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Making An IMPACT

Service 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 to 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 redeeming 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 680

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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 Furbie, 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. Through Bethany's Service Learning Center, students and faculty both meet the needs of area organizations while also gaining valuable career and professional networks. I particularly like Service Fellow Valerie Flatley '12's description of what the Center means to students and the community: "... it isn't just about community service; it is a fusion of civic duty with 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 Glenn D. Wright, Jr. '10 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 (Bill) 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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President of the College



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ON THE COVER

Tiffany Henderson '13 and Cynthia Richardson '11 volunteer at the Wheeling Soup Kitchen during Alternative Spring Break 2011. While there, Bethany students helped to cook and serve the meals.

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BETHANY COLLEGE, A SMALL COLLEGE OF NATIONAL DISTINCTION, WAS FOUNDED MARCH 2, 1840.

For over 170 years, Bethany College has been a highly contemporary institution based in the tradition of the liberal arts. The College offers a wide array 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 1,300-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 50-minute drive from campus. Wheeling, WVa.; 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 embolden the spirit 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.

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BETHANY TODAY Noteworthy



Dr. Scott D. Miller, President of the College; Dr. Darin E. Fields, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty; Gregory B. Jordan, Chair of the Board of Trustees and honorary Doctor of Laws recipient; G. Ogden Nutting, Bethany Trustee and honorary Doctor of Humane Letters recipient; M.E. Yancosek Gamble, Assistant Professor of Communications, and Chair of the Department of Communications and Media Arts gather in Dr. Miller's office prior to the Opening Convocation on Thursday, September 8, 2011.

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."

Martich Joins Bethany Board

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 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 its 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



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.

"Each Founders Day is an opportunity to affirm our promises of continuity to those who have gone before us, and have conveyed to us the gift of their trust, their labor, and their dreams," Dr. Miller said.

He reaffirmed the value of the liberal arts for today's college graduates as they "roam purposefully across the range of knowledge" and "adapt to the ever-shifting career marketplace."

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.

Dr. Theaker earned her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction and special education from Ohio University in 2008 and her master's degree in early childhood special education from Youngstown State University in 1996. She also holds a B.S. in human ecology from The Ohio State University.

She brings more than 10 years of teaching experience at Ohio University to the post and has served as a consultant to the Ohio Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and School Readiness.



President Honors Emeritus Faculty

THREE RETIRED FACULTY were recently honored with dinner at Christman Manor for their meritorious service to the College. Professors Jay Buckelew (biology), Mary Ellen Komorowski (mathematics) and Randy Cooley (business and economics) were recognized with the distinction of professor-emeritus and presented with engraved Bethany College rocking chairs.

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.

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 2012 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.militaryfriendlyschoools.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 and dedication to the College began with her student days and have continued since she graduated magna cum laude in 2006 with a degree in history. She then earned her master's degree in 19th century American 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 Christman '88; Scarlett Foster '79; Kurt Franck '78; Peter Jensen '81; Rick Kenney '80; Matt Mastrangelo '87; Eugene Miller '47; and Toria 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 senior fellows in 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, a political science major from Wellsburg, W.Va., has been awarded a spring term Judith A. Herndon Fellowship with the West Virginia Legislature following a rigorous selection process. She will work closely with a legislator from the state Senate or House of Delegates while assisting in managing a variety of staff responsibilities and furthering her understanding of the legislative process throughout the 60-day session. Minor was recognized for her academic achievements during Bethany's Honors Day activities in April, with the College's John G. Chernenko Award in Political Science, presented annually to the junior political science major with the highest overall grade point average.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Morgan. The

Herndon Fellowships are highly competitive, and we are delighted that she has been chosen," said Dr. Gary Kappel, associate vice president for academic affairs and director of institutional effectiveness. "It will give her the opportunity to observe the inner workings of state government throughout a full session of the legislature and to work closely with her mentor's staff in managing the day-to-day aspects of governance."

"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 benchmarked 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.

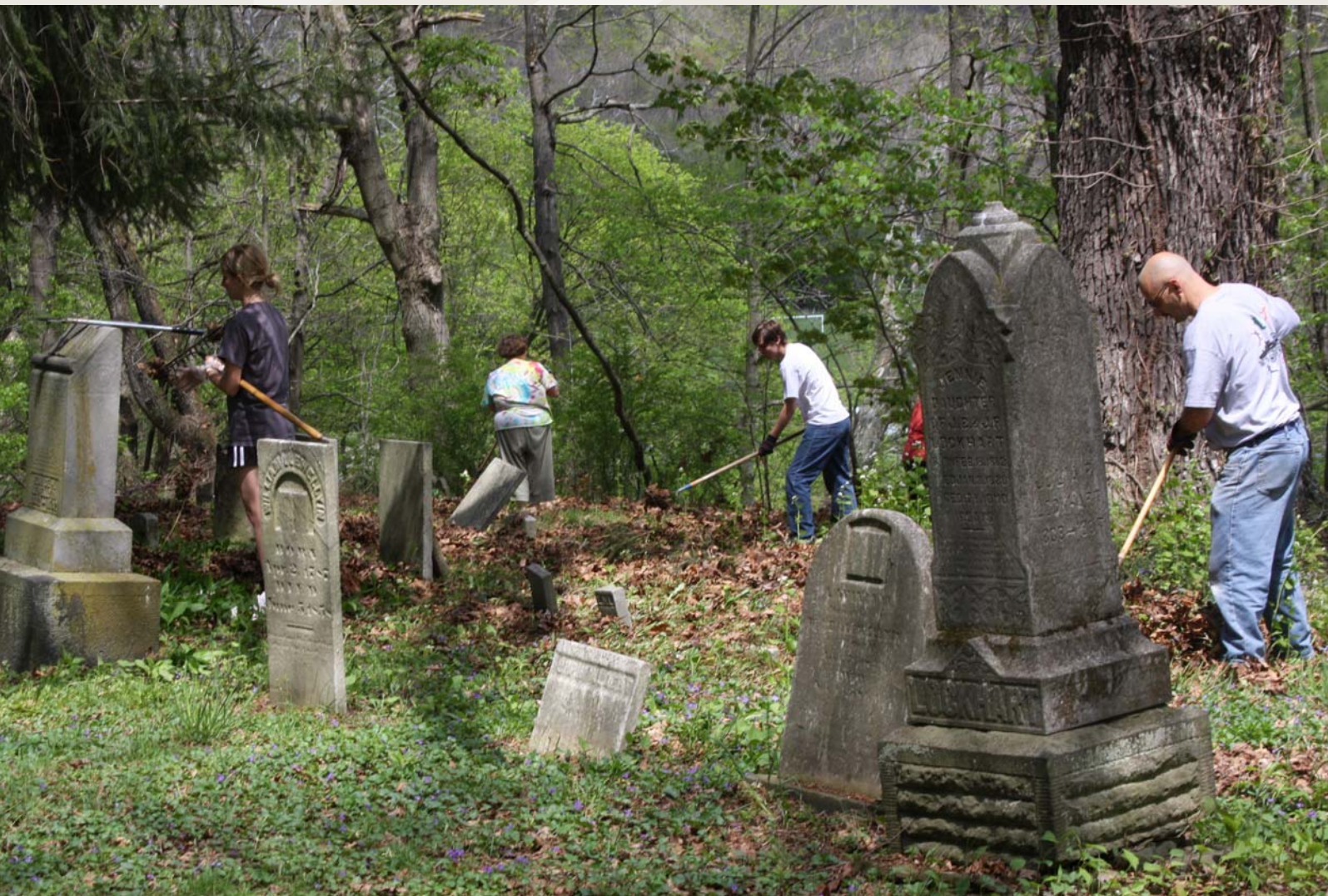
"They tell families, students and prospective students that our faculty and co-curricular staff are doing their job as part of a close-knit community in a liberal arts institution; providing a flexible, personalized and intellectually challenging environment for our students to learn inside — and outside — the classroom."

Paying It **FORWARD**

The Bethany Community Makes Service A Top Priority

“If students remove trash from a streambed, they are providing a service to the community as volunteers. When students remove trash from a streambed, analyze what they found, share the results and offer suggestions for the neighborhood to reduce pollution and reflect on their experience. . . THAT is service learning.”

— Learn and Serve Clearinghouse



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

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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. Johns 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.

“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

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

“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.

New “Homefront COMFORT” Program Helps Ease Transition between Military and Civilian Life

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 from both their time in service and on returning to civilian life. Participants included local veterans and staff outreach specialists from the Wheeling Vet Center.

“With the national unemployment rate still high and increasing numbers of military returning stateside from deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, programs of this type fill a critical need,” Shelek-Furbee noted.

The unemployment rate 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-



Veterans: John Looney, event moderator and Wheeling Vet Center team leader; Ron Shaw, Bethany network administrator; Michael Novotney, outreach specialist at the Wheeling Vet Center; Carrie Kleeh, Wheeling, W.Va., veteran; and Aaron Anslow, Bethany visiting assistant professor of art, participate in a Veterans Panel Discussion in honor of Veterans Day. 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.

table, non-seasonally adjusted rate of 8.5 percent for the broader population.

“The tough job market is even worse for young veterans because they have been serving in the military rather than going to school,” says Joe Sharpe, economic director of The American Legion.

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On the Bethany College Homefront COMFORT Committee's wish list is a designated campus clubhouse where local veterans could “hang out,” Shelek-Furbee noted.



Our Students Shine

**Bethany's Greek
Members Enrich
the Community**

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 classroom 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 \$200 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 1858. During 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.

Phi Kappa Tau philanthropic efforts extend across the globe and include a Red Thread movement to help raise awareness and money to combat the sex slave trade in Nepal. During the spring semester Phi Kappa Tau will host a spaghetti dinner to raise money for the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, an initiative that provides fun and empowering camp experiences to seriously ill children. The group also recently partnered with the Red Cross to coordinate a blood drive on campus.

The Brotherhood of Bethany's Sigma Nu Fraternity follows the principles of love, honor and truth and, in doing so, donates time and services to the community in respectful ways. Sigma Nu's official international philanthropy organi-



zation is “The Helping Hand,” which partners with Habitat for Humanity and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Bethany's chapter participates in raising money for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. In the past, the College's Epsilon chapter has held a campus-wide “Bingo Night” and also participates in regular community cleanups in the town of Bethany during the spring and fall months.

The Bethany Psi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has been fortunate to work with the Augusta Levy Learning Center. The center serves as the first intensive autism treatment program in the Ohio Valley.

Each year the group visits the children before Christmas and gives presents with brother Clause. Beta Theta Pi also participates in their annual kickball tournament, providing a donation that is matched by their alumni association.

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.

Members of Zeta Tau Alpha host a Pink Out football game each fall and a Pink Out basketball game in the spring to increase breast cancer awareness and education, as well as an annual Big Man on Campus competition. They also participate in Relay for Life and donate canned foods, soda tab proceeds, food, clothes and other supplies to a variety of local charities, including a children's shelter, as well as the Ronald McDonald House.

The Bethany Phi Mu sorority's philanthropy is the Children's Miracle Network (CMN). Each year, the group holds an all-campus “Phi Mu Faculty Fashion Show” that features professors and staff of the college. Students vote for their favorite professor, based on contestants' chosen outfits and talent performance. Guests purchase raffle tickets that can be used towards a variety of gift cards. All proceeds go to CMN. Phi Mu also holds an annual car wash at which they accept donations. Phi Mu sisters sponsored a CMN volleyball game in 2011 at which they sold CMN merchandise and food items, and they plan to visit the children's hospital in Morgantown, W.Va., to assist children in need.

High Impact

BETHANY IS IN the forefront of colleges and universities nationwide recognized for community service and student engagement by President Obama's "United We Stand" initiatives, lauded by CNCS for achieving measurable results for 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 511 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.

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- Patrick A. Corvington, chief executive officer, The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

"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.

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Bethany Participating in President's Interfaith and Community Service Challenge

Bethany College is among 250 colleges and universities from throughout the United States participating in President Obama's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge in the 2011-2012 academic year. Outstanding institutional examples of responses to the challenge will be cited by the White House in spring 2012.

Dr. Mort Gamble, assistant to the president at Bethany, attended a briefing and workshops in Washington, D.C., on August 3, 2011, in which senior officials from President Obama's administration provided an overview of the service challenge at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the grounds of the White House. Workshops and discussions were held through the day on the campus of the adjacent George Washington University.

Dr. Gamble participated in discussions about funding and sustaining campus service projects with an interfaith dimension. Events at Bethany have included special commemorations, days of service, and reflection on the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, as well as on the annual observance of the birthday of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These and other service initiatives are being conducted through the College's Center for Community Service, Student Activities Office and other offices and programs.

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,



President Obama's Domestic Policy Advisor, Melody Barnes, provides the keynotes address at the service challenge briefing.

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 Girton-Mitchell, director of the U.S. Department of Education's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership.



John Green Leads the Neighborhood Academy To Make A Difference

"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 90 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 \$50 per month or about \$200 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 Wellsburg, W.Va., Elmhurst House of Friendship in Wheeling and the Office of the Public Defender in Westminster, Md.

"We don't just show students the light at the end of the tunnel; we show them the end of the tunnel."

"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 (81 percent come from families with taxable income of less than \$25,000 per year), but he 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

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
8:30 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)
5:30 p.m. - Snack
5:30-7 p.m. - Mandatory after-school tutoring/homework

summer session, required uniforms) 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 teachers stay for required after-school tutoring from 5:30-7 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 130.

Students also get a stringent dose of what college life is like; each summer, 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 can 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."

About the Neighborhood Academy

The Rev. Thomas E. Johnson, Jr., 2008 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 beginning 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, 65 percent live in families with a history of domestic violence, 54 percent have a family history of incarceration and 59 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.

SHAPING OUR WORLD

BETHANY ALUMNI ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE



IRD in Somalia

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.

Increasing Independence

DANIEL F. (DAN) SWICKWARD '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.

His experience at Bethany College was instrumental, both in being hired for his current post and in preparing him for its responsibilities, which include overseeing contracts with agency independent consultants while managing all recruitment databases and vendor agreements.

"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



Community Stabilization Unit, recently returned from the field in Africa as acting chief of party 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. An international relations major at Bethany, he credits “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

Wilfrid W. Csaplar, Jr., his macroeconomics professor, and his advisor, Professor Clinton W. Maffett, professor of political science.

“He (Dr. Maffett) forced me out of my bubble,” he recalls, “encouraging me to do my study abroad in Argentina, rather than in Spain.”

His international travel with Maffett to Panama, Gambia and elsewhere provided a competitive edge when he joined IRD since most candidates for his position list both a Master’s degree in international degree and Peace Corps experience on their resumes.

In a fulfilling career with many rewards, Wright especially remembers a trip to Mississippi’s Gulf Coast about three years post-Katrina, shortly after the BP oil spill.

“On the way in from the airport to our field headquarters, the amount of devastation remaining was appalling,” he remembers. “We kept passing dilapidated housing with deplorable conditions that the spill had compounded. It was mind-boggling.”

On arriving at the headquarters, however, he was gratified to observe the scope of relief efforts underway.

“It’s important to realize that there is need that we can help alleviate right in our own backyard,” he concludes.

A third Bethanian, alumna Elly P. Slavova ’02, has served in a number of roles since she started working at IRD, including those of executive assistant to the president, associate program officer supporting field program implementation and program development officer. She is currently a proposal manager, recently serving as lead manager on 213 competitive bids for funding ranging in size from \$1.5 million to \$750 million. Most recently, she led the successful proposal effort for the \$64 million Afghanistan Civilian Assistance Program II (ACAP II) funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Over the next three years and under the program, IRD will assist Afghan families suffering loss, injury or battle damage caused by U.S. or coalition military operations against insurgent groups.

Graduating from Bethany summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, Slavova earned distinction on her senior comprehensive exams. She went on to earn her Master of Arts in European and Eurasian Studies from The Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Like Wright, she was hired by IRD shortly after graduation from Bethany through networking with fellow alumni.

“I appreciate the openness and generosity of Bethany alumni in opening doors,” she comments.

Modest about her role at IRD, Slavova reserves her plaudits for those in the field. “I am just a small piece of a huge puzzle,” she notes.

“My role is to see that all the pieces come together at the beginning of a continuum.”

Warmer Relations

ALUMNUS 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 ’69 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 consequences 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 1968), 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. Stateside, 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 to 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 1968 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 nurtured life-long friendships and met his wife, Carol Somplatsky ’72, who also works at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Louisville, Ky.

Linking “Humans” With the Humanities

DAVID A. JOLLIFFE '74, Brown chair in English literacy at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, is passionate about integrating the arts into people's ability to read and write more fully.

“Our work is about empowering people from all walks of life to be readers and writers themselves,” he emphasizes.

Dr. Jolliffe, who has also served as a professor of English and professor of curriculum and instruction at 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 concerted 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 live 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,” including local actors, with public readings by students from four local high schools and a performance of choral music composed by



Professor Robert Boury 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.

Working with Trike Theatre, Jolliffe also sponsors Shakespeare residencies in high schools and two-day Team Shakespeare workshops during spring break. High school students from throughout Arkansas study a Shakespeare play as part of the initiative.

The latest effort in the Augusta Community Literacy Advocacy Project, the Team Shakespeare Project is part of a renewal effort to revive a small town in the eastern part of the state that was losing jobs and population.

Local leaders approached Dr. Jolliffe to “help rescue” the town.

“We can help,” he told them, “but we need to go beyond just education to enhance the entire quality of life in the town.”

“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.

“Theatre is not a rarified venue solely for professional actors. If you want to see yourself as a more skilled, thoughtful and eloquent person, theatre is a means to do it.”

- David A. Jolliffe '74

“We want to promote literacy not necessarily by pounding in skills, but through creative outlets such as writing and drama. Theatre is not a rarified venue solely for professional actors. If you want to see yourself as a more skilled, thoughtful and eloquent person, theatre is a means to do it.”

He honed his acting and directing skills as an English major at Bethany College, where he “spent the bulk of my time in Wailes 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, W.Va., 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

THE ARKANSAS DELTA ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

High school classes work with trained University of Arkansas student mentors on substantial writing projects that grow out of oral history interviews.

The ongoing Arkansas Delta Oral History Project has connected more than 300 high school students from 15 schools with more than 100 University of Arkansas student mentors.

Participating students and teachers travel to Helena/West Helena and Fayetteville for workshops and performances.

The project encourages students to complete projects that will help sustain and improve Arkansas, especially the Delta.

THE COMMUNITY LITERACY ADVOCACY PROJECT

Working with a local partner, the Brown Chair supports activities in which citizens from all walks of life can read and write in new, effective ways.

The ongoing Augusta Community Literacy Advocacy project has 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.

For more information about Community Literacy Advocacy projects, write to David Jolliffe at djollif@uark.edu.

RAZORBACK WRITERS

University of Arkansas students, most preparing to become teachers, work as mentors in after-school literacy-enrichment programs in middle and junior high schools in Fayetteville, Springdale, and Rogers.

Three afternoons a week, University of Arkansas students work with middle and junior high schoolers on projects that focus on the arts, creative writing, and creative drama.

Middle and junior high school students produce work that is published or performed for parents and the community.

University of Arkansas mentors assist teachers with literacy-rich projects in their classes during the school day.

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 Literacy 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.

Asked 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.”



TAKING *Action*

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 took it seriously.

On July 15-17, 2011, more than 225 “Friends of Ace,” most of whom were Bethany alumni, came together in Bethany to show their support and love for Bethany alumnus, Hall-of-Famer and former soccer coach Paul “Ace” Hayward '82. Paul was diagnosed with Stage IV kidney cancer in March 2007. Through multiple surgeries and countless agonizing treatments, Paul's passion for life and his limitless optimism have been a source of inspiration to his family and friends. And it's a safe bet that no one on earth has more friends than Paul.

Bill Denniston '83 and Ken Beacham, Paul's lifelong friends, were instrumental in forming “Action4Ace,” an organization that came about when Paul's friends expressed interest in helping him through his struggle by offering emotional support and assistance in meeting the financial demands of cancer treatment. So many of those friends were Bethanians that it was only natural that it was decided that the best way to do this was to have a really big party. And so the “Action4Ace” weekend was born.

It was an awe-inspiring reunion of old friends and the beginning of many new friendships. It began on a hot and sunny afternoon in the parking lot of Gresham House. The vehicles streamed in for hours as an impromptu tail-

gate party formed. Even with four-to-a-room lodging and sleeping bags, the dorms were pressed into service to handle the overflow. There were shrieks of excitement, tears of joy and endless surprises as attendees arrived from as far away as Nova Scotia, California and Texas. One group even arrived on a private jet! Paul's family and friends from his native Canada included his 83-year-old mother. After dinner, the patio was packed as we gathered around multiple fire pits to share memories until dawn. Saturday's activities included a golf tournament and a campus hiking tour. At dusk we gathered for a picnic in the park and a fundraising auction. Joe Doiron '82 wrote and performed a song for the occasion and the guest of honor spoke eloquently about life, love and the unparalleled bonds of Bethany friendships. And then, of course, it was time to go to the Bison Inn before grabbing a few hours of sleep to bolster ourselves for the inevitable Sunday farewells.

The “Action4Ace” weekend raised more than \$30,000 and donations continue to come in. There might just be something to the therapeutic effects of the gathering as well. Paul recently received the news that his current Interleukin II treatments have shrunk two tumors in his lungs and may be responsible for stalling the progression of two additional tumors.

Aristotle wrote that friendship is one soul dwelling in two bodies. Each of us to whom Paul's gentle soul and huge heart extend want so much to believe that maybe love really can conquer all.

To find out how you can support Paul, log on to paulhayward.enercoke.com

Lasting Connections

Interdisciplinary major leads to high-impact role

“HE HELPED ME plan my whole life,” says Carrie M. Staton '08 of Dr. Gary Kappel '74, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Although he was neither her academic advisor nor one of her professors, Dr. Kappel was pivotal in helping Staton start the process of designing the interdisciplinary major in nonprofit administration that led directly to her present post as coordinator of the West Virginia Redevelopment Collaborative, a program of the Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center in Morgantown.

Staton's principal role in the new collaborative program involves assembling teams of faculty with a variety of expertise in the redevelopment process to assist communities struggling with stalled redevelopment projects, a skill she honed at Bethany as SGA representative (she also served as parliamentarian of SGA) to the Student Programming Board.

“I have found that the process of designing my own major was quite similar to that of grant-writing,” she notes. “In both, one is essentially matching needs of the client with strengths of the grant writer.” In addition, her experience on the student committee provided her “a look at grant-writing from the other end.”

She credits Dr. Elizabeth M. Hull, Dr. Robert L. Martin chair in English literature, professor of English and director of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, with identifying a grant-writing workshop, and to Dr. Jeffrey Fisher '87, a former professor of philosophy and religion at Bethany, with steering her toward her first internship in the not-for-profit world with DemocracyInAction in Washington, D.C. In all, Staton completed four internships, two in D.C., as a Bethany undergraduate. After graduating from Bethany summa cum laude, with distinction, she went on to work for a year in Washington at Parks & People and then to complete a Master of Public Administration from West Virginia University before beginning her current post in August 2011.

Both Hull and Fisher were instrumental in supporting and encouraging her professional and personal goals. “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 emphasizes.

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

“I worked with Professor Shelek-Furbie 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 55 West Virginia communities.

The collaborative project has targeted eight communities statewide with stalled projects, working with community leaders to remove legal and other impediments 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. Staton is currently overseeing a grant competition in which four of the eight competitors will receive \$5,000 grants as the first pilot project.

“I enrolled thinking I'd major in English,” says the Mullens, W.Va., native. Instead, through her internships and interdisciplinary major, she garnered the experience in fundraising, parks revitalization, youth leadership development, affordable housing and community development that continue to provide the foundation for her present post.

“Bethany definitely changed the course of my life,” she concludes.



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- Carrie M. Staton '08

A Cut Above

The Bethany College Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed four new members as part of the College's Homecoming festivities.



The 2011 Hall of Fame Class features football player and track and field runner Brian Dickman (1994), baseball player Rudy Frank (1977), women's soccer player Amy (Harvilla) Rocini (2001) and Brian Taylor (1998), a member of the Bethany men's tennis and golf programs.

Brian Dickman was a four-year letterman on the football field and a Second Team All-PAC selection in 1992. He caught 68 career passes for 1,391 yards and owns the school record at 20.5 yards per catch. He also owned the school record for career touchdown receptions with 17 until 2006 and is still third on the list. On the track, Dickman earned PAC MVP honors at the conference championship meet in 1994 and 1995. He was the PAC champion in the 100 in 1993 and earned conference titles in the 100, 400 hurdles, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay at the 1995 championships. Dickman qualified for the 1994 NCAA Division III Championships in the 400 hurdles and still owns school records in the 400 (49.04), 400 hurdles (53.14), 4x100 relay (42.74) and 4x400 relay (3:20.64).

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 (15) 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 1998. 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 Kalon 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 earning 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 groups' Court of Honor in 2003 and served on the Bethany chapter's Housing Corporation from 1999-2011. 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.

Left: 2011 Hall of Fame Inductees, Brian Taylor '98, Brian Dickman '94, Rudy Frank '77, and Amy Harvilla Rocini '01 at the Hall of Fame Banquet in Commencement Hall on Friday, October 7, 2011.

SPORTS

BUMP, SET, SPIKE!

BISON WIN TITLES
AND SET RECORDS

Bethany's fall sports season was one of the best in recent memory. The volleyball team highlighted the slate by setting multiple school records and winning its second consecutive ECAC title. The women's tennis team posted its highest win total in 10 years, while the football and women's soccer program continued their string of non-losing seasons and the men's soccer team made its second straight PAC Tournament appearance. The cross country programs both posted full teams, as well as All-PAC runners, and the women had one take All-Region accolades to complete the highly successful season.

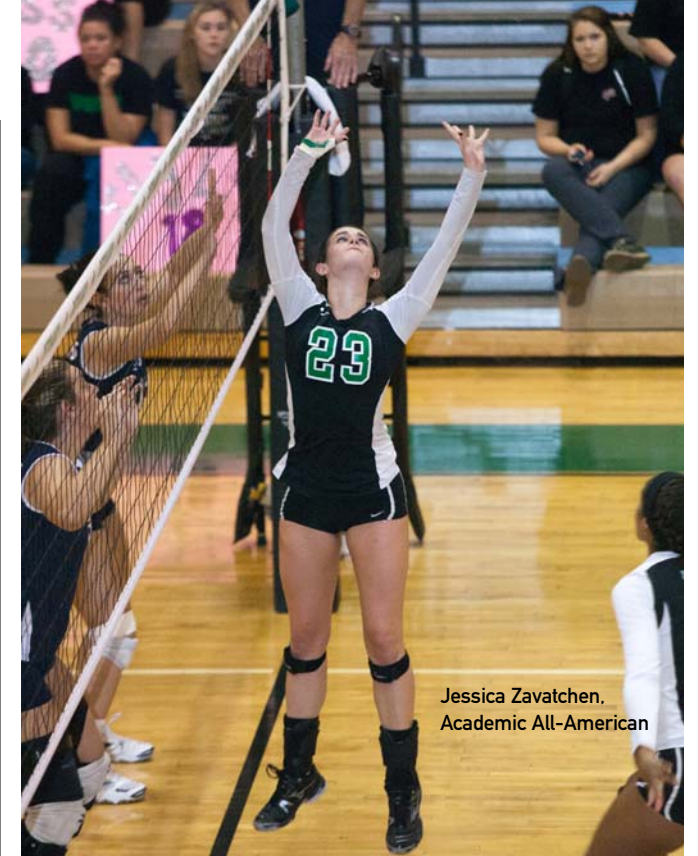
Volleyball

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 14-4 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



Jessica Zavatchen,
Academic All-American

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 initial 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.



Football

THE BISON WERE coming into the 2011 season trying to build off their first .500 season in nine years. Hopes were high with 19 starters and Bethany was predicted to finish fourth in the PAC Preseason Poll, their highest placement in head coach Tim Weaver's six-year tenure.

The season had a big start, as BC went on the road and dominated Allegheny for a 28-7 victory behind QB Matt Grimard, who threw for two scores and ran for two others, and CB Jeff Joyce, who picked off two passes. The Bison were given an unexpected bye week when heavy flooding in the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., area prevented King's College from making the trip to Bethany and the game was postponed. The extra week did make the Bison healthy, but they would still come up on the short end of a 31-14 decision under the Bison Stadium lights against Washington & Jefferson in the PAC opener.

Bethany went back out on the road to post another impressive win, as RB Eric Walker scored three TDs and WR Alex Evans caught one and returned a punt 65 yards for another in a 48-27 victory at Geneva. The Bison were not as fortunate in the next two games, as they dropped a 23-7 contest at Waynesburg and then suffered a 30-27 defeat at the hands of Westminster at Homecoming, as the Titans scored the winning TD with 5:24 to play in the fourth quarter.

Thiel came to Bison Stadium for the next game and BC made for rude hosts, blanking the Tomcats 20-0. The defense was stellar, allowing only 258 total yards, and RB Nico Irizarry ran for 117 yards and one TD in his first collegiate start. Bethany would outgain #6 Thomas More the next week by more than 30 yards and doubled the Saints'

first down output (22-11). But Thomas More big plays were the difference, as TMC scored six times on plays covering 38 yards or longer in a 41-21 win over Bethany.

Looking for a big finish to the season, the Bison pulled away from Grove City for a 33-14 victory at home on Senior Day, with Grimard again pacing the way with 209 passing yards and two touchdowns and another TD on the ground. The next week was a date at Saint Vincent and although BC's defense allowed just 222 yards of offense, the Bearcats did just enough to win a hard-fought 20-14 game. Bethany then closed the season by making up the game with King's. Walker led the way for a 48-0 win, as he rushed for two touchdowns and with 132 rushing yards, broke Will Anderson's all-time rushing record at the school.

Following the 5-5 season, which gave Bethany consecutive .500 seasons for the first time since 2000 and 2001, ten Bison were honored with All-PAC accolades. Earning Second Team distinction was Evans, Joyce and senior OL Cory Potter and seven BC players picked up Honorable Mention status, including: Walker; Irizarry; junior LB Kyle Arrington; junior WR Ed Holmes; junior OL Doug Murray; senior DE Kasib Taalib-Din; sophomore DB Jamaan Webb; and Evans again as a kick returner.

Men's Soccer

UNDER THIRD-YEAR head coach Sean Regan, the Bison were hoping to build off the previous year's success, 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 10 matches against a very competitive non-conference schedule. The two victories came at home against Wooster by a 4-2 score and a 2-0 shutout of Marietta. Two of the losses 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 once October arrived, taking three wins in four matches. Following an overtime win at Thiel off the strength of a goal by sophomore Arkangelo James, the Green and White dropped an OT decision at eventual PAC runner-up Geneva. Bethany then blanked Saint Vincent 3-0, as James scored twice and senior keeper Patrick Coleman stopped five shots. That was followed by another overtime victory, as senior Cameron Ward scored the winner in a 2-1 triumph at Westminster.

Losses to Thomas More and Waynesburg left the Bison in a win-and-in game with Washington & Jefferson in the regular season finale for the final spot in the PAC Tournament. The Presidents scored first but sophomore Lamine Balde had two goals and sophomores Tomas Gonzalez and Dustin Maiolo also scored to lead BC to a 4-1 win and another trip to the conference playoffs.

Unlike in 2010 when Bethany pulled a first round upset, the Bison hopes for a PAC title ended with a 3-1 loss at top-

seeded Thomas More. James scored the lone goal in the match for Bethany and finished the season with 12 goals and 28 points, which earned him First Team All-PAC. He was also recognized with Third Team All-Region laurels, making him the first Bison player since Lavel Williams in 2004 and 2005 to earn consecutive All-Region awards.

Women's Soccer

BETHANY ENTERED THE 2011 season with a new coach, but a familiar goal in reaching the PAC Tournament. Although the program fell just short of making the conference playoffs for the first time since 2004, the Bison did finish with an 8-8-1 record, giving the team three straight non-losing seasons for the first time in school history.

First-year head coach Peter Parikakis did not have to wait long for his initial victory, as the forward duo of senior Cassie Spalding and Julie Lindenfesler scored twice each in a 4-0 triumph over Pitt-Greensburg in the season opener. That win helped propel BC to a 4-2 start to the year. After a big comeback win over Marietta, Bethany blasted Mount Aloysius 6-2 and Franciscan 5-2 in their biggest wins of the season.

The Bison offense was slowed in shutout losses to Muskingum and Grove City, but it got back on track with wins in three of the next four matches. Sophomore Paige Prato scored once and Spalding struck for two in a 3-0 win over Chatham. Bethany then took two more conference wins by beating Thiel 4-1 behind a Spalding hat trick and a 1-0 victory over Geneva, as Lindenfesler tallied the match's only score.

The Green and White found itself in a tough spot after losses to Saint Vincent and Westminster, but a big highlight to the season with a 2-1 upset over Thomas More. The Bison trailed 1-0 early on, but Spalding scored right before the half and Lindenfesler notched the game-winner in the 64th minute to lead BC to the win over the eventual PAC champions.

Needing positive results in the final two matches, Bethany was denied a spot in the PAC Tournament following a tie at Waynesburg and a loss to W&J. The Bison scoring punch of Spalding and Lindenfesler picked up All-PAC honors after the season. Spalding was named First Team after leading the conference in goals (14) and tied for the top spot in points (33), which placed her second on the all-time scoring list at Bethany with 58 goals and 133 points. Lindenfesler 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 dozen matches in 2001, and also went 5-4 in the conference to place fourth. Head coach Jan Forsty's team also went on to finish fourth overall at the PAC Championships, their best showing there since 2005.

Starting the year with a bang, the Bison opened the campaign with two wins at the Thiel Tournament and then beat Franciscan for a 3-0 beginning. The end of the year had a fine finish, with the Green and White ripping off five consecutive wins, including conference triumphs over Waynesburg, Thiel and Geneva and a Homecoming win over LaRoche.

A solid 1-2 punch at the top of the Bethany line-up sparked the strong year. Junior Maria Vallone was 14-6 at the #1 spot in singles and reached the consolation finals at the top spot. Freshman Tinuke Adetunji made her first year at BC a memorable one, compiling a 15-4 record at #2 singles and also reaching the consolation final. Adetunji also teamed with senior Brittani Seeman at #2 doubles for an 11-4 mark and a first round win at the PAC Tournament.

Cross Country

THE BETHANY CROSS COUNTRY teams, under the tutelage of first-year head coach Michael Guinn continued to build on successes throughout the season. The year culminated in a strong showing at PAC Championships, including a pair of runners taking all-conference honors, and then senior Joanna Mongelluzzo running to All-Region distinction at the NCAA Regional meet.

Mongelluzzo had a phenomenal season from start to finish, as she placed in the top 15 in all but one meet during the regular season. She took first place at the Bethany 5K and in the next meet, led the Bison to a third place showing as a team at the Pitt-Greensburg Invitational by taking second out of 112 runners. Also taking top 20 placements at Pitt-Greensburg were freshmen Rhianna Petrone in 11th place and Jessica Olson in 17th.

The men's team was short on numbers to qualify as a team until PAC Championships, but the regular season schedule also saw constant improvement from the runners. Sophomore Cory Yarrington placed 19th at the opening Westminster Invitational and continued to slide up towards the front as the season progressed. He made it a Bison sweep at the Bethany 5K by taking first place and was followed in second place by senior Joe Douglas and in third by freshman Bobby Striker.

At PAC Championships, Mongelluzzo and Yarrington were the highlights for the Bison. Yarrington earned Second Team All-PAC for the second consecutive season by placing 14th overall. Mongelluzzo, who also took Second Team last fall, became the first BC runner since 2003 to earn First Team All-PAC after she used a strong finishing kick to place third overall. Their efforts helped the Bison women finish sixth as a team, while the Bethany men fielded a full squad for the second straight year and took eighth out of nine programs.

There was one more honor for Mongelluzzo, who completed her stellar senior year at the NCAA MidEast Region Meet at DeSales (Pa.) University. Once again a strong push towards the finish line allowed the Bison senior to finish with a time of 23:58 and place 30th overall out of 335 runners to earn All-Region honors.

BETHANY ATHLETES SCORE HIGH MARKS

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 Academic 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 the change of the program 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 13 Academic All-Americans in its history. The trio is the first BC student-athletes to earn Academic All-American distinction in any sport since men’s tennis player Greg Mowrer was a Second Team Men’s At-Large selection in 2007. They are also the first volleyball players at Bethany to be recognized for academic and athletic success since Lorraine Ramhoff earned Academic All-American laurels in 1991 and 1992.

A First Team All-PAC selection, Zavatchen set the Bethany single-season (1,468) and career assists (3,849) records this season, as she led the Bison to a school-record 31 wins and their second consecutive ECAC South Region Tournament championship. She was the leader in the PAC and ranked eighth in the nation in assists per set (10.96), while also placing third on the team in digs with 305 and fifth with 54 blocks.

When Bethany went into the postseason, Zavatchen’s play went up another level. In a five-set win over Thomas More in the PAC Tournament semifinals, she amassed 54 assists and 14 digs. After Zavatchen totaled 33 assists and 16 digs in the ECAC semifinal win Swarthmore, she sparked BC to a 3-1 win over Saint Vincent in the champi-

onship match with 48 assists, 17 digs and five blocks.

Zavatchen is just as accomplished in the classroom as she is on the court. She has a 4.0 GPA as a pre-physical therapy major and has been on the PAC Academic Honor Roll twice. She is a member of the Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society, secretary of the Psychology Club and treasurer of the Pre-Health Professionals Club. In the community, Zavatchen has volunteered as an elementary league volleyball coach.

Tiffany Hoffman was also a First Team All-PAC choice after she led the PAC with 56 aces and ranked second in the conference with 695 digs. She turned in her first career double-double in an Oct. 11 win over Pitt-Greensburg with 10 digs and 11 aces and had 20+ digs in 16 matches, highlighted by 30 in the PAC semifinal 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 2,313. In addition, she finished sixth in Bison history 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 All-Tournament Team honors after helping the Green and White take first place at the season-opening Haverford Tournament. She ranked second on the team with 369 digs and tied for second with 34 aces. Megan had 20 digs in the ECAC title match win over Saint Vincent, which also pushed her over the 1,000 career dig plateau.

In addition to ranking 12th in Bethany history with 1,002 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-

teen matches, starting in ten. He posted two assists this season, one in the 4-1 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.

Off the field, Stubbs has a 3.9 GPA as a Business Administration major with a minor in both Communications and Spanish. He is a member of the Kappa Mu Epsilon 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 Regan.



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:

Bethany's PAC Academic Honor Roll Honorees				
NAME	YEAR	MAJOR	SPORT	HOMETOWN/H.S.
Missy Baldwin	SR	Psychology	W. Soccer	Belle Vernon, PA/Belle Vernon
Will Bambury	FR	Undeclared	Football	New York, NY/Stuyvesant
Megan Beebe	FR	Pre-Phys. Therapy	Volleyball	Irondale, OH/Indian Creek
Meike Buhler	JR	Phys. Education	W. Tennis	Moegglingen, Germany/Theodor-Heuss-Gymnasium
Kelsey Burnsworth	SO	Psychology	W. Soccer	McKeesport, PA/Elizabeth Forward
Seth Cawoski	SO	Pre-Engineering	Football	Greensburg, PA/Greensburg Salem
Madelyn Coffey	FR	Undeclared	W. Tennis	Green Lane, PA/Upper Merion
Cam Cooper	SO	Economics	Football	Hurricane, WV/Hurricane
Melissa Davis	JR	Social Work	Cross Country	Lancaster, OH/Lancaster
Johnathan Foster	JR	Psychology	Football	Cumberland, MD/Fort Hill
Heather Hamm	SO	Communications	Cross Country	Fairfax, VT/BFA Fairfax
Megan Hoffman	SR	Biology	Volleyball	Cambridge, OH/John Glenn
Tiffany Hoffman	SR	Biology	Volleyball	Cambridge, OH/John Glenn
Gena Keebler	FR	Communications	Volleyball	Perryopolis, PA/Frazier
Charlotte King	SO	Communications	Cross Country	Harpers Ferry, WV/Washington
Mari Kolanko	JR	Psychology	W. Soccer	Weirton, WV/Weirton Madonna
Brooks Kursey	FR	Secondary Educ.	Football	Martinsburg, WV/Hedgesville
Justin Lipps	SR	Pre-Phys. Therapy	Football	New Manchester, WV/Oak Glen
Lynsie Mandt	FR	Education	Volleyball	Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne
Joe McCallister	FR	Business	Football	Finleyville, PA/Ringgold
Tyler Pannebaker	FR	Math Education	M. Soccer	Pittsburgh, PA/Moon
Paige Prato	SO	Psychology	W. Soccer	Gibsonia, PA/Deer Lakes
Rachel Samlall	JR	Communications	W. Tennis	Warrenton, VA/Fauquier
Allison Snyder	FR	Sports Mgmt.	Volleyball	Newcomerstown, OH/Newcomerstown
Lindsey Sparr	SO	Psychology	W. Soccer	Shreve, OH/Triway
Chelsea Sroka	SO	Chemistry	Volleyball	Elizabeth, PA/Elizabeth Forward
Kristen Sroka	FR	Chemistry	Volleyball	Elizabeth, PA/Elizabeth Forward
Alex Stubbs	SR	Business	M. Soccer	Follansbee, WV/Brooke
Maria Vallone	JR	Physical Educ.	W. Tennis	Rochester, NY/Webster Schroeder
Jessica Zavatchen	JR	Psychology	Volleyball	Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands



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 31 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 \$2,500 for Special Olympics PA, followed the announcement at the 2011 NCAA Convention of a new national partnership between the NCAA Division III national SAAC and the 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 students, 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, formerly 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 and ago and posted another \$700 in donations last year for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

The Bethany women's volleyball team has also joined the battle to raise awareness against breast cancer. Working with the Side-Out Foundation's "DigPink" program, head coach Courtney Kline's team sport pink uniforms for the match and also sponsors raffles and prizes through the day. The "DigPink" initiative has been successful on two fronts for the Bison, as they are 3-0 when they don the pink uniforms and more importantly, the program has raised more than \$1,500 for cancer research in two years.

New head coach David Dow and his Bison swimming and diving teams are also getting involved in raising awareness for causes. On Nov. 8, 2011, Bethany joined thousands of athletes from collegiate, high

school, and club teams across the nation to participate in the 2011 "Hour of Power" event. It's an event honoring those who are fighting or have succumbed to cancer that passed away from synovial sarcoma, a rare soft-tissue cancer. The event—held in each team's home pool—is a one-hour, all-out, leave-it-in-the-pool practice consisting of continuous relays, using any stroke. A primary goal of the event is to raise awareness and generate funds for research conducted at the University of Chicago (U of C) into finding treatments and cures for sarcoma, the type of soft-tissue cancer that took the life of Ted Mullin and afflicts the lives of many young people.

So while the news today is filled with stories of athletes and programs going through scandals and putting themselves and everyone around them in a bad light, the Bethany College athletic programs are showing they are a model to be followed. The Bison are proving that it is possible to excel in their sports, in the classroom and also make a difference in the community that supports them.

BETHANY TODAY CLASS NOTES

We'd love to hear from you!
We're interested in hearing how you are doing. Send or email your engagements, marriages, births, promotions or other news to be published in Bethany Today.



Homecoming 2011

Celebrating their 25th Reunion during Homecoming 2011, members of the class of 1986, Ed O'Dea, Chris Berry, Dave Bauer and Jeff Stoner gather outside of Hummel Field House.

ACHIEVEMENTS

JOSEPH H. NEWMAN '49 was recently featured in a spotlight article published by the Euclid 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 '60 and BARBARA (QUEERN) JONSSON '60, and MR. CHARLES "PETE" PERRY '59 and SALLY JEAN (HAGEMeyer) PERRY '59, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries at the Jonsson's lakeside summer home in Ellsworth, Maine, in 2011. Pete had served as best man at the Jonsson wedding. Also, Pete and Jean stayed at a Maine inn owned by MR. MICHAEL LISTON '66, and his wife Brenda.

St. Dominic Academy in New Jersey recently honored VALERIE VLAHAKIS '68, owner and operator of Lee Sims Chocolates in Jersey City. In addition to earning her undergraduate degree from Bethany College, Vlahakis has taught junior high school and has earned a master's degree in special education from the College of Staten Island.

REV. JENNIFER RIGGS '68, recipient of the Bethany College Alumni Achievement Award in Religion in 2002, was featured in Disciples Home Missions for her 31 years of work with the Disciples of Christ. Her ministry has focused largely on refugee and immigration treatment in the United States. For 12 years, she has worked as an officer of the Church World Service Board of Directors and has served the National Council of Churches in the USA. As she enters her retire-

ments, she says, "Thank you, Disciples, for giving me all these experiences. Thank you, Disciples, for giving the opportunity for new life for all these refugees and immigrants. May this ministry continue to flourish in the midst of our denomination, not only for the sake of refugees and immigrants, but also for the sake of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)."

On September 2, 2011, BILL SOMPLATSKY-JARMAN '69 was awarded the William Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Environmental Justice by Presbyterians for Earth Care. He currently serves as a coordinator for Social Witness Ministries in the Compassion Peace and Justice Ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). He has been with the church since 1984.



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 superintendent position in Los Gatos Union School District and chose to delay retirement. Simms' district has 20 schools and educates more than 11,000 children from preschool through the eighth grade.

SARA (WILKINSON) 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 '73, 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. Harshman's 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 with 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 2008 Outstanding Alumnus Award by Virginia Commonwealth University's Department of Health Administration, as well as the 2008 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) BADO '77, who founded and owns TownSquareBuzz.com, to the list of "Top 25 Women in Business." TownSquareBuzz.com provides a forum for McKinney residents and leaders, along with a staff of journalists and photographers, to submit and share stories with the greater community or niche groups within the community.

BILL DOUGHTY, '80 is communications director at CH2M Hill and has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Public Relations Society of America-Colorado Chapter. He will serve a three-year term as a PRSA Leadership Assembly delegate on the board. Doughty and his wife Candace live in Denver, Colo. The couple celebrated their 25th 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 his recently opened restaurant in Glenwood Springs, Colo., The Pullman, one of the best new restaurants in the U.S.



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GREG WARREN '80 of Apex, N.C., discovered a chemical in 1993 that recently went on the market. The substance acts as an insecticide in corn, killing harmful caterpillars while leaving alone species such as Monarch butterflies and moths. Thanks to his discovery, his employer Syngenta Biotechnology received the 2010 Agrow Award for best biotechnology innovation. Warren majored in biology at Bethany and earned a master's degree in entomology at the University of Kentucky.

BD&E, one of the region's most nationally recognized branding and marketing communications firms (guided by principal owner JEFF FLICK '82), is again being recognized for its branding and design capabilities. Thanks to BD&E's design

work and branding guidance, the Gustavus Adolphus College website has earned a spot among the top 100 college websites evaluated by the National Research Center for College & University Admissions.

ELLIS STOKES '94 was recently promoted to the rank of Major in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and is currently serving as the Fire Support Officer for 2nd Brigade Infantry Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division. Maj. Stokes recently returned from a mission to Kunar, Afghanistan serving as the Provincial Reconstruction Team Security Manager. He currently resides in Baldwin Boro, Pa., with his wife AMY (CHISHOLM) '92 and his two children, Ellis and Arden.

William J. Ihlenfeld II, United States attorney for the northern district of West Virginia, announced the appointment of JOSEPH E. BARKI III '96 to the position of special assistant United States attorney with his office. Barki is an assistant prosecuting attorney in Ohio County, where he has been working since 2001; as well as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Brooke County, where he has worked since 2003. He also serves as prosecutor for the town of Bethany. He served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Hancock County for four years. Barki handles drug and violent crime prosecutions and has also worked as a domestic violence prosecutor.

DR. JASON CASSIDY '97 was featured in a profile in *Inside Furman*, a publication put out by Furman University. The article covers his rise in student life and his contributions to the University. Cassidy began his work there as area coordinator in housing. He now serves as the University's assistant vice president for Student Life and dean of students. After graduating from Bethany College in 1997, he attended Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., where he earned a master's degree in college student personnel administration in 1999. He received a Ph.D. from Clemson in educational leadership in 2005.

Pikewood Creative's Executive Producer DAN LOHMANN '98 has been awarded an Emmy® for his work on the 2010 United Bank "Anticipation" commercial. "It is exciting to be recognized at this level for the work we get to do every day," said Lohmann. "Our whole team was involved in this commercial, and we are very happy to have won." The awards ceremony for The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Ohio Valley Chapter was held in Louisville, Ky., on July 30, 2011. Pikewood Creative is a digital production company located in Morgantown, W.Va., specializing in commercials, corporate videos, motion graphics and animation, website development and graphic design.

DR. COURTNEY (WILLARD) DAWLEY '01 completed a Sports Medicine Fellowship on June 30, 2011, at VCU-Fairfax Family Practice. She was also pinned on Major in the United States Air Force on June 4, 2011. She is currently staffed as a Family

and Sports Medicine physician at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., in the Family Medicine Residency.

DR. CASSANDRA (HORES) REID '02 successfully completed her Ph.D. in Family and Marriage Therapy at Texas Woman's University in May 2011. Reid also holds a M.Ed. in Counseling from Texas Christian University. While completing her Ph.D., Reid completed an internship with the Family Studies Center at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, co-managed the Texas Woman's University Counseling and Family Therapy Clinic and worked as a member of a National Institute of Health research grant in pain management. Reid founded a thriving private counseling practice, Cass Reid Counseling LLC, in August 2010 in Southlake, Texas, with the goal of providing clients with counseling and therapy best suited to their needs.

Presbyterian College and the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy introduced DR. JUSTIN LANCE '02 as a new, full-time member of their faculty during Opening Convocation ceremonies on Sept. 6. Lance will work in the School of Arts and Sciences as an assistant professor of political science. A summa cum laude graduate of Bethany College, he earned both his master's degree and doctorate in political science from Ohio State University. He is a former visiting assistant professor at the College of Charleston.

Keystone College has announced that Bethany graduate NEVADA SMITH '02 will serve as the institution's new head men's basketball coach. Smith previously served as an assistant coach at Ithaca College, as a head coach at Canton, and as an assistant at St. Lawrence University and Allegheny College.

STEFANIE (HILL) ELLIOTT '05 received her master's degree from Edinboro University. Her M.Ed. is in Reading. Elliott works as an emotional support teacher at Proper Charter Schools-Braddock Hills.

AMANDA DANKS '05 participated in a roundtable discussion that aired on CSPAN with the U.S. Senate Committee on Health Education Labor & Pensions titled "Beyond NCLB: Views on the

Vote Yes for the Campaign for Bethany College



Campaigns 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 \$40 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.

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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 Bethany, safely and conveniently, by clicking on www.bethanywv.edu/give, or mailing your check, payable to Bethany College, to Office of Institutional Advancement, Erickson Alumni Center, Bethany College, Bethany, WV 26032.

Thank you for your vote of confidence in Bethany College!

Bethany has identified \$25 million for endowment, \$20 million for facilities, and \$7 million for current operations as campaign goals. Naming opportunities are available. For more information on "Transformation Now! The Campaign for Bethany College" and these funding priorities, please go to our website: www.bethanywv.edu/TransformationNow.pdf.

To view the 2010-11 Honor Roll of Donors visit: www.bethanywv.edu/alumni/give-to-bethany/thanks-and-recognition. This report includes the names of those who gave to Bethany between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.



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. Danks represented Bethany and Baltimore City teachers while engaging Senators Harkin, Franken, Enzi, and (Rand) Paul in crucial focus points such as autonomy of schools and the importance of life skills standards for students with special needs.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS '06 was elected to serve a two-year term on the Young Lawyers Division Council of the Allegheny County Bar Association. For 2011-12, Williams

will also serve as the liaison between Duquesne University School of Law and the ACBA Young Lawyers Division. Williams is an associate attorney with Pollock Begg Komar Glasser LLC, located in downtown Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wheeling Jesuit University has appointed Bethany graduate MARY LU ADAMS '09 to a new position created at the institution — coordinator for student programming. Adams is a native of Valley Grove, WV., and earned her bachelor of science in psychology from Bethany. In May, she graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a master's degree in Higher Education Management. Her duties

include advising the campus activities board and organizing student events.

CASEY GRAY '09 was awarded the Master of Music in Voice Performance from the State University of New York College at Fredonia in May 2011. He was a student of Laurie Tramuta, who was the Mezzo Soprano Soloist for Bethany's performances of Messiah in 2006 and 2007. Gray serves as organist for the First United Methodist Church of Fredonia and as a studio accompanist within the School of Music. He maintains a small vocal studio and is active as an accompanist and coach in a number of Chautauqua County Schools. Gray was named

Chorus master for the Hillman Memorial Opera production of Nicolai's "The Merry Wives of Windsor," which opens in November. He recently sang the role of "The Evangelist/Victim" in the world premiere of Dr. Sean Doyle's oratorio, "Samaritan," that was commissioned by First United Methodist Church in honor of their 200th anniversary celebration.

United Bank recently announced the promotion of TYLER MORANDO '10 to commercial lender in the Wheeling market. Morando joined United in 2010 as a credit analyst. He will be responsible for maintaining existing commercial loan accounts as well as for generating new business.

Alumni Office Launches New Alumni Directory

The Alumni Office is happy to announce the launching of the campaign for a new Alumni Directory. Alumni should be on the lookout for postcards in the mail and e-mails asking to update and verify your contact information. We are working with PCI (Publishing Concepts) based out of Dallas, TX. They have designated a number specifically for Bethany College for updating/verifying your contact information. Please call: 1-877-583-0175 to participate in this project. We are slating for the project to be done by this fall and have directories available to our alumni.

Please call 304-829-7299 or e-mail alumni@bethanywv.edu the Alumni Office with any questions or concerns.

MARRIAGES

CHERYL MADDEN BROWN '83 and JEFFREY MORAN '82 were married on April 2, 2011, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Bethanians in the wedding were VANESSA (SHRINER) PETERSON '83, CARLA (BRUNALLI) DAVIDSON '83, LORETTA (MULLIN) CICIO '83, and RON TOSTEVIN '83.

KATHRYN MARIA DUDA '83 and Michael Edward Kelly were married on October 15, 2011, at St. John's Catholic Church in Bellaire, Ohio.

JULIE KIRBY '00 and John Rodgers were married on May 15, 2010, at Oglebay. Bethanian GINA DEBLASIS '00 was in the wedding.

Amanda Marie Timko and DONALD JOSEPH MURRAY '03 were married on July 9, 2011, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Kaitlin Mathers and ERIC DAY '05 were married on October 22, 2010, at Riu Ocho Rios resort in Jamaica. Bethanians JOSH BECK '02, NATE SMITH '04, and MIKE HEALY '04 were ushers. Bethanian JUSTIN MCCREA '05 did a reading.

WHITNEY GARRETT '05 and Thomas Bowman Jr. were married April 29, 2011, at Stone Chapel Church in Wellsburg, WV.

ANGELA RENEE LOLLINI '05 and CHRISTIAN ARTHUR CALDWELL '02 were married on October 22, 2011, at West Overton Museum in West Overton, Pa. Bethanians in the wedding were AMANDA (BEEKMANN) HURLEY '05, MATTHEW PERRY '02, JAMES LIOI '02, and JUSTIN HALL '01.

MEGAN KATHLEEN PISTORIUS '07 and DANIEL WALTER BERTY '06 were married on June 19, 2010, at Bethany College at the Gresham Gardens. Bethanians in the wedding were JACKIE (TRAPP) MOINET '07, JENNIFER (CHALMERS) ANDERSON '07, and ADAM MARTIN '06.

LISA MOURY '07 and Nate William Lewis were married on September 10, 2011, at Ruskin United Methodist Church in Ruskin, FL. Bethanian KRISTY GRAY '07 was in the wedding party.

RACHEL LYNN MAGERKO '07 and David Michael Turner were married on May 21, 2011, at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort and Spa in the Lafayette Gardens in Uniontown, Pa. Bethanian JENNIFER (CHALMERS) ANDERSON '07 served as Matron of Honor.

CARISSA CULLUMBER '07 and Jeff Manning were married on May 14, 2011, at Trinity Park United Methodist Church in Greenfield, Ind. Bethanian KELLY CARLILE '07 was in the wedding party.

TASHA NICOLE SAUVAGEOT '08 and Curtis Allen Henline were married on July 30, 2011, at Open Door Baptist Church in Colliers, WV.

CARRIE MICHELLE STATON '08 and John Fulton Hale, III were married on October 15, 2011, at Bethany College. Bethanians JESSICA (BENEDICT) SPENCER '07 served as a bridesmaid and REV. MELISSA SNYDER '07 was the officiant.

RIKKI JAVARONE '08 and Sean Regan were married on June 18, 2011, at Bethany College. Bethanians in the wedding were VICTORIA SALVATORIELLO '08, MEGAN (POLAND) FLEEGLER '07, and JENNA PROVENZANO '08. The groom's father is JAMES REGAN '81.

ASHLEY SHUTTLEWORTH '09 and BRETT BARTHOLOMEW '07 were married on July 2, 2011, at St. Michael Church in Canfield, Ohio. Bethanians in the wedding were CLAYTON WILLIAMS '07, SHEILA SCHRADER '09, and ALLISON WEST '09.

AMANDA BERNACKI '09 and Matt Wydra were married on November 5, 2011, at Baldwin Community United Methodist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. Bethanians in the wedding were EILEEN CAMPBELL '11, and KRISTEN ZUKOFF '11. KRISTEN NICOLE IRWIN '09 and RYAN MICHAEL HOTZ '09 were married on September 24, 2011, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in McDonald, Pa. Bethanians in the wedding were COURTNEY (IRWIN) DRAHOS '07, BRITTANY ALLISON '09, SARA BROWN '09, LENA CELANI '09, DOM DECARLO '08, CHRIS HOREY '09, and MATT NEMEC '11.

LAUREN TESTA '10 and BRIAN MASUCCI '07 were married on October 15, 2011, at St. Mary of the Mount in Pittsburgh, Pa. Bethanians in the wedding were SHANNON CERONE '09, LENA CELANI '09, EILEEN CAMPBELL '11, ASHLEY MERELLA, CHRISTOPHER BRADY '08, MATTHEW BRADY '08, JOSH LONG '07, and JOE ALLEN '06.

BIRTHS

HOLLY (BENTZ) COX '91 and Jim Cox welcomed daughter Eleanor Ann on February 2, 2011. She joins her big brother, James.

JENNIFER (NEWCASTER) WIERL'94 and Paul Wierl welcomed son Noah Nikolaus on December 17, 2009.

JULIE (HAAS) WILLIAMS '00 and CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS '98 welcomed daughter Rachel Elizabeth on September 13, 2009.

JULIE (KIRBY) RODGERS '00 and John Rodgers welcomed son AJ on July 24, 2011.

MEGHAN (MEHALIK) CUNNINGHAM '03 and SCOTT CUNNINGHAM '02 welcomed son Michael on January 19, 2011.

ALECIA (TOMLAN) MAMIE '04 and Tom Mamie welcomed daughter Mia Marie on July 16, 2011.

STEFANIE (PANAS) TROUTEN '05 and Philip Trouten welcomed daughter Claire Elizabeth on October 1, 2011.

AMANDA (FOOSE) FINLEY '06 and Ryan Finley welcomed son Derek on July 28, 2011. LISA (STORY) HOPPER '06 and KENNETH HOPPER '06 welcomed son Michael Louis on October 29, 2011.

MEGAN (POLAND) FLEEGLER '07 and RODNEY FLEEGLER JR. '08 welcomed son Rodney Guy III on November 16, 2011.

JENNIFER (CHALMERS) ANDERSON '07 and CLIFF ANDERSON welcomed son Nolan on November 7, 2010.

IN MEMORIAM

MARYE ANN ROMANELLI '36 passed away on November 12, 2011

P. ARTHUR RUGGIERI '37 passed away on November 29, 2011

MILDRED DAWSON BOOTH '38 passed away on August 6, 2011

ROBERT T. WOLFF '38 passed away on October 11, 2011

MARTHA SHAFFER CUNNINGHAM '40 passed away on December 16, 2011

JAMES W. RYAN '41 passed away on September 12, 2011

JOHN E. SIMERAL '42 passed away on October 15, 2011

JEAN LUCILLE BERGGREN BLANTON '43 passed away on December 9, 2011

C F PLAZAK '43 passed away on December 20, 2011

THEODORE M. SLABEY '44 passed away on September 22, 2011

CHARLES MONROE STEWART '48 passed away on December 20, 2011

RICHARD BRIGGS GREKILA '49 passed away on September 11, 2011

ROBERT CONWAY LOHMAN '50 passed away on November 6, 2011

SHIRLEY LEE HANSROTH '51 passed away on November 23, 2011

PHYLLIS JEAN BAYLOR MCBRIDE '51 passed away on July 13, 2011

ETHEL C. MONTIEGEL '51 passed away on October 16, 2011

WILLIAM S. ROTH '51 passed away on November 18, 2011

BETTY JANE CATLETT SMITH '51 passed away on August 19, 2011

IRENE NICHOLAS GAICH '52 passed away on December 25, 2011

SARAH JANE ROOKE BREIDENTHAL '53 passed away on November 13, 2011

MERLIN H. VALOT '53 passed away on November 10, 2011

JOHN N. MCLAUGHLIN '53 passed away on December 12, 2011

DIANE K. MCGREGOR SELBY '54 passed away on July 27, 2011

ZACHARY J. VLAHOS '54 passed away on August 10, 2011

ROBERT LEVINE '55 passed away on December 23, 2011

EDWARD WILLIAM COX '64 passed away on December 29, 2011

EDWIN ROBERT JOLLEY '67 passed away on September 5, 2011

PATRICIA ANN SHARP JONES '67 passed away on September 24, 2011

BEN EARL LUSK '67 passed away on July 17, 2011

MARCIA BERKEY DAVIS '71 passed away on August 10, 2011

JOANNE LESLIE JAFFREY SHEIMAN '79 passed away on September 20, 2011

THOMAS ROBERT BURNS 2001 passed away on December 7, 2011

HEATHER MARIE BAINEY 2005 passed away on July 21, 2011

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