

INSIDE MOUNTAIN NEWS

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Anticipation High for Pope's Visit

Forty MU students and 15 faculty and staff members are recipients of one of the most coveted tickets in town these days—a ticket to the Papal Mass on Thursday, April 17, part of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Washington, DC. An additional contingent of Marymount students, faculty, and staff will be among those greeting the pope when he arrives at Catholic University later that day for a meeting with a select group of Catholic educators.

Chaplain and Campus Ministry Director **Fr. David Sharland, Y.A.**, and Assistant Chaplain **Fr. Jack Peterson, Y.A.**, will be among the concelebrants at the 10 a.m. Mass at Nationals Park.

For those unable to attend the day's events in person, wide-screen TV coverage of the Mass will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel; coverage of the day's papal events can be seen on a wide-screen TV in Bernie's between 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

President James Bundschuh will be among the approximately 600 Catholic school leaders who have been invited to an address by the pontiff at Catholic University at 5 p.m.

The theme of the Holy Father's Apostolic Journey to the United States is "Christ Our Hope," which reflects the pope's encyclical *Spe salvi* (On Christian Hope), issued last year.

Fr. Sharland, who has attended several Papal Masses both prior to and since his ordination, has great expectations about the visit. "I hope the students, faculty, and staff who participate will be enlivened and their faith deepened. I hope that those who are Catholic will gain a greater understanding of their faith and an awareness of its universality. Additionally, I look forward to hearing from Pope Benedict XVI and hope that all people may gain some great insights from him as one of the great spiritual and moral leaders of the world."

For more details about the pope's journey to the U.S., including the latest information about popemobile routes when His Holiness travels around the city, visit www.uspapalvisit.org.

FYI

Pope Benedict XVI's Book to be Topic of Discussion

On the heels of the pontiff's historic visit to the nation's capital, the last meeting of the semester for the Deeper Waters discussion group will focus on the 5th chapter of *Jesus of Nazareth* by Pope Benedict XVI.

The group will meet Friday, April 25, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Campus Ministry lounge in the Lodge. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome.

Last Chance to Buy *Portfolio in Motion* Tickets

Fashionology is the theme for this year's student fashion show, *Portfolio in Motion*. The show will feature cutting-edge fashion that reflects today's technology-driven culture. Tickets are still available for the Friday, April 25, luncheon and show, which includes a pre-event reception. The cost is \$100, and tickets can be purchased online at www.marymount.edu/pim.

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Save the Date University Assembly

Friday, May 2

10:30 a.m., followed by lunch

Recreational Gym

At the luncheon show, Cynthia Rowley will be honored as Designer of the Year. The show's mistress of ceremonies will be Lindsay Czarniak, anchor and reporter for News4 Sports. The event chair is Jennifer Wise Siciliano '92, assistant vice president of Government Relations for Inova Health System.

Even if you don't attend the luncheon, you can purchase tickets for the raffle. Prizes include a "Lord & Taylor Experience" package (\$250 gift certificate, time with a personal shopper, lunch in the café, and a makeover) and a dress from the Cynthia Rowley collection with an autographed copy of her book *Slim: A Fantasy Memoir*. Raffle tickets cost \$20 each or three for \$50; they are also available online at www.marymount.edu/pim.

Tickets for the April 25 and 26 evening shows are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, pending availability. They will be sold on campus through April 23. Check the *Portfolio in Motion* Web site for dates, times, and locations of evening show ticket sales.

ABA Reapproves MU Program

Marymount's B.B.A. in Business Law and Paralegal Studies, M.A. in Legal Administration, and undergraduate and graduate Paralegal Studies certificates have received reapproval from the American Bar Association.

Susanne Bruno Ninassi, program director and assistant professor, directed the self-study and site visit that culminated in the award. The approval term is seven years. She says the University is one of only three institutions in the area whose programs have ABA approval.

Tickets Available for Athletics Hall of Fame Induction

The third annual Marymount Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 3. A limited number of tickets are available for faculty and staff at a

cost of \$60, which includes a reception and dinner.

This year's honorees are soccer player **Gina Cappello '93**, volleyball player **Suzanne Dougherty '01**, and basketball players **Mary Gardiner '85** and **Karen Still '94**.

If you'd like tickets, please contact **Judy Finney**, sports information director, ext. 3838, or jfinney@marymount.edu.

A Way to Pay Tribute

On April 1, the MU community learned of the passing of Marymount's beloved shuttle bus driver and supervisor James Shelton.

Those who wish to remember the man many consider the Saints' #1 fan might want to consider a gift to the James Shelton Endowed Scholarship Fund, established in 2007 by the Men's Lacrosse Alumni Network. Mr. Shelton not only completed daily shuttle runs, but often transported MU athletes to away games or attended as an avid spectator.

The scholarship will be awarded to first-year MU students who exemplify leadership qualities through extracurricular activities and community involvement. Once endowed, the scholarship will be awarded annually.

You can make a secure gift online to this fund at www.marymount.edu/support. Or send a check payable to Marymount University, along with a note designating the gift for the James Shelton Endowed Scholarship Fund, to the Office of Development, Rowley Hall. Have questions? Contact **Denis Brosnan**, ext. 3843.

Helping Hands Needed for Late-Night Breakfast

"Would you like hash browns with that?" Faculty and staff volunteers are needed to help serve at this semester's late-night breakfast, which offers students a welcome prefinals study break. It will take place on Thursday, April 24, 9-11 p.m., in the Gerard Dining Hall, and volunteers work in half-hour shifts.

The event is sponsored by Auxiliary Services. Your help is most welcome! Contact **Upen Malani**, at upen.malani@marymount.edu, by April 21.

PEOPLE Welcome

Michael Dreslin, maintenance mechanic, Physical Plant (ext. 1529)

Joseph Malloy, maintenance mechanic/carpenter, Physical Plant (ext. 1529)

Carolyn Jackson-Wade, shuttle driver, Campus Safety/Transportation (ext. 5760)

Linda Siam, administrative secretary, Career and Internship Center (ext. 5960; linda.siam@marymount.edu)

Nicole Vitale, donor relations associate, Development (ext. 6894; nicole.vitale@marymount.edu)

Transitions

Sara Meehan has transitioned from information specialist in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to director, Enrollment Information Systems (ext. 6815).

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of these friends of the University:

Inez Fundling, mother-in-law of Thea Scott-Fundling, associate professor, Interior Design.

James Shelton, retired shuttle bus driver and supervisor.

EVENTS

April 16 — Student Research Conference, oral and poster presentations begin at 1 p.m., Gailhac Hall

April 20 — Blue Harmony Spring Concert, 4 p.m., Reinsch Library Auditorium

PLAUDITS

Barry Erdeljon, associate professor of Fine and Applied Arts, was part of the design team for the Freedom House Museum, a project of the Northern Virginia Urban League. The building, located in Old Town, Alexandria, is the former headquarters of Franklin, Armfield & Co., which was the largest domestic slave trading company in the country. The design team included two Marymount alums: **Sarah Gulick '04** and **Julian Kiganda '98**.

Marymount University was well represented at the American Counseling Association (ACA) Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. **Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry**, chair, Department of Counseling, made three presentations at the conference: "Best Practices in Assessment: ACA Ethics and Testing Battles"; "Developing and Implementing an Effective Departmental Response to Students in Crisis," which she co-presented with MU alum **Shannon Ingram**; and "Preview of the National ASERVIC Conference and Implementation of the Nine Spiritual Competencies."

Also during the ACA Conference, **Dr. Joseph Cooper**, assistant professor of Psychology, received the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors Certificate of Appreciation, in recognition of his outstanding service as chair of the membership committee.

And at the ACA conference, **Jordi Izzard**, a graduate student in Marymount's Community Counseling program, received the CSI Fellow Award at the Chi Sigma Iota awards ceremony. She was one of only 10 national recipients. Ms. Izzard is also a staff member in the Office of Graduate Admissions.

Dr. Nancy Furlow, assistant professor of Marketing, presented "Beyond Buyer Beware: A Need for Marketing Literacy" at the National Business and Economics Society's 8th annual conference, March 6-8.

Dr. Carolyn Jacobson, professor of Business, had a chapter entitled "Virtual Worlds and the 3-D Internet" accepted for inclusion in the forthcoming book *Social Software and Technology Trends: Podcasts, Blogs, Wikis*, to be published by IGI Global. Dr. Jacobson also co-authored the article "Information Systems Enrollments: Challenges and Opportunities" in the *Journal of Information Systems Education*, one of the top-ranked journals in information systems. In March, Dr. Jacobson made a presentation on the virtual world "Second Life" as part of a panel on "Web 2.0 in the Classroom" at the annual meeting of the Southern Association for Information Systems in Richmond.

Dr. Ralph Kidder, vice president for Financial Affairs, presented "Bringing a Theoretical Lens to the Crafting of Institutional History," a peer-reviewed paper, at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New York City in March.

Dr. Diane Murphy, associate professor of Information Management, presented a paper entitled "Being Digital May Not Be Enough" with Ken Rice from Fairfax County Public Schools at the Consortium of School Networking's annual national conference in March in Crystal City. The event is considered the premier national technology leadership conference and is dedicated to the strategic use of technology to improve K-12 learning.

Dr. Pramila Rao, assistant professor of Human Resource Management, was a presenter, discussant, and session chair at the Society for Advancement of Management's International Business Conference in Rosslyn. She presented a paper entitled "The Role of National Culture on Mexican Staffing Practices." Dr. Rao served as a discussant on "Knowledge Management Practices in Guadalajara, Mexico." She then chaired the session "Staffing Practices in India and Risk Management."

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, **Dr. Donald Shandler**, assistant vice president for Graduate and Adult Education, provided the leadership to launch the Chamber's new Education Forum, which he is chairing. The forum includes a number of colleges and universities. Its objectives include establishing a platform for academic administrators to meet and discuss mutual interests, exploring education partnerships with external certification agencies, and identifying opportunities for collaborative marketing efforts with the Reston Chamber and cross-marketing efforts with forum member institutions.

Have an item to share with the University community about a professional accomplishment or a personal milestone? Send it to insidemu@marymount.edu today!