Funding Student Scholarships

The 19th Annual President’s Invitational Golf Outing welcomed entertaining CBS Sports commentator and former golf professional David Feherty to Cantigny Golf in Wheaton, Ill. Feherty lived up to his billing as an amusing, funny and informative guest. Each golfer was treated to a complimentary GPS watch, and all in attendance enjoyed Feherty’s musings and reflections about the world of golf.

Each person who participates in this event helps make it possible for Benedictine students in need to earn their college degree. This year, another record number of golfers hit the links and were able to help 160 students with scholarship awards.

The William Bartlett II Cup (first place) winners included Frank Fernandez, Jamie Blythe, Keith Aarseth and Todd Gosdem. The Bruce Bronge Cup (second place) winners included Bernie Glossy, Randy Talin, Mike Nichols and Wendy Pelligrino. The Maureen Beal Cup (first place women’s team) winners included Emily Callahan, Karen Callahan and Kathy Donofrio. The Alumni Challenge Cup (first place alumni team) winners included Jim Turner, C80, Steve Conklin, Don Huber, C73 and Rick Vath. The Prayer’s Cup (last place) winners included Dee Mastro-Holzkof, Gretchen Laska, Christine Shillestad and Carrie Kennedy.

Attending the golf outing is not only an incredible experience, it’s an investment in the lives of future medical professionals, business leaders, scientists, educators, problem solvers and community leaders.

In July, the University will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the golf outing along with President William J. Carroll’s 20th year at the University. This will be a very special event. For updates, visit ben.edu/golf.
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Alumni Honored at Homecoming

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CARROLL (PICTURED SECOND FROM RIGHT) HONORED THREE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI WITH AWARDS RECOGNIZING THEIR SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS PRIOR TO THE HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME IN OCTOBER.

The Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in a career field or personal endeavor, was presented to Deborah Ariel Pagel (pictured center).

Pagel, who was raised in Chicago and now lives in Cave Creek, Ariz., is an International Senior Organizational Effectiveness Consultant at The Boeing Company and a recognized leader in the field of Organization Development (OD). An organization change professional for more than 20 years, she has published several articles focusing on organizational development, human resources, culture change and nuclear energy.

Her article, “Unleashing Passion and Potential: A Rally Cry for Customer Service,” was presented at the 2005 Organizational Development Network meeting and was featured in the OD Practitioner. Pagel has received a number of awards from the Organizational Development Institute, including the “Outstanding OD Project of the Year Award” in 2006.

Pagel earned a Master of Science (M.S.) in Management and Organizational Behavior at Benedictine University in 1992. She completed the National Training Laboratories Institute OD Professional Track and graduated from the Organization and Systems Development Center at the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland. She was recognized by Boeing with Human Resource Excellence Awards in 2011 and 2013.

Pagel grew up on the South Side of Chicago near Midway Airport and attended St. Jane de Chantal School. She studied at St. Paul High School, which has since closed, and John F. Kennedy High School at 56th and Narragansett Avenue before her family moved to Arlington, Texas, where she completed her secondary education.

“I recognize now how much I am truly part of Benedictine and how much it is also my true home,” Pagel said. “I changed high schools three times. I changed colleges twice. I had no real connection until I enrolled in Benedictine and completed my studies there.

“Meeting with the students on campus when I visited recently resurrected and reinforced the feelings I had back in 1990 through 1992,” she added. “Benedictine is part of my DNA.”

The 2013 Alumni Service Award was presented to Dana R. Wright (pictured second from left) in recognition of service to Benedictine University with her time and talent.

Wright, a resident of the southwest suburbs, is a highly visible supporter of the University who can be seen in videos promoting the M.S. in Leadership program or speaking to students as part of the Office of University Development’s “Get Connected” program. She was recognized as one of Benedictine University’s “Top 40 Under 40” and Diversity MBA Magazine’s “Top 100 Under 50 Diverse Executive Leaders” for 2013.

Wright has nearly 15 years of law enforcement experience and currently serves as the First Deputy Chief of Police for the Cook County Sheriff’s office, a position which requires daily oversight of the organization’s police department.

A graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., who previously served the sheriff’s office as director of training and bureau chief of human resources, she has been instrumental in implementing several policies and programs designed to benefit both officers and civilians in their personal and professional development, as well as the rest of the department in its efforts to establish and maintain a productive and positive relationship within the diverse communities it serves.

Wright volunteers for the Rhea of Hope Foundation, an organization dedicated to empowering young girls and women, serves on the Associate Board of the Young Women’s Leadership Charter School, and launched Wright Vision Consulting LLC in June 2013 to mentor and coach young girls and other women in their personal and professional lives.

Wright earned a Bachelor of Arts in Management in 2010 and an M.S. in Leadership from Benedictine in 2012. She is married and has two daughters.

The Benedictine Spirit Award, which is given to an alumnus who exemplifies the Benedictine values of service, hospitality and dedication in their personal and/or professional life, was presented to Brian Walker, a former Naperville resident and a 1996 graduate of Benedictine University who now lives with his family in the West Loop neighborhood of Chicago.

Walker is the Founder and CEO of AE Marketing Group, one of Chicago’s fastest-growing start-ups, and an active member of the philanthropic and volunteer community. In July 2012, he was named a top fundraiser for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Program at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, where he serves on the Young Associates Board.

A regular volunteer as a child life specialist at the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Lurie, Walker is also a patron member of Chicago Ideas Week and participates with the Uhlic Children’s Advantage Network, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, Bright Pink and Imerman Angels, a cancer support network. He also donates his time to helping low-income area schools with marketing support, including the Donald L. Morrill Math and Science School in the West Englewood neighborhood of Chicago.

Walker’s company has supported more than a dozen community nonprofits and charities since its inception, and he recently launched the AE Foundation Group, a sister organization, to manage a giving portfolio.

Nominations for the 2014 awards can be sent to Trente Arens at tarens@ben.edu.
Conservative commentator identifies challenges facing Republican Party

The advent of the information age and how people get their news has contributed to a cultural shift that has made effective dialogue between the major political parties more problematic than ever, said Eric-Woods Erickson, editor-in-chief of RedState.com and a frequent Fox News contributor, during his presentation at Benedictine in November.

“We have the ability to form our separate cultural idioms and our separate ways of talking to each other in a way we used to not be able to,” Erickson said. “This makes it much more difficult in this country for someone to come to a position of power because there are so many more conversations and culturally idiomatic expressions and languages within languages that people have to learn.”

The University brought Erickson to campus as part of the nonpartisan Center for Civic Leadership (CCL) speaker series at Benedictine. Established in 2005 under the direction of former Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan, a 1969 Benedictine graduate and Distinguished Fellow, the CCL seeks to shape a new generation of public leaders and responsible citizens. The University invites prominent public figures to speak on campus to expose students and the community to multiple viewpoints on current topics.

Erickson focused mostly on power struggles and changing political philosophies within the Republican Party during his lecture, discussing the impact of the 2010 elections, changes in political party designations, the Affordable Care Act, the recent government shutdown and other events.

After U.S. Sen. John McCain lost to President Barack Obama in 2008, Republicans and tea party conservatives fought back and pushed more leaders into state and federal offices, but their success ended in the nomination of a lackluster conservative for president in 2012, Erickson said.

“The Republicans thought they were on to something, and then they nominated a man who focused-grouped whether or not he should wear jeans in public,” Erickson said. “Whether you liked Barack Obama or not as a conservative, most people liked him better than Mitt Romney. Even I liked him more than Mitt Romney.”

Erickson forecasted that the 2014 primary season will be one of the “bloodiest” ever for any political party in light of the recent Citizens United U.S. Supreme Court ruling, which opens the door for outside groups to raise money against longtime Republican leaders.

The challenge will be for Republicans to nominate a candidate who can bring the party and nation together, he said.

“It was interesting to me that even someone from the right-wing conservative blogosphere is sitting here saying that their candidate, which the majority of their party affiliation had chosen to run, was horrible and he knew he wasn’t going to win to begin with,” Nolan said.

Alex Adkins, a junior Political Science major, said he was optimistic Republicans will regain control in Washington, but that they will need to do a better job of communicating and explaining their side.

“Right now I think the Democrats are doing a much better job of saying what they mean and are able to communicate with people better,” Adkins said. “I think Republicans need to change this as well if they want to take control.”

Meghan Nolan, a senior Political Science major at Benedictine, who describes herself as “more left-leaning,” said it was refreshing to hear Erickson, a conservative, call out Republican leaders for their failings.

To learn about more upcoming speakers sponsored by the CCL, visit ben.edu/ccl.
Grant Helps Reduce Waste Sent to Landfills

Students, faculty, staff and visitors eating on the Lisle campus now have a third option when they go to clear their plates—one that sends nutrient-rich food scraps to a compost heap in place of the landfill.

Thanks to a $46,000 Food Scrap Composting Revitalization and Advancement Program (F-SCRAP) grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Benedictine University now has the capability of diverting around 105,000 pounds per year of food waste from area landfills and wastewater systems.

The grant is another example of the ripple effect “Years for the Environment,” a three-year sustainability and environmental effort that grew organically from the Benedictine value of stewardship, has created. The effort has increased the presence of sustainability in the curriculum, highlighted the importance of sustainability in the surrounding community and encouraged the University to reduce its carbon footprint.

The move toward composting food waste is just the latest in a long line of green efforts.

Last year, the University began using environmentally friendly cleaning products, which reduce water consumption and pollution while improving indoor air quality for employees and students. The new products include biodegradable window and all-purpose cleaners. Microfiber towels are also used in place of cotton towels, allowing staff to capture and retain more contaminants while cutting back on water and energy use.

The University’s Dining Services began a new process to decrease cooking oil waste, turning used oil into biodiesel fuel through Filta, a recycling service. During a five-month period, the University was able to reduce the amount of used cooking oil it throws away by more than 2,000 pounds.

The University has also received grant money from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to make upgrades to indoor lighting systems, and continues to monitor and maintain efficient lighting and temperature use throughout campus buildings under a curtailment program that greatly reduces energy consumption.

A new student environmental group, SEEDs, whose motto is “Planting a seed today for a greener tomorrow,” was founded to help Benedictine become a more environmentally friendly campus.
State Legislative Leaders Discuss How Faith, Politics Intersect

When it comes to voting on an issue affecting the general populace, sometimes politicians walk a fine line between their religious background and the interests of the people they represent.

“There's constant conflict in your head,” State Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (D-Aurora) told an audience of students and faculty members at Benedictine in October. “The Catholic guilt is really real, especially in Springfield because we have a lot of issues that come up that we really have to drop to our knees and think about. There is a lot of Catholic guilt involved in legislating.”

Chapa LaVia was joined by State Sen. Michael Connelly (R-Naperville) and Christine Fletcher, Ph.D., associate professor of Theology, to discuss what role Catholicism plays in the legislative process as part of the University’s Faith and Politics Series, “Catholic Identities and Public Policymaking: The View from Illinois.” The discussion was moderated by Phil Hardy, assistant professor of Political Science at Benedictine.

While the separation of church and state is meant to prevent government interference in the establishment of religious institutions, and religious institutions from running the nation state, it has been left mostly up to interpretation and debate. The idea, which stems from the First Amendment, does not bar politicians from voting according to their religious values.

All politicians bring their own values—whether from life experience, parental upbringing or their professional training—to the table to evaluate and make decisions. And whether a legislator happens to have been raised Muslim, Catholic or Jewish, it would be inaccurate to say that one can isolate those values from the decision-making process, Connelly said.

“It’s not a separation of church from state,” said Connelly, whose district includes Lisle, Naperville and other suburbs in DuPage County. “It’s separation of church and state and I think we’ve gotten away from that.

“I think a lot of people come into the public domain and are afraid to admit the truth, which is that we are all creatures of sin. We are people who have received an education from our parents and the community we grew up in. It would be silly to say ‘I don’t bring my religious experience into the public domain.’” Connelly said. “I think that would be disingenuous.”

While legislators may leverage their own beliefs for guidance, they must also listen to their constituents, who are made up of all different religions and backgrounds. Occasionally, this pits legislators in the unenviable position of disagreeing with religious leaders of their own faith, Chapa LaVia said.

“Not always do I vote the way I know the Bishop would want me to vote, because I have a constituency that voted for me to go to Springfield to represent them,” Chapa LaVia said.

Legislators also must weigh their own party’s values with their own religious views—something that may force leaders to make tough and unpopular choices in the eyes of their fellow lawmakers. Such was the experience Chapa LaVia encountered in 2010 when only she and one other Democrat voted against a bill supporting civil unions.

“You would have thought I just murdered someone in Springfield,” Chapa LaVia said. “That was a really tough decision for me to make with people who loved and accepted me as a Democrat, but that was the right decision for my district. That was a really hard thing. It took weeks to get over the stares.”

While the state general assembly is made up of representatives and senators who come from many different backgrounds and religions, at the end of the day they must all work together and find common ground on certain issues in order to move the state forward.

When asked about the perceived dysfunction in Springfield, Chapa LaVia and Connelly wanted to make clear that the media doesn’t always portray what happens day-to-day in Springfield accurately.

“It’s not Fox News and MSNBC,” Connelly said. “Maybe for a day or two on a couple of issues, but what we do 99 percent of the time is bipartisan.

“We may disagree on occasion, but by and large there isn’t a single person in the House or Senate that doesn’t want the same thing for their constituents. We want everyone employed, we want everyone to have the best health care, we want safe streets and we want great quality of life. The difference is the path we take.”

Joe Sanders, a junior Political Science major at Benedictine, said the presentation opened his eyes to just how much influence an individual’s religious background and values can have on public policy-making at the state level.

“I knew that it did play a role, but I didn’t know quite how much of a role it played,” Sanders said. “Even though Benedictine is a Catholic university, there is such a wide dynamic of beliefs and to see how one faith plays into the decision that affects us all directly is huge. It is certainly something that needs to be addressed and understood by young adults and youth who are going to be voting, and it is something that needs to be part of the discussion.”

The event was sponsored by the Center for Mission and Identity, the University’s vehicle for reinforcing the Catholic intellectual tradition on campus, and the Center for Civic Leadership, which provides programs that help prepare students for leadership roles in public service.
WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:
Three prominent leaders address balance for working women

THREE ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN SHARED SOME OF THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES BALANCING THE ROLE OF MOTHERHOOD WITH THEIR CAREER PURSUITS AS THE FEATURED SPEAKERS OF THE 2013 GREATER CHICAGO WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT, HELD IN OCTOBER AT BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY’S KRASA STUDENT CENTER.

THE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT IS A REGIONAL CONFERENCE THAT ADDRESSES THE ISSUES OF WORKING WOMEN AND FEATURES NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FEMALE EXECUTIVE LEADERS WHO SPEAK ON TOPICS SUCH AS FINANCIAL LITERACY, WORK/LIFE BALANCE, CULTURE AND INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP.

Maureen O’Brien, CEO of the Global Women’s Leadership Forum®, made a strong impression at her first job out of college selling building products to contractors in the Chicago area. People were intrigued by her choice to work in a field dominated by men.

After the birth of her first child, O’Brien launched her own exterior remodeling company, O’Brien & Son Inc., now a 27-year old company.

Today, O’Brien is a sought-after business speaker and author who is considered an expert in sales and negotiating skills, leadership development, strategy and personal branding.

She has been honored as “One of the Most Influential Women in Business” by the Daily Herald Business Ledger in partnership with the National Association of Women Business Owners Area Chapter, the “Humanitarian of the Year” by the National Speakers Association-Illinois, and as “One of the Most Powerful and Influential Women in Illinois” by the National Diversity Council.

In 2009, O’Brien launched the Global Women’s Leadership Forum®, a Women’s Business Enterprise National Council-certified organization which focuses on women’s business resource groups, leadership development, and helping women to develop and demonstrate their full potential within Fortune 500 companies.

Mary Formosa, vice president of human resources for Navistar’s Global Truck and Engine Group, Quality Procurement and Safety, is responsible for developing and implementing human resource strategies that align with the group’s overall business strategy.

Before joining Navistar in 2008, Formosa worked for the Tribune Company, a Chicago-based multimedia company with more than 50 business units and 23,000 employees. During her 20-year career with Tribune, she held a variety of senior-level positions in human resources, including leading the company’s corporate human resources, employee relations, recruitment and diversity functions.

Formosa has a strong background in employee and labor relations, organizational effectiveness, leadership development, performance management, compensation and benefits, recruitment, training and development, and dealing with acquisitions and divestitures.

She also owned her own consulting business, where she focused on human resources assessments, improving employee engagement, leadership coaching and developing policies and procedures.

Formosa is actively involved with many professional organizations, including the National Latino Education Institute, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and Empowering Women Network, which she serves on as a board member. She has been a speaker at the Diversity Solutions Best Practices and Empowering Women Network conferences, among others.

Geneace Williams, Ph.D., is the managing director of Our Living World (OLW) Communications Inc., a boutique consulting firm specializing in the advancement of forward-thinking leaders and the organizations they serve through a strategic approach.

She is a trusted advisor offering innovative leadership counsel, and has a long history of leading change and managing conflict and crises. Today, she adds value by helping leaders drive results in their business, business goals and leadership acumen.

Prior to consulting, Williams enjoyed a distinguished 20-year career as an attorney, business advisor and counselor. She was previously responsible for a national litigation practice for the McDonald’s Corporation, where she advised senior company leadership on numerous matters.

Williams is the author of “Leadership DASH: Breaking Through the Finish Line,” an award-winning and insightful work that gets at the heart of how people become leaders of influence. Having spoken in diverse venues around the world, Williams’ strategies for leadership have positively influenced many.

As a minister, Williams is passionate about the issues that affect women and the underserved. She serves on the board of directors for the Northern Illinois Food Bank and is a member of Leadership Illinois Class of 2013. In 2011, she received a National Power Ambassador Award for her work with the American Heart Association’s “Power to End Stroke” campaign.
Hai Ri Han (Graphic Arts and Design) had artwork accepted to “Tangibles: Beauty and Purpose in the Art of the Book,” a national juried exhibition hosted by the Northern Arizona University Art Museum.


Teresa J. Parker (Fine Arts) gave an artist’s talk on her artwork at Benedictine University at Springfield in October. An exhibition of her artwork was on display at the Becker Library through November. Parker was also invited as a Distinguished Art Alumna to give a presentation about her artwork and talk about her career in the arts at Illinois State University in Normal during the university’s alumni weekend activities.

Karly E. Tumminello (Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum) was elected co-chair of the Chicago Wilderness Council’s Leave No Child Inside initiative. “This is a huge boost to the museum’s networking ability within the Chicago region, and I see it as a means to more strongly connect the museum with other local environmental programs and advocates,” Tumminello said. Chicago Wilderness is a regional alliance of 300 organizations working together to restore local nature and improve the quality of life for all living things by protecting the lands and waters on which we all depend. Members include area corporations, associations, coalitions, conservation groups, cultural and educational organizations, municipalities and park districts.

Ovid Wong (School of Education) published a book titled “An Instructor Primer for Adjunct and New Faculty: Foundations for Career Success.” The 2013 publication is co-published by Rowman & Littlefield Education and the Association of Teacher Educators. “The book guides you through those must-know topics while explaining exactly what you need to know and do within the full gamut of the job, from the layout of the field of higher education to before the first session of class to the evaluations—and everything in between,” one reviewer wrote. Wong presented “In Search of the Pedagogy Holy Grail for Student Success” based on the book with graduate student Joanne Klonowski and undergraduate student Angela Horton at the 2013 Illinois Science Education Conference. Wong also published a book titled “Life’s Decision” by Christian Communications Inc., in Texas. The book is a compilation of 40 episodes dealing with real-world people and events leading to the ultimate commitment to Jesus Christ. Last year, a prototype of the book concept was used at a Houston joint church mission conference where Wong is an invited speaker.

retirement focus

Alexey Shukin, Ph.D.
M.S. In Clinical Psychology Program

Alexey Shukin, Ph.D., retired from Benedictine University in August after nearly 30 years of service and expertise as a professor and founder of the Master of Science (M.S.) in Clinical Psychology program. He started the program in 1987, following in the footsteps of his former teacher Carl Rogers, who was a pioneer in Humanistic Psychology theory.

Shukin had an important message for his students: Always approach a client with an attitude of compassionate understanding, value them deeply and hold both their work and the client with sincere and profound respect.

Shukin’s influence will be felt for many years after his retirement through the many practicing M.S. in Clinical Psychology alumni who will continue to exercise his teachings in their work. He has made an outstanding contribution to the lives of students, the University and the counseling profession.

The M.S. in Clinical Psychology program remains committed to preserving Shukin’s vision of a client-centered theoretical foundation. The program’s faculty will continue to inspire students to understand and respect the importance of having an attitude of warmth, caring, curiosity and respect for the client.

“We are all truly grateful for Shukin’s talent, dedication to teaching and his reverence for ‘person-centered’ theory and practice,” said Margaret Salyer, director of the M.S. in Clinical Psychology program. “Congratulations to Dr. Shukin on a long, successful and influential career. Students and staff wish him all good things in the future and we hope that he feels great satisfaction and joy for an extraordinarily meaningful career and the lovely legacy he has left at Benedictine.”

“I cannot imagine what kind of therapist I would be today if I had been in a different program. I am so glad I chose Benedictine. Thank you to all my professors—both from me and my future clients!”

—Liz Shallack, M.S. ’03, Clinical Psychology

“Benedictine students are consistently well-prepared to begin clinical work. They come equipped with clinical skill as well as a personal maturity, which markedly enhances their professional growth. These students were a pleasure to supervise.”

—Barb Leiber, former director of the Department of Social and Health Services for the Village of Downers Grove

“I can honestly say that participating in the M.S. in Clinical Psychology program is one of the highlights of my life. I feel extremely fortunate to have been accepted to the program. Without exception, the faculty was supportive and helpful, and the foundation of client-centered counseling courses provided invaluable tools for future courses. The blend of younger and returning students was another strength. I feel well prepared for entering this field and I am enjoying my work immensely.”

—Daniel Frett, counselor for Guided Path Psychological Services in Palatine and a volunteer for Suicide Prevention Services in Batavia.
Cheryl Richardson

CHERYL RICHARDSON, PH.D., ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT ’01, AN ADJUNCT LECTURER IN THE ACCELERATED MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR PROGRAM, PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 5, 2013.

Richardson came to Benedictine in 2004 after a nearly 20-year career as a high-level manager for McDonald’s Corp., most recently as a human resources senior director.

At Benedictine, she taught courses that included Training and Development, Organizational Behavior, Compensation, and Benefits and Human Resources Management.

In 2005, Richardson established The Dr. Cheryl B. Richardson Award to recognize and provide a scholarship to incoming freshmen women of African-American heritage who are graduates of inner-city high schools and in need of financial assistance.

“Cheryl made an exceptional contribution to the M.S. in Management and Organizational Behavior program, to the Ph.D. in Organization Development program in general and to her field,” said Peter Sorensen, Ph.D., professor and chair of the M.S. in Management and Organizational Behavior program. “Cheryl was truly exceptional in many ways, and her legacy will live on in the scholarship she created.”

In 2006, Richardson received the “Influential Women in Business Award” from the National Association of Women Business Owners and the Daily Herald Business Ledger, and in 2011 received Chicago United’s “Business Leaders of Color Award,” which is given to exceptional individuals who currently serve, or are ready to contribute as a member of the board of directors for Fortune 1000 companies.

Gloria Jeanne Tysl, Ph.D.

GLORIA TYSL, PH.D., PROFESSOR EMERITA OF BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 21, 2013.

Tysl began her career at Benedictine University as a professor of History in 1969. From 1974 to 1978 she served as dean of Faculty and Instruction, and returned to the classroom on a full-time basis until 1995, when she retired.

She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Lisle, and was a professed member of the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart until 1967 when she left in order to care for her aging parents and invalid brother.

Throughout her 26 years of teaching and service, she influenced many lives and helped numerous students and colleagues, such as Phyllis Kittel, Ph.D., professor emerita of Mathematics in the College of Science.

“I might never have earned my doctorate if not for Gloria,” Kittel said. “Gloria was held in high esteem by faculty members for her fairness, her understanding of women faculty in a former men’s institution, her honesty, openness and integrity.”

In 2010, Tysl was presented with the Fr. Michael Komechak, O.S.B., Award, which is bestowed on an alumnus, staff or faculty member who has provided a lifetime of distinctive and exemplary service to the University and its students.

Today, The Dr. Gloria J. Tysl Endowment for History, Philosophy and Religion, continues to provide funds for programs, equipment, scholarships, faculty travel and/or research, stipends for visiting professors, scholars or dignitaries and campus events and/or performances.