Ready to Run™

CAMPAIGN TRAINING PROGRAM TO FEATURE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY

There are now more women in the United States Congress than at any other time in American history. Still, that record number of female representatives and senators accounts for less than 20 percent of all Congressional seats.

Statistics like that are why Mount St. Mary's College is offering Ready to Run™ this Feb. 8-9, a nonpartisan, campaign training program for women. Ready to Run™ will encourage and train women to run for elective office, position themselves for appointive office, work on a campaign or get involved in public service in other ways. Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey will serve as keynote speaker Feb. 9. In 2012, Lacey became the first woman and the first African-American elected to the D.A. post in Los Angeles County, the largest prosecutorial office in the United States.

The training program at Mount St. Mary's will offer two tracks for participants. “You’ve Decided to Run...Now What?” is designed for women planning to run for office or enter public service in the near future. “I’m Not Ready to Run Yet, But...” was created for women interested in politics and public service, and want to learn how to position themselves for future campaigns.

The training’s Feb. 8 schedule of events will be held at the Doheny Campus. Day Two’s program will take place at the Chalon Campus. More than a dozen women in positions of leadership will present workshops on political campaigning, governance, communications and issue-related advocacy.

Faculty and staff can attend the program for free. To register or to read more information about the speakers and the event lineup, visit www.msmc.la.edu/R2R.

INSTITUTE TO EXPLORE CSJ HERITAGE

Designed especially for members of the Mount community, “Teaching, Technology and Social Justice” will explore the history, spirituality and mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Faculty and staff are invited to attend the institute to reflect on how the legacy of our founders contribute to our work at the College.

The facilitator will be Juliette Marsh Williams, who also conducted the first institute at the Doheny Campus last year and the Advent retreats for faculty and staff.

The institute will take place Feb. 15, March 1, and March 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chalon Campus. For more information, contact Gail Gresser, director of campus ministry, at gresser@msmc.la.edu.

CRITICAL TEACHING IN ACTION CONFERENCE TO EXAMINE TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

This year’s Critical Teaching in Action conference, “Teaching, Technology and Social Justice,” on March 16 will focus on social justice curricula and the impact of digital technology in teaching. Keynote speaker Steve Goodman, founding director of New York’s Educational Video Center, will speak about teaching documentary video skills to young people.

Workshops include Social Media for Social Justice, Undocumented Students and Online Organizing, Cyberbullying, and Critical Media Literacy, among others. For information on the conference, presented by the College’s Education department and Center for Cultural Fluency, visit msmc.la.edu/criticalteaching.

ONE-UNIT CLASS TO MAKE MOUNT HISTORY COME ALIVE

A one-unit Weekend College class on March 16-17 will take a “Hollywood” approach to the study of our College’s history. Led by Professor Lew Dauber, the course will combine the methods of professional actors and archival historians to bring historical figures into the classroom for conversations with the people of today.

For more information, contact dauberlew@verizon.net.
A trio of Mount St. Mary’s students have earned “Best & Brightest” scholarships from the Millennium Momentum Foundation for the 2012-2013 school year. Alba Arana ’14, Guadalupe Borjon ’13 and Karla Guzman ’13 each received scholarships worth $3,000 for their academic achievements and aspirations to pursue careers in public service.

The Foundation’s Best & Brightest Scholarship Program, one of the most competitive in Southern California, seeks students that possess a combination of exceptional academic merit, strong leadership potential, commitment to reinvest in their local communities and financial need.

The “Best & Brightest” scholarships include more than financial support. The Mount’s Arana, Borjon and Guzman will also receive support from the Foundation’s Leadership Development Institute — support that includes peer and professional mentoring, leadership development training, career guidance, and job-placement services.

“This scholarship means the world to me because it is providing me with the opportunity to fund my education,” Arana says, “but it is also training me to become a better leader in my own community.”

Arana, Borjon and Guzman initially received their scholarships during a Millennium Momentum Foundation gala held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in November 2012.

Mount St. Mary’s students are invited to apply for these scholarships annually as part of the Mount’s relationship with the Foundation. The College has previously received a Millennium Momentum Ambassador of Education award from the Foundation.

TRUSTEE STEPHEN PAGE RECEIVES CARDINAL’S AWARD FROM L.A. ARCHDIOCESE

Stephen Page, a member of the Mount’s board of trustees, will receive the Cardinal’s Award from the Los Angeles Archdiocese for extraordinary service to the Church and the Catholic education community at a special dinner gala on Feb. 9. The other Cardinal’s Award honorees are Elizabeth Hotaling, John McNicholas, Sister Regina Marie Gorman, OCD, and Tomas Pacheco Sr.

FROM THE FACULTY

Nancy Pine, professor emerita, presented a paper titled “Performance vs. Improvisation in Chinese and U.S. Schools” at the Western Regional Conference of the Comparative International Education Society in Tempe, Ariz., on October 2012. She also presented “The Use of Names in Early Literacy Development Among Chinese Preschoolers” during the Literacy Research Association Conference in San Diego on November 2012.

Diane Vines, director of the BSN program, was selected to present her abstract, “Childrearing Practices of Trafficked or Prostituted Women,” for a podium presentation at the 2013 Association of Community Health Nurse Educators and the Association of Public Health Nurses Joint Meeting on June 6-8 in Raleigh, N.C.

Shelly Tochluk, chair of the education department, delivered the keynote speech “Why We Should Talk About Race” to about 350 undergraduate students at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., on Nov. 29.

COLLEGE NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES NOW ONLINE

Check out the latest addition to the Mount’s online archives -- the first 20 years of The View newspaper! Launched in 1945, The View documented both campus and world events for nearly 50 years. It is fully readable online, downloadable to different e-readers or as a PDF. Go to http://archive.org/collection/mountstmaryscollege

MOUNT MATTERS WINS CASE AWARD

Mount Matters is being recognized with a Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VII Awards of Excellence GOLD award at the District Conference in San Francisco on March 2. The publication won the top spot in the Internal Audience Periodicals category.
MADELEINE BRAND TO EMCEE REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS EVENT
Madeleine Brand, special contributor to KCET’s “SoCal Connected” news show, will be the emcee and moderator of the Report on the Status of Women and Girls™ program on March 21 at the Doheny Campus. Brand previously hosted “The Madeleine Brand” show on KPCC and worked for NPR for 13 years.

The March 21 event will mark the release of Mount St. Mary’s College’s second annual Report on the Status of Women and Girls™ publication, which examines key areas crucial to the advancement of women.

Other speakers scheduled for that day include Geena Davis, founder of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media; Betsy Berkhemer-Credaire, co-host of “Unfinished Business” on KFWB; Janice Bryant Howroyd, founder and CEO of the Act-1 Group; Maria Gutierrez Ott ’70, ’78 MA, faculty and executive in residence, USC; and Elise Buik, CEO, United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

For more information and a complete list of speakers, and to register, visit statusofwomen.msmc.la.edu.

VATICAN II @ 50 SYMPOSIUM
The religious studies departments of Mount St. Mary's College and Loyola Marymount University are co-sponsoring a three-year sequence of symposia on the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. The theme for the first year is “The Church in the Third Millennium: Identity and Mission.”

The next event will be held at the Doheny Campus on Feb. 16. Richard Gaillardetz, currently the McCarthy Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College, will present the keynote speech. Both events are free, but reservations are required.

For more information, go to www.msmc.la.edu/vaticanII50.

TRAVEL TO THE “KINGDOMS OF WONDER”
The College’s International Travel Study program is offering a trip to Thailand and Cambodia June 7-16. Among the highlights of the trip are visits to Thailand’s Temple of the Emerald Buddha in the grounds of Bangkok’s Grand Palace and Cambodia’s spectacular Angkor Wat. The travel study program is open to faculty, staff, students, alums and families.

For more information, contact Katherine Whitman at kwhitman@msmc.la.edu or 310.954.4152.

VANTAGE POINT SPEAKER SERIES
The next Vantage Point speaker series event on Feb. 14 will feature Esther Torrez, president and CEO of the Community Enhancement Corporation. She is a commissioner on the Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Development, a member of the Community Advisory Committee for Los Angeles City Council District 9 and a member of the South LA Initiative Board. She worked for a number of years in marketing and strategic planning for American Express before starting the Community Enhancement Corporation in 1992. She received her MBA and master’s in education and counseling from UCLA.

Feb. 14, 1 p.m.
Campus Center, Chalon Campus
Signorovitch@aol.com

WHAT THEY’RE SAYING about the Mount

IN THE MEDIA
Catalyst magazine
Cedars-Sinai
“Career Calling: Turning Volunteer Experience Into a Profession”
ABSN student Emily Vance ’13 was featured in the magazine of Cedars Sinai Medical Center, where she is a volunteer.

http://giving.cedars-sinai.edu/document.doc?id=320

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DIVERGENT GEOMETRY
The José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery invites you to check its new show, Divergent Geometry, featuring artists Melissa Manfull, Aili Schmeltz and Jeremy J. Quinn.

Through March 23
Gallery hours: Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. (closed for spring break, March 1-11)
On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JoseDrudisBiadaArtGallery

UPCOMING EVENTS
Feb. 8 Readym to Run™ Diversity Initiative program, Doheny Campus
Feb. 9 Readyt o Run™ campaign training program, Chalon Campus
Feb. 12 President's Day
Feb. 21 “What Can Chinese Film Tell Us About Modern Chinese History?” Women in China lecture series, Doheny Campus
Feb. 23 Religious Education Congress Reception, Anaheim
March 12-21 Institute for Women’s Leadership in Latin America, Women in Public Service Project, Scripps College and Mount St. Mary’s College campuses
March 16 Critical Teaching in Action, Doheny Campus
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