

Summary Information:

Collection Title: Joliet Colleges and University Collection

Collection Number: MSS.12

Date Range: 1925-1991, 2008, 2010-2011

Size: 1 Linear Foot

Location: RR.8.3, CO.OS.01

Creator: Joliet Junior College, Lewis University, College of St. Francis

Abstract: The Joliet Colleges and University Collection contains photographs, newspaper clippings, programs, publications and other materials relating to the history of Joliet's Colleges and Universities including: Joliet Junior College, Lewis University and the College of St. Francis.

Acquisition Information: This collection has been composed from various accessions relating to the history of Joliet's Colleges and Universities. There was no reasonable original order to these materials, so an order has been created for research purposes. All materials are appropriately labeled with their accession numbers, and more information regarding acquisition can be provided if requested.

Separated Materials: None

Citation: Item Description. MSS.12 Joliet Colleges and University Collection, Joliet Area Historical Museum. Box #, Folder #. Date Accessed.

Restrictions: None

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Background Information:

History: In lieu of an over-arching collection history, separate histories have been compiled for each school and are included under the appropriate series records below.

Scope and Content Arrangement: The Joliet Colleges and University Collection contains photographs, newspaper clippings, programs, publications, and other materials relating to the history of Joliet's Colleges and Universities. The collection is organized into 3 series by school. The series are arranged alphabetically, and the materials in each series are arranged chronologically.

There are several oversized materials in the collection. They have been listed in Series 4 of the collection and are listed in the finding aid with their original series number as well. All oversized materials for this collection are in oversize storage drawer 6 and drawer 7 located in the Curator's Office.

Series 1: College of St. Francis, 1933-1991, 2008, 2010-2011

Series 2: Joliet Junior College, 1925-1979, 2003

Series 3: Lewis University, 1989, 1991

Series 4: Oversized Materials

Related Materials:

Library Holdings

The J, Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College Yearbooks, 1922-1932.

The J.C., Joliet Junior College Yearbooks, 1933-1943

The Shield, Joliet Junior College Yearbooks, 1947-1977.

Content Listing:

Series 1 : College of St. Francis, 1933-1991, 2008, 2010-2011

Location: RR.8.3

Scope: The University of St. Francis, originally named New College and Assisi Junior College shortly after, was established in 1920 by the Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate. Initially the school only instructed Sisters of the congregation looking to become teachers. By 1925, the organization opened its doors to women outside of the congregation as a two-year junior college. In 1930 the institution was reorganized with a four year college curriculum and took on the name College of St. Francis. By 1935 the institution began an affiliation with the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing to create the St. Francis College of Nursing. The college remained an all girls institution until 1971 when they began admitting men as well.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
College of St. Francis Programs, 1933, 1967	1	1
College of St. Francis Bulletin, 1937-1938	2	1
College of St. Francis Photographs, C. 1940s	3	1
College of St. Francis Alumnae Directory, 1960	4	1
College of St. Francis Newspaper Clippings, 1963, 1989	5	1
Sisters of St. Francis 125 th Anniversary Calendar, 1990	6	1
Sisters of St. Francis Publications, 1990, 2008, 2010-2011	7	1
Sisters of St. Francis Newspaper Articles, 1991, 2010	8	1

Series 2: Joliet Junior College, 1925-1979, 2003

Location: RR.8.3

Scope: America's first public community college began in 1901 as an experimental postgraduate high school program. J. Stanley Brown, Superintendent of Joliet Township High School and William Rainey Harper, President of the University of Chicago founded Joliet Junior College (JJC) in 1901 to give students an opportunity to remain within the community and still pursue higher education. The classes were originally held at Joliet Township High School in downtown Joliet, and the first class in 1901 was comprised of six students. Students enrolled at JTHS were offered six years of education in the building. High School seniors would graduate and could enter directly into JJC at no cost to their families. By 1916 the institution was formally named Joliet Junior College and the following year received accreditation

from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. JJC remained at JTHS until 1969 when construction began on a new campus at JJC's present day location on Houbolt Ave. The campus was fully operational by the fall of 1974. By 1980 the college expanded again, opening an instructional site at the Louis Joliet Renaissance Center on N. Ottawa Street in downtown Joliet. Today, that facility is known as the college's City Center Campus. In 1993 JJC opened a third campus in Romeoville as well.

This series contains programs, bulletins, diplomas, scrapbooks, commencement programs, student handbooks, and other materials relating to the history of Joliet Junior College. The materials are arranged chronologically.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
Joliet Junior College Drama Programs, 1925-1953	9	1
Joliet Junior College Bulletins, 1930, 1952	10	1
Joliet Junior College, Marguerite Simpson Diploma, 1953	11	1
Marguerite Heinzl Documents removed from Diploma Sleeve, 1949, 1970	12	1
Joliet Junior College Memory Books, The Shield, 1954-1955	13	1
Joliet Junior College Commencement Program, 1961	14	1
Joliet Junior College Student Handbooks, 1967-1970	15	1
Joliet Junior College Alumni Documents, 1969-1970, 2003	16	1
Joliet Junior College Catalog, 1970-1971	17	1
Joliet Junior College Publications, C. 1976	18	1
Joliet Junior College Board, Charles A. Schoenknecht Election Card, 1979	19	1
Joliet Junior College Annual Report, 2003	20	1
Joliet Junior College Misc. Documents	21	1
Joliet Junior College Photographs	22	1
Joliet Junior College Scrapbooks, 1936-1939	N/A	2

Series 3: Lewis University, 1989, 1991

Location: RR.8.3

Scope: Founded in 1932, under the direction of the Chicago Archdiocese and Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Lewis University began as the Holy Name Technical School. The school operated as a boys only school and opened with only 15 students. In 1934 the school was incorporated under the name Lewis Holy Name Technical School, and in 1935 it became Lewis Holy Name School of Aeronautics. From the beginning, aviation technology courses were chosen as the special emphasis of instruction, becoming the origin of today's highly regarded College of Aviation, Science and Technology.

In 1942, the academic department of the school closed and the campus was given over to the United States Navy for its flight instructors program. The suspension of normal academic programs had given Lewis administration a chance to rethink the objectives of the school. When regular classes resumed in the fall of 1944, the reorganized school now included a junior college which quickly evolved into a traditional arts and science curriculum. By 1949 the school began admitting women as students and high school classes were discontinued all together. Adopting a new name, Lewis College of Science and Technology granted its first bachelor's degree in 1952. A new era began for the school in 1960 when the De La Salle Christian Brothers assumed direction of the institution. By 1962, the college became Lewis

College, and by 1972 the college received accreditation by the North Central Association of graduate programs and became Lewis University.

This series contains publications from the University as well as photographs. The materials are arranged chronologically.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
Lewis University Magazine, 1991	23	1
Lewis University Exhibit on the I & M Canal Program, 1989	24	1
Lewis University Photographs, Undated	25	1

Series 4: Oversized Materials

Location: CO.OS.01, CO.OS.06

Folder Title:	Series #:	Box #:
College of St. Francis Photographs	Series 1	OS.01
Joliet Junior College Newspapers, 1937-1938, 1944, 1972, 1977	Series 2	OS.06
Lewis University Photographs	Series 3	OS.01