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**THINGS YOU  
DIDN'T KNOW  
ABOUT DONNELLY**

## LEADER'S MESSAGE



**Monsignor Stuart Swetland**  
*President*

By the mercy and grace of God, this has been a blessed year at Donnelly College. In May, we celebrated the accomplishments of 61 of our students who graduated with bachelor's degrees, associate degrees and nursing qualifications.

Of particular note is our first graduate from our Gateway to College Program, who is continuing her collegiate studies at Donnelly. We were inspired by a stirring challenge from Rev. Desmond Lamb of Forest Grove Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas to be courageous in facing the problems of our times. We were pleased to honor one of our heroes and partners — El Centro, Inc. President and CEO Irene Caudillo — with our Delta Award.

This issue of our Digest is dedicated to things you might not know about Donnelly College. Let me begin by sharing one little-known story: Donnelly College started with a flood. Sister Jerome Keeler, OSB, who envisioned a college like Donnelly to serve “those who might not otherwise be served,” kept a diary. She recorded that on the first day of classes (September 12, 1949), the sisters had to deal with flooding in the College. Here is Sr. Jerome's description:

“It poured rain in the morning during prayers and chores but we prayed that it would clear up before 8:00. Sure enough it did. After mass I sent Sister Elaine over to see if it had rained in the school. She telephoned back that there was water in the library, girls' lavatory and boys' lavatory. We hurried over to wipe it up before the students arrived.”

Through the sisters' prayers and hard work, their dream became a reality. It continues today. We who have the honor to serve the people and mission of Donnelly College hope that this dream will live on for years to come.

Pax,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland". The script is cursive and elegant.

Monsignor Stuart Swetland  
President



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## THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT DONNELLY

*{Arranged in no particular order}*

Donnelly's 66-year history is rich with stories, tradition and growth. Learn what makes the College so special — these truths might surprise you.



**20 PERCENT** of Donnelly's operating budget comes from generous individuals, organizations and private foundations that believe in the College's mission and students. *(More information on pg. 16)*



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**STUDENTS HAIL FROM 37 COUNTRIES** around the world, in large part because Donnelly boasts an accredited, college readiness-focused English as a Second Language (ESL) program in existence since 1971 — the first in the Kansas City area. Today, it consists of an academic-focused program and community-focused courses.

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While most students commute to campus, Donnelly has **TWO RESIDENCE HALLS**. The men's hall can house up to 19 students and the women's hall can house up to 23 students. Most residents receive their own bedroom and bathroom.

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Donnelly is located in the heart of Kansas City, Kansas, and students come from more than **50 HIGH SCHOOLS** in the Kansas City metro.

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The U.S. Department of Education names Donnelly the **71<sup>ST</sup> MOST AFFORDABLE** private, nonprofit, four-year college/university nationwide.

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Since 1953, **NOTABLE GUESTS** such as Father Flanagan and his Boys Town choir; John Howard Griffin, author of *Black Like Me*; Martin Luther King, III, son of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Sonia Nazario, author of *Enrique's Journey*, have spoken at Donnelly. (Read about Nazario on pg. 8)

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Thanks to a strong liberal arts and sciences foundation and the tireless work of many students, faculty and staff, the College has produced three issues of **DIME** (pronounced "DEE-may"): The Arts & Literary Journal of Donnelly College. Students' submissions make up the journal, which includes works of nonfiction, visual arts, poetry and fiction. (Learn more on pg. 9)

Illustrated by: Cesar Lopez (DIME: Issue 1)

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Donnelly holds **TWO DISTINCTIONS** that no other college or university in the region boasts: it is both a Federally Designated Minority Serving Institution and a Hispanic Serving Institution.





In addition to Donnelly's bachelor's and associate degrees, the College removes educational barriers with **THREE PROGRAMS** specifically designed to support student success in high school and college-level courses.

#### *Gateway to College*

Through partnerships, students participate in dual credit classes taught by Donnelly College instructors. Most students will accumulate between 15-30 college credits en route to earning a high school diploma.

#### *Preparatory Education*

This program develops academic skills so students are prepared for the rigors of college courses via intensive instruction, cohort support and service learning.

#### *Conditional Admission*

Faculty assist and encourage students as they navigate their educational experiences. Students in the program are required to attend tutoring services and also are enrolled in an academic support course.



Thanks to a new **CAREER CENTER**, all Donnelly students have access to Career Cruising, an online guidance system that offers career exploration tools, personal portfolios and three skills and interests assessments. These help students understand their interests and link them to potential career choices.



#### **WANT TO CONTINUE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DONNELLY?**

Join the conversation on your favorite network:



## SONIA NAZARIO

*Best-selling author sparks campus conversation*

No two homecoming tales are the same, just like no two refugees' stories are identical. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Sonia Nazario enjoyed her own homecoming while sharing the journey of one amongst many migrant children coming to the United States to be reunited with his mother.

Nazario's best-selling book *Enrique's Journey* is a much different type of love story than most people are accustomed to reading. In the book, Nazario chronicles the trials and travels of a young Honduran boy on a mission to see his mother, who left Enrique and his sister with relatives in their home country in pursuit of a more lucrative job in the U.S.

Originally a Wall Street Journal reporter, Nazario followed her passion for social justice and expertise at fly-on-the-wall reporting to bring the story of refugee children like Enrique to life. Her coverage began as a series, "Enrique's Journey," in the Los Angeles Times, earning her a Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 2003. She later expanded upon her work to write her book of the same name.

In order to capture this story effectively and poignantly, Nazario traveled north from Honduras to the United States the way Enrique did, and like thousands of other migrant children do: by riding atop trains. This journey is incredibly dangerous, as riders have not only train safety to consider, but also the dangers associated with smugglers and drug lords who prey upon rooftop travelers. After she completed the cycle once, Nazario again made the trek north through Central America, interviewing fellow passengers and witnessing firsthand the horrors refugees face.

The book — which all Donnelly freshmen read this year — is emotionally challenging and powerful, and Nazario's April 6 presentations at the College were no

different. After speaking to students in the morning, Nazario (who grew up in Lenexa, Kansas and Argentina) offered her remarks on this story, children refugees and immigration reform.

"When I asked Sonia Nazario to come to Donnelly, I was hoping the students would be able to relate to her as an immigrant from Kansas City who worked hard to become successful, and who could share her story and Enrique's story of grit (ganas) and perseverance," said Director of Preparatory Education Lisa Stoothoff. "She brought Enrique's story to life through her own eyes and past experiences."

Nazario also offered an afternoon presentation that was open to the public, where she led a discussion for a full crowd of attendees from across the Kansas City metro.

"I believe that we can have a full-throated debate on the pluses and minuses of immigrants coming here for economic reasons," Nazario said.

Citing the ever-growing drug problems in Central America, Nazario advocated for policy reforms to better support citizens of impoverished countries.

Irene Caudillo, President and CEO of El Centro, Inc., and recent recipient of Donnelly's Delta Award (*see story on pg. 12*), encounters many children like those in *Enrique's Journey*.

"Their stories are so similar — what they



Nazario speaks about her near-misses on her trek through Central America

encounter; what they saw," Caudillo said. "I admire the fact that [Nazario] brings this story to light."

Nazario's presentation and the ensuing conversation encouraged attendees to reflect upon what they learned and how this type of community dialogue aids people from all walks of life. Additionally, Nazario offered on-campus book signings after each presentation, organized in partnership with Rainy Day Books.

"Donnelly's effort in bringing a person with a Kansas connection to tell these stories not only to students but also to members of the general public — that's a huge service," said attendee C.J. Janovy, Arts Reporter for KCUR 89.3 FM.



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visit Donnelly's Newsroom at [www.donnelly.edu/news](http://www.donnelly.edu/news)



## CATHOLICISM ON CAMPUS

*Television crew films 13 episodes of popular show at Donnelly*



Archbishop Naumann, Monsignor Swetland and Donnelly students prepare for a filming

Don't change the channel: Donnelly College will come to a television screen near you, thanks to Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). A crew from the world's largest religious media network paid Donnelly a visit this spring to film the eighth season of "Catholicism on Campus," hosted by President Monsignor Stuart Swetland.

The show — which previously has been filmed at University of Illinois and Mount St. Mary's University — features students from area colleges and universities in casual conversations about various religious topics. This was the first time the show filmed at Donnelly.

In just three days, Monsignor Swetland and the crew shot 13 episodes of "Catholicism on Campus," with student appearances from Donnelly College, Johnson County Community College, Benedictine College, Kansas State University and University of Kansas. They joined Monsignor Swetland in talking with his guest co-hosts, including Donnelly's own Vice President of Spirituality & Mission Father John Melnick, SSA; and Archbishop Joseph Naumann, as well as representatives from the aforementioned schools, Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and St. Paul's Outreach.



Student laughs during taping

Topics ranged from prayer for adult beginners to lay spirituality to using athletics as a metaphor for the spiritual life and more.

EWTN features 24-hour programming in 144 countries worldwide, with shows in English and Spanish. In addition to talk shows, EWTN airs documentaries, coverage of Church events, children's programming and more.

The season of "Catholicism on Campus" filmed at Donnelly will not air for at least one year; check [www.donnelly.edu/news](http://www.donnelly.edu/news) for scheduling updates.

## THIRD ISSUE OF DIME PUBLISHED



Magali Rojas reads the newest issue of DIME

For the third consecutive year, Donnelly College students showcased their creativity in *Dime: The Arts & Literary Journal* of Donnelly College.

Dr. Melissa Lenos, Assistant Professor of English, gathered student submissions in fiction, poetry, visual arts and nonfiction. With help from other Liberal Arts faculty members, Dr. Lenos produced *Dime*, which is free for the public to enjoy.

The journal (pronounced "DEE-may") launched mid-April at a celebratory party. Dr. Lenos presented this year's Sister Mary Faith Schuster Awards for writing and visual arts to Natalia Legion (nonfiction), Magali Rojas AA '15 (visual arts), Isamara Cortés Cruz AS '15 (poetry) and Kaitlin Kennedy (fiction).

The Sister Mary Faith Schuster Awards are made possible by an endowed fund established by Larry '56 and Joan Ward in honor of former English Faculty Member Sister Mary Faith Schuster, OSB, who served at Donnelly on and off from 1953 through 1973.

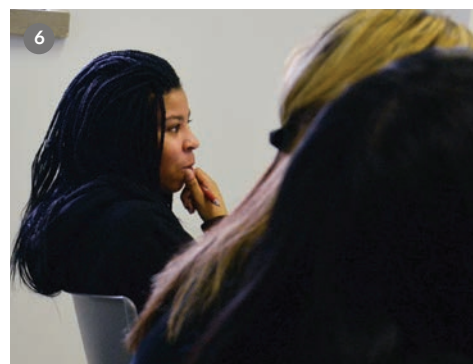
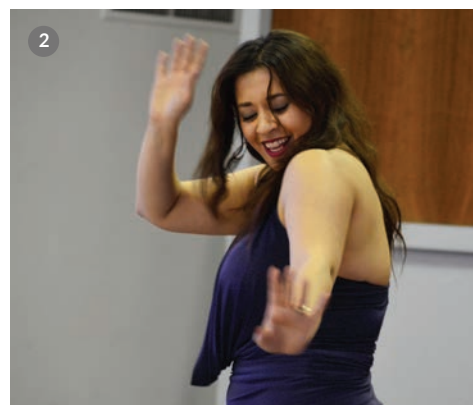
To learn more about *Dime* and read past issues, visit [www.donnelly.edu/dime](http://www.donnelly.edu/dime).

## NEW DONNELLY.EDU LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY 2015

In February, the new [www.donnelly.edu](http://www.donnelly.edu) successfully launched. The site is now mobile friendly, searchable and features a translate button capable of 91 languages. All changes were made to better serve the entire Donnelly community and external audiences.



## AS SEEN ON CAMPUS



**1** Liz Medina, Victor Armstrong and Ambrosia Gerber gather for a photo after the Prayer Service. **2** Student performs a traditional Iranian dance at this year's Multicultural Festival. **3** Instructor Gretchen Meinhardt awards certificates to students completing Donnelly's English as a Second Language programs. **4** Alumnus Ted Gracia '93 speaks to students about his journey from immigrant to lawyer. **5** Fatima Ramirez stiffens in surprise to an egg breaking in her hand during a game at the Student Activities Committee's End of the Year Bash. **6** Kiera Hooper listens to the lecture in her English class. **7** Nursing students embrace joyfully after completing their pinning ceremony, a traditional rite of passage for nursing graduates. **8** Father John Melnick, SSA, greets the congregation at the beginning of the Prayer Service.





**9** Students in Android Programming show off their robots they built from scratch during the spring semester. **10** Students square off during the inaugural season of intramural basketball at Donnelly. **11** Adjunct English Instructor Craig Workman speaks to his class about the effect of language on an individual. **12** Karen Judy, Associate Professor of Natural Sciences, leads STEM campers through an experiment with bacteria. **13** Alumna Diane Hentges '66 speaks with friends before the Alumni Hall of Fame induction ceremony. **14** Students pose for a group photo after the End of the Year Bash. **15** Sister Marie Kathleen Daughtery, SCL, receives a pie in the face at Donnelly's annual Pi Day celebration. **16** Gateway to College graduate Brittany Phillips prepares for Commencement.





## CEREMONIES MARK ACADEMIC MILESTONES

### 2015 GRADUATING CLASS

Black robes: Bachelor's degrees  
White robes: Associate degrees  
Plum robe: Gateway to College  
White scrubs: Practical Nursing

**A**fter months of studying, exams, lectures and more, 61 students completed their studies for Gateway to College, Practical Nursing, Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Applied Science degrees and certificates.

Donnelly College's 2015 commencement ceremony brought together families, friends and graduates to celebrate these accomplishments.

Graduate candidates Liz Medina (AS) and Nathan Johnson, Sr. (BAS) shared inspiring stories of perseverance along their journeys to graduation day.

"One day, my dad got sick, and it broke my heart," Medina said. "My dad was a healthy, strong man. This shouldn't have happened to him. The reason he is still alive is because of the nurse who helped him. Because of her, I want to become a nurse. I want to help out the sick and injured and have that same feeling the nurse had when I said, 'Thank you.'"

"Take a second to look at the classmates beside you. Together, we have made it this far and will

continue on our journey. This is our class: class of 2015. Who would have thought we could make it this far?"

Johnson learned about the Organizational Leadership (OL) program through his wife, a 2014 OL graduate, and expressed his gratitude to Dr. Susan Keim, Director of Organizational Leadership.

"Thanks to Dr. Susan Keim, I found myself intrigued by what was being said and the method of teaching that she uses," he said.

Irene Caudillo, in homage to her inspiring work as President and CEO of El Centro, Inc., was recognized as Donnelly's 2015 Delta Award recipient. Established in 1981, the Delta Award recognizes individuals (typically unaffiliated with Donnelly College) who have made a significant contribution to the ideals and philosophy of the College via service and leadership to Donnelly, the local community and/or higher education.

*"Donnelly gave me strength; Donnelly gave me the courage to go into this world and fight, and love, and give and give," he said. "It's not about me, but it's about helping others."*

"What I do is not to win awards, to claim fame or fortune," she said. "It's to share those stories of people that cannot. It's to create voices and leaders who will walk right beside me and further a cause and really create a vehicle to achieve more than I can do alone."

Donnelly alumnus Rev. Desmond C. Lamb, Sr. gave the commencement address. Lamb — who is the Pastor of Forest Grove Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas — spoke about how his history with the KCK

and Donnelly communities shaped his life. Using faith as a cornerstone, Lamb encouraged graduates to fight the giants in the way of their success, including sexism, racism, ageism and classism.

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## COMMUNITY LEADERS THANK DONNELLY FOR BEGINNINGS



(L to R): Phil Doherty '62, Diane Hentges '66, Steve McCue '68 and Lonnie Scott '75.

Commencement week brings an air of excitement to campus as students prepare to cross the stage and begin the next chapter of their lives as Donnelly College graduates. In keeping with that spirit, Donnelly honored the achievements of past students at its sixth annual Alumni Hall of Fame induction ceremony, kicking off commencement week celebrations.

Hall of Fame members demonstrate outstanding actions expressing the spirit and mission of the College. This year's honorees included Phil Doherty '62, Diane Hentges '66, Steve McCue '68 and Lonnie Scott '75.

"Donnelly was the beginning and the foundation of my college

education," said Doherty. "I just can't say enough about Donnelly College."

With inductees' families and friends on hand alongside Donnelly staff, faculty and students, the evening provided an opportunity to celebrate successful alumni who give back to the community in numerous ways.

"The career path that I chose at Donnelly has given me the opportunity to grow as a person both professionally and personally, and it encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone," said Hentges.

Nearly 70 attendees supported the inductees as they received recognition for their years of community leadership.

"I started at Donnelly from very humble beginnings, and Donnelly is part of the fabric that pulled me together and enabled me to be what I became: a leader in the community," Scott said.

While inductees' words of acceptance often were humorous or sentimental, they all emphasized a dedication to serving others and enacting positive change.

"I will close with this advice," McCue said. "Be brave. Be kind. Fix the future. I have strategically left plenty for you to do."

To nominate someone for Donnelly College's Alumni Hall of Fame, visit [www.donnelly.edu/halloffame](http://www.donnelly.edu/halloffame).

### REFLECTIONS ON A DONNELLY EDUCATION:

"My fondest memory from my time as a Donnelly student is of the caring, helpful and brilliant Benedictine sisters that guided me through the beginning of my educational journey."

— Phil Doherty '62

"Donnelly was the foundation for the formal higher education that was to follow. The Benedictine influence was strong and Donnelly challenged me to achieve through the coursework and nurtured me to be prayerful and Christ-like in my daily life."

— Diane Hentges '66

"Donnelly remains true to its original mission of helping students toward an education they might otherwise find inaccessible. As an adjunct instructor for many years, I've seen the student body become much more diverse, and I think that's one of the greatest strengths of the school."

— Steve McCue '68

"I chose Donnelly because I knew there would be intensive learning. I wanted a challenge and felt that Donnelly College was the place to go."

— Lonnie Scott '75

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

### CONVOCATION MASS

September 10, 2015 | 10 a.m.

As is the custom of Catholic institutions of higher learning to begin and end each academic year with prayer, Donnelly begins with a convocation day. All gather for a Mass of the Holy Spirit and process back to Donnelly for free lunch.

#### RSVP ONLINE:

[www.donnelly.edu/convocationmass](http://www.donnelly.edu/convocationmass)

### SHINE 2015

October 10, 2015 | 6 p.m.

Invest in Donnelly's students by supporting SHINE. Proceeds are used for need-based and merit-based student scholarships, and a portion will be used to create an endowed scholarship fund.

#### PURCHASE A TABLE OR TICKET:

[www.donnelly.edu/shine](http://www.donnelly.edu/shine)

### ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

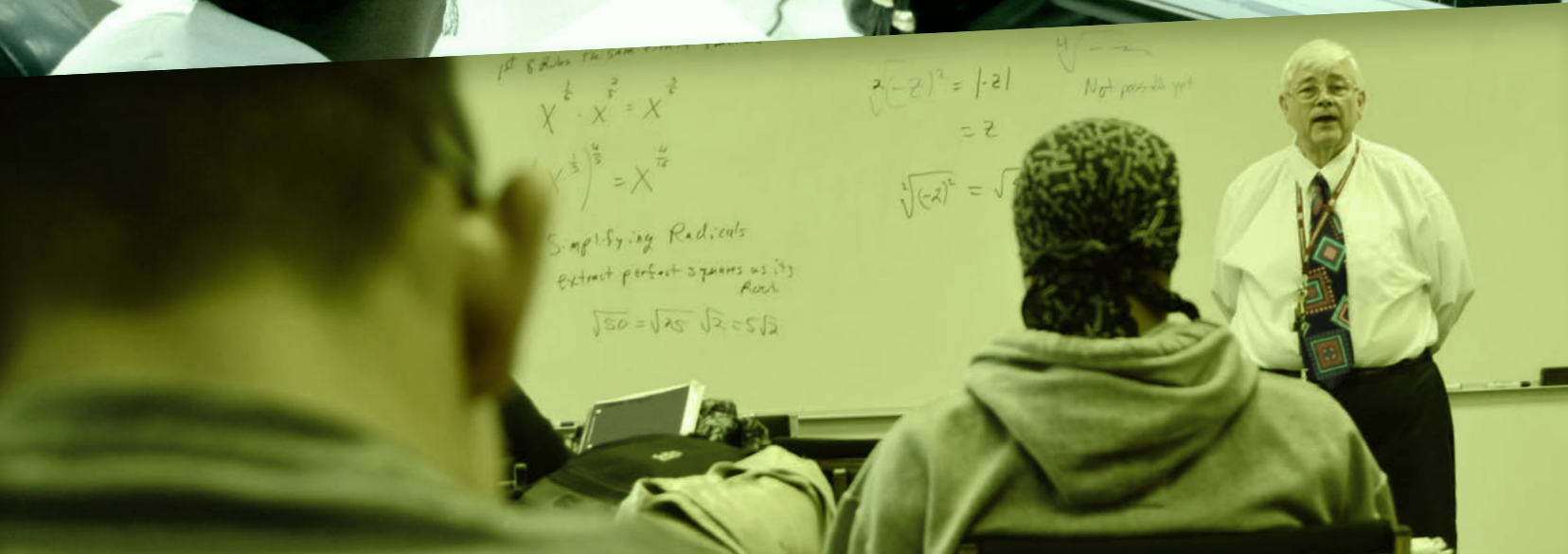
May 5, 2016 | 5 p.m.

Donnelly's alumni have gone on to touch lives and communities in amazing ways. In recognition of their contributions, please nominate an alum, living or deceased, who embodies the values, spirit and mission of Donnelly by February 1, 2016.

#### SUBMIT A NOMINATION:

[www.donnelly.edu/halloffame](http://www.donnelly.edu/halloffame)





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# STEM

*News of a recent grant acquisition from the National Science Foundation was cause for celebration at Donnelly.*

**T**he National Science Foundation (NSF) offered \$619,800 in aid through its Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S-STEM) grant to create opportunities for students in the STEM fields. Funding for Project S<sup>4</sup>, which stands for Scholarships and Support for STEM Success, mainly will provide nearly 60 scholarships for both associate and bachelor degree-seeking students in STEM fields. Additionally, it will create a dedicated student learning community cohort by class.

Program focus areas are freshmen and transfer students working toward Donnelly's Information Systems bachelor's degree and students working toward associate degrees in physical sciences, who will likely transfer to a partner four-year institution.

Additionally, funding for this project will allow the College to test the effects of increased STEM service learning and internships on student persistence. Several area STEM-related companies, such as Burns & McDonnell, Cerner, Connecting for Good and the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute, are partners. Program graduates can then profit from the growing employment opportunities around the metro.

"I know as an educator that it is a tremendous honor for any institution to receive the prestigious and difficult to obtain NSF grant, and for Donnelly College to receive it says quite a bit about the quality of staff and the education the College provides," said Dr. Kathy O'Hara, Superintendent of the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and Donnelly Board member.

Area representatives — including Congressman Kevin Yoder — celebrated the announcement with Donnelly faculty and staff. The five-year grant kicked in on April 15, 2015.

- ◀ **FROM TOP TO BOTTOM 1** Middle school students observe bacteria growing during Donnelly's inaugural STEM camp held during spring break. **2** Jaime Fuentes, Information Systems Instructor, teaches a student about Windows coding. **3** Student finishes a project in a pre-engineering course. **4** Assistant Professor Dave Cobb instructs students in his MT 130 course.

## GIVING GROUP WORKS TO CLOSE ANNUAL GAP



**C**harlie Sunderland of the Sunderland Foundation once said, “One of the challenges in making grants is finding those institutions that are really making a difference in their community. Donnelly clearly fits that role, which is why we are happy to help.”

The Sunderland Foundation is part of the Champions Circle, a new giving group launched by Donnelly College recognizing the College’s most generous supporters who choose to invest at least \$1,000 annually in the College’s students and mission.

Because of Donnelly’s long-standing commitment to providing accessible, affordable educational opportunities — including to those who might not otherwise be served — the College keeps tuition low and provides numerous financial aid solutions so students are not saddled with debt upon graduating. This is no small feat.

To make college affordable, Donnelly must operate in a lean manner, and Champions and other generous supporters must help close the gap

between the nearly \$1 million needed annually from charitable gifts and the earned revenue of more than \$4 million from tuition and other sources.

When this \$1 million operating gap is closed, Donnelly can provide for its critical needs, including supporting a portion of the expenses necessary to employ highly qualified faculty, paying for the nearly \$400,000 annual utility costs required to operate the campus, continuing to improve the College’s technology infrastructure and providing need-based or merit-based scholarships to our community’s most deserving students.

Champions are not just foundations like the Sunderland Foundation; rather, Champions can be individuals, businesses and organizations.

In recognition of their generous support, Champions receive an invitation to this year’s inaugural President’s State of the College gathering, special communications on exciting campus developments and annual acknowledgment in the Donnelly Digest.



### BECOME A CHAMPION TODAY

to ensure a better tomorrow for Donnelly College students. Learn more at [www.donnely.edu/champions](http://www.donnely.edu/champions) or contact Vice President of Advancement Emily Buckley at (913) 621-8731.

## CHAMPION HIGHLIGHT



(L to R): Terry and Peggy Dunn (JE Dunn Construction), Kent Sunderland (Sunderland Family Foundation), Ken Gibson and Jackie Snyder



Michael Mesina and Rachel Cruz (Miller Haviland Ketter)



(L to R): Jack Ovel, Spence Heddens, Tony Twyman (Bank of America/US Trust)



Phil '62 and Mary Jo Doherty



You are invited to  
Donnelly's premiere  
scholarship celebration,

**SHINE**

October 10, 2015

Sheraton Crown Center

6:00 p.m.

Sponsor or register online:

[www.donnelly.edu/shine](http://www.donnelly.edu/shine)





### DONNELLY TALKS

On Wednesday, March 11, Donnelly College hosted Donnelly Talks, an evening of thought-provoking conversation led by President Monsignor Stuart Swetland and Assistant Professor Dr. Melissa Lenos.

Monsignor Swetland and Dr. Lenos discussed pop culture in a theological setting during the talk, entitled *From Harry Potter to the Hunger Games: Theological Perspectives on Popular Young Adult Literature*. Donnelly students, faculty and staff enjoyed this discourse, along with the community as a whole.

### WORD ON THE STREET

Donnelly maintains an active social media presence. Here are some recent interactions from around the socialsphere.







**Gateway to College**  
facebook.com/donnelygtc · Feb 20  
Today our Gateway program hosted education students from **Northwest Missouri State University**. Director, Juan Rangel (alumnus of NWMSU), Gateway instructors and current Gateway students lead the group in a conversation about the rewards and challenges of teaching in urban areas. What a great visit!

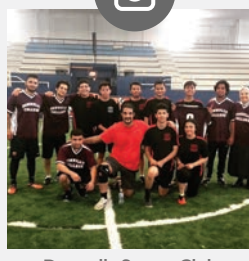
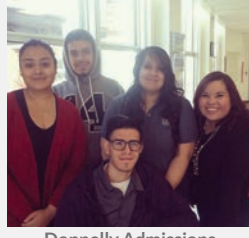


**Gateway to College**  
@gtcnn · May 20  
Huge congratulations to **#GatewayGrads** from **@DonnellyCollege**, who celebrate their success at graduation today!

**LSAMP Kansas**  
@KStateLSAMP · Apr 17  
Congratulations on our **#KSLSAMP** partner **@DonnellyCollege** for being awarded a new **#NSFgrant**

**Belen**  
@avbelen2015 · Mar 24  
A big shoutout to **@DonnellyCollege** administrators for having positive passion & letting me trust them



**Donnelly Soccer Club**  
@d.c.s.c · Apr 20  
Alumni/Staff vs DCSC game

**Donnelly Admissions**  
@donnelycollegeadmissions · Jan 26  
Some of Donnelly's student helpers, ready to greet you with a smile.



### AMERICORPS VISTA

This summer, two new faces will join Donnelly's staff. Thanks to a five-year grant from AmeriCorps, the College will host volunteers from Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA).

While Donnelly submitted the grant, four other sub-sites are partnered with the College in the Higher Education Readiness Initiative: El Centro, Inc.; Bethel Neighborhood Center; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas and the Kansas City Kansas Public Schools.

The VISTA program, which is housed under AmeriCorps, provides full-time service opportunities for nonprofit organizations or public agencies. Two VISTAs will be housed at Donnelly: one serving as a First-Year Experience coordinator, and the other as the Higher Education Readiness Initiative Leader. The latter VISTA will lead the four other VISTAs in Kansas City, all of whom will work to create infrastructure generating more college awareness and access around the metro.

Donnelly Admissions Counselor Darius Jackson will serve as the liaison for Kansas City metro VISTAs. According to Jackson, the idea is to build student recruitment and retention while shaping the culture for students.

"I'm most looking forward to the community-building aspect of this program," Jackson said.

VISTAs who serve at the sub-sites will have separate, organization-specific responsibilities — all of which will be geared toward providing higher education access around Kansas City, especially for low-income students.

While partner organizations have different goals, all share similar visions centered on educational access for Latino and/or low-income students. Each VISTA assignment lasts one year, so Donnelly and its partners will have new staff members each of the program's five years.

## DONNELLY FAMILY

### in MEMORIAM

*In remembrance of alumni and friends who have recently passed away.*

#### ALUMNI

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#### BOARD MEMBERS

**Bernard Ruysser** served in the 1960s; passed away June 13, 2014, at the age of 93.

**Dr. John Gazda** served from 1973-89; passed away March 19, 2015 at the age of 87.

**George Breidenthal, Jr. '69** serving since 1991; passed away on June 23, 2015 at the age of 67.

*"I met with George early in my Donnelly College journey and was always impressed with his passion for Donnelly and its students, faculty and staff," said Board Chair Dick Flanigan. "We will seek to honor George's legacy in our work going forward."*

*Full tribute to follow in winter Digest*



## FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

**Jaime Fuentes**, Information Systems Instructor, took the lead in establishing intramural basketball, soccer and flag football leagues. More than 40 students participated in the inaugural season this spring.

**Susan Hodges**, Gateway to College Instructor, and **Christa Rieger**, Graphic Designer, assisted Gateway to College students in producing the first edition of the "Gateway Star." The four-page newsletter is available for viewing online at [www.donnelly.edu/gateway](http://www.donnelly.edu/gateway).

**Karen Judy**, Associate Professor of Natural Sciences, and **Andrea Riebel**, Program Support Specialist, organized the College's first alternative spring break camp for local middle and high school students. The camp—which was a huge success with more than 180 applicants and 40 participants—was part of a National Science Foundation grant partnership that focuses on building a pipeline in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

**Susan Keim**, Director of Organizational Leadership, published an article about mission-driven followership and

civic engagement in the Journal of Leadership Education.

**Patty Palmietto**, Simulation/SkillsLab Coordinator, passed her national certification as an informatics/simulation instructor.

**Juan Rangel**, Director of Gateway to College, was a featured speaker at Northwest Missouri State's spring Ploghoft Diversity Lecture. Rangel presented about the challenges and rewards of working with at-risk students in an urban environment.

**Andrea Riebel**, Program Support Specialist, was invited to blog for Student Affairs Collective, an online community of student affairs professionals working to help all achieve higher levels of success.

**Craig Workman**, Adjunct English Instructor, was named a 2015-16 Arthur Mag Graduate Fellow in Arts & Sciences through University of Missouri-Kansas City. Personality, good citizenship, commitment to community service and potential to contribute to programs in the Kansas City area are all considered in the selection process.

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## ENROLL FOR FALL BY AUGUST 10

Fall registration is open for all of Donnelly's programs. Classes begin August 17. Don't wait; enroll today!

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### CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Bachelor's degree graduates pause for a photo with Organizational Leadership Director Dr. Susan Keim (far left).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep your eyes open for more information about these upcoming fall events. See all events at [www.donnelly.edu/traditions](http://www.donnelly.edu/traditions).

- 08.15.15** Welcome Day
- 08.17.15** Fall semester begins
- 09.10.15** Convocation Mass
- 09.12.15** DashKCK
- 10.10.15** SHINE 2015
- 11.19.15** Gratia