

Elmhurst College Information – Sat., April 22, 2017

Donna Peterson Tallman

Donna Peterson Tallman received her Master of Music degree from Northwestern University and her Bachelor of Science in Music Education from the University of Illinois. At Elmhurst College Ms. Tallman teaches all three levels of conducting courses, works with student teachers, and directs the Elmhurst College Women's Chorus. She has held faculty positions in Choral Music Education at Northern Illinois University and was Director of Music Education at Illinois Benedictine College. She also taught choral and instrumental music in the public schools of Oak Lawn, Illinois. Currently Ms. Tallman teaches conducting and directs the Women's Chorus at Elmhurst College, is in her 17th year teaching private voice lessons at Willowbrook High School.

Since 1981, she has been camp manager for Showchoir Camps of America and has adjudicated collegiate, high school and middle school choral and show choir festivals and competitions throughout the United States and Mexico. Ms. Tallman is a life member of the American Choral Directors Association and has been the Repertoire and Standards Chairperson for Show Choir and Community Choirs for the Illinois Choral Directors Association.

She also remains active in the National Association for Music Education, the Illinois Music Educators Association and Choristers Guild.

Elmhurst College Women's Chorus

The Elmhurst College Women's Chorus is an auditioned, select ensemble of vocalists from a variety of majors who enjoy singing various styles of choral literature. The Women's Chorus has been the featured Collegiate Women's Chorus at the American Choral Director's Treble Choir Festival in Illinois, North Central College Women's Chorus Invitational Concert, Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Gustav Holst's "The Planets" with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra and at schools and churches throughout the Midwest.

In their mission to build the repertoire of women's choral literature, the Women's Chorus has commissioned choral works by noted choral composers Dr. Z. Randall Stroope, Michael Engelhardt, and Robert Boyd. They are looking forward to their 4th commissioned piece, by Andrea Ramsey in Spring 2018.

The Women's Chorus is traveling to Lansing, Kalamazoo, Greenville, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 20-22, 2017 for their Spring Tour.

The Women's Chorus is thrilled to be hosting Lake Park High School and Schaumburg High School's Treble Choirs at their 8th Annual High School Treble Choir Invitational Concert on May 2, 2017.

Each year the Women's Chorus participates in a service project that helps the local community. This year they made Quick Deploy Paracord Jig Bracelets for Operation Gratitude. These bracelets are made out of seven and a half feet of strong paracord able to hold over 500 lbs.. In an emergency the Jig Bracelet can be undone and used to save someone, secure a shelter or even repair something. These bracelets are given to our troops as they are deployed overseas. The Women's

Chorus will be hosting their 5th Annual Blood Drive in memory of former member Rachel Gibson on May 3rd, 2017.

About Elmhurst College

Mission, Vision and Core Values

Mission

Elmhurst College inspires its students to form themselves intellectually and personally and to prepare for meaningful and ethical work in a multicultural, global society. Working together with passion and commitment, we foster learning, broaden knowledge and enrich culture through pedagogical innovation, scholarship and creative expression.

Vision for the Future

In 2021, Elmhurst College will celebrate its sesquicentennial. As we anticipate this significant marker of our service over generations, the Elmhurst College community will work together to become a greater force for good—for our students, our society and the world. We will organize our work around the needs and aspirations of three primary constituencies: traditional undergraduate students, non-traditional students and the larger society we are called to serve.

For traditional students, we will advance the quality and impact of the Elmhurst Experience, our contemporary framing of liberal learning that embraces both professional preparation and personal self-formation. We will seek new ways to prepare young people for useful, satisfying and meaningful work, and to empower them to become self-directed, academically grounded, intellectually engaged and socially responsible citizens who understand and respect the diversity of the world's cultures and peoples.

For non-traditional students, we will enlarge our commitment to respond creatively and imaginatively to both the enduring and the changing needs of students and employers. We will explore new pedagogies and selectively embrace emerging technologies. We will sustain our unyielding commitment to academic quality while creating new ways to meet the academic, professional and practical needs of today's highly variegated students. In the process, we will enhance our capacity to prepare all of our students to become truly educated individuals, ready to engage a complicated and competitive world with new knowledge and expertise.

For the larger society, we will work to advance learning, enrich culture and serve the greater good in the Chicago area and beyond. We will continue to be heralded as a site of civic engagement, as we develop new collaborative relationships with institutional partners in academia, government, business, health care, the arts, primary and secondary education and the voluntary sector. We will provide the Elmhurst Experience to more people—with a corresponding impact on the world. Finally, we will provide the larger society with an example of a fine liberal arts college that found ways to take a kind of

education once reserved for an elite—high quality, highly personal, values based—and make it accessible to aspiring individuals at many points in their lives.

Elmhurst College Core Values

The values of Elmhurst College provide the foundation for all our academic, student and community programs and activities.

Intellectual Excellence

We value intellectual freedom, curiosity, and engagement; critical and creative inquiry; rigorous debate; and intellectual integrity in all endeavors. We are committed to the meaningful integration of liberal learning and professional preparation and to learning as a life-long pursuit.

Community

We are committed to cultural diversity, mutual respect among all persons, compassion for others, honest and open communication, and fairness and integrity in all that we do.

Social Responsibility

Mindful of humanity's interdependence and the dignity of every individual, we are committed to social justice on local, national, and global levels. We will act on our social responsibilities and call others to do the same.

Stewardship

We are committed stewards of the human, fiscal, and physical resources entrusted to us. We are accountable to one another for the quality of our community, the strength of our finances, and the utility and beauty of our campus as a place of intellectual engagement and personal growth. We pursue innovations which respect the environment and foster sustainability in the management of our resources.

Faith, Meaning and Values

We value the development of the human spirit in its many forms and the exploration of life's ultimate questions through dialogue and service. We value religious freedom and its expressions on campus. Grounded in our own commitments and traditions as well as those of the United Church of Christ, we cherish values that create lives of intellectual excellence, strong community, social responsibility, and committed stewardship.