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LA ROCHE HOSTS 10TH ANNUAL GLOBAL PROBLEMS, GLOBAL SOLUTIONS CONFERENCE

In collaboration with other local universities and organizations, La Roche College will host its annual Global Problems, Global Solutions conference April 9-10.

For the past 10 years, La Roche has organized Global Problems, Global Solutions to inform the public on the U.N. Millennium Development Goals, which seek to battle issues such as: hunger and poverty, peace and justice, gender inequality and child mortality. The conference intends to raise awareness about global issues and provides opportunities for students and community members to make a difference at the local and global level.

This year's theme is "Saving Our Children: A Global Issue – A Local Response." Maureen A. Dunn, division chief of the office of policy and strategy at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, will deliver the keynote address at La Roche's main campus. Video of the keynote address will be available at laroche.edu following the event. Partner organizations and institutions will host additional events, including panels with local experts and student-led presentations.

Dedicated to promoting justice and peace in a constantly changing global society, La Roche aims to support the U.N. in working to make the Millennium Development goals a reality in Pittsburgh and around the world. Visit laroche.edu for more information.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: MIGUEL NTUTUMU EVUNA ANDEME '03

In February 2015, La Roche College alumnus Miguel Ntutumu Evuna Andeme '03 was named Equatorial Guinea's ambassador to the United States.



Accompanied by his wife and five children, he presented his credentials to President Barack Obama during a ceremony at the White House. In his new role as ambassador, Mr. Evuna Andeme will serve both the U.S. and the people of Equatorial Guinea.

"La Roche provided me with the education I needed to return to my homeland to make things better—my experience there is key to the successes that I am having now," he said.

As a student at La Roche, Ambassador Evuna Andeme cofounded the International Forum of African Students as a way to bring awareness to African issues on campus. He graduated with a degree in international studies and later accepted a position as general director of cabinet at the Department of Missions in the Presidency of the Republic in Malabo.



APPLY FOR SUMMER COLLEGE AND RECEIVE FREE HOUSING

Free housing is available to all students who want to begin their studies in May 2015 (minimum 6 credits or 12 for ESL). If you are interested in applying for our summer session, please email international@laroche.edu.

We've designed our residence halls so that you can enjoy all the comforts of home while living on our campus. Our apartment-style suites include a refrigerator, a microwave, a private bathroom, Internet and cable television access, and free laundry service.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

La Roche to offer women's lacrosse

Beginning in the 2015-16 academic year, La Roche College will add NCAA Div. III women's lacrosse to its roster of athletic programs.

The Redhawks will compete within the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference with four other colleges and universities. Women's lacrosse will be the 13th varsity athletic program offered by La Roche, in addition to the following:

- men's and women's basketball
- men's baseball
- men's and women's cross country
- men's golf
- men's lacrosse
- men's and women's soccer
- women's softball
- women's tennis
- women's volleyball

Lady Redhawks win fifth straight conference championship

Our women's basketball team became the first team in AMCC history to win five straight title championships, which led them to advance to the NCAA tournament. Way to go, Lady Redhawks!



Men's baseball ranks 24th in the U.S.

For the first time in school history, the La Roche men's baseball team ranks as one of the top 25 teams in the nation.

According to "The Perfect Game," the largest and most complete amateur baseball scouting service in the world, the La Roche Redhawks rank 24th in the top 25 poll. The Redhawks are considered to be an underdog in the NCAA tournament and have received votes in the "D3Baseball" and "Collegiate Baseball News" top 25 polls.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: TASSY FILS-AIME

Sophomore Tassy Fils-Aime recently ran 230 miles in nine days across his entire home country of Haiti to raise money against poverty.

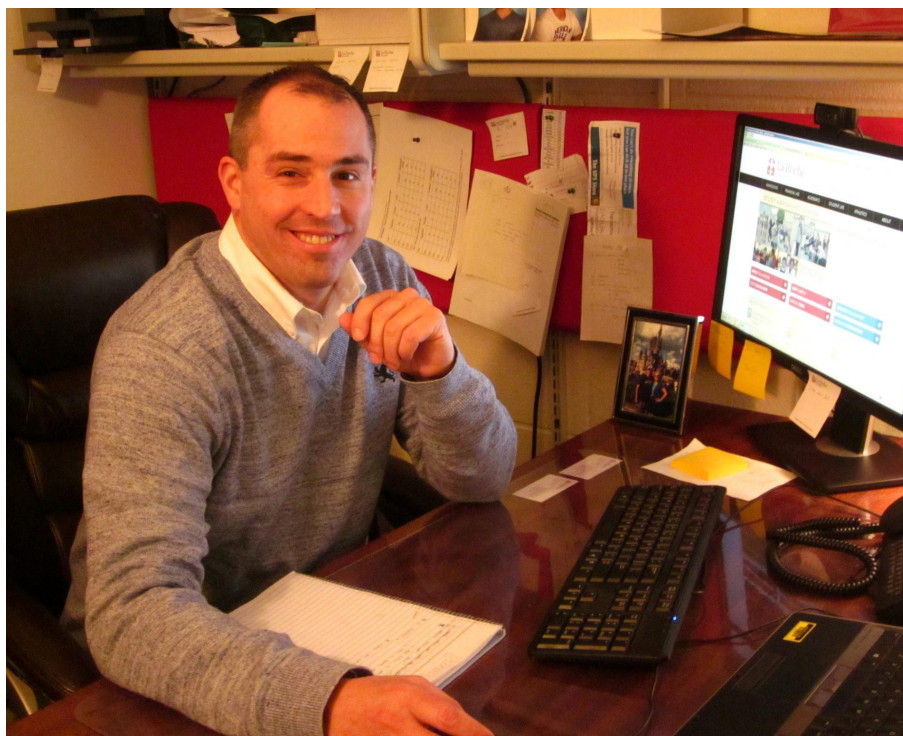
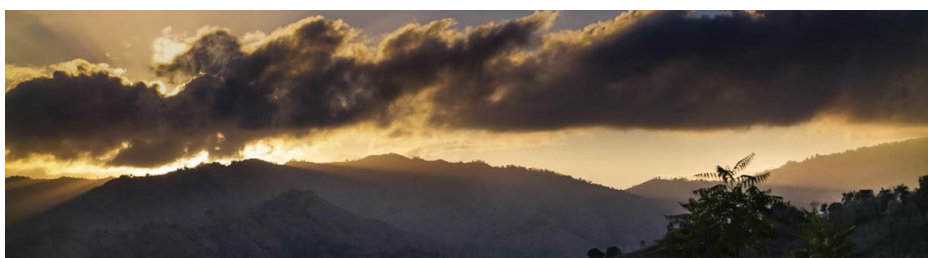
Mr. Fils-Aime, a student majoring in chemistry at La Roche, moved to the U.S. after meeting Pittsburgh resident Ian Rosenberger in Haiti. At the time, Mr. Fils-Aime had a life-threatening tumor, and Mr. Rosenberger found a doctor in Pittsburgh to remove the tumor at no cost.

Mr. Rosenberger founded Team Tassy and worked with donors and friends to bring Mr. Fils-Aime to Pittsburgh so that he could address his medical problem and continue his education in the U.S.

Team Tassy's goal is to help impoverished communities through education, health care and jobs. The group wants to implement job training in Haiti, and eventually other countries, one neighborhood at a time.

To raise money for these initiatives, the team ran across Haiti over nine days, asked for donations and met their goal of \$75,000. Simultaneously, the group ran to expose Haiti's natural beauty and to show that it is not a country to be feared or pitied.

Learn more about Team Tassy at teamtassy.org.



LA ROCHE WELCOMES NEW INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR

Michael Bauer recently joined La Roche College as the new director of international admissions. Mr. Bauer comes to La Roche from Seton Hill, where he served as the assistant director of international admissions.

"I am very happy and excited to start my journey as the director of international admissions at La Roche College," Mr. Bauer said. "I believe the internationalization of the college experience is one that will prepare all students for the challenges that they will face in the real world. Our campus brings that idea to the student on a smaller stage and prepares them indefinitely."



LA ROCHE COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

La Roche College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, founded and sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, fosters global citizenship and creates a community of scholars from the region, the nation and around the world. The College integrates liberal arts and professional education in creative ways, empowering all members of our community to become lifelong learners, achieve success in their chosen careers and promote justice and peace in a constantly changing, global society.

THE OFFICE OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT VISION

The Office of Global Engagement at La Roche College serves students in a globally accepting environment to meet their needs from the time of admission to the time they graduate. The office's mission is to be each student's catalyst for academic success.



POETRY CORNER

TRUE PEACE

By M. Rose Smith Cheriton

Today's youth are the hope for the future.
All are God's children.
Each in need of the other.
Come together,
And go hand in hand,
And build a better world,
One that gives hope and
Promise to all people.
A world that will secure
Human rights, human dignity,
And freedom for all folks.
Plant seeds of understanding,
Communication, knowledge,
Justice and right among humanity.
Build bridges of friendship across
Cultural and national boundaries.
Find ways to strengthen what
People have in common,
Rather than be divided by difference.
Prove to the world that various
Races can live, learn, work,
Play and worship together in harmony.
Show mankind how to love and thereby
Stamp out hate.
Because your caring, young hearts,
Yearn to make a difference in creating
A more peaceful world.

Ms. Cheriton is a dedicated and caring La Roche College employee who works at the information desk and greets students, faculty and staff as they start their day. Recently she was featured in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review for her poetry.

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