David England, Ph.D., Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, is pleased to announce that Jennifer Beck, Ph.D., R.N., C.N.E., has been selected as Dean of the School of Nursing as the result of a national search.

“We are fortunate to have an experienced nurse and nurse educator, a seasoned administrator and a mission-driven professional. I know we can count on Dean Beck to lead the School of Nursing into an exciting future that will include advancement to the BSN entry level program and additional professional degrees in anticipation of changes in healthcare access and delivery,” said Dr. England in a report to the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Beck has served as Interim Dean for ten months, and has been a member of the Our Lady of the Lake College community for over 27 years.

“I am excited to work with such a dedicated and talented faculty. This is an opportune time to be a part of the School of Nursing as we transition into the BSN curriculum and face healthcare reform.”

—Dr. Jennifer Beck

Our Lady of the Lake College is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to its Board of Trustees: Redfield Bryan, M.D., a special projects consultant for the FMOL Health System; Thomas B. Flynn, M.D., F.A.C.S., who has served the Baton Rouge community as a neurosurgeon and founder of The NeuroMedical Center; and Sister Vernola Ann Lyons, o.s.f., representative of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady.

The new members joined the Board of Trustees at its first meeting of 2011 on February 11th. “It is our great pleasure to welcome these new members to our Board,” states College President Sandra S. Harper, Ph.D. “Our Lady of the Lake College will greatly benefit from their ideas and insights as we expand our programs to meet future needs in healthcare.”
DEFRANCES RECEIVES FRANCISCAN SERVICE AWARD

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Tyler deFrances (right) with his supervisor, Rebecca Cermeine, after being awarded the Franciscan Service Award.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

“A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.” —Mohandas K. Gandhi

Every institution has strengths—qualities that define what it represents at its best. Our Lady of the Lake College is strengthened by the dedication of our students, the quality of our human capital and the power of our mission. Our students represent a range of ages, family backgrounds and aptitudes, but one thing they have in common is a desire to help others. More than ever before, our students are donating energy to civic causes and giving through Service-Learning projects. We are incredibly proud when our students use the knowledge and skills acquired at Our Lady of the Lake College to forge careers that serve.

Another strength is our human capital. We are blessed with a faculty, staff and administration who envision how today’s resources can be transformed to meet tomorrow’s needs. Our talented faculty continue to engage our students both intellectually and personally while also finding time to share their scholarly activities with the broader higher education community. Perhaps our greatest strength is how we continue meeting our mission. Building upon the values of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady who came to Louisiana 100 years ago, our commitment to service and volunteerism.

Steve Nathan, M.S., has recently been elected to lead the College’s Board of Trustees. Mr. Nathan is currently the President of Genesis Energy, where he has been employed for over ten years. Prior to becoming President of Genesis Energy, he was President of TDC, LLC, a Genesis Energy Company. Mr. Nathan also worked at Davison Petroleum in Ruston, Louisiana. Mr. Nathan received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Tulane University and completed his Master of Science in Process Engineering from The University of Cincinnati. He completed his post graduate work at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratories.


Other leaders on the Board include Judge Luke LaVerge, a retired District Judge of the Baton Rouge Family Court, who is Vice-Chair and Dr. Margo Abadie, an Associate Professor of Clinical Social Work at LSU, who will serve as Secretary. Sr. Vernola Lyons, O.S.F., has been named by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady as Member-at-Large.

“Our Lady of the Lake College is blessed with an exceptional and active Board of Trustees,” states Dr. Harper. “I look forward to working with these new officers who will bring strong leadership to the College.”

The College is at the pinnacle of quality in healthcare education. We are nationally recognized as setting the bar for standards in several academic programs as well as our commitment to the community in terms of service and volunteerism. Our job as trustees is to converge our resources and those of the Baton Rouge area with the institutional vision of building one of the great Catholic colleges in the South.”

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• Appointed Executive Committee Chair for Louisiana Campus Compact (LaCC), a coalition that represents students committed to promoting the use of leadership, volunteerism and activism as a way to fulfill the public purposes of higher education.

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SPRING OPEN HOUSE QUICK FACTS

Total attendees: 176
Potential students: graduate, transfer and freshmen
Top programs of interest: Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Physical Therapist Assisting, and Biology
Feedback about the event: “Extremely beneficial for students and parents.”

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Join us now... together in extending our mission.

During 2011, you will see and hear messages about the newly launched St. Francis Annual Fund. Your gift to the fund can sustain something you feel passionate about, such as scholarships, or you may choose to support academic programs, faculty and staff, or operational excellence. Your support, large or small, will give future students the opportunity to grow and reach their potential.

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“I am anxious anticipating the time I will get to spend at Our Lady of the Lake College,” says future student Emily Lassagne. “I was completely sold when I first heard about the new BSN program. I chose OLOL College because it has a small class setting, something that will allow me to have the opportunity to work with my teachers on a personal level.”

A student who enrolls full-time in the BSN program can complete all degree requirements in three and a half years for a total of 120 credit hours.

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**Program Spotlight: Radiologic Technology**

Our Lady of the Lake College’s Associate in Radiologic Technology program offers students exposure to the range of technologies used in this rapidly changing field. Students are taught competencies in both computed tomography (CT) and digital radiography through intensive curriculum study and hands-on practice rotating through a number of clinical sites to build proficiency. Students completing the program during the past five years at the College have averaged 100 percent first time pass rates on the national certification examination offered by ARRT and report the highest levels of satisfaction with their education. In addition, 97.5 percent report that they were gainfully employed within six months of graduation. According to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), radiologic technologists are medical personnel who perform diagnostic imaging examinations and deliver radiation therapy treatments. They may specialize in a specific area of radiologic technology, such as computed tomography, mammography, magnetic resonance imaging or nuclear medicine.

When Our Lady of the Lake College developed the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia (MSN) program in 2005, there were high expectations for academic excellence and student success. Faculty, clinical coordinators and clinical preceptors for the program have led the way in adopting innovative curriculum and teaching methods that have greatly surpassed the initial goals. Word of the comprehensive instructive quality has spread in recent years: it is now known as one of the pre-eminent MSNA programs in the south and one of the most competitive offerings at the College. In the most recent applicant pool, this Master’s level program saw three times more applicants than available positions. Applications were received from throughout the southern states, as well as Minnesota, Arizona, Washington, California and New York. Each MSNA graduate is eligible to sit for the national certification examination offered by the Council on Certification for Nurse Anesthetists (CCNA) and will receive the designation of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). The 2011 class from OLOL College received a perfect 100 percent pass rate. Throughout the history of the program, these CRNAs have shown here with students, these CRNAs have shown here with students, and 100 percent employment rate, with most landing jobs before graduation. CRNAs are anesthesia professionals who safely administer approximately 32 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States, according to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) 2009 Practice Profile Survey. CRNAs provide anesthesia in collaboration with surgeons, anesthesiologists, dentists, podiatrists and other qualified healthcare professionals, and they practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms, critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons and pain management specialists and U.S. military.

Our Lady of the Lake College benefits through interaction with a long list of highly-respected health organizations in Louisiana. In a recent example, members of Dr. Marion F. Cahill’s Psychology of Aging class gained invaluable knowledge during a visit to the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, considered one of the premier institutions of health and nutrition in the world. Students listened intently to an informative talk given by Donald K. Ingram, Ph.D., Professor of Nutritional Neuroscience and Aging and Director of the Animal Metabolism and Behavioral Core at Pennington. Dr. Ingram, who was recently named President of the Gerontological Society of America, talked about the research process and answered questions about brain aging and cognitive decline and the investigation into the role of specific foods on aging and health.

PCRT students observing biomedical research.
SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce that the Annual Luncheon will be held September 24, 2011, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. Don’t miss this opportunity to reconnect with alumni and other friends of the College.

This year’s event will feature special recognition of the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady in Louisiana.

In honor of this celebration, the theme for the 2011 Annual Luncheon is “Inspired by Angels.” Each year, awards are presented honoring a Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Recent Alumnus and the Franciscan Impact Award, which recognizes an outstanding individual who is actively contributing to the betterment of others in the Greater Baton Rouge area.

“I urge everyone to consider attending the luncheon,” states Jason Kutinar, ’06, Our Lady of the Lake College Alumni Association President. “Our Lady of the Lake College alumni have had such a strong impact on Louisiana . . . this is our chance to honor these amazing individuals as well as others in our broader community of friends and neighbors.”

Registration information is available at www.ololcollege.edu/annualluncheon.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady will celebrate 100 years of ministry in Louisiana in 2011. This milestone will be celebrated across the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System over the course of this year, with a special celebration to be held later in the fall. This multi-day fall event is scheduled to coincide with the actual anniversary of the arrival of the first Sisters, as well as the Feast of St. Francis annually celebrated on October 4th.

The College will be honoring the Sisters at the Annual Luncheon on September 24, 2011, and expressing gratitude to the Sisters as they reflect on “A Century of Faith and Service.”

NIGHTINGALE AWARDS FEATURE COLLEGE ALUMNI

The Louisiana Nurses Foundation honors registered nurses representing a variety of healthcare institutions and schools of nursing at the annual Nightingale Awards dinner. The program is the ‘Academy Awards’ of nursing and health care, and it recognizes quality service, commitment and excellence by registered nurses representing a variety of nursing programs.

In 2011, the following graduates were Nightingale winners: Angela Dykes, ’07, ’09, named Rookie of the Year and Charla Johnson, ’87, named Nurse of the Year.

Over the past two years, the following graduates have been nominated for several Nightingale Awards, including: Outstanding Community Service Award, Shelly Brussard, ’08; Mentor of the Year, Cathy Guay, ’85; Outstanding Nurse Researcher, Charla Johnson, ’87; Rookie of the Year, Patrick Larget, ’05; ’08; Nursing Educator of the Year, Lee Ann Thomas, ’06; and Mentor of the Year, Irene Watson, ’76.

Nominations in each category are reviewed with actual clinical rotations beginning the second year instead of the third.”

Did Our Lady of the Lake College give you the academic tools for medical school?

“OLOL College really helped me prepare for a medical career by introducing me to advanced biology classes early and providing a seminar that prepared me for school interviews and MCAT testing.”

ANGELA FORBES, ’08

Where has your Bachelor of Arts degree taken you? “I am currently student teaching at Glasgow Middle School in Baton Rouge and will complete my Master’s in teaching in May, 2011. I feel that teaching is my calling. I have the chance to help students become the best that they can be and enjoy the feeling of accomplishment when I see a student ‘get something.’

How did what you learned at the College shape who you become? “I feel that my liberal arts classes at OLLOL College were necessary to help me relate to the human experience. I also learned about the importance of service. I currently coach soccer, as well as volunteer for the ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease) Association.”

W. CHANDLER LEBOUFF, ’11

Why did you choose Our Lady of the Lake College? “OLOL College for its dedication to healthcare, community service, leadership and, most importantly, the School of Arts, Sciences and Health Professions and its rigorous Human Medicine program.”

What is your ten year plan? “After I graduate in May of 2011, I will continue my education in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Texas Tech University Health Science Center and eventually get a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science. Once that is complete, I plan to come back to Louisiana to educate, research and serve the community.”

ALUMNA PUBLISHES ARTICLE

Sandra Mathes, ’10, a Master of Science in Nursing graduate, published an article entitled “Implementing a Caring Model” in the February issue of Creative Nursing. She was assisted on the article by nursing instructor Annette Kinloch, D.N.S., C.N.E.
CELEBRATING MISSION

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain
Director of Vocations and Seminarians for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, and Our Lady of the Lake College Board of Trustee

The Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew presents a moving portrait of Jesus as both herald and teacher. Jesus proclaims his vision of God’s kingdom and then teaches his disciples how they should live in order to experience that kingdom.

One of the more challenging passages concerns the command to love one’s enemies. Jesus says that even tax collectors and pagans love friends and relatives, but he instructs his followers to go beyond ordinary love and love people who do not return that love. This is the type of love which distinguishes and transforms Christians.

For the past year or so, Our Lady of the Lake College has been reflecting on its identity as a Catholic college. Since every institution of higher learning cares about academic excellence and the success of its graduates, what are the values, practices and traditions which distinguish a Catholic college from other colleges?

We hope one distinguishing quality would be the love practiced by our students and faculty. John Garvey, the president of the Catholic University of America, stated, “The measure of our success is how our graduates live their daily lives: do they pray and receive the sacraments, do they love the poor, do they observe the rest of the beatitudes?”

COLLEGE ALUMNA JOINS THE SISTERHOOD

When Anna Harper graduated from Our Lady of the Lake College in 2008 with an Associate Degree in Nursing, she was happy with her chosen vocation, but she felt that there was something missing.

“The thought of religious life had entered my mind and heart periodically since I was a child. But I was not certain if this was my desire or God’s desire for me, so I often ignored it and went on with my daily routine.

“During my last semester of nursing school, I started attending daily Mass and Adoration. It was not long after this that I could no longer ignore the fact that there was a good chance God was indeed calling me to be a religious sister.

“After discerning this, the next question was, ‘where is He calling me to serve Him?’

I had worked with cancer patients for seven years and survived nursing school, so I decided to start there.”

One day, she came across information about the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, a small community based out of Hawthorne, NY, that works with incurable cancer patients who cannot afford care. In 2010, she made a decision and began a new life as a postulant.

“Since the moment I started this new life, I have been filled with peace . . . I strive each moment to live for Christ through Mary.”

LEARNING ABOUT FAITH THROUGH LEGATUS

Our Lady of the Lake College has a valued connection to Legatus, an international organization of Catholic laity comprised of executives from the business community and professional enterprises. Since its chartering in 2004, the Baton Rouge Chapter has become one of Legatus’ fastest-growing chapters.

It’s good work is now being lead by Chapter President William Knobles, who is also an Our Lady of the Lake College Board Trustee. Members of Legatus are presidents or owners of companies who gather together to study, live and spread the faith in their business, professional and personal lives.

Legatus holds monthly meetings that begin with the rosary and then Mass, after which participants gather to eat a meal and listen to nationally- and internationally-known speakers on subjects concerning faith and evangelization. Examples of recent speakers in Baton Rouge include Father Ted Pachydzick, Ph.D., Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Mr. Knobles sees an important connection between his work with Legatus and higher education infused with Catholic values. “I believe Catholic education develops a foundation for one’s faith/spiritual life that can be relied on when things are tough, but, more importantly, a foundation that becomes stronger and deeper through prayer life, celebration of the Eucharist and reception of the sacraments.”

In addition to Mr. Knobles, three other Board of Trustee members — William Balhoff, Dr. Redfield Bryan and College President Sandra Harper — participate in Legatus.

FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

• Annette Knobloch, D.N.S., C.N.E., who has been a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician since 2003, and a member of the Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force, recently participated in a Child Safety Seat Inspection event in Houma, Louisiana.

• Edna Hull, Ph.D., C.N.E., Director of the Metropolitan New Orleans campuses, was awarded a Legacy of Caring Award by the Association of Nurses Working for Our Patients.

• Tiffany D. Magee, Director of Financial Aid, has been appointed to the Louisiana Center for Health Equity Board which works to address the increasing disparities in health and health care across Louisiana.

• The following students were given special recognition at the Student Leadership Banquet in April. Each were nominated by faculty, staff and community partners for outstanding commitment and initiative over the past year:


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We call forth all who serve in this healthcare ministry, to share their gifts and talents to create a spirit of healing — with reverence and love for all of life, with joyfulfulness of spirit and with humility and justice for all those entrusted to our care.

We are with God's help, a healing and spiritual presence for each other and for the communities we are privileged to serve.