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## LEADER'S MESSAGE

Alumni and Friends,

As the fall semester draws to a close, I find myself thinking back to August and reflecting on all of the things that have happened on the Donnelly campus.

Campus itself has grown in a variety of ways, from new elevators to a Counseling Center to a revitalized dining hall. Donnelly has also hosted a number of events, including its annual Convocation Day, Scholarship Dinner, Donnelly Dash 5K and 1-Mile Family Run, among many others. In short, the campus has been a bustling and active place to be.

In my position, I also get to witness a different kind of growth – student development. I think back to New Student Orientation and the first day of classes, and remember how nervous and unsure the students were about what their new adventure entailed. It has been rewarding to see how these same students have blossomed and are excelling in both their coursework and campus life activities.

I think of one student in particular who came to Donnelly very uncertain and unconfident. The first in his family to go to college, he almost didn't make it through the first month of classes because he was shy and unwilling to ask questions. But, after some encouragement and help on how to utilize the resources available within our TRiO – Student Support Services program, he is now excelling. The best part is that he has not only changed his life, but his family's life because his sister has now decided to come to Donnelly.

With the passing of the holiday season, we take time to reflect on what we are thankful for. For myself and my colleagues, one of the things we are most thankful for is this growth and the opportunities we all have to impact the lives of so many people through Donnelly.

We are thankful for each of you and your support of the College, whether you come to our events, give, volunteer or just keep in touch.

God bless you and your loved ones this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Amy Neufeld

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This year's New Student Orientation included a new component - service learning. Here, two new students are making blankets for a local children's hospital.

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The 2011 Donnelly Dash 5K Run/Walk brought more than 200 participants to campus on November 5.

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# Recent Events



## DONNELLY, KC ROYALS HONOR HENRY BLOCH

On September 2, more than 100 Donnelly students, alumni and friends attended the Kansas City Royals vs. Cleveland Indians game at Kauffman Stadium to honor Henry Bloch as he sat in the legendary Buck O'Neil Legacy Seat. The College nominated Mr. Bloch for his steadfast support of Donnelly and higher education in Kansas City.



## DONNELLY SUPPORTERS HONORED AT GRATIA CELEBRATION

Members of the Donnelly community came together on November 17 to celebrate the College's annual Gratia celebration – an event honoring the donors and volunteers whose generosity has helped create impactful opportunities for Donnelly students. Guests enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres as they celebrated Volunteer of the Year Lanny Bachtle (pictured above with President Steve LaNasa), Donors of the Year Phillip and Mary Jo Doherty, and Partner of the Year Burns & McDonnell.



## CONGRESSMAN KEVIN YODER VISITS CAMPUS

Congressman Kevin Yoder of Kansas' 3rd District visited Donnelly on October 20. Accompanied by President Steve LaNasa and Director of Advancement Emily Buckley, Congressman Yoder toured campus and met a number of faculty, staff and students. He even took time to speak to an American Government class. This was his first trip to Donnelly, but it won't be his last – he is planning to be a campus speaker as well as help start a Young Republicans club.



## HEALTH FAIR SHINES LIGHT ON LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Donnelly hosted a Community Health Fair on October 2 in partnership with the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC). The event brought more than a dozen exhibits to campus, from counseling services to family fitness and general wellness. The fair also offered 125 free flu shots, which were administered by DC Practical Nursing students in less than two hours.

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# New to Campus

## NEW COMPUTER STATIONS ADVANCE STUDENT ADVISING EXPERIENCE

The Student Success offices recently added two computer walk-up stations to help streamline appointments and resources students use on a daily basis. The computers can be used to check in for tutoring, advising, and placement testing. Additionally, students can use them to look up online class schedules in preparation for their academic advising appointments. These stations will allow DC staff to better track student traffic and adjust services to best meet their needs.

## NEW ELEVATORS TO BE UP AND RUNNING BY JANUARY 2012

The College is excited to announce that it has begun work on replacing both elevators in its main campus building. New Thyssen Krupp elevators and hardware are being installed, with one already complete. Thyssen Krupp Elevator is handling the installation, with JE Dunn Construction Company as the project's general contractor. The new elevators are more energy efficient, offer a smoother ride, provide a quicker call response and travel at a rate of 350 feet per minute. This project is the first of many campus improvements planned for Donnelly throughout the coming years. Visit [donnelly.edu](http://donnelly.edu) to learn more as projects progress.

## DONNELLY RECEIVES TAX CREDITS FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Donnelly was recently awarded \$200,000 in Community Service Tax Credits from the Kansas Department of Commerce, part of \$4.13 million in future Kansas income tax credits awarded to 22 non-profit organizations around the state. These credits will allow businesses and individuals to be eligible for a 50 percent tax credit. Funds will be used to repurpose an unused building on campus to serve as a new 200-person capacity Community Events Center. The project is one of many within Donnelly's comprehensive master plan – a strategy completed two years ago to help meet growing enrollment and support DC's vision to give back to our community. To learn more, contact [advancement@donnelly.edu](mailto:advancement@donnelly.edu).

## DINING HALL UPGRADES! NEW FOOD SERVICE AND COFFEE SHOP

Meal options on the Donnelly campus have greatly improved with a new food service available to students. Bistro Kids, a local company that is part of the larger Treat America Food Services, offers lunch and dinner Monday through Friday to all Donnelly students, faculty, staff and alumni. Although services began this fall, the College will celebrate an official **Grand Opening celebration of the revamped space, now called Donnelly Bistro, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26.**



Above left: A crane lifts construction materials to the roof of Donnelly's main building as part of the project to replace the building's two elevators. Above right: The new food service on campus, provided by Bistro Kids, includes specialty coffees like these cappuccinos.

## DC ADDS COUNSELING CENTER

Donnelly has added a brand new resource to its campus – a Counseling Center, led by counselor Lamar Hunt, Jr., MA, LPC. The Center offers a comprehensive array of services to Donnelly students, faculty, and staff including individual, group, and couples counseling free of charge. This new resource is funded by a two-year grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City that promotes awareness of mental health concerns and access to mental health services for Donnelly students.

# New technology enhances the Donnelly experience

From a new computer server classroom to free campus WiFi coverage within a ten-times faster network, Donnelly has enhanced the overall college experience this year through a number of technology upgrades and additions.

Two grants were instrumental in making these enhancements a reality, including a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Education and a \$77,357 grant from the Department of the Army.

“2011 has been a big year for us,” said Wen Li Shu, Director of Information Technology (IT) Services. “More than ever before, students can interact online with faculty and each other.”

The Department of Education grant has allowed for many of these improvements, including updating the College’s network infrastructure, installing a new security system with IP-based surveillance cameras, replacing the campus phone system, providing campus-wide WiFi, modernizing the student photo ID system, and enhancing classroom experiences with new flat screen, interactive TVs.

The grant has also helped Donnelly implement the use of an advanced online portal, called myDonnelly, that allows students and faculty to interact online through forums, file submission options and more.

“The myDonnelly portal has been an invaluable tool for me as an instructor,” said Lisa Stoothoff, Assistant Professor of Preparatory Education. “I can post lesson plans, assignments, grades, and attendance records for students to view. I especially like to use the forum section to have weekly dialogues, and I frequently post website links used in class so students can access information from home.

“Overall, it has been a great addition to campus and puts us on-par with other colleges and universities in how we connect with students outside the classroom.”

The second grant, from the Department of the Army, allowed Donnelly to bring a unique and state-of-the-art resource to campus in Fall 2011 – a specialized computer server classroom.

The server classroom contains nine high performance virtual servers, 15 thin-client computer terminals, and a cutting-edge audio/visual presentation system. This new resource will be used by students in the College’s pre-engineering program as well as its expanding IT program at the certificate, associate and baccalaureate levels.

“This lab provides students with the opportunity for hands-on manipulation and configuration of multi-processor systems – something very few other colleges and



universities offer their IT students,” said President Steve LaNasa. “As we further develop our IT offerings, this will give us an edge over other programs in the area.”

Outside of these two grants, the College has replaced or refurbished old administrative computers, and added two thin-client computer labs on the third and sixth floors.

“These investments will help prepare our students with the technology experiences they need to succeed in the real world,” said Shu.

To learn more about the IT or pre-engineering programs, contact Jaime Fuentes, Academic Computing Coordinator, at [jfuentes@donnelly.edu](mailto:jfuentes@donnelly.edu).



# Convocation Day: A proud and growing Donnelly tradition

One of Donnelly's biggest traditions is its annual Convocation Day, and this year's event proved to be the largest ever with the addition of a few new components, including a student-led procession complete with banners and faculty in academic regalia.

The festivities took place on Thursday, Sept. 8, and began with an academic charge from President Steve LaNasa on campus, followed by a large procession to the nearby St. Peter's Cathedral for a Mass of the Holy Spirit, and ending with a luncheon celebration on campus.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Gary Pennings, Vicar General – Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Rev. John Melnick, SSA, Donnelly's Director of Spirituality and Mission, served as a con-celebrant at the Mass.

"Our Convocation Day activities celebrate the great diversity of our academic community," said Father Melnick. "As a part of this tradition, we pause to reflect and bear witness to the incredible spirit of the College. United in our pursuit of higher learning, Convocation Day serves as a fitting beginning to each academic year."

Thanks to the leadership of the Donnelly Student

Senate, participation in the festivities was higher than any other Convocation Day celebration in recent history – particularly student participation.

"We were so happy with the turnout," said Student Senate President Sylvester Ayalla. "I spoke to a number of students during the luncheon and they were talking about how much they enjoyed the Mass itself. Some had never been to a Catholic Mass, and said that they loved experiencing the rich traditions of the Church.

"Father Pennings' homily was especially inspirational to me, particularly when he spoke about Donnelly's unique mission. It gave me a new appreciation of the College and its unique history."

Music was led by cantor Michael Podrebarac, Liturgy and Worship Consultant for the archdiocese, alongside pianist Lisa Roush, and trumpet player Stan Smith.

**Photos of the Mass are available on Donnelly's official Facebook page at [facebook.com/DonnellyCollege](https://www.facebook.com/DonnellyCollege).**

For more information about the event, or to get involved in planning next year's Convocation Day, contact Father Melnick at [jmelnick@donnelly.edu](mailto:jmelnick@donnelly.edu).



## Service learning connects students to the community



**W**hat do you remember about your college orientation day? Meeting other students, a campus tour, presentations, faculty panels, and other typical orientation activities often come to mind.

If you ask a first-year Donnelly student about their orientation, held on Saturday, August 13, you'll find their experience to be a bit different. All the traditional elements were covered, but unlike orientations at many other colleges, new DC students joined hands with faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the College to participate in a variety of service learning projects throughout the urban core of Kansas City, Kan.

These projects, organized by the College's Office of Service Learning and funded by grants through Learn & Serve America and State Farm Insurance®, marked Donnelly's first-ever "DC Day of Service."

Students took part in service initiatives such as making blankets for a local children's hospital, helping elementary school teachers prepare their classrooms, tending a community garden, organizing a local Catholic Charities food pantry and more.

These efforts are part of a larger service learning program at Donnelly, which was officially established last year when DC was awarded more than \$85,000 from the Corporation for National and Community Service's Learn & Serve America program to help advance its service initiatives.

"At Donnelly, we believe that learning must extend beyond the traditional classroom experience," said Andrew Julo, Service Learning Coordinator. "By making service an integral part of our New Student Orientation, we challenge students to make a stronger connection between their education and how they can help to address real needs present in our community.

"The event reinforces Donnelly's high quality, liberal arts education and enables students to get more out of their college experience."

"The service project was the best part of the day," said new student Sean Cepeda who participated in classroom set up and computer installation at nearby Resurrection Catholic School. "It was a great way to get to know my new classmates because we all accomplished something together. It was hard work, but we really bonded because of it."

Student Ambassadors led each of the eight service teams out to different locations in KCK. One ambassador, Britani Lewis, walked with her group to the Catholic Charities food pantry at 2220 Central Avenue.

"While we were organizing all the pantry items, I couldn't help but think back to a time when I used to come with my family to this same food pantry to shop," she said.

"It felt good to be giving back, and my peers felt the same way. We decided to organize a Donnelly food drive



## We ♥ KCK!

The DC Day of Service was just one of many service learning activities introduced this year. Check out these others!

### Providence Place and Villa St. Francis programming

Service was incorporated into the Practical Nursing program's Gerontology and Mental Health course. Assisted by their instructor, DC students planned activities for seniors at these two health centers, specifically patients suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. Students reported a renewed commitment to health care and a deeper connection to persons diagnosed with mental disorders.

### Wyandotte High School tutoring

College Algebra students are currently participating in an ongoing project that assists high-school students needing extra help in math during the school day.

### Big Eleven Lake revitalization

Students in General Chemistry were concerned with the water quality in KCK's Big Eleven Lake and decided to build a service project around it. They tested the water using techniques they learned in class and are currently reviewing their findings to determine possible ways to revitalize the lake.

### DC Community Health Fair

Donnelly, in partnership with the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC), brought in local health care businesses and non-profit agencies through a health fair held on campus. During the fair, students from the Practical Nursing program and KUMC administered more than 125 free flu shots.

### Urban Elementary Education

Introduction to Urban Education students offered classroom assistance to teachers in various grade levels at a local elementary school, specifically focusing on students struggling with reading and math.

### Fourth District Commissioner Candidate Forum

Two Donnelly classes – Principles of Political Science and American Government – collaborated to organize a community forum for those running for Kansas City, Kansas' Fourth District Commissioner position.

**Do you have an idea for a project or want to partner with us?** Visit [donnelly.edu/service](http://donnelly.edu/service).

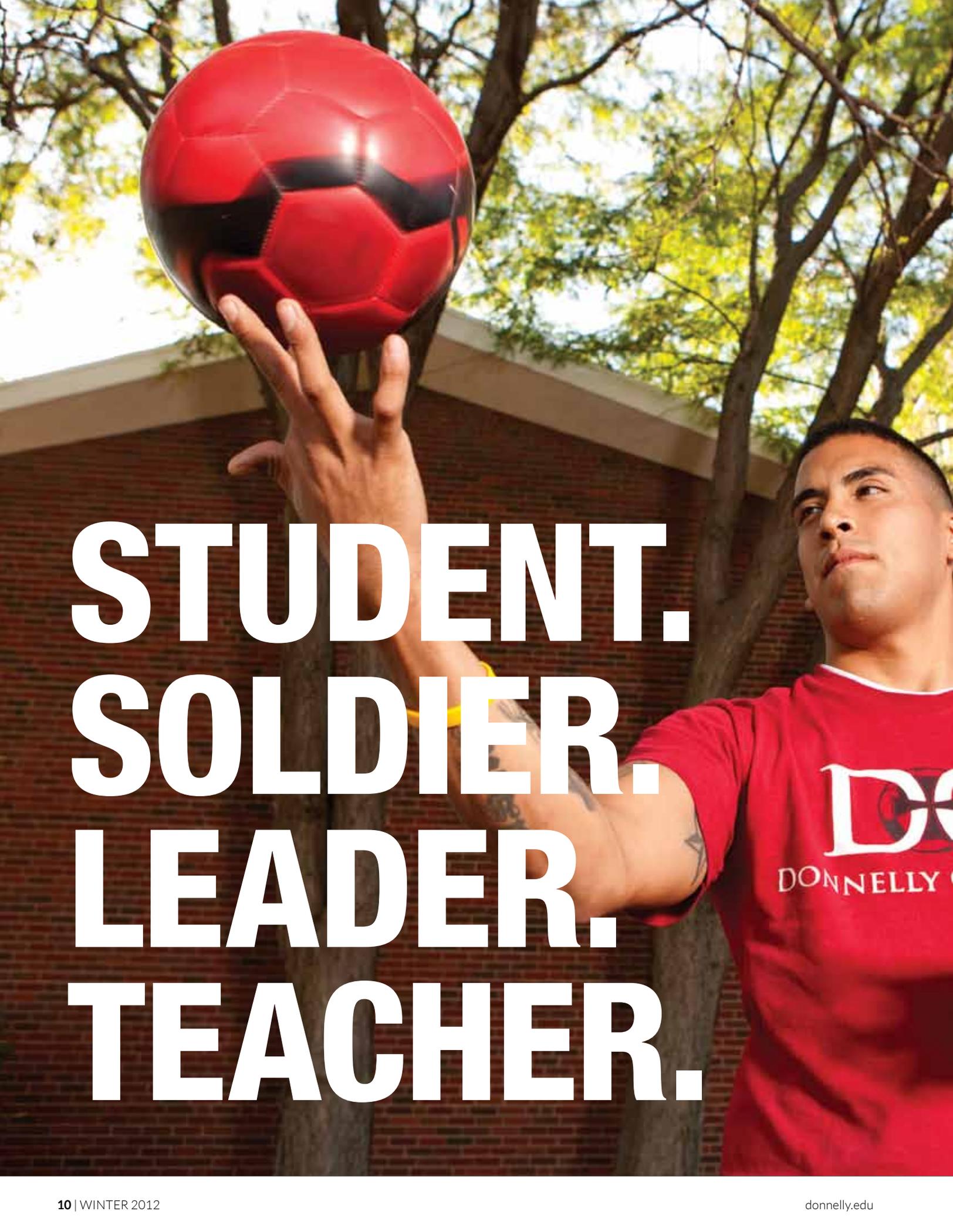
and hope to gather items for this specific pantry. Without this experience, we would have never thought to do this.”

“Britani was a great project leader, and it was nice to get to know an upperclassman,” said Cesar Favela, a new DC student. “We bonded and had a lot of laughs. Many of us have kept in touch with Britani and she checks in sometimes to see how we’re doing.”

“Since its inception, Donnelly has worked to meet the needs of the surrounding community in providing access to quality education in the urban core,” said President Steve LaNasa. “By incorporating service learning into one of our students’ first college experiences, we set the bar high and give students a different perspective on what college is all about.”

As a tribute to Donnelly supporter and 2011 Scholarship Dinner honoree Henry Bloch, DC has officially named this annual day of service the “Bloch Service Project.” **Learn more on page 16.**

▲ Top left: Student Ambassador Garry Jean-Pierre led his group of new students by digging at ditch at the nearby Sanctuary of Hope. Top right: Students Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez and Araceli Moreno work together to make a blanket for Children's Mercy Hospitals.



**STUDENT.  
SOLDIER.  
LEADER.  
TEACHER.**



**W**hen you first meet John Campbell, he seems like a typical college student. He lives on campus, is the first person in his family to go to college, keeps busy studying and by getting involved in on-campus organizations, and even serves as a co-captain of the DC Soccer Club. But, there's more to Campbell than meets the eye.

He is a soldier. A member of the United States Marine Corps who has completed two seven-month tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I joined the Marines right out of high school," said Campbell, who grew up in Altus, Oklahoma. "I'm the kind of guy who sees an opportunity and goes with my gut. I knew the experience would help me step out of my comfort zone, become a better leader, and most of all, give me a chance to see the world."

After serving three years in the Marines, Campbell was ready to take his life in a different direction.

"I have extended family in Kansas City, so I decided to do a little online research on colleges in the area," he said. "Donnelly was one of the first colleges I came across and it seemed like a good fit for me because of its proximity to downtown, affordability and small size. I just had a good feeling about it."

"My parents told me to sleep on it, but I went with my gut instincts and the next morning I packed up my truck and headed north toward KC."

Within a few days Campbell was enrolled and settling into his residence hall room on Donnelly's campus.

He jumped right into college life, joining as many clubs and organizations as possible.

"I made a pact with myself that I would try to get the absolute most out of this college experience that I could," he said. "I take advantage of all the campus resources,

from tutoring to the Fitness Center."

One day while working out, one of Campbell's friends asked if he would help him with his workout routine.

"I showed him various techniques and he started to see results," said Campbell. "Pretty soon I had four more people asking for my help. Before I knew it, these mini training sessions turned into scheduled workout classes with me as the instructor. It has been really rewarding and a lot of fun."

Through this experience, Campbell discovered a new found passion for teaching.

"I never thought of myself as a teacher before coming to Donnelly," he said. "This experience, along with the other leadership opportunities I've found here, has changed my life. I realized my passion."

Campbell now plans to continue his education toward a bachelor's degree, with hopes to eventually become a teacher or coach.

"Once I identified this passion and shared it with my instructors and mentors at Donnelly, things just began to fall into place on their own," he said. "Even Dr. LaNasa has shown an interest in helping me reach my academic goals. Right now, he's helping me secure a position shadowing the Bishop Ward baseball coaches."

"I've let life and my instincts guide my decisions, and it has worked out better than I could have ever imagined. I have a plan, and am excited to see what my future holds."

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## Dash 5K adds 1-Mile Family Run, brings in 200+ participants

**T**he Sixth Annual Donnelly Dash took place Saturday, Nov. 5, with more than 200 participants taking part in the festivities, including a 5K Run/Walk and the new 1-Mile Family Run.

Proceeds from the event supported Donnelly's health care programs and scholarships.

"We worked hard to increase the number of student participants and also bring new faces to the event, particularly the neighbors surrounding campus," said Susan Carroll, '62, who co-chaired the 2011 Dash alongside Dr. Tom Pierce. "It was great to see so many people gathered together in support of Donnelly and this great event that is quickly becoming a true community tradition."

This year, the College added a CHIP timing system, allowing participants to track their race times and rankings. Prizes were awarded to the top overall male and female runners, as well as the top male and female within each of the seven age brackets.

Top overall winners were Victor Williams, sophomore at Donnelly, finishing with a time of 18:45, and Caroline Metzger, completing the race in 24:42.

Male winners within each age bracket included: Liam Carroll at 24:30 (10-14 years), Victor Williams (15-19 years), Jacob Sledd at 25:58 (20-29 years), Steven Holt at 18:57 (30-39 years), Jon Engelman at 24:39 (40-49 years), L. Wayne Bridges at 31:24 (50-59 years), and Bill Selvidge at 43:44 (60+ years).

Female winners within each age bracket included: Cecibel Bahamonde at 45:47 (15-19 years), Marina Daldaliah at 28:53 (20-29 years), Leah Wilkens at 36:54 (30-39 years), Lisa Stoothoff at 25:13 (40-49 years), Terri Schneweis at 33:17 (50-59 years), and Susan Carroll at 39:44 (60+ years).

"This was my first time competing in a 5K or any running event," said Cecibel Bahamonde, student who is involved in nearly every campus club or organization, including Healthy Student Organization (HSO) – one of the event's sponsors. "It was a great route and I got to see parts of KCK that I never had before. Everyone loved the music – it really pumped us all up and got us ready to compete!"

Participants enjoyed a healthy breakfast of Einstein Bros. bagels, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. Donnelly students Sylvester Ayalla, president of the DC Student Senate, and Fernando Ramirez, co-captain of the DC Soccer Club, were the emcees and provided music for the event, courtesy of By Popular Demand Entertainment – a sound equipment and services company owned by Ayalla.

To view photos and race results, visit [donnelly.edu/dash](http://donnelly.edu/dash).

**Want to get involved in next year's Dash?**

Contact [advancement@donnelly.edu](mailto:advancement@donnelly.edu).

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From left to right: Dash 5K participants speed across the starting line as the race begins; Overall male winner and DC sophomore Victor Williams is congratulated by Wen Li Shu, '97, Director of IT Services; Tom and Donna Brewer cross the finish line; Students Agustin Almarez and Bonifacio Pelayo; Elvis (also known as James "Duke" Ogan) helped cheer on race participants; Tina Ciarrocchi and Lisa Stoothoff, Assistant Professor of Preparatory Education.

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*“Even during the first class period before any of us knew each other, everyone was energized and asking good questions.”*

# New class generates buzz on and off campus

If you think back to your days in school, there are usually one or two classes that stand out in your memory. For many, these classes are the ones that offered a unique balance between difficulty and fun.

For the students in Donnelly's first-ever Art & Practice of Community Leadership class, this class did just that.

The course combined fun, interactive, in-class exercises and speakers with off-campus activities such as meetings with local elected officials and tours of important community buildings, neighborhoods and landmarks.

"I have never been in a class like this before," said student Claudia Rodriguez who is currently pursuing her Associate of Arts degree. "The speakers were the best part because even though it was a small class of about 25 students, we were able to hear from some of KCK's most influential leaders, both past and present.

"We learned about so many community components, from education to economic development to community health. Our instructors would relate each speaker to a specific leadership theory. In the end, this showed us that even though each person's skills are different, we can all be great leaders."

The class, made up of both Donnelly students and members of the community, had three instructors, including Carol Marinovich, former Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, community leader and retired court executive Pat Brune, and Donnelly faculty member and Coordinator of Organizational Leadership Susan Keim.

Even though most of the community members took the course as a non-credit, they wanted to get the most out of it.

"We told them that they didn't need to complete the assignments and journal entries, but they all did anyway," said Keim. "This was very encouraging because it was obvious they were truly interested in the topics and wanted to take in as much as they could."

"I enrolled after I saw an article about this class in the Kansas City Star," said Gus Lind, a Lenexa, Kan., resident who works as an engineer within the city's community development department. "The speakers were fantastic. Most of all, I loved the students in the class itself because it was such a wide variety of ages, as well as ethnic and economic backgrounds.

"This made the experience richer and created opportunities for inspiring conversations. Even during the first class period before any of us knew each other, everyone was energized and asking good questions."

One community member admits he had a negative perception of Wyandotte County when he enrolled in the course.

"It was around the third class period when I realized how incredible KCK really is," said Gary Shults, Lee's Summit, Mo., resident. "Everyone was so passionate and proud to be a part of it, which made me feel proud as well.

"We learned about countless non-profits, businesses and local resources that keep the community running - many of which I didn't even know existed. My opinion is forever changed. This class has made me eager to explore and learn more about all the things Wyandotte County has to offer."

"Many of the community members, and even a number of students, expressed a new or renewed interest in advancing the community," said Marinovich. "Our hope is that they pass this new knowledge and KCK pride along to others."

◀ Left: Joe Reardon, Mayor of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, Clausie Smith, Mayor of Bonner Springs, Kan., and John McTaggart, Mayor of Edwardsville, Kan., speak to the class on October 4. Right, from top to bottom: Instructors Pat Brune, Carol Marinovich and Susan Keim.



Clockwise from top left: Students Jacob Rocha, Glenn Taylor, Jennifer Ryan and Crystal Sudduth greet guests; President Steve LaNasa and Henry Bloch speak to guests and recognize the Bloch Scholars on stage; Phil and Mary Jo Doherty talk with Dr. Kathy O'Hara; Henry Bloch speaks to DC instructor Melissa Lenos, Ph.D.; Guests watch the video; Students Matthew Seifkas, Bobby Shaw and Molly Manning on stage with emcee Ralph Reid of the Sprint Foundation; Students Bobby Shaw, Christina Smith and Le'Creasha Grigsby greet guests; Lougene Geary goes to the stage to receive her Silpada drawing prize package; Archbishop Joseph Naumann speaks with Henry and Tom Bloch.

# Scholarship Dinner raises a record \$290,000, honors Henry Bloch

Donnelly's Fifth Annual Scholarship Dinner was the largest in the event's history with nearly 500 people in attendance and \$290,000 in scholarship funds raised.

Attendees were able to meet a number of Donnelly students, including many current and past Bloch Scholars as well as DC alumni and friends.

Honorary Chairs of the event included Bill Dunn, Sr., Don and Adele Hall, and Morton Sosland. Master of Ceremonies was Ralph Reid, President of the Sprint Foundation as well as Sprint's Vice President of Corporate Responsibility.

"Donnelly is one of the most important causes in Kansas City because it has the power to transform the lives of its students as well as future generations," said Dick Flanigan, Scholarship Dinner Chairman and Senior Vice President, General Manager for Cerner Corporation.

"The dinner is the most important event of the year because it is what makes the rest of the year possible by providing essential scholarship dollars to students who not only need it to go to college, but who truly appreciate and understand the value of it."

In addition to supporting the College, attendees also came to honor Henry Bloch for his steadfast support of Donnelly students through the Henry W. Bloch Scholars program. Part of the proceeds from the event created the Marion Bloch Endowed Scholarship Fund in honor of Henry Bloch's wife. The Bloch Scholars program is designed to attract, encourage and support promising students who demonstrate financial need and want to earn a four-year degree but may not be considered for traditional scholarship programs.

Bloch received the scholarship program as a gift from The H&R Block Foundation when he retired as chairman of H&R Block in 2000.

"I received many gifts when I retired, but this was by far the most meaningful," said Bloch.

"The program is unique in that it honors the average student – the student who without a scholarship may not be able to pursue a college education," said President Steve LaNasa. "What many people don't realize is that

this is a tribute to Henry Bloch himself, who early in his life tended to think of himself as an average student."

The program aligns with Donnelly's mission of providing access to education. The foundation supports one-half the cost of tuition and fees for each Bloch Scholar, and Donnelly proudly matches the other half. Scholarships are renewable for five years, allowing students to earn their associate degree at Donnelly, and then complete their four-year degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC).

"One thing that is remarkable about Donnelly is that they take an interest in every student," said Bloch. "They try and bring out the best in every student."

As a tribute to Mr. Bloch, the College has named its annual Day of Service, held as part of the annual New Student Orientation each August, the Bloch Service Project. Bloch was presented with a book containing photos from the 2011 Day of Service and inspirational quotes.

The Fund-A-Scholar portion of the event, led by Reid and Donnelly alumna and former Bloch Scholar Rachel Leonard, '09, brought in \$40,000.

In addition, a video presentation showcasing testimonials from current and past Bloch Scholars was shown, and three drawing prize packages were awarded, including an all expense paid trip to Palm Springs, more than \$1,500 of sterling silver Silpada jewelry, and a Kansas City Experience package which provided the winner with a year's worth of guaranteed, monthly outings to many of Kansas City's most famous restaurants and attractions.

To view the video shown at the event, visit [facebook.com/DonnellyCollege](https://facebook.com/DonnellyCollege). For a list of this year's dinner sponsors, visit [donnelly.edu/dinner](http://donnelly.edu/dinner).

**The College is already looking ahead to the 2012 Scholarship Dinner!** For sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, contact Annual Fund Coordinator Laura Bryon, at (913) 621-8752.

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## LEGACY SOCIETY

*The Legacy Society recognizes all donors who have included Donnelly College in their estate plans.*

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**Have you made a planned gift for Donnelly?** Please let us know so we can add your name to our growing Legacy Society.

*We apologize for any errors or omissions in this report.*

# Class Notes

## Have you recently gotten married, started a new job, or added to your family?

Share your exciting news with more than 5,000 Digest readers by submitting a class note!

 **Submit your class note to [alumni@donnelly.edu](mailto:alumni@donnelly.edu).**

**Pat (Treff) Callaghan, '59, and Bernard Callaghan, '58,** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 7, 2011.

**Sister Connie Krstolic, OSB, '64,** was recently appointed Sub-Prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica by Sister Anne Shepard, OSB, Prioress.

**Tajsheena Leggs, '05,** is currently serving as President of the Office of Student Affairs, part of the National Association of Black Social Workers. She will graduate with her Master of Social Work from the University of Kansas in May 2012.

**Marvin Floyd, AA '07 and current BA student,** was recently appointed Director of Little Explorers Academy in Leawood, Kan., an Early Childhood Education center serving children ages 5 weeks through 12 years. He also recently received his Kansas Childcare Program Director's License to go along with his Missouri license.

**Rachel Leonard, '09,** graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in English, with a minor in Spanish, from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, on December 16. She plans to attend Harvard Law School in Fall 2012.

## Last call for 2012 Alumni Hall of Fame nominations!

### SUBMIT BY JANUARY 10

Know someone who would be a good candidate for our Alumni Hall of Fame? We know you do! Our more than 30,000 alums have gone on to impact their communities in incredible ways, and we want to recognize these achievements.

You are encouraged to nominate an alum, living or deceased, who has demonstrated actions expressing both the mission and spirit of Donnelly.

Submissions can be reviewed and received year-round. Those submitted by January 10 will be considered for the 2012 Hall of Fame class.

### Three ways to nominate an alum:

1. Visit [donnelly.edu/halloffame](http://donnelly.edu/halloffame) to submit an online nomination.
2. From this site above, download a nomination form, print and mail it to DC's Alumni Office at 608 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102.
3. Call the Alumni Office at (913) 621-8744 to request a form to be mailed to you.

**Questions?** Contact Roger Berg at [alumni@donnelly.edu](mailto:alumni@donnelly.edu) or (913) 621-8744.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**2012 Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony & Reception**  
5 p.m., Thursday, May 10, 2012

# inMEMORIAM

*Donnelly College remembers the following alumni and friends who have passed away.*

**Reverend Matt J. Horvat, '51**, a priest in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, entered into eternal life on November 21, 2011. Following his time at Donnelly, he served in the United States Air Force.

**Paul Marnett, Sr., '52**, passed away on August 15, 2011, in Kansas City, Kan. He is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and three siblings. After Donnelly, he attended the University of Santa Clara in California, then finished at Kansas State University in 1955. He worked as a physical therapy aide, opening a successful practice in 1963. In his career, Paul worked with a number of famous clients, including Harry S. Truman, Joe DiMaggio, and Yogi Berra.

**Lois Jean (Cosgrove) Richardson, '53**, of Independence, Mo., passed away on November 12, 2011, at the age of 75. She is survived by her four children and five grandchildren. Lois Jean (Jeannie) loved her family, traveling, music, and collected tea cups from around the world.

**Carolyn (Cameron) Meagher, '57**, passed away on November 5, 2011, at the age of 72. Throughout her life, she was an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Peter's and St. Thomas More parishes. She is survived by her loving husband of more than 52 years, Herb.

**Ronald "Ronnie" Boyd, '64**, passed away on June 22, 2011, at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Ronnie was a lifelong resident of Kansas City, Kan. After Donnelly, he attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City and was then drafted into active duty with the U.S. Navy in 1966. He had a tremendous love of reading, KU basketball, and bowling, and is survived by his wife of 31 years Letha Boyd.

**Harold Briscoe, '65**, of Richardson, Texas, passed away at the age of 73 on August 20, 2011. A U.S. Army veteran, Harold attended Donnelly and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri. He spent his career working as an advertising executive for a number of different firms. He is survived by two sons and one granddaughter.

**Ronald Parker, '72**, of Overland Park, Kan., passed away on September 13, 2011, at the age of 70. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and love of his family. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, four children, and six grandchildren.

*Please send In Memoriam information to [alumni@donnelly.edu](mailto:alumni@donnelly.edu) to be included in the next issue of the Digest.*



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### Statistics to consider:

- 92% of our associate degree students go on to pursue a four-year degree
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- 74% have annual family income levels less than \$18,000

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# Calendar of Events

Practical Nursing students pose with Donnelly's newest member of the health care team, instructor and Director of Health Occupations Maureen Wiederholt, RN, ADN, BSN, MSTE (fourth from left).

- JAN 16:** **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY OF SERVICE**  
Urban Scholastic Center, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*Interested in participating? Contact [ajulo@donnelly.edu](mailto:ajulo@donnelly.edu).*
- JAN 17:** **SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS**
- JAN 27:** **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**  
DC Meeting Room, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- MAR 12-17:** **SPRING BREAK**
- APR 1-30:** **ARTS IN THE HEART**  
*Details available soon at [donnelly.edu/artsintheheart](http://donnelly.edu/artsintheheart).*
- APR 27:** **MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**  
*Stay tuned! More info soon at [donnelly.edu/mcfest](http://donnelly.edu/mcfest).*
- MAY 10:** **ALUMNI HALL OF FAME CEREMONY**  
DC Meeting Room, 5 p.m.
- MAY 12:** **COMMENCEMENT**  
Jack Reardon Convention Center, 4 p.m.