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LIFETIME LEARNERS GETS NEW DIRECTOR

Tonya Crampton has been hired as the new director of Stritch's Lifetime Learners program, which allows economically disadvantaged central-city residents to earn an associate's degree in business by attending evening classes two nights a week for two years in their own neighborhoods.



The program, which is run out of the College of Business, began in 1999 in partnership with the Next Door Foundation, 2545 N. 29th St., where classes still are held. A second site was added in March 2005 at the Greentree and Teutonia Community Learning Center, 3744 W. Green

Tree Road, in collaboration with the Housing Ministries of American Baptists in Wisconsin. Crampton oversees both sites.

Crampton, who started May 15, knew about Lifetime Learners before joining Stritch and said she is pleased to work with a program that offers community-based education, free childcare, and is value-centered.

"I have always admired the University's outreach to a community that typically is not served this way," she said, adding that she hopes to be able to grow

and expand the program. "I'm excited about the possibility of adding some additional community partnerships, working to strengthen our current partnerships, and to add services such as onsite academic counseling and tutoring, which will help with student retention.

"Those services are very important when you're working with adults who are first-generation college students."

Linda Plagman, executive director of University Outreach, lauded Crampton's hiring.

"We're very excited about having Tonya's expertise, enthusiasm and passion to take Lifetime Learners to the next level and help Stritch continue meeting its mission in the community," she said.

Since 1998, Crampton worked for Public Allies, a group that recruits and trains young people for public service careers through paid internships with government agencies and non-profit groups. She most recently was the agency's executive director, prior to which she was the associate director and recruitment director.

She began working in community development in 1994, with ESHAC, Inc., an economic development community-based organization that serves Milwaukee's Riverwest and lower east side areas. She also worked for a year with Wisconsin Citizen Action, working on preventing lead poisoning and she spent a year with AmeriCorps VISTA, working in the Riverwest and Harambee neighborhoods.

Crampton graduated with honors from Alverno College and spent two years studying at St. Norbert College in De Pere. She is a member of several local boards that are focused on neighborhood and community improvement.

OFFICE OF VOCATION DEVELOPMENT GETS \$500,000 GRANT FROM LILLY ENDOWMENT

Stritch's Office of Vocation Development will receive a \$500,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to continue programs to help prepare a new generation of leaders for church and society. The money follows a prior \$1.8 million grant received from the Endowment in 2002.

The funding is part of the Endowment's Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation, an initiative that seeks to encourage young adults to energize and renew ministerial professions and faith attuned leadership in society. Stritch is one of 88 colleges in the U.S. to have received such grants and one of 30 now getting renewal awards. The funding will assist Stritch, through matching funds, to sustain and develop permanent financial support for programs it has created.

"This initiative opened with three major aims," said Craig Dykstra, senior vice president for religion at the Endowment, "to encourage young people to explore Christian ministry as their possible life's work, to help all students draw on the wisdom of their faith traditions in making career choices, and to enhance the capacity of the schools' faculties and staffs to teach and mentor students in these areas.

"What these schools have accomplished ... has been phenomenal."

OVD's executive director, the Rev. Dr. Trinetta McCray, said she was delighted that the Endowment is continuing its funding.

"Vocation may find expression in any number of life and career paths, but ultimately it is about living the life you are inspired to live," she said. "This grant shows that Lilly endowment acknowledges that our work helping individuals find and follow their calling is valid and worthy of continuation."

At Stritch, programs include the Lilly Religious Scholars Vocation Program, which provides half tuition and full room

and board to 12 students who are focusing on ministry. Students who want to focus more intently on their vocation path, spiritual formation and explore their calling and careers participate in the Lilly Vocation Fellows Program. These students involve themselves in organized programs and services on a regular basis throughout the academic year and may receive tuition assistance and/or co-curricular financial support. This program currently has more than 35 active fellows and many new applicants.

Other initiatives involve students, staff and faculty throughout the University in mentoring relationships, field experiences, internships, book groups and other service projects. Many of these activities are conducted in partnership with community agencies, churches, and local professionals in various fields.

In January, OVD organized a day in which 52 people from Stritch worked with children at the New Concept Self-Development Center at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center as part of the National Day of Service honoring King's memory. OVD holds an annual vocation fair, in concert with community agencies and churches, each November. And in October, OVD will sponsor "Called to the City," a three-day initiative that will turn the city of Milwaukee into a learning lab for urban ministry. The Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor and Dr. Ray Bakke will facilitate the event. Gardner is a preacher, teacher, civil rights activist and author. Bakke is an urban ministry specialist, educator and author.

"This funding will enhance our ability to be engaged in community formation as well as working with our on-campus population," McCray said. It will help us meet the needs of Greater Milwaukee as well as our students. We are very grateful to Lilly Endowment."

Founded in 1937, the Endowment is an Indianapolis-based private foundation that supports its founders' wishes by supporting the causes of religion, community development and education.



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