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The service learning program engages both students and faculty members in the welfare of the surrounding community.



Service Learning Projects Advance the University's Mission of Service

CAPHE Engaging Communities and Campuses Project

Madonna University has been awarded one of thirteen national grants by the Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education (CAPHE), the grant-making unit of the Council of Independent Colleges, to expand its service learning program in partnership with All Saints Neighborhood Center in Southwest Detroit. Over a two-and-one-half-year period, the grant of \$79,500 will support activities to involve University students in computer training for youth, development of a Center Web site and online community newsletter, a health assessment center, and community projects to develop the human capital of this Delray neighborhood. Under the leadership of Kevin West, Director of Service Learning, and Dr. Dennis Nordmoe, Director of All Saints Neighborhood Center, the project will also entail the creation of a certificate program in community leadership for students who participate in service learning and complete required courses.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the University to establish an ongoing relationship with an effective community service organization," remarked Dr. Ernest Nolan, Vice President for Academic Administration. "The potential exists to have sustained, positive impact on the Springwells Village district of Southwest Detroit and make a difference in the lives of its residents."

Michigan Campus Compact Funds Service Projects

Michigan Campus Compact continues to support faculty as they expand service learning opportunities for students. Recent grants to faculty include:

- Scholarship of Engagement Grant (\$2,000) to Kevin West (sociology) to arrange service learning placements with Alternatives for Girls in Detroit;
- Scholarship of Engagement Grant (\$2,000) to Dr. Jonathan Swift to involve MU students as mentors in the Livonia Public Schools' Global Seminar for High School Students, which is held on the MU campus each spring;
- Venture Grant (\$2,500) to Dr. Mary Hunt to engage students in establishing a career education program for high school dropouts in Brighton.

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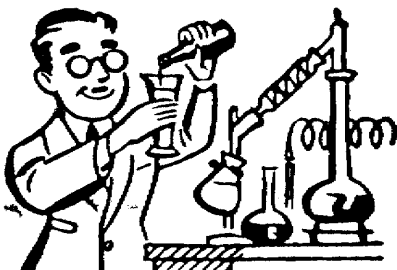
The PHHE Project has fostered dialogue among the participating colleges and universities nationwide, focused on effective strategies for informing students about the impact of HIV/AIDS.

Program for Health in Higher Education (PHHE) Supports Integration of HIV/AIDS Course Content

In its fourth year of funding from the Program for Health in Higher Education (PHHE), Madonna University has conducted a course development program involving most of the four-year colleges and universities in the Detroit area. Through a competitive proposal process, ten faculty members were chosen to revise the syllabus for one course to include more content on HIV/AIDS. The PHHE Curriculum Partners include:

<u>Faculty member</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Dr. Jeremy Eccles	Political Science	Marygrove College
Dr. Margaret Gorman	Nursing	Madonna University
James Karagon	Social Work	Marygrove College
Dr. Ronald Koenig	Social Work	University of Detroit Mercy
Dr. Linette Mosby	Sociology	Oakland University
Dr. Veronica Riha	Biology	St. Mary's College
Dr. Donald Rizzo	Biology	Marygrove College
Dr. Dena Scher	Psychology	Marygrove College
Dr. Dorothy Seebaldt	Social Work	Marygrove College
Dr. Frances Trix	Anthropology	Wayne State University
<u>Alternate:</u>		
Dr. Ted Gish	Chemistry	St. Mary's College

This project is being directed by Mary Mitsch of the Madonna University College of Nursing and Health. Dr. Mary Hunt (allied health) and Dennis Bozyk (history) are serving as peer mentors.



Science Faculty Selected for SENCER Institute

The Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities (SENCER) project has invited a team from Madonna University to participate in the summer 2002 SENCER Institute, a week-long curriculum development workshop held at Santa Clara (CA) University. To lay the groundwork for the Institute, the University has been asked to send one science faculty member to serve on the SSI-2002 Advanced Planning Team this coming August. Dr. Mary Hunt (allied health) will represent the University this summer and focus on global health crises in anticipation of the full team's work on an interdisciplinary course on this topic.

Ford Motor Company Funds Technology Wing

As a sign of its commitment to supporting Madonna University as a corporate partner, Ford Motor Company has pledged \$650,000 toward the \$1.2 million Technology Wing Construction Project. The University continues to play a major role in educating the FMC workforce and offers an onsite workplace education program at the Ford Rouge Steel Complex in Dearborn. In addition, the University has been active in the Ford-UAW University Project, reviewing Joint Training Program courses for college credit through the Prior Learning Assessment Program.

Winners of 2001 Faculty Excellence Awards Announced

The ad hoc Selection Committee for the Year 2001 Faculty Excellence Awards has named five faculty colleagues to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the teaching-learning environment at Madonna University. This year, the review of candidates for Faculty Award from Graduating Seniors resulted in a tie, so two colleagues will share the award.

The winners of the Year 2001 Faculty Excellence Awards are as follows:

Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation

- Mary Mitsch, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Faculty Excellence Award for Service to the University or Community

- Dr. Karen Obsniuk, Professor of Education

Faculty Excellence Award for Adjunct Faculty

- William Vanderwill, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Gerontology and Director of the Addiction Studies Program

Faculty Award from Graduating Seniors

- Dr. Gerald Charbonneau, Professor of Sociology/Social Work
- Michael Meldrum, Assistant Professor of Sign Language Studies and Director of the Office of Disability Resources

The members of the 2001 Selection Committee included: Michael Cummings, chair (Library), Fr. Ron DesRosiers, recipient of the 2000 Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching (Arts & Humanities), Dr. Bess Kypros (Education), Dr. Gerald Charbonneau (Social Sciences), Miriam Long (Science & Mathematics), and Dr. Nancy O'Connor (Nursing & Health). The awardees will be recognized at the Fall 2001 Faculty Conference with a plaque and monetary award.

The Faculty Awards Program provides an opportunity for the faculty to acknowledge and reward peers for their outstanding achievements.



Work Continues on Initiating the Catholic University Center in Southgate

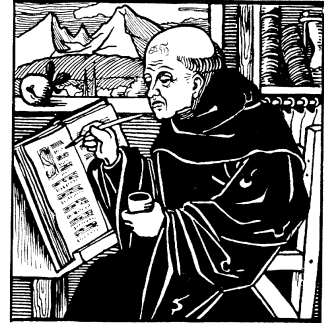
Fall 2001 is the target for Detroit Area Catholic Higher Education Consortium (Madonna University, Marygrove College, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, St. Mary's College, and University of Detroit Mercy) to launch its first classes at the Catholic University Center at the former Aquinas High School in Southgate. Recently, the Fund for Independent Higher Education (FIHE) gave a vote of confidence to the project by awarding a \$100,000 grant to match funds of \$60,000 per year for five years pledged by the Archdiocese of Detroit. These grants will be used to cover the start-up costs of the Center, including the newly appointed Director of the Center, Curtis Bartz. The FIHE grant will be used primarily to outfit a new computer lab at the facility, upgrade instructional equipment in the classrooms, and underwrite recruitment and retention activities. Initially Madonna University will offer its Master of Business Administration

The decision to establish the Catholic University Center in Southgate came after an extensive needs assessment conducted by an independent research firm—which identified the degree programs most in demand in the Downriver area.

Summer 2001 FPD Research Awards

The Faculty Professional Development Committee awarded the following faculty members research grants for Summer 2001:

<u>Faculty Member(s)</u>	<u>Project</u>
Michael Johnson	Enhancing the Neural Network Net Query-by-Structure Approach
Dr. Bess Kypros	The Effects of Teaching Action Research Skills to Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Dr. William McMillan	A Study of the Current Status and Potential for E-Business Applications in Mainland China
Dr. Charlotte Neuhauser	A Comparative Study of the Effectiveness of an Online and Onground Course
Dr. Ellen Oliver Smith	Research for Book: <i>To My Dear Ones at Home</i>
Mary Urisko	Presentation to American Association for Paralegal Studies National Meeting
Dr. David Wagner	Music for Meditation and MU Chorale Tour of France



Summer Stipends Encourage Technology Revolution across the Curriculum

Under the leadership of Dr. Patricia Vint, the Title III Project Team has awarded \$750 stipends for faculty members to adapt courses for alternative delivery modalities during summer 2001. The awardees include:

<u>Faculty member</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Course</u>
Martha Donagrandi	Nursing	NUR 3030
Dr. Mary Hunt	Allied Health	NSC 1252
Michael Johnson	Computer Science	CSC 2010
Dr. Charlotte Neuhauser	Management	MGT 5370
Dr. James O'Neill	Psychology	PSY 2450
Dr. Karen Obsniuk	Education	EDU 5710
Dr. Karen Schmitz	Nutrition & Food Science	NFS 2220
Dr. Sandra Wahtera	Nursing	NUR 3900
Dr. Stewart Wood	Education	EDU 5000
Dr. Edythe Woods	Psychology	PSY 1010

The award also covers the cost of a special training program conducted by instructional designer James Brittain, which will result in official certification as an online course designer through Michigan Virtual University.

Important Dates

Fall 2001 Faculty Conference

- Monday, August 27, 2001
- 8:30 am - Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am - Business Meeting
- 10:30 am - Guest Speaker and Reaction Panel
- 1:00 p.m. - Adjournment

University Community Gathering

- Wednesday, August 29, 2001

New Faculty Orientation

- Thursday, August 30, 2001
- 9:00 am - Meet in Board Room
- Mentors arrive at 1:00 pm

Classes Begin

- Tuesday, September 4, 2001

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