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MARIANIST EDUCATION CONSORTIUM SUMMER WORKSHOP

The 2010 Marianist Education Consortium (M.E.C.) Summer Workshop titled *Marianist Mathematics and Science Education* was held July 13–16, 2010, at the University of Dayton.

Participants in this year's workshop included 30 mathematics and science teachers representing 14 of the 18 Marianist schools spread across the Province of the United States and from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Dublin, Ireland.

The workshop began with dinner on the evening of July 13 followed by keynote speaker Fr. James Heft, S.M., who addressed the audience with his presentation titled *Religion and Science*. Father Heft is currently

President and Founding Director of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies and Alton M. Brooks Professor of Religion at the University of Southern California. He was formerly a longtime member of the UD community serving as Provost and later in the Department of Religious Studies as Chancellor and Professor of Faith and Culture.

The schedule for the remainder of the workshop included: a session on *How do I "do" the CMEs in Math and Science*, by George Lisjak; setting expectations for school Mission Integration Teams; long-range planning; sharing best practices; facilitating communication between schools; panel discussions comprising Marianist Educational Associates from UD and members of local Marianist Lay Communities; and time for prayer, reflection, informal sharing, and

socializing. The workshop ended on Friday with Eucharist and remarks from Edward Brink, SM, Provincial Assistant for Education.

The M.E.C. Summer Workshops

have been held annually since 1987. They are sponsored by the Marianist Province of the United States to provide opportunities for faculty and staff from Marianist high schools and universities to come together for learning and sharing on topics of mutual interest.



LALANNE

From the Lalanne Director and Coordinator...

In this season of Thanksgiving, Peggy and I would like to take the time to say thank you to the many people who help make Lalanne possible.

Thank you Lalanne 2010-2011 teachers. Your daily hard work and enthusiasm to share the Catholic faith with your students is an example of living the Gospel values.

Thank you Lalanne Alumni. Now totaling 101, you continue to live your Lalanne experience as teachers, as principals, as campus ministers, as married Catholic couples, as young parents, as persons contemplating religious life. You are leaders in the Church today.

Thank you superintendents and principals of Catholic schools in the Archdioceses of Cincinnati, Indianapolis, San Antonio, and the Diocese of Cleveland. Your partnership with Lalanne has made it possible for beginning teachers to have a successful start in becoming Catholic educators.

Thank you to the Marianists. Your example of living and working as a community of faith is the foundation on which Lalanne was built and continues to thrive.

Thank you to the University of Dayton School

of Education and Allied Professions. Through your support and cooperation, our beginning Lalanne teachers have the opportunity to work with master educators to learn best practices. You help to mold them into professional young men and women who make a positive impact in the lives of their students.

Thank you to our donors who share their passion and commitment to Catholic education with generous hearts.

Thank you Advisory Board members for giving up your Saturday mornings twice a year to share your insight and wisdom in an effort to make Lalanne the best possible post-graduate teacher service program.

Thank you, University of Dayton community. Your attention to the little details, everything from providing rooms for Lalanne events to parking permits for the teachers in the summer, help make our invited guests and teachers feel welcome when they come to campus.

As we offer our prayers of thanksgiving we will be remembering each and every one of you. "I thank my God every time I remember you."

Philippians 1:3

LALANNE COORDINATOR



The CCE is pleased to welcome **Peggy Brun** as the new Coordinator of Lalanne. With a BS in Elementary Education from UD, Peggy has had a rich life of teaching at the elementary, intermediate, and high school levels. Her teaching career began in Cleveland, Ohio, then moved to St. Anthony's School in Dayton before she left teaching to earn an MS in Pastoral Ministry from UD. Peggy became a full-time paid youth minister, one of only a handful at the time. After "retiring" from ministry to raise her family, Peggy returned to teaching, first at Carroll High School in Dayton, her alma mater, and then at Ascension School in Kettering as a 7th and 8th grade teacher. As much as she felt at home in the classroom, God called her back to parish work as a Pastoral Associate for Youth Formation at St. Helen's Parish for the past three years.

"My path has taken many unexpected turns; however, after only two months, I can look back on my journey and see the fingerprints of God at each turn. What a joy to know that you are where you are supposed to be and as a bonus I get to work with talented new teachers and a team of people who are uplifting, collaborative, and some of the most faith-filled and humble people I have ever met! The Center for Catholic Education truly embodies and gives witness to all that it means to be Marianist."

Peggy and her husband, Randy, have been married for 25 years and are the proud parents of seven children ages two to twenty-two years.

URBAN CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER

The Urban Child Development Resource Center began the 2010-2011 school year with many additions. A new Family Advocate, **LaTasha Akpan**, was hired and began work August 1, 2010. LaTasha brings a wealth of experience to her position and readily connected with an already strong UCDRC staff. We are delighted to have the many talents she brings with her!



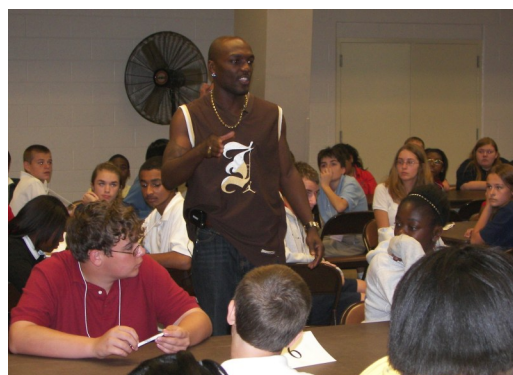
LaTasha Akpan (left)

The UD Law School partnered with UCDRC to create a peer mediation program specifically aligned with the **SECOND STEP PROGRAM: A Violence Prevention Curriculum** used by UCDRC to address violence in schools. UCDRC Staff received training by Law School students and were commissioned to implement the program in UCDRC schools requesting peer mediation. While still in its infancy, Peer Mediation appears to be a powerful, successful intervention.

Our Family Advocates have been quick to identify families in need and link them with community services. School supplies, school uniforms, and warm weather clothing needs have been provided due to many generous funders in the community. UD's Golden Flyers once again have supported UCDRC families by supplying food and donating money to assist in making many children's upcoming holidays special.

The UD Peacemakers, in collaboration with the Marianist Leadership Scholars, hosted a retreat for 8th grade students from Mary Queen of Peace, St. Anthony, Immaculate Conception, and Our La-

dy of the Rosary. The retreat was held in the undercroft of Immaculate Conception Church. Guest speaker, **Mr. Shawn Woods**, entrepreneur and motivational speaker from Chicago, addressed the theme of "Personal Power," one of the forty Developmental Assets. Students identified goals to work toward during this last year of elementary school. Counselors will work with students periodically throughout the year to check on progress and offer assistance in reaching their goals. In March 2011, students will reconvene at Bergamo Center in Dayton to discuss results and to set new goals for next school year, their first year of high school. The September retreat ended with Fr. Satish Joseph offering a Mass dedicated to our students.



Shawn Woods (center)

While many in the U.S. are beginning to identify problems with bullying and violence in school, UCDRC is already in its ninth year of addressing such problems in urban Catholic schools. Significant positive changes focusing on outcomes and output have occurred, as identified in the UCDRC End of the Year Reports. UCDRC Director, Linda Russell, is involved in the community-wide initiative to address violence. Linda co-chairs the Youth Prevention and Intervention Focus Council of the United Against Violence of Greater Dayton. This is a collaborative of diverse members that represents major community systems. This particular council is working to identify best practice curriculum models in violence prevention and placing them in every school within the community.



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CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION

The Center for Catholic Education (CCE) staff has been involved with connecting to additional professional organizations that support our mission. **Dr. Kevin Kelly**, Dean of the School of Education and Allied Professions, and **Susan Ferguson**, Director of the CCE, attended the Catholic Higher Education Collaborative Conference at Boston

College in late September. Catholic colleges and universities committed to assisting P-12 Catholic schools and superintendents from various archdioceses and dioceses discussed academic excellence and the role of Catholic higher education in promoting academic excellence. A report of the discussion and suggested action plan is forthcoming.