

A photograph of two male graduates in white caps and gowns. The graduate on the left is smiling and wearing a blue shirt and a striped tie. The graduate on the right is looking directly at the camera and wearing a white shirt and a dark tie. They are both wearing white mortarboard caps with red tassels. In the background, other graduates are partially visible.

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Frances Sanders
Vice President

LEADER'S MESSAGE

Alumni and Friends,

As someone who has been a part of the Donnelly community for more than 17 years, I have had the opportunity to meet many incredible students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the College. Throughout the years, I've discovered that whenever you meet someone who shares your appreciation for Donnelly, there is an immediate connection.

That connection is the Donnelly spirit. It is what has kept the College strong throughout its rich 60-year history. It is what has secured Donnelly as an anchor in the Kansas City, Kansas, community. Each of us have experienced this spirit, and I am lucky enough to experience it every day.

Moments of spirit were frequent throughout the spring semester with events like the outdoor Multicultural Festival, Inaugural Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 2010 Commencement Ceremony, and the many Arts in the Heart events.

The Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was particularly moving because it was a time to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of six outstanding Donnelly alums (read more on page 8). Although each alum had a different Donnelly story and spoke of unique memories during their acceptance speeches, all were tied together by the idea of Donnelly being the place that transformed their lives. Those in attendance would agree that the Donnelly spirit left its mark on us all that evening.

That same emotion could be felt at this year's Commencement Ceremony as nearly 50 graduates, their families and friends celebrated (learn more on page 9). The Donnelly spirit was summed up by two students who spoke to their fellow graduates, outlining how Donnelly's empowering environment changed their lives for the better and allowed them to achieve their dream of earning a college education.

As we conclude our 60th anniversary year, it is encouraging to know that the mission that started it all continues to stand strong 60 years later.

I encourage you to visit campus this summer to see the Alumni Hall of Fame displays and the many advancements to our campus. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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ON THE COVER: Graduation candidates Stanislav Novikov (left) and Jorge Avila Castaneda (right) prepare to process into the Meeting Room during the ecumenical service on Friday, May 14. **Above:** Mary Lou Jaramillo, President and CEO of El Centro, Inc., shares words of wisdom with this year's graduates at the 2010 Commencement Ceremony held Saturday, May 15.

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RECENT EVENTS



1 | First Young Friends of DC event

On Wednesday, Mar. 24, more than 30 people gathered at The Drop restaurant for appetizers, drinks, and a chance to network with young professionals from across the KC metro and learn how they can touch the lives of Donnelly students.

2 | Award-winning poet and journalist hosts workshop for Donnelly students

Judy Valente, award-winning poet and journalist, hosted a poetry workshop alongside her husband Charles Raynard, on Thursday, Apr. 8. More than 40 students and community members attended the workshop, held in one of the large baccalaureate classrooms. Many student participants began writing poetry at this workshop, and then went on to submit their work as part of the College's annual Poetry Festival held on Wednesday, Apr. 28.

3 | Local and national artists display work on campus

More than 100 visitors walked the halls of Donnelly on Friday, Apr. 9, to view artwork from nearly 35 local and national artists, including poet and journalist Judy Valente and acclaimed photographer John Matt Dorn. Valente and Dorn also led a presentation titled, "Soul of a Camera/Eye of a Poet," following the exhibit opening, where Valente read poems that corresponded to photos taken by Dorn. Artwork remained on display throughout the Arts in the Heart celebrations during the month of April.

4 | Recipe Poetry Guild hosts another successful series of workshops

With the success of their workshops last fall, the Recipe Poetry Guild was invited to help Donnelly celebrate Arts in the Heart by hosting a series of poetry workshops on campus.

5 | Alumnae host a journaling workshop for Donnelly students

On Tuesday, Apr. 20, alumnae Pat Callaghan, '59, and Pat Antonopoulos, '58, hosted a workshop to give tips and discuss the benefits of keeping a daily journal or blog.

6 | Community celebrates 2010 graduates at ecumenical service

On Friday, May 14, students, faculty and staff gathered on campus for an ecumenical service celebrating Donnelly's 2010 graduates. Both the associate and bachelor's degree candidates processed into the College's Meeting Room in their caps and gowns, followed by faculty members dressed in academic regalia.

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INTRODUCING... OUR 2010-11 STUDENT AMBASSADORS!

Donnelly recently created a new Student Ambassador program, selecting a group of 15 students to represent its student body during the 2010-11 academic year.

The following students have been named 2010-11 Student Ambassadors: Teresa Vravena-Crellin, Jose J. Banuelas, Chris Cameron, Vesnel Francois, Ada Garcia, Karla Gomez, Danielle Heggie, Miro Heyink, Ivan Medrano, Antonia Quinonez-Galvan, Fernando Ramirez, Yar Riak, Ruth Rosales, Crystal Sudduth, and Jazmin Valverde.

As Ambassadors, these students will assist the College's Admissions Office in various capacities throughout the academic year by leading campus tours, participating in open houses and new-student orientations, and, most importantly, representing the Donnelly student body by serving as the face of the College at all events and donor visits.

"When recruiting new students, there is nothing more powerful than showcasing a current student's journey to college success," said Edward Márquez, Donnelly's Director of Admissions and staff member spearheading the new ambassador program. "Donnelly students, in particular, have truly inspirational stories and recognize the hurdles that once stood between them and earning a college education. When potential students see someone like themselves finding success in college, it puts their mind at ease."

Ambassador Ada Garcia, in particular, is eager to tell her story and assist future Donnelly students in making the decision of continuing their education.

"In high school, I wasn't planning to go to college," said Garcia. "After my high school graduation, I found myself sitting at home unsure of what to do next. I felt pressure from my family to get a job, but decided to check out Donnelly first. Since that moment, so many doors have opened for me."

"As the first person in my family to go to college, I understand the nervousness and doubts that first-generation students have," adds Garcia. "As a Student Ambassador, I can help answer their questions and make them feel more comfortable and confident about making the decision to go to college."



If you'd like one of our new Student Ambassadors to lead you on a tour of campus, contact the Admissions Office at (913) 621-8700.

As Ambassadors, students receive a scholarship, Donnelly gear, and the opportunity to be first in line during book-buybacks — a coveted privilege.

"Most importantly, students are acquiring interpersonal and leadership skills that will help them excel in their future careers," said Márquez. "They will also have countless opportunities to network with professionals from throughout the region, which may lead to job references and career prospects."

2010-11 Student Ambassadors, clockwise from top left: Miro Heyink, Ivan Medrano, Fernando Ramirez, Teresa Vravena-Crellin, Jazmin Valverde, Ada Garcia, Karla Gomez, Ruth Rosales, Yar Riak, Crystal Sudduth, and Chris Cameron. **Not pictured:** Jose J. Banuelas, Vesnel Francois, Danielle Heggie, Antonia Quinonez-Galvan.

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN...

Despite a rainy afternoon, the show went on at Donnelly's first-ever outdoor Multicultural Festival on Saturday, Apr. 24. Attendees sang and danced for hours in the front parking lot to celebrate the many diverse cultures that make up our Donnelly heritage.

More than 150 guests gathered to watch live musical performances. One performer, in particular, got attendees out of their chairs and on the dance floor: Miguel DeLeon with "Mambo World." DeLeon has been performing for more than 27 years, opening for artists like Tito Puente, Rubén Blades, Héctor Lavoe, and Sting.

"It was wonderful to see so many people come out in support of the great work Donnelly is doing," said DeLeon. "Of all my travels and performances, this one ranks in the top ten because of the evident, heartfelt spirit of the students and staff at Donnelly. This amazing spirit is in the air on campus and I was so happy to be a part of that."

Another live performance was from Trio Aztlan – a group that performs Latin folk music, specifically the traditional "bolero" style of Latin romantic music, rumbas and cumbias. The group is dedicated to promoting Latin music in the greater Kansas City metropolitan area and has been the house band at Manny's Mexican Restaurant on Southwest Boulevard for more than 18 years.

Guests also enjoyed traditional ethnic performances from countries such as Bhutan and Saudi Arabia.

Indoors, attendees were treated to an assortment of ethnic foods from local vendors such as Korma Sutra, Jerusalem Café, Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant and more. Guests could also enjoy polish sausages, taste povitica bread, sample traditional baklava, and even sit at a Chinese tea table. Donnelly students proudly displayed traditional items from their cultures.

"I was impressed how a cold, rainy day didn't even dampen the Donnelly spirit," said Paula Willett, Donnelly Board member. "Everyone there seemed to have a great time and the entertainment was spectacular."

Although this event was part of Donnelly's 60th Anniversary Event Series, the College plans to make it an annual event, and hopes to bring in even more performers, vendors and activities next year.

Stay up-to-date on all of Donnelly's events by visiting donnelly.edu. View photos from the festival by visiting donnelly.edu/mcfest. 📷



Donnelly would like to thank the following sponsors of the Multicultural Festival:

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Clockwise from top left: Miguel DeLeon kicks off the entertainment; Trio Aztlan performs Latin folk music for the crowd; Bhutanese singers showcase their culture through music; Saul Colin and Paola Zapata dance to the music of Miguel DeLeon's "Mambo World."



Donnelly Creates Alumni Hall of Fame, Honors First Six Inductees



The sounds of excitement filled Donnelly's campus on Thursday, May 13, as more than 120 guests filled the Meeting Room to celebrate six very special alumni: Judge Thomas Clark, '58, Albert Roos, '63, Sister Connie Krstolic, OSB, '64, Father Dennis Wait, '66, John Mendez, '74, and Delia Hernandez, '84.

Dan Braum, '71, President of Donnelly's Alumni Board, and George Breidenthal, '69, Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, served as the evening's emcees.

"Since the Alumni Board was formed, we have wanted to establish an Alumni Hall of Fame," said Braum. "As we came to the end of Donnelly's 60th anniversary year, we felt there was no better time to begin this tradition."

The Alumni Board began by calling for nominations from the Donnelly community, looking for alumni who help transform the lives of others and uphold the mission and values of their alma mater.

"We want to recognize those alumni, living or deceased, who have demonstrated actions expressing both the spirit and mission of Donnelly College," said Breidenthal. "Many of our alums have gone on to impact their communities in incredible ways, and our first six inductees are great examples of this. Without the support of our alumni, Donnelly would not have seen the success it has as a growing institution serving those in the urban core of KCK. Our alums make so many wonderful contributions to society, and we look forward to recognizing more each year."

Read on to learn more about each of our honorees. Full bios on our 2010 inductees, as well as video from the event can be found at donnelly.edu/halloffame. 📺

Now's the time to nominate an alum for induction into the 2011 Alumni Hall of Fame! Please submit your nominations by October 1, 2010.

Judge Thomas Clark, '58

A Kansas City, Kansas, native, Clark graduated from Donnelly and went on to earn two baccalaureate degrees and then a law degree from the University of Kansas. Clark practiced both criminal and civil law from 1964-87, and was then appointed as a Circuit Court Judge where he served until his retirement in 2008.

Albert Roos, '63

Roos graduated from Donnelly, then completed a Bachelor of Science from St. Benedict's College (now Benedictine College) in 1965. Later, he earned a master's degree from Pittsburg State University. He now teaches high-school honors classes in Lexington, Mass.

Sister Connie Krstolic, '64

Sister Connie graduated from Donnelly, then responded to her vocation by joining the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica. She earned degrees at both the baccalaureate and master's levels. As a Benedictine Sister, she provides spiritual guidance through her extensive Retreat Ministry, and remains a vital part of the Donnelly community today.

Father Dennis Wait, '66

Father Wait has been a priest within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas for nearly 40 years in both rural- and urban-based parishes. In 1996, he established the Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center. Father Wait continues to give back to Donnelly by offering Mass on campus each week.

John Mendez, '74

Mendez graduated from Donnelly and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Saint Mary College. Mendez then completed his master's in liberal arts from Baker University. Today, he is widely known throughout the KCK community for his work as a city leader and community activist, and may be most well known for the five years he served on the Board of Commissioners, representing the third district. Currently, Mendez serves as Commissioner At-Large, District 2.

Delia Hernandez, '84

After graduation, Hernandez went on to earn a four-year degree at Saint Mary College and then began her career in Donnelly's Admissions Office. She went on to obtain many leadership positions in companies and organizations around the community. Currently, she is the Executive Director for Argentine Betterment Corporation.



Opposite page, from left to right: Judge Thomas Clark, '58, Delia Hernandez, '84, John Mendez, '74, Albert Roos, '63, Sister Connie Krstolic, OSB, '64, and Father Dennis Wait, '66. Above: Sister Connie congratulates Judge Clark during the ceremony.

LOOKING TO HONOR ONE OF OUR 2010 INDUCTEES? Contribute to the newly established Alumni Hall of Fame Endowed Scholarship Fund in their honor by contacting Emily Buckley at (913) 621-8731 or ebuckley@donnelly.edu. You can also send your gift in the remittance envelope enclosed in this issue of the Digest. Be sure to indicate which inductee(s) you are honoring.

An anonymous donor has offered a \$5,000 challenge match to jumpstart this new fund, which means your gift will make an even bigger impact! We're more than halfway on this match, so please help us honor our inductees and reach our goal for a \$10,000 Endowed Fund.

GRADUATION 2010

Donnelly concluded its 60th anniversary with the 2010 Commencement Ceremony, held Saturday, May 15, at the Jack Reardon Convention Center in KCK.

Nearly 50 students graduated – 18 with baccalaureate degrees.

The College's annual Delta Award presentation took place, with Pat Brune, retired Court Executive for the Western District of Missouri, receiving the award for her service to the YWCA and the Leadership 2000 program.

Mary Lou Jaramillo, President/CEO of El Centro, Inc., was the featured commencement speaker and advised students to give back to their communities and enjoy the day.

"Life and learning are a journey, like a road trip," said Jaramillo. "The journey is likely to have many surprises, opportunities, detours, delays, roadblocks and challenges. Enjoy and celebrate each accomplishment, and learn from the challenges."

Donnelly students, Tabitha Carter (Associate in Science) and Paola Zapata (Bachelor of Applied Science), also spoke. Other speakers included George Breidenthal, Board Chairman, President Steve LaNasa, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.



SISTER FRAN CROSS RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS

This summer marks the retirement of Donnelly's beloved Registrar, Sister Fran Cross, OSB.

Education was always a part of Sister Fran's life,

but it began in a very different environment. With a degree in physical education from Benedictine College, her first job was to teach aerobic dance, swimming lessons and other exercise programs to senior citizens throughout Atchison, Kan.

"I loved teaching the exercise classes," said Sister Fran. "But God had a different plan for me."

In the spring of 1985, Sister Fran was in a bicycling accident. After doctors advised her not to return to her teaching, Sister Fran began to pursue the Assistant to the Registrar position at Donnelly, training under the then Registrar, Peggy Hoytal.

Sister Fran served as the Assistant to the Registrar for 15 years, and has been Registrar for 10.

"Right away I noticed that Donnelly is truly a place of hope," she said. "Like some of our students, I was older when I went back to college, so I enjoy talking to them and reassuring them that they are at the right place."

"Sister Fran will truly be missed," said Nancy Sedorcek, Assistant to the Registrar. "Despite the long hours she puts in during registration, this is her favorite time of year because she gets to meet new students. We both enjoy watching them take their first steps by enrolling, then witness their successes at Donnelly and, ultimately, successes throughout the rest of their lives."

Throughout her time at Donnelly, Sister Fran has worked closely with many people. "Peggy Hoytal will always be someone I think of fondly. I thought I knew a lot about education when I first came here, but she taught me so much.

"There are so many that have impacted my time here – Del Jurden, Dolores Podrebarac, Steve Goceljak, Dr. John Murry, Nancy Sedorcek, Grace Malaney, Frances Sanders – just to name a few."

During her retirement, Sister Fran plans to move back to Atchison to live at Mount St. Scholastica.

"Donnelly has impacted my life greatly," she said. "My experience here has not only educated me academically, but also socially. Believe it or not, I used to be shy!"

"There's no one like Sister Fran," said Sanders, Donnelly's Vice President. "She knows so much about the College and has made a big impact on those she's worked with, particularly students."

Sister Fran will continue to impact student lives even in her retirement through an endowed scholarship established in her name.

"I am deeply honored by the creation of this scholarship," she said. "I hope it can help future DC students in their journey toward a college education."

If you are interested in contributing to the Sister Fran Cross Endowed Scholarship Fund, please contact Emily Buckley at (913) 621-8731 or ebuckley@donnelly.edu. You may also use the remittance envelope enclosed in this issue of the Digest to contribute. Please make sure to indicate that you would like your donation to go toward the Sister Fran Scholarship Fund.



Above: Sister Fran proudly wears her Donnelly gear (left); Sister Fran stands with Sister Grace Malaney, OSB, Donnelly faculty member (right).

30 YEARS AND COUNTING...



When you walk into the office of Cyrus Shadfar, Dean of International Students at Donnelly, you are greeted by a friendly smile and strong handshake. Behind his desk you see an assortment of flags from countries throughout the world and Donnelly's mission on display. His phone rings constantly as potential students call to set up enrollment times, and alumni and colleagues call just to catch up.

Mr. Shadfar, as the students call him, has truly secured his place in Donnelly's history. While the College celebrated its 60th anniversary year this year, Shadfar celebrated his 30th at Donnelly.

"I came to Donnelly in 1979 to inquire about an English as a Second Language (ESL) instructing position," he said. "I remember Sister Virginia Minton interviewed me and then observed me in my first class to see if I was a good fit. Within 20 minutes, she pulled me aside and said I was hired – I was thrilled!"

Shadfar came to Donnelly from Iran where he had been teaching ESL and training ESL instructors for 10 years.

"I had two brothers who came to Donnelly after moving to Kansas City to be near family," said Shadfar. "I followed them because I was looking for something different, a fresh start. Since that first day, I was hooked on the Donnelly spirit."

A lot has changed since 1979, but the core of Donnelly has always remained the same. "Through ups and downs, Donnelly strives to help those who might not otherwise be served in higher education," said Shadfar. "When I first came to the College, we had no evening ESL classes. Within one month, I started offering them."

For 22 years, he worked from 7:45 a.m. to 9:45 p.m., teaching ESL in both the day and evening. He also became the Director of Evening ESL.

"Cyrus is extremely dedicated and puts his heart and soul into teaching," said Dr. Ken Gibson,

President Emeritus of Donnelly College and longtime colleague of Shadfar. In the late 90s, Shadfar was given the title of Dean of International Students – the title he still holds today.

He has touched the lives of thousands of students, three of which he sees daily as they all came back to work at Donnelly after continuing their education: Wen Li Shu, Sergey Solovev and Jaime Fuentes.

"Cyrus treats everyone like they are family," said Wen Li Shu, Director of Computer Services and one of Shadfar's former students. "His 'family style' has made him well known within the international community because he understands personally how life can be difficult for international students and recent immigrants. He has devoted his life to guiding these students, and this passion has gained him the respect of many people, myself included."

"All he wants for students is for them to succeed in college and, most importantly, in life."

On Wednesday, May 12, the Donnelly community gathered to surprise him with a 30th anniversary party. Faculty members wore t-shirts with Shadfar's face on them, and many students brought treats. Even John Jurcyk from Mayor Joe Reardon's office stopped by to read an official proclamation from the mayor, establishing May 12, 2010, as "Cyrus Shadfar Day" in Wyandotte County.

"I walked into the Meeting Room and was completely shocked!" said Shadfar. "It brought tears to my eyes and I felt so appreciated."

SUBMIT YOUR FACULTY MEMORIES!
Donnelly is looking to create a Faculty Memories spread in an upcoming issue of the Digest, and we need YOUR help! Submit your faculty memories and photos to Jennifer Price, Donnelly's Marketing Coordinator, at jprice@donnelly.edu, or mail them to Donnelly at 608 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102. All photos mailed will be scanned and returned.

Top left: A photo of Cyrus Shadfar at his desk, taken nearly 25 years ago; **Top right:** John Jurcyk from Mayor Joe Reardon's office reads the proclamation establishing May 12, 2010, as "Cyrus Shadfar Day" in Wyandotte County.



STUDENT ACHIEVES HIS DREAM, WANTS THE SAME FOR OTHERS

Despite the rigorous demands of college classes and semester finals on the horizon, Donnelly student Miro Heyink made time to follow his passion of raising awareness about something he truly believes in: the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.

The DREAM Act is a bipartisan legislation that looks to assist more than 65,000 undocumented high-school graduates each year who cannot continue their education.

“These are students who came into the United States when they were newborn to five years old – an age where the choice is not their own,” said Heyink. “They go through the school system, but soon find they cannot expect to receive financial aid or scholarships to continue their education. To make matters worse, these students are under a constant threat of deportation.”

Under the DREAM Act, qualifying undocumented youth would be eligible for a six-year conditional path to citizenship that requires completion of either a college degree or two years of military service.

Heyink is Catholic and an active volunteer in local ministries and service projects, such as volunteering at Shalom Catholic Worker House. He has dual citizenship in the United States and Germany and saw his personal dream come true when he was given U.S. residency.

“My dream was to receive an education in the U.S.,” said Heyink. “I believe everyone has the right to be educated. It is very important for college students to understand that future generations are depending on us to make a difference and help them gain the opportunity to earn a college degree.”

On March 21, Heyink took his passion one step further by traveling to Washington D.C. alongside fellow DREAM Activists. They met with the Center for Community Change and took part in an immigration reform rally consisting of more than 200,000 people.

“I just want to help those who are not as lucky as I am,” he said. “My father is American, which made it possible for me to become a U.S. citizen.”

Heyink, along with Donnelly alumna Yahaira Carrillo, '06, also led a presentation titled, “Students Fighting for Justice,” focusing on the DREAM Act on Thursday, Apr. 22, on Donnelly's campus.

“When Miro asked me if Donnelly could host this presentation, I jumped at the opportunity to educate our students and community,” said Donette Alonzo, Dean of Student Affairs. “I believe as an institution of higher education we need to provide students with information from all sides of an issue so they can make well-informed decisions and enter into dialogue with others both on and off campus.”

In a recent article discussing immigration in *The Leaven*, the archdiocesan newspaper, Bill Scholl, consultant for the archdiocesan office of social justice, is quoted saying, “There is room to disagree on this issue. The church is trying to ask how do we maintain the common good in a way that respects human rights? And how do we pursue strategies that respect the unification of families. ...You can be Catholic and want to see the enforcement of the laws. But the bishops are asking us how we can welcome the stranger and maintain the common good.”



Opposite page: Heyink stands with a group of students at an immigration reform rally on Mar. 21 in Washington D.C. **Above:** A banner advocating the DREAM Act is displayed during the rally. **Left:** Heyink prepares to meet with representatives from the Center for Community Change.

MEET A DONNELLY VOLUNTEER! DON SCHOENING, TUTOR

For Don Schoening, volunteering has become an essential part of life. Every Tuesday and Thursday, he drives 30 minutes to Donnelly’s campus to tutor students in math, composition and English.

Schoening began volunteering at Donnelly in January 2010, and has already had a huge impact on students as a tutor in the College’s Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) as well as the campus’ writing center, The Write Place.

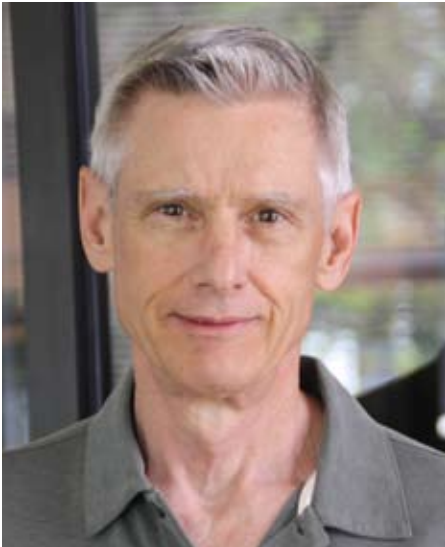
Born and raised in Detroit, Mich., Schoening received his bachelor’s degree from Spring Arbor College and his master’s degree from Western Illinois University. He began his career in Effingham, Ill., teaching high-school English, speech and drama.

In 1974, he took a position with the Social Security Administration (SSA) in Hannibal, Mo., and served in numerous management positions there. He was appointed to the SSA’s Senior Executive Service in the fall of 2003, moving his family to the Seattle, Wash., area.

In June of 2007, Schoening was appointed to Regional Commissioner for the Seattle region, where he provided leadership to SSA programs within the four-state region of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington until his retirement in October of 2009.

“After retiring, my wife and I decided to move back to Kansas City,” said Schoening. “I was looking for places to volunteer and was immediately interested in Donnelly when I saw the opportunities listed on the volunteer Web site, volunteermatch.org.

“With my teaching experience, I felt that tutoring was a good fit for me,” he said. “In addition, as part of my duties at SSA, I served as a national executive lead for diversity management. This means I already had an appreciation and understanding of different cultures, making my experiences on Donnelly’s diverse campus very fulfilling.”



Kim Gianakon, Donnelly’s Coordinator of Academic Support, has seen the way Schoening works with students as she oversees both ACE and The Write Place.

“Don is dedicated to the students,” said Gianakon. “He tutors many different subjects including ESL, writing, and math, and he will rearrange his schedule to ensure he’s always available to tutor on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The students love working with him because he is kind and patient, and they will ask to work with him specifically.”

In addition to volunteering at Donnelly, Schoening also gives time to the Overland Park Arboretum each Wednesday morning.

To learn about how you can volunteer on campus, contact Roger Berg, Alumni Relations & Volunteer Coordinator, at (913) 621-8744 or rberg@donnelly.edu.

For a list of current volunteer opportunities, visit donnelly.edu/volunteer. 📍

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New Traditions Established, Old Traditions Restored

With the end of the academic year, Donnelly proudly concludes its 60th anniversary celebrations.

DC brought old traditions to new heights with the Convocation Day Mass, Art Exhibit, and ecumenical Commencement service.

If you compile all of the Digests from the 2009-10 academic year, you will have a complete timeline of historical points in the College’s 60 year history. The following is the last piece of this 60-year timeline.

Throughout the past year, the College has started or reinstated incredible new traditions that will carry it forward into the next 60 years.

Some of the new traditions include the Arts in the Heart celebration, outdoor Multicultural Festival and Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony.

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Renovation of the 7th floor completed

1995

Multicultural Mural completed

1997

Donnelly featured in Associated Press article

1998

Dr. John P. Murry retires as President
Dr. Ken Gibson named president

1999

DC celebrated 50th Anniversary
Donnelly launched \$1.2 million 50th anniversary endowment campaign

2000

Lansing Correctional Facility approved as site for college classes

2001

Donnelly received \$2 million Title V grant for Hispanic Serving Institutions

2003

Lansing site holds its first commencement with nine graduates

2005

Fr. Raymond Davern, former president, passed away

2006

Donnelly launched baccalaureate degree program
- 2007

Dr. Ken Gibson retires as President, First Annual Scholarship Dinner begins in his honor
Donnelly received \$2.8 million Title V grant for Hispanic Serving Institutions
Campus grows with addition of Marian Hall and on-campus housing for students

2008

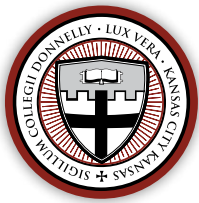
Practical Nursing program approved by State Board of Nursing
Phase I of Marian Hall renovation completed
Preparatory Education program restructured
First class of baccalaureate students graduated
Dr. Steve LaNasa named president

2009

First Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony
DC celebrated 60th Anniversary

2010

College received \$485,000 challenge grant from National Endowment for the Humanities
Month-long Arts in the Heart celebration held
Student Ambassador program begins
Alumni Hall of Fame established



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SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

JACK REARDON CONVENTION CENTER

Honoring the J.E. Dunn Family

Chairman Lonnie Scott, '74, Donnelly Trustee

Honorary Chairs and Class of 1961 graduates
Bill and Kathy Reardon

5:30 P.M. COCKTAIL RECEPTION | 7:00 P.M. DINNER

8:00 P.M. LIVE DRAWING

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- AUG 16:** Fall classes begin
- AUG 27:** Graduation at Lansing Correctional Facility, 9 a.m.
- SEPT 16:** Convocation Day Mass, 10 a.m.
St. Peter's Cathedral
Luncheon to follow on Donnelly's campus
- SEPT 30:** Fourth Annual Scholarship Dinner
Jack Reardon Convention Center
Visit donnelly.edu/dinner for more info
- NOV 6:** 2010 Donnelly Dash 5K Run/Walk

Friends, alumni and neighbors are invited to join us at any of these events.

Proceeds from the event will create an endowed scholarship in J. Ernest Dunn, Sr.'s name and support Donnelly's annual scholarship fund. Help us reach our goal of raising \$160,000 in student scholarships!

For more information and to register online, visit donnelly.edu/dinner.
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