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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Preparing Global Citizens

### An Educational Imperative



ROBBIE GANTT

I am writing this column as I return from two days in Chicago where I serve on the Board of Directors of IES Abroad, one of our nation's finest study-abroad programs. Such meetings remind me of the importance of exposing our students to the world beyond our national borders. I have seen firsthand the transformative impact that study abroad can and does have on the lives of our students. It literally changes the lens with which they view the world. I am also reminded of the powerful impact a student from Vietnam or Argentina can have on a class discussion in an economics or political science class. In my inaugural address, you may recall that I encouraged us to "Bring the World to Wittenberg and Wittenberg to the World," and I am more convinced than ever that this must be a major focus for us through the remainder of the decade.

When we completed our strategic plan, *Distinctively Wittenberg: A Vision for Excellence*, now four years ago, we included global citizenship as one of our 11 values. And since then we have made some impressive progress including the establishment of an East Asian Institute (with the help of federal support), which links our East Asian Studies program with our Business Department in the development of international internship opportunities across the Pacific Rim. We have also instituted a new major in international relations, appointed our first faculty member in international business, and developed a national model for language study with our "Language Across the Curriculum" program funded by the Mellon Foundation and the U.S. Department of State. Additionally, we have developed an increasing number of international connections with universities such as Fudan in Shanghai, China. Our annual service trip to Lesotho (a small country in South Africa) has literally transformed the lives of hundreds of Wittenberg graduates, including Andrew Steele '10, who has since established BLOOM Africa, a non-profit dedicated to helping Lesotho orphans, and Betty Cheney '10, who is attending medical school and plans to focus on pediatric AIDS research in hopes of working in Lesotho post-graduation. This coming year we will also debut an exciting new study-abroad program called "Wittenberg in Wittenberg," providing our students with a home base in Wittenberg, Germany, to study throughout Europe.

While we have accomplished much, my thoughts focus on all that we have yet to do. Despite our best intentions, we continue to fall short in our efforts to increase the number of international students who attend Wittenberg and to provide the opportunity to study abroad for all interested students. I firmly believe that we must redouble our efforts both to bring more international students to Wittenberg, and to encourage all of our students to "experience the world on its own terms" through a study-abroad program. My sincere hope is that we can increase our international student population to 10 percent and increase the percentage of our students who study abroad to 50 percent by 2020.

Unfortunately, the biggest barrier to both attracting international students and sending our students abroad is financial. If you are an alum or friend of Wittenberg who shares my passion for international engagement and believes it must be a priority for Wittenberg's future, I would encourage you to send me an e-mail at [pres\\_mail@wittenberg.edu](mailto:pres_mail@wittenberg.edu), and tell me what role you might be willing to play to move this critically important priority forward. Financial support for international student scholarships or stipends to defray the cost of study abroad for our most financially strapped students would open the doors to a whole new world. Lin and I have made a significant contribution to support these efforts and would ask you to consider doing the same. If you live or work abroad, we would love to engage you as an active recruiter of international students. We have alumni in Japan and Hong Kong who have already made such a commitment, and we see it beginning to make a difference.

Our students will be the future leaders of this state, our nation and the larger globe. We must prepare them well by ensuring they are global citizens in every sense.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark H. Erickson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark H. Erickson, President

## Alumnus Gives \$5.1 Million Estate Gift To Inspire Others

In recognition of the impact Wittenberg had on shaping his moral compass and success, Lamar Kilgore '55 has given a \$5.1 million estate gift with the hope of challenging others to follow his lead.

“My family’s gift is grounded in the desire to see the product of our lifetime of effort provide benefit beyond our lifetime,” Kilgore said. “Certain that others have been similarly enriched by their Wittenberg experiences but have yet to experience the joy which giving to our great university provides, I am hoping that our gift will challenge others to do the same.”

“What Lamar has set in motion with his generous gift is both inspiring and energizing,” said President Mark H. Erickson. “His gift will not only shape our students’ understanding of peace, tolerance and global citizenship, but it will allow us to recognize and attract the absolute best and brightest faculty, a longstanding strength of the university.”

The gift, one of the largest in the university’s history, will fund the R. Lamar Kilgore Endowed Chair in Global Citizenship and the R. Lamar Kilgore Endowed Chair in Peace Studies. The gift will also provide the Kilgore Family Fellowship Toward Justice for Animals, as well as provide support for the golf team.

The youngest of three sons, Kilgore was born in Springfield and attended Springfield High School. After graduating from high school, Kilgore went to Wittenberg where he majored in political science before entering the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Law. He then practiced law for 47 years, with the last decade spent with Kilgore and Lawson, P.C., in West Chester, Pa., until his retirement in 2007.

The author of several published articles in the legal field, Kilgore also penned *A Buckeye Boyhood: Tales, Messages, Memories, Ruminations*. ■



## New Collaboration With Springfield Museum of Art Announced



Recognizing the powerful difference the arts can make in a community, in the classroom and in the lives of young people, Wittenberg University and The Springfield Museum of Art have entered into an agreement enabling Wittenberg to purchase the museum facility located at 107 Cliff Park Road.

“Our decision to purchase the facility provides a win-win for the community of Springfield, the museum and our students,”

said Wittenberg President Mark H. Erickson. “Through this collaboration, a renewed vision for the arts in Springfield will unfold that engages the museum board and longtime museum patrons, as well as Wittenberg faculty and students.”

In addition to providing more gallery space in which to exhibit students’ work in the community, the museum purchase also allows the university to consider programs in arts management and museum studies, among others. Moreover, Wittenberg will now have a black box studio theatre again for performances and student-directed plays thanks to the conversion of the museum’s Sycamore Room now underway. ■



## Community Service Honored With U.S. Flag

Wittenberg was awarded an American flag previously flown outside the U.S. Capitol as recognition for the hard work of 11 students during an alternative spring break trip in Bay St. Louis, Miss., earlier this spring. The flag flew outside of Wittenberg's Benham-Pence Student Center, April 12-20. For the past five years, Wittenberg students have participated in alternative spring break trips to fulfill the university's

community service graduation requirement at an out-of-state service site.

During the 2010 trip, titled "Mission on the Bay," volunteers from across the nation aided in disaster relief five years after Hurricane Katrina. As a thank you and recognition, Chris Lagarde, Wittenberg's camp construction supervisor, presented the group with the flag on its last day in Mississippi. ■

## Communication Earns National Recognition

The Undergraduate College and University Section of the National Communication Association (NCA) has announced that Wittenberg's Department of Communication not only will receive the organization's top honor, the Rex Mix Program of Excellence Award, but it will also be the sole department recognized at the NCA Convention in San Francisco, Nov. 14-17.

"This is an auspicious distinction, one that comes from our peers across the country recognizing the quality program we have built on this campus," said

Matthew J. Smith, associate professor of communication and department chair. "What's even more meaningful is that the process of applying for this recognition was undertaken as a collaboration between faculty and students in the Communications Leaders Program."

The NCA annually recognizes communication departments and disciplines in the United States that are providing quality, innovative, theoretical and practical programs using superior instruction, pioneering research and practical applications. ■

## University's Rotaract Club Enjoys Significant Expansion



Established in 2007 with 11 charter members, Wittenberg's Rotaract Club has more than tripled in size in just three years while undertaking ambitious community service projects and rapidly expanding an innovative mentoring program that has successfully connected a wide variety of local professionals with Wittenberg students.

Wittenberg's Rotaract members have also immersed themselves in the community, including landscaping at Springfield High School, participating in Campus Leadership Clark County, and raising money for the underprivileged in Haiti and the African Kingdom of Lesotho. The organization's international focus has gained momentum since Springfield's Rotary Club made Lesotho its international focus.

Rotaract, which aims to provide young men and women an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service, has more than 7,000 clubs in about 163 countries and geographic areas. ■



Chief Academic Officer  
University Names New Provost

**R**ick Fairbanks, provost, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the college at Northland College in Ashland, Wis., has been named the new provost at Wittenberg. Fairbanks will begin his duties Aug. 1.

As Wittenberg's second highest-ranking official and its new chief academic officer, Fairbanks will provide intellectual vision and leadership for the academic program and budget, educational policies, academic appointments, and the stimulation of teaching and research.

"Rick's direct style, collaborative nature, strategic thinking, desire to make a difference, and ability to create vibrant partnerships in higher and secondary education impressed all of us," said President Mark H. Erickson. "I'm confident that as our chief academic officer, he will successfully guide Wittenberg's strategic vision and positively shape our collective future."

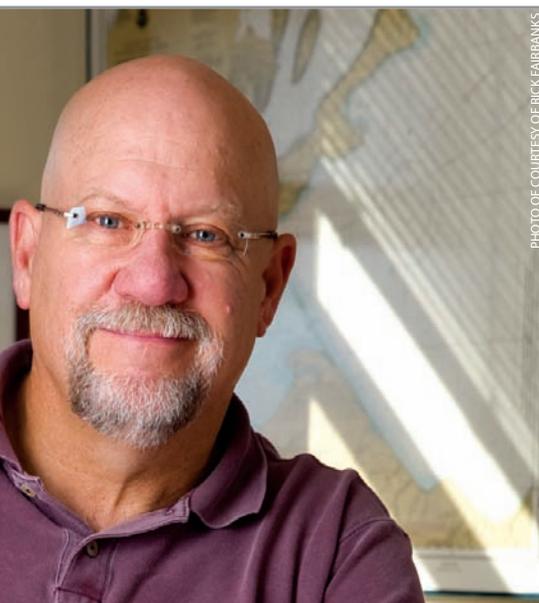
As provost and the vice president of academic affairs at Northland College, Fairbanks led the

## State Funding Provides New Boiler Plant

The Ohio American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program has awarded Wittenberg \$569,000 to replace its existing boiler plant, which will simultaneously improve the efficiency of its campus heating system and maintain the historical integrity of one of Wittenberg's most cherished buildings.

The new boiler plant will replace

a 40-year-old steam plant attached to the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Center that provides heat for more than 70 percent of the campus. The proposed high-efficiency, dual-fueled steam generation plant will result in estimated annual energy savings of 19 percent and cost savings of \$105,479. The system also includes two new HP Thermogenics steam boilers with dual fuel (natural gas and oil). ■



creation of an integrated, interdisciplinary general education curriculum, restructured academic programs and majors, supervised the establishment of a coherent and integrated co-curriculum, completed a successful diversity plan for faculty hiring, and initiated and led several successful grant proposals, including a Title III proposal totaling nearly \$2 million.

Prior to his time at Northland, Fairbanks served as the associate dean for humanities, professor of philosophy and department chair at St. Olaf College, and previously taught philosophy at the University of Chicago, Augustana College, the University of Minnesota and Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

A native of Minot, N.D. and a 1976 graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., with a B.A. in philosophy and classics, Fairbanks went on to earn his M.A. in religion at the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Minnesota. ■

## Wittenberg Guild Reaches Million-Dollar Milestone

Founded June 1, 1940 by Wittenberg President R. Edgar Tulloss, the Wittenberg Guild has raised significant funds for the university in the form of scholarships, art work, the Ann Miller Gallery, pianos for Krieg Hall, campus landscaping and the Wally Witt sculpture.

Now, as the Guild prepares to celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it will also celebrate the millionth dollar raised to assist area students in attending Wittenberg. Although many Guild members have no formal connection to Wittenberg, either

as alumnae or employees, all share a deep desire to be advocates for the university in the community and to promote Wittenberg to prospective students.

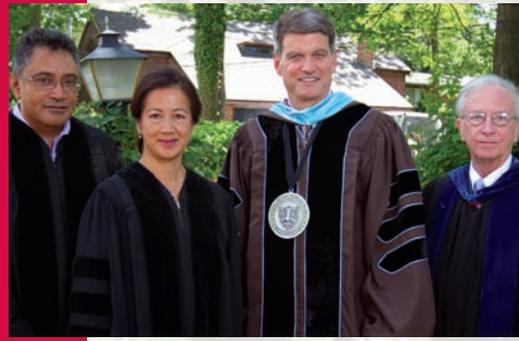
“As members of the Wittenberg Guild, we take pride in its affiliation with the university,” said Mary Lou Loftis, former Guild president. “Wittenberg plays a vital role in the cultural, educational and economic well-being of our community, and we feel that we can best benefit both Wittenberg and the community by providing funds for scholarships for our qualified area students.” ■

## Students Study Urbicide In Sarajevo

As part of a summer course studying the historical character of Sarajevo, its multi-cultural heritage and its varied history during the Ottoman Empire, Austro-Hungarian Empire and Communist Yugoslavia, seven students joined Professor of Sociology Keith Doubt and Keil Professor of Psychology Josephine Wilson on a trip to Sarajevo, May 20-28, to learn more about how people in the city survived a vicious, sadistic siege from 1992-95.

As part the visit, the students followed two walking guidebooks, one written for the Winter Olympics in 1984 and another after the war in 2005. They also engaged with students in Sarajevo and, upon their return, constructed a photojournal walking tour of the city with iWeb, using digital photos with narratives. To learn more, visit [www.wittenberg.edu/sarajevo](http://www.wittenberg.edu/sarajevo). ■





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Joining the 419 members of the Class of 2010 in being recognized during Wittenberg's 165<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises were international AIDS activist and keynote speaker Zackie Achmat; Professor Emeritus of English and General Secretary Emeritus of the University Richard Veler '58; and Ho Pak Kong '50, founder of the Hong Kong-based Lotus International Ltd. Achmat and Kong both received an honorary doctor of humane letters, while Veler was presented with the Wittenberg Medal of Honor (top center photo). Kong's daughter, Vanessa Kong Kerzner, accepted the degree on her father's behalf.



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## Student Receives National Theology Fellowship

For the fourth time in less than a decade, a Wittenberg student has been awarded a prestigious Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Undergraduate Fellowship. Natasha Elliott '11 is the latest recipient of this competitive scholarship, which recognizes students who have gifts for leadership and who are exploring ministry as a vocation.

Nominated by The Rev. Rachel S. Tune, Matevia Endowed University

Pastor, Elliott will receive \$2,000 for tuition, other educational expenses or a self-designed experience related to ministry. Following notification of the award, she attended the 2010 FTE Leaders in Ministry Conference at Boston University School of Theology, June 16-20.

Active in campus ministries and a community volunteer, Elliott plans to use the award to further her interest in interning in Wittenberg, Germany. ■

## Physics Program Secures NSF Grant

Thanks to \$264,699 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant received through the Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) program, Assistant Professor of Physics Jeremiah Williams is introducing more students to plasma physics using a cutting-edge diagnostic system that allows for unique research opportunities. The grant allowed for the addition of a Tomographic Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) system to Williams' laboratory.

According to Williams, Wittenberg is the only undergraduate institution with a Tomographic PIV system, and the university is one of a just a "handful" of research institutions with this type of volumetric measurement capability.

The grant is the latest in a string of successes for the Department of Physics, which is rated in the top 35 percent of undergraduate institutions in the United States in terms of numbers of majors graduated, and for Williams himself.

"This diagnostic will allow us to make a number of new measurements, including instantaneous volumetric measurements of the morphological properties of weakly coupled dusty plasma systems, more complete (and volumetric) measurements of transport within these systems and the evolution of the thermal properties of these systems," Williams said.

Previously, Williams expanded the department's research opportunities through a collaboration with the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, a Collective National Center for plasma and fusion science funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. Working through the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory's university support program, Williams received experimental hardware, including a vacuum system, two high voltage supplies and an assortment of smaller components. ■

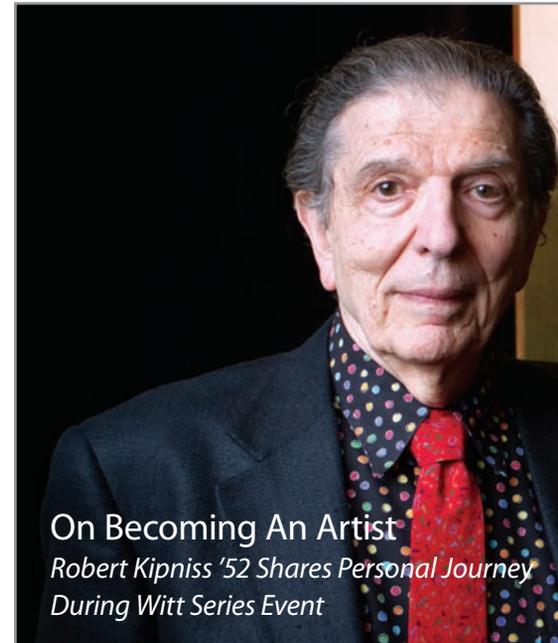
## Archeology Team Discovers Gold In Egypt

For more than a decade, Darlene Brooks Hedstrom, associate professor of history, has studied monastic archeology in Egypt, taking students and alumni on digs in an attempt to bring international attention to one of the largest Christian

settlements in the Middle East. In June, Brooks Hedstrom, who serves as archeological director of the Yale Monastic Archaeology Project-North under the executive direction of Stephen Davis (Yale), unearthed a rare treasure with the assistance of Jacquelyn Nair '09, Whitney Yount '10, Jacque Cooper '10 and Ashley Klingelhoefter '11. The team discovered a gold Umayyad coin during an excavation at the Monastery of St. John the Little in Wadi Natrun, Egypt. The coin dates back to the year 103 of Higura (721 AD). ■



COURTESY OF DARLENE BROOKS HEDSTROM



## On Becoming An Artist

*Robert Kipniss '52 Shares Personal Journey During Witt Series Event*

Recognized as one of America's foremost landscape artists, Robert Kipniss '52 started painting and drawing at age 3. By 16, he had enrolled in a class at the Art Students League, where the teacher recognized his artistic eye and allowed him to draw on his own in the facility's back gallery. Four years later, Kipniss placed second in a New York competition, which resulted in a one-man show. From there, his journey began, one filled with challenge, enlightenment and determination, and one that members of the Wittenberg and Springfield communities had the opportunity to hear during his Witt Series-sponsored Visual Artist Residency and gallery talk, this spring.

Characterized by a natural setting, often a simple structure and a few hills in an untouched silence, Kipniss' paintings and prints have been exhibited around the world

## Blair Hall Readies For 2010-11 Academic Year

With natural light entering on every level and top-notch technology throughout the restored facility, Blair Hall will provide a state-of-the-art experience for students in Wittenberg's nationally accredited teacher-training program.

Preparations for the grand celebration of the education program, which seeks to establish educational leaders for constructive social change, and the restored Blair Hall are underway with a planned day-long education innovation

forum and dedication ceremony set for Oct. 8 during Homecoming Weekend. Tours of the facility will be available as well as the opportunity to engage with Wittenberg faculty and leading education advocates, who are redefining how students learn in urban environments and classrooms across the country.

For more information on Blair and how Wittenberg's education program is restoring the field on a national scale, log on to [www.wittenberg.edu/blairhall](http://www.wittenberg.edu/blairhall). ■



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with many in prestigious collections, including those of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and British Museum.

Looking back at his career, Kipniss recalled how self-criticism led him to invent solutions to the problems he found and thereby discover a style.

"I felt instead of learning how to paint, I had to look inside myself to focus intently on what it was I wanted to paint, what it was I wanted to communicate and then teach myself how to do that because I felt I had something worthwhile."

His many awards, including the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Purchase Prize, and honorary doctorate from Wittenberg, reflect his passion for his work, some of which was inspired by "the unconscious echoes of his college days" at Wittenberg. ■

## Former President Dies

G. Kenneth Andeen, who served as the 10<sup>th</sup> president of Wittenberg University from 1969 until 1974, died June 8. He was 91.

During his five-year tenure, Andeen traveled extensively to share the Wittenberg story both at home and abroad including to Italy, Switzerland and The Netherlands. His commitment to international engagement also took him to Japan, where he met with officials at Japanese universities to discuss opportunities for exchange programs in light of the university's newly created East Asian Studies Program.

A graduate of Upsala College in East Orange, N.J., and Augustana Theological Seminary, Andeen earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. Remembered in *Torch* articles during his administration for how he "lauded student concern and spirit," Andeen previously served as a professor at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., president of Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan., and dean of William Rainey Harper College in Palatine, Ill., before being selected as president of Wittenberg. He later served as a pastor of several Lutheran congregations in New Jersey, Illinois and Wisconsin before retiring in 1986.

A memorial service was held on July 2 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wis. ■



## Books

**The latest published books by Wittenberg faculty include:**

**Ohio's Covered Bridges** by Elma Lee Moore, dean of the School of Community Education, which reflects her longtime interest in history as well as the childhood stories her mother shared about southern Ohio's Island Run Covered Bridge (Helmick Mill) in Morgan County.

**Laboratory Safety for Chemistry Students**, co-authored by Dave Finster, professor of chemistry and Wittenberg's chemical hygiene officer. The textbook uses a principles-based approach as it progressively teaches students the skills and knowledge they need to learn their science and stay safe in any lab.

## The Photo Store

The university is pleased to announce the new Wittenberg Photo Store for the best in campus photography available for purchase. Visit [www.wittenberg.edu/photostore](http://www.wittenberg.edu/photostore). ■



## Campus Notes

## FACULTY



**Choy**  
Associate Professor  
of Languages

**Faber**  
Professor of Music



**Labrador**  
Head Volleyball Coach

**Huffman**  
Professor Emeritus  
of History



**Millen**  
Professor of Religion

**Parker**  
Assistant Professor  
of Mathematics



At the international Joint Statistics Meeting, held in Vancouver in August, **Doug Andrews**, professor of statistics, will present a paper for the statistical education section of the American Statistical Association, reviewing national efforts at incorporating statistical consulting in undergraduate programs, and highlighting the statistical consulting practicum that serves as a capstone experience for senior math majors on the new statistics track.

**Howard Choy**, associate professor of languages, recently presented a paper titled “Linguistic Identity in Postcolonial Hong Kong Films by Fruit Chan” at the annual meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association. He is also conducting research on stories of breast cancer by Chinese women writers.

**Kent Dixon**, professor of English, is drifting back to his preferred form, the short short. Dixon previously co-edited the first collection of short shorts to be published in the United States in 1973, and he is now co-editing a new anthology of short shorts (mini-tales, snappers, prose poems) with Pam Casto, who oversees a website and blog on the form.

**Trudy Faber**, professor of music, will travel to Monroe, N.C., Aug. 15, to present an organ recital at Central Methodist Church. The recital is sponsored by the church as well as the Charlotte chapter of the American Guild of Organists and will include a performance of “A Sweet for Mother Goose” (2004) by George Akerly, narrated by **J. Arthur Faber**, professor emeritus of English.

**Dave Finster**, professor of chemistry, hosted a symposium on “Safety in the

Undergraduate Classroom” at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco. He also co-authored a paper titled “New Approach for Teaching Laboratory Safety: Four-Year Textbook for Undergraduate Chemistry” at the symposium.

**Jim Huffman**, professor emeritus of history, authored *Japan in World History*, part of Oxford University Press’ new, recently published global history series. The book surveys Japanese history from earliest times to the present. Huffman also has two other works in production due out this summer, an extensively revised edition of *Modern Japan: A History in Documents*, and *Japan and Imperialism*, the latter for which Taylor Hafley ’10 provided the maps.

**Erick Kish**, director of the East Asian Institute, organized and moderated the plenary panel discussion titled “Ohio – Making Global Education a Priority” at the annual Ohio gathering of NAFSA, the Association of International Educators. The panel featured Deborah Scherer, director of the Ohio Department of Development Global Markets Division, and Noah Sudow, associate director of economic advancement with the Ohio Board of Regents.

**Francisco “Paco” Labrador**, head volleyball coach, recently learned that the textbook chapter he co-authored in graduate school has been reprinted in the sixth edition of *Applied Sports Psychology: Personal Growth to Peak Performance*. The chapter is titled “The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy Theory: When Coaches’ Expectations Become Reality.”

**Roberta Linder**, assistant professor of education, has been selected as a recipient of a 2010 Virginia Hamilton Essay Honor

Certificate for her article, “Voices of American Teens Project Helps Young Adolescents Explore Cultural Diversity,” which appeared in the March 2009 issue of *Middle School Journal*. The article was selected for making a significant contribution to professional literature concerning multicultural literacy experiences for youth.

**Thomas Martin**, professor of health, fitness and sport, recently published an article titled “Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS),” in *Highpointers Club Apex to Zenith Newsletter*.

**Kathryn McKee**, university physician, and student health center nurses **Martha Carroll** and **Sally Purnell** attended the American College Health Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia to learn and discuss timely issues facing students and health center staffs.

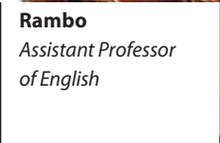
In June, **Rochelle L. Millen**, professor of religion, was invited to join the Jewish Law Association, and she attended the 16th annual conference at Netanya Academic College in Netanya, Israel. She also participated and presented at the Wroxton Symposium on the Holocaust in the UK.

**Adam Parker**, assistant professor of mathematics, had two papers accepted for publication. The first, “By The Numbers,” was co-authored with Writing Center Director **Michael Mattison** and will appear in the *Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Journal*. The second, “The Poincare polynomial of the pointed linear sigma quotient,” will appear in *Beiträge zur Algebra und Geometrie (Contributions to Algebra and Geometry)* this fall.

## FACULTY



**Reinsel**  
Associate Professor  
of Biology



**Rambo**  
Assistant Professor  
of English



**Smith**  
Assistant Professor  
of Communication



**Smith**  
Assistant Professor  
of English



**Welch**  
Associate Professor  
of Biology



**Stickney**  
Professor of  
Mathematics

**Gina Post**, assistant professor of education, was invited to give the keynote address at an annual Utah Conference on Collaborative Partnerships in Mathematics Education, where she discussed “Learning to Teach and Teaching to Learn: Tools for Reflective Practitioners” based on her research and work with two projects, Cultivating Communities of Mathematics Learners and Teachers, and Math Three Cs: Competence, Community and Cases. As part of Math Three Cs, funded by Ohio Math Science Partnership Grants, project partners Wittenberg, Tecumseh Local Schools and Avetec have created a website for teachers in order to share best practices and resources in mathematics education.

**Jody Rambo**, assistant professor of English, recently won the 2009 Wick Poetry Open Chapbook Competition for her manuscript of poems titled *Tethering World*. The chapbook, a small book of poetry, will be published in spring 2011 by the Kent State University Press, and the honor also includes a reading at Kent State. Additionally, Rambo’s poem, “Cousteau Unpacks the First Aqualung,” was a finalist for the 2010 *Gulf Coast* Prize in Poetry and will be published in the Winter/Spring 2011 issue of the magazine.

**Don Reed**, professor of philosophy, led a two-day seminar on moral development and ethical functioning for the social sciences faculty of Bodø University College, Bodø, Norway, June 3-4. Attendees included social workers and psychiatrists who employ Aggression Replacement Training with juveniles in Norway, a program based in part on Lawrence Kohlberg’s account of moral development.

**Kathy Reinsel**, associate professor of biology, and **James Welch**, associate professor of biology, attended the 39th Benthic Ecology Meeting in Wilmington, N.C., March 10-13, along with Cassandra Childs ’11 and Elizabeth McGuire ’10. Reinsel presented a poster with Childs titled “Spiny brittle stars’ (*Ophiocoma paucigranulata*) movement and directional behavior in relation to light and protection,” while Welch presented a poster with McGuire titled “Fiddler crab larval settlement at Ward’s Creek in Beaufort, N.C.”

**J. Fitzpatrick Smith**, associate professor of English, had his book *Anthony Caro: Small Sculptures* published in April by Lund Humphries. The book has received some critical attention and appears under Smith’s collaborative name H. F. Westley Smith.

**Matthew J. Smith**, associate professor of communication, chaired a roundtable discussion at the Eastern Communication Association’s annual conference in April 2010 titled “Charting a Course in Comics Art Studies: Communication Scholars’ Contributions to Understanding Graphic Storytelling.” Smith was also elected to serve a two-year term on the association’s Executive Council.

**Al Stickney**, professor of mathematics, is currently serving a three-year term as governor of the Ohio Section of the Mathematical Association of America until July 2012. As governor, Stickney represents all Ohio mathematicians as a member of the national association’s board of directors. He recently attended semi-annual meetings of the board of governors in Portland, Ore., and San Francisco, Calif.

**Andy Tune**, Matevia Endowed University Pastor, presented a paper titled “Plato

Reinterpreted: Origen’s Use of the Notion of Participation” at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society in Chicago, Ill.

**Eugene Swanger**, professor emeritus of religion, was sponsored by the East Asian Institute to present at the Honda Lean Network Annual Conference on “The Role of Relationships in East Asian Business Culture.” Swanger’s presentation received the highest ratings by participants at the conference, which was facilitated by Brad Rechl ’78 at Honda of America Manufacturing.

**Colleen M. Herzog Walters ’05**, SCE adjunct professor, presented “Was It Something I Said? Communication Challenges between Physicians and Nurses” for the Nursing Institute for Continuing Education in Walnut Creek and Plain City, Ohio, in June.

**Brian Yontz**, visiting instructor of education, successfully defended his dissertation, “Teacher Candidates’ Perceptions of the Emphasis on Stewardship in Their Initial Teacher Licensure Programs” to earn a Ph.D. in Teacher Education Policy and Leadership from The Ohio State University.

**Bin Yu**, professor of political science, has published a paper titled “Putin Invited Xi: Overture to 2012” in *Comparative Connections*. He also attended two conferences, the 10th Fudan-Pacific Forum dialogue on Sino-U.S. Relations and Regional Security at Fudan University, Shanghai, May 26-27, where he presented “Taiwan in US-China Relations,” and Chinese Foreign Policy at Its Cross-Road: A Grand Strategy in Call? at the University of Macau, Macau, where he presented a paper titled “China’s Strategy Toward Russia.”



## City Beat

### *New Journalism Institute Studies In Chicago*

Wittenberg's journalism program may still be in its infancy, but its students are thinking big. In June, seven students participated in a four-week Journalism Institute to create a magazine about Chicago, doing everything from interviewing city residents and business owners to writing stories and designing the pages for the magazine.

After witnessing the tremendous success of last year's Summer Screenwriters Institute, Associate Professor of English D'Arcy Fallon and Professor of English and Department Chair Cynthia

Richards began thinking about a similar program for journalism students.

"We just thought how neat it would be if we did a journalism institute like the film institute," Fallon said. "We decided the magazine would be about Chicago because we have a lot of alumni living there who have a profession in the field of journalism. We figured they could help mentor the students with their stories while they were there."

The students traveled to Chicago for one week, where they set up their own interviews. According to Alissa

Wachman '12, from Crystal Lake, Ill., the task of handling all of the elements of interviewing was one of the most important educational components of the institute.

"Being in Chicago we were able to fully practice this as if it were our actual career," Wachman said. "We had to set up the interviews ourselves, find our way to where we were actually doing the interviews, and then find our way back. There was no one babying us."

Fallon, who handled all of the instruction for the institute, agreed.

"One of the best things that happened was going to Chicago," Fallon said. "Students were able to take this more seriously. This magazine is not just 'go pretend to be a journalist and interview a professor here at Witt; it's real-life journalism and going to Chicago made it so."

Wachman said the experience helped her get a better feel for the journalism field.

"I hadn't done much feature writing before this class, and I now have a more positive outlook on journalism," Wachman said. "I may even consider it as a possible career."

It's not just the students who have a more positive outlook. The institute has made Fallon more excited as well.

"Watching these students, I've come to realize that anything is possible if you are willing to learn and try hard," Fallon said. "I'm really encouraged by what we've accomplished in this institute." ■

—Victoria Parker '12



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## Live And Learn

Student Engagement Program Creates Friendships, Memories



Nearly 30 years have passed since Wittenberg's first Living Learning Program debuted, but the connections made still remain.

Influenced by programs at Texas Christian and Southern Methodist universities, Wittenberg joined the national effort to establish the first Living Learning program on its campus from 1973-1981. Letters were mailed to all 1973-74 incoming freshmen inviting them to participate in the inaugural program. Seventy students accepted and were quickly divided into four sections with men housed in Myers and North Hall and women in South Hall. During fall term, freshman English classes, taught by professors Ron Cummings, Art Faber, Paul Miller and Bob Parker, were held in the residence halls.

Both academic and social, the program increased faculty workload and required more flexible teaching styles. Some took

students shopping, to movies and/or to their homes. One major drawback the faculty noted was the lack of gender dynamics and diversity of opinion, and by winter term, a Religion 181 class sometimes met as a co-ed group.

In the fall of 1974-75, Wittenberg opened its first co-ed dorm in Firestone Hall housing the 84 freshmen participating in the Living-Learning Program. Thirty-eight women lived on the second floor and 42 men on the third. The faculty had offices on the first floor as well as in their academic departments. Students and their dorm-mates attended one class in the lounge with faculty members Cynthia Behrman in history, Conrad Balliett in English, or Herbert Wolf in religion.

"I loved teaching in the program," said Professor Emeritus of History Behrman. "It was a wonderful experience – both academic and social. We made lifelong friends."

Carla Kaessinger Coupe '78 thought the program would be much more interesting and a good way to get to know people.

"We were quite different culturally, but knew we would sink or swim together," Coupe said. "We actually had a standing date for 5 p.m. Sunday afternoons to meet in the TV room for reruns of *Star Trek*. We would hang out and study together, it was very much academic and social. There was always someone available if you wanted to take a walk at 2 a.m. – you knew that no matter what, others had your back."

Some members traveled to Texas and New Orleans for spring break in 1975.

"We were a diverse group and that experience helped us to better understand civil rights and racial identity," said Tim Bennett '78, associate professor of languages. "We formed fast, firm friendships. The experience is the first thing I think about when remembering my college years."

By 1981 the program was discontinued because of a declining interest. No group claimed responsibility for the program, and it was overseen by an ad hoc committee with members changing from year to year.

While in existence, however, it had a positive effect on retention.

"They had us for life," Bennett said. ■

—Phyllis Eberts '00



## Wittenberg Athletics Hall Of Honor Welcomes 2010 Class



**S**taci Bertelli Radtke '97, Bill Bibbee '71, Glenn Hendrix '75, Larry Peacock '70 and Anthony Robinson '96 will join 184 other Wittenberg greats in the university's Athletics Hall of Honor during 2010 Homecoming Weekend ceremonies, Oct. 8-10.

Bertelli Radtke is one of the most decorated swimmers in Wittenberg history, with a total of eight All-America honors during her collegiate career. Six of her national finishes were good for honorable mention All-America awards, in addition to All-America designations in 1995 and 1997.

Bibbee was a standout defensive tackle who helped the Tigers to a 33-4 overall record. Wittenberg was crowned national champions after winning the OAC championship in 1969. The following year, Bibbee earned first-team all-conference honors as he helped the Tigers to a 9-0 record.

Hendrix is one of just 11 running backs in Tiger football history to top 2,000 career rushing yards. He earned two first-team All-OAC honors in his career, in addition to the Mike Gregory Award as the conference's Offensive MVP in 1974. Hendrix was named team MVP in 1974, and he earned Lutheran All-America honors in 1973 and 1974.

Peacock was a feared linebacker who served as a team captain and earned All-OAC and team MVP honors as a senior while helping the Tigers to a national championship in 1969. The Tigers posted a four-year record of 32-5 and won two OAC championships during

Peacock's gridiron career. Peacock, who also helped to establish the men's lacrosse team in 1967, captained the team and earned All-Midwest honors in 1970.

Robinson led Wittenberg's men's basketball team in assists and steals four straight years and the NCAC three straight years between 1992-96. A three-time All-NCAC honoree, Robinson owns school records for assists and steals in a game, season and career after helping the Tigers to three NCAC regular season titles, one NCAC Tournament crown and a third-place finish in the 1994 NCAA Division III Tournament. ■

— Ryan Maurer

## University Earns Second NCAC All-Sports Trophy

Showing tremendous balance across its 23 varsity intercollegiate athletics teams and enjoying consistent success throughout the years, Wittenberg's athletics program emerged victorious in the race for the 2009-10 North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) All-Sports championship. Tiger teams won or shared 2009-10 regular season

championships in field hockey, football, volleyball, women's basketball, men's golf and men's lacrosse to go along with a total of 18 top-five finishes in the 22 NCAC championship sports.

Wittenberg is the only one of the four schools to win the All-Sports trophy that was not a charter member of the NCAC, which started competition in 1984. ■



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## Tiger Basketball Greats Honored

On May 22, Don Henderson '54 and Frank Shannon '40 became the fourth and fifth former Tiger standouts to gain entry into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame & Museum. Henderson and Shannon joined 2009 inductee Eldon Miller '62 and 2008 inductees Al Thrasher '64 and Ray Mears, who coached the Tigers from 1956-62.

An all-state basketball player at Cadiz High School, Henderson taught and coached for 36 years in the Springfield City School District. That was after he earned eight letters in baseball, basketball and football at Wittenberg. A 1996 inductee into Wittenberg's Athletics Hall of Honor, Henderson was elected to the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1991.

Shannon set Wittenberg's men's basketball scoring record while helping the Tigers to their first Ohio Athletic Conference championship in 1939. He also posted a two-year record of 14-4 as a baseball pitcher while appearing in every game the team played over a two-year period. Shannon went on to a long and successful high school and college basketball coaching career, highlighted by 214 wins in 21 years at Ohio Wesleyan. Shannon was inducted into Wittenberg's Athletics Hall of Honor in 1988. ■

**Volleyball Team Competes In Spain.** Head Coach Paco Labrador and the Tiger volleyball team made the third trip in the last seven years to Spain, winning three of four matches during a 12-day trip that started May 24. Fourteen current Tiger players, Labrador, assistant coach Laura Jensen and team manager Lauren Henry experienced different kinds of food, customs and traditions, while enjoying sightseeing trips. To learn more, visit [www.wittenberg.edu/spain2010](http://www.wittenberg.edu/spain2010).



## WNBA Coach Brian Agler '80 Enjoys Success



Brian Agler always knew he would follow in his parents' footsteps as an educator. Unlike his parents, who educated in the classroom, Agler has spent his professional career educating women on the basketball court, first as a college coach and later as a pioneering professional coach who recently became just the seventh coach in WNBA history to win 100 games.

Currently the head coach and director of player personnel for the Seattle Storm, Agler enjoyed numerous opportunities to hone his coaching methods and tactics in his career. After compiling an outstanding 248-135 record in 15 years as a college head coach, turning around programs at Northeast Oklahoma A&M Junior College, University of Missouri-Kansas City and Kansas State, Agler took a job in the now-defunct American Basketball League.

Named coach of the year in 1997 while leading the Columbus Quest to an 82-22 record in four seasons. Agler then made the move to the WNBA, first with the expansion Minnesota Lynx in 2000 as head coach and general manager. After assistant coaching stops with the Phoenix Mercury and San Antonio Silver Stars, Agler has made the most of his second WNBA head coaching opportunity with the Storm, which led the Western Conference with a 9-1 record as of June 16.

"I believe as a coach you apply what you were taught and how you were taught," said Agler, who was inducted into the Wittenberg's Athletics Hall of Honor in 1977. "My days and experiences [at Wittenberg] both in the classroom and on the practice floor help build a strong foundation of teaching and coaching that I apply every day."

Agler's collegiate playing career included 112 straight starting assignments for the men's basketball team. He led the Tigers to a four-year record of 91-21, highlighted by a national championship in 1977 and still ranks No. 2 on Wittenberg's career assists list with 481.

"In any career, to have success, an individual needs to be confident, persistent and adaptable," Agler said. "Those are traits that I obtained at Wittenberg that have been very beneficial to me throughout my career." ■

— Trent Brunic '10

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Two Preseason Polls

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**Growing up in the former Soviet Union, Professor of Geography Olga Medvedkov routinely** felt the fear around her associated with any challenge to mainstream thinking. The daughter of physician parents, she witnessed her mother's and father's reluctance to question the regime, knowing full well that other relatives had died earlier in Stalin's purges.

"The Soviet brainwashing machine was working from the school on up," Medvedkov says. "No critical thinking was allowed; everybody had to think alike, following the Communist Party line. Teachers were annoyed by my questions. It was dangerous to think differently."

# Distinguished

by Karen Saatkamp Gerboth

Within those dogmatic and propagandistic confines, however, Medvedkov found her voice, one of dissidence and hope, and one that has inspired students across generations to "think differently" about the world and their role in it.

"I know that 'critical thinking' sounds like an overused term to many people, but not to me," Medvedkov says. "My generation and the generations of my parents and grandparents were deprived of such a luxury – to think freely and critically. I hope that my prior experience – life behind the Iron Curtain and the break away from it – allows me to stress to my students how important personal freedom is and that it comes with freedom of thought and speech without fear of reprisal."

Looking at her students' success in the field of geography, Medvedkov clearly has accomplished all that and more, so much so that her students recently nominated her for Wittenberg's top faculty prize, the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching. Medvedkov learned of the news while on a Fulbright Award at Tbilisi State University in the country of Georgia.

"It was 2 a.m. in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, when I was awakened by a Skype call from Wittenberg colleagues," she recalls. "At first I did not comprehend it all, being only partly awake, and it took me a couple of minutes to understand what it was all about. I felt overwhelmed and humbled. It is the biggest honor a professor may receive because it is coming from recommendations of present and past students."

Intent on helping students understand that geography means more than maps, Medvedkov has embraced a strategic vision for her field, founded upon technological innovation and passionate teaching.

"Geography is such a broad field," she says. "It is not about what is where – that's the concern of the postal service. It is about peoples and environments, natural and man-made, and their interaction in a constantly changing world. Geography is the common denominator that organizes spatially our neighborhoods, societies, and world. It is a very dynamic field, particularly with the new digital technology that has reshaped it dramatically."

Her expertise in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) serves

as one example of her forward-thinking attitude. In addition to introducing students to the foundations of her discipline, Medvedkov trains students to use GIS tools to solve real-world problems. Using Springfield's own urban environment as a living laboratory, Medvedkov's students have mapped everything from lead-painted houses in area neighborhoods and crime hot spots in Clark County to the most recent undertaking, a study of the foreclosure crisis in the city.

"This last study brought the city a \$6 million grant for neighborhood stabilization," Medvedkov says. "These types of applied classes excite me and my students the most."

While in Georgia, Medvedkov is continuing to "think differently," seeking out more cutting-edge technology to enhance her students' understanding and expand her teaching repertoire.

"I want to teach a WikiGIS course," she explains. "It is an open source GIS course that builds communities around it, and I am experimenting with it in Georgia right now, where I am teaching a GIS class for master's degree students at Tbilisi State University. As a class, we are collaborating with a newly developed NGO, called Open Source Caucasus Map, where the volunteers are trained in mapping to contribute to a common geographical database where information is currently lacking. It is Geo-Wikipedia."

In the Springfield context, Medvedkov envisions this type of a project working in a specific neighborhood, where the residents serve as active participants not only in sharing their ideas but applying them in a digital form, all while working together with students.

"It is yet a higher level of interaction between Wittenberg and the community," she says. "Wittenberg students are smart and motivated, but what distinguishes them most is their willingness to be engaged, to be a part of something bigger than a regular class, to extend their skills and their hearts beyond the 'borders' of the university." The same can be said of Medvedkov whose love of teaching and lifelong learning found a home at Wittenberg when she joined the faculty full-time in 1989.

"I think I am a very lucky person to teach at such a wonderful school as Wittenberg, to express my ideas freely, to engage students in projects beyond their classrooms, to expose them to the community and the world, and to collaborate with my colleagues many of whom have become my close friends.

"In Russia, very few people dared to express opinions that deviated from a prescribed line; those who did were the dissidents, and their actions and ideas influenced my life just as my students influence me daily. That is why I always tell my students to think critically and stay engaged, and it's also why I fell in love with Wittenberg." ■



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## About Olga

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**Education:** B.A. and M.A.,  
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### Academic Honors:

Fulbright Award Winner,  
2009

Fulbright Senior Fellow,  
2002

### Current Research

Understanding cities  
in transition and the  
changing urban landscape  
across post-Soviet space

### Professional Activity

*Soviet Urbanization* (1990)

“Turning Points and Trends  
in Russia’s Urbanization” in  
*Population Under Duress*  
(1999)

“Russia’s Fragmented Space”  
in *Fragmented Space in the  
Russian Federation* (2001)

“Moscow in Transition” in  
*Globalization & Central and  
Eastern Europe* (2006 with  
Y. Medvedkov)

“Upscale Housing in  
Post-Soviet Moscow and  
its Environs” in *The Post-  
Socialist City* (2007 with Y.  
Medvedkov)

Numerous articles and  
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United States and abroad

### Inspirations

“My most important  
mentor then and now is  
my husband, Yuri. He is a  
world-known geographer  
who influenced many  
minds in the Soviet Union.  
He is teaching at The Ohio  
State University, and we  
still work together on  
books and articles, finding  
new ways of teaching,  
constantly learning new  
technologies, arguing and  
creating.”

Their two children, Mike  
and Masha

# Green Wittenb

From a campus that had no recycling program four years ago to the announcement during this year's Green PoWER Week that the university would reduce campus-wide energy consumption by 20 percent by 2020, Wittenberg's student-initiated march toward sustainability has been rapid and results-driven.

by *Gabrielle Antoniadis*

Megan Hentges '10 recalls her amazement as a freshman when she realized there were no recycling bins on campus. It spurred her to action so much so that she, Ted Trautman '07 and several other students started a petition to start a recycling program. The blue bins now found all over campus serve as proof of their success. She didn't quit there, however. Instead, she went on to serve as president of the Conservation Club and STAND, as well as on the Sustainability Task Force, which generated many of the ideas and momentum for Wittenberg's new energy policy initiatives announced this spring.

"I am so excited to see how far Wittenberg can take this," she says. "We started far behind, but

now there is a real possibility that we can be seen as a leader and show others what small schools are capable of in terms of sustainability."

Two years ago, Hentges asked President Mark Erickson to sign the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), but he first wanted to be sure that there was widespread student and campus support for such an effort. Hentges quickly mobilized with fellow students Elise Willer '09, David Donofrio '09, Kelsey Swindler '12 and other members of the student-led club PoWER to gauge



**A revolving loan fund will support energy-saving projects. The savings generated by projects will pay back the loan, generating future funds for more projects.**

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students' interest, meet with administrators and get the necessary support.

In February 2009, the Sustainability Task Force, comprised of students, faculty and staff, was formed to explore energy policy and improvements to the recycling program, along with ways to make campus food service more environmentally sound. After a year of meetings and research, the task force presented a proposal to President Erickson. Those efforts paid off when he announced on April 21, 2010 that he would join nearly 700 college and university presidents in signing the

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Climate Commitment.

It was one of four announcements that unveiled Wittenberg's long-range commitment to address global climate change.

"What changed my thinking about signing the Climate Commitment was seeing a unified community that had done the research and made a commitment," said Erickson at the announcement. "What makes me most excited and proud today is that I think we have come a very long way in four years. I am absolutely convinced that this campus is up to the task."

Wittenberg is not alone in ramping up its commitment to environmental sustainability; colleges and universities across the country are implementing innovative programs to reduce consumption and increase energy efficiency. Like Wittenberg, they recognize that colleges must play a leadership role in confronting this global issue. The practical benefits, such as reducing long-term energy costs, and attracting the best students and faculty, help Wittenberg make the most of its financial resources. And there is a rising interest among students in attending colleges that practice, teach and support environmentally responsible choices. When the Princeton Review surveyed college applicants and parents for its 2009 College Hopes & Worries Survey, 66 percent said they would value having information about a college's commitment to the environment, and 24 percent of that group said such information would "very much" impact their decision to apply to or attend the school.

## Investing in Energy Efficiency

Significant changes during the next year and in the years to come will be realized through a new investment fund that creates a revolving loan fund, an idea spearheaded by Ruth Hoff, associate professor of languages and a member of the Sustainability Task Force. The revolving loan fund will support energy-saving projects that are integrated with course content. For example, students might analyze the effectiveness of a completed project or they might design innovative real-world projects. In short, the fund will help make sustainability an essential part of how Wittenberg teaches and works. And the savings generated by projects will pay back the loan, generating future funds for more projects. The first project, switching out the lights to compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) in four campus buildings (Firestine, Bayley Alumni House, the old gym and the physical plant) this summer, is expected to save the school \$31,000 in one year.

The investment fund will also pay for the installation of electric meters on 13 buildings this summer. The meters will be placed in seven residence halls as well as academic and administrative buildings. By recording how much energy specific buildings use, the meters will go a long way in helping the school reach its goal of reducing energy consumption by 20 percent. What's more, the meters will break down electric usage, allowing students to see how much they use daily, monthly or hourly, and adjust their habits accordingly.

"The meters will accurately monitor our energy usage, but an even bigger impact will be changing behavior across the campus," says Andy

### What is the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment?

When President Erickson signs the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), scheduled to coincide with the fall dedication of the newly renovated Blair Hall during Homecoming, Oct. 8-9, he will join 685 other college and university presidents in pledging to eliminate their campuses' net greenhouse gas emissions in a reasonable period of time. Signatories to the ACUPCC have committed to take "actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the educational experience of all students." For ACUPCC purposes, climate neutrality is defined as having no net

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greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (achieved by eliminating or minimizing net GHG emissions and using carbon offsets or other measures to mitigate the remaining emissions). In brief, ACUPCC institutions have agreed to:

- Complete a greenhouse gas emissions inventory.
- Within two years, set a target date and interim milestones for becoming climate neutral.
- Take immediate steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by choosing from a list of short-term actions.
- Integrate sustainability into the curriculum and make it part of the educational experience.
- Make the action plan, inventory and progress reports publicly available.

One of the benefits of joining the ACUPCC is that it provides a framework and support for institutions seeking to achieve these goals. Signatories can share experiences, knowledge and best practices. Perhaps most importantly, as one of ACUPCC schools, Wittenberg becomes part of a collective action that will have a ripple effect far beyond the campus.

The ACUPCC originated from planning sessions among a group of college and university presidents and their representatives, Second Nature, ecoAmerica and AASHE in October 2006. Twelve presidents agreed to become founding signatories.



Scholl, director of environmental studies and a member of the Sustainability Task Force.

So expect to see some competition this fall as students turn off lights and computers or don sweaters while turning down thermostats. In addition to competitions between residence halls to see who can save the most energy, Wittenberg has signed on to compete in the Campus Conservation Nationals, a three-week competition in November that pits schools across the country against each other.

The one-time investment for both the metering and the loan fund is \$125,000, and if Wittenberg is successful in reducing energy demands by 20 percent, it may save about \$300,000 each year.

To further demonstrate its commitment to sustainability, Wittenberg decided to pursue LEED certification for the restoration of Blair Hall (LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council). If successful, Blair Hall will likely be the first LEED-certified building in Clark County.

## Grassroots Efforts Pay Off

Kelsey Swindler '12, co-chair of the Sustainability Task Force, sees changes both subtle and significant within the broader campus community. Student-organized events such as the Battle of the Bins (PoWER members weigh recycling from every dorm), PoWER hour (turning lights off for an hour campus-wide) and the Clean Plate Award to discourage food waste have done much to increase student awareness of the impact of individual actions. Other "green" efforts on campus include the Wittenberg Co-Op, which is committed to supplying the campus community with local, organic and sustainable food, the Springfield Farmer's Market successful stint on campus, and the creation of "EcoHouse," a campus residence that boasts CFLs, low-flow shower heads, Energy Star appliances and a compost bin.

"I think the involvement of students has been crucial to creating the changes we are seeing now," Swindler says. "Serving on the task force, I was particularly inspired to see the ideas of students, faculty and staff come together and into reality. And to have it happen in a relatively short time was really exciting for all of us."

While a host of faculty and staff, such as reference librarian Ken Irwin and director of physical plant John Paulsen, have played vital roles in working with students to push



**"Thinking about our personal habits and how they affect the rest of the world – that is what global citizenship is." -Rick Incorvati**

for change, talk about the green movement on campus would not be complete without mentioning Rick Incorvati, associate professor of English. From the first "brainstorming" pancake breakfasts he helped organized years ago to serving on the Sustainability Task Force to being a faculty adviser to PoWER and the campus Sustainability Assistants to helping organize the Co-Op, Incorvati has helped to guide students and channel their enthusiasm into productive efforts.

"I know that Dr. Incorvati worked tirelessly behind the scenes," Swindler says. "And in meetings, he was always a steadfast and firm moderator who could balance out the different voices."

Incorvati would be the last person to take credit for the success of the green movement, and says only that it was a community effort. He believes that becoming a more environmentally sustainable campus is directly connected to Wittenberg's mission to create responsible global citizens.

"Thinking about our personal habits and how they affect the rest of the world – that is what global citizenship is," he says. "Teaching and modeling that is the responsibility of an educational institution like Wittenberg. If we are not doing it, who will?" ■

**To learn more about recycling, the energy policy and other green efforts on campus, go to [www.wittenberg.edu/green](http://www.wittenberg.edu/green).**

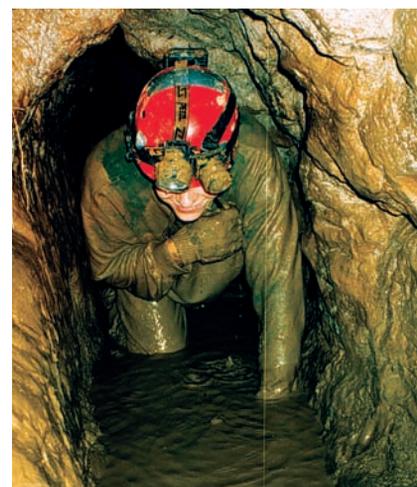


# Discovering New Depths

by Gabrielle Antoniadis



In utter darkness, wearing only her Under Armour, Danielle “Dani” Carey ’10 squeezed herself through an unimaginably small cave passage. She had taken her helmet off to fit the space, and fellow cavers at each end were pushing and pulling to get her through. No, she wasn’t stuck; she was “pushing the connection” between two caves. Crawling on hands and knees through winding tunnels, doing handstands to record data points or rappelling down 200-foot drops, students in the Wittenberg University Speleological Society (WUSS) are more than thrill-seekers; they are explorers and often scientists fascinated by a diverse underground world most cannot imagine. That a liberal arts school the size of Wittenberg has one of the nation’s longest-running, student-led caving clubs is unique; that it celebrated 30 years on campus this year is remarkable.



*Current and former members of the Wittenberg University Speleological Society (WUSS) traveled to campus, April 1, to celebrate the organization's 30th anniversary.*

For the uninitiated, such experiences sound crazy or even downright scary. But for Carey and the cavers with her, discovering that connection was a very big deal – it meant they had found a cave system. It was also a huge thrill, she recalls, and the highlight of her experiences as a “WUSS.”

“Once I got through, we all joked and laughed because we were so excited,” she says. “Getting through that hole really boosted my confidence; I thought ‘If I can get through that, I can do anything.’”

Conversations with cave enthusiasts like Carey or Holly Kellar ’10 (co-presidents of WUSS, 2009-10) abound with stories of overcoming tough situations – some of them physically tough, others mentally. Caving can be long, grueling and tiring work, especially when you are nose-to-the-cave floor looking for life forms or spending a whole day miles from an entrance mapping a cave. Teamwork is essential, and everyone depends on each other.

The result is an extraordinarily strong bond between fellow cavers that lasts well beyond the four years spent at Wittenberg. From the moment they become “WUSSes” – their very own WUSS member number makes it official – they feel as committed to each other as

they are to the sport of caving. It is a unique and lasting connection that keeps alumni coming back when they can.

“I feel like the people I met in caving club I’ll be friends with for life,” Kellar says. “I’ve grown with them, and they are like an extended family.”

WUSS became an official student “grotto” when it received its charter from the National Speleological Society (NSS) in 1980. Since then, WUSSes have surveyed 30,260 meters (or nearly 19 miles of cave) in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. And many WUSSes have explored caves all over the United States and around the world from Europe to the Bahamas to Australia. Throughout the club’s 30 years, membership has ranged from nearly 40 to just a handful. Unlike most campus clubs, WUSS has always included members of the Springfield community as well as alumni.

## Pushing the Limits

But what is it about descending into damp, cold, enclosed spaces that keeps them coming back? Horton Hobbs, professor of biology and the club’s one and only faculty adviser, sums it up this way: “People say they climb mountains because ‘they are there.’ People cave because of what *might* be there. You never know what is around the corner – is

it going to end or will it keep going? And that is exciting.”

That sentiment is echoed by WUSS members past and present, including Kevin Kissell a Wittenberg student who, despite transferring, couldn’t stay away from WUSS. “From the first time I squeezed into a hole that I probably should not have gone through, I was hooked,” he says. “I see a dark hole, and I want to know what is there.”

Much more than hard work, caving is an adventure, complete with elements of danger and surprise. New and old members are put through rigorous safety training such as learning how to rappel safely (they learn above ground first) and learning how to recognize a cave that might flood (look for leaves and other debris on the ceiling). It’s not for the faint-hearted. As a club T-shirt proclaims: “You have to be brave to be a WUSS.” But once they do it, most never look back.

“It is just an amazing experience, and I hope to do it for the rest of my life,” Kissell says.

Hearing Kellar describe a caving trip in Indiana, listeners can immediately feel the heady mix of fear and excitement. After descending farther and farther through honeycomb tunnels, she shot through a “rabbit hole” and into a huge room with a stream below. “I wondered how in the



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world I was going to get through that hole to go back. It was scary,” she recalls. But, she adds, grinning ear-to-ear, “It was so fun!”

“There is no doubt we are all adrenaline junkies,” Carey adds.

In addition to having a great time underground, WUSSes have conducted an enviable amount of valuable research including cave surveying to map the length and/or depth of caves and inventorying cave life – which includes much more than bats – from cave crickets to salamanders to crayfish. Many students have presented papers at NSS conventions, with four receiving the prestigious James Mitchell Award for best student

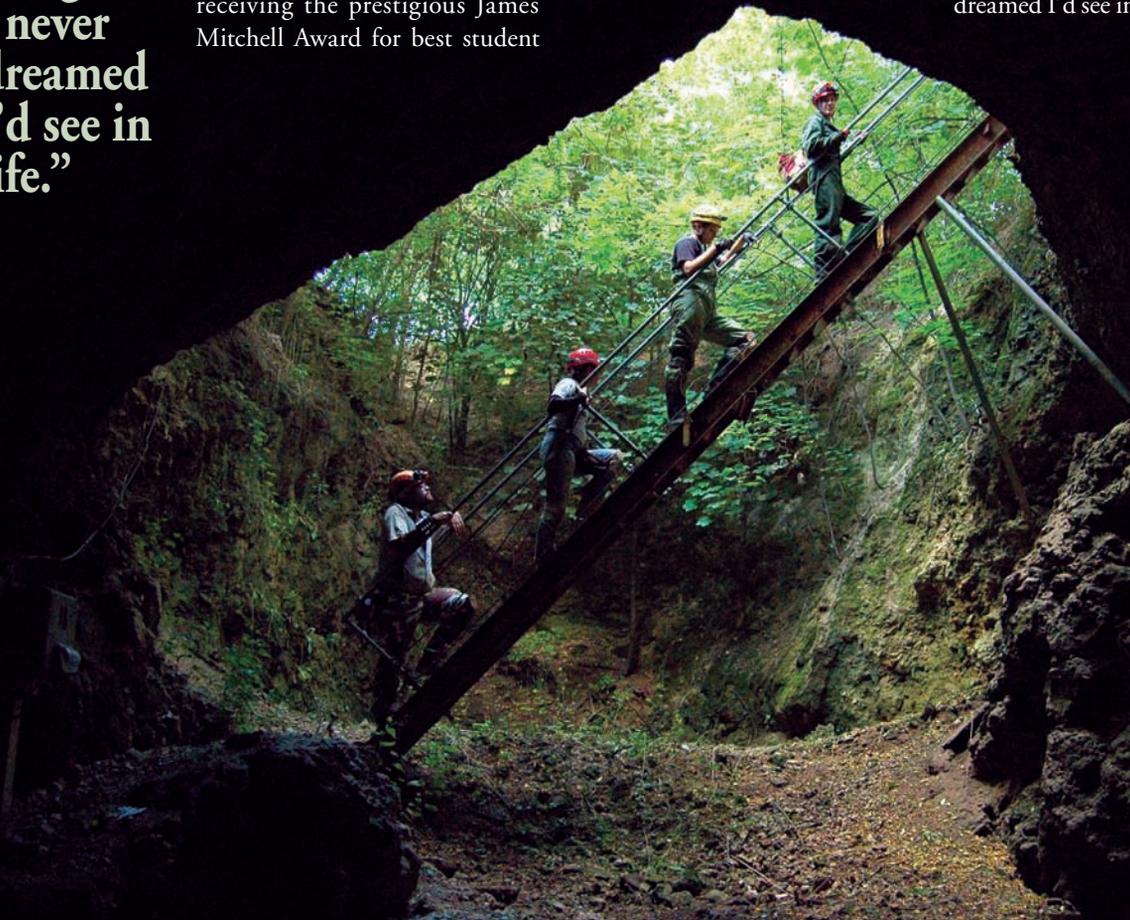
paper. And it is not only science majors that conduct research; caving attracts all types of people. For the past three years, WUSSes have been part of a state research project funded by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to inventory Ohio cave life. Many of them will continue this work this summer, logging up to 30-45 days in the field.

For those who can’t, or won’t, ever venture into a cave, there is *Pholeos*, WUSS’s journal, a combination of research articles, personal musings on caving and

even cave poetry. Published entirely by the students approximately twice a year, *Pholeos* goes out to alumni, researchers, libraries and caving clubs in 27 countries.

Yet, words can’t truly express the thrill of climbing, sliding, dropping or crawling deep in the dark recesses of a cave, or the camaraderie that comes from sitting together on a cave floor boiling water for tea; it is something one has to do to understand.

Says Carey, “Caving is always fun, but more than anything, it gave me a chance to push my limits and see amazing things I never dreamed I’d see in life.” ■



## Alumni College Connects Past And Present

**A**lumni and friends of the class of 1950 enjoyed a rare opportunity during their 60th reunion, June 10-12, to engage with 11 recipients of the Alumni Association Award for



Distinguished Teaching, the top faculty prize at Wittenberg, as part of Alumni College 2010. The 19 class members traveled from around

the country to celebrate their alma mater and its academic environment during the three-day event themed “These Are a Few of My Favorite Things.”

From joint sessions on subjects such as “Psychology and Economics Intertwined” and “Educational

Priorities in the 21st Century” to talks on politics, international relations and G.F. Handel, alumni participants had the opportunity to experience the liberal arts approach to education just as they had during their years on campus. Award-winning faculty participating included: Josephine Wilson, Keil Professor of Psychology; David Wishart, professor of economics; Charles Chatfield, professor emeritus of history; George Hudson, professor of political science; Richard Flickinger, professor emeritus of political science; Cynthia Behrman, professor emeritus of history; William Buscemi, professor emeritus of political science; Scott Rosenberg, associate professor of history; Claudia Cornett, professor emeritus of Education; Virginia Hibbett Lucas ’53, professor emeritus of education, and Trudy Faber, professor of music. ■

## Simon Runs for Lt. Governor

Alumni Board member Sheila J. Simon ’83 has been named the Democratic Party’s 2010 nominee for Lieutenant Governor of Illinois. A clinical associate professor of law at Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Law, Simon, daughter of the late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, will join Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn on the Democratic ticket.



“I hope to meet with people across the state of Illinois and give them the opportunity to get to know me on my own ground – to know me as a lawyer, as a former prosecutor, as a teacher, a wife and a mother,” Simon explained on Chicago’s Breaking News’ website. “The famous name gets my foot in the door, and that’s only the start. It shouldn’t be the end.”

Prior to joining the faculty as SIU where she brings a background in civil and criminal law, Simon was an assistant state’s attorney for four years, with two of those years spent prosecuting domestic batterers. Her civil experience includes five years as a staff attorney at Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance and three years in private practice. ■



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## Witt Nation Completes 9,100-Mile Service-Focused Alumni Tour



Reflecting the university's passion for service at every stop, the third annual Witt Nation alumni tour united generations and class years as it brought Wittenberg to the hometowns of many of its 26,000 living alumni. With the goal of conducting or assisting with a service project in all 21 cities on the 36-day, 9,100-mile cross-country trek, the Witt Nation road crew of Leslie Chasteen '10, Joelle Ghanem '10,

Taylor Hafley '10 and Sam Stough '10 worked in soup kitchens, food pantries, children's cancer centers, schools and animal shelters, among other opportunities.

The crew also managed to check off several items on their collective bucket list, including running a marathon, camping out for a night, a group photo by the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, visiting every monument in D.C. and playing in a band.

Additionally, this year's tour provided a friendly competition between destinations to raise money for scholarships through The Wittenberg Fund. At the time of printing, Washington, D.C., and Wooster, Ohio, were ahead in the effort, the winner of which will receive free community service from Wittenberg students during spring break 2011.

For more on the award-winning, nationally recognized Witt Nation, check out the dynamic, interactive website at [www.wittenberg.edu/wittnation](http://www.wittenberg.edu/wittnation), which includes photos from the final stop in Columbus, July 1. ■



 Get Connected Through The Alumni Network at [www.wittenberg.edu/alumni](http://www.wittenberg.edu/alumni)

'52 |

**Janet Hart Heinicke**, Indianola, Iowa, has been notified that her painting, Untended Grape Vines, has been accepted in the Arizona Aqueous 24 Exhibition, a national competition sponsored by the Tubas Center for the Arts in Arizona.

'55 |

**Charles A. and Susan Lemmen Brougher** '57 live in Springfield, Ohio. Charles, former president and CEO of Eagle Tool and Machine Co. Inc., received the Richard L. Kuss Lifetime Community Achievement Award from the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

'58 |

**Marjorie Hooven Rauh**, who is involved with the Multiple Sclerosis Society in Cincinnati, Ohio, traveled to Washington, D.C., to lobby as a volunteer for MS health benefits.

'64 |

**David E. Meyer**, a nationally renowned expert on multi-tasking, is director of the department of psychology's Brain Cognition and Action Laboratory at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. He has been elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences for his excellence in original scientific research.

'65 |

**Mary Anne Benco Blazer** of Yellow Springs, Ohio, has been honored for her 50 years in church music ministry. She has served Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Trinity Episcopal Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio, Story-Hypes Methodist Church in Springfield, Ohio, Yellow Springs Presbyterian, and for 38 years at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Fairborn, Ohio.

'66 |

**Gail Swantko Lamont**, Chicago, Ill., raised \$600 to provide protein for food pantries through the Courage Fund at Grace Lutheran Church, Evanston, Ill., which sponsored a play about the life of Dorothy Day.

'68 |

**Jonathan K. Duff**, Denver, Colo., is a lighting designer with Norcostco Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.

'69 |

**Frederick B. Mitchell** is a longtime sports columnist with the Chicago Tribune in Illinois. He has been named Sportswriter of the Year by the Pitch and Hit Club of Chicago.

**Jean Swanson Reed**, Winter Haven, Fla., is a member of the Polk County Commission, Bartow, Fla.



The Pi Kappa Alpha reunion welcomed 25 brothers to Orlando Fla., last spring.

'70 |

**Candis A. Coulter**, Sonoma, Calif., is the facilitator for improving performance in the St. Joseph's Health System.

**Carol Jones Haven** retired from teaching music in 2008. She lives in Crescent City, Fla. Carol is the owner of Haven's Travel Adventures and Just Two Tailors.

**Gregory A. and Pamela Sutherland Park** '72 live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Greg is the associate athletic director for business at Xavier University. Pam is the 2009-10 recipient of the "Outstanding Elementary School Counselor Award" presented by the Kentucky School Counselor Association.

'71 |

**Charles T. Saunders Jr.** is a graduate teaching associate at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

'72 |

**David R. and Robin Burks Coleman** '74 live in Akron, Ohio, where David is a senior partner with Air Enterprises Inc.

**Wendy L. Oesterling** is the music director at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Middleburg, Va. She founded and conducts the Piedmont Singers, the outreach choir there. In August 2009, the choir was selected to be the resident visiting choir for a week at Canterbury Cathedral in England. Wendy lives in Winchester, Va.

**Harry L. and Lucie Parker Osborn** '71 live in Cheyenne, Wyo. Lucie, a librarian with the Laramie County Library System, and her staff were instrumental in the completion of the building project that resulted in a new library, which was chosen Library of the Year for 2008.



Jean Reed '69 with the Wittenberg baseball team during spring training in Winter Park, Fla.

'74 |

**Roger G. and Marlan Winter Cotner** live in Grand Haven, Mich. Marlan was included in the invitational exhibition at the Muskegon Museum of Art, featuring contemporary art. The inspiration for her entry was based on the folk tale, Three Billy Goats Gruff.

**Ann Erelina** of Beaverton, Ore., is with The Oregonian in Portland, Ore.

'75 |

**Scott R. Byrum** is a geoscience coordinator with Chesapeake Energy, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Anne Zawisza Georges, Springfield, Ohio, is director of leadership giving in the advancement office at Wittenberg.

## Correction

**Jeffrey Pannebaker '74** has served as the director of music for 22 years at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring, Md. Last October, he presented on the topic of Lutheran hymns at First Lutheran Church in Johnstown, Pa., where he formerly served, not at Aglow International as previously reported in the magazine.

'76 |

**Mark S. Algren**, associate director of the Applied English Center at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., represented the university at a ceremony in Baghdad to launch the Iraq Education Initiative. Through this program, full scholarships funded by the Iraqi government will be provided for up to 10,000 students each year for the next five years to study in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, France and Germany.

**James A. and Kristin Fippin Ries** live in Horicon, Wis. Kristin has been named principal of St. Mary Catholic School in Mayville, Wis.

**Mary Lou Swager Sinzinger**, Fredericktown, Ohio, is in student health services at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

**Michael R. Vandevander**, Ramsey, N.J. is with Associated Fire Protection, Paterson, N.J.

'77 |

**Sue Robinson Schneider**, a teacher with the Greece Central School District in Rochester, N.Y., serves as a keyboard player at First Bible Baptist Church, Hilton, N.Y.

As director of music ministries at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church in Washington, **Cheryl Colantonio Story** enjoys the ministry of pastoral care, and composing and arranging music for her congregation. Cheryl lives in Kirkland, Wash.

'78 |

**Susan L. Blackburn**, Carlisle, Pa., has retired as professional development manager with International Business Machines Corp.

**Robert P. and Sara Shaw Mako** live in Springfield,

Ohio. Robert is a graphic arts designer with PCI Central Region, Bellbrook, Ohio.

**Sandra L. Postel**, founder of the Global Water Policy Project, is recognized as one of the world's most respected authorities on freshwater issues. For more than 25 years, she has lectured, taught, and written prolifically on the geography of water stress and its implications. Sandra, who has been appointed the National Geographic Society's first Freshwater Fellow, will serve as lead water expert for a multi-year Society-wide initiative.

**Betsy J. Sherman** is director of development with Keane, Boston, Mass.

'79 |

**N. Douglas and Valerie Chakeres Baker '78** live in Upper Arlington, Ohio. Valerie, vice president of Chakeres Theatres in Springfield, Ohio, is director of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral Choir in Columbus.



Carol Rea Brown '79 and daughter Samantha embark on a trip to Paris to visit Carol's friend who has lived in Paris for 30 years.



**Aryanna Miller 11-24-09**



**Elaina Neff 20-20-09**

**Li'l Tigers**

Aryanna, daughter of **Charlisa Cooper Miller '01** and husband Desmond

Elaina Grace, daughter of **Deann Noland Neff '98** and husband Matthew



**Emma Nedde 6-5-09**



**Jack Beilstein 6-24-09**

Emma, daughter of **Mark Nedde '82** and wife C. Brid Nicholson

Jack Xavier, son of **Corey '01** and **Beth Doherty Beilstein '00**



**Reilly Smith 8-21-09**



**Zachary Lethcoe 7-1-09**

Reilly, daughter of **Kimberly Cardone Smith '95** and husband John

Zachary Joseph, son of **Bryan Lethcoe '90** and wife Mary

**'83**

**David J. LaRue** is executive vice president and chief operating officer at Forest City Enterprises Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

**Sheila J. Simon**, a Southern Illinois University law school professor and former Carbondale City Council member, is a candidate for the office of Illinois lieutenant governor.

**'84**

**James M. Cantrell** is a senior vice president and chief risk officer with MidWestOne Bank, Iowa City, Iowa.

**Frank H. Eberhardt** oversees protestant religious education in the schools of the District of Ravensburg, in the south of Germany.

**David C. Estwick** lives in Christ Church, Barbados. As a member of the Parliament of Barbados, he serves as minister of economic affairs, trade, industry and commerce.

**Fritz R. and Valerie Serocka Pioch** live in Ottawa Hills, Ohio. Fritz has founded Lanco Tool Ltd. Valerie is employed in the athletic department at the University of Toledo while pursuing her master's degree in middle school science and history education there.

**'81**

**Deborah A. Manuel** is with Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring, Fla.

**W. David and Beth Bowsher Runk '82** live in Harrod, Ohio. David, president of the CSS Publishing Co., is the director of the adult choir at English Lutheran Church, Bluffton, Ohio.

**Sylvia Fogal Streufert**, Lake City, Iowa, teaches piano, substitutes for area organists, serves as a member of the

board of the Friends of the Library, and volunteers with hospice and the Shady Oaks Care Center.

**Kelly McGinn Williams**, director of worship and music at Redford Aldersgate Methodist Church, attends Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, Mich. She also teaches piano and organ, and writes children's musicals. Kelly lives in Northville, Mich.

**'82**

**Thomas J. Atchison** is the PGA head golf professional at the Congress Lake Club, Canton, Ohio.

**Mark N. Nedde** and his wife, Brid, announce the birth of Emma Catrina, June 5, 2009. They live in Madison, N.J. Mark is a principal consultant at Enterprise Solutions Group.

**'85**

**Bethany Schmalenberger Allison**, Des Moines, Iowa, is an elementary teacher with the Urbandale Community School district. She also coaches Wu Shu Kung Fu at the Waukee Y.M.C.A. Bethany has been named Cultural Ambassador of the Year by the Chinese Association of Iowa for her positive impact on the Iowa Chinese community cultural programs.

**Kristin E. Graef**, Wyoming, Mich., is an adjunct professor



## Richard Beall '74

### *Brings Meditation to Young Students*

When Head of School Richard Beall '74 looks at the faces of the students at the Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment (MSAE), a pre-K-12 school in Fairfield, Iowa, he sees children who are “wide awake and ready to learn.” Many heads of school might say the same thing, but these students made an unusual stop between the school bus and the classroom: a meditation hall. There, in the morning and again in the afternoon, they meditate and practice yoga and breathing exercises. The result, Beall says, is students who have prepared their brains for learning.

The goal is to optimize consciousness, which Beall explains as “how awake we are to the world and to ourselves.” He says Transcendental Meditation (TM) is a way to raise that wakefulness. The ability to be alert and focused, especially given the amount of external stimuli most children are subjected to these days, is a critical need and one that is largely overlooked in education.

“We are seeing that this practice impacts every aspect of the educational process,” he notes. “People are rapidly recognizing that stress for students and teachers is at an epidemic level. Having the opportunity to download some of that stress twice a day is a very significant contribution to education.” But Beall says there is much more to TM than relieving stress. Powerful research shows that brain coherence between the left and right hemispheres and frontal and posterior lobes increases during TM. In effect, the brain becomes more orderly and that carries into daily activity. MSAE’s outstanding achievements point to this fact: for several years, the school has been Iowa’s leader in an international creative problem-solving competition, and boasts the most champions in the state in drama, science and tennis competitions.

“These kids are truly awake, and they apply that wakeful attention to whatever their interest might be,” he says.

Beall discovered TM two weeks before graduating from Wittenberg. In 1981 he helped establish MSAE’s secondary school and expanded its programs over the next 10 years. He went on to be the National Director for Consciousness-Based Education and traveled around the country bringing TM programs to schools. His interest in education also inspired him to open the Carolina International School, a public charter school in North Carolina that emphasizes global education and environmental studies. But after four years, he felt the pull to go back to MSAE and returned to become its head of school.

“It has been a powerful experience to be able to give this practice to students, and I wanted to invest the rest of my career in continuing to do that.” ■

— Gabrielle Antoniadis



Grace, daughter of Karin Allmendinger '89, at Homecoming 2009



Kristin Graef '85

of English and western humanities at Aquinas College and Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Mich.

## '86 |

**Tad E. Cromley, Bradenton, Fla.**, is self employed as an exclusive agent with All State, Sarasota, Fla.

**Brian W. and Deborah Firestone Henderson '91** live in Loveland, Ohio. Brian is vice president of North American sales with Apex Industrial Technologies, Mason, Ohio.

## Sherry Willer Krieger,

Oregon, Ohio, has been promoted to administrator of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, Findlay, Ohio.

**Francisco J. Sanchez and Elizabeth A. Rini '87** live in Ann Arbor, Mich. Francisco is a business management analyst with the Ford Motor Co. North America Product Development Fusion/Milan/MKZ team. The Fusion was named the 2010 Motor Trend “Car of the Year.”

## '87 |

**Ruthmarie L. Kelley, Silver Spring, Md.**, is a medical cataloger for Costabile Associates, Bethesda, Md. She also catalogs music in Braille for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

## '88 |

**Scott R. Johnson, Wellesley, Mass.**, is a member of Harvard Medical Faculty Physicians at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical



**Carter, Chloe and Cooper Snyder 10-14-09**

**Li'l Tigers**

Carter Fischer, Chloe Piquet and Cooper Lewis, triplets of **Marvin Snyder III '97** and wife Denise



**Carrie Candage 8-25-09**

Carrie Belle, daughter of **Robert '02** and **Melissa Lang Candage '04**



**Alicia and Ryan Fruehling 5-20-09**

Alicia Ryan Andrew, son of **Alicia Bowers Fruehling '00** and husband Andy



**Francisco Sanchez '86**

Center in Boston, Mass. His specialties include liver transplantation, non-transplant hepatobiliary surgery, kidney and pancreas transplantation, dialysis access and laproscopic surgery.

**'90** |

**David S. Gutheil** is director of strategic accounts with NYK Logistics (Americas) Inc., Secaucus, N.J.

**Bryan J. Lethcoe** and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of Zachary Joseph on July 1, 2009. They live in Houston, Texas. In 2009, Bryan retired as a commander with the U.S. Navy Reserve after 20 years of active and reserve service. He is director of integrity management with GL Noble Denton.

**James G. Jr. and Katherine Swasko O'Brien** live in Paradise Valley, Ariz. James is vice president of U.S. operations for Openlane and oversees all operations functions at the company's U.S. sales and operations center in Mesa, AZ.

**Stephen S. and Heidi Koenig Shanor '91** live in Roswell, N.M. Stephen, a partner in the firm of Hinkle Hensley Shanor and Martin LLP, has been elected president of the State Bar of New Mexico.

**'91** |

**Bradley S. and Jennifer Croll Bell** live in Troy, Mich. Brad is a vice president with Stock Loan Services LLC, Raleigh, N.C.

**Stephen P. Gant** is an attorney practicing in Miami, Fla.

**R. Scott Russell**, Waynesville, Ohio, is a physician practicing with Gem City Urologists, Dayton, Ohio.

**'92** |

**George D. Bennett** has been promoted to professor of chemistry at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill.

**Andrew C. Kim** is a director with MedImpact, San Diego, Calif.

**Patricia F. May**, Catonsville, Md., is a psychologist with Comprehensive Geriatric Services, Towson, Md.

**'93** |

**Scott H. and Jennifer Pranskevich O'Dee '94** live in Westerville, Ohio. Scott is the health surveillance coordinator with the Ohio Dept. of Health. Jen is the senior human resources manager at Discover Card.

**Laura E. Pentecost** has married Steven Davies. They live in Ada, Mich.

**Anne Lindman Zerbe**, an attorney with the CGA law firm in York, Pa., was chosen by the governor of Pennsylvania as one of the state's Best 50 Women in Business in May 2008. In March 2009, she was chosen as Leadership York's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. Anne was also chosen by Central Penn Business Journal as one of the "Forty Under 40" in October 2009, honoring young professionals.

**'94** |

**Javier Arguedas** of Madrid, Spain, is with Labortech Waldner.

**Christopher W. Huffman**, Hershey, Pa., is lecturer of history and professor of history at Morgan State University, Baltimore, Md.

**Julie Goodsell Marsiglio** and her husband, Karl, welcomed the birth of Bennet Eloise on Nov. 15, 2009. They live in Rochester, N.Y., where Julie



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## Adrienne Conliffe James '75

### Ensures Students' Success

For Adrienne Conliffe James, Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken" reflects her path in many ways. Following graduation with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and Spanish, James wanted to try a different course in life and began working in retail, training to become a buyer.

"Retailing wasn't fulfilling to me causing me to wonder if I'd made the wrong career choice," James said. "I returned to my first love (education) and substituted during the one day off I had each week in the retail business. Finding techniques to help students learn challenging concepts helped me realize what I was meant to do."

With her passion for teaching now affirmed, James returned to school for her elementary certification in 1976. But James didn't stop there—she earned a master's degree in elementary education from Xavier University and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Cincinnati while working full time and raising two sons with the help of her husband. Although the challenges were often overwhelming, she realized she was setting a good example for her sons.

A classroom teacher for eight years, James was named assistant principal at Blue Ash Elementary. In 1992, she was promoted to principal and was later named assistant superintendent for the Sycamore Community Schools in 2003. Promoted to superintendent in 2006, James is proud of the district's records, noting the school's diverse population of 5,450 students and how for the 10th consecutive year, the district has earned the top rating of Excellent with Distinction on the state report card. Twenty-five students were also National Merit Scholars in 2009-10—the largest number of students in the state of Ohio.

For James and her district, the goal is to ensure every student, regardless of academic level and abilities, is challenged and prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world. Educators must also be diligent in teaching students how to critically analyze and problem-solve around relevant and complex issues, according to James.

"I do miss the moments in the classroom when you see the light bulb come on, and you know the student 'gets it,'" James said. "But as superintendent, I am in a position to impact a lot of students every day and to watch their progress from kindergarten through 12th grade. I love what I do and take great pride in knowing that we are shaping students who will not only dream of all of the possibilities before them but will be equipped with the fundamental tools to get there." ■

—Phyllis Eberts '00

is director of development at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

**Sean M. Smith**, Loveland, Ohio, received his M.B.A. from Ashland University in December 2009. He is a senior client service supervisor at Bridge Worldwide Advertising in Cincinnati, Ohio, managing ConAgra Foods, Daisy Brands and Fifth Third Bank accounts.

**Stephen M. Young**, Independence, Ky., is a priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newport, Ky. He was the referee for the 2009 NCAA Division I football championship subdivision in Chattanooga, Tenn.

'95 |

**Dexter D. Davis**, Eagan, Minn., is a strategic sourcing manager with General Mills, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Scott H. and Kathleen Leigh Hooker '93** live in Hudson,

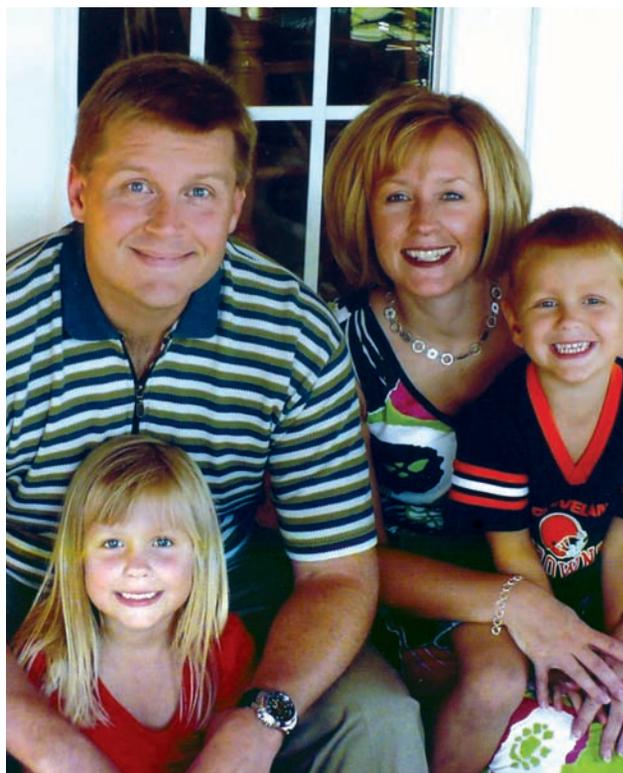
Ohio. In 2009, Kathleen received her master's degree in management with an emphasis on entrepreneurialism and innovation from Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, Ohio. She has been promoted to global marketing director at GOJO Industries, Akron, Ohio.

**Kristen E. Michelson** is assistant director of the office of international education at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

**Kimberly Cardone Smith** and her husband, John,



**Georgia and Josephine Randels, daughters of Laura Pentecost Randels Davies '93**



**Scott '93 and Jen Pranskevich O'Dee '94 with daughter Emily, 5, and son Jacob, 4**



## Wedding Album

**Ann Delaney '06** married **David Fleenor '05** on Nov. 7, 2009. The couple lives in Arlington Heights, Ill.



**Marianna Bracht '01** and **Juneer Kibria '03** were married on Nov. 29, 2009, in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The couple lives in Chicago, Ill.

welcomed the birth of a daughter, Reilly Mitchener, on Aug. 21, 2009. They live in Clifton Park, N.Y. Kimberly is a senior account manager at SolutionSet in East Greenbush, N.Y.

'96 |

**Jill Pellior Fisher** and her husband, William, announce the birth of Eleanor Jean "Nora" on Oct. 23, 2009. They live in Elon College, N.C.

**Christopher S. Zalewski** received his Ph.D. in plant biology with a concentration in cell and developmental

biology from the University of California-Davis. He is beginning a post-doctoral fellowship at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

'97 |

**Anne O'Scannlain Barlow** and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of Agnes Fortune, April 18, 2009. They live in Chicago, Ill.

**Joel W. Grams** is a registered representative with the Brennan Financial Group, Tallmadge, Ohio.

**Kenny McCombs** married Melissa Dee on Dec. 18, 2009. They live in Norfolk, Va. Kenny, a program management analyst with Logistics Management Institute, is a member of the NASA systems program staff in Washington, D.C.

**Jan E. Pretz** has been advanced in tenure and promoted to associate professor in the psychology department at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.

**Marvin L. Snyder III** and his wife, Denise, announce the birth of triplets, Carter Fischer, Chloe Piquet and Cooper Lewis on Oct. 14, 2009. They live in Winter Garden, Fla.

**Melissa Crane Tomar** and her husband, Tolga, announce the birth of Baran Daniel, on Dec. 21, 2009. They live in Chicago, Ill., where Melissa is director of marketing for Loyola Press.

'98 |

**Stephen G. Fabyan**, senior pastor with Hand of God Ministries in Columbus, Ohio, has founded The Oracles of God Bible College. In addition, his third book, *Access Granted*, has been released.

**Robert C. Lang II**, Darien, Conn., is a partner and head of institutional marketing at Altrinsic Global Advisers, an investment management firm in Stamford, Conn.

**Chadwick M. Minnick** is assistant director of admissions at Argosy University, Seattle, Wash.

**Jonathan S. Morgan**, Lansing, Mich., married Valerie A. Moreno on May 30, 2009. Jonathan is a university enrichment fellow in the communications arts and sciences department at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. He is pursuing a doctorate in media and information studies, focusing on community and citizen journalism.

**Deanna Noland Neff** and her husband, Matthew, of Powell, Ohio, announce the birth of Elaina Grace on Oct. 10, 2009. Deanna is a social worker at Riverside Hospital.

**Kevin M. and Heidi Jones Rizzo** live in Johnstown, Pa. Kevin teaches general music at Central Elementary School with the Chestnut Ridge



## Jeremy Hunter '94

### *Creates Unique Self-Management Approach*

Ten years ago Jeremy Hunter '94 piloted an innovative class called "The Management of Experience" at the Peter F. Drucker School of Management in California. There was no course like it at the school (or at any business school), and Hunter was sure only a handful of students would sign up. Instead, the class filled to capacity and became one of the highest-rated classes, which spurred him to create two "sequel" classes.

"That experience changed my life," he says. "I found I had a passion for teaching and for watching people transform in a relatively short period of time."

To this day, Hunter's courses in the practice of self-management are still unique; they are among the first to introduce mindfulness practice, a rigorous form of mental discipline, attention training and emotional management, in a management context. The classes teach a systematic set of practices to develop the skills and tools to make professionals more productive, less stressed and more fulfilled.

"I developed the first class because I looked around and saw that most management education is focused on managing things outside of you. There was no practice to help people manage themselves," he recalls.

Hunter's work in mindfulness was born both out of his work interviewing high-achieving professionals who were mindfulness practitioners and out of his own experience with the power of meditation. When he was diagnosed as a sophomore at Wittenberg with a supposedly terminal disease, he turned to meditation. He thrived for 17 years before requiring life-saving surgery to replace his kidneys. It is a testament to Hunter's impact as a teacher that 13 of his former students came forward for organ donation. He received a new kidney from one of them in 2008, a gesture he calls "overwhelming."

He says he never would have discovered mindfulness if it hadn't been for the East Asian Studies (EAS) program and Eugene Swanger who handed him *The Three Pillars of Zen*, the book he used to begin his meditation practice.

"In East Asia, you start with cultivating focused attention to build character and internal stability. Meditation trains attention," he says.

Clearly, he has succeeded in translating this esoteric idea to aspiring and current management professionals. What's more, Hunter was named Professor of the Year in both the Executive Management and MBA programs, proving once again that he really loves what he does.

"Around week four, one-third of the class becomes 10 years younger," he says. "The students become aware of the stress they are holding and let it go. It is thrilling to see!" ■

— Gabrielle Antoniadis

School District, Bedford County, Pa. He is also a brass instructor for the Greater Johnstown School of Music.

'99 |

**Alicia Bowers Fruehling** and her husband, Andy, announce the birth of Ryan Andrew on May 20, 2009. Alicia is a graphic design consultant with Bath and Body Works.

**David R. Morrison** is assistant to the director of Arlington County in Virginia.

**Michael H. Oliver**, Aquebogue, N.Y., is a vice president/senior complex service manager with Morgan Stanley, Garden City.

**Kenneth R. and Apryl Walker Pope '01** announce the birth of Kenneth Charles, Aug. 17, 2009. They live in Silver Spring, Md.

**John C. Porter**, managing attorney in the credit union department of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co. L.P.A.,

Columbus, Ohio, was selected as an Ohio Rising Star in Ohio Super Lawyer magazine for 2010.

'00 |

**Marsha M. Butto**, Yardley, Pa., is a contact center manager with the NER region with Univar USA Inc. Rachel L. Edmunds is the ward coordinator in the Keighley area office of the Bradford Metropolitan District Council in England. Emily Brown Seyler teaches at Cherry Orchard Primary School, Great Britain Northern Ireland.

'01 |

**Corey D. and Elizabeth Doherty Beilstein '00** announce the birth of Jack Xavier on June 24, 2009. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Corey is a consumer behavior strategist at Seed Strategy Inc. Beth is a child psychologist at Child Focus Inc.



**Green Huber**, son of Tallee Walker Huber '97 and husband Charles, Agnes Barlow, daughter of Anne O'Scannlain Barlow '97 and husband Dan, and Sienna Besser, daughter of Warren '97 and Renee LaVista Besser '97

## Wedding Album



**Elizabeth Eshelman '06** married **Nathaniel Moes '04** on Oct. 17, 2009, in Weaver Chapel. The couple lives in Fairfax, Va.



**Laura Pentecost '93** married Steven Davies. They live in Ada, Mich.

**Marianna O. Bracht** and **Juneer Kibria '03** were married Nov. 29, 2009. They live in Chicago, Ill.

**Brianne Veit Brown** is staff attorney for Judge Julie Lynch with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Columbus, Ohio.

**Michael P. and Jane Curtis Falcone** live in West Caldwell, N.J., where Mike is the secretary of Keeping it Real.

**Jennifer M. Huryn** is team director and head coach of compulsory team programs with FLYTZusa/Kids-Fly

Gymnastics, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

**Sean P. Kelley** is pursuing a master's degree in music education with an emphasis in composition at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He teaches brass methods classes and serves as assistant conductor of the Cincinnati Junior Youth Wind Ensemble. Sean, an active composer and arranger, writes for concert and marching bands, percussion ensembles, indoor drum lines and choral groups. His memberships include the

Ohio Music Education Assoc., Music Educators National Conference, Mid-States Band Assoc., and the Central States Judges Assoc.

Aryanna was born Nov. 24, 2009, to **Charlisa Cooper Miller** and her husband, Desmond. They live in Nassau, Bahamas.

**Michelle L. Miller**, a psychologist, is serving as an active duty captain with the U.S. Army.

**Shannon J. O'Keefe** is with Barney & Affronti LLP, Rochester, N.Y.

**Andrew J. Rathfon** and his wife, Maureen, announce the birth of Kane Lee on Oct. 13, 2009. They live in Ambler, Pa. Andrew serves as a detective with the Upper Merion Township Police Dept. and as a captain with the Fort Washington Fire Company No. 1, a volunteer fire company. He is also pursuing his master's degree in

criminal justice at St. Joseph's University.

**Krista Gersic Vasile** is with the New York State Department of Corrections, Albany, N.Y.

'02 | **Michelle C. Bolin** is new business analyst with Jones Day, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Robert D. and Melissa Lang Candage '04** announce the birth of Carrie Belle on Aug. 25, 2008. They live in Broadview Heights, Ohio. Robert is a branch manager of J.P. Morgan Chase in Seven Hills, Ohio. Melissa, who received her master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2008, is a teacher at All God's Children Preschool.

**Matthew C. and Erin Athy Hazelton '00** live in Newark, Ohio. Erin is a brownfields and sustainability specialist in the urban development division with the Ohio Dept.



**Anna Finkelstein Michael '06** and son **John** at Formaggio, a pizza shop she and husband **Fadi '08** recently bought on The Ohio State University campus



## Keely Jackson Boomhower '98

### *Applies Montessori Principles Beyond The Classroom*

A career in education was the last thing art major Keely Jackson Boomhower had in mind while she was at Wittenberg. To fulfill her service requirement, she volunteered at Nightingale Montessori in Springfield, not because she was interested in teaching, but because she was intrigued by the Montessori method (she herself had once attended a Montessori school). What began as a curiosity blossomed into a deep interest that helped shape the direction of her career.

“The more I worked at Nightingale, the more fascinated I became with the process of human development. Through the Montessori lens, I saw a way to understand not just children, but adults as well,” she says. “I also discovered I enjoyed it and was good at it.”

Her experience led her to get her Montessori certification after graduating from Wittenberg. Throughout the years, she has taught pre-school and middle school children in two different Montessori schools. She says that Montessori’s simple, holistic approach to presenting information resonates with her as does its central belief that children learn from experience.

“We can present information to the child and guide him or her through the process, but the real learning happens when they work with and explore it,” she says. “In a Montessori classroom, the child is learning both from the teacher and the environment.”

Boomhower sees how some of the fundamental principles of Montessori have guided and informed her somewhat varied career, which has also included a stint as a librarian at Princeton University. This year, she became the director of the Academic Enrichment Center at Western Reserve Academy in Ohio where she works one-on-one tutoring high school students.

“My Montessori training, particularly the skills of observation I developed, informs how I interact with students now. I have an opportunity to help individual children who might be struggling with a particular subject find new ways of understanding that information. I have learned to pay attention to what the child needs,” she says.

Boomhower believes she wouldn’t have discovered her strengths and interests without the liberal arts education that allowed her to explore so many diverse areas of study – from Professor Emeritus of Religion Eugene Swanger’s Myth and Symbol course to classes in science and developmental psychology.

“I had so many interests, and I was allowed to explore them all so I could discern what direction to follow.” ■ — *Gabrielle Antoniadis*

of Development, Columbus, Ohio.

**Amanda L. Thomas**, Hilliard, Ohio, is a marketing and business development manager with Members First Credit Union in Columbus, Ohio. She has been named president of the Central Ohio Chapter of the Ohio Credit Union League. Amanda will be involved in social outreach, political advocacy and other initiatives on behalf of affiliated credit unions in central Ohio.

'03 |

**Kathleen Gorman Ezell** received her Ph.D. in social work from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, in December 2009. She is a therapist at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

**Jason P. Larsen** is associate media counsel with NASCAR Media Group, Charlotte, N.C.

**Fiona H. Neale-May** is coordinator of admission with Temple University, Boyer College of Music and Dance, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Rebecca E. Russ** married Scott Spencer Oct. 17, 2009. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Steven P. Spittle** is a sales director of business development at The Middleby Corp., Elgin, Ill.

**Brent D. Yekisa** is a financial adviser with Edward Jones, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

'04 |

**Charles A. Steed**, Franklin, Ohio, is with Warren County TASC, Lebanon, Ohio.

**Rebecca A. Torsell**, Pawtucket, R.I., is an assistant director with the Steamship

Historical Society of America in East Providence, R.I.

'05 |

**Jessica Beaulieu Crawley**, San Francisco, Calif., graduated with highest honors from Golden Gate University School of Law in December 2009.

**Bradley D. Hall**, director of music and the organist at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, assists with the music program and teaches a music appreciation course at the church elementary school.

**Lindsey A. Mikal** is an account executive with Communications Strategy Group, Denver, Colo.

**Joseph H. and Sarah Weide Rumschlag '02** live in Hilliard, Ohio. Joseph is a geologist with Arcadis, Dublin, Ohio.

**Ana K. Steinbaugh** has married Ryan Bennett. They live in Bonita Springs, Fla.

'06 |

**Martin J. Bremer** is an environmental education program manager with Camp Fire USA, Vashon Island, Wash.

**Ashley J. Buroff and Ryan P. Teeter '05** were married Oct. 10, 2008. They live in Rochester, N.Y. Ashley is a seventh-grade reading teacher and writing instructor at Rochester Prep, a local charter school. Ryan is a school counselor at Rush-Henrietta High School.

On Nov. 7, 2009, **Ann Delaney** married **David L. Fleenor '05**. They live in Arlington Heights, Ill.

**Joyce E. Dindo and Sean A. McKinniss** were married Aug. 8, 2009. They live in Akron, Ohio.



## Wedding Album

**Rebecca Russ '03** married Scott Spencer on Oct. 17, 2009. The couple lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Elizabeth A. Eshelman** and **Nathaniel K. Moes '04** were married Oct. 17, 2009. They live in Fairfax, Va.

**David D.** and **Megan O'Neil Fleck** live in South Charleston, Ohio. David is with Clark County Community Development, Springfield, Ohio.

**David M. Herzog** is pursuing a career in acting. He has taken a one-man musical titled George M. Cohan Tonight! to a west-end venue in London, England, the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, La., and the Palais Royale in South Bend, Ind.



**Nina Kuhar '04** married Thomas Fox on Aug. 22, 2009. The couple lives in Fort Mill, S.C.

**Sarah M. Nichols** married Matthew DeBrock on June 28, 2008. They live in Brunswick, Ohio.

**Rajeevee C. Panditharatna**, Greenbelt, Md., is an analyst with HIS Global Insight, Washington, D.C.

**Nicole E. Ream**, Urbana, Ill., married Antonio Sotomayor July 11, 2009.

**Joseph P. Schmees**, Indianapolis, Ind., is an environmental scientist with the State of Indiana, IDEM.

## '07 |

**Meredith B. Deitsch**, Alpharetta, Ga., has married Patrick Higgins.

**Jonathon B. Felter** is a digital media strategist with OMD, Chicago, Ill.

**Alison Maye Hale** is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

**Megan M. Jackson** and **Brent Shroy** were united in marriage Sept. 6, 2009. They live in Columbus, Ohio, where Megan is director of public affairs with the Longaberger Co. and a staff writer with Edible Columbus.



**Ana Steinbaugh '05** married Ryan Bennett on Oct. 24, 2009, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio. The couple lives in Bonita Springs, Fla.



## Hannah Powell '03

### *Looks To Level The Educational Playing Field For All Kids*

As a senior majoring in communications, Hannah Powell had some good ideas about what path she might take after college. Her experience helping homeless children with their homework at Springfield's Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) as part of her community service requirement at Wittenberg, however, changed her direction. Struck by their struggles and with the apparent inequities in the education system, she applied to Teach for America. By the summer, she was working for Teach for America in south central Los Angeles followed by two years in Philadelphia teaching in one of the most underperforming schools in the city.

"The more I learned, the more insatiable my hunger got for trying to find a solution to this gap that exists in our country between low-income kids and kids from a higher socio-economic status," she says. "I became angry by the inequities that I saw with my students and their families, but I also was inspired by what was possible when kids were given what they needed to be successful."

A mere seven years after graduating, Powell has a master of education, several years of teaching and education administration experience, and is now the school director for the KIPP Journey Academy in Columbus, Ohio. While teaching in Philadelphia, she was named "Staff Member of the Month" twice by faculty peers, and her students achieved the school's highest rate of proficiency on the state test in reading and writing. She takes as inspiration the children she has taught and continues to work with, many of whom face unimaginable struggles.

"I saw their drive to learn once they were given the opportunity. And I saw that you can harness their grit and resiliency to empower them and help them become engaged in school and in their community."

Driven by an almost moral sense of responsibility, Powell is most interested in getting down to business. For her, that means learning from others and, together, figuring out what makes good schools work.

"We need to stop talking about the problems and start doing something about it yesterday," she says.

While she notes that the outstanding results of KIPP schools across the country speak for themselves, she stresses that pitting one educational method against another is counter-productive – every child is different. What is important is moving from rhetoric to real change.

"I have seen change, and it starts with teaching and learning," Powell says. "When given the space and education they so deserve, almost without fail, children will rise to the highest expectations." ■

– Gabrielle Antoniadis

**Emily N. List** and **Steven R. Dennett** were married Aug. 9, 2008. They live in Enfield, Conn.

**Karin L. Thue** lives in Springfield, Ohio, where she is a photographer and works in stained glass. She also sells art supplies through an eBay store, The Artist's Hand.

'08 |

**Ashley Hanke Armentrout** is an independent sales representative with Baekgaard Ltd., Dayton, Ohio.

**Jocelin A. Baker** is an account manager with Cox Radio Dayton in Ohio.

**Jessica A. Baldrige** is serving with the Peace Corps in Ecuador.

**Carolyn S. Boggs** is a supervisor with Harry and David, Hebron, Ohio.

As deputy finance director with the Indiana Republican Party, **Zachary D. Bozic** meets with community officials, donors and the governor to raise support for the State of Indiana.

**Ryan D. Charles**, Cincinnati, Ohio, is a project manager of facilities management solutions with Turner Construction.

**Dillon E. Charney** is an employment specialist with the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services, Springfield, Ohio.

**Sean D. Fields** is a financial analyst with JCPenney Inc., Plano, Texas.

**Allyson E. Finn** is a marketing associate with Rosetta, Beachwood, Ohio.

**John C. Flaherty** is a district executive with the Simon Kenton Council Boy Scouts, Columbus, Ohio.



Kathleen Ezell '07

**Joseph C. Fritchman** is pursuing graduate studies in physics at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

**Nicholas P. Gladman** is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

**Jennifer Graff** is pursuing graduate studies at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.

**William H. Haltom III** is teaching English with JoyTalk in Tokyo, Japan.

**Gregory A. Harris** is pursuing graduate studies at Indiana University.

**Leigh E. Hendrix** is pursuing graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University - International Studies.

**Christina E. Irwin** is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Dayton.

**Christine M. Jackson** is pursuing graduate studies in the School of Nursing at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

**Claire E. Johnson** is a business communication consultant with Cincinnati Bell in Dayton, Ohio.



## Wedding Album

**Joyce Dindo '06** married **Sean McKinniss '06** on Aug. 8, 2009 at St. Hilary Catholic Church in Akron, Ohio. The couple lives in Akron.



**Sarah Simpson '04** married **Christopher Pelfry '06** on June 13, 2009. The couple lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.



**Emily List '07** and **Steven Dennett '07** married on Aug. 9, 2008. The couple lives in Enfield, Conn.



**Meredith Deitsch '07**, Alpharetta, Ga., married Patrick Higgins.

**Zachary J. Karl** is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Florida.

**Joelle E. Kluck** is pursuing graduate studies at Cleveland State University in Ohio.

**Karen Phelan Kozlowski**, Fishers, Ind., is an AmeriCorps VISTA Burmese refugee outreach coordinator with the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Alexander C. Kramer** is pursuing graduate studies in language at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

**Kimberly Reid Lain**, Springfield, Ohio, is an intervention specialist with the Tecumseh Local School District, Medway, Ohio.

**Jocelyn R. LaRoche** is pursuing graduate studies at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

**Alicia L. Lewis**, Batavia, Ohio, is a co-manager with the Kroger Co., Clermont County.

**Rayna B. Long** is a resident director at Hiram College in Ohio.

**Sarah E. Matesich**, Fairborn, Ohio, is an admission counselor at Wittenberg, while pursuing graduate studies at the University of Dayton.

**Fadi M. and Anna Finkelstein Michael '06**, who live in Hilliard, Ohio, have bought Formaggio, a restaurant featuring Steuenville-style pizza on The Ohio State University campus in Columbus, Ohio.

**Sarah A. Norman**, Independence, Ohio, is an assistant lab manager at the F.T. Stone Laboratory at The Ohio State University, Put-in-Bay, Ohio.

**Kelly A. Parsons**, Loveland, Ohio, is a clinical trial assistant with Medpace, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Nicholas A. Pierson** is pursuing graduate studies at Indiana University-Bloomington.

**Christine W. Rathman** is pursuing graduate studies at Washington University in Missouri.

**Justin L. Rheubert** is pursuing graduate studies in biology at Southeastern Louisiana University.

**Tiffany M. Rich**, Springfield, Ohio, is a high school intervention specialist with the Northwestern Local School District.

**Adam J. Rose** is a register representative with the Western-Southern Financial Group, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

**Lindsey A. Short** is pursuing graduate studies in psychology at Brock University in Canada.

**Kristin L. Sims** teaches at West Ashley Middle School, Charleston, S.C.

**Alison G. Stalzer** is pursuing graduate studies at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic.

**Jennifer L. Storer** is pursuing graduate studies in psychology at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

**Halley A. Studer-Sweetman** is pursuing graduate studies in art at the Springfield College in Massachusetts.

**Kantaro Suzuki** is pursuing graduate studies in journalism at Waseda University in Japan.

**John M. Tiggelaar** is a seasonal aquatic biologist with Kentucky State Nature Preserves, Frankfort, Ky.

**Catie J. Washburn** is a hearing instrument specialist with Avada Audiology and

Hearing Care, Springfield, Ohio.

**Ryan M. Weiss** is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

**Emily E. Wendel** is pursuing her J.D. at the University of Toledo in Ohio.

**Jessica L. Wenig** teaches with the Dayton Public Schools in Ohio.

**Kara R. Whitacre**, Hilliard, Ohio, is a behavior intervention aide at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Westerville, Ohio.

**Janelle A. White** teaches with the Cobb County School District, Kennesaw, Ga.

**Dale E. Williams III** is an assurance associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Charlotte, N.C.

**Bradley M. Wilson**, a program analyst with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, is music director and organist at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Dayton, Ohio.

'09 | **Mary L. Dollinger** is pursuing her master's degree in Spanish at the University of Southern California at Sacramento.

**Kelly A. Eggers** is the personal assistant to Jean Chatzky at the TODAY Show, New York, N.Y.

**Cody J. Grindle**, who joined the Teach for America program, has a summer position as an operations director at Rice University, Houston, Texas, building systems for new TFA corps members.

**Christopher O. Kopp**, Bexley, Ohio, teaches at the Haugland Learning Center, Columbus, Ohio.

## In Memoriam

'29 | **Marie Quelle Utesch** died July 31, 2006, in Rockford, Ill. A former teacher at Pierce Elementary School in Chicago, Ill., she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

'33 | **Marion A. Cline**, formerly of Old Greenwich, Conn., died Feb. 1, 2010, in Hanover, Pa. He retired as a chemical engineer after more than 35 years with Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Inc. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Civil War Roundtable in Stamford, Conn., he was also a Kentucky Colonel.

'34 | **Erna Scheiderer Cosgray**, formerly of Plain City, Ohio, passed away Nov. 10, 2009, in Marysville, Ohio. She taught in the local elementary schools surrounding Plain City, both as a substitute and as a full-time teacher for more than 50 years. Her memberships included St. John's Lutheran Church, Plain City Book Club, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 3268, and the Ivory Chandler Circle of Kings Daughters and Sons of Plain City.

'35 | **Lillian Gentis Brookhart**, formerly of Piqua, Ohio, died Feb. 4, 2010, in New Carlisle, Ohio. An active member of Grace United Methodist Church, she taught first grade at Springcreek Elementary School for 23 years.

'37 | **Herbert W. Eakins** of North Richland Hills, Texas, died Dec. 22, 2009. A member of Peace Lutheran Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army

Air Corps as a pilot in the United States and the western Pacific, attaining the rank of captain. He retired in 1985 as a senior inspector with Quickway Stampings of Texas. His interests included reading, music, dancing, bridge and wordworking.

**Ruth Stough Hessenflow**, Lakeland, Fla., died Feb. 4, 2010. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she retired as a teacher from the Santa Clara Unified School District in California.

**Florence Belleman Linville**, formerly of Miamisburg, Ohio, passed away Nov. 7, 2007, in Plantation, Fla. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she taught at the Auditorium School in Miamisburg, Ohio, and the Public Schools of Broward County, Fla.

'38 | **Olan W. Aughbaugh** '41S, Miamisburg, Ohio, died Dec. 17, 2003. A member of Dorm League, he was an ordained Lutheran minister. He served St. John's Church, Melbourne, Ky., First English Church, Mansfield, Ohio, Emanuel Church, Coshocton, Ohio, Divinity Church, Oregon, Ohio, and Salem Ellerton Church, Miamisburg, Ohio, from where he retired in 1980. He then served as visitation pastor at First Lutheran Church in Dayton, Ohio, until 1990.

**Frank L. Nevius** of Springfield, Ohio, died Sept. 1, 2009. A member of St. Teresa Catholic Church and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy in the American and North Atlantic Theaters during World War II. He was the recipient of numerous awards, including the meritorious civilian service award. In 1986, he retired from Wright Patterson Air Force Base after 43 years as chief of the technical service division.

'39 |

**Clara Schultz Ball**, formerly of Mansfield, Ohio, died May 18, 2009, in Westerville, Ohio. Before operating a private kindergarten for 14 years, she taught with the Urbana Schools. She retired from education after 12 years with the Crestview Local Schools. An active member of Grace Episcopal Church, she was a participant and supporter of area musicians, choruses and the symphony.

**Doris A. Carey** of Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 5, 2010. A former piano teacher and realtor, she retired after 30 years of teaching and counseling students in the Springfield, Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland school districts. She was a member of High Street United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star and the American Association of University Women.

'40 |

**James W. Stevens**, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died March 19, 2010. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army as a captain with the 77th infantry division, quartermaster section, in Manila and Japan. His family owned and operated the five Stevens Bakery locations in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. His political career included being a member and mayor of the Oakland Park City Council, a member of the Broward County Commission and a Florida State senator. He served as an officer of numerous professional organizations, and he was the recipient of many awards for his service to Broward County and the Republican Party. Other memberships included the Anglican Church of the Resurrection, Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, J.D. Hawkins Lodge and 33rd Scottish Rite.

'41 |

**J. Douglas James**, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Feb. 7, 2010, in Redmond, Ore. During World War II, he served as a medic in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. He founded James Lumber Co., before building and managing New Horizons and Ethan Allen Manor Nursing Homes in Springfield, Ohio. A member of Christ Episcopal Church, he volunteered at the Clark County Library after his retirement. He moved to Redmond, Ore., in 1990, where he was an active member of St. Albans Episcopal Church and volunteered at Hospice of Redmond-Sisters.

**Raymond R. Runser**, formerly of Lima, Ohio, died Dec. 12, 2009, in Lakeland, Fla. During World War II, he served as a first lieutenant and pilot with the U.S. Army Air Corps. Before retiring, he was an industrial relations manager with Baldwin Lima Hamilton Corp. and manager of the engineering test lab at Clark Equipment Co. Crane Division. His memberships included St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Lima, Ohio, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Fla., Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and the American Legion. He also was president of the Fraternal Order of Police Associates and commodore of the Indian Lake Yacht Club.

**Francis K. Wagschal**, Burlington, N.C., died Feb. 4, 2010. His memberships included St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Dorm League. A retired minister, he had served parishes in New Jersey, New York and Ontario, Canada, and as secretary for social concerns with the Lutheran Church in America, New York, N.Y.

'42 |

**Charles W. Boesel**, Toledo, Ohio, died Jan. 6, 2010.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe. He was the business manager for the Toledo Mud Hens baseball team and president of Hall-Toledo before founding Special Automotive Marketing, an automotive service tool sales, marketing and consulting firm. He retired in 2004. His memberships included the Toledo Y.M.C.A., the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Mobile Air Conditioning Society.

**Fay L. Schmacker** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., passed away Dec. 19, 2009. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was a bookkeeper and a flutist with the Miami and Fort Lauderdale Symphony Orchestras. After retiring, she taught flute lessons to local children.

'43 |

**Ted F. Howell**, Oakwood, Ohio, passed away Dec. 6, 2009. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army. He was the founder and president of the Howell Equipment Co. until his retirement in 1979. His broad civic interests led him to numerous activities and leadership posts. He was active with the Dayton Shriners, was a member and past chief of Box 21 Rescue Squad, served on the board of directors of the Dayton chapter of the American Heart Association, Oakwood Board of Health and Oakwood Finance Committee. He was the director of the Dayton Area Civil Defense and had been appointed to Gov. James Rhodes' advisory commission on Emergency Medical Services.

'44 |

**Robert D. Haber** passed away Feb. 9, 2010, in Dayton, Ohio. His career was spent as a chemical engineer at National Cash Register Co. A member of First Lutheran Church and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity,

he was a volunteer and vice president of the Kettering Beautification Commission.

**Betty Jane Mount White Harold**, New Carlisle, Ohio, died Nov. 7, 2009. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she was the first woman from New Carlisle to obtain her airplane pilot's license. She owned and managed Graphic Engineering Service. She held positions with the Colonial Dames of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, First Families of Clark County, the Clark County Genealogy Society, the Dayton Antique Study Club and the Mad River Antique Study Club.

**Mary Lou Blair Walshe**, White Plains, N.Y., passed away Feb. 15, 2010. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she had a lengthy career as a flight attendant with Eastern Airlines. She was based in all their key cities and flew all their routes. An active volunteer in her community, she served as president of the Scarsdale Woman's Club for several years.

'45 |

**Barbara Chatlain Scott** of Mansfield, Ohio, passed away Feb. 12, 2010. A former employee of Westinghouse Electric Corp., she volunteered with the Mansfield Schools, the election board, as well as numerous other community organizations throughout her life. Her memberships included First Congregational Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

'46 |

**Marjorie Kraye Dolbeer**, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Oct. 24, 2009, in Indianalantic, Fla. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Kappa Delta sorority, she was a teacher and principal at St. John's Preschool. She was also an organist there and at Hope Lutheran Church. She retired in 1984.

'47 |

**David T.S. Halkola**, Houghton, Mich., passed away Dec. 8, 2009. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in the European Theater and was held briefly as a P.O.W. Professionally, he served as a history professor and president at Suomi College. He then joined the faculty at Michigan Technological University, ultimately retiring in 1988 as a professor of history and was conferred the rank of professor emeritus. He made countless public appearances on television and radio dealing with local history. A member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and various professional and civic organizations, he was the author of numerous publications in his field. His commitment to state and local history was honored by many.

'48 |

**Alice Bodiker Childers** of Kettering, Ohio, passed away Nov. 29, 2009. She had retired as an elementary teacher with the Bethel School District and was an antique dealer at the Springfield Flea Market.

Janet Krider Daugherty, Warren, Ohio, died May 18, 2009. A member of First United Methodist Church and Chi Omega sorority, she retired as a teacher with the Warren City Schools.

'49 |

**Jean Hart Fritts**, Tacoma, Wash., died Feb. 1, 2010. A teacher and homemaker, she owned an apple orchard. Her memberships included Trinity Lutheran Church and Chi Omega sorority.

**Walter E. Hammond**, formerly of Tiffin, Ohio, and Chandler, Ariz., died Jan. 23, 2010, in Piqua, Ohio. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in the Pacific. In

1970, he became chief financial officer at Tiffin Mercy Hospital and held that position until his retirement in 1990. His memberships included St. Joseph Catholic Church, Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, the American Cancer Society, American Legion Post #169, Tiffin Moose Lodge #846, K of C #608, Tiffin Rotary Club, Elks Lodge #94 and F.A.C.T.

**Paul F. Martin**, a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity died April 20, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio.

**David J. Morgan**, Merced, Calif., died Sept. 14, 2009. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army in the Panama Canal and the Philippines during World War II. He received the Silver Star for gallantry in action. His career in education began with a teaching/coaching position in Sebring, Ohio. After moving to California, he taught and coached basketball at schools in the Los Gatos/San Jose area and the Atwater/Merced area. Following his retirement in 2000, he was inducted into the California Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Lester E. Slagle**, Toledo, Ohio, passed away, Nov. 17, 2009. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he was a Lutheran minister. He served as a chaplain to United States military personnel at Travis Air Force Base in California, in Pang Yang Do and Seoul, Korea, at Richards-Gebaun Air Force Base in Missouri, and with the 179th Combat Support Group Unit at Mansfield Air Force Base in Ohio. Additional places of ministry included Divinity, Martin Luther and Glenwood Lutheran Churches in Toledo, Ohio, Baltic Lutheran Parishes, East Union Lutheran Church, Wooster, Ohio, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Wauseon, Ohio.

'50 |

**Marcella Grau Frank**, Mansfield, Ohio, died Dec. 20, 2009. A member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she served as a secretary on the Mohican Sailing Club board for many years. A homemaker, she worked at the Marion Avenue Market as a young woman. She loved bowling, playing bridge and cooking.

**Robert N. Harter '53S**, of Northfield, Minn., died Feb. 25, 2010. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps on hospital ships traveling to Australia. An ordained Lutheran minister, he served his first congregation in Tipton, Iowa, before founding Hope Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He also pastored at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Somerville, N.J., Epiphany Lutheran Church, Pleasantville, N.J., and at a two-church parish in Kensington and Lowry, Minn. In 1982, he retired to Northfield, Minn., where he served as chaplain at the Northfield Retirement Center. In later years, he was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church.

**Edward C. Makowski** died Oct. 9, 2009, in Sunnyvale, Calif. A member of the Lutheran Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he served as a corporal with the U.S. Army during World War II. He taught social studies and special education, and coached athletics at Fremont Union High School from where he retired in 1988.

**Betty Cole Stemple**, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 30, 2010, in Pickerington, Ohio. She taught music to special-needs students at Town and Country Day School for 20 years. Her memberships included First Baptist Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Elderly United.

**Carolyn Kuhls Taylor**, formerly of Carmel, Ind., died Jan. 19, 2010, in Oklahoma City, Okla. A retired teacher, she was a volunteer in her church's nursery and as a Republican precinct committeewoman. Her memberships included Delta Zeta sorority, the Doers Club and the Family Support Center.

'51 |

**Virginia Redden Aldstat**, formerly of York, Pa., died Sept. 13, 2006, in Pensacola, Fla. A former secretary with the Gulf Refining Co., she founded Hospital Account Receivable Management Services Inc., Pompano Beach, Fla.

**John T. Doering**, San Diego, Calif., died Jan 2, 2010. A member of St. Peter's By the Sea Lutheran Church and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served as a signalman aboard the U.S. Navy destroyer Hopewell and atop San Diego's Naval Supply Center during the Korean War. He retired after 33 years as a math teacher at Marston and Dana Junior High Schools.

**Nancy Corwin Knudson**, Visalia, Calif., passed away Dec. 2, 2009. A member of Exeter Presbyterian Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she supervised student teachers at Fresno Pacific College.

**Helen Kohle Lehmenkuler** of Springfield, Ohio, passed away March 12, 2010. An avid gardener, she was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Paul K. Swackhamer** passed away at his home in Santa Barbara, Calif., Nov. 11, 2009. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army in Japan during World War II. He was awarded the WWII Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal. He lived in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Texas before

settling in Santa Barbara in 1974, where he was sales manager for Delco Electronics. While working in Houston, Texas, he became involved with the aerospace program which made him a significant and influential part of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo space missions.

'52 |

**Richard G. Eisemann** died Feb. 7, 2010, at his home in Morehead City, N.C. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Randolph and Houston. As a Lutheran minister, he served Lucas Lutheran Parish and Trinity Lutheran Church of Ashland, Ohio. In 1961, he entered the U.S. Air Force as a military chaplain at seven state-side bases, two European assignments and two bases in the Orient. In 1988, he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel. During his post-military years, he remained involved in community service and as a chaplain for various organizations. He received the Governor's Medallion Award for volunteer service. After moving back to North Carolina, he served four parishes as interim pastor and was honored as "Pastor Emeritus" at Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church in Atlantic Beach.

**Joseph J. Piteo**, Wyandotte, Mich., died Jan. 31, 2010. An excellent draftsman, he was a tool and die designer and cost estimator at Dana Corp. and the Ford Motor Co. Over the years, he owned several businesses and rental properties, including the Allen Park Laundromat, Brighton Nursery and Garden Center, and the Rockery Bar and Grill. He was a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

**H. Joseph Slusser**, formerly of North Fort Meyers and Venice, Fla., died Nov. 16, 2009, in Nazareth, Pa. A member of Dorm League, he served as a yeoman third class with the U.S. Navy from 1945-47. As a Lutheran minister, he served Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hecktown, Pa., Zion Stone Union and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches, Kreidersville, Pa., and three small congregations in the Dushore, Pa., area.

**Robert V. Ward** of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., died Oct. 23, 2009. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he served as a quartermaster with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. After teaching at public schools, he began serving as a guidance counselor and taught history, psychology, sociology and reading at the New York Military Academy.

'53 |

**Cleva Koch Foerster** of Algonac, Mich., died Jan. 12, 2009. A member of the Lutheran Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was a child development advisor and teacher most recently with the Bethany Learning Center.

**Shirley Landon Lantz**, Columbus, Ohio, died Jan. 19, 2010. A former fashion model, she worked as an insurance rater at Northwestern National Insurance and at Ohio Wesleyan University. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Marion "Kitty" Leedom Driehorst Simpson**, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, and Sarasota, Fla., passed away Feb. 4, 2010, in Gahanna, Ohio. She taught business education at Worthington and Upper Arlington High Schools and was past president of the Ohio Business Teachers Association. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she volunteered at the

Wellness Center, counseling individuals with lung cancer.

'54 |

**Virginia "Ginny" Dixon Carlisle**, Springfield, Ohio, died Dec. 23, 2009. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she worked as a nurse at Community Hospital and taught nursing, religion and career counseling at Clark State Community College. She also served as associate pastor at Northminster Presbyterian Church, was active in campus ministry at Clark State Community College and served in several capacities in the Miami Presbytery.

**David R. Collins**, a longtime Clark County resident, recently of Cable, Ohio, died Jan. 6, 2010, in Urbana, Ohio. A former prosecuting attorney with the City of Springfield, he was a well known amateur archaeologist who made several important discoveries during his years in the field. Also an expert on early American antiques, he resided for many years at the historic Hunt family home. He was a member of the Urbana Swedenborgian Church.

**Walter F. Johnson** passed away Dec. 15, 2009, in Bloomington, Ind. He served many communities as pastor, including Trinity Lutheran Church, Canton, Ohio, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas, First English Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Christ Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry, Athens, Ohio, the Lutheran Campus Center, Champaign, Ill., and St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Ind. Following an early retirement for health reasons in 1995, he was a part-time mission director in Indiana and Kentucky for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He retired again in 1998. In 2005, he was given

the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus at St. Thomas Church in Bloomington. He was an active supporter of many social and environmental causes, and a champion for the civil rights of marginalized populations. He was the recipient of the first annual distinguished service award given by the National Lutheran Church Campus Ministry, which included a grant for a study sabbatical in Italy, Switzerland and England.

**John S. Pflueger Jr.**, Akron, Ohio, passed away March 22, 2010. During the Korean War, he served with the U.S. Navy. Before his retirement, he was vice president of sales and advertising with Pflueger Fishing Tackle. Following his retirement, he continued his business career at Ken-Ed Cabinet Co. Inc. His memberships included Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, many fishing organizations, the U.S. Power Squadron, the Les Cheneaux Club, Pine Valley Trout Club and Hill & Dale.

'55 |

**Margaret Jud Davis, Erie**, Pa., died Jan. 6, 2010. She had been a physical education teacher with the Erie School District for 23 years before retiring in 1979. Her memberships included first United Methodist Church, Gridley Chapter #324 OES, Daughter of the Nile, Ladies Oriental Shrine and the American Red Cross.

**Roger L. Schneider** '67 M.Ed., Springfield, Ohio, passed away Dec. 13, 2009. After serving as a specialist 4 with the U.S. Army in Italy from 1955-57, he entered the field of education. He taught science in the Boone County School District in Kentucky before coming to the Tecumseh School District in New Carlisle, Ohio. He taught 7th grade science and was principal of Medway, McAdams and Donnelville

Elementary Schools. He also was director of personnel in the district and retired from the Clark County Board of Education as a director with a total of 33 years in education. His memberships included Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, ORTA, the Clark County Retired Teachers Assoc., the Medway Area Historical Society and the Stein Club of Dayton.

'56 |

**Harold G. Otley**, Bentleyville, Pa., died May 31, 2009. He was a member of Dorm League.

**Lillian Fisher Schnabel**, formerly of Troy, Ohio, died Feb. 17, 2010, in North Fort Myers, Fla. She spent her career as a case manager at the Miami County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (Riverside of Miami County.) She served on many boards and committees and was a member of many organizations, including St. Luke Lutheran Church, Gamma Phi Beta sorority, the Troy Music Club, the Association for Retarded Citizens, RT Industries and University Women. She received many awards and honors including being named "Miss Springfield" in 1956 and the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation's "Mother of the Year."

'57 |

**Gayle Henderson Ernst** of Scotsdale, Ariz., passed away on Nov. 17, 2009. A member of La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she enjoyed gardening, mystery novels and quantum physics.

**Jon E. Fish** died Jan. 31, 2010, in Springfield, Ohio. He served with the U.S. Army during the years 1951-53 and was also a veteran of the Ohio National Guard. At one time he was supervisor of underwriting

with Workers Compensation. A volunteer floor manager at the Kuss Auditorium, he was a member of First Lutheran Church and the Noon Optimist Club.

'58 |

**Kathleen Gaver Levin**, formerly of Wyckoff, N.J., and Naples, Fla., died in 1984. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she was a former home economics teacher and a homemaker.

**Richard A. Shank**, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 16, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio. A member of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, he served as an electronic technician with the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Henley during the Korean War. He was a teacher and basketball coach at Shawnee High School and the principal at Hustead Elementary School. Before his final retirement, he had a career in sales.

'59 |

**John T. Keister III** of Mira Loma, Calif., died Feb. 11, 2010. After serving with the U.S. Navy, he worked with the California Youth Authority and the California Highway Patrol. He retired from the Highway Patrol in 1987 with 20 years of service. His memberships included the Lutheran Church, the Boy Scouts of America and Lions Club International.

**Louis A. Vogelsang** of Largo, Fla., passed away March 27, 2010. In the early 1960s, he served with the U.S. Army National Guard. His memberships included Anona United Methodist Church and Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He retired as a sales representative with Cromer Co.-Hanes, Miami, Fla.

'60 |

**Wayne E. Thompson**, Murray, Ky., died Jan. 3, 2010. A former employee of North American Aviation, Columbus, Ohio, he retired as a tool designer.

'61 |

**Donald W. Beatty** of Estero, Fla., passed away Nov. 25, 2009. A member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he was the executive director of the Government Finance Officers Association, Chicago, Ill. He then worked in the government public funds department with the Northern Trust Bank. He moved to Newport Beach, Calif., where he was with the Irving Trust Bank. He retired in 2004.

'62 |

**Clifford J. McRae**, Golden, Colo., died Dec. 1, 2009. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he began his career at Proctor and Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio. He then held leadership positions at Monroe Auto Equipment Co., Monroe, Mich., Skil Tools, Skokie, Ill., and Snap-On Tools, Kenosha, Wis. He founded IT Strategies, a consulting firm in Evergreen, Colo., from where he retired. He loved building and remodeling, which led to his volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity.

'63 |

**Garnet Rice Sharp Brubaker**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Feb. 1, 2010. An educator with the Springfield City Schools, she taught for 14 years at Fulton Elementary School before transferring to Grayhill Elementary School. She was instrumental in starting the Chapter 1 preschool programs for both schools, which won state and national awards while she was facilitator. An active member of First Christian

Church and her community, she was a volunteer at Community Hospital for many years.

**Hannah Long Dixon** of Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 13, 2010. She taught in the Springfield City School District for 35 years and served on the Springfield City School Board for nine years. Her memberships included Plattsburg United Church of Christ and Kappa Delta sorority.

'64 |

**E. Christopher Wallingford**, Honesdale, Pa., died Feb. 13, 2010. Professionally he had been a carpenter, realtor, supervisor and secretary for Mansfield Township, art director of Gray Advertising in Manhattan, and had served the fire companies of Rockville Centre and Equinunk. An active member of his community, he was a member of Equinunk United Methodist Church and the Pike-Wayne Pennsylvania Board of Realtors.

'65 |

**Susan Wenninger Green**, Lexington, Ky., passed away Dec. 19, 2009. A member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church and Chi Omega sorority, she was a teacher at Charter Ridge.

'66 |

**Mary Blue Eichelberger**, Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 20, 2010. She was employed by General Materials before beginning her teaching career at Pitchin Elementary School. She retired after 25 years from Possum Elementary School. Her memberships include Pitchin United Methodist Church, Rising Star Council of the Daughters of America, Farm Bureau, Ohio Reading Association, Champaign County Quilting Guild, local garden clubs and numerous educational associations.

**Joyce Bradow Juergens**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Feb. 21, 2010. She taught at Fairmoor Elementary School, Columbus, Ohio, and Snowhill Elementary School, Springfield, Ohio. Also a counselor at South High School, Roosevelt Middle School and Ridgewood School in Springfield, she owned Joy's Western Wear, Bridal Joy and Joy's Tux Shop. Her memberships included First Lutheran Church, Lutheran Community Services and Law Wives.

'67 |

**Clifford R. "Kip" Baldon** died Nov. 18, 2006, at his home in Kalamazoo, Mich. An inventor and a creator, he was the author of numerous songs, stories and poems.

**Charles E. Voit Jr.**, Noblesville, Ind., passed away Nov. 20, 2009. An ordained Lutheran minister, he served several churches in Indiana during his career. A member of Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite in Indianapolis, Ind., he had a passion for woodworking.

'68 |

**Roger A. Mahan** died Sept. 28, 2009, at his home in Lower Saucon Township, Pa. He was the former owner/operator of the Hellertown McDonalds for many years.

**Barbara McIntire Wilt**, Springfield, Ohio, died March 6, 2010. She spent her career teaching students in the Greenon Local School district, retiring in 1995 from Enon Elementary School. Active with the family dairy farm, she enjoyed boating, learning and reading.

'69 |

**Nancy Miller Houston** passed away Dec. 31, 2009 at her home in Chocowinity, N.C. Before moving to North Carolina,

she was a highly regarded educator in Ohio for 30 years as a teacher, reading specialist, curriculum coordinator and a regional director of teacher development for the State of Ohio. During this time, she was president of the Ohio chapter of the International Reading Association. Most recently, she was the lead coordinator in the office of clinical experiences for the college of education at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. Her memberships included First Presbyterian Church and Delta Gamma sorority.

**Judith A. Peters**, Mountain View, Calif., died Oct. 9, 1998. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she had been a legal secretary with Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosati in Palo Alto, Calif.

'70 |

**Roger F. Nicodemus**, Frederick, Md., died Feb. 22, 1999. A former senior EDP audit officer with the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, he served as a member of the board of directors of the Fredericktowne Players Inc.

**Raymond W. Vikander**, Arlington, Va., died Dec. 27, 2009. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Air Force in communications at the White House during the Ford administration. As a senior software engineer with VGS Inc., Fairfax, Va., he was involved with many projects for the Department of Defense.

'73 |

**Lucille Gregg Middleton** of Cable, Ohio, died July 29, 2009. She taught and coached special education students for a total of 34 years. In 1976, she was awarded a Special Olympics Award from Eunice Kennedy Shriver

for developing a jump rope routine that enhanced students' coordination skills. In 1978, she received the Ohio Special Education Teacher Award, and in 1980 she received the Ohio Mother of the Year Award from Gov. James Rhodes. She was later inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1985 by Gov. Richard Celeste. In 1955, she was selected Mrs. Champaign County, and in 1997 she received an Alumni Citation from Wittenberg.

'74 |

**Dessie Danielson Bursh** of West Chester, Ohio, died Feb. 3, 2010. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she was the former restaurant manager of the Jefferson Hill Tea Room in Naperville, Ill.

'76 |

**Joane L. Kuebler**, Cleveland, Ohio, passed away Feb. 18, 2007. A member of Brecksville United Church of Christ and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was a teacher and coach at Pleasant Valley School in Parma, Ohio.

'79 |

**Clarence J. Schueler Jr.** of Tullahoma, Tenn., died Feb. 4, 2010. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army specialized training program before enlisting with the U.S. Air Force. A sergeant, he was a cryptographer technician and teletype operator in Tokyo, Japan. He spent most of his career involved in wind tunnel testing, retiring in 1990 as vice president of Sverdrup Technology. He held positions with many professional organizations and was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Habitat for Humanity and Rotary Club.

'80 |

**Peggy Beach Pell**, Columbus, Ohio, died Feb. 6, 2010. She was employed in the radiology department at Riverside Memorial Hospital. Her memberships included Grove City Church of the Nazarene and the Columbus All-Breed Training Club.

'84 |

**L'Dean W. Radloff**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away July 25, 2009. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church, he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1952, retiring after 26 years of service. Following his military career, he worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

**Angelique Stover Tilford**, Springfield, Ohio, died Feb. 11, 2010. A second grade teacher at Horace Mann Elementary School for 25 years, she was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa sorority and served as secretary of the Springfield Education Assoc. She had her HAM radio license, and she was a member of the Independent Radio Assoc. and the Dayton Amateur Radio Assoc.

'85 |

**Bradley D. Youse** passed away Nov. 30, 2009, in Shelby, Ohio. An orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine, he practiced with Richland Orthopedic Surgery Inc. He also served as team physician with the Shelby City Schools sports teams and as an assistant team physician with the Lexington Local Schools. As a member of the American Medical Association, he held numerous specialty medical and professional affiliations, both locally and nationwide. He had a love of outdoor activities and extreme sports.

calendar of **events** calendarevents



New Student Days, Aug. 19-21

August

19-21	<b>New Student Days</b>
22	<b>Fall Semester Begins</b>
31	<b>Opening Convocation</b> – <i>New Wittenberg Provost Rick Fairbanks, 11 a.m., Weaver Chapel</i>

September

2	<b>Student Activities Fair and Picnic</b> – <i>5 p.m., Chapel Lawn</i>
17-19	<b>Family Weekend</b>
22	<b>Witt Series – The Fred R. Leventhal Family Endowed Lecture</b> – <i>Jonathan Safran Foer, author, 7:30 p.m., HPER Center</i>

October

7-10	<b>Mainstage Production</b> – <i>7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m., Sunday, Chakeres Memorial Theatre</i>
8-10	<b>Homecoming Weekend</b>
8	<b>Wittenberg Symphonic Band Concert</b> – <i>7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel</i>
12	<b>Witt Series – Diavolo Dance Troupe</b> – <i>7:30 p.m., Kuss Auditorium, Clark State Performing Arts Center</i>
18-19	<b>Fall Break</b>
29	<b>Wittenberg Chamber Concert</b> – <i>7:30 p.m., Krieg Hall</i>
30	<b>Faculty Artist Recital</b> – <i>Jessica McCormack, soprano, 4 p.m., Krieg Hall</i>
31	<b>Witt Series – Festival Choral Eucharist for the Reformation</b> – <i>7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel</i>

November

TBD	<b>Witt Series – The Kenneth H. Sauer Luther Symposium</b> – <i>7:30 p.m.</i>
19	<b>Opera Studio</b> – <i>Cabaret, 7:30 p.m., Krieg Hall</i>
21	<b>Wittenberg Chamber Orchestra Concert</b> – <i>3 p.m., Weaver Chapel</i>
22	<b>Wittenberg Flute Choir Concert</b> – <i>7:30 p.m., Krieg Hall</i>
24-26	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
30	<b>Witt Series – The William A. Kinnison Endowed Lecture</b> – <i>Claudia Koonz, Duke University, historian, 7:30 p.m.</i>



Opening Convocation, Aug. 31



Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 8-10

## A Wittenberg Moment

Mark Ehlers '81 Credits University For Life's Success



Every few years, the Wittenberg University Choir passes through town as part of a tour through the northeastern United States. Andrea and I saw them perform Saturday night, March 6, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ardmore, Pa. I have seen the choir

perform several times over the years, and every time I leave feeling blessed, spiritually uplifted and culturally enriched. The collective sounds of these young people's voices are beautiful, a mosaic of harmony and acoustic perfection. And while they always sound glorious, on Saturday they were really quite spectacular. During the singing of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (arranged by Gilbert Martin), I turned and noticed Andrea overcome with

emotion, struck by the beauty and power of the moment.

I left Wittenberg nearly 30 years ago, though in many ways it never left me and continues to occupy a warm place in my heart. Perhaps I so appreciated the Wittenberg Choir on Saturday night because I have often considered my time at Wittenberg as among the best four years of my life. At Wittenberg, life was fun and fulfilling, the days vivid and fresh, friendships came easy, and I never felt alone. On the night

of graduation, while others celebrated, I quietly cried, anguished by the thought that life would never be as free and easy again. I loved Wittenberg and knew even then that it was an experience never to be replicated in life's subsequent stages. Yet, as I sat in the pews of St. Paul's church,

I could not remember once having seen the choir perform during my years at Wittenberg. Sometimes we appreciate only later in life the things we so often overlooked in the past.

In reality, there has been so much more to life since I left college. I headed to Washington, D.C., and later to Philadelphia, places full of history and culture and excitement. I became an accomplished lawyer and prosecutor. I embraced a larger world, which in its

splendor sometimes fails to acknowledge the simple and gentle confines of places like Wittenberg.

I have few regrets over the paths I have chosen and choices I have made, and I realize that, in some respects, I may have outgrown Wittenberg – when I graduated in 1981, I was ready to move on – but part of me never left. When I spotted the Wittenberg banner upon entering the church narthex on Saturday night and set my eyes on the bright red and white gowns of the Wittenberg Choir, I felt a rush of pride about where my Wittenberg journey has led me in life and my connection to this grand place. I felt at home.

To this day, when I think of Wittenberg, I feel an occasional twinge of sadness, a longing for the days of my youth, when my whole life stood before me, my dreams unlimited, and my ideals untainted. There is very little I would change about

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Wittenberg and my experiences there. I know that I am blessed with a family, faith and career, and that is due in no small part to my days at Wittenberg. If my children can experience in their college years even half of the joy, the fun, the learning, and the sense of fulfillment that I found during my four years at Wittenberg, I will sleep soundly knowing they are on the right path, journeying forward to a life complete. ■

– Mark Ehlers '81

# Finding Hope Through The Fund



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