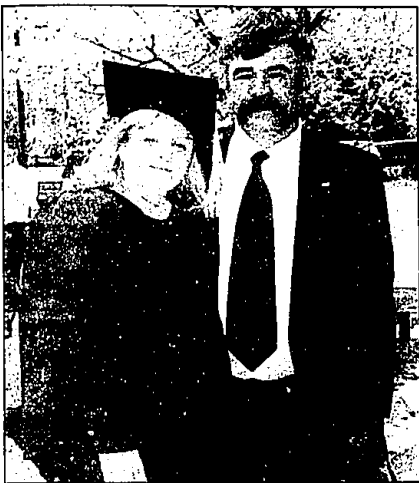




Proud graduate: Madonna University graduate Anna Wolska and her husband, Richard, share a quiet moment on her graduation day.

Polish immigrant completes education after 15 years

When Farmington Hills resident Anna Wolska and her family came to the United States 15 years ago, she never imagined she would complete her college education.

Graduating with high honors from Madonna University this May, Anna left campus not only with a bachelor of applied science degree, but a deepened appreciation for the learning process.

Originally from Szczecin, Poland, a port city near the Baltic Sea and Germany border, Anna worked as a medical technician in a local hospital laboratory. Her husband, Richard, did not find work after his participation in the Polish Solidarity movement, and Anna could not support her sons, Martin and Hubert, on her income alone.

The Wolskas turned to the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw for help in relocating to start a new life. An American host family generously sponsored Anna and her family and in November 1986, they moved to Detroit. Because Richard could not speak English and Anna vaguely remembered the English she studied while in high school, they struggled to adapt to American culture.

For the next two years, Anna and Richard took odd jobs, delivering newspapers in the middle of the night until Richard was offered full-time work as an electrician.

Anxious to improve her English skills and restart her career in medical technology, Anna began taking classes through adult community education while looking for a part-time job. Although she had the equivalent of an associate's degree from a state medical college in Szczecin, it did not fulfill the necessary education requirements for the positions Anna sought.

A friend informed her of phlebotomy classes offered through Walled Lake Community Education where she met Nancy Donaldson, a 1985 Madonna University graduate. Nancy encouraged Anna to talk with Mary Hunt, Ed.D., professor and director of

allied health and medical technology at Madonna University, and to consider taking some classes at the college level.

Excited by this idea, Anna enrolled part-time in the English as a Second Language program at Madonna University while working in a phlebotomy lab at Oakwood Hospital in spring 1995. Within a year, she began taking medical terminology courses in the allied health administration program and received a writing award for her research paper on the risk of HIV infection during blood transfusions.

"Every semester, my studies became easier as my English skills improved," said Anna. "The ESL program significantly helped me with my other courses. You learn a language more thoroughly by studying the terminology through other disciplines," she added.

Anna initially had no intention of completing an undergraduate degree, but enjoyed learning so much that she kept taking classes. She gave serious consideration to completing her education when Hunt showed her the many career opportunities available with a bachelor's degree in allied health administration.

Anna expressed great interest in examining cancerous and diseased cells and in 1999, she enrolled in Henry Ford Hospital's cytotechnology school while continuing her studies at Madonna University and working as a part-time cytotechnologist at Oakwood Hospital.

Currently completing her clinical work at Henry Ford Hospital, Anna will take the required board exams in August and hopes for full-time employment with Oakwood.

"I cannot express how grateful I am to Dr. Mary Hunt and Monika Kimball for their constant reassurance, especially when I didn't think I would make it," said Anna. "I felt right at home at Madonna University and learned so many wonderful things about life in America. To go to college is a true privilege. I encourage everyone I meet to study here."

ROBERT J. SHEVLIN

Services for Robert J. Shevlin, 69, of Farmington Hills were held June 15 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington with the Monsignor Walter Hurley officiating. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Shevlin was born Nov. 2, 1931, in Columbus, Ohio, and died June 11, 2001, in Farmington Hills. He was a paint process engineer for Ford Motor Co. and

played flute for the Our Lady of Sorrows Choir. He enjoyed bowling, golfing and traveled to Jerusalem in 1998 to renew his wedding vows.

He is survived by son, Christopher; daughter, Sarah Shevlin; and brother, Thomas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

FRANCES E. HERRINGTON

Services for Frances E. Herrington, 60, of Orchard Lake will be held at 1 p.m. today, July 1, at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Herrington was born in Pontiac and died June 27, 2001, at Batford Hospital in Farmington Hills. The wife of Harrison

High School Football coach John Herrington, Mrs. Herrington attended the University of Michigan and Central Michigan University. She worked as an office manager for a medical facility and was an active member of the Farmington Harrison Hawks Booster Club.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

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CAMPUS PIPELINE

U OF M DEAN'S

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's list at the University of Michigan-Dearborn following the winter semester:

Asad Omar, Shannon Green, Heather Bryant, Muhammad Alam, Zenia Zeer and Rachel Pawlak.

SCHOOLCRAFT GRADS

Schoolcraft College announces the following students from Farmington Hills graduated at the May 5th ceremony: Brad Francis Amick, Regina R. Bander, Christina Marie Burmeister, Lindsey Jennifer Clair, Jason Phillip Clark, Bradley M. Cox, Rebecca Marie Cuddeback, Alain Rene Domingo, Manami Endo, Jeffrey A. Harris Jr., Elaine Patrice Jaworski, Priscilla Ann Sanchez, Bouthaina Sawan, Frank Robert Schreiber, Angela Nicole Spannos, Michelle Kay Spear, Jeffrey William Toro, Russel James Valvo III

and Gerald John VanBerkel II.

ALBION DEAN'S

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills students were named to the dean's list at Albion College for the spring 2001 semester:

Carey S. Czech, Lindsey T. Denmore, Amanda E. Dobkowski, Kathryn J. Escott, Rebecca M. Naglik, Kristen L. Oleson, Erin L. Riser and Jennifer Timpane.

WASHINGTON GRAD

Beth Leeman, daughter of Suzanne and Gary Leeman of Farmington Hills, received a graduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. on May 18. She earned a masters of arts in biomedical science.

KENTUCKY SCHOLAR

Anna Muir of Farmington Hills has accepted a scholarship to the University of Kentucky and will be an incoming freshman this fall. She is the daughter of Jim and Janet Muir of Farmington Hills.