

INSIDE MOUNT NEWS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

New *InsideMU* to Launch on October 5

This is the final issue of *InsideMU* in its current format. Beginning with the next issue (October 5), most Marymount employees will receive this publication via e-mail only. The exception will be those few offices where staff do not have regular computer access; these offices will receive print copies for their employees. In addition, a limited number of print copies will be available in the Human Resource Services Office in Ireton Hall. This change is in response to reader-survey results, indicating that the majority of MU employees would prefer to read this newsletter online, and encouraging us to “go green” by reducing paper copies.

The survey respondents also provided some interesting and useful feedback about this publication's content and format. One consistent theme was that *InsideMU* would be more useful if it included a comprehensive listing of events that are open to faculty and staff. In response to this request, we will begin each issue of the new *InsideMU* with a listing of events during the coming two-week period; this will include events that are primarily intended for students or alumni but also open to faculty and staff. The surveys also indicated a general preference for very short articles and an emphasis on upcoming news and events, rather than recaps of events that have already taken place. We will strive to accommodate this preference.

One other interesting observation was that certain faculty and staff names consistently appear in the “Plaudits” section of the newsletter, which reports on professional accomplishments and

milestones. The explanation for this is simple: We rely on our readers to submit information about their accomplishments (e.g., earning a degree or certification, winning an award, publishing a book, being named to a board or elected to an office, etc.) If you don't submit, your news is unlikely to appear! Attached to this issue is our 2009-10 publication schedule, with submission deadlines. Please help us make *InsideMU* a more interesting and useful publication for everyone by submitting your news items and letting us know about upcoming events in your area. Your feedback will also be welcome as we begin to publish the new and improved *InsideMU*.

FYI

Walker Chapel Parking Opportunity

A few parking spaces are available at the Walker Chapel parking lot. Staffers who already park there praise the convenience of the location and the frequency of the dedicated shuttle, which services only that lot.

Denise Alexander, advertising manager, University Communications, says, “Parking at Walker Chapel is actually quite convenient. The shuttle to campus takes only five minutes and always runs on time!”

A limited number of employees who are currently parking at Mount Olivet will be reassigned to Walker Chapel. The deadline to apply for reassignment is Friday, September 25. Send your request for reassignment to Mary Kay Eldridge, ext. 1511, or e-mail mary.eldridge@marymount.edu.

InsideMU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

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

Key Dates For Faculty

Monday, September 21 – Deadline to submit proposals for Innovations. Submission guidelines available at the Center for Teaching Excellence's (CTE) Web site, www.marymount.edu/cte/programs/innovations.html

Wednesday, September 23 – Wine and Cheese Open House, Rowley Room 222, hosted by CTE, DISCOVER, and the Academic Success Center. RSVP by Sept. 22 at ext. 5761 or e-mail cindy.mitchell@marymount.edu.

Register for an Action-Packed Alumni Weekend

Faculty and staff are encouraged to join the fun during the 2009 Alumni Weekend, September 25-27, to celebrate Reunion and Homecoming.

There is a packed schedule of events: from the 5K Walk/Run Challenge to chocolate and wine tastings, a free theater performance, sports, and a shopping expedition to Georgetown.

For the full calendar and to register, visit www.marymount.edu/alumni/homecoming/index.html.

DISCOVER Writing Sessions

Faculty who are considering teaching a Writing Intensive (WI) course, a new designation under the new core curriculum, are invited to brainstorming sessions sponsored by DISCOVER.

Drop by and browse sample writing assignments from other institutions and discuss your writing questions with DISCOVER Writing Specialist **Sylvia Whitman**, ext. 6478.

The brainstorming sessions, in Rowley Room 222, are scheduled for 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30.

Share Your Written Gems at National Gallery of Writing

In anticipation of National Writing Day, October 20, MU is taking part in the National Gallery of Writing. Members of the MU community are encouraged to upload a piece of writing (Writing Specialist **Sylvia Whitman** says, "It can be a recipe, a letter, a paper, a memorial, an op-ed, a poem, a journal entry - anything goes!") to the MU subgallery.

Visit <http://galleryofwriting.org/galleries/129213>, and follow the directions to upload your piece. The gallery goes live on October 20.

Point, Shoot, Compete

The Center for Global Education announces its first International Photo Contest for Faculty and Staff.

Center Director **Victor Betancourt** says, "Submitted photos must be from an international experience in summer 2008 or 2009."

Deadline for submissions is Friday, October 16. Contest winners will be announced on Thursday, November 19, at the International Dinner.

For details, call ext. 1677 or e-mail victor.betancourt@marymount.edu.

Applications Now Being Accepted for Overseas Grants

The Center for Global Education (CGE) is accepting applications for the 2010 International Faculty Development Seminars.

Tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty, and full-time administrators are eligible to apply. The seminars take place in nearly two dozen countries and topics include global and country-specific issues.

Two grants, valued at about \$4,000 each, are awarded each year and cover travel expenses and fees.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest to CGE Director **Victor Betancourt**, indicating how this seminar will enrich your job

performance or your teaching. For details, visit www.marymount.edu/academic/studyabroad/facultystaff/development.html.

PLAUDITS

Thea Scott-Fundling, associate professor, Interior Design, passed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional exam on June 16. According to the Green Building Certification Institute, "A LEED credential provides employers, policymakers, and other stakeholders with assurances of an individual's current level of competence and is the mark of the most qualified, educated, and influential green building professionals in the marketplace."

PEOPLE Welcome

Jacob Earl, prospect information assistant, Admissions, ext. 6952.

Derrick Hawkins, security guard, Campus Safety, ext. 1600.

Laurel Hillstrom, administrative secretary, Admissions, ext. 6899.

Ashley Quammen, receptionist, Admissions, ext. 1501.

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Virginia Ann Stein Canfield**, who passed away on August 24. She was the mother of **Mike Canfield**, director, Undergraduate Admissions.

Events

Sept. 23 – Women's volleyball at Gallaudet, 7 p.m.

Sept. 23 – Men's soccer vs. Shenandoah, at Washington-Lee HS, 7:15 p.m.

Sept. 26 – Women's soccer vs. Bridgewater at Washington-Lee HS, 6 p.m.

Oct. 3 – Men's and Women's cross country at Eastern Mennonite, 10 a.m.