

# New VP of Academic Affairs drawn by Emmanuel's spirit

By Colleen Moriaty

EMMANUEL COLLEGE'S NEW VICE President of Academic Affairs Joyce DeLeo, Ph.D., previously worked at Dartmouth Medical School, where she was the principal investigator of a neuroscience lab. She says she was attracted to Emmanuel by the school's mission and spirit.

In a recent interview, DeLeo described some of the goals she has for her new position.

Hub: What drew you here from Dartmouth?

DeLeo: I was at Dartmouth for 23 years doing a fellowship; I was a medical student but I was looking for a faculty profession. That's when my research was getting launched.

Hub: How does your role of Vice President of Academic Affairs tie into bioethics?

DeLeo: Well, the type of position I have is overseeing academics and providing discipline-ship in integration. I also want to understand more about ethics and to weave (in) critical thinking and moral thinking.

Hub: What were some of the things you discovered running labs at Dartmouth?

DeLeo: Well when I was at Dartmouth I was a trainee but I worked with a big team of scientists. We built our own team and were an equal playing field. I was a principal investigator of a lab and my job was to see what we can do as a group. It was to bring value to a group and incorporate everyone's talents. We did stem cell research. I worked five years. It is beneficial for research. Stem cell research is a very broad definition but (I) worked with undifferentiated cells.

Hub: We have mice being tested here. Are there any other animals being tested?

DeLeo: We only use mice, potentially rats. It's for behavioral studies and ge-



Dr. Joyce DeLeo

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netic capabilities. We use animal models for drug development, and for disease understanding. It's a privilege and I have huge respect for the animals. I'm sensitive about them and I love animals.

Hub: What inspired you to work at Emmanuel College?

DeLeo: After my 100th publication I believe my biggest achievement was being a mentor. I was still figuring out what my next chapter was going to be beyond research. I'm very passionate about higher education and when I came here I had a good feeling; I felt inspired and felt it was a good fit for me. It's very hands on and interactive here and it's a good feeling.

Hub: What are your future goals here? Are you hoping to present changes in academics here?

DeLeo: Well, it's my three-month mark here. My goal is to listen, to find and to learn what are the strengths and opportunities. I'm a fact gatherer and I'm working with strategic fact gathering. I want to focus more on ethics globally (as they apply) to higher education. I want it to be goal directed, practical and (effectively communicated). My role is to oversee all of the academic programs. I interact with the president, Sister Janet Eisner, and we figure out where Emmanuel is going to go.

# Arrival of "lax bros" making some uneasy

By Greg Brown

AMERICA'S FASTEST GROWING SPORT has arrived at Emmanuel. And with it, some grumbling.

Several students believe members of the school's new lacrosse squad are strutting around with a sense of entitlement.

"They feel as though they can do whatever they want," Noah Doyle-Smith says regarding the new crew. "Our institution has catered to them since their arrival because they are

the first of their kind. Due to the effort to gratify this group of students, they are under the impression they are entitled to what they want."

Critics knock lacrosse players, or "lax bros," for their snap-back hats, knee high socks, Nike everything and "sick flow" hair styles.

One student says the lacrosse players are a bad cultural fit for the school.

"They are just the kind of people you can't ignore," says Kayla Vasconcellos, a senior biology major.

But Emmanuel students should welcome the changes and growth the new lacrosse program might bring, says James Finnegan, a senior biology major and member of the new lacrosse squad. "The program is helping Emmanuel close the gender ratio gap and bring more young male athletes to campus," he says. "There is no harm in that."

EC Men's Lacrosse will have their first scrimmage February 25, 2012, competing at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

# Men's Basketball team shapes up for the GNAC

By Andre Fuller

WHILE THE EMMANUEL MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM TAKES PRIDE IN ITS LIST of one-thousand point scorers, Coach Jamahl Jackson and his team are still in search of a Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) title to hang in the gym.

The men's basketball team will always be in the shadow of the women's basketball team, which has a basketball resume to die for, having competed in numerous NCAA tournaments (including a Final Four appearance in 2000-2001) and over ten GNAC titles.

No men's athletic team here at Emmanuel has won the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship. Every year during the pre-season, head athletic trainer Ron Laham reminds the men's basketball team of this sad fact, saying, "You guys have a chance to do something special."

The men's basketball team has made it to the conference championship game twice in the program's history, in 2007 and 2009. Both times the team made the conference finals, it had what many people say were the best two players to ever play at Emmanuel: Rob Williams Hinton and Mack Spellman, who both graduated in 2009. That year was the team's last run at the title, which ended in a loss to St. Josephs College of Maine. The team hasn't been the same for past two years, winning a total of just ten games.

The team's record hasn't stopped them from maturing though. "The past two years this team has had to grow up and learn from each other," says Coach Jackson.

For many players, these past two seasons were a humbling experience, forcing them to put egos aside and become responsible for their actions on and off the court. "I see growth and maturity with the team this year. We were in need of on the court leadership, which I think we have in our three captains for this year: Xavier Everson, Isaiah Duke and Michael Mailhot," says Jackson.

"A statement that stuck with us (is) 'Accountability starts with who.' Coach hasn't had to say 'accountability' once this year," says EC basketball player Brandon Jones. Accountability was a word that assistant coach Ray Porch used a lot last season. He would say this to make players aware of their mistakes and allow them to correct themselves.

Coach Jackson says he feels that the team has seen it all and there's nothing they can't handle. "Last season and the season prior (were) like a baptism by fire and (the players) were thrown out to the wolves," says Jackson.

"I've seen the progress and strides the guys made in the summer working on their game, getting stronger in weight room, as well as in preseason, waking up running twice a week at 6 a.m.," says Jackson.

Unlike previous years, the team didn't bring a huge recruiting class, but fortunately, 13 players returned from last year.

According to Coach Jackson, the past two years were filled with doubt concerning the team's progress. Often, Assistant Coach Rob Williams would say it wasn't worth his time to come to the gym because he thought his team wasn't serious-- but his opinion has changed as the team has grown.

"We weren't at the point (the) guys are at right now in the season when I played; something about this team reminds me of the team we had my senior year when we made it to the GNAC championship - that was a special team," says Williams.

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