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MEET SOME BETHANY SUPER HEROES

Small colleges are legendary for producing big results with relatively few resources. Those include some of the most valued resources of all: faculty and staff.

In this issue of *Bethany Today*, Features Editor Dr. Mort Gamble profiles a few of the special people who help our College to flourish. Although it's tempting to call them "unsung heroes," I prefer to say that we, the campus community, sing their praises often—because we do.

In the McCann Learning Center, for example, Dr. Chris Sampson and Heather Ann Taylor have earned the respect and trust of students who seek their guidance in strengthening study skills, preparing for assignments, and often just coping with the pressures of adjusting to campus life. Chris has achieved national recognition for her work in the field of learning strategies; Heather received the 2014 President's Award for Excellence in Staff Performance. Both are admired not only by students but also by faculty and staff who see the good results of their investment in student success at Bethany.

Dr. John Burns, Professor of Biology, discusses our affiliation with the West Virginia Space Grant Consortium, a NASA-sponsored program designed to foster students' interest in science, technology, engineering, and math fields. Along with other faculty members, John has opened the laboratory door to the world of scientific research. He is also well known for leading field trips to exotic locations like the Amazon. A finalist a few years ago for the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia "Professor of the Year" award,

John is the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Representative at Bethany and a contributor to a number of grant initiatives on behalf of the College.

The ever-changing world of teacher education prompted a visit to the Judith R. Hurl Education Center and the office of Chair of the Department of Education Dr. Sherri Theaker. One of our most prominent academic programs, education requires precise and thorough leadership, which Sherri and



her fellow faculty members provide. As she notes in her profile, increasing regulatory requirements, concerns about school security, and numerous societal factors are among the factors impacting how teachers teach, and how future teachers themselves are taught. You will find this article enlightening for how it addresses the complex world of teacher preparation today.

A special shout-out goes to our Bethany Alumni Council whose members contribute ideas and perspective, funds, program leadership, and much more to the life of the College. Council President Bruce Fahey, Jessica Swann Skywatcher, and Larry Meltzer share their personal Bethany stories, as well as their insights about the future of the College and the role they see the Alumni Council playing in the years to come. To all of the Alumni Council members, who are noted in this section of the magazine, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for their commitment to their alma mater.

Commitment of another kind comes through our historic partnership with our founding denomination, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Several Bethany programs, including Buffalo Seminary and the Oreon E. Scott Lectures, as well as scholarships

for pre-divinity students, benefit from our active affiliation and engagement with the Church and the Oreon E. Scott Foundation. Dr. Larry Grimes, Director of Church Relations, and the Rev. Thaddaeus Allen, Regional Minister for The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in West Virginia and a member of the College's Board of Trustees, comment on the valued contributions made by Church-related philanthropy to Bethany's mission.

The history of Bethany is marked by these kinds of contributions, commitments, even sacrifices across the decades. As we look ahead to our 175th anniversary in 2015, we hope you will join the dialogue about what makes us a College of greatness, and great people. We ask for you to share your memories as we prepare to celebrate a very special year in the life of our institution. "Where Were You During the Last 175 Years?" is a kind of early invitation to the birthday party, and we hope you will reply.

Thank you for your own commitment to Bethany. By giving financially, referring prospective students, attending our events, or simply keeping in touch, you offer inspiration to the campus community. We look forward to another outstanding year, an exciting celebration of our heritage and our future, and new opportunities to expand and excel as only Bethany can—truly *A Small College of National Distinction*.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Scott D. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Scott D. Miller
President of the College



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ON THE COVER

Junior Alexi Pyles of North Hollywood, California, is majoring in Psychology in the Pre-Physical Therapy track with a minor in Visual Arts. Alexi is a member of the Bison Cross Country and Swimming & Diving teams and was named a HELM Leadership Fellow after her freshman year by Higher Education and Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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COMMUNITY is defined as a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. That's certainly been true of the Bethany campus and continues today as students thrive and flourish. In this issue of *Bethany Today*, we celebrate the commitment and contributions of many from our growing community.

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“ I’ve found that faculty and staff are easily accessible in person and online. It’s another way Bethany has developed a strong sense of community. ”

— Jesse Penatzer



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

FOR 175 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, W.Va.; 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.

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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Professor Adam Fletcher Named Mathematics Teacher of the Year

Adam Fletcher, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, has been named the 2014 College/University Mathematics Teacher of the Year by the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Fletcher was recognized by his peers at the annual meeting of the WVCTM on March 14. His colleagues at the meeting discussed his achievements, including his work preparing four-year plans for students. His guidance and patient manner have allowed many students to complete their programs with little complication, they said.

Bethany's Pacheco Earns Esposito Award from ECAC-SIDA

Candace Pacheco, who graduated in May 2014, was selected as the 2014 winner of the Bill Esposito Award, which is presented yearly by the Eastern College Athletic Conference Sports Information Directors Association (ECAC-SIDA) to a graduating college senior who wishes to pursue a career in athletic communications.

Pacheco, who is from Fall River, Massachusetts, and went to B.M.C. Durfee High School, began working in sports

information less than one month into her freshman year at Bethany College in the fall of 2010 and immediately became a critical part of the office's operations.

Pacheco was honored along with the organization's other award winners during the ECAC-SIDA Annual Workshop on June 24-27 in Troy, New York.

Bethany Students Travel the World During Spring Break

From London to Jamaica, student groups from Bethany College visited various parts of the globe during their Spring Break, March 17 to 21.

Five members of the Bethany College History Club, along with advisor and Professor of History Dr. Gary Kappel, traveled to the United Kingdom, where they visited a number of museums and parks.

The Tri-Beta National Biology Honorary Society combined work and play during their trip to Puerto Rico. The five members of the Alpha-Phi chapter and Dr. Jennifer Franko, advisor and Assistant Professor of Biology, performed volunteer work with Para la Naturaleza, an environmental conservation group.

Nine students from Bethany's Spanish Club took a trip to Mexico City, Mexico. The trip showcased a wide range of the country's historical and cultural treasures.

A group of nine students traveled to Petersfield, Jamaica, as part of a service project through Amizade. Ashley Kanotz, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, and Sam Goodge, the Director of Student Activities, served as advisors. The group worked in after-school programs as well as on architectural projects.

Eight members of the German Club and Dr. Harald Menz, advisor and Professor of World Languages and Cultures, traveled to Austria and Switzerland. The group had the opportunity to sightsee and also learn about the history of the areas.

Dr. David Ewing Named Vice President for Academic Affairs at Bethany

Dr. David W. Ewing began as the new Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Bethany College on July 1.

For the past four years, Dr. Ewing has served at Canisius College in New York as the dean of College of Arts & Sciences. He is also a former dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences at State University of New York, Fredonia. He has held additional academic appointments in chemistry at John Carroll University and Ohio State University. He holds a Bachelor



THE COLLEGE ENROLLED
325
NEW STUDENTS

BETHANY HAS AN ANNUAL HEADCOUNT OF **1,100** AND A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY OF JUST OVER **800** THIS FALL

ARE REPRESENTED IN THE CLASS OF 2018

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AND **15** GRADUATE STUDENTS

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WEST VIRGINIA
MARYLAND
FLORIDA
& VIRGINIA
RESPECTIVELY

Atthol holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Bethany College and a Juris Doctor degree from Duquesne University. She currently practices law at the firm Lovett Bookman Harmon Marks LLP, where she specializes in estate and transfer tax planning. Previously, Atthol was employed by Reed Smith LLP as a member of the Trusts and Estates Group in its Pittsburgh office. She was also vice president of the Trust Legal Department at PNC Bank.

Athol serves on the College's Board of Trustees and is a member of the Executive Committee. She chairs the Advancement Committee and the \$52 million "Transformation Now!" capital campaign. She is also a former member of the Alumni Council.



Janeen Driscoll Speaks at Bethany College's 67th Annual Darline Nicholson May Morning Breakfast

Janeen Driscoll, a 1992 Bethany College graduate and public relations director for the United States Golf Association, addressed the women of Bethany College's graduating class at the 67th Darline Nicholson May Morning Breakfast. The annual event took place Saturday, May 3, in the Ogden Dining Hall.

Dr. Ewing is the College's chief academic officer and is responsible for establishing academic priorities and overseeing the eleven academic departments, libraries, the McCann Learning Center, Office of International Studies and the Registrar's Office.

Elizabeth Athol Selected as 2014 Bethany College Alumna of the Year

Elizabeth (Beth) Sweeney Athol, a 1982 Bethany College graduate and Pittsburgh attorney, has been named Alumna of the. She was honored at the Alumni Weekend Awards Dinner in Commencement Hall on May 3.

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of Benedum Commons as part of the College's Alumni Weekend 2014.

Driscoll graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bethany with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. She served as Senior Fellow and president of the Society for Collegiate Journalists as a Bison.

In her current role at the USGA, Driscoll publicizes 13 international championships annually. They include the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open, conducted this year in Pinehurst, North Carolina, where she currently resides.

Bethany Valedictorian Cameron Cooper Receives Prestigious Oreon E. Scott Award

Cameron A. Cooper of Hurricane, West Virginia, completed a "perfect" career at Bethany College, earning top academic honors at the 2014 Commencement ceremony. Cooper finished with a perfect 4.0 grade point average in course work, earned distinction on his Senior Comprehensive Examinations, and was recognized with the prestigious Oreon E. Scott Award as the graduating senior with the highest academic standing.

Cooper was presented the award by Dr. Katrina L. D'Aquin, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, during the Commencement ceremony in the Pennington Quadrangle. Cooper earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics with a specialization in Financial Economics. He is currently attending the prestigious Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.

Bethany Named a 'Best College in the Southeast' by The Princeton Review

Bethany College is one of the best colleges in the Southeast, according to The Princeton Review. The nationally known education services company recommends the school as one of 139 institutions in 12 Southeastern states it names to its "Best in the Southeast" list for 2015. The list is part of the company's website feature, "2015 Best Colleges: Region by Region," which is posted on PrincetonReview.com.

Dr. Linda Lewis Addresses Bethany Community During Fall Convocation

Dr. Linda Lewis, Professor of Neurology at Columbia University Medical Center, addressed a packed Commencement Hall during Bethany College's Fall Convocation on Sept. 11. The Convocation celebrated the opening of the College's 2014-15 academic year, which begins the year-long celebration of the College's 175th anniversary.

Dr. Lewis, who graduated from Bethany College magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1961, titled her address "Bethany College in the World."

She challenged today's students to "look up" from their personal technology, "reflect and learn to think critically without your thumbs always doing the work!"



Bethany's Fullbright Receives Award at Fall Convocation

Bethany College sophomore Brittany Fullbright received the Richard B. Kenney Freshman Leadership Award for the 2013-14 school year during Fall Convocation held in Commencement Hall Sept. 11.

The award is granted to a student who, in their first year at Bethany College, has demonstrated outstanding leadership and character, has been actively involved, and has contributed service and devotion to the College community.

According to her professors, Fullbright has excelled in the classroom, and has used her academic abilities to help other students who may have been struggling with course work.

Outside of the classroom, she is involved in many activities, including the women's soccer team. Throughout her freshman season on the team, Fullbright was the team leader in assists and scored two goals. As the secretary of the biology honor society Beta Beta Beta, she is responsible for submitting monthly reports to the Student Government Association, and she represented the club at the Bethany College Math Science Day Competition last year. She is also a member of the Pre-health Professions Club.

Kappel Receives Taylor Award

Dr. Gary H. Kappel, a history professor at Bethany College, was named the 2014 recipient of The John R. Taylor Award in the Liberal Arts.

The award is named in memory of John R. Taylor, '44, Professor of English

Emeritus, a legendary teacher who modeled in life Bethany's finest liberal arts tradition and served his alma mater well as director of a distinctive, semester-long experience for Bethany students at Oxford University.

A Bethany alumnus, Dr.

Kappel currently serves as the Perry E. and Aleee C. Gresham Chair in Humanities and Professor of History. He joined the Bethany faculty in 1983 after earning his master's degree and doctorate from West Virginia University.

"Throughout his time with the College, he has been the self-professed 'utility infielder and jack-of-all trades,'" said Bethany President Dr. Scott Miller. "A respected professor, he is devoted to the traditions that define our College."

Dr. Kappel has served as Chair of the Department of History and Political Science, Interim Dean of Faculty, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, and Chair of the Bethany College Reaffirmation of Accreditation Team.

2014 Commencement: Motivated Millennials

BETHANY COLLEGE'S Class of 2014 Commencement was held Saturday, May 17, in the Tilock Amphitheatre of the Pennington Quadrangle. The class's 138 students joined more than 22,000 others as Bethany College alumni.

Former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge provided the keynote, capping the institution's 174th Anniversary Commencement Weekend.

"Let me tell you," Ridge said to the Class of 2014, "you never forget where you started. Look around you. Some of those around you could be your friends for life. They're the ones who saw you at your worst, and still gave you their best. Treasure them, because you'll need someone who knows you well when you leave this place and find out that the world has already formed an opinion about you."

"You see, you're those Millennials. You're supposed to be unmotivated, self-centered and soft. You're not supposed to be ready for prime time. Let me say, on your behalf, they are dead wrong. Every generation hears about how unprepared they are, or how easy they've got it, how ill-equipped they are for the future," Ridge said.

He concluded, "Silence the critics, prove the cynics wrong, prove your teachers right, make your parents proud, and you'll make history."

Ridge was presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Dr. Miller and Dr. Gregory B. Jordan, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Executive Vice President of PNC Financial Services Group.

The Rev. Gary W. Kidwell, president of the Christian Church Foundation, in Indianapolis, Indiana, was presented with an honorary Doctor of Divinity. Kidwell delivered remarks to the graduating seniors during the College's Baccalaureate service.

Dr. Miller also addressed the graduates. "After today, you will no longer be Bethany students, but for the rest of your lives, you will be Bethany alumni."

"Theologians often note that we live between two boundaries – the world as it is, which is quid pro quo, and the world as we would like it to be," Miller said. "As college graduates and leaders, you have an obligation to strive toward the second."

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"Cameron is among the most impressive all-round students with whom I have been associated in 23 years as a college president," remarked Dr. Scott D. Miller, President of the College. "He has been a

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remarkable student, leader and athlete at Bethany – we share the pride of his family."

Following the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, Ridge became the first Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and, on Jan. 24, 2003, became the first Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Prior to that, he served as Pennsylvania's 43rd governor

from 1995 to 2001. Governor Ridge's aggressive technology strategy helped fuel the state's advances in economic development, education, health care and the environment.

He is currently CEO of Ridge Global, LLC, a Washington, D.C.-based security consulting firm. As the company's chief executive, Ridge leads a team of interna-

tional experts that help businesses and governments address a range of needs throughout their organizations, including risk management, global trade security, emergency preparedness and response, and strategic growth. He also serves as a partner at Ridge Schmidt Cyber, a cybersecurity firm, founded with former White House Cybersecurity Advisor Howard A. Schmidt.

Rev. Kidwell is a graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky, and of Campbellsville College in Campbellsville, Kentucky. He holds a certificate in nonprofit management from the Harvard Business School. He is a Chartered Financial Consultant, an Accredited Estate Planner, and a Certified Fund Raising Executive.

Prior to joining the Foundation staff in 1998, he worked with the Board of Church Extension, serving as a general consultant and vice president of field services. In 1985 he launched the Twin Pines Christian Church in Lexington as a new church pastor and developer. He was pastor of Walton Christian Church, Walton, Kentucky, from 1980 to 1985.

In Search of Angels

DR. JOHN BURNS and his colleagues make every dollar count when applying for funds for student and faculty research experiences at Bethany.

AS A SCIENTIST and longtime Bethany College Professor of Biology, Dr. John Burns doesn't speak casually of intangibles, or what can't be verified in a laboratory.

So when he references looking toward the heavens for assistance for one of his favorite educational initiatives, he's really talking about something very tangible and verifiable—money.

"I think if we had an 'angel' who had worked with NASA, wouldn't have necessarily been related to what we do here, but likes what NASA is involved with, we could use that patron's money to bolster and help the NASA program at Bethany," he says.

NASA, as in the space program, is at Bethany?

It's true, although no one is launching rockets behind Old Main. In 1997, the College joined the NASA-sponsored West Virginia Space Grant Consortium. Students with an interest in science, technology, engineering, or math are invited to propose a research project with a faculty member. Most of the funding for the equipment and supplies is from an internal source, but students receive an externally funded scholarship to do the research. The monies are half from NASA and half, matched through private sources, from the College.

Dr. Robert A. Paysen, now Bethany Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, organized and promoted the program early on as the College's first NASA-West Virginia Space Grant Representative. Numerous Bethany College alumni pursuing STEM careers trace their introduction to scientific research to the testing of scientific hypotheses in the labs of Richardson Hall of Science, Kirkpatrick Hall of Life

Sciences, or through field experiments in adjacent woods, fields, and streams surrounding the campus as well as exotic locations such as the Peruvian Amazon and the Galapagos Islands during faculty-student field trips. Since 1997, about \$300,000 in NASA research scholarships has been awarded to nearly 90 Bethany College students, with about half that amount granted to faculty members, according to Dr. Burns. NASA student scholars present research posters at a symposium held at the College each spring, and many present posters at the annual Research Day at the State Capitol, in Charleston, West Virginia, as well as at national and sometimes international conferences.

The WVSGC and Bethany College collaboration is of paramount importance, according to Dr. Burns, who is the current NASA West Virginia Space Grant Representative, and Bethany College NASA Advisory Committee members Dr.

"It's not that we're going to make a groundbreaking discovery in a lab that will save the world, but maybe there will be a career developed, benefiting from the NASA program, that wouldn't have otherwise happened."

William Hicks, Chair of the Department of Biology and Dr. Katrina D'Aquin, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Psychology. Dr. Burns oversees the effort these days from a Kirkpatrick Hall office that is filled with dozens of pictures of former and current students, souvenirs of far-flung places, and assorted books and papers.



As Dr. Burns explains, each year the WVSGC funding is matched 1:1 by Bethany College from non-federal funds. For 2013-14 the joint funding totaled \$34,000, comprised of \$22,000 for student scholarships and \$12,000 for faculty research. Other funds for needed equipment and research supplies for the proj-

ects are typically awarded from the Gans Research Fund at Bethany that supports student-initiated research at the College, or special endowments such as the (Dr. Rodney) Hurl Fund and the recently formed Albert R. Buckelew Jr. Fund. WVSGC is dedicated to building research infrastructure and promoting STEM research in West Virginia

SINCE 1997, NEARLY **90** BETHANY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED


(www.nasa.wvu.edu), Dr. Burns points out, and although providing research experiences for students and faculty can be expensive, there is no substitute for these often life- and career-changing opportunities. “The real challenge,” he says, “is for students and faculty to find a great and important hypothesis in the sciences not requiring much money to test!”

Dr. Burns and his colleagues make every dollar count. Most recently, Dr. Jennifer Franko, Assistant Professor of Biology; Dr. Carolyn A. Kitchens, Assistant Professor of Chemistry; and Dr. Scott M. Brothers, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, received NASA Faculty Research Enhancement Awards. Dr. Franko’s immunological research is on the effect of Triclosan exposure on T-cell activation; Kitchens’, on molecular biology research in determining the presence of the CaMV 35-S promoter in USDA-approved organic and non-organic soybeans. Dr. Brothers’ physical chemistry research is on the synthesis and characterization of single- and multi-walled nanotubes formed from basic carbon feedstocks. All faculty projects include student collaborators.

This year WVSGC contributed to scholarships for five seniors and a junior. Amber Lancaster, a senior biology major from Weirton, West Virginia, was mentored by Dr. Amanda B. Stewart, Associate Professor of Biology and Director of Equine Studies, researching diet-induced insulin resistance and sporadic AD pathology in *Drosophila melanogaster*. Alexander

V. DelGiorno, a senior chemistry (biochemistry) major from Wadsworth, Ohio, worked with Dr. Kitchens performing a spectroscopic analysis of meat proteins in varying pH and temperature conditions. Jacob E. Fischer, a senior chemistry and mathematics major from Huntington, West Virginia, teamed with Dr. Kitchens on determining low-level concentrations of compounds by using conducting polymers. Samuel W. Duvall, a junior majoring in chemistry from Shadyside, Ohio, worked with Dr. Brothers on capillary electrophoresis. Morgan M. Jacobs, a senior chemistry (biochemistry) major from Hurricane, West Virginia, investigated with Dr. Kitchens the synthesis of algal biodiesel from different-colored algae. Kristen Sroka, a senior chemistry major from Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, was mentored on her project on Omega 3s in seafood, and the potential for depression

\$300,000 IN NASA RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS




treatment by Dr. Lisa M. Reilly, Goulding-Woolery Professor in Chemistry, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Chair of the Department of Physical Science and Mathematics.

“The umbrella of NASA is wide,” Dr. Burns says. “We could take more of an interest in space and rockets, though we currently don’t have that capability at Bethany.

“The emphasis is not so much on research per se; rather, it is to encourage and identify young people and keep them in STEM areas, get them to persevere. It’s not that we’re going to make a groundbreaking discovery in a lab that will save the world, but maybe there will be a career developed, benefiting from the NASA program, that wouldn’t have otherwise happened.”

In the competitive arena of funding for research, the availability of private funds gives students and faculty the edge they



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need to qualify for matching government dollars through such initiatives as the NASA-WVSGC. The research grants strengthen students’ opportunities for graduate school and careers, Dr. Burns points out, and benefit faculty members’ research interests. Funds for travel, equipment, journal subscriptions and online resources, and other instructional expenses serve Bethany’s primary mission: teaching. Although the College is not positioned to be a major applied-research institution, the teaching and conducting of scientific methodology is central to Bethany’s nationally respected academic strength in

the sciences. “I think our science faculty often offer Bethany students research opportunities that are competitive with those they would have as undergraduates at the best research universities,” Dr. Burns comments.

“From a pedagogical point of view, this is where students have the opportunity to develop senior projects and their own hypotheses to test, conduct experiments to test them, and learn to become a scientist,” he says. “The program is based on student-originated ideas.” Additional benefits include developing faculty/student collaboration and, importantly, giving the

future scientists an advantage in working on some of the frontiers of scientific research.

“In our age of resume-building, the program gives students a chance to initiate projects, and to prepare and present an abstract,” Dr. Burns points out. “When they apply to graduate school, it gives them an advantage. Students tell us they wouldn’t have been accepted to some prominent graduate schools without this background. These days, everyone needs to be doing at an earlier stage what they used to do at a higher stage.”

As for Dr. Burns, he is realistic about the highly competitive nature of grant writing. “Funding can be hit or miss,” he concludes. “In a way, it’s a young faculty member’s game to fight for funding.”

That may be true, but then Professor John Burns would miss all the fun of looking for his next financial angel.

Partners on a Mission

DESCRIBING THE EARLY financial struggles of Bethany College in his new history, Dr. D. Duane Cummins notes that early on, philanthropy was an essential source of survival for the fledgling institution.

“Philanthropy,” Dr. Cummins writes, “was the preferred and most typical path from crisis to survival. Alexander Campbell, fully aware of this fact, spent his entire presidency searching for wealthy benefactors.”

The fundraising imperative today, as it is for most small, liberal arts colleges, is not only unchanged but intensifying. Happily, however, Bethany has survived with the assistance of numerous individuals, foundations, and other funding sources, reflecting a valued philanthropic investment in the College’s mission.

Important partners from Bethany’s founding denomination, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), are the Oreon E. Scott Foundation along with numerous local congregations who provide gift support to the College.

“The Scott Foundation has had a special fondness for Bethany College,” says Director of Church Relations, Dean of Buffalo Seminary and Professor Emeritus Dr. Larry Grimes. “This support has been expressed through funding of the annual Oreon E. Scott Lectures on our campus and the Buffalo Seminary series of programs for pastors and laity.”

The Scott Lectures series invites distinguished theological speakers to campus to address scholarly topics and contemporary issues within the Church. Speakers in recent years have included the Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and

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President of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada; her husband, Dr. Rick Lowery, an author, biblical scholar, and adjunct professor at Lexington Theological Seminary; and Dr. Charisse L. Gillett, President of Lexington Theological Seminary, among many others.

The lectures in 2015, to be given by Harvard professor Stephanie Pausell, will mark the 60th year that Bethany has host-

ed the series, which represent one of many ways the College and the Church have forged closer ties in recent years.

“For Disciples, it is impossible to see where Bethany begins and the Disciples of Christ end,” comments the Rev. Thaddaeus B. Allen, Regional Minister and President, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in West Virginia and a Bethany Trustee. “Bethany is the place where many of the generative ideas and



Dr. Larry Grimes

ethos of the Disciples took root.

"In many ways, the hearts of the town of Bethany and the College beat strongly in the lives of all Disciples across the globe."

Reverend Allen and Dr. Grimes have been instrumental in securing Oreon E. Scott Foundation funding for another project of interest to the Foundation—Buffalo Seminary of Bethany College.

Inspired by the name of an early Alexander Campbell education venture for young men preparing for ministerial careers (known then as "Buffalo Seminary"), Allen and Grimes have re-established and updated the concept as an umbrella for a series of continuing-education and professional-renewal programs for pastors and laity in West Virginia and other states.

Among the goals of Buffalo Seminary are to instill the highest level of ministerial ethics in the participants; to introduce participants to "best practices" in the nuts and bolts of ministry; to provide participants with professional mentors to whom they can turn for assistance as they begin their ministries; and to incorporate participants into the larger regional, general, and world ministry of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The 2014-15 schedule includes sessions on preaching and liturgy, making a congregational video, and "Spiritual Gifts Discovery," among other topics. Because the Seminary takes its inspiration from Bethany's historic church-related mission, the program has strong roots in the theological origins of the College.

"The Scott Foundation and its generous support of Buffalo Seminary embody the Bethany ideal that education is a moral act," says Reverend Allen. "When ministers and members study in the Seminary, Mr. (Oreon E.) Scott's belief in education and the power of it to change the world for the better lives on.

"Once exposed to learning, we are obliged to share in the world for God's good and glorious purposes."

Scott Foundation support has enabled Buffalo Seminary to provide educational

services to churches in West Virginia and tangent areas that are affordable and of high quality, adds Dr. Grimes. Increased grant support in recent years has permitted a significant expansion of Buffalo Seminary program-

ming, with a schedule that now operates nearly year-round. Sessions offered at the Mountainside Conference Center utilize the College's nearby wooded trails, tranquil, rural environment, and modern facilities including video conferencing. It all adds up to a valued way for ministers and other church leaders to become refreshed and reinvigorated.

"In the tradition and spirit of personal development and renewal as envisioned by Mr. Campbell and still championed today by The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bethany College and the West Virginia Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have collaborated to identify ways to minister in the fast-paced, electronic information age while encouraging spiritual growth and development," Dr. Grimes points out. He says this is especially appealing to smaller Disciples congregations, of 100 members or fewer, who may have limited opportunities to receive training and explore trends found in contemporary ministry.

For Bethany students, church-related philanthropy provides an important start to careers in the ministry. Traditionally known as the "Timothy Fund," scholarships are awarded to selected "Campbell Scholars" as they prepare themselves to be church leaders of the future. Applicants are eligible to apply for a four-year scholarship commitment of \$5,000 each year, and submit letters of reference and a personal essay describing the leadership contributions they expect to make to the Disciples Church. Funds also provide \$1,500 scholarships for any Bethany Disciples student and \$1,500 for children of Disciples ministers who enroll at Bethany College. Gifts often come from Disciples congregations throughout Bethany's service region, adding to the growth of scholarship funding.


For Annie Grogan '13, a second-year student at Brite Divinity School in Fort

Worth, Texas, such scholarships brought her dream of becoming a minister much closer.

"One of the many things Bethany does well is helping students with financial aid and scholarships," she says. "I was fortunate enough to benefit from the Timothy Fund scholarship through The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Aside from the monetary support, Dr. Grimes, campus minister Rev. Scott Thayer, and the West Virginia Region of the Church were also influential."

She says the ability to attend Buffalo Seminary at Bethany and the Scott

THE SCOTT LECTURES SERIES CELEBRATES 60 YEARS AT BETHANY



Lectures was memorable in experience and beneficial to her knowledge.

"I am forever grateful to the supportive Disciples community at Bethany College," she concludes.

As Bethany approaches its 175th anniversary, the spirit of philanthropy infuses numerous church-related activities with spiritual energy and the opportunities made possible by the financial investment of the Oreon E. Scott Foundation and numerous local congregations. Such support represents a vibrant connection between Church and College, as each confronts the challenge of navigating the Buffalo-like twists and turns of contemporary operation and outreach.

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS, EVER-INCREASING RULE DAYS

IF THE WALLS of the Judith R. Hurl Education Center at Bethany could speak, they would tell the stories of everyone who once sat at classroom desks, opened textbooks, and pondered the world of knowledge.

Through the doors of this former public school, purchased and renovated by Bethany College in 2007, passed the children of many local generations. Now the College's teacher-education majors traverse the halls and prepare for careers in a profoundly changed, and still changing, profession where compliance is king.

It's not your parents' classroom anymore—not even, perhaps, that of your brother or sister, and certainly not of your children. In an era of technological, outcomes-based teaching and learning, those who teach teachers are sometimes hard pressed to keep up.

Dr. Sherri Theaker, Associate Professor of Education and Chair of the Department of Education, knows that all too well. During an interview, she speaks confidently about her students and the profession they are about to enter. Yet there is a hint of anxiety in her voice. The field is changing—rapidly—and Dr. Theaker, despite being on top of the trends and challenges of teacher education, wonders what will come next.

"It's a rough time in teacher education," she says. "A teacher today is as much administrator as instructor."

One of the big issues, Dr. Theaker points



out, is the "culture of assessment," causing many public-school teachers to feel they have to "teach to the test" of outcomes-based school rankings. It can be frustrating to teachers who might want to offer more hands-on experiences in the classroom. Ever-prevalent social factors, such as poverty, demographics, and special needs, also play into teaching and learning effectiveness.

"It is a more thorough regulatory climate now," she says. "More and more states are expecting more in documentation, some linking school proficiency back to higher education, for accountability." In other words, to find the source of teacher effectiveness, look to the colleges where they were educated.

That has changed how student teachers

are taught. "Many of our courses emphasize data-driven decision making for assessment purposes," she comments. "Students are well versed in formative and summative assessments which are much different than 10 years ago. Thirty-four states have adopted or have schools participating in a national measurement system, edTPA, tracking teacher proficiency. West Virginia will pilot the program in the near future. Now you might be 'graded' in teacher effectiveness by someone in California."

She says that courses now also stress techniques of observation—how to observe, what to observe, what tools to use, how to be aware of various teaching styles. It's no longer simply a matter of teaching and testing from a course book.

Bethany offers one major advantage,

however. Its liberal arts mission helps student teachers become conversant in a variety of subjects—a skill that is still essential in even the “smartest” high-tech classrooms.

“Here our students are more equipped to become leaders,” Dr. Theaker points out. “We offer international study experiences, for example, that broaden their world view. Bethany actually has agreements with military bases abroad to accept our student teachers, and we need to encourage our students to take advantage of these kinds of unique opportunities.”

“Some of our graduates are amazing in what they have achieved,” she says. Accreditation requires the Education Department to survey Bethany graduates and employers; it can be challenging, however, to keep track of Bethany’s alumni. But it is a responsibility that Dr. Theaker welcomes. At the center of her job is meeting the needs of students and, in turn, the students they will teach, presenting information on multiple levels, and learning what other factors play into teaching and learning effectiveness. Social factors, Dr. Theaker notes, can have a huge impact.

For example, some Bethany education majors, especially if they hail from large cities, experience culture shock when they do their student teaching in Appalachian classrooms. And teachers everywhere grapple with the factors outside the classroom that impact learning.

“I’m hoping our education majors see my passion for teaching and wanting to help them prepare students to learn,” Dr. Theaker says. “A lot of what we do is to prepare our future teachers to cope with unmet needs. They need to be prepared if their students haven’t eaten that day, or have come from broken homes.”

Dr. Theaker draws on her own experiences as a veteran educator whose experience includes directing birth to school-age programs for the Youngstown, Ohio, YWCA; teaching in the College of Education at Youngstown State University; coordinating Early Intervention and Early Start programs for the Community Action Commission of Belmont County, Ohio; and teaching in the College of Education at Ohio University’s Eastern Campus in St. Clairsville. Joining the Education Department at Bethany in 2011, she directed the College’s National Council for

Accreditation of Teacher Education review, which is now known as the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. Her doctorate is in the field of curriculum and instruction/special education from Ohio University.

She admits that while it was an adjustment transferring from large public institutions to a small private college like Bethany, the move resulted in a “huge benefit” for her career. “I can get an answer to my questions in a day at Bethany,” she says, as opposed to navigating a large university’s bureaucracy. And Bethany’s smaller, residential setting offers, she says, “amazing opportunities” to think creatively and to try different strategies—especially because her education majors are close by to assist with programming.

Her vision is to develop Bethany’s niche in special education, meeting the Northern Panhandle’s needs for services in that field while building solid career preparation for Bethany’s education majors.

Another priority is literacy. She is setting up collaborative initiatives within a five-county area to work with local schools to develop awareness about the importance of reading.

“One of the ideas we have is to set up Twitter feeds for parents to log on and play videos so their children can listen to books read by our education students. We want to make sure that area school students continue to progress during the summer.” Other potential partners include local churches and libraries as well as the region’s burgeoning energy industry.

Dr. Theaker’s fellow faculty members are “awesome,” she says. “It’s exciting to be with others who are excited about teaching, not afraid to learn new things. The College’s administration has given us the freedom to explore different avenues, enabling us to be creative in delivering our instruction.”

In 2010, the College launched its first graduate degree program, the Master of Arts in Teaching, serving individuals who have earned their baccalaureate degree in education and teaching certification and who wish to further their professional development through graduate work in pedagogy. The program also provides a pathway into teaching for those who hold a

baccalaureate degree outside of education, allowing them to pursue graduate-level studies while completing the requirements for initial teacher certifications in elementary (grades K-6) or middle school education (grades 5-9).

Next on Dr. Theaker’s agenda is a fully online graduate program, the Master of Education, focusing on “those who see themselves working in higher education. It’s more of a curriculum and instruction program,” she notes.

She spends hours examining new applications of classroom technology, encouraging her students to use their smart phones for research, and having them videotape their practice teaching. “Technology compels us to keep up,” Dr. Theaker says.

Beyond a teacher’s curriculum, many other school issues and trends have found their way to the Hurl Center. Amid a national epidemic of school shootings and violence, there is more emphasis on securi-

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ty. “We talk more about bullying, uninvited visitors, school policies, social-media threats,” she says. “Twenty years ago, you had tornado and fire drills. Now teachers are dealing with lockdowns and color-coded alerts.”

It’s clear, however, that despite the challenges and complexities of teaching and teaching teachers, Dr. Theaker does have the passion for her job that she hopes to pass on to her students.

“Our best students still have the passion for teaching,” she says. “Their faces light up in the classroom. There are just more hurdles in documenting our success.

“In our 200-level courses, I tell them that if you’re not motivated by just being in the school building with the children, you need to find a new profession. Thirty years into this job, for the sake of the children in your classroom, you better have passion.”

SUCCESS FACTORS



THE McCANN LEARNING CENTER, located in Cramblet Hall, provides a welcoming place for the members of the Bethany community to enrich their learning and teaching skills. The mission of the center is three-fold:

- to enhance the learning skills of all students
- to transform the learning experience of students with learning disabilities
- to support the heightened performance of faculty and staff

Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, the Center houses Academic Support Services, the Writing Center, the Program for Academic and Social Success, and Disability Services. The Center provides a helpful, relaxed environment that promotes effective studying and academic success.

SUCCESS FACTORS:

Getting It Write

STORIES ARE A RECURRENT THEME in Heather Ann Taylor's life.

She loves to read them and write them. Heather's personal Bethany story is a journey to a place she now calls home. Every student she mentors as Coordinator of the McCann Writing Center has an individual story, too. And the bittersweet story of her life during the past year is one she doesn't mind sharing.

She finished her master's in creative writing and then a Master of Fine Arts degree in publishing, both from Wilkes University—graduate work that included completing her first novel, editing a literary journal, and scheduling needed commutes to the Wilkes campus in eastern Pennsylvania.

"I'll have some time for writing and reading," she says during a summertime



interview in her office in Cramblet Hall. They are two of her favorite pastimes. (Cooking and baking are others.) "It's been cool talking to other students about their experiences; I've been one for so long."

During the final hectic months of her graduate work, Heather, one of the most active and visible staff members at Bethany, was often seen with a notebook or papers to grade on her lap at basketball games and other events. It was the only way to keep ahead of her demanding course and thesis schedule as well as her daily obligations at the McCann Writing Center. There, her job is to teach writing to those who may struggle with

it, or who simply want to sharpen their skills.

It all keeps her busy during daytime business hours, and often at night when students are focusing on class assignments. She clearly loves and excels at her job, one of the reasons she received the President's Award for Excellence in Staff Performance from President Scott D. Miller, and a later tribute by the Bethany Board of Trustees during their spring meeting.

In the meantime, for Heather, the unthinkable had happened. She lost her beloved grandmother, a woman whose own love of stories, gentle humor, and irreplaceable presence in Heather's life was often the source of endearing anec-

exist. "Now there's only a house there," she says. "I asked my grandmother about it. I was interested in preserving stories of that area. What happened to the people?" A relative had also kept notebooks filled with stories and reminiscences about local people, the raw material of daily life that now inspires Heather's own creative writing. When told she will probably have enough such inspiration to last a lifetime of writing, Heather appears to relish the possibility.

Awaiting news of her nearly 77,000-word book, the plot of which she had graphed on a white board at her apartment in the former Pearl Mahaffey house in Bethany, she already comes across as the author she appears des-

"Sometimes they're more worried about getting it right. I tell them, get it down on paper first." Heather often uses her own writing style as an example of how to begin a paper, or how to improve it through subsequent editing.

Detailed revision of students' work typically follows, a slow and often tedious process, Heather says, that may not result in their instructor awarding an A to the paper.

"But for the student, it can be a huge milestone," she points out.

Along with writing assessment tests used for screening student skills, Heather's guidance is often assignment-intensive. And it can mean correcting grammar and sentence structure that may never have been taught at an advanced level before.

"We have to teach grammar in the schools past the eighth grade," Heather states. "It's not the sexiest of subjects, but there are ways to work in grammatical lessons and principles, as well as punctuation using their own work. A lot of college students have had horrible writing experiences and they shut down."

"Too many times, even high-achieving and highly talented students allow themselves to be held back by fear of failure and judgment," she notes. "My job is to break through those fears. Failure is a part of life. Judgment, too, is a part of life. The key is to take the criticism, constructive or otherwise, and build on it."

By attending conferences and following online journals, she keeps up on best practices in teaching writing, adapting them to her students' needs at Bethany. Along with guiding students in developing their writing skills, Heather teaches them how to keep a professional portfolio for career planning.

She also serves as an academic liaison to the College's soccer, women's basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, and baseball teams (which includes checking in with teams, attending games, and monitoring study sessions); teaches in the Freshman

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dotes on Heather's Facebook page. The week of her passing, that page contained a lonely image of the family farm in Ohio and the words, "My heart is broken."

To those who know her, that was all this master of words needed to say.

Heather took refuge in memories and stories, and in sending her novel off to a literary agent in New York with the trepidation that accompanies all new authors. She says that "Black Raspberry Road" is a cross between "Middlemarch" by George Eliot and Sherwood Anderson's "Winesburg, Ohio" — provincial works with memorable small-town settings and characters. Heather's novel is set in her native southeastern Ohio, in the rural countryside that lends itself well to the story of a small coal-mining area.

Her literary landscape is "Hibbs Town," named for a place that once did

tinued to be. She seems to reveal little about herself in casual conversation—a sure sign of a wordsmith, some might say, one who says more with a pen. She also has editing credentials. At Wilkes, she served as managing editor of the online literary journal "River and South Review," a publication founded by Wilkes students as a platform for budding writers who want to be published.

Then there is the seemingly endless editing she does for her student clients at the writing center. Her goal is typically to prepare them for the rigors of college-level research and writing assignments. "They often come in for help. Sometimes I attend a seminar and see the signs," she says, alert to students' need for guidance. "I can tell if they need help studying. It varies by student how we start their program and where we go from here.



Seminar program; co-advises the Writers Club and Sigma Nu fraternity; supervises six student tutors; and mentors countless students not only in the science of writing but also in the art of living.

"Her Bethany pride is always on display, whether she is attending and tweeting about Bison sporting events, poetry readings, or Kalon Scholarship Day," President Miller said of Heather at the April 17 Honors Day Convocation.

She keeps in touch with as many students as she can. "I've been to weddings, met new babies," she says. "When my Gran passed, the baseball team signed a card. A lot of places throw out the word 'family.' But it really is here."

Heather says she has felt that way since being a student herself at Bethany. She was a transfer from Ohio University's Eastern Campus, majoring in hospitality management. Although Heather can be very hospitable, the prospect of standing behind a motel front desk for the rest of her career was not appealing.

Switching majors to English, she applied to Bethany—not expecting to be accepted. But she was, returning to the campus she had first visited on a foreign-language outing as a high school

junior. Here she became, in her words, a better student thanks to Bethany's rigorous curriculum. An early mentor in the technology department made all the difference in Heather's first-year experience. "Without her, I don't know what my first year at Bethany would have been like. She talked me into believing in myself. She was the example I followed when I came to work here." Heather soon looked forward to attending class.

She set out to be a high school teacher. For her senior project she wrote a play, "Remembering You," about the impact of violence on school students, a subject she had confronted during her student-teaching days.

"I had a student who apologized for turning in an assignment late. 'I'm sorry,' she remembers him saying. "There was a drive-by shooting in my neighborhood."

In 2005, Heather graduated summa cum laude with a certification in secondary education in English, the first in the Taylor family to have a college degree. Teaching assignments at school districts in Cadiz and Byesville, Ohio, followed until she joined the Bethany staff in 2007. During the 2013-14 aca-

demie year, she attained the faculty rank of assistant professor.

"I'm glad I get to do what I do," she says. "I'm really glad I ended up back here. I hope I can convey that to our students."

Before the busy fall term began, she planned to spend some time catching up on her reading and another pastime, movies. She likes all kinds—but not horror films. "I don't want to pay to be scared." Music is another interest, with many recommendations coming courtesy of her students.

In October, during Bethany's Homecoming celebration, she'll turn 33. "Isn't it nice that the campus will have all of these festivities just for me?" she jokes, rewarding her visitor with that well-known Heather Ann Taylor smile.

She takes very seriously, however, her teaching responsibilities, something that defines her life.

"Teaching isn't just what I do. It's who I am. Teaching will always be part of what I do, no matter what else comes along.

"My novel could be published tomorrow, but I'd still come in to teach."

SUCCESS FACTORS:

Failure Is Not An Option



I DR. CHRISTINA (CHRIS) M. SAMPSON, Director of the McCann Learning Center, believes in the students she assists.

Even more important, she strives to have them believe in themselves. As proof of her success, she keeps a “happy file” in her Cramblet Hall office. It’s filled with letters and emails from appreciative students.

“They say, ‘I want to thank you,’” Chris comments. “I say, ‘No, I want to thank you. You made the choice to seek help.’ We need to celebrate their making the right choices.”

College is all about making choices, as any student knows. But sometimes, admitting that one needs assistance or guidance can be the toughest decision of all. Chris’s job is to be there for students who may have any one of several special concerns, from sharpening study skills

and overcoming test anxiety to making the overall academic and social adjustment to undergraduate life. Her job encompasses the areas of Fundamental Studies, the Program for Academic and Social Success, the Writing Center, and Disability Services. She teaches special education courses as an Assistant Professor of Education and is an instructor in the First-Year Seminar program, among her many duties.

The cornerstone of what she does is to help ensure academic success as students enter Bethany’s rigorous curriculum.

“It can take longer than a semester for some students to realize that they need some help,” Chris says. “Sometimes they fight it. What motivates them is seeing that first grade that is better. Sometimes they’ll say, ‘This is the first A I’ve ever received.’”

She and her team, which includes three full-time and three part-time learning specialists along with student tutors, tailor their assistance to each student’s special needs. “They may need to come in only a short time,” she points out, “maybe once a week. ‘Let’s get out your planner and see what you have

coming up this week.' One student saw improvement in her grades and wanted to come back. I suggested she try her new skills on her own. She did, and continues to be successful."

Chris often communicates with students via the phone or emails, though college students don't always visit their email accounts. "Occasionally I'll get right on Facebook (to contact them)," Chris says. "I'm a terrible texter. I never know where my phone is half the time."

Although her students tend to be very grateful for the mentoring and guidance—some call her "Mom"—what they don't usually see is Chris's emotional investment in their progress. Tears come to her eyes as she describes the satisfaction she quietly takes in their improvement. And "Mom" often goes the extra mile to ensure that students have what they need.

"I can't tell you how often I've been to the store," the Wheeling resident recalls. "I keep cans of soup here in the office if they're sick. My husband, Heather Ann Taylor (Coordinator of the Writing Center), and I bake for them. During comps, they may need some cookies."

"We try to create a warm, welcoming, friendly environment for students," Chris points out, adding, "But we're not pushovers."

"I forgive once. You need to put a standard in place. It takes a lot of personal as well as professional effort to help students," she says.

Chris credits Bethany's faculty members for cooperating with the goals of the McCann Learning Center. She notes that Bethany can be a significantly more challenging learning environment than that found at some high schools. "With the kind of support we offer, students love it here. And we have wonderful faculty to work with. They say, 'What can I do to help?'"

She is also proud of her staff who, she says, bring different strengths to the job, along with abundant humor and support for each other. "I have had other departments stop by and say they like to watch how we work together. Our success is

because of our people."

In her field for some 40 years now, Chris has an undergraduate degree from West Liberty State College which led to master's and doctoral study at West Virginia University, and additional certification and training in special education, language disabilities, learning strategies, and other areas. Throughout her career she has developed and directed several award-winning programs related to students with disabilities.

She spent the summer of 1987 at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, receiving training in intervention strategies. Symbolic of her field in which the expected is often in reality the unexpected, Chris found the Midwestern campus to be surprisingly hilly.

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Chris has taught in Ohio County public schools, Wheeling, at WVU and Wheeling Jesuit University, and for a time served as Assistant Director for School Reform and Federal Programs for the Ohio Department of Education. She has worked at Bethany twice (1987-1996) and most recently since 2005.

A self-described reader of almost "everything," who doesn't tempt distraction by bringing her Kindle to the office, Chris knows that inspiring today's students to read for pleasure can be challenging. "We have more students who are extremely visual," she points out. "They don't want to sit and read. They'll tell me they don't care for history, for example. But they watch the History Channel. They'll read on their iPhones." Although "attention spans aren't that long anymore," Chris nevertheless keeps a stash of books in her office, just in case.

"I'll say, 'Try this one.' Some tell me it's the first book they've read in ten years."

With retirement approaching, a prospect she finds mildly disconcerting ("I love my job. There are so many stories here."), Chris ponders writing a book, perhaps to tell the story of student athletes, a group she works with closely. Among her many responsibilities is directing senior projects, and athletics is a favorite topic of her students.

Her hoped-for legacy, she comments, is "understanding the importance of, and the willingness to stand up for, social justice." For Chris, that is closely tied to individual opportunity, to giving another chance to those who may be challenged or disenfranchised.

"The students I work with are

resilient," she points out. "I'm always in awe of them." Perhaps that is because she sees a side of them that others don't. She finds it "amazing," for example, the number of male students who function as the heads of their households. "They run two lives – here and at home. They may appear happy and full of life on campus. But they sit in my office, concerned that their families are all right.

"I want the students to realize that they can accomplish what they choose to," she says. "Everybody should know that there's someone who can help them believe in themselves. Some students are motivated by anger, trying to prove to those who did not believe in them that they were wrong. But success doesn't have to come out of anger. It can come from the desire to better oneself.

"That," Chris says, "is why I teach."

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In His Own WORDS:

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"I grew up in Steubenville, Ohio, and my interest in Bethany College was football related. I liked Bethany's coach, Don Ault. Coach Ault and Bethany worked their magic, and I became one of Coach Ault's guys.

"I majored in economics (took the 101 course my freshman year and it clicked with me), with minor emphasis in history and political science. I served as a work-study student. All of my professors were good, but three—Cooley, Davis, and Kirkpatrick—stood out. They were difficult but fair, and they challenged us. It was the best thing that could have happened. Thanks to their courses and talent, I still enjoy reading about economics, history and politics.

"I went to law school at the University of Akron and then focused my practice on management-side labor and workers' compensation. We have 12 attorneys in our firm, which was established in 2000 by breaking off from a larger firm.

"Bethany taught me a lot, especially critical thinking, the ability to analyze things from all angles. I took philosophy and ethic courses, which have been very valuable in my career. A hard class in my sophomore year was speech—it definitely taught me humility. Eventually public speaking became easy as I do it on a regular basis, from hearings to seminars. The first few times were tough, but now it is second nature. As for writing, if we deserved red ink in college, we got red ink. I should have taken more English and writing.

"Lifelong friendships resulted from membership in Sigma Nu. For the last 21 years, 60 or so alumni come together for the Michael DiStazio Golf Outing. It has been a lot of fun, and the Bethany relationships have lasted over the years. Bethany helped teach me how to build relationships.

"The College offers the general, liberal arts way of looking at the world. Today is important, but the big picture is more important—how things will go over the decades. Yes, we can train a student for a job now, but let's focus on the big picture and also train them for a career. What happens when that first job evolves to something they are not trained to perform,

what then?

"As a member of the Alumni Council, I get to meet a whole different group of alums with different talents, experiences and memories. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience on the Council, and we really enjoy what we do for the students. The Advancement Committee and the Council have done a great job in starting the Grimes Lecture Series. We will make sure we bring that to fruition, as we hit our first fundraising goal and would like to build that up even more. . . to bring the world to Bethany, as well as have the world learn about us if they don't already know us. It's about recruiting, media attention, marshalling our resources and promoting the positives of our College. We are aiming for the home run.

"Once the Grimes Lecture Series is complete, we will find other projects to sponsor. We have excellent committee chairs with Craig (Williams '96, Advancement Committee) and Amy (Callahan '95, Engagement Committee). They and the other members are very good people. Everyone contributes. Past President J.P. Blaho '94 came up with the great idea to add fun and relationship-building to the business part of meetings by adding Friday night activities to our schedule.

"If Bethany has made it to 175 years old, we have been doing something right over the centuries. Life is always one challenge after another. We have good leadership, and the financial support from the alumni is there. We have a great future. It won't be easy, but with the leadership we have, we have a great shot at making it to another 175.

"Smaller schools have that personal attention and low student- to-faculty ratio. Parents are looking at the big picture, too; it's not just about getting my child a job.

"Borrowing a phrase from the Marines, schools like Bethany do 'teach the few, the proud.' We are not for everybody, but look at us if you see the big picture. Some large universities are trying to emulate our model with 'honors colleges.' We have been an honors college for 175 years and will be for another 175."

In Her Own WORDS:

Jessica (Swann) Skywatcher, AIA '00

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Associate Architect, The Hayes Design Group - Architects

"I grew up in Wheeling, and being from a smaller city, wanted to study in a large metro area. While I was reluctant to go to college so close to home, the generous scholarships Bethany offered made it the most sensible option.

"It turned out that choosing Bethany was one of the best decisions I ever made. When I arrived, Freshman Seminar pulled me in to the community and bonded me to my classmates. Joining Zeta Tau Alpha strengthened my relationship with the school. I initially started in the 3-2, program which would allow me to earn a Bachelor of Science in physics from Bethany and a degree in engineering from an affiliated institution. But, after studying art and design, I decided to pursue a career as an architect, and ultimately earned a Master of Architecture degree at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark.

"My firm's office is in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania. In addition to Western Pennsylvania, we work in Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and New York. We have experience with many project types, with a focus on educational and religious architecture. As a Project Architect, I am involved in all phases of design and construction, from initial feasibility studies and developing budgets, through production of drawings and selection of finishes, to monitoring of job site progress. In our firm of 13 professional staff and two administrative staff, my role also includes mentoring the junior associates and coordinating with consultants.

"Bethany's liberal arts curriculum helped me stand out in graduate school, and has helped me in my profession. Working as an architect is more than drawing buildings. I use everything from psychology and communications to accounting and political science. My background in art and art history contributes, too. The analytical skills learned while studying physics help me interpret building codes, structural and site

data, and budget restrictions, and incorporate that information into effective designs that meet our clients' needs. Also, experience taking Senior Comprehensive Exams made taking the seven architectural licensing exams less stressful.

"Grounding in 'people skills' is important, as well. One of the first things I learned at Bethany was how to listen, how to understand what people are saying; maybe not in the words you're looking for, but how to capture their intent. This has helped me in interactions with clients, consultants, contractors and within our office.

"It will be interesting to see where higher education online course work goes. At Bethany, we're trying to keep the campus-based, liberal arts, residential college experience. Campus life was important to my development into a well-rounded person, and I hope for the future of Bethany that it can be maintained.

"I enjoy our monthly Bethany get-togethers with Pittsburgh-area alumni. It's always great to catch up with old friends and make new contacts in a relaxed setting. Being a Bethany grad gives you a common frame of reference that you just don't see within other groups.

"I've served on our Alumni Council for five years. I'm optimistic about the future of the school, based on interactions I've had with students in the new Student Alumni Association. I'm excited to help them in their transition to being professionals and alumni. Being able to help the College through service and financial contributions is important to me. It is rewarding to 'pay it forward' to the students, and give back to the institution that has given so much to me."

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"Growing up on the East Coast (Framingham, Massachusetts, outside Boston), where campuses tend to be large and urban, I was looking for something smaller in a college. Bethany was very green, very welcoming, warm and comfortable. Bethany had good recruiting, a very personalized and engaging program. That sort of hooked me in.

"I was a communications major, in PR. (Professor James) Carty was good with the basics, sort of 'old school' if you look back 30 years. A lot of what he taught is missing from when I see young people interviewing. He stressed writing and thinking skills. If you can learn to write, part of it is working through problem solving. If you can't build an argument or solve a problem, you'll flounder as a writer.

"Dr. Larry Grimes has a real love for reading. He communicates that love of reading. He taught me to read for meaning and understanding, which builds your enjoyment of reading.

"I had a PR firm from 1989 to 1999. We sold it to a global holding company, stayed in a leadership role there for 10 years, negotiated a friendly departure, and started a second agency. We're a generalist PR firm, doing brand and product marketing, as well as corporate reputation and issues management, regulatory matters, data privacy issues, and public affairs. We have 10 people in downtown Dallas. I'm principal partner. Our clients come from across the country...the Hartford, In-and-Out Burger, among others. We can therefore do everything from financial services to hamburgers.

"I serve on the Alumni Council Advancement Committee. One of our initiatives is the Larry Grimes Lecture Series. Our goal is to identify projects that are meaningful and relevant, and which will build the College's stature, but will also bring back other alumni into the fold. Each of us is an ambassador for the College: you go on your way but you're tied back to Bethany. For a small college it's

important to have each of us go out into the world and build a network and maintain it informally. Our door is open to any of our alumni.

"From Bethany's perspective, the intangibles that are strong are the people. You can't replicate that in a larger institution. Beyond that, we need greater visibility in the world. Bethany will never be a university, but it doesn't have to be. You can build from the core that we have. I do think we have a good base to build on. People who are connected to it really play a role in that.

"The experience of Bethany is residential, full of life other than classes, and there's a real sense of community. Larger places can't quite do that. Our rural location is a two-way sword, of course. We have to be a community.

"Community builds a culture of integrity and honesty; you come in and it helps form you. You leave with that. If you stay connected to it, it's a good thing to build on."





SPORTS

BISON BASEBALL RETURNS TO THE POSTSEASON

THE BISON BASEBALL TEAM gave Bethany fans something to cheer about during the 2014 campaign, as the team returned to the Presidents' Athletic Conference postseason for the first time since the 2006 campaign.

After narrowly dropping two of three to W&J to open the season, the Bison went 3-3 in Florida on Spring break and returned home to win eight consecutive contests. Bethany swept a non-conference doubleheader from Muskingum before sweeping three-game series from a pair of conference opponents.

The Bison took three games from Grove City, capturing both halves of a double header (3-0, 3-2) before dismantling the Wolverines in a nine-inning contest 15-0. Sandwiched in between those two days was a three-game set with Saint Vincent. Bethany took the double header by identical 6-5 scores, before capturing the nine-inning game 14-10.

Sitting at 7-2 after three conference series, the Bison went 1-2 in hard-fought series with Geneva and Waynesburg. After that, Bethany would get back on track, taking two-of-three from both Thiel and Westminster, to put the Green & White at 13-8 in PAC play.

Visiting Thomas More for the last series of the regular season, the Bison were still jockeying for position in the PAC playoffs with three other teams. After dropping the first two contests in the three-game set against the Saints, Bethany was able to clinch not only a playoff spot, but the third seed in the PAC Tournament with a decisive 17-5 victory.

Matching their season high in runs scored with 17, the Bison received key performances from young players. Freshman Zack Miller was the highlight of the day, as he went 4-for-5 at the dish with a double, a home run, five RBI and four runs scored. For his efforts, Miller received the "Bison Performance of the Year" award as voted on by Bethany fans in June.

Other notable performances in the playoff clinching contest included Derek Miller, Dylan Wassel and Troy Lafferty. Lafferty had an unconventional day, as he reached base in all six of his at-bats. He walked four times, was hit by a pitch and singled while scoring four runs on the day. Miller drove in three runs in the contest, while Wassel totaled two hits and two RBI.

The Bison opened the PAC Tournament against second-seeded Thomas More, who used an early offensive outburst to pull away for a big win that helped propel the Saints to the eventual tournament championship. The next day, Bethany rallied from an early deficit to tie Waynesburg in the seventh inning, but the Yellow Jackets would push across the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning to end the Bison's first trip to the PAC Tournament in eight years.

That loss did not end Bethany's season however, as the Bison earned a bid to the ECAC Tournament, the fifth postseason bid in program history. Bethany was matched up with top-seeded Penn State Behrend in the semifinal round and the Lions scored five runs to blow open a tightly-contested game for an 8-2 win to end the Bison's season with a 19-18 overall record.

A total team effort helped contribute to the Bison's success in 2014, as



Dan Petrella

Bethany saw vast improvement in a number of statistical categories from the previous year. Offensively, the Bison increased their team batting average by 33 points, upped their on-base percentage by 55 points and the team's slugging percentage improved by 51 points.

Along with making their first playoff appearance since 2006, five Bison were named to the All-Conference teams. Seniors Dylan Wassel and Juls Leto, as well as junior Zac Edmiston garnered Second-Team All-PAC selections, while juniors Ryan Meier and Dan Petrella were given Honorable Mention All-PAC status.

Wassel was the team's leader throughout the 2014 season as he posted a career-high .328 batting average. He led the Bison in most major offensive categories, including batting average, hits (38) and slugging percentage (.457), while ranking first on the team and second in the PAC in doubles, with 15 on the year. He also finished the campaign with a .403 on base percentage and 20 runs scored.

Leto earned the second all-conference award in his career, as he was named a Second-Team All-PAC performer. He finished the year with seven multi-hit games and totaled a .313 batting average. Ranking second on the team in runs scored (25), Leto also notched three doubles and 10 RBI on the year.

Edmiston made 36 appearances over the course of the season, which included eight on the mound. He completed the year with a batting aver-

age of .285 and he led the team in both RBI (25) and runs scored (27). In the field, Edmiston was perfect, posting a 1.000 fielding percentage. He was also solid on the mound, finishing the 2014 campaign with a 3-2 record and a 3.57 ERA. He started in six games on the mound and totaled 35.1 innings of work while allowing just 31 hits and striking out 23.

Meier's Honorable Mention selection was the second of his career. He was named PAC Pitcher of the Week twice during the season and he finished with a team-best 56.2 innings pitched and 26 strikeouts while compiling a 4-4 overall record, which included PAC wins over Grove City and Westminster.

This was the initial All-PAC award for Petrella, who was the Bison closer. Both of his victories during the year and all six of his saves, which ranked him second in the PAC, were against conference opponents. He finished with a sterling 0.69 ERA and was tabbed as the PAC Pitcher of the Week once during the year.

MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

THE BISON MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM used a host of veteran leadership, as well as a stifling defensive mindset to capture the regular season PAC Championship and post their third 20+ win season in four years.

Bethany started the year off on the right foot, going on the road to claim a win at Frostburg State by a score of 79-69. Senior Leslie Addy gave the Bison the boost they needed from the post, as he recorded 19 points and 19 rebounds. Junior Delonte' Joyce also started a trend that would last throughout the season, leading the team in scoring with a game-high 27 points.

The victory over Frostburg would spark a nine-game winning streak for the Bison, as they would take down non-conference opponents Mount Union (79-61), Penn State-DuBois (102-63), Ohio Northern (88-80), St. John Fisher (79-52) and Baldwin Wallace (60-58). Along with those wins, the Green & White also started their conference campaign 3-0, capturing wins over Waynesburg (68-65), Grove City (63-61) and Geneva (91-62).

Over their first nine games, defense was the key for the Bison, as they held their opponents under 40 percent shooting in six of the nine contests. The team also collected 10 or more steals in five of the nine games.

After suffering its first losses of the year at Case Western Reserve Tournament, Bethany would quickly right the ship. Getting into the bulk of their conference schedule, the Bison would take four of their next five games, defeating Thiel (66-53), Westminster (96-56) and Washington & Jefferson (66-64), while also claiming a non-conference victory over Muskingum (85-62).

Falling into a virtual tie for first place after an overtime loss to Thomas More on January 22, the Bison would go undefeated in the second half of their conference schedule to finish the regular season with a 14-2 mark in



the PAC.

After winning five straight games, four of which were by double figures, the Bison went into Latrobe, Pa., for a game with Saint Vincent in a battle of first-place teams. Bethany would not disappoint as they steamrolled the Bearcats by a score of 85-65. In the game, Joyce and senior Lawrence Weldon each had a career-night. Joyce finished with a career-high 31 points while also adding five rebounds, five assists and four steals. Weldon also posted a career scoring night, dropping in 23 points on 9-of-10 shooting.

The Bison had just two games to go in the regular season, and needed to win out to clinch the regular season title and the overall number one seed in the conference tournament. Behind 26 points from Joyce, the Green & White walked away with an 80-77 win over Thomas More. In the finale, Bethany was able to clinch the regular season title with a three-point win over W&J (72-69) as Addy posted 17 points and 15 rebounds.

Bethany's hopes for a PAC title were dashed with a loss to Geneva in the PAC Tournament. The Bison's outstanding season still warranted a trip to the postseason, as Bethany earned the top seed for the ECAC Tournament, the program's 10th consecutive appearance in the postseason. The campaign came to close for the Bison with a loss to eventual tournament champion Juniata, but Bethany's 21 wins for the year tied for fourth-most in single-season history.

In recognition of their efforts, three Bison were named All-PAC performers led by Joyce and Addy, who both garnered First Team selections. Senior forward Kevin Jackson also earned all-conference laurels, as he was named a Second Team All-PAC pick.

Along with his First Team All-PAC honor, Joyce was also given the nod as a Second Team All-Great Lakes Region selection by D3hoops.com. Joyce made his mark in 2013-14, ranking first on the team and fifth in the PAC in points per contest (16.8). He scored 20+ points eight times on the year, and hit the 30-point plateau twice, the only player in the conference to accomplish that feat.

It was on the defensive end, however, that Joyce really shined. He finished the year with a conference-best 87 steals, and ranked third in all of Division III in steals per game (3.2). His work on the defensive end helped the Bison lead the nation in steals per contest (12.3), while also ranking first in the PAC in scoring defense (66.0).

BETHANY SPRING SPORTS RECAP

Lacrosse

UNDER THE TUTELAGE of first-year head coach Tim Priskey, the Bison lacrosse program captured four victories for the second year in a row, while also breaking a few school records.

After dropping three to start the season, the Bison quickly climbed back to the .500 mark by capturing their next three contests. The team defeated Franciscan 15-9, before upending Defiance (20-3) and Hiram (10-9).

In the win over Franciscan, sophomore Grant Delaney set a Bison record, by tallying eight goals in the contest. He also tied the school mark for points in a game with nine. Not to be outdone, freshman Jake Holland repeated the feat in the very next game, scoring eight goals and adding one assist in the 20-3 win over Defiance. The 20 goals in the game for Bethany tied a school record but became the largest margin of victory in the program's history (the Bison also scored 20 goals in a 20-4 win over Southern Virginia on April 5, 2013.)

One more school record would fall by the wayside during the season, as sophomore Aaron Bynum registered six caused turnovers against Thiel on April 4, shattering the previous mark of four.

Bethany would pick up their final win of the season on Senior Night as the Bison defeated Bryn Athyn College 12-11 in an overtime thriller. After Delaney tied the game on a goal with seven seconds left in the fourth quarter, sophomore Tim Pagano notched the game-winning goal with 1:24 remaining in the first overtime period. Both goals were assisted by senior Travis Granich, who had five assists in the victory.

The Bison showed vast improvement statistically under Coach Priskey. The Bison scored more goals in 2014 than they have in any of the past three seasons, and they also improved in opponents goals per game, allowing four less per contest in 2014. Perhaps the biggest difference in statistical performances came in faceoff percentage, as the Bison won 41.3 percent of the faceoffs taken in 2014, which was an improvement by nearly 14 percent from the previous season.



Men's Tennis

THE BISON MEN's tennis team captured six victories for the third time in the last four seasons under head coach Andrew Sachs. The team also tied for fifth at the PAC Championships, registering the Bison's highest finish since the 2011 campaign.

Bethany opened the year with a split, which included a 5-4 victory over Waynesburg University in conference action. James Peterson and Marcus Hooks each captured two victories on the day as the Bison defeated the Yellow Jackets for the second time in the last three seasons.

A week later, the Bison picked up their first sweep of the season, dropping Mount Aloysius by a 9-0 score. In the victory, freshman David Camacho didn't surrender a single point, winning number one singles (6-0, 6-0) and number one doubles (8-0) when partnered with Peterson. Bethany then picked up their first conference sweep since 2011, defeating Thiel 9-0 on April 9, moving the team to 2-3 in conference play.

The Green & White finished strong heading into the PAC Championship Tournament, winning three of their last four matches. The Bison took down Mount Aloysius (8-1) and Penn State Altoona (5-4) on back-to-back days, before dropping Muskingum 8-1 for the program's sixth win.

On the first day of the PAC Championship tournament, the Bison captured three victories. Junior Jared Roque paced the team with a win in the first round of number three singles, defeating W&J's Greg Smith in three sets (2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-6). Sophomore Kyle Booker also recorded a win, taking down Thomas More's Tim Rice in straight sets at number four singles. The pairing of Dylan Schooley and Hooks also scored a victory, winning a first round match over Thomas More in number three doubles, 8-5.

The three winners for the Bison all found themselves competing in the consolation bracket of their respective flights, and Roque posted Bethany's top finish, taking the third-place match over Westminster's Ryan Carr (6-4, 6-4). Booker and the pairing of Schooley and Hooks each took home a fourth place finish. Roque's third-place mark was the highest finish by a Bison since 2011.

Women's Softball

BOASTING A YOUNG ROSTER with just three seniors, the Bison softball program overcame a slow start to return to the PAC Tournament for the first time since 2011.

After opening the year against a strong schedule in Clermont, Fla., for Spring Break, the Bison returned home to sweep Penn State-Fayette in convincing fashion. Bethany posted a total of 32 runs in the doubleheader sweep, which included a 23-1 victory in the first game and a 9-1 win in game number two.

Bethany opened conference play one week later, splitting with Chatham. The Bison dropped the first game to the Cougars 4-3, before junior Kiersten Conwell pitched a complete game, allowing just one run on four hits in a 2-1 victory.

The Green & White then opened their home portion of the season by sweeping Grove City in dominating fashion to improve to 3-1 in conference play on the year. Bethany took the first game 6-2, before using a three-hit game by senior Ashlee Needy to capture an 8-1 win in game two.

After splitting with both Waynesburg and Westminster, the Bison once again swept a conference opponent, as they took both games from Thiel behind a stellar pitching day from Kelsey Bish. The junior tossed two complete games, allowing just one earned run in 13 innings, as the Bison took game one 3-0 and game two by a 9-1 score.

After splitting three of their next four conference series, Bethany needed one victory to secure a spot in the PAC Championship Tournament. The victory came in the Bison's last contest of the regular season, as Bish once again shined, pitching a complete-game shutout. She allowed just five hits in Bethany's 4-0 win over W&J, which locked up the fourth seed for the Bison in the PAC Tournament.

Despite the lack of tournament experience and facing the top seed in the opening round of the Tournament, the Bison nearly pulled out a win in the first game against Thomas More. Bethany rallied from a 2-0 deficit to take a 3-2 lead in the top of the seventh. The Saints pushed the tying run across in the bottom of the seventh and the game went to 10 innings before Thomas More scored the game winner.

In the second game of the day, the Bison went down to the final out again, this time against W&J. Trailing 3-0 in the sixth inning, Bethany scored twice to get



Deanna Mihalco

within a run and had two runners on base in the seventh, but couldn't get the tying run across and the Bison lost by the slimmest of margins to the Presidents, who went on to win the Tournament and earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

For their efforts during the regular season, five Bison were named to the All-PAC team, including First Team selections Deanna Mihalco and Kadie Kelly. Bish and Kayla Kelly earned Second Team All-PAC laurels, while Jessica Kusnierz was selected as an Honorable Mention All-PAC performer.

Mihalco was the driving force for the Bison offense and was also a solid presence in the field. Playing in 41 games, including 40 starts on the year, Mihalco led the Bison in a number of major offensive categories. She ranked first on the team in batting average (.362), hits (42), walks (12) and finished tops on the team in RBI, driving in 21 runs on the year.

The all-conference award was the first of Kadie Kelly's career. She posted a team-

best .354 batting average, while also collecting 12 RBI, as well as three doubles and one home run.

Second Team All-PAC laurels went to Bish and Kayla Kelly. Bish was the top pitcher for Bethany, posting 10 wins and a career-high 102 strikeouts in 145 innings of work, second-most in the PAC. Kayla Kelly was awarded her second straight all-conference honor after hitting .325 for the season with eight doubles, 16 RBI and a team-best seven stolen bases.

Rounding out the All-PAC honorees was Kusnierz with her second consecutive Honorable Mention award. She hit a career-best .315 and was fifth in the PAC in on-base percentage at .483 after getting hit by a pitch 23 times, while also drawing 12 walks from the leadoff spot in the lineup.

Golf

THE BISON MEN's golf team competed in six invitationals over the course of the season and was led by senior Ryan Vassil in all six events.

Vassil's top performance came on April 9, as the Bison hosted the Bethany Invitational at Wheeling Country Club. Vassil posted a second-place finish, shooting 79 for the day. His even-par 36 on the back nine of the course tied the lowest score of any player over nine holes on the day.

The Bison came away with a fifth place finish in the event, as senior Ryan Franklin joined Vassil in the top 10 after carding 81 to place eighth overall.

Vassil also led the way for the Green & White in the PAC Championships. The senior finished in 17th place in the event, as he posted a four-day total of 163.



Ryan Vassil



Track

LED BY AN ALL-AMERICAN season by sophomore Umar Moore, the Bison track and field programs turned in outstanding performances during the 2013-14 campaign.

In the 2013 indoor season, the Bison competed in the inaugural PAC Indoor Track and Field Championships. In the conference championships, the Bethany men ran to a second place finish, while the Bison women took home sixth in the competition.

Overall, the Bison captured five PAC titles during the meet, which included Moore, Austin Williams, Kyle Minger and the 4x400 meter relay team on the men's side, and Paige Prato for the women. Moore took home top honors in the triple jump, breaking the PAC indoor record with a leap of 46' 9 1/2". Minger also broke a record en route to winning the 400 meter dash (49.63), and Williams took home the top award in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.94. The 4x400 meter relay team consisting of Minger, Wesley Scott, Dillon Handy and Andre Butler also placed first, finishing with a mark of 3:29.86.

On the women's side, Prato was the lone champion, breaking the event record in the 60-meter dash, winning the title with a time of 8.01. Kiera Goolsby finished third in the 60 with a mark of 8.13 and Heather Grinkley scored a top-five finish in both the triple jump (31' 11 1/2") and the 60 meter dash (8.15).

Following the PAC Championships, Moore was still searching for a mark in the triple jump that would earn him a spot in the NCAA Indoor National Championships. He found it at the Columbia Indoor Last Chance meet, posting a mark of 47' 4 1/2", giving him the 13th best performance in the nation and earning him a spot in the National Championships. Making nationals for the second time in three chances, Moore took home a 14th place finish.

In the Outdoor PAC Championship Meet, Prato and Moore once again led the way for the Bison. Prato captured her second conference championship of the 2013-14 calendar year, taking home top honors in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.45 to break her own school record. She also set the school mark in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.59 to earn second place in that event. For the women, the 4x100 relay team also captured a conference crown, as the team of Prato, Maria Jackson-McBride, Heather Grinkley and Kiera Goolsby placed first with a time of 49.84.

On the men's side, Moore was the lone champion, capturing first place in the long jump with a distance of 23' 2 3/4". Minger garnered two top-five finishes, placing fourth in both the 200-meter dash (23.55) and the 400-meter dash (49.55).

Following the conference meet, the season continued for a large contingent of Bison who qualified for the ECAC Championship meet. A total of nine athletes earned the right to compete at the two-day meet, held in Troy, New York. Minger recorded one of the top efforts for Bethany, as he took fifth overall in the 400 with a time of 49.55.

The top performance by a Bison was turned in by Moore. The then two-time national qualifier posted the program's top finish at the ECAC Championship meet, placing fourth in the long jump with a leap of 23' 6". The mark also qualified him 16th for the NCAA National Championships in Ohio.

At the NCAA National Championships, Moore became the first Bison since Matt Cruse in 2008 to earn All-American status. He needed a big effort in his final jump of the first round to advance to the finals. Once in the finals, on his next to last jump, he posted a leap of 23' 2" to claim fifth place overall. His fifth place finish marked the highest by a Bethany athlete ever at the Outdoor Championships.



Swimming and Diving

CONTINUING TO head in the right direction under third-year head coach David Dow, the Bethany men's and women's swimming and diving teams posted their best records in recent memory. The women's team finished the year 12-4, while the men posted a 7-6 record during the 2013-14 campaign.

Along with their 12 wins, the women's team captured a conference victory, defeating Chatham 159-99. The men also notched some big victories, including wins over Frostburg State (146-105) and Gallaudet (146-120).

In the PAC Championships, the Bison continued to show vast improvement, as both teams bested their scores from a year ago. The women's team finished with a total of 206 points, up from 173 a year ago, while the men posted 173 points, vastly improving on their mark of 34 in 2013.

In the pool, the women were led by a trio of solid swimmers. Junior Marina Baker, along with sophomore Alexi Pyles and

freshman Christine Pray, carried a big load for the Bison. Baker had a great 2013-14 campaign, as she broke individual records in the 100 freestyle (54.14) and 200 breaststroke (2:38.97). She placed first in 34-of-38 individual swims on the year, and notched a ninth-place performance in the 100 free at the PAC Championships.

Pyles put together a solid sophomore season, breaking three school records including the 100 butterfly (1:00.57). She also placed first in 25 of her 35 individual swims over the course of the season, and scored points in five different events at the PAC Championships. She placed in the 100 fly and 100 backstroke, individually, and was also a member of the 400 and 800 freestyle as well as the 200 medley relay teams that also took home points.

Pray's specialty was in the distance events, as she placed first in 18 of 19 chances in 2013-14. She set Bison records in the 500 free (5:22.74), the 1,000 free (11:11.56) and the 1,650 free (18:27.02), while also breaking the school mark in the 200 butterfly (2:22.75). At the PAC Championships, Pray earned points in both the 500 and 1,650 freestyles, and the 400 meter individual medley.

On the men's side, sophomore Brandon Martell and freshman Jake Collas paced the team. Martell earned his second consecutive Second Team All-PAC honor, as he captured a second place finish in the one-meter dive (246.60) and a third place mark in the three-meter dive (336.80) at the PAC Championships. Both marks set Bethany records in the 11-dive format. Over the course of the year, Martell was also a figure of consistency, as he placed first in 18 of his 21 diving events.



Gabrielle Naples and Alexis Naples

Collas made his mark at the PAC Championships by scoring points in five different events. The freshman was a member of three different relay teams (200 and 400 medleys and 400 freestyle), and also earned points in two different individual events (100 and 200 breaststroke). During the 2013-14 campaign, Collas touched first in 21 individual events and was also a member of the record-breaking 200 medley relay team (1:43.20), which also included freshmen Grant Ashcraft, Craig Starks and Jeremy Starr.

Women's Basketball

BETHANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL showed steady improvement through the 2013-14 season, as a late-season three-game winning streak built up momentum that helped the Bison nearly pull off a big upset in the opening round of the PAC Tournament.

Bethany opened its season with a split, recovering from a loss to Marietta to defeat Penn State-Beaver by a score of 91-76. In their highest offensive output of the season, the Bison were led by a pair of double-doubles from sophomore Sami Schott (16 points, 11 rebounds) and senior Taylor Verrico (24 points, 11 rebounds).

Following the victory over PSU-Beaver, the Bison opened the conference portion of their schedule by capturing two of their first three PAC contests. Bethany fell to Waynesburg to open PAC play, but rebounded with victories over Grove City (59-49) and Geneva (68-62) to start conference action 2-1. In the win over the Wolverines, the Bison held Grove City to just 30 percent shooting from the field and were led offensively by sophomore Gabrielle Naples, who totaled 18 points.

In the team's next conference contest, the Green and White used a 16-point, 11-rebound performance from Verrico to capture the victory over the Golden Tornadoes.

Over the remainder of the season, the Bison prevailed in four more conference contests. The biggest wins of the year perhaps came in a three-game winning streak during the late stages of the season. The first of those victories was an 85-78 decision over Westminster. In the win over the Titans, Bethany saw all five starters record double figures, led by double-double efforts from seniors Skylar Williams (12 points, 10 rebounds) and Verrico (17 points, 11 rebounds). The Green and White then continued the momentum, receiving an 18-point, 17-rebound night from Schott to defeat the Tomcats 78-61 for the team's largest margin of victory of the season.

Bethany ran its winnings streak to a season-best three games by posting an 87-78 victory at Chatham. The Bison ran out to a 12-point halftime lead and held off the Cougars in the second half to complete the sweep in the season series. Verrico posted one of two double-doubles by Bethany with 21 points and 11 rebounds, while Schott turned in 17 points and 10 boards.

Posting enough wins to secure the sixth seed in the conference tournament, Bethany faced off with W&J in Washington in the opening round. The Bison hung tough throughout the contest, and Verrico, playing her final contest in a Bethany uniform, saved the best for last, finishing the game with 36 points, including seven three-point baskets to tie a Bison record originally set by Jen Rodkey in 1996. The Green and White pushed the third-seeded Presidents to the limit, but eventually fell in overtime 85-81.

For her efforts during the season, Verrico was named an Honorable Mention All-PAC performer. The award marked the second in Verrico's career, as she finished the season with 14.1 points, good for eighth in the PAC, and 7.2 rebounds a game.

BETHANY PUTS 21 ON PAC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

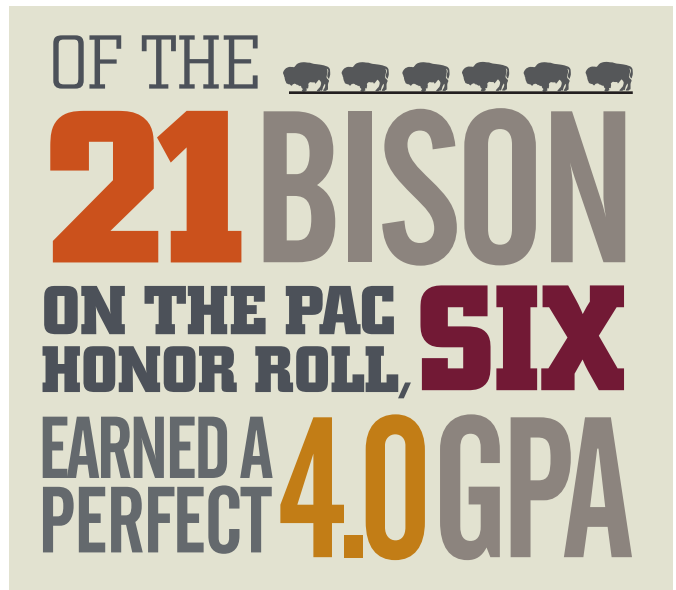
A TOTAL OF 21 Bethany College student-athletes were recently named to the Presidents' Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll for the spring 2014 semester.

In total, 460 student-athletes from all ten conference schools were named to the honor roll, which recognizes those on winter and spring athletic teams who earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale during the semester of their competition.

The Bison totaled 56 student athletes who received the honor (35 fall, 21 spring) to help the conference reach a new all-time high of 901 during the academic calendar year. The total for the conference was 48 more than the previous high of 853, established during the 2012-13 academic year.

The Bethany softball program led the way for the Green and White, boasting seven athletes on the PAC Academic Honor Roll. The men's golf team was second with four, with the swimming & diving teams, the women's basketball team and the track program all seeing three athletes honored. The baseball program also made the list.

Of the 21 Bison who were named to the PAC Honor Roll, six of those student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.



Bethany's Spring 2014 PAC Academic Honor Roll Honorees

NAME	YEAR	MAJOR	SPORT	HOMETOWN/H.S.
Kelsey Bish	JR	Visual Art	SOFTBALL	Landisville, Pa./Hempfield
Tyler Davis	JR	Spanish	GOLF	Shadyside, Ohio/The Linsley School
Zac Edmiston	JR	Physical Education	BASEBALL	California, Pa./California
Haley Ekaitis	SO	Physical Education	SWIMMING	Pittsburgh, Pa./McKeesport
Kelly Faralla	FR	Undecided	SWIMMING	Broadview Heights, Ohio/ Brecksville-Broadview Heights
Savannah Francis	FR	Psychology	SOFTBALL	South Park, Pa./South Park
Peter Franklin	SR	Accounting	GOLF	Pittsburgh, Pa./Hampton
Heather Hamm	JR	Spanish	TRACK	Fairfax, Va./BFA Fairfax
Kayla Kelly	SO	Physical Education	SOFTBALL	Pasadena, Md./Institute of Notre Dame
Jessica Kusnierz	JR	Sports Management	SOFTBALL	New Castle, Pa./Shenango
Deanna Mihalco	SO	Physical Education	SOFTBALL	Patterson, N.Y./Brewster
Gabrielle Naples	SO	Social Work	BASKETBALL	Salem, Ohio/South Range
Candace Pacheco	SR	Communications	SOFTBALL	Fall River, Mass./B.M.C. Durfee
Nicole Pack	SO	Education	SWIMMING	Pittsburgh, Pa./Brentwood
Paige Prato	SR	Psychology	TRACK	Gibsonia, Pa./Deer Lakes
Kyle Pytlak	JR	Psychology	GOLF	Glen Dale, W. Va./Linsly
Lauren Simpson	FR	Communications	BASKETBALL	Washington, Pa./Trinity
Nick Turner	JR	Education	GOLF	Huntington, W. Va./St. Joseph
Lauren Weigman	SR	Psychology/Pre-PT	SOFTBALL	Nanty Glo, Pa./Blacklick Valley
Skylar Williams	SR	Physical Education	BASKETBALL	Jefferson Hills, Pa./Thomas Jefferson
Ashley Worst	FR	Equine Studies	TRACK	Cuba, N.Y./Apollo-Ridge

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.



Old Main: A National Historic Landmark — The centerpiece of the Bethany College campus, Old Main is one of America's finest examples of collegiate Gothic architecture. Built in 1858, Old Main is situated slightly north of the site of College Proper, the original college building, a stone and brick structure that burned on December 10, 1857.

Where Were *You* During the Last 175 Years?

On Founder's Day, March 5, 2015, Bethany will celebrate its 175th anniversary. Throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, the College will host a number of special events, including guest speakers, receptions, art exhibits and much more. Please watch our College website for more information.

In addition, Bethany Today will offer special coverage of the anniversary, with a look back at our history as well as a glimpse of our future. Historical features, coverage of campus special events, and perspectives on the future of Bethany and small, private, liberal arts education will be among the highlights.

We invite you to contribute, too. Tell us your personal Bethany story. Did you meet your spouse or partner here? Who were your favorite professors? What are some of your most cherished memories of your time at Bethany? How has the College enriched your life?

You have the idea. The history of any institution is found in the memories of its people—those who know its character, honor its heritage and help shape its future. So let's hear from you!

Our next issue will go to press early next year and we would like to include your special memories and insights, along with any photos you would like to share. (Just make sure they're suitable for a family publication!)

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THOMAS BUERGENTHAL '57, BOB MCCANN '80 and KELLY SOFKA '10 are featured on the Council of Independent Colleges' website. They each were highlighted on the "Securing America's Future: The Power of Liberal Arts Education" section of the website.

The town of Bethany now has a nationally registered Little Free Library which was constructed by **JACK HOFFMAN '61** and decorated by **PROFESSOR KENN MORGAN '71**. The Library is adjacent to Chambers General Store and was installed there by Hoffman and **BOB CHAMBERS '60**.

A group of KA brothers gathered at Smithville Mountain Lake, VA over the summer. Alumni at the gathering included: **DICK DEEMER '64, JERRY RUTHERFORD '65, ED PAPPAS '66, BOB SIPPRELL '66, LARRY BRANCH '67, JIM DAVIS '67, PAUL SMIFFIN '67, DICK BIRKINS '68, and KEN FEDALI '68**.

DR. LARRY GRIMES '64, Professor of English Emeritus and Director of Church Relations at Bethany, has used his knowledge from years of studying Ernest Hemingway in the new release "Hemingway, Cuba and the Cuban Works."

Alumni gathered together in August at the Chautauqua Institution. Some stayed at The Disciples House, a 100-year-old recognized ministry of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Bethanians at the gathering were **ARTHUR KEYS '67, AMOS ACREE '69, BILL SOMPLATSKY-JARMAN '69, LOGAN HASSIG '70, RICHARD HULL '70, LINDA HULL '71, SALLY SMEDLEY '71, DEB HASSIG '72, LEE SMEDLEY '72, and CAROL SOMPLATSKY-JARMAN '72**.

SALVATORE MARRANCA '68 stepped down as president and CEO of Cattaraugus County Bank in March 2014. He has been in the banking industry since 1969.

REV. DR. ROBERT W. PERRY '69 has been appointed as the interim regional minister of the Capital region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

RICHARD HULL '70, interim pastor of St. Nicholas Park Christian Church in Jacksonville, Florida, recently visited the Christian Hospital of Mungeli, India. During his visit, Pastor Hull presided at the rededication of The Diamond Ward, which has been refurbished to serve as hospital staff housing.

DR. STELIOS PAPADOPOULOS '70 has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Biogen Idec's Board of Directors.

JEFF STUEK '70 will be inducted into the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame during its 35th induction ceremony Nov. 8. Stuek will be recognized for his outstanding swimming career, for which received high school All-State and collegiate All-American honors.

CHRISTINE BADOLATO LEO '73, a reading intervention teacher, was a presenter at the North Carolina Reading Association Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, in March 2014. She presented "Using Picture Books to Teach Writing in Grades 3-5" to teachers, graduate students, education professors and college students at the 45th annual conference.

TOM NOLA '75 was named the new coach at Gateway High School in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 18, 2014.

DR. ALLYSEN TODD '77 was named Dean of Arts and Sciences at Columbus State Community College in Ohio.

JEFFREY SEGLIN '78, a lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard, received the Manuel C. Carballo Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government.

PATRICIA (DAUTEL) NOBBIE '79 was awarded the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation Public Policy Fellowship in 2013, and served in Senator Jay Rockefeller's office as a health policy fel-

low, focused on disability reform, from January 2013 to January 2014. She is now a program specialist in the Center for Disability and Aging at the Administration for Community Living in Washington, DC.

SCOTT SUNSHINE '79, the Food and Beverage Director and Executive Chef at Hilton Garden Inn in Falls Church, Virginia, prepared a gluten-free Seder dinner for TV news hosts on WUSA-9. He was also featured in a Father's Day cooking segment.

DR. BRUCE BLANK '80 has been inducted into the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine Hall of Fame.

KENDALL "E.K." HAYES '80, who is a former boy's basketball coach at Potomac High School in Oxon Hill, Maryland, received the honor of having the school's new gym floor named after him.

ROBERT MCCANN '80, Chief Executive Officer of UBS Group Americas, was honored along with Vice President Joe Biden at The American Ireland Fund's 22nd Annual National Gala in Washington, DC. McCann was presented with the International Business Leadership Award. McCann also discussed UBS's success in a Washington Post article and a bizjournals.com article.

MARIE DEPARIS '83, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for SportsNet in New York, was highlighted by Multichannel News as a Regional Sports Network All-Star.

DAVID GEORGE '92, author of self-help book "Be Unique, Be You and Live!" and spokesperson and advocate for people who live with ADD, learning challenges and autism, was appointed by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin to serve on the West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council to help improve the lives of the state's residents who have disabilities.



The 2014 Alumni Awards were presented during the Annual Alumni Awards Dinner that was held in conjunction with Alumni Weekend. Pictured are Dr. Scott D. Miller, President of the College, and award recipients Elizabeth "Beth" Athol '82, Alumna of the Year Award; George Manahan '83, Distinguished Service to Alma Mater Award; Dr. Cheryl Mitchell '76, Alumni Achievement Award; and Don Wells '43, Community Service Award.

DR. MICHAEL HYNES '94, superintendent of the Shelter Island School District in New York, has been selected to receive the Phi Delta Kappa International Friends of Education Award that goes to educators who demonstrate leadership, research and service within their communities.

JOHN M. RODGERS '96, an accountant with more than 20 years of private and public experience, recently transferred from Ernst & Young LLP's Iselin, New Jersey, office to its San Jose, California, office, where he is an executive director.

NICOLE (VETANZE) SWANSON '98 has franchised a Physicians Weight Loss Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. The grand opening was held in June 2014.

JERAMY DEBORD '99 opened Numbers Brewing Co. in Lisbon, Ohio.

MARY LYNN (HARDEN) MACK '00 recently accepted a position as international communications manager at JPMorgan Chase. Additionally, she has been accepted into the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications' executive education program at Syracuse University, pursuing an M.S. in Communications Management.

DR. BRIAN STEVENS '01 received his doctorate in education with a specialization in E-learning and educational technology from Northcentral University.

MICHAEL DAWLEY '02 took a new position at Genentech, a biotechnology company.

RACHAEL SHAFER '03 was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army on March 1, 2014.

LISA (STEETS) HOSTETLER '04 recently opened her own law firm, LawyerLisa, LLC, in South Carolina. The firm focuses on real estate closings, estate planning, probate administration, special needs trusts, contract drafting, private litigation, elder law and long-term care planning.

ASHLEY DOUGHERTY '05 was voted best meteorologist in the "Best in the 'Burgh 2014: Reader's Poll" by Pittsburgh Magazine.

STEFANIE ELLIOTT '05 recently became a family therapist Pressley Ridge.

HEATHER TAYLOR '05 completed a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing at Wilkes University and was named assistant professor of English at Bethany College.

DR. KRISTEN (COOPIE) ALLEN '07 earned her doctorate in Political Science from Pittsburgh University in April 2013. She began a job as an assistant professor of Political Science at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, in August 2013.

ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" DAVIS '07 finished her surgical residency in June 2014 in foot and ankle reconstruction at Memorial Health System in Hollywood, Florida, and accepted a position at the ankle and foot center of Tampa Bay.

VICTORIA SALVATORIELLO '08 recently began working as a Marketing Manager for TeleCommunications Systems, Inc.

ASHLEY BERARDI '09 received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from The Ohio State University in May 2014.

BRANDON ALEXANDER ESSINGTON '09 recently began working as a Media Specialist with Murray Energy Corporation.

PAUL STARCHER '09 recently began working at the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, as an international admission advisor. In May 2014, he graduated from the University of Evansville with a Master of Science in Public Service Administration.

KATHERINE WARREN '14 spent five weeks in Yako, Burkina Faso, in West Africa during July with the Sheltering Wings organization. Warren served as a missionary at Les Ailes de Refuge Orphanage.

MARRIAGES

SUSAN WILSON '83 and **SCOTT LESIAK '82** were married on May 25, 2014 in Ocean Isle Beach, NC. Bethanians **LORNA COLQUHOUN '83** served as a bridesmaid.

Christina Ann Lanzi and **MARK MOOKIE JOHN '01** were married to on July 26, 2014 at St. John Roman Catholic Church in Uniontown, Pa. Bethanians **TODD S. JOHN '92**, **JOSH GRANT '02**, and **PATRICK K. LION '01** were in the wedding.

BETH DEGGES '03 and Patrick Hindsley were married on April 12, 2014 at Swan Point Yacht & Country Club in Swan Point, MD.

JULIA ANN DIVEGLIA '03 and Jonathan Michael Emrock were married July 25, 2014 at Heinz Memorial Chapel in Oakland, PA. Bethanians **JULIA (SENAY) ANDERSON '02**, **WILLIAM ANDERSON '03**, and **COURTNEY DENNIS '03** were in the wedding.

SARA SYPULA '04 and Rico Dillard were married on June 29, 2013 at Good Shepherd Church in Upper St. Clair, PA. Bethanians **SHAYNA MacCLEARY '04**, **BETHANY SMITH '04** and **KRISTIN LAING '06** served as bridesmaids.

ASHLEY JOSAY '05 and Dr. Robert Zullo were married on June 21, 2014 at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Greensburg, PA. Bethanians in the wedding were **MAGGIE KUHN '04** and **CALLIE (CHAPMAN) MEZYK '06**.

MALLORY LYNN ROADMAN '06 and Michael Ray Guinn were married on November 30, 2014 at the George Washington Hotel in Washington, PA. Bethanians **MEREDITH (VANSANT) SHAH '06**, **ALYSSA ROADMAN '08**, and **LAUREN ROADMAN '09** were bridesmaids in the wedding.

BRITTANY VAVREK '06 and **BRANDON ZEMAN '09** were married on May 3, 2014 at St. Barbara Church in Bridgeville, PA. Bethanians in the wedding were **BIANCA (BARNABEI) GOODWIN '06**, **LINDSAY (CAPRARESE) FEESLER '06**, **DANA (GUMP) KIRCHNER '06**, **NATALIE (MCCALL) JASKOWSKI '06** and **NATHAN PAGE '08**.

MICHELE AVANT '08 and David Kratzert were married on September 14, 2013 in Washington, PA.

Amy Marie Joyce and **RICHARD HOWARD CROWE JR. '09** were married on July 14, 2014 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Steubenville, OH. Bethanians **DOM DECARLO '08** served as a groomsman.

STACI LUEHM '08 and Davis Roddy were married July 27, 2013 at Liberty Borough Presbyterian in McKeesport PA. Bethanian **CAELYN DISANTI '10** served as maid of honor and **LISA MITCHELL '08**, **LAUREN (COE) BRASZO '08** and **DANA CULBERT '06** served as bridesmaids.

ASHLEY MAZUR '08 and Todd Bindford were married on May 3, 2014 at Saint Sebastian Parish in Pittsburgh, PA. Bethanians **KATIE PIACQUADIO '09**, **NIKI ZALAZNIK '07** and **COURTNEY (IRWIN) DRAHOS '07** were participants in the ceremony.

JENNA PROVENZANO '08 and Morgan McCormick were married on July 12, 2014 at the George Washington Hotel in Washington, PA.

RENEE TAYLOR JONES '09 and Larry William Haines were married on April 11, 2014 at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV. Bethanians **LENA CELANI '09**, **SARA BROWN '09**, **SHEILA (SCHRADER) KLAMERUS '09**, and **AMANDA RONEY '12** served as bridesmaids and **JOYCE (DUMBAUGH) CHERNENKO '78** officiated the ceremony.

BIRTHS

COURTNEY (WILLARD) DAWLEY '01 and **MICHAEL DAWLEY '02** welcomed twins Madeline and Isaac on September 19, 2013. They join big brother Ethan.

SARA (SYPULA) DILLARD '04 and husband Rico Dillard welcomed their son Cameron Thomas on June 7, 2014.

KELLY (MCGREW) HEALY '04 and **MICHAEL HEALY '04** welcomed their son Jack Michael on January 23, 2014.

EMILY (PUCKETT) SNYDER '04 and husband Joshua welcomed their daughter Lily Ann on September 13, 2013.

CARA (CICCOLELLA) LION '05 and **NICK LION '04** welcomed their daughter Scarlett Annmarie on April 8, 2014. She joins big brother Nicco.

KRISTIN (PLUMSKY) ANSLOW '03 and AARON ANSLOW '06 welcomed their daughter Amelia Rose on October 11, 2013.

COLLEEN (KELLY) SMITH '06 and JEREMY SMITH '00 welcomed their son Tanner Kelly on June 16, 2014. He joins big brothers Noah and Cooper.

MEGAN (COOK) DETWILER '06 and SCOTT DETWILER '06 welcomed their daughter Graycen Paige on May 22, 2014.

LINDSAY (CAPRARESE) FEESLER '06 and BEN FEESLER '05 welcomed their son Benjamin Matthew on July 15, 2014.

ROBERT NIZIOL '06 and his wife Emily welcomed their son James Gerald on February 18, 2014.

LAURA (BURD) TRIFONOFF '06 and husband James welcomed their daughter Finley Mae on January 29, 2014.

JENNY (PLACE) WAYCHOFF '06 and JUSTIN WAYCHOFF '06 welcomed their daughter Addison Marie on October 5, 2013. She joins big sister Chloe.

KATIE (MILLS) COOPER '07 and husband Kyle welcomed their son Brody Kyle on June 19, 2014.

COURTNEY (STOCKER) WRIGHT '07 and husband Daniel welcomed their son Levi Austin on December 6, 2013.

GINA (COLUSSI) GRAHAM '08 and husband Jonathan welcomed their son Jace Alan on April 16, 2014.

STACY (SHIVE) MCNALLY '08 and IAN MCNALLY '09 welcomed identical twin sons Liam Gregory and Landon Andrew on January 16, 2014.

BRITTANY (ALLISON) BENTZ '09 and husband Mark welcomed their son Bryce Andrew on March 23, 2014.

SHEILA (SCHRADER) KLAMERUS '09 and MICHAEL KLAMERUS '08 welcomed their son Michael Nicholas on July 12, 2014.

MEGAN (AREFORD) TUTKO '09 and husband Michael welcomed their daughter Avery Jade on May 9, 2014.

VICTORIA WOODS '10 and MATTHEW DAHLE '11 welcomed their daughter Bayla Dahle on February 11, 2013.



President Scott D. Miller shares the new video commemorating the College's 175th Anniversary with Alumni and Friends gathered for the Pittsburgh area Alumni & Friends event at PNC Park. To view the video, visit www.bethanywv.edu/175.



The Class of 1964 gathered to celebrate their 50th reunion during Alumni Weekend 2014. First row: Rodger Henderson, Sue (Shnake) Yale, Bob Wilson, Bob Montgomery, Martha (Shaw) Weser, Kathryn (Kinney) Whitacre, and Patricia (Collins) Goodale. Second Row: Carolyn (Theilacker) Westerhoff, BJ (Fellers) Urling, Doug Spangler, Lee Helsby and Richard Chongaway. Third row: Randy Cooley, Dr. Larry Grimes, and Don Weser. Fourth row: Bryon Van Pelt and Bob Pace. Fifth row: Bob Smith, Bill Robinson, and Bob Vavrina.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. RICHARD FLOYD DARSIE '37

April 10, 2014

HELEN MAE WEINIK '42

June 13, 2014

HAROLD RAYMOND JOHNSON '43

September 6, 2014

STEWART F. MOORE '43

June 22, 2014

ELSIE LEE WELLMON TROW '46

September 25, 2014

MARGARET F. FLAHERTY MOSIER '48

September 24, 2014

RUSSELL H. RICHARDSON '48

July 23, 2014

DAVID STEWART CUMMING '49

September 26, 2014

DR. FREDERICK J. FIEDERLEIN '50

July 15, 2014

GRANT LODGE MACNICHOLS '50

May 14, 2014

DR. JAMES FRANTZ SMITH '51

April 11, 2014

WILLIAM E. COGGINS '52

September 15, 2014

ROBERT B. HUNT '52

June 13, 2014

JAMES ZEKA '52

July 30, 2014

NANCY PROCTOR KAKUK '54

May 1, 2014

HELEN E. YOUNG CROSS '55

August 24, 2014

WILLIAM P. GROSE '55

August 26, 2014

RICHARD F. MCCONNELL '58

September 29, 2014

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