

Fall 2021 Newsletter













UEN Conference Recap

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This year, Ursuline Education Network was able to partner with Fr. Larry Hostetter, President of Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky and Dr. Emily DeMoor, Theology Department Chair and Director of the Caritas Center on Brescia's campus to present: "Love, Peace and Ursuline Education in the 21st Century." Forty educators from many of the Ursuline schools in the United States joined Brescia University staff members to discuss the theme of "Caritas" and how it is reflected in our educational practices. The keynote speaker, Mary Cabrini Durkin, wove the teachings of St. Angela Merici with the theme of Caritas. Small groups participated by discussing how they are called to love their students, what they need to know to be able to love them, and finally, what action steps can they take to actively demonstrate that love. Cohort groups, including one composed of the presidents from each of the three Ursuline post-secondary schools in the United States, were consistently engaged throughout the two day conference to allow participants to learn from one another, to form a network of others who share similar responsibilities, and to be able to work together toward active engagement. In our large group discussions, participants spoke of a need to combine all information and stories about Ursuline education in one place so that the legacy will live into perpetuity. Ursuline Education Network was so proud to be a co-sponsor of this event! It was well received and may well be the first of many that will enable educators from all levels to come together to discuss Ursuline education.

Ursuline College, Cleveland



Thanks to a \$50,000.00 grant from the Dr. Rustom and Mary Khouri Foundation, Ursuline College in Cleveland, Ohio has opened the Institute for Women, Wellness & Work, a new initiative offering credit- and non-credit-bearing programs. In addition to expressing gratitude to the Foundation for its generosity, Ursuline College President Sister Christine De Vinne, OSU, PhD. Commented, "They know that our new Institute for Women, Wellness & Work will open doors of opportunity for many women and we are delighted to partner with them in this effort." In response to disproportionate employment opportunities for women, especially since the Coronavirus Pandemic, programs offered will focus on Women's Leadership, Integrative Health & Wellness and Workforce Development. According to Ursuline College, "Funding will be prioritized to support women of color, those who are under-represented in a particular field, or unemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic." Further information about Ursuline's new Institute for Women, Wellness & Work is available at www.ursuline.edu/wellness.

Discounted enrollment fee of \$5.00 per person is offered for female employees of Ursuline-sponsored institutions.





Serviam in Action



Saint Ursula Academy senior and St. Ursula Villa Alumna Audrey Kirwin, from Cincinnati, designed a 'NOLA Strong spirit pin and hosted a fundraiser benefiting the Hurricane Ida - Ursuline of New Orleans Relief Fund. The sale of pins took place during lunch at SUA on October 21st, the feast of St. Ursula. Audrey's singular

efforts led to \$400.00 being donated to the Fund which supports UA/NOLA faculty, staff, students and families who are still recovering from damage incurred from the August storm. Audrey's spirit of community stretched from Ohio to Louisiana, exemplified by St. Angela's words as one who is "joyous, always acting out of charity with faith and hope in God."



Convocation 2022

Ursuline Education Network is actively involved in the planning of the up-coming Ursuline Sisters' Convocation under the umbrella of the North American Ursuline Leadership Conference (NAULC). At this time, the convocation, which is held every three years, is being designed to be presented in a totally virtual manner which will allow more sisters to "attend" without having to travel from their respective cities. The conference will feature some of the Ursuline schools in North America. Further information about the conference will be available in early 2022.

"May the strength and true consolation of the Holy Spirit be in you all, so that you can sustain and carry out vigorously and faithfully the charge laid upon you."

-St. Angela Merici

UEN Global Scholars Programs

The Ursuline Education Network offers the Ursuline Global Scholars Certificate to graduating high school students who have demonstrated a strong interest in global citizenship by successfully completing curricular studies with a global focus and engaging in co-curricular activities and experiences that foster the development of global competencies.

The Global Scholars Certificate inspires and validates excellent global education learning opportunities, encourages students to enroll in courses and participate in activities with a global focus, and prepares globally competent students to be competitive in international careers. This distinction will reward those students who are willing to stretch beyond traditional requirements in order to set themselves apart in the international arena.



Class of 2021 Global Scholars Ursuline School New Rochelle, NY To be recognized as Ursuline Global Scholars, students need to complete:

- · Coursework in world languages
- Coursework in humanities with strong global implications
- Extracurricular activities and experiences with global themes
- Capstone Project that summarizes experiences

UEN congratulates all previous Global Scholars and looks forward to recognizing graduates who will receive this distinction in the Spring of 2022.

Let UEN celebrate the Global Scholars from your school!

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St. Ursula Academy, Toledo Earns National Girls' Leadership School Designation

Program co-founder Lisa Cenca, SUA Principal Nichole Flores, SUA President Mary Werner, and co-founder Julie Carrier celebrate the honor of designation which took place in May of 2021 at St. Ursula Academy in Toledo Ohio. The Program's mission is to bring intentional, equitable, and evidence-based leadership learning to the academic school day. The four-year leadership model for high school girls, after years of pilot testing and development, combines a rigorous focus on academics with an equally important focus on leadership, self-leadership, and service. According to St. Ursula President Werner, "Beginning in fall 2021, the world-class leadership programming for girls will be included in our core curriculum, launching exclusively at SUA. Students who complete the four-year program will earn a Certificate in Leadership that will be denoted on their transcript for the Class of 2025 and beyond. I am thrilled for our students to participate in this leading-edge program. I can't wait to watch them learn, lead, and ultimately make a difference in the world. We are so honored to have been selected."

St. Ursula Academy, Toledo website: wwwtoledosua.org



Congratulations to The Brown County Ursuline Sisters, Faculty, Staff and Students of Chatfield College as they celebrate 50 years of education!

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