

Your generous support brings our mission to life

Newman Center Outreach and Education programs continually strive to provide opportunities for students to grow in their Catholic faith while seeking their academic degrees. The Newman Center is their faith home away from home during these years, and is important to their faith journey.

We are so thankful to Newman Center Fellows and Newman Singers, who are leading the way by their ministry example and by invitation to their peers. But, there are many more young lives to touch through outreach! YOUR SUPPORT is needed!



Offertory and Annual Fund gifts provide nearly 75 percent of the funding needed to carry out our mission. The Newman Center is 100 percent self-funded by private contributions. **Would you be willing to make a special year-end donation? A one-time or monthly Annual Fund commitment?** We simply

can't accomplish our mission to prepare disciples for the Church and for the world without YOU! Your gift will make a real, lasting impact in the lives of students wanting to strengthen their relationship with Christ. The 2016-2017 Annual Fund goal is \$185,000 and runs from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.

Contact me, April Rouner, at the Newman Center Development Office at 319-337-3106, Ext. 119 or: april@newman-ic.org for more information on ways to give, such as an IRA Rollover or the gift of stock.

Thank you for your gift consideration and generosity!

Reminder: For your gift to qualify for the 2016 calendar year for tax purposes, it must be postmarked by December 31, 2016. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience; you can also make a secure credit card payment online: www.iowacatholic.org (Support Us), We also accept monthly payments via automatic checking withdrawal or credit card payment.

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IRA ROLLOVER

If you have reached the age of 70.5, the age when you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, you can, instead, make a direct charitable contribution from your IRA and avoid paying taxes on those funds. You can contribute more than your Required Minimum Distribution to charity as long as you do not exceed \$100,000 in a calendar year.

For an IRA distribution to qualify, the check cannot be made payable to the IRA owner; it must be made payable directly to the charitable entity (though the check payable to the charity can be sent to the IRA owner and forwarded on to the charity). Please consider making a year-end IRA gift to the Newman Center and save on paying taxes!

THE POWER OF A GIFT OF STOCK

If you have securities that have increased in value since their purchase, consider using these assets to fund charitable gifts. By giving securities, cash is preserved, current income tax savings generated, and relief of capital gains and other tax that would have been due on a sale... all while making a significant charitable gift! Then, use the cash to replace the stock with a cost basis equal to today's value.

	Option A Give \$10,000 In Cash	Option B Sell Securities and Give Cash	Option C Give Securities Outright
Gift Value	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Ordinary Income Tax Savings	\$3,960	\$3,960	\$3,960
Capital Gains & MCT tax saved or paid**	NA	\$1,785	\$1,785
Net Tax Savings	\$3,960	\$2,175	\$5,745

**Assumptions: 20% tax rate, total of 20% capital gains tax and 3.8% Medicare contributions tax (MCT). Additional state taxes may apply as well.

WAYS YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE NEWMAN CENTER MISSION:

- \$350 per month Fully fund an undergraduate retreat for 40 students
- \$200 per month Provide the annual stipend for one Newman Center Fellow
- \$100 per month Support the overall mission of the Center and become a Founder's Club Member
- \$85 per month Sponsor one student to travel on the Annual Spring Break Mission Trip
- \$20 per month Fully support the honorarium fee for one seminar

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Mission Statement

As a Newman Catholic Student Center, we provide Roman Catholic ministry to those associated with The University of Iowa to promote their development within a faith community and to prepare them as disciples for the Church and for the world.

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All Are Welcome in this Place

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)

None of us would turn away the opportunity to show hospitality to an angel. Continuing with our school-year theme of GO BIG (Blessed in God) and COME HOME!, Newman Center staff and the 2016-17 student Fellows are working hard to make sure there are no strangers at the Center.

This Fall more than 2,000 students participated in faith formation, service, prayer, and worship activities thanks to your BIG-hearted support of our mission! Dr. Christine Whelan presented her research and book, "The Big Picture: A Guide to Finding Your Purpose in Life" in September. She guided students on thinking about the Big Picture: the options and the hopes and dreams they have to use their time, talent, and treasure to positively influence neighbors, community, and perhaps even the world. We are grateful you have chosen to use your gifts to positively influence our ministry.

Community and relationship-building also has been a BIG focus of our ministry this year. In early October, the Newman Center Fellows led a roundtable discussion with Founder's Club members, asking what interested them most about the Newman Center. The Fellows truly appreciated the valuable feedback, and as a result, they established a Hospitality Ministry and began hosting a monthly Donut Sunday to enhance our sense of family at the Newman Center.

Our Faithful Citizenship Series focused on relevant issues surrounding politics, ethics, and justice prior to the election. Speakers included Cedar Rapids Mayor Ron Corbett, Dr. Diana Cates, Kent Ferris and Armel Mushekuru, and they provided opportunities to reflect on BIG questions.

Our new communications team highlights a student each week on social media for "Why Newman Wednesday." Most recently they interviewed Naomi Smullen an engineering student from San Diego, who said, "The Newman Center was a way for me to stay involved in my faith in a secular university. I hope that the Newman Center is constantly seeing more involvement and participation from the students and continues to grow into a place of faith and love for all."

Thanks to a generous donor, in October we were able to expand our study space in the lower level of O'Keefe. Now more than ever, we need your financial support. Please consider a year-end gift, and take advantage of the unique opportunity by donating to the Newman Center Endowment funds to help the students today – and provide a stronger community tomorrow.



May you prepare joyfully to welcome Christ and others into your heart this Advent season, as Christ has welcomed you.

Laurie

Laurie Harris, Newman Center Executive Director

There are angels among us! Laurie, with students.

Cheyenne Pratt and Ryan Ward are this Year's Recipients of the Newman Center's Student-Athlete Scholarships

University of Iowa junior Cheyenne Pratt and senior Ryan Ward are the recipients of this year's Newman Center Catholic Student-Athlete Scholarships. Pratt is the sixth female recipient of the annual scholarship, while Ward is the fifth male.

Pratt, majoring in accounting, is from Festus, Missouri, and is a member of Iowa's softball team, where she plays left field; Cheyenne was the designated player in the Hawkeye's most recent appearance in the Big Ten Tournament games.

"I am honored to be the female recipient of the Newman Catholic Center Student-Athlete Scholarship. Because of the awesome community and impact that the Newman Center has, I am able to apply my faith not only off the field, but on the field. I am very excited about my future years as an Iowa Hawkeye with my sport and at the Newman Center. I want to thank my Newman Center family for this awesome opportunity. Go Hawks!" says Pratt.



Cheyenne Pratt

Ward, a senior from Homer Glen, Illinois, graduated last spring with a BA in Health and Human Physiology, is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Human Physiology. Ward is a member of the Iowa football team, during which he has been named Academic All-Big Ten.

"There are so many great examples of student athletes living out their Catholic faith," says Ward. "I am humbled for my name to be listed with theirs in receiving the Newman Catholic Center Student-Athlete Scholarship. I know I would not be where I am today without the guidance of my many mentors and God's grace."

Through the generosity of benefactors, the Newman Center has established a fund through the UI Foundation for two annual, partial scholarships to be awarded to a male and a female student-athlete who are involved at the Newman Center. This is the fourth year for the scholarship to be awarded to an athlete selected by the UI Athletic Department and who is a registered member of the Newman Center.



Ryan Ward

Alum Continues Endowing Scholarship

On October 21, through a Newman Catholic Student Center and University of Iowa Foundation partnership, six Beckman Catholic High School (Dyersville, Iowa) alumni were awarded UI scholarships for the 2017 spring semester. The awards are made possible through an endowed scholarship fund established by St. Francis Xavier Basilica (now Beckman) and 1967 University of Iowa graduate, Nic Goeres, from Irvine, California.

Recipients are: Bradley Ertle (Mechanical Engineering, last year recipient), Kara Krantz (Journalism & Communications), Grace Nebel



(Marketing), Chance Radabaugh (Business), Jacob Grover (Mechanical Engineering), Nicholas Fallon (Engineering), and Ryan Goedken (Engineering). A Mass and reception were held in honor of the students and their benefactor (see photo below).

"This scholarship started with my desire to 'pay back' the great education I received at the U of Iowa and to acknowledge the scholarship assistance and job opportunities I was given as a college student," says Goeres. "In 2009, Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick, a UI Foundation representative, and I had a great lunch meeting where we hatched the idea of a scholarship program for graduates of Beckman Catholic High School, and I immediately began providing scholarship funds."

Recipient Krantz reflects on the evening: "I feel extremely blessed that we had the chance to converse with Nic, as I am sure he is someone I won't ever forget. I hope to one day be able to pass on my blessings to others, as well."

The Newman Center thanks Nic Goeres for his caring stewardship. He is impacting young lives.

Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick Discipleship Fund Applications Due April 1

University of Iowa and Newman Center graduates who become involved in either a parish or a non profit, may apply for a \$500 award to be donated to the parish or non profit in their name.

To apply, download the application form on the Newman Center website, under the "Forms" tab.

Completed forms need to be received by the Newman Center by April 1, 2017. The Center would like to make at least 10 awards, which are a concrete way to note how graduates are putting into practice the mission of the Newman Center to prepare disciples for the Church or the world.

Newman Center Fall Semester Highlights

September 11
Fellows Retreat

This year's student Fellows enjoyed a day away to reflect on leadership, the mission and vision of the Newman Center, and goals for this school year.

September 18
Fall Lecture

Dr. Christine Whelan presented her research and book "The Big Picture: A Guide to Finding Your Purpose in Life."

September 18, October 16, November 13
Cooking Class and Community Dinner

This year Newman is once again offering a monthly cooking class for college students followed by a community dinner. This fall the meals have included Chicken Pot Pie, Beef Stew, and a Thanksgiving feast enjoyed by all (below).



Alternative Spring Break Sponsors Sought

The Newman Center will host graduate and undergraduate students on an Alternative Spring Break, March 12-18, 2017, in New Orleans. Their service work will focus on flood disaster recovery and assistance to the elderly and underprivileged. The actual cost per student is \$850, but to keep the trip affordable for all (\$250 out-of-pocket), the Newman Center is seeking sponsorship donations. Our goal is to raise \$14,000 in sponsorship dollars to help 24 students experience this transformative trip. If you are interested in sponsoring one or more students, please contact Laurie Harris at laurie@newman-ic.org.



September 24
Freshmen Lock-In

After a four-week Freshmen Transitions course, the newest members of our student community enjoyed an evening together at Newman including Mass, dinner, a photo scavenger hunt, talks by upperclassmen, and time for prayer.

October 8 (photo above)

Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build

Newman students joined an Interfaith Build through Habitat for Humanity this fall to assist a deserving family in need of a home.

October 14-16

Gone Fishin' Undergraduate Retreat

The theme focused on discipleship and students reflected on how they have been Called, Transformed, Missioned, and Sustained in their relationship with Jesus.

October 18, 25, and November 1
Faithful Citizenship Seminar Series

Cedar Rapids Mayor Ron Corbett, UI Professor Dr. Diana Cates, Diocese of Davenport's Kent Ferris, and Democratic Republic of the Congo refugee Armel Mushekuru were this fall's seminar speakers focusing on politics, ethics and emotions, and justice.

October 30

Trick or Treat for Food event

Clad in Halloween costumes, college students enjoyed Trick or Treating for Food in the local neighborhood to collect supplies for the new UI Food Pantry. Students collected 1,307 items to help the 1 in 3 students that are food insecure.

November 27-December 11

Angel Tree

The annual Angel Tree at Newman provided the opportunity to buy gifts for Christmas for those in need. Gifts were distributed through several local agencies.

November 29

Clothing Drive

An annual Newman Center Advent event, clothing was distributed to several local agencies.

December 3-4

Newman Singers Christmas Concert

The Brandt Family: Newman Center Benefactors Receive Philanthropy Award

Congratulations to Brandt Heating & Air Conditioning of Iowa City, on receiving the Outstanding Small Business Philanthropy Award at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon held November 15th in Cedar Rapids. Hosted by the Eastern Iowa Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the awards



Bill Brandt, with Newman Center's Laurie Harris (I) and April Rouner.

recognize recipients, selected from a seven county area, as "visionary leaders who best represent the spirit of philanthropy in their communities, generously contributing their time, expertise and resources toward the lives of others." April Rouner, Newman Center Director of Development, nominated Brandt Heating & Air for the honor. For many years, the extended Brandt family have been generous donors of time, talent and treasure to many Iowa City area non-profits, including our Catholic community.