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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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ervice has always been at the heart of Bethany College’s mission; our founders established an innovative institution in what was then wilderness that would prepare young leaders for lives of service to the church, their communities and professions. One of Bethany’s enduring strengths over the decades has been its ability to translate that faith into the needs of contemporary society. Indeed, the College’s strong tradition of philanthropy and “giving back” was among the major strengths that first attracted me to this institution when I accepted the invitation to become president five years ago.

In the words of the community relations director at an agency with which student volunteers have often been paired, Bethany is “a wonderful collaborative partner, and it’s clear that a culture of service exists throughout campus.” Our students, alumni and faculty are succeeding magnificently not just in volunteering, but in making a profound impact on our state, region, nation and the world. From inner-city Pittsburgh to rural Arkansas, hurricane-stricken Haiti and the Gulf Coast, to sub-Saharan Africa, Afghanistan and Indonesia, Bethany alumni are transforming the lives of those they serve, enhancing cultural literacy, redeveloping communities, and implementing sustainable solutions to the intractable challenges facing Third World nations. Other Bethany alumni are playing an instrumental role in moving developmentally disabled adults and teenagers toward greater independence; still others are redefining the promise of disadvantaged youth with academic potential.

The impact is almost incalculable. Indeed, it can fairly be said that our programs are shaping the region’s social landscape. Last year, it has been estimated that 68% of Bethany’s current 1,000 students participated in some type of service or service-learning assignment. Our recent recognition as a member of the President’s Community Service Honor Roll, the first time we have earned this recognition, deserves special mention. In addition, as a result of the College’s ongoing commitment to service, the Corporation for National and Community Service recently named Bethany a national leader among institutions of higher learning for its support of volunteering, service learning and civic engagement. In 2010, Bethany was admitted to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Over the summer, we were invited to participate in the opening sessions of President Obama’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge, held at the White House. Our campus events for the Challenge have included days of service and ongoing dialogue about the strength of community engagement by all faiths.

Kathy Furbee, chair and professor of social work, has provided outstanding leadership of our Kalon Scholars program and new Service Learning Center. As a testament to the enduring value of a residential liberal arts college, our students are learning valuable lessons about humanity and giving back to their communities.

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“...it isn’t just about community service; it is a fusion of civic duty in classroom learning.” Young alumni John Green ’11 and Carrie Staton ’08 both got their start in the not-for-profit field through Bethany-sponsored internships, while Glen D. Wright, Jr. ’70 and Elly Slavova ’02 secured positions at International Relief and Development (IRD) as a direct result of networking with fellow Bethany alumni.

As social needs continue to emerge, Bethany College is meeting the challenge through innovative programs such as Homefront COMFORT, bridging the gap between military service and civilian life. Although dollars, of course, make a difference — both The Rev. William Millard Somplatsky-Jarman ’69, in his role as coordinator for social witness ministries in the Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and Elly Slavova oversee grant proposals and budgets totaling many millions — it is the impact on the lives of those they serve that is truly significant.

In the words of Daniel F. (Dan) Swickard ’72, president and CEO, Consumer Support Services of Ohio: “The work we do enables (developmentally disabled) people to do things today that they never could have done in earlier eras.”

Alumni such as Swickard, Somplatsky-Jarman and Slavova are characteristically modest about their contributions. Slavova, for example, insists that she is “just a small part of a huge puzzle.” Her role at IRD, she continues, is “to make sure that all the pieces come together.”

Bethany alumni — around the region, around the nation and throughout the world — are truly enabling “all the pieces to come together.”

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or over 170 years, Bethany College has been a highly contemporary institution based in the tradition of the liberal arts. The College offers a wide range of studies, awarding Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees in more than 25 fields of study, many with options for emphasis. Students also have the option of including one or more optional minors as part of their programs.

The College's program of liberal arts education prepares students for a lifetime of work and a life of significance. Bethany places particular emphasis on leadership and incorporates pre-professional education in dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, physical therapy, public administration, theology and veterinary medicine.

Bethany's 300-acre campus is located in the northern panhandle of West Virginia in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. Pittsburgh, America's Most Livable City, is a 45-minute drive from campus. Wheeling, WV; Washington, PA; and Steubenville, Ohio are less than a half-hour away.

Founded by Alexander Campbell, who provided the land and funds for the first building and served as the first president, Bethany has been a four-year private liberal arts college affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), since its inception. This religious body, of which Campbell was one of the principal founders, continues to support and encourage the College, but exercises no sectarian control. Students from virtually every religious community attend Bethany.

The approximately 850 Bethany students represent 28 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and nine countries.

Values Bethany College is an academic community founded on the close interaction between students and faculty in the educational process. Bethany College values intellectual rigor and freedom, diversity of thought and lifestyle, personal growth within a community context, and responsible engagement with public issues. Its programs are designed to engage the mind through emphasis on discipline in thinking, motivation in the search for knowledge and acquisition of the intellectual resources for a lifetime of learning. Bethany places the spiritual through the opportunity for intellectual challenge, collaborative enterprise, athletic competition, artistic expression, personal growth and meaningful work enlarge the world through exposure to the abundant diversity of thought and lifestyle of the human community, support for personal engagement with societies and cultures different from one's own and commitment to service.
Bethany President Receives Alma Mater's Highest Honor

Dr. SCOTT D. MILLER returned to his undergraduate alma mater, West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, Oct. 14, 2011, to receive his highest honor, the degree Doctor of Humane Letters.

Dr. Miller, a 1981 graduate of Wesleyan, was awarded the honorary degree during the College’s annual Founders Day Convocation in Wesley Chapel. He also delivered the keynote address during ceremonies which launched Homecoming Weekend. Attending the convocation was

G. DANIEL MARTICH ’81, chief medical information officer and vice president of physician services for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), was unanimously approved as a new trustee at the Board’s fall meeting.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome such a distinguished alumnus to the Board,” said Board Chairman Gregory B. Jordan ’81. “Dan is a highly accomplished and respected medical professional with broad-based experience that will be an invaluable asset to Bethany in upcoming years. We look forward to his participation and guidance as Bethany grows into the future.”

A critical care physician and cardiothoracic intensive specialist, Dr. Martich joined UPMC in 1992. He quickly initiated the critical care information system department to help make important data more readily accessible at bedside. He was named chief medical information officer in 1999 and was appointed vice president and chief physician of the eRecord — an extensive electronic medical records system — in 2003. He also works as a professor of critical care medicine at UPMC and has authored numerous journal articles and book chapters on critical care medicine, heart and lung transplantation, electronic health records and information technology.

After graduating magna cum laude with his bachelor of science in chemistry from Bethany in 1981, Martich attended the West Virginia University School of Medicine, where he received his medical degree. He completed his internal medicine residency at The Ohio State University and completed his fellowship training in critical care medicine at the National Institutes of Health. He is a member of the medical honor society Alpha Omega Alpha.

“I am thrilled to welcome such an accomplished Bethanian to the Board,” said President Miller. “Dan has a great love for Bethany and for the region that is inspirational for many. He has also demonstrated a strong commitment to the progressive initiatives Bethany is undertaking to further our mission as a small college of national distinction in this new era for liberal arts institutions.”

Bethany Trustee and benefactor G. Ogden Nutting. Nutting serves as publisher of The Ogden Newspapers, Inc., in Wheeling, W Va.

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Trustees Awarded Honorary Doctorates

BETHANY COLLEGE ALUMNUS Gregory B. Jordan ’81, chair of the Bethany College Board of Trustees since 2006 and global managing partner at Reed Smith, one of the world’s largest law firms, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws by President Scott D. Miller at Bethany’s Fall Convocation ceremony September 8, 2011, in Commencement Hall. He also delivered the keynote address.

Also receiving an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the ceremony was Bethany Trustee and benefactor G. Ogden Nutting. Nutting serves as publisher of The Ogden Newspapers, Inc., in Wheeling, W Va.

“The evidence is compelling that no matter where you want to go in life, no matter what you want to do, you can get there from here. You can get anywhere in life from here,” Jordan said.

After being recruited by the football coach and playing for one year, Jordan said he stayed and “let Bethany College work its magic and do what it’s done for people for more than 170 years: Open my mind. Give me some confidence that I can go out in the world. And really just prepare me for life. That’s what happens here every day and every year. And that’s what happened to me.”

Hank Ellis, the cross-country coach who recruited Dr. Miller to Wesleyan and who has remained a friend and mentor. Dr. Miller was presented with a special artist’s rendering of Wesley Chapel that included an image of Coach Ellis.

Now in his 21st year as a college president, Dr. Miller was honored by Wesleyan President Dr. Pamela Balch for his transformational leadership in private higher education, his commitment to the liberal arts and his national reputation as an author and consultant. He was further recognized for bringing his innovative spirit to Bethany College, where he was appointed president and M.M. Cochran Professor of Leadership Studies in 2007.

In his address, “Faith of Our Founders: A Personal Homecoming,” Dr. Miller paid tribute to the “courageous work” of the founders of church-related higher education in America whose vision led to the establishment of influential, nationally ranked colleges such as Bethany and Wesleyan.

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Theaker Appointed Education Chair

DR. SHERRI THEAKER, associate professor of education, has been named chair of the Bethany College Department of Education.

Her expertise and many years of teaching in special education, experience with NCATE accreditation, knowledge of issues facing teacher preparation programs, and clear vision for moving the program forward make her ideally suited to lead our education program,” said Dr. Darin E. Fields, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, in announcing Theaker’s appointment.
Bethany Named ‘Military Friendly’ College

G.I. JOBS, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has awarded Bethany College the designation of Military Friendly School. The 2011 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools doing the most to embrace America’s military service members and veterans as students. In its effort to help student veterans find the school with the best fit for them, the magazine incorporated a survey of student veterans for the first time. This feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews from current students. Student veteran survey feedback can be viewed at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/2012 list.

Kanotz ’06 Returns as Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

ALUMNA ASHLEY KANOTZ ’06 has been appointed director of alumni and parent relations, Vice President of Institutional Advancement Sven de Jong announced recently. Kanotz’s long-held commitment to the College began with her student days and has continued since she graduated magna cum laude in 2006 with a degree in history. She then earned her master’s degree in history from Duquesne University in 2008. Kanotz’s professional experience includes work with the Heinz History Center’s Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village and the Washington County (PA) Historical Society. As a student, Kanotz was deeply involved in both academic and student life programs. She was active in Zeta Tau Alpha sorority as philanthropy chair and vice president. “As someone who understands and appreciates Bethany’s unique history and mission, Ashley is an outstanding addition to our team,” said de Jong.

Eight Alumni Join Communications and Media Arts Wall of Fame

Eight alumni from print and broadcast media have joined the Wall of Fame at the Department of Communications and Media Arts in Bethany House. They are Michael Chernenko ’86, Robert Chernenko ’80, Matt Foss ’79, Kurt Franck ’78, Peter Jensen ’81, Rick Kenney ’80, Matt Mastrangelo ’82, Eugene Miller ’82; and Taria Tolley ’78. The wall was established in October 2010 to honor distinguished communications graduates.

Bethany Senior Completes Kennedy Center Dance Internship

Valerie Flatley ’12, a senior history major and long-time dancer, performer and instructor, completed a summer 2011 Dance Programming internship at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. She was selected as one of 13 interns from an annual pool of more than 300 applicants for the 10-week summer internship in arts management from May-August 2011. Named one of the “Top 100 Internships” in the United States by The Princeton Review, the internship is administered by the Kennedy Center’s DeVos Institute of Arts Management and provides aspiring arts administrators with hands-on professional skills and experience. Flatley is the daughter of Patrick and Rose Flatley of Wheeling and a graduate of Wheeling Central Catholic High School. She served as Bethany’s 2010 Cohort of the Vira Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership, spending the summer studying French language and politics in Paris. She is one of two seniors who will work closely with the College Service Learning Center.

Political Science Major Morgan Minor Awarded Prestigious Judith A. Herndon Fellowship with West Virginia Legislature

BETHANY COLLEGE SENIOR MORGAN MINOR has been awarded a spring term Judith A. Herndon Fellowship with the West Virginia Legislature. Minor was selected for her academic achievements during Bethany’s Honors Day activities in April, with the College’s John G. Chernenko Award in Political Science, presented annualy to the junior political science major with the highest overall grade point average.

“As a political science major, being given the opportunity to work in the legislature is very important,” Minor said. “It brings to life the concepts that I have learned in the classroom over the past four years. I feel honored that those working in the legislature would be willing to give me a chance to show them what I’m capable of accomplishing.”

NSSE Survey Shows Bethany College Freshmen, Seniors Outperform Peers

RESULTS CONFIRM COLLEGE’S REPUTATION AS A HIGH-QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

BOLSTERING BETHANY COLLEGE’S mission as a small campus of academic rigor, strong student engagement and outcomes, Bethany freshmen and seniors are outperforming selected peers in key benchmark questions. These results, recently released from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) for the 2010-2011 academic year, validate the College’s reputation as a highly effective undergraduate institution of national distinction, President Miller noted. “These data — in which Bethany students scored from nine to 32 percentage points higher than students attending similar peer institutions in these selected areas — provide quantifiable insights into the qualities that make the Bethany campus an effective learning environment,” President Miller said. “They tell families, students and prospective students that our faculty and co-curricular staff are doing their job as part of a close-knit community in a liberal arts institution; providing a flexible, personalized and intellectually challenging environment for our students to learn inside — and outside — the classroom.”

Bethany Ranks Solidly Among First Tier National Colleges

BETHANY COLLEGE RANKS solidly among First Tier National Liberal Arts Colleges in recent U.S. News and World Report listings and is the only West Virginia institution to be included in this tier. Bethany is the first college in West Virginia and the fifth of 36 colleges in the Appalachian College Association named in the overall National Liberal Arts Colleges study, defined as undergraduate liberal arts colleges emphasizing undergraduate education and awarding at least half of their degrees in the arts and sciences. “U.S. News and World Report, along with a variety of other prominent ranking agencies, consistently gives top marks to Bethany College. Today’s report further demonstrates our standing as a national liberal arts college committed to serving our students with an education of value and distinction,” President Miller noted.

Noteworthy
WITH MORE THAN 40 student organizations, not including sororities and fraternities, on the Bethany College campus and 55 percent of students participating in organized athletics at the varsity or club levels, Bethanians are almost constantly busy, yet still volunteer copiously, says Professor Katherine Shelek-Furbee, chair and program director of social work. Shelek-Furbee also coordinates the Bethany Service Learning Center, sometimes described as a “clearinghouse,” matching community needs with individual and student organizations’ requests to volunteer.

Now in its second year, the Center is almost entirely student-managed, with two senior “service fellows” devoting some 6-10 hours weekly connecting student volunteers with local organizations while also generating service projects such as one marking “Earth Day” in April 2011. A recent project included the November Veterans’ Panel, which drew a standing-room only audience and launched the new “Homefront COMFORT” program to welcome veterans to campus (see sidebar, next page). Students may also earn up to four academic credits throughout their college careers for service learning projects, which must be documented by faculty.

Last year she estimates that approximately 680 of Bethany’s 1000 students participated in some type of service or service-learning assignment. This figure encompasses the club option for service projects, service-learning assignments reported by faculty, and anecdotal reports from students on additional types of service opportunities. It also includes internship activities for social work, education, communications and psychology. Shelek-Furbee further calculates that in 2010-2011 students averaged three service hours weekly, with eight faculty members last year confirming that they offered a service-learning opportunity in at least one of their courses. Service projects were initiated to address the environment, housing and homelessness, hunger, international issues, K-12 education, mental health, mentoring, diversity, poverty, theater, services to elders, sexual assault, substance abuse, tutoring and women’s issues. Agencies served included St. John’s Home for Children (a partner in education with Social Work), Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upper Ohio Valley, Easter Seal Rehabilitation, Faith in Action Caregivers, Wheeling YWCA, and others.

The program benefits both students and the community, Shelek-Furbee notes. “On the one hand, service learning improves academic achievement by providing students with the ability to practice what they are learning and develop a stronger understanding of their community. On the other, students learn the value of community service as they prepare to become highly educated citizens.”
“Working hand-in-hand with faculty, students also establish relationships with local agencies, which provides experience for building resumes and networking for future employment,” she emphasizes.

“As a Service Learning Fellow, I have the opportunity to enhance my education through work experience outside of the classroom. I feel confident in my ability to apply the communication and organizational skills that I have learned as a fellow to a professional work environment after graduation,” says Fellow Valerie Flatley ’12, a history major from Wheeling, WVa.

Further, long-lasting benefits for the community include meaningful changes in organizations’ ability to fund-raise, write grants and provide consumer services.

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“Bethany has been a wonderful collaborative partner; and it’s clear that a culture of service exists throughout campus. Our involvement with the Service Learning Center has created several opportunities that have not only produced tangible results for our agency, but also the realization that we are all equipped to serve in ways that are individually meaningful, yet wholly beneficial,” says Jessica Puglisi-Sanders, director of community relations for Easter Seal Rehabilitation in Wheeling.

MORE THAN 200,000 returning veterans are unemployed, with rates much higher than that of the population at large. They need jobs, not just parades and handshakes. Bethany’s new Homefront COMFORT Program is easing the transition between military and civilian life for local vets and their families.

“We’re trying to use the Homefront COMFORT Program (Counseling Our Military Families on Retraining and Transition) as a non-threatening way to bring veterans to campus,” says Professor of Social Work Katherine Shelek-Furbee, facilitator of the Bethany College Service Learning Center, which co-sponsors the new program with the Department of Career Services.

“The program works with local veterans and their families to bridge the gap between military and civilian life. We want to help them answer such questions as, ‘What do I want to do with the rest of my life?’” she notes.

The program kicked off with an on-campus veterans’ panel discussion Nov. 9, 2011, marking Veterans Day. In a packed Academic Parlour, panelists shared their experiences both from their time in service and in returning to life after service and answered questions from the standing-room-only crowd.

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The unemployment rate for veterans who have deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, programs of this nature are serving a critical need,” Shelek-Furbee noted.

Unemployment rates for veterans who have served since September 2001 — referred to by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as Gulf War-II era vets — was 12.1 percent in October 2011, well above the compa-

PHILANTHROPY, A GREEK word meaning “love of humanity,” is an integral part of Bethany College’s Greek life. Through participation in Bethany’s five fraternities and three sororities established to enrich the undergraduate experience, students consistently make an impact on local and global communities through philanthropic efforts that reflect each group’s particular vision and concerns.

The College’s Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity’s recent service projects include raising more than $2000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Members of the group presented their donation to the organization during a telethon held before Christmas. Alpha Sigma Phi brothers are planning a LIVESTRONG week for the spring semester. LIVESTRONG works to help those affected by cancer. The group is also working toward the restoration of the original Alpha Sigma Phi house in Bethany.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity has made giving back to the community a priority since its inception at Bethany College in 1891. As part of the past year members of Theta Founding chapter have contributed to the group’s philanthropic vision in a variety of ways. Several brothers attended a community soup kitchen, and others served food to patients in a Cleveland area hospital during the holiday season. The group also took part in the Bethany campus clean-up initiative in 2011 and has made several donations to Goodwill.

The Bethany Psi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has been a devoted philanthropic group for the past four years. This past year, the group participated in the Bethany College Epsilon chapter held a campus-wide “Bingo Night” and also participates in regular community cleanups in the town of Bethany during the spring and fall months.

Bethany’s Alpha Xi Delta sorority sisters held a Faculty Staff Talent Show to raise money for the group’s national philanthropy Autism Speaks. Last spring, they volunteered at the Augusta Levy Learning Center’s Annual Steak Fry in Wheeling.

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President Scott D. Miller said, “We are pleased to continually strengthen and expand our ongoing relationships with key community groups — and to allow our students to gain first-hand experience of the vital relationship between learning and service,” he added. Bethany College’s commitment to community service is evidenced through a wide variety of programs, including the following:

- **Science Day**, which draws more than 200 attendees to campus annually and gives local high school students a glimpse of their future educational opportunities in math and science through campus tours and live classroom instruction.

- **Community and campus-wide events** to assist with global disaster relief efforts through fundraising activities such as Huts to Haiti and Project RED Week, which featured information and a speaker from International Relief and Development.

- **Relay for Life**, sponsored by senior Kalon Scholar Service Leaders to raise money for cancer research.

- **Speak Out Day**, which features presenters representing more than 10 languages and raised money for Haiti relief, as well as drew attention to the diversity of languages and cultures represented on campus and in the region.

- **Spring into Service**, a community-wide clean-up project organized in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day and sponsored by Bethany’s Kalon Scholar Service Leaders.

- **Boomer and Books Program**, in which student athletes travel to local elementary schools and read to students and answer questions about the importance of education.

- **Regular service as the host location** for a wide variety of community groups and activities, including Youth on Mission volunteers who assist local soup kitchens, church projects and adult centers; Community Action Head Start annual conference; Social Work Conference, which attracts 100 social work professionals each November; Neighborhood Academy and Learning is for Everyone, summer educational sessions for upcoming first-generation college students; and residential camping and sports clinic experiences serving area youth.

“Congratulations to Bethany College and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities. We salute all the Honor Roll awardees for embracing their civic mission and providing opportunities for their students to tackle tough national challenges through service,” said Patrick A. Covington, chief executive officer of CNCS.

Bethany Participating in President’s Interfaith and Community Service Challenge

Bethany College is among 300 colleges and universities nationwide recognized for community service and student engagement by President Obama’s “United We Stand” initiatives, lauded by CNCS for its impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. It was lauded for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community. It is also among 250 institutions participating in the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge for creating innovative and meaningful faith-based initiatives through service.

College Receives National Plaudits for Community Service

Bethany is among 51 colleges and universities nationwide named to the 2011 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for its impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. It was lauded for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

“By drawing upon our unique and extensive resources, Bethany College is in a significant position to serve the greater community in diverse and meaningful ways,” President Scott D. Miller said.

Bethany’s proposal cited several initiatives to foster interfaith dialogue on campus, included creation of “The Connection,” an interfaith club in which students and others from varying faith traditions, and those of no faith, meet regularly. The group, though still small in number, is growing in recognition and participation, says President Annie Grogan. Chaplain Scott Thayer, who serves as the club’s advisor, took several students to Washington, D.C., for an Interfaith Leadership Institute, sponsored by the Obama White House and organized by the Interfaith Youth Core, led by Eboo Patel, an internationally recognized leader in interfaith relations and dialogue.

An interfaith forum hosted by the group on Oct. 13, 2011, examined religious origins and personal beliefs. Panelists included representatives of Eastern Orthodox Christianity, non-Trinitarian Christianity, atheism, Protestantism and Islam. Connection President Annie Grogan served as moderator.

“Even though the majority of the audience was required to be at the forum, they still heard something that they could take with them to gain religious understanding and then start conversations and discussions rather than silence or arguments,” Grogan said.

The group also identified a community service project to connect people of various faith traditions. With cooperation from Chartwell’s food services at Bethany College, members assessed food waste in the cafeteria for one week and then challenged the campus community to match that amount with food donations brought from home after Thanksgiving break. Several hundred cans and non-perishable items, more than 10 bags full, were collected and distributed to local food banks with the cooperation of Bethany Memorial Church.

The goal of President Obama’s service challenge is to support American colleges and universities as “cornerstones of their communities, providing guidance, education, and leadership skills to a new generation while remaining anchored in and shaping local communities,” said Brenda Ginton-Mitchell, director of the Department of Education’s Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.
“WE DON’T JUST show students the light at the end of the tunnel; we show them the end of the tunnel,” says John M. Green ’11, admissions director of Pittsburgh’s Neighborhood Academy, whose alumni boast a 100 percent acceptance rate to colleges of their choice and a 50 percent graduation rate after four years. The academy on Pittsburgh’s east side enrolls 80 students in grades 9-12, requiring 12-hour days 11 months of the year, including a mandatory six-week summer session. Its fee of $650 per month or about $220 a semester contrasts with the least expensive area private school tuition of $1,200 per semester.

“Our after-school programs are just as important as those in our classroom,” says Green, a Kalon Scholar and president of Sigma Nu at Bethany.

Designed specifically to meet the needs of low-income youth, the school is dedicated to developing minds, bodies and spirits of students so that they become fully productive members of society. “By doing so, students will break the cycle of generational poverty that has held them captive and deprived society of the full value of their lives,” Green emphasizes.

He cites the Bethany College Social Work Program, with its requirement of three practicums (internships) totaling 500 hours before graduating, as instrumental in preparing him for his current position. In addition to spending four days a week for four months during his senior year at The Neighborhood Academy, he also completed practicums at the Brooke County Probation Office in Wheeling, WV., Elmhurst House of Friendship in Wheeling and the Office of the Public Defender in Westminster, Md.

“It’s the smallness of the College that makes it unique,” he notes. The Bethany thread weaves much of Green’s life together. His father, Brian Green ’80, is an alumnus. His late mother, Kathryn, and several other family members also attended.

Identifying prospects primarily through word of mouth and through area teachers and agencies, Green recruits well-qualified students who can’t afford or don’t mesh well with other college-prep programs at area private schools (80 percent come from families with taxable income of less than $25,000 per year), but who won’t accept a student without heavy parental participation.

Parents commit to providing 6-7 meals per month, to meeting every other month with the student’s academic advisor and to picking up the student’s report in person. “We don’t mail out grades,” he notes.

“For some 15-year-olds, it’s (12-hour days, mandatory after-school tutoring/homework) too much to swallow,” he says.

For those who do stay to graduate, “there are no excuses for not being successful or for not completing homework well and on time.”

“Our program removes all those excuses, such as hunger (providing three hot meals a day), transportation (the academy provides free bus passes to all students), lack of internet access (required after-school programs offer ample computer resources and training) and lack of qualified assistance with homework (all students stay for required after-school tutoring from 3:30-7 p.m. daily),” he notes.

Following a successful $10.2 million capital campaign, “Forging Futures,” the Academy moved into a new facility on Sept. 11, 2011. Facilities include a field house with an indoor turf field, championship-sized basketball and volleyball courts and a weight room. Class sizes are small, with a 10-1 student-faculty ratio and an enrollment cap of 30.

Students also get a stringent dose of what college life is like during the required six-week session, students devote afternoons to visiting local campuses. They also spend at least two full weeks on two college campuses, attending classes, living in residence halls, meeting faculty and students and participating in college life. After four years at the academy, they will have visited eight different college campuses.

Engagement with Neighborhood Academy alumni doesn’t end with their graduation, Green notes. Each graduate is monitored throughout his or her college years, with support extending even to providing assistance in moving into student residences, if needed. In addition, its founder and Rev. Thomas E. Johnson, Jr., attends the college Commencement of each academy alumnus.

“Because we are as much community as school, my favorite places are the places of sharing, the chapel and the dining area.

“Each day we see and hear and feel the connection that makes us who we are,” Johnson says.

Despite strict discipline (the academy maintains a zero-tolerance policy for student fighting) and rigorous academics, students aren’t eager to leave after their 12-hour weekdays.

“One would think they’d be clamoring to get out,” says Green. “Instead, we actually have to comb the building at 7 p.m. to ferret out those who don’t want to leave.”

For the Greater Good

John Green Leads the Neighborhood Academy To Make A Difference

A Day in the Life of a Neighborhood Academy Student

7-7:30 a.m. - Students arrive; hot breakfast provided
8:00 a.m. - Ecumenical worship service representing all major faith traditions
8:50 a.m.-12 noon - Classes
12 noon-1 p.m. - Hot lunch provided
1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. - Classes
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Mandatory participation in either sports or an arts activity (two choices for each offered each semester)
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About the Neighborhood Academy

The Rev. Thomas E. Johnson, Jr. ’08 Baccalaureate speaker at Bethany College, has turned his optimism and faith into creating great opportunity for others. As co-founder and head of school of The Neighborhood Academy, he has seen a summer remedial academic program begin in a church basement thrive and become a nationally recognized pilot for the college preparatory academy that serves students from throughout the city.

In response to its success, the Academy opened its doors as a full-year day school to its first class of 8th and 9th graders in September 2001. Sixty-nine percent of its students live in families with a history of drug and/or alcohol abuse, 68 percent live in families with a history of domestic violence, 54 percent have a family history of incarceration and 99 percent live in a single-parent household.

To date, the Academy has achieved an extraordinary college acceptance rate of 100 percent among its first four graduating classes. Its first class of seniors earned its college diplomas in spring 2009. Following a successful $10.2 million capital campaign, “Forging Futures,” the Academy moved into a new facility on Sept. 12, 2011, 10 years to the date after its founding.

“September 12, 2011, was a celebration of so much more than the celebration of a decade; it became the consecration of our new home, a place that will be made sacred by the living out of our highest hopes… and by the creation of those that will be made new,” Rev. Johnson noted.
Increasing Independence

DANIEL F. (DAN) SWICKARD ’72, PRESIDENT AND CEO, CONSUMER SUPPORT SERVICES (CSS), OHIO

As president and chief executive officer of Consumer Support Services, Inc. (CSS) in Newark, Ohio, Daniel F. (Dan) Swickard ’72 leads a corporation that serves nearly 600 developmentally disabled adults and children in 19 counties statewide daily. Many are able to live with increasing independence, some in their own apartments, because of in-home services provided by some 1,300 CSS employees.

In addition, CSS operates 18 intermediate care facilities and 14 adult group homes scattered throughout the state and 12 group homes for children in the Columbus area with the goal of moving as many as possible to less restrictive environments.

“Many people take services for granted, but our clients truly appreciate everything that is done for them,” Swickard says. “I’m one of the luckiest people alive,” he adds. “I genuinely look forward to going to work every day. Although I’m no longer on the front-lines (as a direct service provider), the work we do enables people to do things today that they never could have done in earlier eras when most would have been institutionalized.”

Swickard’s late sister Donna, who had Down’s Syndrome, inspired his career. “In those days, when she was born (in 1964), the doctors actually asked my family if they wanted to bring her home,” he remembers.

Active at Bethany College as house manager of Sigma Nu and a star athlete in wrestling and football, he was inducted into the Bethany College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. He returns to Bethany every year for Homecoming, playing in the alumni golf outing annually.

“Bethany College offered an excellent education, which I truly appreciate, with a lot of fun along the way,” he concludes.

Sustainable Solutions

YOUNG ALUMNI HELPING TO ENHANCE LIFE IN POORER NATIONS

Enriched flour for egg noodles may not be top-of-mind when one thinks of sustainable solutions to baseline nutrition in developing countries such as Indonesia, but they illustrate the way in which small things often taken for granted in wealthier regions can measurably enhance life in poorer nations.

Glenn D. Wright Jr. 2010 is one of three young Bethany alumni, employees of International Relief and Development (IRD) in Arlington, Va., helping to lift people in developing nations such as Afghanistan, Indonesia and Niger out of poverty, providing immediate assistance as well as creating sustainable long-term solutions that local populations can implement. As a recruitment and human resources advisor, Wright provides support for staffers in the field in all program areas, from the American Gulf Coast to Southeast Asia and everywhere in between.

“Bethany gives you a lot of tools that come into play in the workforce,” says Wright, who served as both president of SGA and of his fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau. He cites, for example, his oversight of an $80,000 SGA budget, honing his leadership and management skills and translating into significant responsibility in his current post.

“By the time I shook hands with Trustee Arthur Keys (President and CEO of IRD) at Commencement 2010, I was already an IRD employee,” he comments.

Wright’s position at IRD came about as a result of two Political Awareness Club trips to IRD headquarters as a student member, whetting his interest, and through networking with another IRD staffer and fellow alumnus Chris W. Watson ’08. Watson, a program officer for IRD’s From Ohio to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, to developing nations in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, Bethany alumni across the generations are improving the quality of life for thousands – helping to move many of the developmentally disabled to more fulfilling lives, with greater independence, and lifting those in developing countries out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency while implementing sustainable strategic solutions to intractable challenges.
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– Glenn D. Wright '10

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“My role is to see that all the pieces come together at the beginning of a continuum.” – Wilfrid W. Csaplar, Jr., his macroeconomics professor

Community Stabilization Unit, recently returned from the field in Africa as chief of staff for a project spanning four nations: Chad, Mauritania, Niger and Burkina Faso. He led a four-person start-up team and some 45 national staff assisting vulnerable communities in West Africa, in support of national security initiatives.

Watson was part of a team writing the proposal for the project, bidding against a number of other NGOs and for-profit organizations. As an Alumnus of Bethany, Watson notes the emphasis which Bethany places on reading, writing and critical thinking for his success in proposal-writing for IRD.

“The first course I ever took at Bethany was ‘The Scholar’s Harry Potter’ in Freshman Seminar with Professor Elizabeth Hull,” he recalls. “Never before had I spent such an intensive period of reading, writing twice a week and reviewing the work of peers,” he notes. “That course served as a launching pad for my writing.” He also credits Steen Professor of Economics

Warmer Relations

ALUMNI ON FRONT LINES OF CLIMATE TALKS

As coordinator for Social Witness Ministries in the Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), The Rev. Bill Somplatsky-Jarman ’59 directs social investment policies for more than $8.5 billion in assets through the PCUSA Mission Responsibility through Investment Ministry.

Somplatsky-Jarman was among thousands of observers from civil society joining representatives from more than 200 nations at UN climate talks in Durban, South Africa. The December 2011 talks fashioned a compromise between industrial nations that have historically been major emitters of greenhouse gases and major developing nations which, scientists say, are driving future climate change.

The existing climate treaty, the Kyoto Protocol, did not require developing nations to reduce emissions, Somplatsky-Jarman notes.

As part of the World Council of Churches delegation, he has attended all but one of these climate negotiations since 1995 and expects to attend the continuing talks in Qatar in 2012. He is a member of the World Council of Churches Climate Change Program Steering Committee, and in 2011 Presbyterians for Earth care honored him with the William E. Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award.

“We have consistently emphasized the moral imperative for addressing global climate change from a justice perspective,” he emphasizes.

“Historically, human-induced climate change has been caused by the richer, more industrialized countries, while the poor and most vulnerable nations suffer the consequenc es most severely,” Somplatsky-Jarman adds.

“As part of a global family of faith, we observe what is happening where we are working in partnership with churches in the developing world on hunger and food issues, community economic development and access to water.”

“Climate change threatens to undermine all these efforts to lift people out of poverty and requires rethinking traditional approaches to development to include adapting to climate impacts,” he emphasizes.

The South African trip was his third major international journey in 2011, about par for my work,” he notes. In November 2011 he returned to Israel and Palestine with staff members his first trip to the region was in a J-Term course led by Professors Richard Kenney and Hiram Lester as a Bethany College student in 1966, where his team partners with local congregations and other groups.

Areas of focus include clinics in schools and day care, women’s empowerment and economic development initiatives. In South Africa, he and his staff conduct workshops and seminars on the church’s perspective on moral reasons to address climate change, especially in developing countries.

The PCUSA Office of Environmental Ministries, which he oversees, coordinates the church’s engagement in environmental issues ranging from public policy to leadership development in congregational programs. Somplatsky-Jarman also supervises the Office of Child Advocacy that partners with congregations to work on a range of children’s issues and serves as liaison to the Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association.

“Bethany convinced me of the value of a small college liberal arts education,” Somplatsky-Jarman notes. The 1966 J-Term course to Jerusalem, Greece and Geneva “began the process for my decision to enter the ministry.”

“Professors Kenney and Lester had a deep influence on many students, including me. They introduced me to Yale Divinity School (where he earned an M.Div. with emphasis in social ethics), encouraged me during my term as president of the Student Board of Governors and even came out to some cross country meets,” he remembers.

“I am especially proud of Bethany’s leadership role in the coalition of U.S. colleges and universities seeking to reduce their carbon footprint,” he adds.

Most importantly, Somplatsky-Jarman concludes, it was at Bethany where he met his wife, Carol Somplatsky ‘72, who also works at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Louisville, Ky.
With the Humanities and a performance of choral music composed by public readings by students from four local high schools, the English Literacy Initiative’s Youth in Bentonville and ARCare, a rural community health care provider, the English Literacy Initiative’s Walton Family Gift, to improve literacy throughout the state that was losing jobs and population.

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The ongoing Augusta Community Literacy Advocacy Project is sponsored projects involving elementary and high school students, churches, the public library, parents, and veterans’ organizations. Communities of all sizes can work together to enrich the quality of life by emphasizing the power of reading and writing to open doors for all people.

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Community Advocacy Project.

Dr. Jolliffe, who has also served as a professor of English and professor of curriculum and instruction at the University of Arkansas since 2005, is the initial occupant of the endowed chair, funded in part by a donor whose long-time employee could not read.

“There is nothing braver than a 60-year-old who walks into a literacy center and admits that he or she needs help with reading,” Dr. Jolliffe asserts.

Fully one of 10 American adults cannot read well enough to lead a full, rich life and to participate in a knowledge-based economy, he says.

The Brown Chair in English Literacy Initiative represents a coordinated effort by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, supported by the Brown Foundation and the Walton Family Gift, to improve literacy throughout the state and beyond. It aims to forge partnerships involving a broad array of literacy professionals, including university faculty and students, teachers and administrators in schools and community colleges, governmental officials, and practitioners in community agencies and not-for-profit organizations.

Dr. Jolliffe is especially proud of the unique collaboration restoring five performances of Shakespeare to Augusta, Ark., in May 2011. With the Trike Theatre for Youth in Bentonville and ARCare, a rural community health care provider, the English Literacy Initiative’s ‘Team Shakespeare’ program featured a professional production of “The Tempest,” involving local actors, with public readings by students from four local high schools and a performance of choral music composed by Professor Robert Bory of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock featuring professional soloists. Performances were held on an outdoor stage on the banks of the White River in Augusta, all were free and open to the public. The ongoing Team Shakespeare project will bring “Twelfth Night” to Augusta in spring 2012.

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“Of all the entertainment seen by the average American in a given year, just five percent of it is live,” says Dr. Jolliffe, an experienced actor and director. “In rural America, too often, live cultural performances are seen as non-necessities.

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He honed his acting and directing skills as an English major at Bethany College, where he “spent the bulk of my time in Waines Theatre” under tutelage of the late Professor David Judy. As a senior, during one of Professor Judy’s sabbaticals, Jolliffe even directed a musical, a seminal experience. He also remembers his first student trip to Oxford under Professor John Taylor and the mentoring provided by Director of Church Relations Larry Grimes, professor emeritus of English. He also wrote for The Tower.

“The theatre and student newspaper experience, the study-abroad opportunity and the student leadership (he served as vice president of the SGA) all contributed to a rich preparation,” he recalls.

Graduating magna cum laude in 1974, the New Martinsville, WV, native spent two years as a reporter and copy editor for the Wheeling News-Register and three more as a teacher of English and theatre at Wheeling Park High School before returning to Bethany College for a year as an instructor of English and theatre and acting chair of the Theatre Department from 1980-1981. Dr. Jolliffe went on to earn his Master of Arts in English from West Virginia University and his Ph.D. in English with an emphasis in rhetoric from the University of Texas at Austin. He formerly served as professor of English and a participating faculty member for the Steans Center for Community-Based Service Learning at DePaul University in Chicago.

Other projects under auspices of the English Literary Initiative include the Arkansas Delta Oral History Project and Razorback Writers (see sidebar), an after-school enrichment program for “latchkey” children involving University of Arkansas students enrolled in education programs.

Jolliffe also teaches courses focusing on modern literacy issues in the University’s Master of Arts in teaching program.

His work in advancing community literacy and cultural enrichment is perhaps best exemplified by the comment of an Augusta, Ark., resident participating in the Community Advocacy Project.

Askaud why he wanted to improve his reading ability, the citizen replied, “When I go to the grocery store, I want to know whether I am buying chili or chili beans.”
Friends gather for former soccer coach Paul “Ace” Hayward
By Audrey Gehan Mulholland ’81

FEW RECORDING ARTISTS have resonated with those of us who attended college in the early 80s quite like Bruce Springsteen. His dreams and visions, his ruminations on romance and adulthood, his joy and his angst – it seemed that whatever Springsteen wrote about was exactly what we were feeling. Maybe that’s why when he wrote “We said we’d walk together baby, come what may,” we knew what we were feeling. Maybe that’s why Springsteen’s songs seemed that whatever Springsteen wrote about was exactly what we were hearing. Maybe that’s why when he wrote “Without their encouragement, there are many things I would never have accomplished—or even pursued. I feel fortunate that my connections to them led into my life after college. Those are the kinds of relationships I think you only get at a place like Bethany,” she notes.

Yet another hands-on Bethany experience transferable to her current position was that, as a Kalon Scholar, of working with advisor Katherine Shelek-Furbey, professor of social work, to use the Kalon program’s service learning requirement to help build a cohesive community.

“I worked with Professor Shelek-Furbey to create a community from what had been just a list of scholars,” she notes.

While at Bethany, Staton served as a writing tutor at the McCann Learning Center, a resident assistant, and was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, Gamma Sigma Kappa as well as Sigma Tau Epsilon honor societies. At WVU, Staton was the founding editor-in-chief of Commune Bonum: The Public Good, a student-run academic journal, and a member of the Pi Alpha Alpha honor Society.

Staton works under auspices of the Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center, which coordinates redevelopment of some 60 abandoned industrial sites — many contaminated with pollutants such as arsenic, lead, asbestos and petroleum — in West Virginia communities.

The collaborative project has targeted eight communities statewide with stalled projects, working with community leaders to return the sites to productive use. Staton coordinates multi-disciplinary teams that provide these communities with expertise and guidance to move a specific project to the next step in the redevelopment process. Through these multi-disciplinary teams, the WV Redevelopment Collaborative enhances the capacity for community and economic development on complex projects in West Virginia communities.

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After graduating from Bethany with a bachelor’s degree in accounting, Dickman later went on to earn his MBA in 2001. He was selected for Who’s Who in Young Business Professionals and is currently the Director of Financial Analysis & Strategic Planning for Direct General Corporation in Nashville, Tenn.

Rudy Frank was a four-year starter on the diamond for the Bethany baseball program. His top year came as a senior in 1977 when he batted .423 with three home runs, 20 runs scored and 16 stolen bases, which earned him First Team All-PAC honors and Honorable Mention All-American distinction. Frank also earned Honorable Mention All-PAC as a freshman in 1974 and finished his career with a .305 batting average, 76 hits, 51 runs scored and 30 stolen bases.

After graduating summa cum laude from Bethany with a bachelor’s degree in mass communications, Frank went on to earn a Master’s Certificate in Leadership from Duquesne and then graduated summa cum laude from the University of Memphis with a master of arts degree in journalism/mass communication. He is currently the Vice President for Branding and MarComm at Mirage Advertising. In addition, Frank serves on the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Free Enterprise in Pennsylvania and volunteers at Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children in Greensburg, Pa.

Amy (Harvilla) Rocini was a three-time First Team All-PAC selection on the soccer field. She earned conference MVP honors in 1999 after leading the Bison to their last PAC championship and set Bethany records for single-season goals (26), assists (18) and points (67) that still stand today. Despite suffering a season-ending injury in the third game of her senior year, Rocini finished her career with 50 goals and 119 points, which both stand third all-time in BC history. In addition to her accolades on the soccer field, Rocini also ran track at Bethany as a freshman in 1996. She qualified for ECAC Outdoor Championships in the 100 and earned Second Team All-PAC in the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays.

Away from the field and track, Rocini was a member of the Phi Mu fraternity, Who’s Who Among American Universities and Schools, Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), including one year as chapter president, and the Kalam Leadership Society. In 2011, she was inducted into the Bethany Alumni Soccer Association (BASA) Star of Honor. Today, she works as the Program Development Assistant for the Allegheny Valley School in Coraopolis, Pa., and also serves as an executive committee member, charity liaison and committee secretary for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

Brian Taylor earned six All-PAC honors during his career on the tennis courts and the golf course. In tennis, he won the PAC championship at #2 doubles in 1998. Taylor also earned Second Team All-PAC in singles and doubles in 1997 and in singles in 1998, while also being named the Team MVP in 1995 and gaining the Coach’s Award in 1996. On the links, Taylor received Team MVP laurels in 1995 and played to Second Team All-PAC in 1995 and 1997, Bethany did not sponsor a golf team during his senior season in 1998.

While at Bethany, Taylor was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and after graduating, was inducted into the Waves’ Court of Honor in 2005 and served on the Bethany chapter’s Housing Corporation from 1999-2001. He earned a bachelor’s degree in economics and minor in accounting from Bethany in 1998 and currently works as the President & CEO of Municipal Mutual Insurance Company in Wellsburg, WVA.
Volleyball

THE 2011 SEASON for the Bison volleyball program was a record-breaking one from start to finish. From the longest undefeated stretch to start a season in school history to setting new standards for most conference and overall victories and ending with a second consecutive postseason title, 2011 will go down as one of the most memorable years in Bethany volleyball history.

The season began with 14 consecutive victories, which included taking first place at two tournaments. Seniors Carrie Talkington and Megan Hoffman were named All-Tournament Team at Haverford after leading BC to a 4-0 record and wins over recognized volleyball powers like Coast Guard, Haverford and Frostburg State. A week later, Bethany went to the Rose-Hulman Tournament and took first place again with four victories. In addition to Talkington and freshman Breana Harris earning All-Tournament Team, junior setter Jessica Zavatchen broke the program’s all-time assists record.

The quick start to the season started to get Bethany recognized nationally, as the Bison received votes in the AVCA Top 25 poll for the first time in program history. The Green and White would eventually suffer its first loss of the year at Westminster, but continued its stellar early season play by avenging that defeat and getting their record to 20-1 with wins over Westminster, Thomas More and Geneva.

The regular season would close with a 27-6 overall record for Bethany and a 14-1 mark in PAC play, a school record for league wins. It also earned the Bison the #2 seed and a bye through the first round of the PAC Tournament. In the semifinals, BC was slated to meet defending champion Thomas More. In a heart-stopping five-game battle, Bethany finally emerged victorious with a 15-13 decision in the final set to move into the conference finals for the first time in school history.

In the title match, the Bison met up with top-seed and host Geneva, who was also playing for the inaugural PAC crown of its program history. Bethany won the first set, but the Golden Tornadoes came back to take the next three and capture the championship.

The season was not over for Bethany, who earned the #2 seed in the ECAC Tournament. After winning the ECAC championship the year before, BC opened defense of its title with a 3-0 win over Marywood in the quarterfinals, which was also the team’s 29th win of the year to break the single-season school record. Due to an upset of the #1 seed in the first round, the Bison served as host for the semifinals and championship rounds and gave their home crowd a big celebration.

The Green and White swept Swarthmore 3-0 in the semifinals and then bested Saint Vincent 3-1 in the championship match to win its second consecutive ECAC crown. Junior Taylor Cassidy, who led the team in kills in the wins over Swarthmore and Saint Vincent, was selected as the Tournament’s Most Outstanding Player.

The awards and accolades were numerous for the fifth-year head coach Courtney Kline’s Bison following the year. Earning First Team All-PAC was Talkington, who became just the fourth player in BC history to go over 1,000 career kills, Zavatchen, who set the single-season assist record for the third consecutive year, and senior Tiffany Hoffman, who finished as just the second player in Bison history to surpass 2,000 career digs. Also earning All-PAC laurels was junior Lauren Goodwill on Second Team and Cassidy with Honorable Mention status.
Men’s Soccer
UNDER THIRD-YEAR head coach Sean Regan, the Bison were hoping to build on their two-consecutive seasons of .500 or better, which included a trip to the PAC Tournament finals and a berth in the ECAC Tournament. Although the year was not quite as successful, Bethany did make a second consecutive trip to the PAC Tournament.

The year started slowly with just two wins in the first three matches against a very competitive non-conference schedule. The two victories came at home against Wooster by a 4-2 score and against Framingham State for a 2-0 win. Bethany came in overtime, which served a trend for the season, as BC played five extra time matches during the campaign.

The Bison started to turn things around in October as they won three games in four matches. Following an overtime win at Thiel off the strength of a goal by sophomore Cassie Spalding and Lindenfelser picked up All-PAC recognition, the team entered the final stretch of the season with momentum. Bethany went on to beat Westminster 4-2 in the 64th minute to lead BC to the win over the eventual PAC champions.

Noting positive results in the final two matches, Bethany was denied a spot in the PAC Tournament following a tie at Westminster and a loss to W&J. The Bison scoring punch of Spalding and Lindenfelser picked up All-PAC honors for the second consecutive season. Spalding was named First Team after leading the conference in goals (4) and tied for the top spot in points (13), which placed her second on the all-time scoring list at Bethany with 35 goals and 133 points. Lindenfelser was selected for Honorable Mention status after recording seven goals and 17 points for the year.

Women’s Tennis
THE BISON WOMEN’S tennis program continued to make major strides in 2011. The team finished the year with a 12-5 overall record, the most wins since winning a double matches in 2007, and also went 5-4 in the conference to assure themselves of a second consecutive season of making the conference playoffs for the first time in the school’s history.

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As successful as the fall sports seasons were on the fields and courts, Bethany student-athletes also achieved high marks for their efforts in the classroom. Four Bison were voted to the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District II teams and three of those went to earn Academic All-American distinction. Bethany also continued placing a high number of student-athletes on the PAC Academic Honor Roll at the end of the semester.

The top recognition was earned by three members of the ECAC championship winning BC volleyball team, as a trio were voted Academic All-American. Bison junior setter Jessica Zavatchen received the top award, as she was voted Capital One First Team All-American. In addition, senior libero Tiffany Hoffman was voted Second Team Academic All-American and senior defensive specialist Megan Hoffman earned Third Team distinction.

“I am so proud of Jess, Tiffany and Megan and their accomplishments as students at Bethany College and members of the Bison volleyball team,” said Bethany head coach Courtney Kline. “They are extremely gifted both athletically and academically, and they work extremely hard in both arenas. These three players played such an intricate role in this program’s success this past year, and played a large role in program success in the past few years. They are an excellent example of what the term ‘student-athlete’ means.”

The Bison were the only program to put three players on the Academic All-American teams, which consisted of 18 total players, and one of three schools with multiple members on the teams. Otterbein (Ohio) College had one player on the First and Second Teams and Averett (Va.) College had two players earn Second Team accolades.

With the honors bestowed upon Zavatchen and the Hoffman sisters, Bethany now has 19 Academic All-Americans in its history, the most of any program in the conference. Tiffany Hoffman was also a First Team All-PAC choice after she led the PAC with 56 assists and ranked second in the conference with 669 digs. She turned in her first career double-double in an Oct. 11 win over PItt-Greensburg with 10 digs and 11 assists and had 20+ digs in 16 matches, highlighted by a 37-dig performance in the first set of a five-set win over Thomas More.

During the season, Hoffman became just the second player ever at Bethany to go over 2,000 career digs and completed her time ranked second with 2,933. In addition, she finished sixth in the PAC with 153 career service aces.

Academically, Tiffany is a biology major with a GPA of 3.92. She made the President’s List four times for a 4.0 GPA in a semester and appeared on the Dean’s List twice. She volunteered with Relay for Life for three years and is a member of the Beta Beta Beta biology honor society.

Megan Hoffman was a four-year starter for the Bison and earned Academic All-American honors after helping the Bison earn a share of the conference title with 1,022 digs, Megan also placed ninth all-time at the school with 127 career aces.

Off the court, Megan has a 3.93 GPA as a biology major. She earned four trips to the President’s List after posting a perfect 4.0 in a semester and was on the Dean’s List twice. Megan won the Beta Beta Beta Award for excellence in first year of biology at Bethany and is a member of the Tri Beta Honor Society. She also served as a Relay for Life Team Captain for three years.

In addition, Bethany men’s soccer player Alex Stubbs was voted to the Capital One First Team Academic All-District II team. Stubbs just completed his final season with the Bison. A three-year letterman with BC, he played in seven matches, starting in ten. He posted two assists this season, one in the 1-0 win over conference foe Washington & Jefferson, which clinched a spot in the PAC Tournament for Bethany.

Last season, Alex totaled four goals with nine points. In the ECAC quarterfinal win at #1 Penn State Behrend, he notched two key goals to boost Bethany to the semifinal match. To cap off his career, Stubbs has been able to contribute four goals, one being a game-winner, alongside four assists, while playing in 57 career matches for the Green and White.

On the field, Stubbs has a 3.59 GPA as a Business Administration major with a minor in both Communications and Spanish. He is a member of the Kappa Mu Epilson as well as Omicron Delta Epsilon honor societies and was the 2010 recipient of Bethany College Kennedy Prize as Outstanding Junior Man Award. Alex, who has earned the Dean’s List recognition five times along with being on President’s List for a perfect 4.0 once, also maintains a position as the Chief Financial & Risk Officer for the McCann Student Investment Fund.

“This is a fantastic award for Stubbs to win. His hard work on and off the field really paid off this year. This award is something that every athlete should strive to achieve. He is a true role model for our underclassmen,” said head coach Sean Ragan.

At the completion of the semester, Bethany put 30 student-athletes on the PAC Academic Honor Roll, which goes to any in-season athlete who completes the semester of competition with a 3.6 GPA or higher. It was the second-highest total of Bison to make the list since 2003. A complete list of Bison on the PAC Academic Honor Roll is below.
Bison Athletes Are Going the Extra Mile

During the recent holiday season, the focus was on giving back to those less fortunate. For the student-athletes at Bethany, giving back isn’t just something they do at the holidays. The Bison athletic programs are involved in the community all year round.

The Bethany Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has been instrumental in keeping the campus clean during the fall semester. For the past eight years, the group would gather on a Sunday morning in October and fan out over campus picking up trash and debris to keep Bethany’s breath-taking campus in pristine condition. And it wasn’t just the members of SAAC who would be out, as numerous players from every varsity sport would take the time to participate in the campus clean-up.

Bethany’s SAAC members added another contribution to the community this past fall. Senior basketball players Ryan Summers and Renee Shepherd were part of 33 PAC SAAC members who participated in the 2nd Annual Pittsburgh Polar Plunge in the Allegheny River outside Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. The new conference-wide initiative, which helped raise $3,500 for Special Olympics PA, followed the announcement at the 2011 NCAA Convention of a new national partnership between the PAC and Special Olympics. As a result of the national program, the PAC SAAC decided to support a local conference-wide initiative to support the new national partnership.

Individual Bison teams are also out trying to make a difference in the community. When head football coach Tim Weaver was hired six years ago, he initiated the “Boomer and Books” program. Boomer and Books puts Bison players into Ohio Valley elementary schools to read to students from preschool through third grade. Players read books to the children, give a message about the importance of education, and answer questions from the kids. After the books are finished, students are allowed to try on a real Bison helmet and meet the team’s mascot, Boomer. Last spring, the team hit elementary schools in Wellsburg and Warwood.

The Bethany basketball teams have taken time out to volunteer at the Wheeling Soup Kitchen. The Bison men’s team, fresh after winning a conference-record 13th PAC championship and competing in the NCAA Tournament, spent time helping at the facility last spring. And this year, shortly before Thanksgiving, the BC women’s team took a break from preseason practice to spend a couple hours at the Wheeling Soup Kitchen with the Wheeling Elks Lodge “Just For Kids” dinner program. The girls helped to serve food, sort food and sort clothing, as well as doing crafts and playing games with the participating children.

The Bison women’s hoops team is also very involved in the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Play 4Kay initiative, former- ly known as PinkZone. This program is a global, unified effort for the WBCA’s nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond. Led by head coach Rebecca Upton, the team deco- rates Hummel Field House in pink for a home doubleheader in February and raffles off prizes and holds contests throughout the afternoon. In the last two years, the Bison women’s basketball program raised $850 two years ago and posted another $700 in donations last year for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

JOSEPH H. NEWMAN ’48 was recently featured in a spotlight article published by the Eudora Creek Watershed Update (Valley View, Ohio). The story highlighted his exemplary leadership in public involvement and education on key environmental issues and his continued stewardship of the watershed.

MR. WALTER JONSSON ’20 and BARBARA (GUERRIN) JONSSON ’60, and MR. CHARLES “PETE” PERRY ’59 and SALLY JEAN (HAGEMYER) PERRY ’59, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries at the Jonsson’s lakeside summer home in Ellsworth, Maine. In 2013, Pete had served as best man at the Jonsson’s 50th wedding anniversaries. He has been with the church since 1984.

REV. JENNIFER RIGGS ’98, recipient of the Bethany College Alumni Achievement Award in Religion in 2003, was featured in Disciples Home Missions in her 31 years of work with the Disciples of Christ. Her ministry has focused largely on refugee and immigration treatment in the United States. She currently serves as a community whistleblower and has served as the president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

On September 2, 2011, BILL SOMPLATZ- JARMAN ’99 was awarded the William Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Environmental Justice by Presbyterians for Earth Care. He currently serves as a community whistleblower and has served as the president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

DR. CYNTHIA (SICKMAN) SIMMS ’72 has been named the San Mateo-Foster City School District’s superintendent. Simms previously retired from Walnut Valley Unified School District but was given the opportunity to hold a short-term superinten- dent position in Los Gatos Union School District and chose to delay retire- ment. Simms’ district has 20 schools and educates more than 11,000 children from preschool through the eighth grade.

SARA (WILKSON) FELDMAN ’73 recently published a book called “Two Weeks.” It is authored under S.W. Feldman. She and her husband BRUCE FELDMAN ’73 have four children and five grandchildren.

MARC HARSHMAN ’71, writer of several popular children’s books, recently shared his award-winning stories first-hand with young students in Charleston. He visited two elementary schools, as well as The Founders Club of the University of Charleston. Harshman spoke about the sparks that ignite his stories — including imagination, real-life experiences, and the excitement of telling old stories in a new way. His works include the well-known “Rocks in My Pockets,” “Only One Neighborhood,” “Red Are the Apples,” and “The Storm.”

President and CEO of Piedmont Healthcare R. TIMOTHY STACK ’75 has been appointed vice chair of the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals (Alliance) Board of Directors. Stack will be involved in a variety of concerns currently affecting Georgia’s community, not-for-profit hospitals — including community benefit, hospital tax, and policy issues. Stack earned a bachelor of arts degree from Bethany College in 1975 and a master’s in hospital administration from the Medical College of Virginia. A recipient of the 2010 American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award, Stack also received the 2006 Outstanding Alumna Award by Virginia Commonwealth University’s Department of Health Administration, as well as the 2006 American College of Healthcare Executives Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent’s Award for significant contributions to healthcare management excellence. He was also recently elected to the American Hospital Association’s Board of Trustees.

The McKinney Chamber of Commerce in Texas recently named ANGELA RYDER BADD ’77, who founded and owns TownsquareBuzz.com, to the list of “Top 11 Women in Business.” TownsquareBuzz.com provides a forum for McKinney residents and leaders, along with a staff of journalists and pho- tographers, to submit and share stories with the greater community or niche groups within the community.

BILL DOUTHIT ’64 is communications director at CHEM Hill and has been elect- ed to the Board of Directors for the Public Relations Society of America-Colorado Chapter. He will serve a three-year term as a PRTSA Leadership Assembly delegate on the board. Douthit and his wife Candace live in Denver, Colo. The couple celebrated their 31st anniversary in December.

MARK FISCHER ’80, who graduated with a degree in biology and later went on to attend cooking school, has opened his fourth restaurant and second Phat Thai in Cherry Creek, Colo. Fischer has become a nationally recognized and award-winning chef and restaurateur and is based in Denver. Esquire Magazine named him the recently opened restaurant in Glenwood Springs, Colo., The Fullman, one of the best new restaurants in the U.S.

Homecoming 2011
Celebrating their 25th Reunion during Homecoming 2011, members of the class of 1986, Ed O’Dea, Chris Berry, Dave Bauer and Jeff Sterner gather outside of Hummel Field House.
Campains are on everyone’s mind during this election year. There’s another kind of campaign that has extraordinary importance for Bethany College—one that you can vote for right now.

Transformation Now! The Campaign for Bethany College’ has topped the $60 million mark in support achieved thus far. With a goal of $52 million, we have made great progress in securing gifts and pledges from throughout the country. But we need your vote in the form of financial support to win.

Campaign gifts create scholarships, enhance facilities, sponsor student and faculty travel, increase resources for the library, enrich the endowment, and add so much more. Your support directly and immediately impacts our academic community and helps to ensure Bethany’s vibrancy, now and in the future.

You can make your pledge payable over a five-year period, by locking in your gift commitment now, you aid Bethany in accelerating campaign momentum and attracting additional support.

When you vote for Bethany, you endorse a winner—A Small College of National Distinction.

For a confidential, no-obligation consultation on your gift planning, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 304-829-7723. You can also give anytime to the Bethany Alumni Center, Bethany, WV 26032.

Vote Yes for the Campaign for Bethany College
Elementary and Secondary Education Reauthorization Act." During the discussion she offered opinion and advice on the pros and cons of the bill at multiple levels as well as the proposed changes. However, to continue to succeed, Baltimore City teachers while engaging Senators Harkin, Franken, Enzi, and (Rand) Paul, Bethanians in the wedding were

ANGELA RENEE LOLLINI '05 were married April 29, 2011, at Stone Chapel

WHITNEY GARRETT '05.

SON '07

Kaitlin Mathers and

Mary Catholic Church in Martins Ferry, Ohio.

REV. MELISSA SNYDER '07 served as a bridesmaid and

Hale, III were married on October 15, 2011, at St. Mary of

and Sean Regan were married on June 18, 2011, at Bethany College.

MEGHAN (MEHALIK) CUNNINGHAM '03

and

JULIE (KIRBY) RODGERS '00

and John Rodgers

welcomed daughter Rachel Williams on November 17, 2009.

KRISTEN ZUKOFF '11 welcomed son Rodney Guy III on November 7, 2010.

SHEILA SCHRADER '09 welcomed daughter Claire Elizabeth on October 1, 2011.

and Philip Trouten welcomed daughter Mia Marie on July 16, 2011.

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