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The intended outcome of the MEPI project is a shared understanding of American democratic values and their influence on our society's values and expectations.



MADONNA UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH LEBANESE UNIVERSITY

Madonna University recently received a Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) grant of \$100,000 from the U.S. Department of State to advance its partnership with Notre Dame University Louaize, which is located in Beirut, Lebanon. The project, entitled "U.S.-Lebanon Partnership for American Studies," will involve reciprocal consultation on curriculum development, with Madonna University providing expertise on American Studies, with an emphasis on democratic values and diversity in American society. In turn, Notre Dame University will advise on setting up an Middle Eastern Studies program at MU.

Under the direction of **Jonathan Swift**, Director of the Center for Research, the two-year project includes a number of activities to strengthen international education on both campuses:

- Two-week visits by groups of five faculty members from each institution annually for two years, for a total of ten MU faculty members visiting Lebanon and ten NDU faculty members visiting Michigan;
- Faculty professional de-



The official signing of the partnership agreement at Notre Dame University in Beirut, Lebanon, on December 15, 2004: (left to right) Dr. Jonathan Swift, Director of the Center for International Studies; Tarik Daoud, M.U. Trustee; Jeffrey D. Feltman, U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon; Rev. Boutros Tarabay, President of N.D.U.; Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Ph.D., President of M.U.; Juliet Wurr, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy; and Dr. Ernest Nolan, V.P. of Academic Administration.

velopment activities, including common readings and workshops, to increase awareness about the issues that divide the Middle East and the West;

- Library development at NDU in American Studies;
- The creation of community advisory boards at both institutions to identify support to sustain the partnership between the two schools.

"The intended outcome of the project," remarked **Ernest Nolan**, Vice President for Academic Administration, "is a shared un-

derstanding of how American democratic ideals inform and shape our ideas, values, and expectations as citizens in a free society." This will serve as the core theme for all of the project activities.

During December 12-19, 2004, a delegation from MU, including **Sister Rose Marie Kujawa**, President, **Tarik Daoud**, member of the Board of Trustees, and Drs. Nolan and Swift, traveled to Lebanon to sign the official partnership agreement, make plans for the project launch, and meet the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon, Jeffrey Feltman.

CAMPUSEAI ORACLE PROJECT WILL RESULT IN DISTICTIVE WEB PORTAL



The capacity to customize one's entry into the MU Web site will make using the portal more welcoming, friendly, convenient, and time-saving.

Madonna University has been selected to join the CampusEAI Consortium and awarded a Portal Grant over a five-year period, with a cumulative value of \$1,045,000 in CampusEAI Oracle Portal software, consultation, and services. This means that MU will be able to build an affordable entryway to its Web services that can be customized to the needs, preferences, and requirements of its various end-users, such as faculty, staff, students, and alumni. It will also allow the University to integrate its different Web-based systems so that individuals sign in one time with a single user ID and password that will allow access to all of the services for which individuals are authorized. The Web portal that each user enters will be unique for that individual, with the features he or she uses most often readily at hand—without changing screens or needing to

re-authenticate his or her identity.

Under the leadership of **John Fosselman**, Chief Information technology Officer, the project will involve the Web Development Team as well as other IT staff to, first of all, build the structure of the portal utilizing community-source software available through Campus EAI and

then to create a “portlet” for Jenzabar, the University’s management information system. This will be Madonna University’s contribution to the consortium’s collaborative software development. “It will take about a year to implement the student portal,” said Fosselman, “but in the long run, more services will be easier to access.”



FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER ADOPTS LOGO AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Under the leadership of **Bess Kypros**, program director for child development, the Faculty Standing Committee on Faculty Professional Development (FPD) conducted a competition among graphics arts students to design a logo for the new Faculty Professional Development Center. Last spring, students in ART 3610: Advertising Design developed concepts, designed a logo, and incorporated it into a promotion flyer for the Center. Instructor **Robin Ward** then selected finalists, which were submitted to the Committee for review. Student **Amy Drennen**'s winning logo design (pictured at left) consists of three leaves representing the traditional faculty functions of teaching, scholarship/research, and service sprouting from a triangle representing the Greek letter *delta*, which denotes change. The logo now adorns the door to the Center as well as the new brochure describing the Center's services. The Committee has approved a mission statement for the Center and is evolving a vision of how the Center will support FPD efforts.



Foundations of Excellence Project Ends with National Teleconference and Recognition

Madonna University's participation as one of twelve Council of Independent Colleges institutions in the Foundations of Excellence project ended with recognition at a national teleconference, "Shaping the Future: Aspiration, Assessment, Action!," broadcast via satellite on December 2, 2004. As a result of the project, the University has developed a comprehensive improvement plan to enhance the first-year-of-college experience of its students, including its first-year seminar, UNV 1010: Transition to Higher Education. The Foundations of Excellence Project Leadership Team presented certificates of appreciation to the project task force members at the culminating celebration held at Tony Roma's Restaurant on November 19, 2004. The leadership team included **Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz**, V.P. for Student Services; **Ernest Nolan**, V.P. for Academic Administration; **Edith Raleigh**, Dean of Graduate Studies;



At the culminating meeting in Asheville, North Carolina, on October 23, 2004, Project Liaison, Karen Ross (center) receives the Commendation for Exemplary Service to American Higher Education from John Gardner, Director, and Betsy Barefoot, Co-Director, Policy Center on the First Year of College.

Karen Ross, Dean, College of Social Sciences and Project Liaison; **Edythe Woods**, Chair, Psychology Department. The faculty and staff members who worked on the project task force included **Stuart Arends**, **Chris Benson**, **Theodore Biermann**, **Gerald Charbonneau**, **Jerry Collins**, **James Copi**, **Nancy Cross**, **Roger Crownover**, **Cecilia**

Donohue, **Kevin Eyster**, **Frances FitzGerald**, **Debbie Graczyk**, **Neal Haldane**, **Frank Hribar**, **Bridgette Johnson**, **Ursula Murray**, **Stanley Ngeyi**, **Kathleen O'Dowd**, **Mike Quattro**, **Bryan Rizzo**, **Carol Rzemkowski**, **Kenneth Rust**, **Tia Silva**, **Linda Smith**, **Carol Vandenberg**, **Mary Wawrzynski**, **Kevin West**, and **Thomas Woods**.



The University has plans to formalize its first-year-of-college program in order to increase student learning and bond students to the values and traditions of the institution.

MCC Funds Documentary Video on the Life of Pablo Davis

Under the guidance of **Chuck Derry**, Director of the Video Communications Program, and **Kevin West**, Director of Service Learning, the Broadcast Club received a Michigan Campus Compact Venture Grant of \$2,000 to produce a video biography of Detroit artist and community leader, **Pablo Davis**, who is the last living associate artist who helped the great Mexican muralist Diego Rivera paint the famous "Detroit Industry" murals in the Detroit Institute of Arts in the 1930's. Mr. Davis is known locally for his efforts in support of establishing the Pablo Davis Elder Living Center, which provides affordable housing for senior citizens in Southwest Detroit.





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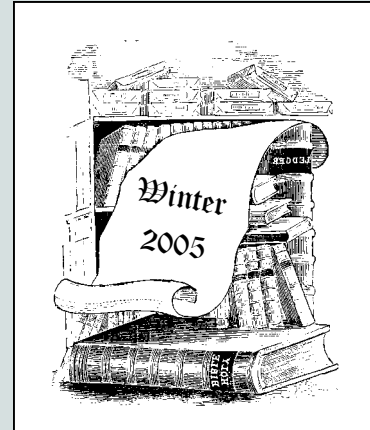
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Winter Semester 2005 Datebook

- **Classes Begin**
Monday, January 10, 2005
- **Winter Faculty Conference**
Friday, January 14, 2005
1:00-3:00 p.m., Kresge Hall
- **February Faculty Colloquium**
Friday, February
1:00-3:00 p.m., Kresge Hall
- **Spring Vacation**
March 7-12, 2005
- **"One Faculty, One Book" Colloquium:**
*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together
In the Lunchroom? and Other Conversations About Race*
by Beverly Daniel Tatum
Dates in March TBD



FUNDED PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

As the University concludes the year 2004, it can look back with appreciation for external funding to support new projects and initiatives:

- **The Charles M. Bauervic Foundation Assists with Funding New Organ**
Long-time benefactor to the University, The Charles M. Bauervic Foundation, recently announced a contribution of \$5,000 toward the music department's new \$90,000 organ, which will provide a concert-level instrument for organ instruction.
- **Bank One College Outreach Partnership Award**
Coordinated by the Michigan Colleges Foundation, Bank One contributed \$6,500 for a project entitled, "Equipping Students from Underrepresented Groups with Economic Options and Success Strategies for Entering College." Targeting high school students from low-income backgrounds, the project will help the students and their parents plan for the costs of attending college and develop the students' academic skills.
- **Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Grant**
The College of Nursing and Health was awarded its third Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Grant based on a proposal developed by **Nancy O'Connor**, Chair of Graduate Nursing. This award of \$15,598 provides scholarship funds for students pursuing graduate study in nursing.
- **Michigan Campus Compact Supports AmeriCorps*VISTA Worker**
Twelve Michigan campuses were awarded AmeriCorps*VISTA workers through a collaborative partnership between Michigan Campus Compact and AmeriCorps*VISTA. Spearheaded by **Kevin West**, Director of Service Learning, the University's project will engage MCC VISTA member, **Mandy Burke**, in efforts to strengthen University-community relationships and further the objectives of the service learning program.