Dear Neighbors,

A great college-community relationship, like any successful partnership, is a constant act of collaboration, a commitment to one another’s welfare that is renewed every day.

So of all the national honors Lawrence University has received this year, one of which I am especially proud is that the college was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the fourth consecutive year. This federal award recognizes the breadth and scope of the service projects to which Lawrence students devoted more than 12,000 hours last year. Lawrence faculty and staff share that passion, supporting more than 150 Fox Cities organizations through volunteering and charitable gifts, including serving on boards and committees of at least 38 local nonprofits. A sampling of these stories of civic service are highlighted in this Report to the Community.

One local organization that has been an exceptional partner with Lawrence over the years is the Mielke Family Foundation. We are pleased to salute the Foundation this year with the Lawrence University Collaboration in Action award, which honors an individual or organization who has worked, in collaboration with Lawrence, to serve the Fox Cities community in exemplary and meaningful ways.

In the words of education professor Bob Williams, “This is a wonderful place to live, and it’s because of the contributions of caring people that it stays that way.”

With thanks for all you invest in the vitality of our community,

Jill Beck, Ph.D.
President
It is the shock that no family should have to endure: the news that your son or daughter is gravely ill. The Peters family of Neenah and the Broeniman family of Appleton are each coping with the serious illness of a child with the help of community support networks that include Lawrence athletes.

Lawrence Softball Coach Kim Tatro had heard from colleagues how rewarding Friends of Jaclyn (FOJ) relationships could be, and wanted to be part of the organization. Despite a national waiting list of more than a thousand teams, Lawrence was fortunate to have not just one but two teams matched with local youth: the football team “adopted” seven-year-old Luke Peters, and the softball squad “adopted” eight-year-old Emma Broeniman.

What makes these FOJ connections unique is the ongoing nature of the relationship. This isn’t a one-time fundraiser or a meet and greet at a ballgame. This is an in-it-neck-deep, put-your-whole-heart-into-it, care-unti-lit-hurts relationship. Both sides don’t seem to want to have it any other way.

“The impact has been just huge,” said Emma’s mom, Amie Broeniman. “Emma has acquired new sisters and Allie (Emma’s older sister) has acquired big sisters she’s never had.” Luke Peters’ mom agrees. “You can just see it in his eyes,” Sue Peters said of her son, who just started second grade at St. Margaret Mary School in Neenah. “He just lights up when you tell him some of the guys are coming over.”

One might see this as simply community service, college athletes volunteering to benefit local youth. But the truth is that the Vikings athletes have been transformed by their relationships with their adopted young teammates. “My first three years it was all about college sports,” said defensive end Matt Frelich ’10. “My last year was the most enjoyable because it wasn’t just about playing football. Spending time with Luke gave me a broader picture of what life was about.”

“I know her team’s relationship with Emma will be a lasting influence. Her family has told the team how big of a help we are to Emma, but she has done more for the team than I think any of us can explain,” Emily said. “Seeing Emma battle her brain tumor has made me aware of how fortunate I am, but more than that, in Emma, I see the type of person I’d like to aspire to be.”

On National Wear Red Day (Feb. 5, 2010), Lawrence faculty and staff wore red to show support for the fight against women’s heart disease. Lawrence won the Fox Cities Go Red for Women photo contest, organized by the local chapter of the American Heart Association, with the heart design featured at left.

Friends of Jaclyn (FOJ) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children living with brain tumors and their families. FOJ was inspired by Jaclyn Murphy, who was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in March 2004. She was connected with the Northwestern University women’s lacrosse team when she was nine years old, and Jaclyn and the Wildcats went on to inspire each other. Lawrence is honored to be part of the Friends of Jaclyn network.
Mental health is not always an easy or comfortable topic to confront. So Kathleen Fuchs, director of counseling services at Lawrence, was delighted to see more than 120 educators, nonprofit staff and clinicians — representing 13 local school districts and 24 youth-serving organizations — gather alongside Lawrence staff and faculty for a daylong training session with nationally recognized psychiatrist Dr. David Mays on how to recognize and reach out to young people at risk for suicide.

“We have clearly tapped into a deep concern in the broader community,” Fuchs said. “There is a shared commitment to address this issue through effective prevention.” Fuchs spends a lot of time talking about suicide prevention these days. Along with a team of staff and faculty colleagues, she is implementing a three-year grant awarded to LU by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The grant provides resources for lowering suicide risk and enhancing protective factors among Lawrence students through training and education for staff, faculty and students, as well as greater collaboration across campus and with community mental health partners.

“The bottom line is to do everything possible to make sure that students who need help, get help,” said Fuchs. And although the SAMHSA grant focuses on college students, our community knows all too well that the need is just as great among adolescents. The J. J. Keller Foundation, known for its commitment to mental health issues, challenged Lawrence to ‘think big’ about engaging a broad community audience and provided a grant to help extend evidence-based training and education opportunities to local youth-serving organizations.

Fuchs has not been shy about thinking big. She hopes the next series of outreach events will ultimately benefit tens of thousands of people through gatekeeper training, which empowers ordinary individuals to recognize early warning signs of someone in distress, open a supportive conversation that persuades the person to accept help and connect them to mental health services. The approach gets a thumbs-up from Karen Aspenson, executive director of NAMI Fox Valley, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. “This sort of gatekeeper training, especially at the high school level, is very valuable and is a best practice,” Aspenson said.

J. J. Keller Foundation funds will enable more than 55 people from area schools and youth-serving nonprofits to become qualified gatekeeper instructors who can then train teachers, coaches, staff and even student leaders to be gatekeepers. Fuchs hopes that more than a thousand new gatekeepers could be trained over the next two years. “We couldn’t be more pleased with the work Lawrence is doing to engage the community in this important discussion,” said Mary Harp-Jirschele, executive director of the foundation. “They are making a concerted effort to reach out to nonprofits that can benefit from this training, and we are simply the conduit to making that happen. In the end, this outreach will benefit us all.”

Kathy Privatt, associate professor of theatre arts and James G. and Ethel M. Barber Professor of Theatre and Drama, has been involved as an actor for several years with a statewide crisis intervention training program for law enforcement officers. The program is a joint venture of the Appleton Police Department and the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).
Fine Fellows

As a ‘community within a community,’ Lawrence depends on the Fox Cities to make its students feel at home. Lawrentians are returning the favor by serving at local nonprofit and educational organizations. From mentoring and tutoring services for K-12 students to developing a teen grief group, Lawrence students are promoting social responsibility and altruism among the Fox Cities community.

The AmeriCorps M3C Fellows program was designed to connect students with local needs, increase their personal commitment to social responsibility and foster an understanding of citizenship. M3C Fellows are matched with community agencies, learn about their organization’s mission and needs and share their knowledge with others at Lawrence. In 2009-10, fellows recruited more than 300 volunteers for nine community agencies. Here are just a few examples:

Boys and Girls Club

The tutor has become the tutee. When Meghan Keller ’12, applied for an M3C Fellows position with the Boys and Girls Club at Wilson Middle School, she had an interest in education. Now, it is her passion. As a fellow, Meghan tutored a wide range of students, including at-risk, ESL, special needs and accelerated students; recruited volunteers; and organized game tournaments for teen boys.

The experience meant so much to Meghan, she has decided to pursue education as a career. Kristin Griswold, the Wilson Boys and Girls Club unit director, observed, “Meghan was able to form strong bonds with many of our members who had yet to attach to an adult at the program, which directly influenced the experience of those members. She was also able to introduce members to new games and activities that kept them intrigued for weeks.”

Center for Grieving Children

“As an M3C Fellow, I have had the opportunity to participate in many ways to help enhance and expand the center’s reach to the community,” said Cora Keene ’10. Along with Jared Frazier ’10, she was trained as a grief facilitator. The students then developed and facilitated three successful teen grief groups at Harmony Café, catalogued the center’s Griefsource lending library and facilitated Family Night peer groups. The center’s director, Loris Damerow, could not be more pleased with their involvement. “The Lawrence Fellows brought such strong intention and integrity to their participation that all aspects of our program were improved. In every way — organizationally, interpersonally and therapeutically — they were an asset.”

Valley New School

“I feel as though I have been given a challenge and a fantastic opportunity to learn from a nonprofit organization while gaining developmental and organizational skills at the most fundamental level,” said Jared Gebel ’11. As a fellow with Valley New School (VNS), Jared served as the primary volunteer coordinator — enlisting Lawrence tutors for VNS students and recruiting volunteers for the VNS aesthetics program. He helped students find experts to job shadow, created a database of parents and their areas of expertise and coordinated a Work-Study tutor program. Valley New School Advisor Jennifer Plamann ’95 has been immensely impressed with her fellow. “Overall, hosting an M3C Fellow has helped us continue to build a positive, purposeful culture at Valley New School. Students have one more adult to help them reach their goals. Staff is able to spend less time securing volunteers and more time working individually with students. My colleagues and I very much look forward to working with M3C Fellows in the future.”

Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity

Luke Fickbohm ’10, was an M3C Fellow with the Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity. In addition to starting a children’s program, Luke coordinated a Health and Home Safety workshop for Habitat for Humanity owners, and he recruited 16 volunteers to assist in renovating an old home for a local resident in need. Jessica Patenaude ’05, program coordinator for Almost Home (a collaboration between Goodwill NCW and Habitat for Humanity), believes Luke went above and beyond what was expected. “He has the ability to place himself in other people’s shoes, which is a trait that holds value like no other within our organization.”

Richmond Elementary School

As a teacher’s aide in several Richmond Elementary School classrooms, Daniel Perret-Goluboff ’13 provided extra tutoring in reading and math to first through sixth grade students. He also developed a school-wide curriculum on diversity and recruited more than 30 volunteers for Lawrence’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. “The students received instructional reinforcement that would not have been available if not for the M3C program . . . We appreciate having the opportunity to establish such a great relationship with Lawrence University in our joint efforts to create a great community for our children and their families,” said Bobbie Schmidt, principal of Richmond Elementary School.
In 2009-10, Lawrence faculty and staff supported the following organizations:

29 local churches  
30 area schools  
4-H  
A Better Chance  
ABIS Resource Center of Wisconsin  
American Cancer Society/Seide Bumer  
American Red Cross  
Appleton Area Hockey Association  
Appleton Art Center  
Appleton Downtown Rotary Club  
Appleton Education Foundation  
Appleton Housing Authority  
Appleton Jaycees  
Appleton Parks and Recreation Department  
Appleton Police Department  
Appleton Youth Soccer  
Association for Fund-Raising  
Professional—Northeast Wisconsin  
Artic Theatre  
Badger Orienteering Club  
Bay Area Humane Society  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
Boy Scouts of America  
Boys and Girls Club  
Booth Nature Preserve  
Building for Kids  
Casa Clare  
Catholic Charities  
Cherry Meadows Hospice  
Children’s Hospital of W.F. Fox Valley  
Community Clothes Closet  
Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region  
Community Help  
Community Hospice  
Community Outreach Temporary Shelter (COTS)  
Counseling without Cost  
Domestic Violence Center  
Dover County Humane Society  
Easter Seals  
Eastshore Humane Association  
Echelon G&Tri  
Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley  
ESTHER  
FCS Consumer Credit Counseling Service  
Fox Valley Youth Ballet Theater  
Fox Cities Book Festival  
Fox Cities Elite Volleyball Club  
Fox Cities Go Red for Women  
Fox Cities Giveaways  
Fox Cities Kiwanis Club  
Fox Cities Kung Fu Sister Cities Program  
Fox Cities Online  
Fox Cities Performing Arts Center  
Fox Cities Triathlon Club  
Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities  
Fox Valley Humane Association  
Fox Valley Literacy Coalition  
Fox Valley Rowing Club  
Fox Valley Sibling Support Network  
Fox Valley Symphony  
Fox Valley Thrift Shoppe  
Fox Valley Warming Shelter  

Watershed Worlds

Nestled at the center of campus, the Thomas A. Steitz Hall of Science is Lawrence’s center of undergraduate science research activity. But each year, middle school students from the Fox Valley are invited to take over the building by exploring the life of a scientist.

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This year, 26 middle school students were pared with 16 Lawrence student mentors. Students who participated in the event were greeted with an introductory lecture on the scientific backgrounds of De Stasio and Professor of Geology and Walter Schaeber Professor of Environmental Studies Marcia Bjornsen. The lectures set the stage for a hands-on rotation through lab activities in predator/prey interactions, stream bed design and sediment stability.

The predator/prey activity allowed students to observe the feeding methods of fish and then simulate those methods with lab equipment, comparing how effective each was at capturing various prey. Students also studied how shapes of streams and different sizes of particles can affect the movement of water and pollutants in stream and river systems; constructed their own experimental streams (predicting how materials would move through them and then testing their predictions); and learned how the size, density and shape of particles such as sand or snow determine the stability of the material along the shoreline.

“Science Lab Day made a huge impact in how Jakeb sees science,” said Lawrence Professor of Biology Bart De Stasio ’82. “The overall goal of our annual Science Lab Day is to engage and excite middle school students in science and technology,” said De Stasio. It’s a win-win situation. Middle school students work closely with Lawrence faculty and students, getting hands-on experience with the scientific method in a college setting, and Lawrence students gain invaluable experience in secondary science education — a truly collaborative effort.

Above: Professor of Biology Bart De Stasio ’82 with local middle school students attending Science Lab Day at Lawrence.

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Friends of Jaclyn  
Gardens of the Fox Cities  
Girl Scouts  
Goodwill Industries  
Green Bay Botanical Gardens  
Greenville Lions Club  
Habitat for Humanity  
Harbor House  
Harmony Café  
Heartstones Historic House Museum  
InDUS of Fox Valley  
Knights of Pythias  
Lawrence Academy of Music  
Lawrence University  
Lawrence University International Leadership Fox Cities  
Learning Disabilities Association of Wisconsin  
LEAVEN  
Lions Club  
Makaroff Youth Ballet  
March of Dimes  
Midwest Oshkosh Raceway Museum at the Castle  
National Railroad Museum  
Neenah Animal Shelter  
Northeast Wisconsin Hockey Association  
Northeast Wisconsin Humane Society  
Oshkosh Humane Association  
Outagamie County Bar Association  
Friends of the Outagamie County Dog Park  
Outagamie County Historical Society  
Outagamie County Republican Party  
Piedpiper Running Club  
Paper Discovery Center  
Paul Pantry  
Peaceful Beginnings: Christian Childcare Center  
Pheasant Village  
Planned Parenthood  
Positive Voice  
Project Bridges Day Care  
Project Home  
Ronald McDonald House  
Salvation Army  
Samaritan Counseling  
Saving Paws Animal Rescue  
Sexual Assault Crisis Center  
Special Olympics  
St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation  
St. Joseph Food Pantry  
St. Norbert College  
St. Paul Nursing Home  
St. Vincent DePaul  
Suburban Athletics  
Suburban Athletics  
Terry Fox Run  
Tout Unlimited  
United Way  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Valued Families  
Veteran’s Assn. of the Fox Valley  
Wafi Hope  
Waters of the West  
Well City Fox Cities  
White Heron Oshkosh  
Wisconsin Professional Police Association  
Wisconsin Public Radio  
Wisconsin Public Television  
Wisconsin State Forensics Association, Inc.  
Women’s Fund for the Fox Valley Region, Inc.  
YWCA
While students and faculty travel off-campus for outreach like the Young Band Project, the Warch Campus Center is a great community resource on campus. Besides hosting meetings and events — including Shopping for Scholarships, Leadership Fox Cities, and even weddings — the Warch Campus Center also welcomes the public to the river-level commons for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Make a night out of it and join us for dinner and a show!

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September 2010

25 7:30 p.m. Artist Series: Rhythm & Brass Memorial Chapel • $ 27 7 p.m. World Music Series: Heart Sound Music Ensemble Harper Hall, Music-Drama Center 29 10 a.m. Speaker: Asli Pay, artist, emcee, lecturer and community activist presents a detailed look into American identity, displacement and integration. Warch Campus Center 225, Esch Hurvis Room

October 2010

30 7:45 p.m. Archival Institute of America Lecture Series: “Technological Innovation in Imperial Rome: What Can Ancient Concrete Tell Us about Roman Society?” Lynne Lancaster, associate professor of classics and world religions, Ohio University. Warch Art Center 242, Wistron Auditorium

November 2010

7 7:30 p.m. Jazz Celebration Weekend: Luciana Souza Quartet Memorial Chapel • $ 8 7:30 p.m. Jazz Celebration Weekend: Luciana Souza Trio and Jazz Ensemble Memorial Chapel • $ 12 8 p.m. Lawrence Concert Choir, Cantala and Viking Chorale concert Music-Drama Center, Harper Hall 13 8 p.m. Lawrence Symphony Orchestra concert Memorial Chapel

December 2010

4 Lawrence Academy of Music student recital Location and time TBD 5 Lawrence Academy of Music piano recital Location and time TBD 11 1 to 2 p.m. Lawrence Academy of Music Golf Choral concert Memorial Chapel • $ 19 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Lawrence: “Juggling the Purple Balloons: Raising Morality Risks in the U.S. and Europe” David Gerard, associate professor of economics Warch Campus Center 225, Esch Hurvis Room • $ 19 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Lawrence: “Looking at the Truth of Bunkerdinks” Mark Bresman, associate vice president of alumni and constituency engagement Warch Campus Center 225, Esch Hurvis Room • $ 20 7 p.m. Artist Series: “Tell Us about Roman Society?” Lynne Lancaster, Lecture Series: “Technological Innovation in Imperial Rome: What Can Ancient Concrete Tell Us about Roman Society?” Lynne Lancaster, associate professor of classics and world religions, Ohio University. Warch Art Center 242, Wistron Auditorium 27 8 p.m. Guest recital: Piano Duo: Stanislav Varvarov and Diana Shapiro Music-Drama Center, Harper Hall

January 2011

6 February 6 Wriston Art Exhibits Lee and Kohler Galleries: Designs from Winfred Boynton Kohler Gallery: A Milwaukee-Denzer Legacy 17 11:30 a.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration 2011 Lawrence Brass Memorial Chapel • $ 22 8 p.m. World Music Series: Ragamala Dance Company Music-Drama Center, Harper Hall 23 8 p.m. Lawrence Symphony Orchestra concert Memorial Chapel 24 7:45 p.m. Archival Institute of America Lecture Series: “The Sculpture of Ancient Cypria: East meets West” Pamela Galper, professor of archaeology and religion, Loyola College, Wistron Auditorium 27 11:10 a.m. Convocation: Mary Jane Jacob, Independent Curator, Independent Curator, Independent Curator, Wisconsin Art Museum 28 8 p.m. Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble concert (LUPE) concert Memorial Chapel

February 2011


March 2011

4 7 p.m. Lawrence Symphony Orchestra concert Memorial Chapel 5 7 p.m. World wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band concert Memorial Chapel 6 7 p.m. Lawrence University Percussion Ensemble concert (LUPE) concert Memorial Chapel 11 7:30 p.m. Archival Institute of America Lecture Series: “Not Your Average House Plans in the Greek World?” Barbara Tuckman, professor of classics and art history, Vankleek High School Wistton Auditorium 15 8 p.m. Lawrence Brass concert Memorial Chapel 17 7 p.m. Hybrid Ensemble concert Memorial Chapel

During the 2009-10 academic year, Lawrence offered 218 free concerts. That included faculty, student and guest recitals, as well as small and small ensembles. More than 20 large ensemble webcasts were also made available to the public.

April 2011

1 8 p.m. Artist Series: Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (LUPE) concert Memorial Chapel • $ 3 – 4 May 1-2 Wriston Art Exhibits Kohler Gallery: Tom Darragh, installation Leah-and-Hoffman Galleries: Martha Chesani and Holly Coyle, collaboration 5 11:30 a.m. Convocation: Timothy K. Troy, professor of drama arts and student Affairs, Ph.D. in political Science and Drama University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, collaboration 17 8 p.m. Jazz Series: Donny McCaslin Trio featuring the Lawrence Brass Memorial Chapel • $ 20 8 p.m. Lawrence Wind Ensemble Concert Memorial Chapel • $ 20 8 p.m. Lawrence Wind Ensemble concert Memorial Chapel • $ 20 8 p.m. Lawrence Wind Ensemble concert Memorial Chapel • $ 20 8 p.m. Lawrence Wind Ensemble concert Memorial Chapel • $ 20 8 p.m. Lawrence Wind Ensemble concert Memorial Chapel • $ 20 8 p.m. Lawrence Wind Ensemble concert Memorial Chapel • $
Connecting Campus and Community

While the opening of the Warch Campus Center has attracted headlines, anyone who has visited the Lawrence campus recently knows it is just one of many changes for the better. One very welcome change is the new median garden on College Avenue, a joint undertaking between Lawrence, the City of Appleton and private donors in the historic neighborhood. Thanks to the leadership of community leader Pat Schinabeck and emerita trustee Margaret Carroll ’61, the busy stretch of road between Lawe and Drew streets has been improved with beautiful (and salt-resistant) plantings, well-defined crosswalks and lighted signs.

“The original aim was to solve the problem of pedestrian safety by channeling people to the two crosswalks. A garden — a natural wall — evolved as the solution,” said Carroll. “It was an easy leap to make the garden a pretty one, not just utilitarian.”

Down the Lawe Street hill, pedestrians will find the entrance to Lawrence’s new Riverwalk, a scenic interpretive walkway. Conceived and designed by environmental studies students and geology professor Andrew Knudsen, with additional research conducted by students of history professor Monica Rico, the Riverwalk invites visitors to learn about the history of the Fox River.

“Students were excited by the prospect that this Riverwalk would bring members of the community to the river … and help foster an environmental sense of place,” Knudsen said. As part of a larger plan for improving campus walkways, Lawrence President Jill Beck said the Riverwalk makes a beautiful natural resource more accessible to the whole community. “We hope walkers from the larger community will enjoy it as much as those of us on campus.”