



From the President



I write to you as students complete autumn midterm week at Lexington. We've had a terrific start to the academic year sailing forward on the wave of our highly successful re-accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Specifically the HLC affirmed Lexington's strong integration of the College mission throughout all we do, and they praised the quality of our degree programs, "excellent learning opportunities," and overall educational experience. The

visiting team concluded, "Lexington not only exceeded the team's expectations, but it did so to a very significant extent."

Some highlights of our program include Lexington's internship experience. As in past years, this summer students worked throughout the country in conference centers, hotels, restaurants, and not-for-profit agencies, gaining hands-on management experience. Other kudos were given to Lexington's academic advising program and the Marriott Scholars program that continues to blossom and graduated the first bachelor's degree Scholars in May 2008.

Young women continue to come to Lexington to receive a personalized educational experience. Noted junior transfer student

and Marriott pastry chef Emma Afshin, "I wanted a place where I would get a great college education, but also where I could have a team of people working with me. At Lexington, everyone— my professors, my academic advisor, the Registrar, and the Academic Dean— have helped me to plan my path to graduation." Junior Caroline Marry agreed, "My time at Lexington has helped me to center on my interests in hotel and restaurant management. The relationships I have at Lexington encouraged me to step out and take advantage of career experiences."

In these uncertain economic times many students and their families are concerned with how to obtain a high quality college degree. A Lexington education remains a strong value for young women seeking that high quality private college experience. Our academic program has proven excellence. Our cost of attendance is competitive and to aid this we have committed more dollars to student scholarships than ever before to help highly qualified young women start on the adventure of earning their degree in hospitality management. Of note, each year our students win increasing numbers of scholarships from hospitality and foodservice industry foundations that recognize that they are tomorrow's leaders. And once again, 100% of Lexington graduates were employed after graduation.

We invite you to visit campus soon. Warm greetings to you for a fabulous fall! ■

Susan J. Manges
President

HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION SURPASSING EXPECTATIONS

LEXINGTON COLLEGE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE that the College received high marks during Lexington's recent re-accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The HLC is responsible for the accreditation of colleges, universities and institutions of higher learning throughout states in the central part of the U.S.

Last spring a four-member HLC team of consultant-evaluator colleagues from institutions of higher education in the Midwest, visited the College. They reviewed materials, examined the campus, and spoke with faculty, staff, students, Board, alumnae, and community members. At the end of the visit the HLC team reported substantial positive findings. In their final report released to the college, they commented that "the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, administration, faculty, and staff have a passion for the college and are committed to the future success of the institution."

As part of the process leading up to the re-accreditation, Lexington completed a thorough self-study, of all aspects of the College. The HLC reported that the self-study process was highly comprehensive, evaluative, and informative. They noted, "Lexington College provided the team with materials that exceeded the needs of the team in discovering the necessary information to evaluate the College."

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REAL TIME LEARNING EXPERIENCES *Students take summer to explore*

On September 24, Lexington held its annual presentation of student summer internships. Along with students, faculty and staff, Lexington enjoyed having industry representatives join the event. Guests and managers from Sodexo-Kraft Foods, Talbott Hotel, Entertainment Cruises, St. Vincent de Paul Center, Hotel Cass, Hampton Inn, Shellbourne Conference Center, among others, attended.

Highlights of the event included the comments and evaluations given by the students' supervisors. Their words complimented the academic and professional preparation of the students as well as the students' own hard work.

Remarking on **Jennifer Laurence's '10**, work, Carmen Flores, Overnight Manager at the Park Hyatt said, "Jennifer has phenomenal customer service skills. She goes above and beyond for guests. She is very helpful in assisting the team problem solve and come up with wonderful



Jennifer Laurence, interned with Park Hyatt and Mary Rehak, interned with Sodexo-Kraft; both shared their summer experience at the Internship Presentations.

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Kudos

Hospitality Law professor **Nathan Breen** published an article titled "Plan Around Infringement: Copyright Considerations For Meeting Planners" in the August/September Issue of Association Conventions & Facilities. In it he asserts, "One common misperception is the assumption that any arrangement whereby one party pays another to create something establishes a 'work for hire' relationship. This is not the case." In his Hospitality Law course, Professor Breen shares his industry based experience with Lexington students {and receives high marks on student evaluations}.

Hospitality Management professor **Beth Dugan** was accepted to the Doctor of Business Administration program at Argosy University. She begins her coursework in October, 2008.

Michelle Joseph, Event Planning faculty, received two industry awards. They include The Illinois Liquor Commission, Beverage Alcohol Seller and Servers Education and Training (BASSET) Trainer-of-the-Quarter for Spring 2008 and the Health Communications 2008 TIPS Trainer Award. In addition, Michelle completed the Marriott International Faculty Internship Program in June, 2008. The faculty internship consists of a corporate orientation program at Marriott International

headquarters in Bethesda, MD, followed by a two-week long field-based experience at a Marriott property during the summer. The expertise gained in this program helps Lexington faculty bring back to the College state-of-the-art practices in the industry and direct expertise from our corporate partner.

In September, **Jo Kujawa**, Librarian, attended the Illinois Library Conference at Navy Pier, where she participated in a variety of workshops including Information Literacy and Academic Integrity.

Chef **Linda Rosner** led a group of Lexington students to help cater the induction of Rick Bayless into the Chicago Culinary Museum. The Lexington team helped prepare, plate and serve hors d'oeuvres for the reception of 250 guests at the Palmer House Hilton in late August.

Kathy Dornhecker, Director of Career Services was elected to the Board of the Illinois Cooperative Education and Internship Association (ILCEIA). This organization helps in placing students, working with employers, and improving career and internship services within institutions of higher education. ■

AWARDS & NEWS

The American Personal and Professional Chef Association (APPCA) is donating a full scholarship, (which includes training materials, the seminar, and a full year's membership in APPCA) for a Lexington student or alumna who wishes to become a personal chef. Lexington truly appreciates the support of APPCA and its founder/executive Director, **Chef Candy Wallace**, who is a member of the Lexington Industry Advisory Board. The APPCA regularly holds personal chef seminars at Lexington.

Lexington is pleased to announce the appointment of Business Management **Professor Mary Hunt** to the position of Academic Dean.

For six years, Professor Hunt has been on the faculty at Lexington. Professor Hunt earned a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Marketing from Washington University in St. Louis and a Bachelor's degree in political science from Wellesley College. She is completing her Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at the Illinois Institute of Technology. We proudly welcome Dean Hunt to this role.

Former Academic Dean, **Marta Elvira** is currently working as a faculty member at IESE Business School in Madrid. We thank her for her years of service at Lexington and wish her well in her new position. ■



Alumnae Update

Sharon Walsh Ortiz, '92, and her husband Eduardo, welcomed their second child, Brailio, born in spring 2008. Big brother Emiliano is 4 years old. Sharon has worked for Big Bowl Restaurant in Schaumburg for 16 years and is currently a manager.

Elizabeth (Wesonga) Scott, '97 started her own company, Kitoweo Catering, which features cuisine from Africa and American Soul Food. Recently, Elizabeth participated as a food vendor in 2008 Annual African Festival of the Arts at Washington Park in Chicago. The festival attracts artists and food vendors from across the world and is attended by over 200,000 people.



Elizabeth Scott '97 in native Kenyan dress and her company Kitoweo Catering serving at a wedding.

Elizabeth Searby, '00 was married on August 16, 2008 to Dante DeFazio. **Mary Fricano '01 and '05** was her maid of honor and many of Liz's Lexington classmates were in attendance. The newlyweds reside in Virginia.

Rita Roth Cavazos, '01 and '05 has been with White Lodging for nine years. After graduation, Rita became employed by TGI Friday's as Restaurant/Beverage Manager at the full service Marriott at the Midway Hotel Center. Rita is currently in training to become the Assistant General Manager at Friday's. Rita was married in February 2008 to Jesse Cavazos in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mary Fricano, '01 and '05, was promoted to Food and Beverage Director at the Milwaukee Athletic Club. Mary volunteered for a second year in Panama on a service trip. She worked with a Nutrition Center that distributed food and assisted in child care for the local people, spending time in their mountain village, observing daily activities and living conditions. In her free time, Mary practices salsa and mamba dance and is currently preparing for a dance competition in Puerto Rico. ■

BUILDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SERVICE BENEFIT DINNER

Honoring the McCaskey family of the Chicago Bears Football Club and Bears Care

The scholarship event was held on November 11th at the Chicago Marriott Downtown. In honoring the McCaskey family of the Chicago Bears Football Club and Bears Care, Lexington



(shown left to right) Natalie Martinez, General Assignment Reporter of NBC Channel 5 and the evening's master of ceremonies, along with Rita Cuddihy, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Central Region of Marriott International, Mrs. Edward McCaskey of the McCaskey family, the Chicago Bears Football Club and Bears Care, and Lexington President, Susan Mangels gather after presenting Mrs. Edward McCaskey with the Lexington Award for Excellence.

acknowledged their exemplary leadership in our community and their continued support of the College. The event raised over \$250,000 in scholarship funds for Lexington students.

Established over a decade ago this annual

event honors professionals who are committed to furthering the mission of the College. This year the Lexington Award for Excellence was accepted by Mrs. Edward McCaskey on behalf of the McCaskey Family of the Chicago Bears Football Club and Bears Care.

During the event a video about Lexington, featuring the Chicago Bears Football Club and their work through Bears Care was shown to the guests. It exemplified their support of Lexington's students

through scholarships over the past decade. Twenty six Lexington students served as volunteers at the event and helped raise additional funds through the sale of raffle tickets for donated gifts. They also facilitated the running of the silent auction.

Over 400 guests including industry leaders, friends and benefactors of the College, as well as former Bears players Gary Fencik and Jerry Azumah, enjoyed the evening. We are grateful for their companionship and support which always makes this event memorable and successful in our scholarship fund raising efforts.

Among the sponsors special thanks go to Park Ridge Community Bank, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Winn, The Chicago Bears, Hollister, Inc., Raffin Properties, Raffin Construction, Gates Washer and Manufacturing Co., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brinckerhoff, The Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Ecolab, Insure.com, The Kellogg Company, Great Steaks / Quantum Foods, R. Lloyd & Company, Ltd., R.T. Smith Foundation, Schuyler, Roche & Zwirner PC, L.J. Sheridan and Company, Chase, Chicago North Shore Marriott Lodging, The Cortina Companies, Dillett Mechanical, Eli's Cheesecake, Excelsa Intl., First Hospitality Group, Inc., Goose Island Beer Co., George Poulos & Associates, Kehe Food Distributors, A. Kirchheimer Co., Liberty Creative Solutions, Inc., Linear Electric, Inc., Chicago Marriott O'Hare, Marriott International Midwest and Canada Diversity Council, Marriott's Southwest Cluster, McDonald's Corporation Central Division, Modern Image Studios, Pepper Construction Company, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perona, Renaissance Hotels, Richard's Building Supply, Ben and Linda Ruf, Speranza & Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Streiff, Wendy's International, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Yep. ■

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Doing well by doing good

SERVICE IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT of the College's mission and practical ways are presented to facilitate student involvement. To this end, Lexington provides an environment in which participating in service opportunities are common.

This fall, the Student Life department reached out to Cathedral Shelters in Chicago and launched a school wide clothing drive. Students, faculty and staff generously donated over 100 pieces of gently worn apparel, shoes and personal items to the clothing drive, which was dedicated to restoring hope and preventing homelessness to some of the most vulnerable members of society.

Whether students have a background in volunteering, or if they are volunteering for the very first time, most would agree that there is no greater satisfaction in life than helping someone else.

First year student Mary Feehery, shared her feelings about serving as a volunteer coach for the Art of Living, a high school hospitality competition that Lexington sponsors. She said, "The idea behind this

event is to teach high school girls the basics in the care of a home and knowledge of the hospitality industry. While in high school I was involved as a competitor. I enjoyed it so much that I want to give other

girls the same opportunity and help teach them skills they will benefit from for the rest of their lives. I'll be coaching with another classmate from Lexington."

While helping others in itself is a gift, service opportunities can help not only the people served, but can enrich the person serving.

"I have been involved in many acts of service at Lexington. I enjoy being a part of them not only because I am doing something good for others, but I also love the opportunities they bring, seeing new things, meeting new people and networking. For instance, I volunteered at the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association's Gala selling raffle tickets. Through participating at that event and having good grades, I received a scholarship, and I am now going to "Stars of the Industry" as a front of the house nominee! It is incredible how much has come from helping at one event," expressed Itzezelle Arienza '10. ■



Mary Feehery '12 and Itzezelle Arienza '10 find personal and professional growth in their career work.

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alternatives; she is very willing and eager to learn on a day to day basis.”

Commenting on **Dawn Blanks '08**, Randy Ellis, Chief Creative Engineer of Pure Product Entertainment Group, LLC said, “Dawn demonstrated a keen drive for learning more about the event planning business. She has shown to have creative ideas and is an excellent communicator and problem solver. My clients enjoyed working with her. She was able to manage multiple tasks and she was a pleasure to have on the team.”

Of **Mary Rehak '10**, Cary Vogt, General Manager of Sodexo-Kraft stated that, “Working with Mary was a delight. She brought great

energy to the team and made a difference. She will be missed!”

Grace Tully, Operations Manager for Odyssey II-Entertainment Cruises said of **Evelin Favela '11**, “Evelyn is extremely efficient. She works well with others and is an effective team player and motivator.”

About **Mary Jo Arienza '11**, Jessica Zavella, Restaurant Supervisor, Spirit of Chicago-Entertainment Cruises observed, “Mary Jo is very personable. She gets to know the guests and always acknowledges birthdays, anniversaries, and any other special occasions. She is a very quick learner and mastered the tasks that are required of her on every shift. She is great at keeping her co-workers energized.”

Students proudly present their internship displays and discuss their experiences studying management.



Clockwise in photos: Keisha Robinson (Breakfast Hostess, Front Office, Hampton Majestic – FGH, Inc.), Miroslava Esparza (Assistant Cook, St. Vincent DePaul Center), and Rebecca Farver (Front Desk Supervisor, Renaissance Chicago Hotel).

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners

Lexington College awards scholarships and merit-based grants to students with strong academic records and proven financial need. For the 2008-2009 academic year, over 95% of Lexington College students received these awards.

Lexington offers a wide variety of scholarships from sources that support the College’s mission while recognizing individual student achievement. This year’s recipients are:

Lexington Signature Scholarships

MARRIOTT SCHOLARS

- Hangameh Afshin
- Dominique Anderson
- Alicia Baker
- Rebecca Farver
- Katie Holtshult
- Angela Jordan
- Talonda Stogner
- Sheila Ward

CAREERS THROUGH CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM (C-CAP)

- April Jones
- Yesenia Lopez
- Sherry Montero
- Keisha Robinson
- Patryce Washington

ILLINOIS RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION – PROSTART

- Yesenia Lopez

ART OF LIVING

- Mary Feehery

NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

- Itezelle Arienza
- Yesenia Lopez
- Meghan Redmond
- Jennifer Yerkes
- Meghan Streiff

Selected scholarships awarded to Lexington College students

AMERICAN HOTEL AND LODGING ASSOCIATION

- Itezelle Arienza

ILLINOIS HOTEL AND LODGING ASSOCIATION

- Itezelle Arienza
- MaryJo Arienza
- Katie Holtshult
- Jennifer Yerkes

LES DAMES D’ESCOFFIER

- MaryJo Arienza

Why Lexington?

LESSONS FROM A LEXINGTON INTERNSHIP RISING AND SHINING



Caroline Marry '10

Summer is a season filled with great weather, backyard BBQ's, outdoor activities, occasions spent with family and friends. For Lexington College students, it is a time to learn and experience their field of study the best way possible—taking on an internship.

At Lexington, students are required to complete two summer internships. Students work one on one with the Career Services department to find an internship that caters to their individual career interests. Academic internships engage students both inside and outside

of the classroom. Students are able to attain skills that come with a hands-on experience, gain insight into the professional world, and learn more about themselves.

Lexington Junior, **Caroline Marry, '10** selected a twelve-week internship at the Chicago Marriott Suites O'Hare in Rosemont, IL. Caroline's position as Restaurant Intern included wearing several hats, each one providing an abundance of opportunity. "In my first two weeks I learned almost every restaurant position including server, dining room attendant, host, and room service runner. I also acted as the manager-in-charge for a few shifts towards the end of my internship," stated Marry.

Her two primary positions included host and room service runner. A wide variety of responsibilities included meeting, greeting and seating guests, completing financial reports, placing breakfast orders, mastering a balancing-act of delivering breakfast orders to the rooms followed by picking up and returning the heavy trays to the kitchen, to answering pages and immediately responding to guest amenity requests.

While studying at Lexington, Caroline's concentration is Hotel/Restaurant Management. Marry has worked in restaurants for over four years and expressed, "serving others in that fashion is definitely what I want to do."

Working for Marriott this summer was her first experience working in a hotel. "Before I came to Lexington I knew a decent amount about restaurants, but very little about hotels. I learned how the hotel and each of its departments must work together as a whole in order to function

properly. At work I interacted and worked with nearly every department if not on a daily basis, a weekly basis. Even though I am focusing on the front of the house aspect of the industry, taking Food Production I and II certainly helped me better understand the kitchen and back of the house aspect. Especially if you plan on going into the restaurant side, knowing culinary terms, techniques, and basic knowledge is crucial. Communicating with the chefs and cooks happens everyday," remarked Caroline.

In addition to her classes and instructors at Lexington, her summer working for Marriott provided many experiences that have contributed to her knowledge of the hospitality industry. Caroline explained how significant the hands-on experience is. "A person can read and memorize all they want, but in this industry one needs to get in there and experience the work to really know the job."

Marry also explained the value of learning from others and how observing others is one of the best ways to learn. She described how her co-workers set a great example by going above and beyond and adhering to Marriott's mission. She commented, "The restaurant staff at Allie's was helpful, respectful, and friendly to our guests. The hosts and the servers know so many of the guests by name. They ask how their families are and how their travels are going. The staff personally gets to know the people who come in," and in this industry, the difference is in the details. Lexington classes and internships are designed to prepare students for this service-oriented profession.

August brought the conclusion of Caroline's internship and the start to the new school year. "I very much enjoyed my summer internship. I learned countless things about the industry and about myself," observed Caroline. "When I look back at everything I did in such a short period of time I am amazed at everything I accomplished. Every restaurant and hotel functions differently but I will take with me the things Marriott did well and why those things made such a difference to not only the guest but to the employee. All the knowledge I gained about the hotel and the restaurant will stay with me forever."

Currently, Caroline is working at a fine dining restaurant in Chicago. After graduation, she plans to work in a hotel in the Food and Beverage Department. A successful summer internship often leads to a successful career. The future shines bright for Caroline, as she aspires to obtain her MBA and pursue a career as a hotel general manger. ■

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Team evaluations noted faculty are highly competent and committed to the achievements of students and the College mission. Students recognize the value and are appreciative of their educational experiences. Moreover, the HLC reported that Lexington "operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes." The HLC team observed that faculty, staff and students strongly embraced the College mission noting that, "Lexington College's community is united by a clear and compelling understanding of its mission, and by a genuine dedication to educating its students in a caring campus environment."

Further, the HLC found the diversity present in varied areas at Lexington to be conducive to both learning and implementing the mission.

The HLC re-accreditation visit further underlined that the alumnae demonstrate great loyalty to the College and are committed to a successful

future for the institution. "I want to thank Lexington College for nurturing our passions, encouraging us to transcend our comfort zones, and igniting our spirit to serve," said alumna, Rita Roth, '05. Current students also proved their sincere satisfaction as junior Katie Hill notes, "the professors are just phenomenal. I mean, they really make it personable so you want to learn, you want to be here. You feel comfortable." The study found "students continue to support the vision of Lexington College and are appreciative of their educational experiences."

This continued accreditation and strong message of approval, provides a framework on which to project the future development of the College. In August after the final Commission approval, the Lexington Board of Directors held a strategic planning retreat to study and begin to mark out the future path Lexington will take. ■

Welcome:

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS



We welcome a new professor **Dr. Jolene Birmingham**. With a Ph.D. in Biostatistics from Harvard, and an M.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University, she is particularly qualified to teach in the healthcare and wellness specialization. She is currently teaching Introductory Statistics.

What brought you to Lexington?



Larissa Ganem
Director of Advising/Executive Assistant

The opportunity to work at Lexington College came at the right moment in my career. I thought that my education would be put to good use by working with students and for students. My most recent studies are in culinary arts and I have a bachelor's degree in international

business which added to my interest in Lexington. So, here I am in my new position working with the students and enjoying the friendship of the wonderful staff.



Megan Goggin
Manager of Communications and Marketing

While a tutor at Metro Achievement Center, I was invited by a fellow tutor and friend, who in knowing my love for the culinary arts, invited me to the "Taste of Lexington" in 2006. I kept in contact and through them

learned about the philosophy behind the College. In May, a wonderful opportunity came along and I joined the Lexington team. I enjoy using my degree in communication management and professional experience in marketing to help sell the educational mission of the College. I am proud to be a part of this inspirational institution.



Jacqueline Rey
Admissions Representative

Being a recent college graduate with a degree in marketing, I was intrigued by and attracted to the mission of Lexington College and what we stand for. I knew I wanted to be a part of this and help Lexington fulfill its mission. Also being surrounded by great people, like those here, was important to me. ■

ALUMNAE – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A Grand beginning to a fruitful path



It's safe to say it has been sweet success for alumna, Margaret "Peggy" Preston, '91. Developing a love for baking early on, Peggy worked at a bakery in high school and was certain that was the career path she wanted to take. "I always knew this was the industry for me."

Peggy was born and raised in Palos Heights, IL. Reflecting on her past she recalls her college search. "My mom and I were scouting out schools in Chicago, and

my mother heard about Lexington. We went for a visit, and that was it!" Peggy enrolled and obtained her Associates Degree in Applied Science and Food Technology.

Peggy acknowledges her education and professors as keys to her success. "My instructors gave me helpful advice. They emphasized the importance of making sure to love what you do, to keep an open mind, and to not be afraid of taking risks. They built up our confidence, especially because they were women with experience in hospitality careers, encouraging us to go out there and do it!"

One memory had a lasting impact on Peggy. One of her professors lost her husband unexpectedly. She had young children at home and Peggy vividly recalls watching her go through a time of struggle, and having to depend on her own career to support her family. Peggy and her classmates banded together to help their professor and witnessed her demonstrate independence and the strength to carry on.

While in college, Peggy balanced student life and working for the Cake Boutique in Worth, IL. As she was gaining more interest in baking, she clearly remembers a film on the historic Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island, Michigan featured at one of her Lexington classes. Peggy commented, "I knew the moment I laid eyes on the hotel, that it was where I wanted to be," and she went on to serve three years as a member of the pastry team. Peggy and two of her fellow classmates worked together in culinary at the Grand Hotel.

Peggy moved on to the Worthington Hotel in Ft. Worth as Assistant Pastry Chef and then to the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas.

Stepping outside of the kitchen, she moved into the retail sector of the food industry, working for Kroger Foods and Tom Thumb in Dallas, TX. After many enjoyable years, she returned home to Chicago and began working for Dominick's Finer Foods where she held the position of District Manager in bakery for twelve years. Her job included managing 30 stores and overseeing 350 employees.

Peggy currently works for Kehe Foods in Illinois as Category Developer/Buyer. This change from retail to food distribution has proven rewarding. "I am very happy and enjoying this experience in the retail industry."

Peggy's college experiences helped shape her successful career. She is an example of how life long learning and education can provide great opportunity and shape life and the future. Peggy's varied career path reveals only a few of the options that Lexington graduates have.

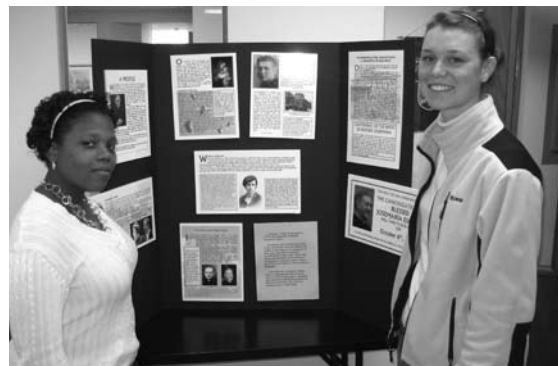
Peggy currently resides in Frankfort, IL with her husband and two children. She recently received her bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and is now pursuing a masters degree in Marketing at Lewis University. ■

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY

October 2, 2008 marked the 80th Anniversary of the founding of Opus Dei, a personal Prelature of the Catholic Church. Over thirty years ago the founders of Lexington were encouraged in their task by the teachings of St. Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei. Today, the spiritual activities at the College are entrusted to Opus Dei, so this anniversary called for a special celebration. A special Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Lexington's chaplain and attended by faculty, staff, students and guests. The movie "Passionately Loving the World" was shown. It presents the message of St. Josemaria, and profiles everyday lives of professional people and families who have benefited from his message that all people are called to holiness in the midst of their daily work.

Lexington's mission is grounded in the idea that professional work well done is a service to others and society and an opportunity to come closer to God.

"Let me stress this point: it is in the simplicity of your ordinary work, in the monotonous details of each day, that you have to find the secret, which is hidden from so many, of something great and new: Love." Furrow, 489, St. Josemaria. ■



Sarah Anderson '12 and Lauren White '11 viewing the historical anniversary exhibit in the College library.

Elegance IN STYLE

Mary Sheehan Warren was our speaker at the September 9 "Lunchtime Lecture Series". She encouraged students to study, discover and decide on their fashion goals. Warren is the author of *It's So You! Fitting Fashion to Your Life* and co-founder of Elegance in Style, an organization committed to educate women in fashion and professional image. Mary has made appearances on television programs, been featured on radio interviews, and has provided personal fashion services to women across the country for over 12 years.



Speaker Mary Sheehan Warren guides students towards enriching their knowledge of personal style.

Personal appearance can make a lasting impression. Lexington students benefited from attending a professional seminar answering questions on building a basic wardrobe of the proper attire for various occasions. It is not all about fashion, but about personal style and dressing appropriately for the occasion. Is it an interview or volunteer work, is it a formal event or a visit. It is a challenge, but being well informed helps you make better choices. As Mary suggested, "Use fashion. Don't let fashion use you."

The seminar started with the question: "What are your needs? What do you enjoy about fashion? And most importantly, what do you want your fashion to say about you?" Warren's enriching seminar focused on elements of career wear, professionalism, and fashion facts

related to personal appearance.

Warren's seminar led students on a fashion tour, guiding them towards enriching their knowledge of personal style. Steps included the importance of accurate measurements, a quiz to determine fashion personality, establishing color palettes and rules for a wardrobe analysis and design.



(shown left to right) First year students Sarah Snyder, Sarah Anderson, Sheela Liongson, and Clara Truong take accurate clothing measurements and discuss their individual color palettes during the seminar.

In the course of the seminar, students learned how to evaluate their fashion preferences, their taste, and what they make of personal style. Students were encouraged to find styles that bring out the best in their personality, and keep the eyes and face as focal points. A meaningful comment can summarize this: "If your eyes are the windows to your soul, then your face should

be the focal point of your fashion." She emphasized the importance of being polished, detail oriented, and wearing well fitted garments as key elements contributing to a successful outcome. The seminar provided knowledge, enjoyment and practical suggestions on how fashion applies to daily life. ■

STUDENT SPEAK OUT

Why is education important?



Sherry Montero '12
Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School
Careers Through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) Scholar

Education is important to me for many different reasons. With the American economy facing a recession, I need more than just a high school diploma. Achieving the American

dream... is harder than ever.

I am a big dreamer. One day I plan to open my own restaurant, and I know I have to get an education to be successful. My education is not only important to me, but to my family. I will never forget the look on my mom's face on my first day of college. She was so proud of me! I am the first of her four children to attend college.

After graduation, I can be a role model for younger generations, my family and to my own children. ■

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Saturday, March 29, 2009

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