

MARYMOUNT NEWS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT... Congratulations, Class of 2007!

Marymount's 2007 Commencement activities will take place on Sunday, May 13, at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. The undergraduate ceremony is at 10 a.m. and the graduate ceremony is at 2 p.m. Approximately 600 undergraduates and 500 graduate students are expected to participate this year.

Commencement Weekend activities will begin with Recognition Day on Saturday, May 12. The Baccalaureate Mass will be held at 5 p.m., followed by the Awards Ceremony at 6:30 p.m., both in the Rose Benté Lee Center. The President's Reception will follow in the Gerard Phelan Dining Hall.

On Sunday, **The Honorable Frank Keating**, former governor of Oklahoma, will deliver the Commencement Address at the undergraduate ceremony. MU will confer the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters upon Governor Keating and **A. Paul Lanzillotta, Esq.**, a partner in the law firm of Manning & Murray, PC, and former Marymount trustee.

Dr. James R. Schlesinger, former U.S. Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Energy, will deliver the Commencement Address at the graduate ceremony. MU will confer the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters upon Dr. Schlesinger and **Sister Patrick Joseph Cahill, RSHM**, a longtime member of Marymount's School of Business Administration.

Additional information about Commencement Weekend activities can be found at www.marymount.edu/commencement.

FYI CTE Offers Faculty Learning Community Opportunities

Would you like to join a small cross-disciplinary community of faculty with whom you can collaborate on a year-long curriculum focused on assessing and enhancing student learning and

helping you advance your career? If so, visit the Center for Teaching Excellence Web site to learn about how you can become part of a faculty learning community (FLC), which has been proven to be among the most effective forms of faculty development. CTE will offer two such communities in the coming year.

The Developing a Teaching Portfolio FLC is mainly designed for pre-tenure faculty who need to develop their portfolios for tenure and promotion. However, any interested faculty member is welcome. You must be willing to take part in peer and/or outside evaluations of your classes, complete reading assignments, and attend group meetings held twice monthly. This FLC will begin in late August.

The Scholarly Teaching and the Scholarship of Teaching FLC is open to faculty at all levels. Participants will propose and implement a project related to a specific course. They will be expected to attend most meetings and engage in outside reading and planning.

Visit www.marymount.edu/cte/programs for more details about each FLC and an application, which must be completed by May 11. For additional information, contact **Dr. Carolyn Oxenford**, director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, ext. 1634, carolyn.oxenford@marymount.edu.

Marymount To Host Welsh Exhibition

"Keeping Up with the Joneses," an interactive exhibition that tells the story of Welsh immigration into the United States, will be on display in the lobby of Gerard Phelan Hall from May 15 through September 3. It originally opened in Immigration Hall on Ellis Island in New York, where it attracted thousands of visitors. **Dr. Christopher Snyder**, professor of History, was instrumental in bringing the exhibit to MU.

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To submit items for consideration in *Inside MU*, e-mail: insidemu@marymount.edu or send via campus mail to University Communications, Rowley Hall, Room 89.

The exhibit will be open to the public at no cost throughout the summer. Closing events will include readings by the former National Poet of Wales, Gwyn Thomas, and will coincide with the North American Festival of Wales, which will take place in Alexandria over the Labor Day Weekend. This exhibit also celebrates the 400th anniversary of Virginia.

Faculty Quiet Hours

Need a quiet place where you can grade papers and exams? The Center for Teaching Excellence has the answer. Beginning May 1 through May 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. the Center will provide sanctuary and sustenance in room 407 of the Ballston Center.

Group Long-Term Care Enrollment Period Extended

If you've been putting off your decision about whether to enroll in a long-term care plan, there's good news! The deadline to enroll in the new John Hancock long-term care insurance plan has been extended through May 4. All eligible employees who enroll by that date will receive simplified underwriting after answering five health questions. After May 4, employees will be required to provide proof of good health when applying for coverage.

John Hancock representative **Kristopher Olexy** is available to answer any questions at (804) 288-8880, ext. 118. You can also contact **Julia Kaiser**, benefits manager, at benefits@marymount.edu.

Volleyball Clinics at MU

Coach Beth Ann Wilson will lead spring volleyball clinics for children in grades five through eight who have little or no experience with the game. The clinics will be held from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. on Mondays, May 7, 14, and 21, and June 4, 11, and 18.

The six-week session costs \$100 for children of Marymount employees. For more information and registration forms, visit www.marymount.edu/athletics/volleyball, or contact Beth Ann Wilson, ext. 3834, beth.wilson@marymount.edu. She also plans to lead a camp for girls entering grades five through eight from August 17-19.

Get Fit for Less

Marymount University has entered into a partnership with the YMCA Metropolitan Washington to offer faculty and staff discounted membership and wellness program rates. There's no initiation fee and membership is month-to-month, so there will be no contractual obligations.

The YMCA closest to the MU campus is located at 3422 N. 13th Street in Arlington, but you can join at any of its facilities. For additional information, contact the Y's membership office at (703) 525-5420. But hurry! Join before May 2, to have your name entered into a drawing to win eight free guest passes (\$80 value).

PLAUDITS

David Carlson, lecturer in Fine Arts, is having a solo showing of his work at the VIAP Gallery in Heerlen, Netherlands, May 6-June 17.

Dr. Tamara Davis, associate professor of Psychology, will receive the American School Counselor Association's (ASCA) Counselor Educator of the Year award in June during the association's annual Professional Recognition Awards Program, which honors individuals throughout the country who have made major contributions to the counseling profession.

PEOPLE

Welcome

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EVENTS

May 14—First day of classes for the Summer Sessions I and III