Loras Link: July 2012

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If you had a user name and password from our previous site, you will also need to login as a First Time user and follow the same steps. Within 48 hours you will have access to our alumni directory which features our alumni, class year, phone number and email. Once your account is activated you may access this directory under Alumni Connections on the left side of the website.

Check out the upcoming Loras events and join us at our next Duhawk gathering!
2012 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

In 1989 the National Alumni Board created the Loras College Distinguished Alumni Awards as a way to recognize the many dedicated Duhawks living in their communities and making a difference.

This fall during Homecoming we will honor five individuals who have been recognized by their classmates, former students and family members as exemplifying the characteristics of this award. Join us on Saturday, September 29, and celebrate with these Duhawks!

The award for Christian Service and Volunteer Work will be given to Libby Birky ('97), from Denver, Colo; Professional Achievements and Contributions Made to Loras is going to Skip Brennan ('64), Monroe, Wis; Service Provided to Loras by Faculty, Staff or Administrator will be given to Donald W. Freymann ('61), Dubuque, Iowa; Contributions Made in Public Service to Douglas J. O'Brien ('92), Takoma Park, Md; and the Young Alumni Award will be presented to Wendy L. Schrunk ('07), Chicago, Ill.

Recipients are identified as having met the following criteria:

- Significant achievements in chosen field or particular endeavor
- Reflects honor on the College through personal or professional activities
- Contributes to the College in outstanding ways or made significant contributions to the community at-large
- Demonstrates particular professional accomplishment and exemplifies the educational Mission of the College
- Shows excellence in contribution of time and talents to benefit the community either on a local, state or national level
- Shows exceptional personal commitment involving time and effort while at Loras College
- Displays Christian ideals in daily life put forth by the College

Nominations are currently being accepted for 2013, please log on to the alumni.loras.edu and click on Networks & Boards to access all the information, or simply use this electronic Distinguished Alumni form to honor a professor, mentor, classmate or friend today!
Loras College Director of Athletics Bob Quinn is delighted to announce that the Duhawks and NIKE have agreed to a five-year partnership. Beginning with the 2012-13 year, NIKE will be Loras' exclusive provider of apparel, uniforms, and equipment through the spring of 2017. Additionally, the Duhawks' practice and travel apparel, footwear and coaching staffs will each bear the globally recognized NIKE swoosh.

"NIKE, Lids Team Sports, and Loras College have reached an agreement that will outfit our teams head to toe with the highest quality products available in the market," Quinn said on Monday. "The partnership helps us streamline our efforts at the internal level while at the same time aligning ourselves with a globally successful brand that outfits some of the world's greatest athletes."

LIDS Team Sports – a portion of the LIDS Sports Group – will execute Loras' orders as the college's local distributor. The agreement includes coverage for each of the department's 22 sports.

"It is my firm belief that this agreement will enhance what it means to be a student-athlete at Loras College," Quinn added. "This is a step in the right direction for our teams. The high quality products that NIKE provides are second to none."

"I also want to acknowledge the good people at LIDS Team Sports, especially Bill Diesing, who will help us to execute the terms of the agreement," Quinn said. "Their products and services will make this a reality for all of us at Loras."

NIKE, Inc. based in Beaverton, Oregon is the world's leading designer, marketer, and distributor of authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories for a wide variety of sports and fitness activities. For over a decade Nike, Inc. has been reporting their environmental and social performance around key impact areas including waste, water, energy, toxics, climate and labor. The company continues to reexamine its targets and approach and where it can bring about the greatest change.
Iowa Private College Week Lets Students Explore Loras

Thousands of high school juniors and seniors and their parents will be spending the first week of August visiting the campuses of Iowa's independent, non-profit colleges and universities for Iowa Private College Week.

Iowa Private College Week gives students who are evaluating the next step in their education the ability to see what smaller private institutions like Loras can offer them.

Registration is available online to tour Loras College at loras.edu/ipcw. At the website, students and families can sign up for specific times and indicate preferences or interests. To check out more private colleges in Iowa and coordinate visits, students can visit thinkindependently.com to register, map routes and sign up to win $500 in textbooks.
A Change for Cox Street

Cox Street will soon be Loras Parkway.

Cox Street was purchased by the College from the city of Dubuque with the intention of building an outdoor common area where students, faculty and the Dubuque community can converge—Loras Parkway. Converting Cox Street into Loras Parkway will provide a safe pedestrian and bicycle recreational path as well as a scenic plaza and connector between Dubuque neighborhoods north and south of Loras Boulevard. The Parkway will be closed to vehicle traffic, increasing student safety and further preserving the beautiful limestone wall that lines the street.

This project is also adding another sustainability project to Dubuque. The "green" renovation includes reforestation, which minimizes water runoff and makes use of water gardens, and is aiding air quality and livability by creating a refuge for alternative modes of transportation, including a much-needed safe hub for students and neighbors to pick up The Jule for mass transit. The road reconstruction also is using eco-friendly materials and is incorporating the adaptive re-use of existing materials.

The parkway will eventually play host to events large and small at three large performance spaces, with the central performance plaza sporting a large screen and stage area, capable of hosting audiences in excess of 2,000. The parkway will be available to the community for festivals and other special events.

The final project is slated to include a fountain, a retail building and welcome center, and a veteran's memorial with the names of Loras alumni veterans etched upon it, commemorating those who have selflessly served.

The Loras Parkway project is a prime example of a community project coming to light using both public and private funding. Construction to date has been made possible by generous support from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the A.Y. McDonald Manufacturing Company, along with many private donors. Assisting the College in facilitating the effort have been the City of Dubuque, East Central Intergovernmental Association and the Iowa Department of Transportation.
First Year Orientation brings new Loras students together

First Year Orientation sessions held in June gave new Loras students the chance to connect with each other, with current students, faculty and staff, and to learn about all that Loras has to offer for their experience. Students collected their laptops, registered for Fall classes, were given the summer reading assignment, became acquainted with the many co-curricular activities offered at Loras, and participated in team building activities to better get to know other first year students.

Parents are also involved in First Year Orientation, participating in their own sessions about financial literacy, their student's residence life experience, opportunities available to their student through the center for experiential learning, and academic support services for their student.

Current Loras College students play a large role in the success of First Year Orientation. A First Year Experience Coordinator and sixteen Orientation Leaders, all current Loras students, aim to make orientation only the first of many amazing experiences for first year students to look forward to.
Archbishop Hanus to celebrate September 23rd Jubilee Mass for Education at Loras

As part of the conclusion of the year-long celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Most Rev. Jerome Hanus, OSB, Chancellor of Loras College, will preside and preach at a Jubilee Mass recognizing the mission of Catholic higher education in the archdiocese. This special occasion will coincide with the regular Sunday, September 23, 2012, 8 PM Mass in Christ the King Chapel. All members of the Loras and larger Dubuque community, including alumni and friends, are welcome to join the spirited gathering of student musicians and ministers for this signature event under the banner of the anniversary theme: "Jesus Alive through 175 Years."

Archbishop Hanus, the 11th Bishop and 9th Archbishop of Dubuque since becoming coadjutor in 1995, follows the line of succession begun in 1837 when Mathias Loras was made bishop of the fledgling diocese; after initial recruitment of priests abroad, he eventually landed in Dubuque on April 18, 1839. As noted in the 175th anniversary commemorative book produced in conjunction with Loras professor David Salvaterra, Ph.D., and members of his history class, even as a young priest Mathias Loras was assigned educational leadership responsibilities in his native diocese of Lyon, France, as well as in his first missionary post in Mobile, AL. He quickly saw the need for education of the immigrant and native peoples, and was committed to bringing religious orders of Catholic teachers to his diocese to establish schools. Yet the "apple of his eye" remained his own nascent seminary program in which he taught theology and classical languages, despite his own qualified facility with the English language.

From these modest roots sprang the institution that remains one of only ten diocesan colleges and universities in the United States, which continues to fulfill the mission entrusted by Jesus to his first disciples to "teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). The September 23rd Mass will celebrate the realization of this mission at Loras, the Archdiocese of Dubuque’s Catholic College, and will help stir a sense of anticipation for Loras’s own 175 year anniversary in 2014.