out since Oct., all six games will be televised nationally.

Duquesne University Scholarships

The Duquesne University Volunteers (DUV) are currently accepting applications for the DUV Scholarships which will be applied to the Fall 2012 semester. These scholarships include the Coalhouse Scholarship, McCloskey Memorial Award and James V. Donatelli Endowed Scholarship.

For more information regarding these scholarships, criterion for application and the application packets, please follow this link: www.duq.edu/volunteers/scholarships.cfm.

Applications are due to the Center for Student Involvement by March 16, 2012.

Room Selection for 2012–13 is Right Around the Corner

For information on room selection, go to: www.duq.edu/residence-life/processes/returning-student-room-selection.cfm.
Alternative Spring Break

This coming spring break, Spiritan Campus Ministry will be taking Duquesne students on four Cross-Cultural Mission Experiences (CCME). The trips will include opportunities to work with migrant farm workers in Immokalee, Fla., explore and work with communities in Pittsburgh’s urban neighborhoods, assist in rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, participate in home repair and achieve a greater understanding of the culture of rural Appalachia in West Virginia. In each of the CCMEs, students will be encouraged to engage in conversation with community members and fully immerse themselves in the culture of each community. By beginning to understand each community the students will be able to look at the systemic causes of injustices, the assets of each community and how they can work with each community for a better future.

Annual ISO Week

The International Students Organization (ISO) is sponsoring their annual ISO week starting March 19, 2012 through March 22, 2012. ISO week is the biggest international student event on campus with food from around the world, performances from all cultural backgrounds and a fashion show of traditional clothing. Each day of the week will have a different theme, developed and co-sponsored by other international student organizations such as the Latin American Student Association (LASA), Duquesne Indian Students Association (DISHA), Union of African Students (UAS), Caribbean Student Association (CSA) and the world renowned Tamburitzans. Entrance to the events is free of charge, and many of the events will be open to non-Duquesne students. Below is a calendar of events for the week:

- Monday, March 19, 2012: Holi Night! Color Festival: Presented by DISHA, Union Ballroom, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 20, 2012: Latin Night, presented by LASA and CSA, Union Ballroom, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday March 21, 2012: African Night, presented by UAS, Africa Room, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday March 21, 2012: Tamburitzans Main Campus performance, Union Ballroom, 8:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. (Tentative)
- Thursday March 22, 2012: ISO Night: Riches of the World, presented by ISO, Union Ballroom, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join the Commuter Assistant Staff

What’s a CA? That’s Commuter Assistant and you may want to be one. Students are being hired by the Office of Commuter Affairs to work with new commuter students during the Fall 2012 semester. This program offers you the opportunity to help other students while gaining valuable work experience. The Commuter Assistant Program is a support network of upperclass students who serve as advisors and provide resources for new commuters. CAs plan activities, provide information, supply encouragement and more for a group of new students who are in the same academic program. CA’s receive an amount equal to a one semester parking permit.

Interested in becoming a CA? Applications are available in the Office of Commuter Affairs, Room 117 Duquesne Union. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 7. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the Office at 412-396-6660.

Important Dates

- Wednesday, March 7, 2012 Applications Due – Room 117
- March 7 – March 16, 2012 Interviews – Room 117