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Weaver Chapel was illuminated in candlelight during the annual Wittenberg Series-sponsored Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas, Dec. 7. Photo by Erin Pence '04



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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## New Vibes



I am confident that we've all had moments when someone comes into our lives, our place of work, our church or our circle of friends and immediately connects on such a level as to cause us to pause, reflect and, quite frankly, prepare to enjoy the ride.

The Wittenberg community experienced that in July when Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D., officially began her service as the 14th president of our alma mater. President Joyner, or Laurie as she is happy to be called, declined a honeymoon year, preferring instead to get right to work on the most pressing needs facing the university. She quickly established a learning network to engage members of the community in her quest to understand the hopes, fears and concerns of those most closely associated with Wittenberg. She also read as much as possible prior to arriving about the history of Wittenberg, as well as the university's current context based on publicly available information and briefing materials provided to her by a range of campus and community leaders.

Moreover, she arrived having already met with nearly every member of the Board of Directors, including traveling with Chairman David L. Boyle '69 to the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Institute for Board Chairs and Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities. Just two weeks into her tenure, President Joyner also traveled to Cambridge, Mass., to attend the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents, followed by several alumni engagement opportunities.

By the August board retreat, President Joyner, working collaboratively with senior staff members, had identified the most critical challenges facing Wittenberg in terms of financial sustainability, and by the start of classes, she was discussing those challenges openly and honestly with the campus through a series of special forums.

Her no-nonsense, direct approach to tackling the challenges, combined with her uncompromising commitment to ensuring the quality of a Wittenberg education within the context of a sustainable financial model have already earned her the respect of multiple constituents, including alumni. In fact, many alumni connected with her in December through the first-ever online Alumni Townhall hosted by the Wittenberg Alumni Board, an event I would encourage you to watch at [www.wittenberg.edu/alumnitownhall](http://www.wittenberg.edu/alumnitownhall).

President Joyner's leadership style is straight-forward and inspiring. She is collaborative by nature, transparent, data-driven and deeply student-centered. In the words of her mentor and friend, Rollins President Lewis Duncan, she "is inclusive but also conclusive," as she works to unleash the full potential of Wittenberg to be the best it can be.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to work with President Joyner these last six months, and I hope you enjoy this issue's cover story on her, which begins on page 18.

Happy reading and all the best in the new year ahead,

Karen L. Gerboth '93  
Editor

## Wittenberg Named Among Nation's Best

The Princeton Review has named Wittenberg among the nation's Top 20 for "Most Accessible Professors" in the 2013 edition of its annual college guide, *The Best 377 Colleges*.

Wittenberg is in elite company considering that only about 15 percent of America's 2,500 four-year colleges and three colleges outside the United States are profiled in the book, which is The Princeton Review's flagship college guide. The guide also includes detailed profiles of the colleges with rating scores for all schools in eight categories, plus ranking lists of top 20 schools in the book in 62 categories, based on The Princeton Review's surveys of students attending the colleges.

"We commend Wittenberg for its outstanding academics, which is the primary criteria for our selection of schools for the book," said Robert Franek, Princeton Review's senior vice president and publisher and author of *The Best 377 Colleges*.

"Our choices are based on institutional data we collect about schools, our visits to schools over the years, feedback we gather from students attending the schools, and the opinions of our staff and our 30-member National College Counselor Advisory Board. We also work to keep a

wide representation of colleges in the book by region, size, selectivity and character."

In its profile on Wittenberg, The Princeton Review praises the school for how it "emphasizes personal attention and development of the person as a whole." The guide also quotes extensively from Wittenberg students the company surveyed for the book. As one student shared, Wittenberg "'encourages students to try new things' both inside and outside the classroom to 'broaden student horizons.' In so doing, students become 'committed to their own success and the success of the greater school community.'" ■



## University Recognized Nationally For Lab Safety



As media continue to cover the tragic case surrounding the accidental death of a research lab assistant in a UCLA chemistry lab in 2008, Dave Finster, professor of chemistry and the college's chemical hygiene officer, is working diligently to ensure that lab accidents of any kind never happen again.

"Thirty-five years ago, it's hard to remember how little safety was taught," Finster said. "Fortunately, in the chemistry community over time, there has been a heightened sense of safety."

That change in thinking, one could argue, stems from Finster's own advocacy efforts, which earned Wittenberg the 2012 NIOSH/CHAS College and University Health and Safety Award for the most comprehensive laboratory safety program in undergraduate higher education. The recognition places the university with Princeton University, Wellesley College, MIT and Williams College, which previously earned the award.

To assist in teaching lab safety within higher education, Finster recently partnered with a national expert in lab safety, Robert Hill, who has worked with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for about three decades as a chemist and safety officer.

Together, Hill and Finster co-authored a textbook titled *Laboratory Safety for Chemistry Students*, which has been called the new "gold standard" in the area of chemical lab safety by Ralph Stuart, a leading safety expert at Cornell University. ■



## Cornel West Presents On Campus

Civil rights advocate Cornel West, professor of philosophy and Christian practice at Union Theological Seminary, discussed “Lead, Love, and Serve: The Conscious Effort Toward Justice in America,” Oct. 18.

Described as a “prominent and provocative democratic intellectual,” West is best known for his classic book *Race Matters*, *Democracy Matters*, in addition to his two-year-old memoir *Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud*. West’s newest book is *The Rich And The Rest Of Us*, co-authored with syndicated radio host Tavis Smiley.

A frequent guest on the *Bill Maher Show*, *Colbert Report*, CNN and C-Span, he can be heard weekly on Smiley’s NPI radio program, *The Smiley and West Radio Show*,

a highly acclaimed progressive program. West made his film debut in the *Matrix*, and he was the commentator with Ken Wilbur on the official trilogy released in 2004. He also has appeared in more than 25 documentaries and films, including *Examined Life*, *Call & Response*, *Sidewalk* and *Stand*. ■

## Academic Program Review Gets Underway

As part of the comprehensive conversation taking place on campus regarding achieving a sustainable financial model, Provost Christopher M. Duncan and the Educational Policies Committee (EPC), under the leadership of EPC Chair Peter Hanson, associate professor of chemistry, have been hosting several campus forums and encouraging feedback from all constituents on current programs

under review for reshaping, resizing or eliminating.

The degree-granting portions of the programs currently under review include computer science, French, Japanese, dance, music, geography and the physical education credit. Feedback has been collected, and the EPC will be meeting to discuss all feedback and plans moving forward. ■

## University Freezes Tuition for 2013-14 Academic Year

Wittenberg will freeze its tuition, room, and fees for all students in the 2013-14 academic year, a decision that was approved by the university’s Board of Directors during its fall meeting. The decision marks the first time the nationally ranked liberal arts institution, which currently enrolls 1,731 traditional undergraduate students, has moved in this direction.

Wittenberg’s tuition will remain at 2012-2013 levels for all students, while the university continues to provide more than \$35 million in scholarships and financial aid. Currently, more than 95 percent of students attending Wittenberg require financial support, and the amount of grant students receive from Wittenberg varies based on the results of the FAFSA form. ■

## Celebrating 30 Years

Leventhal Family Endowed Lecture Supports Community Engagement



For three decades, the gift from the Fred R. Leventhal family of Springfield has allowed the university to welcome numerous distinguished guests, including Pulitzer-Prize winning reporter and author David Halberstram; influential financial analyst Malcolm Forbes; Nobel Peace Prize recipient Elie Wiesel; historian Doris Kearns Goodwin; journalist Carl Bernstein; and environmental lawyer and activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr., as part of the family’s endowed Wittenberg Series-sponsored lecture.

The tradition of excellence continued, Nov. 15, when the university welcomed award-winning journalist Gwen Ifill, who discussed “Politics, Policy and Reality: What’s Really Going on in Washington,” a fitting topic considering her position as moderator and managing editor of *Washington Week* and senior correspondent and co-anchor for the *PBS NewsHour*.

Ifill joined both *Washington Week* and *NewsHour* in 1999, giving her unique opportunities to interview newsmakers and report on issues ranging from foreign affairs to





## Class Of 1962 Presents Golden Gift

For the class of 1962, this year's Homecoming was big in every way as it celebrated its 50-year reunion, Oct. 4-7. From a big turnout with more than 100 alumni from the class returning to a big opportunity to hear from the class' honorary class member, Robert Hartje, professor emeritus of history, the class

celebrated in style, leaving the biggest item for last.

As the evening of Oct. 6 commenced, members of the class gathered for a special 50th reunion dinner where reunion co-chairs Ann Bellisari and Jan Wade were recognized along with reunion fundraising chairs Gene Haberman and Tom Conrad. Class President Alan McCall also spoke, as did Wittenberg President Laurie M. Joyner.

And then the big moment happened as the class presented Joyner with a \$1.5 million dollar gift on behalf of the class in support of Wittenberg. The largest class gift in university history, the gift includes



cash gifts, pledges, estate commitments, endowed scholarships, gift annuities and memorial gifts. ■



politics. In 2009, she was honored with the prestigious George Foster Peabody Award, and in 2010, she received the Fred Friendly First Amendment Award.

The author of *The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama*, Ifill spent five years at *NBC News* as the chief congressional and political correspondent before joining PBS. Prior to that, she covered the White House for *The New York Times* after covering national and local affairs for *The Washington Post*, *Baltimore Evening Sun* and *Boston Herald American*.

Ifill, who moderated vice presidential debates in the 2004 and 2008 national elections, has received more than 20 honorary doctorates and is the recipient of several broadcasting excellence awards, including honors from Harvard University's Joan Shorenstein Center, the National Press Foundation, the Radio Television News Directors Association, American Women in Radio and Television, and the Matrix Award. ■

## Wittenberg Torch Wins Award

The university's student-run newspaper, *The Torch*, earned its first-ever Online Pacemaker Award in the category for "Newspapers with 5,000 or fewer Enrollment," in the Associated Collegiate Press' (ACP) annual awards competition.

A panel of journalists, designers and interactive media experts not affiliated with ACP reviewed the *Torch's* website for design, ease of navigation, writing and editing, graphics and interactivity. Photography and reactions to breaking news also were considered in the review process. To learn more, visit [www.thewittenbergtorch.com](http://www.thewittenbergtorch.com). ■

## New Training Room Dedicated

The value of proper conditioning is so important to Wittenberg orthopaedic surgeon Tim Kremchek '81, and his practice, Beacon Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine of the Greater Cincinnati Area, that he and Beacon took the lead on upgrading the training room at Wittenberg. The university celebrated the new Kremchek Family Athletic Training Facility with a special dedication, Oct. 5, during Homecoming 2012.

Joining Tim and wife Hilary Knapp Kremchek '82 in supporting the facility were: Ron Sortman '72, Roger Parker '73, Jack '63 and Nancy Cotton Spohn '63, James '77 and Maria Zapis Wymer '77, Doug and Valerie Chakeres Baker '78, Bill '54 and Carol Goettman, Doug '72 and Tammy Vinsel, Mark '81 and Betsy Phillips, Kirby and Julie Thompson, Dona and Roland Young, John and Catherine Paoloni '74, Jim and Nancy



Donnellon, Bill Hauser, Tiger Football and Community Mercy Health Partners.

Kremchek, medical director and chief orthopaedic surgeon for the Cincinnati Reds and their minor league affiliates, is a leader in the orthopaedic care of athletes across the country. ■



## Korean Art Exhibit Connects To Advertising

Committed to providing diverse cultural opportunities, the Springfield Center for the Arts at Wittenberg hosted an exhibit celebrating Korean consumer design on Oct. 9-24.

Titled “Selling Happiness: Consumer Design in Korea 1960s to 1980s,” the exhibit, co-sponsored by the East Asian Studies Program and the Department of Business, highlighted Korean-designed consumer items and marketing materials, which opened a window to the vibrant, tumultuous years of change and growth during those years in South Korea.

The exhibit’s opening ceremony featured performances by the Columbus Samul Nori (drums and gongs), a concert by Junghwa Lee on the Gayageum (Korean zither) and remarks by the president of the Dayton Korean Association. ■

## Students Finish Strong In Competitions

Three Wittenberg students, Daniel Tuke '14, Kathryn Mauch '14 and Alec Biehl '14, were awarded prizes in the undergraduate competition of a joint meeting of the East and West Lakes divisions of the American Association of Geography at Northern Illinois University in late October. Wittenberg students Peiqian Li '13, Martin Droge '16 and Eric Mann '16 also placed 11th in the region from more than 130 teams in the International Collegiate Programming Contest, co-sponsored by Advanced Computing and Machinery and IBM. ■



**Celebrating Diversity**  
*Renamed Center Unites Campus Organizations*

Members of the Wittenberg community gathered at 825 Woodlawn Ave. just days after the start of the new academic year to celebrate a civil rights pioneer as the former William A. McClain Black Culture House became the William A. McClain Center for Diversity, Aug. 29.

The McClain Center now houses the offices of the American International Association (AIA), Concerned Black Students (CBS) and Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA), bringing the resources of these organizations together under one roof and providing a new venue for group activities.

“Before this point, the student groups now occupying the McClain Center functioned relatively independently providing rewarding programming around social issues, but the process of planning, organizing and then running these events involved little collaboration, negotiation, mutual understanding and, yes, conflict management,” said Associate Professor of English and Advisor for GSA Rick Inorvati.

“Now the students who are most active in promoting diversity awareness at Wittenberg will pursue their mission in a location where interaction among groups is routine, where

## Greek Life Advisor Earns National Recognition

Carol Preston Nickoson, director of fraternity and sorority life, recently earned the “Advisor to Fraternities” award from the national Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Preston was presented with the award during the 76th annual Grand Arch Council Convention in San Antonio, Texas, for her work at three institutions.

Nickoson currently advises two fraternity and sorority governing councils at Wittenberg. Prior to coming to Wittenberg, Nickoson was the assistant



ERIN PENCE '04

director for Greek life at Ohio University from 2008 to 2010 and served as the coordinator for student organizations from 2004-2008 at the University of California-Riverside, where she earned her B.A. in liberal studies: political science and education. She went on to earn her M.A. in higher education administration from the University of Redlands. ■

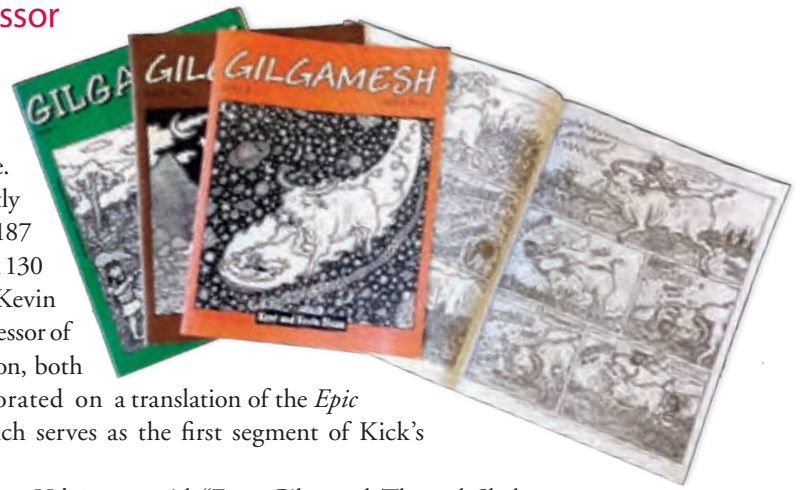
## The New York Times' Review Links To Professor

From Oct. 17-19, Editor Russ Kick spent time with students and discussed his acclaimed work *The Graphic Canon*, which spans thousands of years and the entire globe through graphic art translations of many of the most famous pieces of literature.

*The Graphic Canon*, of which *The New York Times* recently published a highly positive review, features excerpts from 187 poems, novels and plays rendered into graphic form by more than 130

artists, including Kevin Dixon, son of Professor of English Kent Dixon, both of whom collaborated on a translation of the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, which serves as the first segment of Kick's publication.

*The Graphic Canon, Vol. 1* opens with "From Gilgamesh Through Shakespeare to Dangerous Liaisons," an episode from Kevin Dixon's self-published comic series adapting the entire epic. The text is supplied by his father. ■



student group presidents regularly report to each other, and where their environment serves as a reminder of experiences represented within the center's doors. This arrangement increases the opportunities for our students to learn from each other, and it may also enrich the ways they carry out their social awareness mission on this campus."

The ceremony began as Associate Dean of Students and Director of Multicultural Student Programs John Young recognized current presidents of CBS, AIA and GSA, as well as the Honorable Judge William A. McClain '34 and Wittenberg Board Member Emeritus and first president of CBS Ronald Woods '69, both of whom addressed those in attendance at the event. Chaunte Banks '13, whose vision led to the establishment of a diversity center on campus, and President Laurie M. Joyner also spoke.

As a student, McClain was the first African American to ever win the state and national Intercollegiate Oratorical Association's contests. He rose to prominence in his legal career and served as a judge in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas and then in the Municipal Court of Hamilton County. ■

## Wittenberg Choir Performs With Air Force

The widely acclaimed Wittenberg Choir, directed by Associate Professor of Music Adam Jonathan Con, participated in a special series of Christmas concerts titled "Traditions" with the United States Air Force Band of Flight (USAFBF) and MUSICA!, Dayton's Professional Chamber Choir, Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

The USAFBF is one of 12 official bands in the Air Force and one of two assigned to the Air Force Material Command. Directed by First Lieutenant Daniel Boothe, the USAFBF's purpose is to support the Air Force Mission in war and peace by fostering national heritage and providing professional musical products and services for official military, recruiting and community relations events.

Founded in 1990, MUSICA!, under the direction of Con, seeks to entertain, educate and excite diverse communities through engaging concert experiences. The 20-voice ensemble is known for maintaining stylistic authenticity and excellence while performing a diverse repertoire. ■

## Local Business and Community Leader to Join Board



Robert Andrew "Andy" Bell will join the Wittenberg University Board of Directors beginning Feb. 1, 2013. Bell, principal and Springfield manager of Consolidated Insurance Agency, now part of Brower Insurance, LLC, was elected to a three-year term during the board's fall meeting in October.

Active in the greater Springfield community, Bell has served on the governing boards of several local organizations, including his current role as chair of the board of trustees at Clark State Community College, which will conclude at the end of this year. In addition, Bell has been a member of the following organizations: Clark State Foundation, Security National Bank Board, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Family YMCA, Springfield Foundation, Springfield Rotary Club, United Way of Clark and Champaign Counties and the Development Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees of the Community Hospital Foundation.

In recognition of his volunteer service, Bell was selected in 2000 for the local United Way Hall of Fame Award. In 2005, Clark State announced the designation of the Andy and Cathy Bell Student Success Center suite in the Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center on the Leffel Lane campus in recognition of their efforts on behalf of Clark State's students and Bell's fundraising service. ■



Members of the 1969 National Championship football team reunited and met President Laurie M. Joyner.

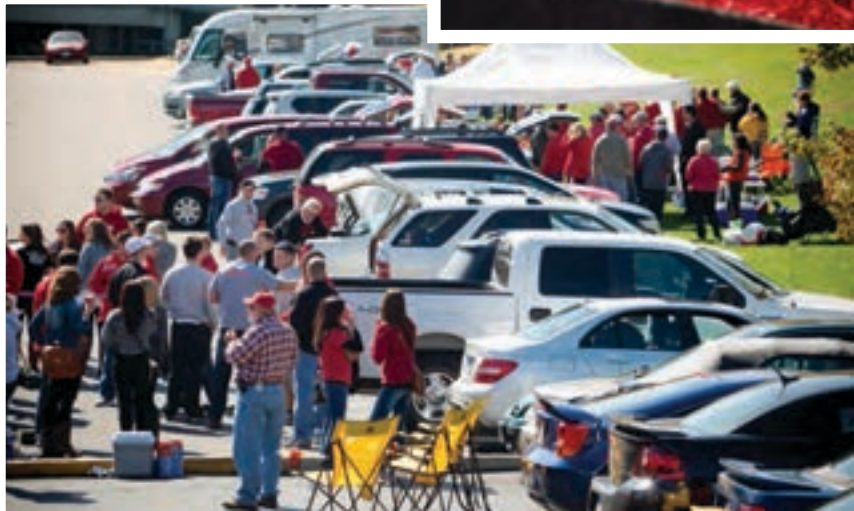
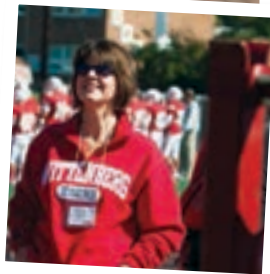
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# HOMECOMING

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The class of 1962 celebrated its 50th reunion.





## An Action-Packed Weekend

From reunions and theatre performances to athletic contests and a musical showcase, Homecoming 2012 proved a memory-making weekend, Oct. 4-7.

In addition to reunions for the classes of 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987 and 2002 as well as the Tiger 20 young alumni gathering, Wittenberg also welcomed back members of the 1969 National Football Championship team.

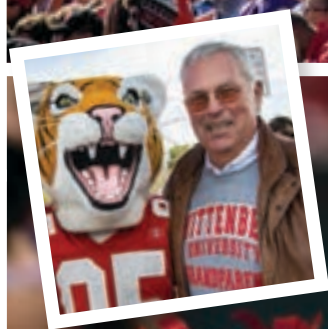
The weekend also offered the opportunity to recognize several alumni with special awards during the Alumni Association's Awards of Distinction and Celebration Dinner. Receiving awards this year were Kevin Hooker '02, Eric Rusnak '00, William Emery '54, Donald Hertler Sr. '51, Adrienne Conliffe James '75, Amanda Peters Barth, Peter Noonan '12H and Ingrid Sponberg

Stafford '75. All are profiled in Class Notes, except for James, who was profiled on page 33 of the spring 2010 issue, and Rusnak, who reflected on his own Wittenberg experience on page 48 of this issue.

While the class of 1962 left its mark by presenting the largest class gift amount in university history, the

class also remembered the heart of the institution – teaching and learning – and was excited to welcome beloved Professor Emeritus of History Robert “Bob” Hartje for a special lecture titled “I Put On New Stockings Just To Please You.”

Scholar-athletes were also recognized during the annual Athletics Hall of Honor induction ceremony, and various Wittenberg musical groups performed throughout the weekend, including the faculty band Witt FREE, the Wittenberg Choir, the Wittenberg Singers and the Wittenberg Symphonic Band.



The class of 1952 celebrated its 60th reunion.

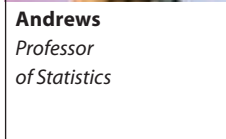


## Campus Notes

## FACULTY



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Assistant Professor  
of Computer Science



**Andrews**  
Professor  
of Statistics



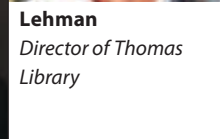
**Choy**  
Associate Professor  
of Languages



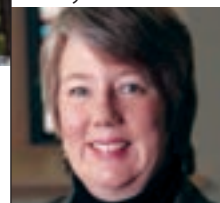
**Con**  
Associate Professor of  
Music



**Livingstone**  
Professor of  
History



**Lehman**  
Director of Thomas  
Library



**James P. Allen**, associate professor of political science, presented a paper, “Paradiplomacy: Québec and Scotland in Comparative Perspective,” at the 18th biennial meeting of the American Council for Québec Studies in Sarasota, Fla., Nov. 8-11. He also co-authored a book chapter, “Paradiplomacy: States and Provinces in the Emerging Governance Structure of North America” in *North America in Question: Regional Integration in an Era of Economic Turbulence*, published in October 2012.

Professor of Statistics **Doug Andrews** led a workshop for the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio at the Columbus Police Academy. Andrews led sessions for forensic scientists from county and municipal crime labs from across the state, demonstrating the use of statistical sampling and probability-based inference in the testing of confiscated materials. He also spent time developing the participants’ intuition so that they can defend the statistical methodology in court.

**Steven Bogaerts**, assistant professor of computer science, participated in the international Supercomputing 2012 conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, in November, where he presented “Python for Parallelism in Introductory Computer Science Education” in collaboration with a Washington and Lee University colleague. A second presentation in collaboration with **Kyle Burke**, assistant professor of computer science, along with colleagues from other institutions, discussed the scope of the work across the computer science curriculum.

**Adam Jonathan Con**, associate professor of music and coordinator of music education, presented his first concerts as new artistic director of the Dayton’s professional chamber choir MUSICA!, Oct. 13-14. Con

also presented Christmas concerts on Dec. 3-4 with the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight. Additionally, Con coordinated a campus visit for 250 middle and high school students from the Miami Valley for the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) District 12 Choral Honors Festival. He also served as the guest conductor and clinician for OMEA’s District 4 and 7 High School Honor Choir in Cleveland.

**Howard Choy**, associate professor of languages, has published an article titled “The Nobel Prize in Literature 2012: Made in China, Manufactured in America,” in the November 2012 issue of *Hong Kong Economic Journal Monthly*. He was also invited to speak earlier this year on “Narrative as Therapy: Stories of Breast Cancer by Xi Xi and Bi Shumin,” for the “Cultures in Contact” lecture series with the Institute for Chinese Studies at The Ohio State University.

**Christopher Durrenberger**, associate professor of music, traveled to three of the eight major conservatories in China in November, teaching master classes to dozens of students and performing lecture recitals.

**Trudy Faber**, professor emerita of music, has published an essay titled “Reflections on Worship and Organs in Latvia and Sweden” in the October 2012 issue of *The American Organist*.

**Dave Finster**, professor of chemistry, was appointed to the Committee on Chemical Safety of the American Chemical Society in early 2012. He also presented a poster describing a new Chemistry 100 course, “The Chemistry of Emergency Response,” at the 2012 Biennial Conference on Chemical Education at The Pennsylvania State University in August 2012.

**Wendy Gradwohl**, associate professor of business, was elected to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association Executive Committee. Only three faculty athletic representatives who represent all Division III schools serve on this committee.

Bassoonist **Joseph Hesseman**, adjunct instructor of music, was invited to perform his composition, *Ralph’s Secret Weapon*, during the annual International Double Reed Society Conference in Oxford, Ohio, July 10, along with fellow musicians from the Cleveland Orchestra, Columbus Symphony and Toronto Symphony.

**Daniel Kazez**, professor of music, Peiqian Li ’13 and **Crispin Prebys**, assistant professor of art, have produced an iPhone app titled “InTune – Improve and Test Your Intonation.”

**Douglas K. Lehman**, director of Thomas Library, was the ACRL luncheon speaker at the Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference in Natchez, Miss., Oct. 24. He discussed “Moving at Warp Speed: The (Past, Present and) Future of Academic Libraries.”

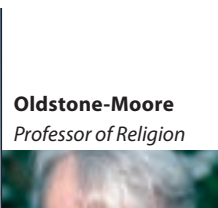
**Ralph Lenz**, professor of geography, served on the National Screening Committee for Fulbright B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. Student Awards to Indonesia and Singapore from which 27 grant recipients were selected from a pool of 73.

**Amy Livingstone**, professor of history, has co-edited a book titled *Writing Medieval Woman’s Lives*, a collection of essays that assesses new strategies being employed by scholars in this area. Livingstone also contributed an essay to the book as did **Christian Raffensperger**, assistant professor of history.

## FACULTY



**Martin**  
Professor of Health,  
Fitness and Sport



**Oldstone-Moore**  
Professor of Religion



**Smith**  
Professor of  
Communication



**Waggoner**  
Professor of  
Communication



**Whitlock**  
Assistant Professor  
of Education



**Yu**  
Professor of  
Political Science



**Thomas P. Martin**, professor of health, fitness and sport, and Anastasia N. Fischer, M.D. have published an article titled “Sodium, Potassium, and High Blood Pressure” in the May/June 2012 issue of the American College of Sports Medicine *Health & Fitness Journal*. Martin also presented a paper on this topic at the Midwest District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Centennial Convention in Chicago.

On Dec. 17, **Rochelle Millen**, professor of religion, chaired and was a respondent in a session titled “Choices, Challenges, Conflicts: Jewish Women and International Politics,” at the Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting in Chicago. She also has published a book chapter in *Encountering the Stranger: A Jewish, Christian and Muslim Dialogue*. Additionally, Millen’s book chapter on Simone Weil was published in *The Nexus of Gender, Religion, and the Holocaust*, and her book chapter titled “Land, Nature, and Judaism: Post-Holocaust Reflections” was published in *The Holocaust and Nature*.

**Jennifer Oldstone-Moore**, professor of religion, is serving as chair of the Membership Committee on the Board of Directors of ASIANetwork, a national consortium of liberal arts institutions and supporters dedicated to the teaching and study of Asian Studies.

**David Nibert**, professor of sociology, contributed a chapter titled “The Origins and Consequences of the Animal Industrial Complex” to the recently published book, *The Global Industrial Complex: Systems of Domination*. Nibert also has a chapter titled “Developmental Disability, Animal Oppression and the Environment” appearing in the new book *Earth, Animal,*

*and Disability Liberation: The Rise of the Eco-Ability Movement*. One of his essays was also published in the new book *Animals and Society: An Introduction to Human-Animal Studies*. Additionally, he was invited to become a member of the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights as well as the Global Ecological Integrity Group.

**Don Reed**, professor of philosophy, delivered the opening plenary address at the 38th annual meeting of the international Association for Moral Education in San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 8-10, 2012. His address was titled “What Being Civil Makes Possible.”

**Matthew J. Smith**, professor of communication, participated in the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation’s 2012 Faculty Seminar in Los Angeles on Nov. 5-9. Smith was one of 20 faculty across the country invited to gain perspective about television from industry insiders. The week-long program included a meeting with executives for the five major broadcast networks and a site visit to Warner Brothers Studios, among other educational activities.

**Anders Tune**, Matevia Endowed University Pastor, has published an article titled “Scripture, Experience and Naming the Triune God” in the summer 2012 issue *Lutheran Forum*. He also presented “Athanasius and Homoousios: Christian Conversion of a Hellenistic idea” at the 2012 North American Patristics Society Meeting.

**Catherine Waggoner**, professor of communication, chaired a program and presented a paper titled “Classifying ‘The South’: Rhetorical Play(ce)” at the National Communication Association convention in Orlando, Fla., in November. Plans are also

underway for her second service trip with students to the Mississippi Delta, March 4-8, 2013.

**Tracy Whitlock**, assistant professor of education, presented a paper at the American Education Research Association conference in Vancouver titled “Mentoring and Images of Teaching” earlier this year. Whitlock and **Sally Brannan**, associate professor of education, also attended a conference in San Diego for implementing the edTPA. Additionally, Whitlock and **Roberta Linder**, assistant professor of education, will be presenting at the International Reading Association conference this spring in San Antonio.

**Bin Yu**, professor of political science, has published two articles, “SCO Ten Years After” in *The Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Eurasian Geopolitics*, and “Succession, SCO and Summit Politics in Beijing,” in *Comparative Connections*. He also had three op-ed pieces published, including “China-Bashing Ads Distract From Real Issues” in the *Global Times*, “Reminder of Belligerent Past,” in *China Daily*, and “A Tale of Two Pivots to Asia-Pacific,” also in *China Daily*. Yu was also invited to speak about the 2012 U.S. presidential election at Guangzhou University of Foreign Trade and Languages at Xiamen University in China.

**Michael J. Zaleha**, associate professor of geology, recently presented a poster at the annual meeting of Geological Society of America in Charlotte, N.C., titled, “Electrical resistivity ground imaging (ERGI) investigation of topographic depressions near the Serpent Mound Native American effigy, Adams County, Ohio, USA.”



## Mentoring Multiplied

*Inside the New Bullock Math Academy*



**Springfield Mayor and Professor of Religion Warren Copeland, faculty director for the Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Civic & Urban Engagement, and Linda Hallinan, newly named director of the Bullock Math Academy, meet with Springfield philanthropist Rosalyn Bullock, right.**

**F**or mechanical engineer-turned-educator Linda Hallinan, math is so much more than the timed tests and sheer memorization so common in elementary and middle schools nationwide. Math, Hallinan says, surrounds every person, every day, and getting students excited by that is her personal mission as the new director of Wittenberg's Bullock Math Academy.

Thanks to a generous investment by Springfield philanthropist Rosalyn Bullock, who credits her attorney, Daniel C. Harkins, for the idea, as well as her late husband's love of math, the new Bullock Math Academy will provide sought-after enrichment opportunities for local students who demonstrate a high aptitude in math. Students will start with the academy in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and stay with the academy through high school and beyond.

Upon their high graduation, academy graduates will then receive a scholarship to help with college.

The first cohort of students will be selected for enrollment in the academy through an application process in partnership with city, county, private and parochial schools throughout Clark County. Once admitted, the students will attend a weeklong residential Summer Institute and then participate in a monthly after-school program held during the school year. The expenses for the faculty teaching in the program, equipment, materials, transportation and any related auxiliaries will be covered by Bullock's gift.

Called a "win-win for everyone all around" by those involved in establishing the academy at Wittenberg, including Doug Andrews, professor of statistics, and

Sally Brannan, professor of education, the Bullock Math Academy resonates with Hallinan on so many levels.

"In this position, I can bring my project management skills and design project-based curriculum to get kids excited about math," said Hallinan, who is a certified math and physics teacher in addition to her 20 years of experience as an engineer at Delphi in Dayton. "I want to be a mentor to as many students as possible."

The Bullock Math Academy will welcome its first students in summer 2013. In addition to the programs for the students, the academy will also sponsor an annual community speaker event.

For more information on the Bullock Math Academy, contact Hallinan at 937-327-7936 or by e-mail at [hallinanl@wittenberg.edu](mailto:hallinanl@wittenberg.edu). ■

—Karen Gerboth '93





## Milestone Moments

### *Presidential Inaugurations Reflect Traditions And Trajectories*

**A**s Wittenberg celebrated the Inauguration of Wittenberg's 14th president, Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D., on Sept. 7, 2012, the ceremony reminded all in attendance of the mission and history of Wittenberg as well as past presidential inaugurations.

One hundred and sixty-seven years ago, an inauguration was the means by which teachers became professors. According to board records, Ezra Keller became the first president of Wittenberg College following his inauguration as professor of Christian theology. He then signed a declaration and was delivered the charge of president.

Samuel Sprecher was inaugurated to fill the vacancy of professor of Christian theology and charged with the presidency. John B. Helwig, a Lutheran minister in Springfield, was then elected and was followed in May of 1882 by Samuel Alfred Ort, who received the following message: "I hereby notify you that at our morning session you were elected president of Wittenberg College." His response, "In answer to your note...I say that I accept the position tendered." He began as a tutor in the Preparatory Department, advanced to professor of mathematics and eventually became the fourth president.

A roll call resulted in the election of John M. Ruthrauff, a pastor and Wittenberg alumnus. He was the first president to have no teaching duties and served only two years before his death.

The first reference to a public inauguration was that of Charles G. Heckert, whose installation took place

during the 1903 Commencement. The oath administered and the charge delivered, Heckert discussed "The Rationale of the Denominational College" in his address.

Rees Edgar Tulloss became president during an inauguration ceremony in Springfield's Fourth Lutheran Church in 1920. He read scripture from Ezra Keller's bible and spoke on "The Place of the Small College in Education." Delegates representing many colleges and universities traveled to celebrate the event.

Wittenberg Week, Oct. 17-23, 1949, declared by Springfield, served to celebrate the inauguration of Wittenberg's eighth president, Clarence C. Stoughton. Stoughton was the first lay leader of the college, and he spoke of "The Challenges Ahead" at his installation in the field house amid two days of celebrations, the final one drawing more than 2,000 guests at an inaugural dinner in Springfield's Memorial Hall.

In 1963, John N. Stauffer spoke on "The Dimensions of Freedom" in Weaver Chapel, which Stoughton originally hoped would be the setting for all future inaugurations. However, G. Kenneth Andeen's inauguration took place in the field house to accommodate the expected crowd wanting to see Neil Armstrong receive an honorary degree at the ceremony.

Stauffer later presented the university's famed Luther cap to president-elect William A. Kinnison in Weaver Chapel. The inaugurations of L. Baird Tipson and Mark H. Erickson in Weaver Chapel continued the tradition. Tipson wrote and delivered a poem as his address and invited



university neighbors to campus to enjoy fireworks and a meal. Erickson took the helm during festivities that included a Chinese Dragon Dance, academic poster displays and the first-ever inaugural dance.

The air-conditioned field house provided a more comfortable venue for Joyner's inauguration in the sweltering heat of 2012 as Chairman of the Board David L. Boyle '69 delivered the charge as expressed by the university's charter. Boyle presented Joyner with the Luther cap, the university's charter and a medallion featuring the official Wittenberg Seal, and Joyner discussed "Delivering on the Promise of the Wittenberg Mission in the 21st Century." ■

—Phyllis Eberts '00



## ESPN's Top 10

*Students-Sports Info Collaboration Leads to No. 2 Shot on ESPN*



**D**esi Kirkman '14 did more than fire up the home fans with a touchdown reception during Wittenberg's Oct. 13 football game against the University of Chicago. Within hours, he had made a name for himself nationally.

A team of students involved in Wittenberg's Integrated Media Corps leapt into action to ensure Kirkman some measure of celebrity. While producing

audio and video coverage of the game under the direction of Director of News Services and Sports Information Director Ryan Maurer and Associate Sports Information Director John Strawn, Graham Wolff '13, Savannah Guyer '13 and Caity Valley '13 uploaded the video clip of Kirkman's dazzling scoring play to a Wittenberg Athletics YouTube channel and helped to start a social media campaign that included posts to Twitter by Megan Conkle '14. The result was groundbreaking for Wittenberg athletics, as the Tigers made their first-ever appearance on ESPN's popular SportsCenter program later that evening and through much of the next day.

Kirkman's flip into the end zone for a touchdown ranked No. 2 on the

nightly "Top 10 Plays" feature, and it was shown on another popular ESPN show, *SportsNation*, as one of the highlighted video clips. Also named the Division III "Play of the Week" by d3football.com, Kirkman's flip became a popular video on YouTube, piling up more than 15,000 views through early December.

ESPN also recently indicated that the play may appear in the network's annual tribute to plays of the year. ■

— Ryan Maurer



**New Home For Sports.** A new virtual home for athletics was introduced last summer – [www.wittenbergtigers.com](http://www.wittenbergtigers.com) – celebrating the university's rich tradition of athletics success. The site was designed as a virtual trophy case of all the accomplishments past, present and future. In addition to finding the university's history as the Fighting Lutherans and later the Tigers, visitors will also see a fresh take on the Athletics Hall of Honor, and many historical features side-by-side with one of the most complete slates of live video, audio and statistical coverage anywhere in NCAA Division III, including an innovative Social Media Playbook. For the Tigers of tomorrow, the site also implements a comprehensive recruiting homepage.

## Tiger Volleyball Continues To Dominate NCAC

Wittenberg volleyball dominated the NCAC once again, winning the regular season championship for the seventh straight year (18<sup>th</sup> overall) before claiming the conference tournament title for the sixth straight year (18<sup>th</sup> overall) without suffering a loss.

The Tigers will take a 35-match NCAC regular season winning streak into the 2013 season led by Head Coach Paco Labrador.

Wittenberg players picked up plenty of hardware after the season individually as well, led by Kara Seidenstricker '16, who broke new ground for the program. She earned first-team All-NCAC, All-Great Lakes Region and All-America, in addition

to winning NCAC Player and Newcomer of the Year, Great Lakes Region Freshman of the Year and National Freshman of the Year awards.

In addition, Christina Gilene '13 capped her stellar career with a second straight NCAC Libero of the Year trophy to go along with first-team all-conference, first-team all-region and second-team All-America honors. Andrea Behling '14 was named NCAC Tournament MVP, honorable mention All-NCAC and first-team All-Great Lakes Region, while Jessica Batanian '13 rounded out her career in style with first-team All-NCAC and honorable mention all-region awards. ■

— Ryan Maurer



**Women's Soccer Earns Tournament Bid.** Wittenberg's women's soccer team captured the second NCAC regular season championship in program history in 2012, finishing with a 7-0-1 record. The Tigers lost in the semifinals to DePauw before earning the fifth NCAA Division III Tournament berth in program history, all since 2006. Wittenberg finished with an 11-4-3 overall record after losing to Wisconsin-Whitewater in the first round of the national competition.

## Sheila Simon '83 Named To WNBA Honorary Team



Sheila Simon '83 broke new ground during her collegiate career as a student-athlete. Her achievements, both as an All-American high jumper and as a lawyer who has risen to the position of Lieutenant Governor of Illinois, are being celebrated by the Chicago Sky of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) throughout the 2012 season.

Simon is one of nine members of the Sky's Honorary Title IX Team, which was created as part of the league's celebration of the 40-year anniversary of passage of the landmark Education Amendments Act. Members of the team were introduced on Aug. 17 game during the "Women of Inspiration – Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Title IX" game.

Simon won the high jump at the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAAW) national meet in 1982 before finishing third in the same event and becoming Wittenberg's first women's track and field All-American at the first-ever NCAA Division III championship meet in 1983. She continues to hold school records in both the indoor and outdoor high jump events. ■

– Ryan Maurer



**Wittenberg Announces Athletics Hall Of Honor Class of 2012.** Seven Wittenberg University greats were inducted into the school's Athletics Hall of Honor during 2012 Homecoming Weekend ceremonies, Oct. 4-7. Tom Weller '88, Eddie Ford '75, Eric Horstman '89, Ken Bonner '89, Lamar Kilgore '55, Karen Larson '96 and Gary Sitler '78 were formally inducted into the Athletics Hall of Honor at a banquet on Oct. 5 and then were introduced at the annual Homecoming football game the next day against Wabash. To read about the Class of 2012, visit [www.wittenbergtigers.com](http://www.wittenbergtigers.com).

## Tiger Football Earns Tournament Berth

For the 15<sup>th</sup> time in program history, the Wittenberg football team competed in the NCAA Division III Tournament after the Tigers won their third NCAC championship in the last four years and 11<sup>th</sup> since joining the league in 1989.

Wittenberg tied Ohio Wesleyan for the top spot in the NCAC at 6-1 before advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament with the biggest rally in the program's illustrious postseason history. Trailing Heidelberg by 22 points in the second quarter, Wittenberg staged a stunning comeback as quarterback Reed Florence threw five touchdown passes and the Tiger defense forced five turnovers.

The campaign came to an end in the cold and snow at Hobart College in the second round. It capped a remarkable run for the seniors on the roster, who compiled a four-year record of 40-6 while winning three NCAC titles. ■

– Ryan Maurer



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# STUDENT-CENTERED, MISSION-DRIVEN

Formally installed as Wittenberg's 14th president during an inaugural ceremony steeped in tradition and reflective of the university's mission, Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D., looks to engage the full constellation of constituencies as she leads the university in delivering on its promise of providing a first-rate liberal arts education for the 21st century.

**By Karen Gerboth '93. Photos by Erin Pence '04.**

A particular book always tops the list of Laurie M. Joyner's favorite reads: *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company that Changed the World*. She has read it three times, and it still holds a special place in her heart. "Every time I read the book, I am reminded of how we must be true to ourselves in all that we do," Joyner says.

Written by Chris Lowney, a former Jesuit seminarian-turned-successful investment banker, the book offers inspiring insight into the values that define the Jesuits – self-awareness, ingenuity, love and heroism – and how, in essence, those values, once understood, make whole-person leadership possible in any organization.

As Lowney writes, "Leadership is not a job, not a role one plays at work and then puts aside. Rather leadership is the leader's real life."

And Joyner leads with that in mind.

## The Path to President

A graduate of Loyola University New Orleans, with a B.A. in sociology, Joyner first experienced the transformative power of the liberal arts and faith-based learning in her own college years. "I am grateful for all the sacrifices my parents made so that I could attend Loyola University New Orleans as it was my own faith-based education that changed my life by helping me discover my passion and purpose in the world," Joyner said. "Indeed, the seeds that were planted and nourished during

## Career Highlights

- Served as vice president for planning and dean of the college at Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla. Co-chaired the college-wide budget committee, oversaw high-impact educational practices and led comprehensive student success initiatives
- Formerly served as interim vice president for academic affairs and provost at Rollins, where she exercised administrative oversight of academic deans, 400 faculty and staff members and an operating budget of nearly \$50 million
- Helped to establish the College of Professional Studies at Rollins
- From 2007-2010 served as dean of the faculty and professor of sociology at Rollins. Responsibilities centered on issues spanning all academic divisions, interdisciplinary programs, the integration of curricular and co-curricular initiatives, faculty recruitment, budget and finance issues, and external grants and contracts
- Prior to Rollins, served in various positions at Loyola University New Orleans, from faculty leadership roles on the academic and faculty affairs committee of the Board of Trustees and University Senate Executive Council to administrative roles such as Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences
- Graduated magna cum laude and received the Dux Sociologicus Award from Loyola University New Orleans, where she earned her B.A. in sociology
- Earned her master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from Tulane University
- Has conducted research focused on homelessness and poverty
- In 2012, attended the Association of Governing Boards Institute for Board Chairs and Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities
- Participated in Harvard Seminar for New Presidents this summer
- In 2011 named one of 42 vice presidential campus leaders selected to participate in the year-long Executive Leadership Academy and the American Academic Leadership Institute
- Completed the Wellesley College Management Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration and the Bryn Mawr Higher Education Administration Summer Institute
- Widely published and recognized repeatedly for her campus and community leadership, including with the Loyola University Twomey Award for successfully integrating the efforts of academic and student affairs to enhance student success



my undergraduate years continue to shape the way I live my life both personally and professionally.”

Joyner also credits her parents for teaching her siblings and her the values that now shape their lives: “the importance of faith, family, lifelong learning, meaningful work and service to others,” as those values have influenced her leadership style, sense of self and professional pursuits.

“My personal and professional behavior and decision-making are guided by an integrated sense of values,” Joyner said. “I am collaborative by nature, transparent, data-driven and deeply student-centered.”

Conversations with Joyner confirm that as do her accomplishments. Prior to assuming Wittenberg’s presidency, Joyner served as vice president for planning and dean of the college at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., where she provided leadership for campus-wide strategic planning and student success initiatives, including a multi-year Student Success Agenda to improve student engagement, retention and graduation rates. Joyner even created the Office of Student Success during her tenure as interim vice president for academic affairs and provost at Rollins. Her efforts have since increased the first-to-second-year retention rate by three percentage points.

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“I have found in my career that if I place students and the institution’s mission first, the results are always rewarding,” she said. “Having served as both chief academic officer and chief student affairs officer, I have also come to believe that if we are to truly deliver on the promise of providing a holistic educational experience designed to enhance the intellectual, social, physical and spiritual development of students, then we have to place the individual strengths, weaknesses and needs of those students at the center of our attention.”

### Called to Serve

Unanimously elected by the Wittenberg Board of Directors as the university’s 14th president effective July 1, 2012, Joyner was drawn to Wittenberg for several reasons.

“Wittenberg was attractive to me for its commitment to the liberal arts within the context of an inclusive, person-centered academic community,” she said. “Educating students in the Lutheran faith tradition is also powerful because of its focus on both the intellectual and the ethical dimensions of student development. In this way, Wittenberg offers the promise of a transformative experience that recognizes learning as important for individual development as well as something to be used to enhance the greater good.”

Six months into her presidency, and Joyner continues to be excited by the passion expressed for the institution, the university’s commitment to



excellence and the impactful relationships between dedicated faculty and students. She also deeply respects the post she holds.

“I was asked recently why I applied for (and then accepted) a presidency at a liberal arts institution with all the daunting challenges facing such organizations. I responded by saying something to the effect of ‘I cannot imagine devoting my life to any more worthwhile endeavor given that our colleges and universities help students discover their passion and calling in life.’”

Listening to the Wittenberg community and learning everything she can about the university have also clearly been priorities for Joyner during the last few months.

“The most important thing I have done is spend as much time as I can with those most closely associated with Wittenberg in order to learn about the impressive history, traditions and achievements of the university,” she said. “I have also read as much as I can about the history of Wittenberg, and I have engaged repeatedly with students, faculty leaders, alumni, members of the Board of Directors and community members.”

Such conversations and research have affirmed in every way why Joyner wants to lead Wittenberg at this moment in its history. They have also ensured that she understands the strengths and challenges facing Wittenberg.

“The president must help the campus community maintain a clear focus on institutional mission and values-based decision-making while articulating a powerful shared vision for the future that strengthens academic quality/reputation, clarifies distinctiveness, bolsters market position and represents best practices in financial management to firmly secure Wittenberg as a well-regarded and financially strong liberal arts institution in the higher education landscape moving forward,” Joyner said.

“Wittenberg needs the best thinking of community members working collaboratively through our governance systems to help craft a shared

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*Fully engaged in campus life and beyond, President Joyner, top left, participated in New Student Days, met with alumni during Homecoming, learned more about the research being conducted by faculty and students, and addressed alumni during the first-ever online Alumni Townhall hosted by the Wittenberg Alumni Board.*



## Meet the Joyner Family

As for preparing her family for her new role, Joyner said that she and her husband Jay have focused the attention of their children, Jay, 14, Alexander, 10, and Christopher, 9, on “the continuity of our values and priorities as a family regardless of what positions we occupy or what community we join. For us, this means communicating the importance of faith, family, fulfilling work and service to others. We have emphasized the responsibilities we are accepting as a family as we join the Wittenberg and Springfield communities while also stressing that the centrality of our role as their parents will never change.”



## Mentors and Key Influencers

In addition to her parents, several other individuals have played a prominent role in preparing Joyner for her life's passion and first presidency. They include:

**Fr. Charles Currie** who taught her the importance of institutional mission and identity.

**Dr. Lydia Voigt** who inspired her love of sociology.

**Dr. Frank Scully** who exhibited patience until Joyner reluctantly agreed to her first administrative position (and even more patience with her passion for the position once she said yes!).

**Fr. Si Hendry** who nurtured her understanding of Ignatian spirituality.

**President Emerita of Rollins Rita Bornstein** for sharing her experiences and wisdom related to institutional advancement and the presidency.

**Dr. Lewis Duncan** who entrusted Joyner with an expansive range of senior administrative responsibilities that helped prepare her for the presidency while meeting pressing college needs.



vision for the future that is true to our mission, responsive to the needs of students and financially sustainable over time.”

### Creating a Sustainable Financial Future

For the students, staff, faculty, board members and alumni who have engaged with Joyner, her laser-like precision in identifying the heart of an issue often remains in their minds long after the conversation concludes. Members of the Wittenberg community clearly witnessed that in her first campus-wide forum this fall on the university's current reality, a presentation she has since shared with the board of directors and alumni. In fact, the Wittenberg Alumni Board sponsored its first-ever Online Alumni Townhall, Dec. 12, which allowed Joyner to connect virtually with alumni around the world as she discussed the current state of the university.

Regardless of venue or audience, Joyner presents an open and honest assessment of the good, the bad and the ugly in terms of Wittenberg's challenges.

“The challenges we face are not unique to Wittenberg, but the timeline for addressing them is upon us,” Joyner said. “Our collective sense of urgency should be heightened given not only the imbalance of our revenues and expenses over several years, but also the realities of a shrinking pool of increasingly price-sensitive high school graduates, a weak economy, low alumni participation rates and a limited endowment

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as compared to that of many of our peer institutions. As such, the board of directors and I agree upon the time-sensitive nature of the financial issues facing Wittenberg, and we have committed to work on a five-year plan to eliminate what we have determined to be a minimum \$7 million annual financial gap.”

To assist in closing the gap, Wittenberg has already re-bid or re-negotiated a number of contracts, a practice that will continue each time one comes up for renewal. Additionally, the university has reduced the TIAA-CREF retirement match by 3 percent for all participating employees; initiated an academic program review process; delayed hiring for a number of open positions; commenced a retention initiative; pushed discussions forward of new or expanded academic offerings in potential high-demand areas; and reached out to alumni in 10 cities.

“We are also more systematically focusing on incorporating best practices in areas such as enrollment management and business services,” Joyner said. “Despite the range and pace of our efforts to date, which have already closed slightly more than \$2 million of the \$7 million structural



deficit, we still must make the necessary decisions to achieve financial sustainability.”

At the same time, Joyner fully understands that cost reductions alone cannot solve the problem; revenue-generating ideas must also be on the table.

“We have also discussed a number of areas that offer opportunities moving forward, including: expanding academic offerings for traditional and non-traditional students in targeted areas; advancing opportunities for lifelong learning; initiating a Maymester term; strengthening pre-professional programs; creating innovative 3/2 programs; and embarking on an internationalization strategy,” Joyner said.

“I have also initiated conversations with faculty leaders about creating a campus-wide planning and budget committee to link planning, budgeting and assessment while also informing institutional strategic priorities. In addition, I am seeking the counsel of the Faculty Executive Board and senior leadership team as it relates to identifying a group of faculty and staff members to explore innovative curricular and co-curricular ideas with high-potential to enhance student engagement, learning and success while generating additional revenue.”

In keeping with her commitment to full transparency, Joyner has also promised to report back to the campus and alumni regularly on the progress being made toward closing the annual financial gap.

“I have absolute confidence in our collective ability to honor our mission, adapt to change, achieve financial sustainability and contribute to the needs of diverse communities as we continue to help students discover their purpose in the world,” Joyner said. “As we proceed with our work toward a sustainable financial model, I want to assure everyone that we will continue to do so in an open and collaborative manner with our mission and students firmly at the center of our deliberations.”

### Servant Leadership

With half of her first year as Wittenberg’s 14<sup>th</sup> president now completed, Joyner’s passion for higher education, strong work ethic, enthusiasm for continuous development and strong sense of stewardship for the mission and financial health of the university only grow stronger as does her commitment to servant leadership.

“I strive to make a positive difference in the lives of others while working to unleash the potential of my institution to be the best it can be,” Joyner said. “Wittenberg is only as strong as the talented students, distinguished faculty, dedicated staff members and committed alumni that comprise the university community, and I want to encourage all of them to reflect deeply on the role they can play in our future success.”

To assist them, Joyner plans to make sure that she engages with every constituency regularly using a combination of traditional methods as well as new and exciting ones that allow the Wittenberg story to be heard, internalized and acted upon.

“I am both honored and humbled to serve Wittenberg at this important time in its history, and I am confident that together we will ensure that we continue to deliver on the promise of providing a first-rate liberal arts education for the 21st century.” ■

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*Rollins College President Lewis Duncan, far left, introduced Joyner during the inauguration. Top right, Joyner supports Wittenberg’s athletic tradition, and she recently helped with Springfield’s Promise Neighborhood.*



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## Special Alumni Events

**Cincinnati** alumni gathered to kick off the Regional Association in their area, Dec. 1.

**Washington, D.C.**, alumni reunited, Nov. 13, to meet President Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.

On Oct. 23, artist and board member emerita Joan Milsom '47 and husband Bob hosted a special alumni event in their **Pittsburgh** home to welcome Wittenberg's new president.

**Ohio State University** President Gordon Gee hosted a special reception at his residence in honor of Wittenberg President Laurie M. Joyner, Oct. 17. The event brought together more than 150 guests with both Wittenberg and Ohio State ties.

On Sept. 18, **Rochester, N.Y.**, alumni met with President Laurie M. Joyner, and New York City alumni did the same, Sept. 19.



Cleveland



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New York



Columbus



Cleveland



Pittsburgh

## Alumni Townhall Connects On Many Levels

For the first-time ever, Wittenberg alumni had the opportunity to connect virtually with Wittenberg's new president, Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D., about the state of the university during a special Alumni Townhall, Dec. 12, sponsored by the Wittenberg Alumni Board.

Leveraging social media and live-stream technology, the event allowed Joyner to answer a range of questions from alumni across the United States and around the world through Twitter and email. Following a brief overview of the university's current financial reality by Joyner, Stacy Rastauskas '98, president of the Wittenberg Alumni Board, moderated the event, which was recorded live on campus before a small gathering of area alumni at the physical venue.

Nearly 140 alumni logged on for the event, which not only engaged alumni, but also offered an opportunity for them to share their thoughts, concerns and ideas as the Wittenberg community works toward creating a sustainable financial future. Visit the [www.wittenberg.edu/alumni](http://www.wittenberg.edu/alumni) to view the archived version of the event. ■



## Honor Roll of Donors Online Jan. 1

The online Honor Roll will be available for viewing on Jan. 1. There are not adequate words to express the deep gratitude Wittenberg has for the thousands of individuals, families, foundations and companies that make generous gifts to advance the mission of Wittenberg. Thank you! Visit [www.wittenberg.edu/report](http://www.wittenberg.edu/report) on Jan. 1.

## U.S. Regional Associations Up And Running

Wittenberg has launched a new, completely revamped series of Regional Associations in the Washington area, Pittsburgh, Pa., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Rochester, N.Y. The associations provide a more comprehensive opportunity for alumni engagement. Additional Regional Associations are slated to launch in Indianapolis, Ind., and Chicago, Ill., in early 2013 with six more, Denver, Colo., Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, New York City, N.Y., and Sarasota, Fla., starting in the 2013-2014 academic year.

Alumni interested in becoming an Association Leader in any of these cities, please e-mail Director of Alumni Relations Linda Prain Beals '87 at [lbeals@wittenberg.edu](mailto:lbeals@wittenberg.edu). ■



## Save the Date

- ✓ **Jan. 30** – Alumni Pre-Game at Ohio Wesleyan
- ✓ **Jan. 31-Feb. 1** – Alumni Board Meeting
- ✓ **Feb. 6** – Columbus Blue Jackets' Alumni/Student Event
- ✓ **Feb. 27** – Cincinnati Alumni Event at Hofbrauhaus
- ✓ **March 5** – Sarasota Yacht Club Event

## Coming Soon

Look for more information in March regarding your information in the Wittenberg Online Alumni Directory.



Kappa Delta sisters continued a tradition of meeting on campus this summer once again. A brief stop to the Bayley Alumni House was part of their weekend visit with some traveling to Ohio from as far as California. From left are PJ Phyllis Grey '51, Ruth Herman '51, Vivian Carter '52, Martie Mahler '50, Edie Mahaney '52, Mary Ellen Bryden '51, Carol "Lucy" Van Deman '49, Jean White Robinson '50 and Jackie Thompson '51.

who have been inducted into the Roehl Circle of Honor for Trial Lawyers. He was also named the Lawyer of the Year 2012, Roswell commercial litigation, by *Best Lawyers in America*. Also in 2012, he received the Alumni of Distinction Award from the Springfield Board of Education for his exemplary professional success and community service.

'60 |

**Richard L. Roan** married Annette Joseph on June 9, 2012. They live in Granbury, Texas.

'62 |

The Daughters of the American Revolution honored **A. Gilbert Belles** with the National Historic Preservation Medal. He is credited with spearheading a number of projects that have resulted in the marking and restoration of about 97 cemeteries throughout McDonough County. Gil lives in Macomb, Ill.

'54 |

**Charles S. and Barbara Bagger Rhyne** live in Portland, Ore. Charles, professor emeritus of art history at Reed College, received the 2012 Allied Professionals Special Recognition Award from the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works.

'55 |

**Elinor Keller Brasher**, West Cape May, N.J., received the "Honor Award" for 2011 at the state convention of the Federated Women's Clubs of New Jersey. She also serves as president of the Navy League Atlantic City Council.

'59 |

**Stuart D. Shanor**, an active community leader in Roswell, N.M., is a senior partner in the firm of Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor and Martin, which has offices in Roswell and Santa Fe, N.M., and in Midland, Texas. In November 2011, he joined only 42 other New Mexico trial lawyers



## Donald Hertler Sr. '51

### *Finds Blessings Through Wittenberg*

From marrying Nancy Kiester '50 in the "old" Wittenberg Chapel, March 22, 1951, to playing varsity football and baseball to lifelong friendships with fellow Alpha Tau Omega brothers, Donald Hertler is not only a "people person," according to his friends and family, but also a "promoter of the liberal arts."

Calling the liberal arts "a rounding-out" of an individual, Hertler firmly believes that the high-quality programming, staff and students during his years at Wittenberg shaped him for the rest of his life.

"He has been a goodwill ambassador for the university countless times over the years and is grateful for the many blessings that have come to him as a result of his association with Wittenberg," said his daughter, Becky Volkmann '75, during her acceptance of her father's Alumni Citation Award on Oct. 5.

Given to those who have brought honor to Wittenberg by their continued dedication to the ideals for which the university stands, the Alumni Citation award had Hertler's name all over it considering contributions to his community and professional accomplishments in the field of coaching.

Serving the majority of his career as head baseball coach from 1954-70 and head football coach from 1960-1980 at North Canton Hoover High School, Hertler had only one losing season in baseball and an impressive .788 winning percentage in football. His commitment to Stark County, Ohio, is equally impressive, having served for 30 years as director of the sectional, district and regional Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) baseball tournaments, and as a director or employee for multiple other OHSAA-sponsored tournaments in softball and boys' basketball.

A two-time Federal League Football Coach of the Year, Hertler was inducted into the Bridgeport (Ohio) High School Hall of Fame in 2011, the same year he witnessed the naming of the athletic field at North Canton Memorial Stadium in his honor.

"Finding meaning in your life by doing something that makes a difference in the lives of others" is one of Hertler's mottos.

"In all that he has achieved, he has consistently adopted a low-key and self-effacing persona," Volkmann said, "and he has been a steadfast credit to the guiding principles for which Wittenberg is known." ■

— Karen Gerboth '93

**Charles T. Saunders Jr.**, Columbus, Ohio, received his Ph.D. in workforce development and education, a program of the college of education and human ecology at The Ohio State University. His dissertation topic was "Native American Tribal Colleges and Universities: Issues and Problems Impacting Students in the Achievement of Education Goals." He is a full-time faculty member in the accounting, finance and economics department at Franklin University.

'72 |

**James A. "Jay" Gundy III** is director of advancement at the Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, Vt.

**Donald E. and Deborah Moore Scott** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 22, 2012. They live in Lutherville, Md. Don continues his association with WJZ TV in Baltimore, Md.

'74 |

**A. John Paoloni**, Altamonte Springs, Fla., is national sales manager and a partner in Redi Enterprise Development Inc.

'75 |

**Kathleen K. Gherardi** received her M.A. in psychotherapy from Middlesex University on Feb. 24, 2012. She has a private psychotherapy practice in St. Albans, England.



Jeff Orner '79

**Debra Getzloff Mangin**, Edgewater, Md., retired from federal service and is now working as an executive consultant in the Washington, D.C., area.

'76 |

**Gail Christensen Palminteri**, Franklin Lakes, N.J., has been awarded a 100-ton captain's license by the United States Coast Guard. She enjoys her free time in the Bahamas and Shelter Island, N.Y.

'78 |

**A. Scott Voorhees**, Durham, N.C., is an environmental scientist in the office of air quality planning and standards with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, N.C. He has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to do research at Tsinghua University, People's Republic of China, during the 2012-13 academic year.

'79 |

**Paul G. Iaffaldano**, Colorado Springs, Colo., recently fulfilled a lifelong dream of learning to ride a bike.

**Jeffery G. Orner**, Arlington, Va., is the chief administrative officer of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He is responsible for infrastructure, logistics, energy, environmental sustainability and management and support of assets (ships, aircraft, vehicles etc.).

'80 |

**Stanley J. Galicki** lives in Jackson, Miss. A triathlon competitor, he hosts the King of the Trace endurance bike race, a 200-mile ride on the Natchez Trace.

'81 |

**A. Kirby** and **Julie Abshire Thompson** live in Orlando, Fla. Kirby is a vice president of sales with Home Acres Building Supply.

'82 |

**Michael E. Carter** of Vandalia, Ohio, is senior vice president of student services and marketing at Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio. During Black History Month, he displayed his Negro Baseball League memorabilia at the school.

**Suegene Armington Wagner**, Stow, Ohio, is assistant controller/accounting research at the Akron Children's Hospital.

'84 |

**Maria Allen McKenzie**, Cincinnati, Ohio, is the author of the newly published historical novel, *The Governor's Sons*.

'86 |

**Scott K. Sanders** owns a design firm specializing in residential interiors in New York, N.Y. He is the author of *Picture Perfect: Designing the New American Family Home*, published by Pointed Leaf Press.

'87 |

**Christine Updegraff Dezarn**, Atlanta, Ga., is the chief marketing officer for the start-up/rebirth of PEOPLExpress Airlines, headquartered in Newport News, Va.

'88 |

**Todd R. Sweda**, Cleveland, Ohio, is assistant headmaster at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. In March 2012, he received his doctorate in educational leadership, management and policy from Seton Hall University.

'89 |

**Darryl T. and Carla Thompson Powell** '91 live in Chicago, Ill. Darryl is pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church. Carla is pastor-redeveloper at Salem Lutheran Church.

'91 |

**Douglas M. Cochran** owns Reclaimed Roofs Inc., Wilmington, Del. His company reclaims, buys and sells salvaged roofing tiles

## Wedding Album



**Iyana Whitehead '05** celebrates her wedding to **William Jeffries** on Aug. 26, 2011 with alumnae **Jalyn Parks**, **LaToya Vaughn**, **Erica Calloway** and **Ayisha Kinamore**.



**James Austin '98** married **Amanda Field** on Dec. 17, 2011 at the Orpheum Theatre in Galesburg, Ill.



**Katie Behrens '04** and **Garrett McMahon** were married on June 18, 2011.



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## William M. "Bill" Emery '54

### *Lives By Example*

For William M. "Bill" Emery, memories of Wittenberg are long and deep. From professors who inspired and cared to long afternoons in the science lab to swimming practice "in a bathtub in the basement dungeon," Emery grew into a lifelong learner.

"There were no calculators, computers or cell phones," said Emery, an Alpha Tau Omega brother and four-year letter winner, two-year team captain of the Tiger swim team. "Wittenberg taught, and we learned to 'think and do.'"

And learn he did, graduating from Wittenberg and heading straight to Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine as it's called today. Board-certified in 1959, Emery went on to serve Ashland, Ohio's surgical/medical needs with distinction from 1963-1998. He also served as Ashland County Coroner from 1988-2011. Additionally, Emery held several leadership positions in his career, including as a fellow with the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Ohio State Coroners Association and two-time president of the Ashland County Medical Society.

Nominated by his daughter for a Wittenberg Alumni Citation, Emery received the award in absentia, Oct. 5, during Homecoming Weekend. His daughter noted that her father is a "second generation Wittenberger in a line of four generations of Emerys attending the university."

In writing about her father, she also said that his passion for medicine and sport led him to help other young trainers by starting the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) training unit. "There he trained many young athletic trainers to be accurate and successful caregivers," she said.

Emery also volunteered as Ashland High School's team physician for 16 years and Ashland University's team physician for 14 years. In 1978, he was awarded Outstanding Team Physician by the OHSAA.

Such professional and personal accomplishments clearly made him a top choice to receive an Alumni Citation, given to those who have brought honor to Wittenberg by their continued dedication to the ideals for which the university stands.

"I'm an old-timer, learning from books, teachers and laboratory work, and also from mistakes," Emery said. "Wittenberg taught and we learned, and we continue to learn with the principles previously taught." ■

— Karen Gerboth '93

and slates. His company provided the roofing material that replenished the existing roof on Blair Hall during its renovation.

**Joianne Shortz Smith**, Mt. Prospect, Ill., is vice president of student affairs at Oakton Community College. She was honored with the 2011 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Region IV East Community College Professional Award for her leadership and commitment.

**Douglas R. St. Myer**, Columbus, Ohio, is a vice president of mutual funds with the Nationwide Funds Group, Great Lakes Region.

**'92 | Dale L. Ankrum**, Bradenton, Fla., is the art director with Lawson Group Architects Inc., Sarasota, Fla.

**David R. Bruce Jr.**, LaSalle, Ill., is a federal administrative law judge who serves as an independent impartial trier of fact in formal proceedings requiring a decision on the record after the opportunity for a hearing. He is assigned to the Social Security Administration in Valparaiso, Ind.

**Kevin W. and Laura Silvestri Wieland '93** live in Cherry Hill, N.J. Laura has published her second children's book, *The Final Swing*.

**'94 | Paul W. and Nicole Dixon DeButy** live in New Carlisle, Ohio. They own Gourmet Gift Baskets and co-own Xpand Your Brand in Springfield, Ohio.

**Keith J. and Krista Felger Hays** live in Indianapolis, Ind. Keith is a shareholder specializing in complex civil litigation with Hill Fulwider P.C.

**Lance D. Himes**, Hilliard, Ohio, has been appointed to the position of general counsel for the Ohio Department of Health.

**'95 | Brandon M. and Anna Frank Lambert '00** welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Brooklyn Anna, on Nov. 30, 2011. They live in London, Ohio.

**'96 | Todd C. Gailar** and his wife, Jessica, announce the birth of a son, Quinn, on Dec. 4, 2010. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Todd is vice president of equipment finance for Missouri-based Commerce Bank.

**'97 | Mohammad M. Rahman** lives in Austin, Texas, where he is employed by AT&T.

**'98 | James P. Austin**, Goleta, Calif., married Amanda Fields on Dec. 17, 2011.

**Kristin Evans Freeman** and her husband, Travis,

Wedding Album



Keeley Buehler '08 and James Hunter '09 married July 2, 2011. They live in Denver, Colo.



Daniel Marous '09 and Mandy Cresser '10 wed July 3, 2011.



Anna List '10 and Scott Morris '10 were married Nov. 26, 2011. They live in Westerville, Ohio.

announce the birth of Isaac Christian on July 26, 2011. They live in Woodstock, Ga.

**Dennis J. and Kelly Walter Frost** live in Kalamazoo, Mich. Dennis is the author of *Seeing Stars: Sports Celebrity, Identity, and Body Culture in Modern Japan*.

**Jennifer Meier Geistfeld** and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their third child, Joshua Loren, on Jan. 22, 2010. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

'99 |

**Gustavo Ramos** is living in Brazil. He is a governmental management and public policy specialist with the civil society council for the Presidency of the Republic.

'00 |

**Janet Hess Anderson** is an environmental restoration toxicologist with the U.S. Air Force in San Antonio, Texas.

**Kristen Sobczak**

**DiDonato**, Kansas City, Mo., was named 2012 Distinguished Young Pharmacist by the Missouri Pharmacy Association.

**Adam B. and Cassie**

**Hogan Eskew** announce the birth of Lucy in March of 2011. They live in Norcross, Ga.

'01 |

**Lisa M. Wagner** received her Ph.D. in mass communication from Ohio University in Athens. Her dissertation, "Identity: Girls Everyday, On and Offline," focuses on the culture of adolescent





ERIN PENCE '04

## Ingrid Sponberg Stafford '75

### *Leads With Light*

Currently the associate vice president for financial operations and treasurer at Northwestern University, Ingrid Sponberg Stafford clearly knows her numbers, but she knows the power of the liberal arts in her life even more.

“It’s a testament to Wittenberg’s continuing transformative spirit that I have never come away from a Wittenberg meeting or visit where the current accomplishments of our students and faculty don’t inspire me to do more, learn more and give more – in whatever space and location I work and live,” she said.

Such dedication to her alma mater recently earned her Wittenberg’s most prestigious alumni recognition, the Class of 1914 Award, Oct. 5. The award honors an individual(s) from the Wittenberg community of alumni, faculty and staff who has served Wittenberg above and beyond what might be expected of any contributor to the college’s welfare.

An emerita member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors and former Board chair, Stafford credits her alma mater with much of her success.

“In a capstone, Wittenberg has given me the opportunity to serve and to lead,” Stafford said. “Such opportunities can only enrich one’s personal and professional life. The more engaged you are with the needs of others, the better listener you become, the more humble you become in the face of others’ accomplishments, the more centered you become in your own beliefs and values.

“This has helped contribute to whatever personal and professional successes I have had to this time in my life. Wittenberg established a foundation of understanding the criticality of simply diving in and doing the work – and that the biggest part of successful leadership is the willingness to do the work around us.”

In progressively responsible functions in her 35 years at Northwestern, Stafford now currently supervises nine divisions comprising treasury and financial operations for Northwestern, which has a \$2 billion operating budget and \$9 billion in assets.

Yet, her time of Wittenberg still defines her the most as it’s where she met her husband, Bill '73, where she began friendships that sustain her today, and where she learned from “great” professors.

“Having light we pass it on to others – it’s what I’ve aspired to do and will continue to do.” ■

– Karen Gerboth '93

girlhood and identity performance as they coexist with social networking and mediated contexts. Lisa is an assistant professor at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio. She teaches a variety of communication courses including media studies, film, popular culture and gender courses.

## '02 |

**Matthew C. and Erin Athy Hazelton '00** live in Newark, Ohio. Matthew received his master’s degree in educational administration in 2011 from Ashland University. He teaches biology and serves as the science department chair at Newark High School. Erin is a brownfields and sustainability specialist with the Ohio Department of Development in Columbus, Ohio.

**Melissa C. Stewart**, Indianapolis, Ind., married Andy Knutson on Aug. 20, 2011.

**Rebecca J. Swank** is a publications specialist at M Benefit Solutions in Portland, Ore. For the last eight years, she has also been a belly dancer, performing on stages all over Oregon. She has published her first article in the noted belly dance magazine *Jareeda*. In January 2012, she completed her first half marathon.

## '03 |

**Megan E. Porter** married Paul McDowell on Oct.

15, 2011. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

**Jessica A. Villalta**, Columbus, Ohio, married Michael Byrne on July 2, 2011. Jessica, an image supervisor in the design department at McGraw-Hill Education, is pursuing her master of science degree in marketing and communications.

**Nicholas A. Wenzel**, Findlay, Ohio, was awarded his Ed.D. in education from Walden University, Minneapolis, Minn., on Oct. 16, 2011. He participated in winter commencement ceremonies on Jan 21, 2012. Nicholas is serving on the state reading alignment review committee for the new CORE curriculum changes that will be implemented throughout the state of Ohio.

## '04 |

**Katherine M. Behrens**, Antioch, Ill., married Garrett McMahon on June 18, 2011.

**Harold E. “Skip” Ivery Jr.** and his wife, Heather, announce the birth of Madison Hazel on March 4, 2012. They live in Blacklick, Ohio.

**Sharon Koster Safley** teaches music with the Springfield City Schools and piano at the Center for Musical Development at Wittenberg. She has been honored with the Music Educator of the Year award by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.



Brian Timm '83 was only a junior when he started celebrating Nov. 11. Following the realization that it would be 11:11 p.m. on Nov. 11 back in 1981, Timm and his friends held a party and soon began planning the next time for such a celebration. Thirty years later, Timm welcomed his college buddies and nearly 100 guests to the Buckeye Café and Grill in Columbus to count down to 11-11-11 in a story that made headlines in the Columbus Dispatch. From left are Mark Goldsberry '83, Jeff Nichols '83, Tom Schubert '83, John Barren '86, Ron Groh '83, Timm, Brad Batton '85, Todd Scharfe '83, Kenn Peterson '85, Mitch Casey '85, Mitch Julien '84 and Dana Williams '83.



Anne Galloway, 11-25-11



Lyla Koppitch, 2-29-12



Lucy, March 2011, and Jake Eskew



Madison Ivery, 03-04-12

**Li'l Tigers**

Anne Elizabeth, daughter of **Matthew '04** and **Kathryn Buchenroth Galloway '04**

Lyla Claire, daughter of **Matthew '04** and **Nicole Norcia Koppitch '04**

Lucy and Jake Eskew, children of **Adam '00** and **Cassie Hogan Eskew '00**

Madison Hazel Ivery, daughter of **Skip Ivery '04**

of directors of Colorado Humanities, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to supporting high-quality literary, cultural and historical programs throughout Colorado.

**Whitney Morrison Shelton** and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Louis Mac on July 12, 2011. They live in Westerville, Ohio.

**Iyana J. Whitehead** married William L. Jeffries on Aug. 6, 2011. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Iyana is employed at Children's Hospital.

**'06 |**

**Megan R. Hottle** received her master's degree in education in curriculum and instruction in December 2010 from Indiana Wesleyan University. She is the sixth-grade reading teacher at KIPP Journey Academy,

**'05 |**

**Christina Dierkes**, Columbus, Ohio, is an outreach specialist with the

Ohio Sea Grant Program at The Ohio State University.

**Lindsey A. Mikal** married Eric Read on June 22, 2012. They live in Little

Rock, Ark., where Lindsey is director of the education practice at Communications Strategy Group. She has been elected to the board



ERIN PENCE '04

## Amanda Peters Barth '02

### Reflects Passion For Higher Education

Growing up in Springfield, Amanda Peters Barth always knew about Wittenberg. Her mother worked in development and earned her B.A. from the university, and she had visited the campus several times.

“I always reflect on the kindness and sincerity of the staff and students that were a special part of my formative years. I also adored my mother’s colleagues,” Barth said.

Despite the longstanding connection to Wittenberg, it wasn’t until her senior year that she had the opportunity to experience the university firsthand thanks to the Wittenberg High School Scholars program.

“Immediately, I was welcomed into the program – my classmates paying no attention to my high-school status and making me feel like a part of the class. I also noticed quickly that everyone was very personable on campus, always a ‘hello’ in passing for either a friend or a stranger. When it came time to make an official decision, I think I shocked many by choosing to stay close to home, but I had found my dream school right in my backyard, and I had to be a part of the tradition of excellence.”

Upon graduation with a double major in English and Spanish, Barth joined the Wittenberg admission team, a move that would begin a successful career in higher education for the 2012 winner of the G.O.L.D. Alumni Service Award. After two years in undergraduate admissions, she enrolled at the College of William & Mary, earning her M.Ed. in Educational Policy, Planning and Leadership in 2006. Soon after, she accepted a development position at the Arizona State University Foundation.

In 2009 Barth returned to William & Mary to join the Mason School of Business and today serves as director of MBA Admissions for the full-time program where she strategically manages a comprehensive and highly personalized recruitment plan – traveling the United States and around the globe in search of talented MBA candidates.

“My Wittenberg experience has absolutely shaped my life and continues to impact all that I strive to accomplish personally and professionally,” she said. “My degree preparation allowed me to follow my dreams for graduate education – having me very well-prepared to handle the rigors of the esteemed College of William & Mary. I will always be grateful to the people of Wittenberg for sharing the light with me, which I now proudly share with others.” ■

– Karen Gerboth '93

Columbus, Ohio. Megan lives in Hilliard, Ohio.

**Laura K. Lachman** married Jason Pitney Aug. 6, 2011. They live in Columbus, Ohio. Laura is an assistant director of admission at Wittenberg, Springfield, Ohio.

**Christopher K. and Sarah Simpson Pelfrey**

'04 welcomed the birth of Hadley Sue on Jan. 29, 2012. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

'07 |

**Sarah E. Garten**, Springfield, Ohio, completed the Dirty Girl



Hannah Kinney '15 enjoys skydiving with her father, Jeff Kinney '82.

## Wedding Album



Jessica Villalta '03 and Michael Byrne were married July 2, 2011.



Laura Lachman '06 and Jason Pitney were married Aug. 6, 2011. The couple lives in Galloway, Ohio.



Melissa Stewart '02 and Andy Knutson married Aug. 20, 2011.

Mud Run in Noblesville, Ind. The run is a 5k with obstacles in mud to raise money for breast cancer research.

'08 |

**Ashley Troyer Beachy** and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of Hannah Nicole on Feb. 4, 2012. They live in Plain City, Ohio.

**Emily E. Bell** married Scott Hinton on July 2, 2011. They live in Fort Wayne, Ind., where Emily teaches second grade at Holy Cross Lutheran School.

**Keeley M. Buehler** and **James H. Hunter III** '09 were married July 2, 2011. Keeley is a graduate teaching instructor in the department of communication studies at the University of Denver in Colorado.

**Nicole A. Kettlehake** and **Stefan M. Diehm** were married June 4, 2011. They live in Springfield, Ohio.

**Cody F. Nicely**, who has a glass studio in Columbus, Ohio, received international recognition for his glass art by accepting the 2012 NICHE Award for excellence from more than 3,300 nominations and 190 finalists.

**Thao T. Nguyen** has married **Joseph F. Hunter Jr.** They live in Birmingham, Ala.



ERIN PENCE '04

## Kevin Hooker '02

### *Devotes Life To Helping Military Personnel*

A clinical social worker assigned to the Mental Health Flight, 460th Medical Operations Squadron, 460th Medical Group and 460th Space Wing at Buckley Air Force Base in Colorado, Captain Kevin Hooker insists that his Wittenberg experience prepared him for his calling to help men and women in the military.

"I'm passionate about what I do," Hooker said, noting how the values of integrity and service are so ingrained at Wittenberg that students can't help but grow because of them.

"I always tell students, 'Don't find a career, find a calling,'" he said.

Such commitment to helping the next generation and bettering the world easily stood out to the Wittenberg selection committee, which honored Hooker during Homecoming with the 2012 Outstanding Young Alumni Award, Oct. 5.

Created to recognize outstanding achievement of young alumni in their profession, vocation or avocation, which exemplifies the liberal arts tradition of Wittenberg, the award is presented to alumni who have graduated in the past 15 years.

Born in Lima, Ohio, Hooker graduated summa cum laude with departmental honors at Wittenberg with a B.A. in political science and sociology. He went on to earn his master's degree in social work with a focus on interpersonal practice and children, youth and families. In 2008, Hooker entered the Air Force after receiving a direct commission as a first lieutenant in the Biomedical Science Corps. He then completed a nine-month social work residency program at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base before arriving at his current assignment in Colorado.

Recipient of several distinguished military honors, including the National Defense Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and the 2010 Air Force Space Command CGO Social Worker of the Year, Hooker credits much of his life's success to Wittenberg and the mentoring he received from key administrators, professors and friends.

"The Air Force's core values are 'integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.' I learned those values long before I entered the military. I learned them during my formative years at Wittenberg." ■

— Karen Gerboth '93

'09 |

**Jaclyn A. Upleger**, St. Petersburg, Fla., married Tom Mitchell on Sept. 4, 2011. Jaclyn is a human resources generalist with Manatee Glens, Bradenton, Fla.

**Julie K. Ziegler** completed the St. Louis Marathon on April 15, 2012, in Missouri.

'10 |

**Lindsay C. Beckman**, global trade development manager with the Ohio Department of Development, Columbus, Ohio, led a trade mission to India in April 2012.

**Mandy L. Crosser** and **Daniel R. Marous** '09 were married July 3, 2011. They live in Baltimore, Md.

**Sean H. Delaney** is volunteering abroad before pursuing her graduate degree in social work and public policy at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

**Kathryn Akerman Drago**, Laconia, N.H., is a residential assistant at the Spaulding Youth Center, Northfield, N.H. She is pursuing a graduate certificate in autism spectrum disorders at Antioch University New England, Keene, N.H.

**Anna M. List** and **Scott E. Morris** were married Nov. 26, 2011. They live in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Anastasia J. Thomas** married Joseph Brooks on July 7, 2011. They live in Jamestown, Ohio. Anastasia

is a substitute teacher with the Greene County Schools.

'11 |

**Abigail M. Aitchison**, Plain City, Ohio, is a customer service manager with the Spillman Co.

**Amanda C. Allbee** is an ABA therapist with Crystal's Behavior Solutions, Indianapolis, Ind.

**Christopher M. Browning** is a student at Vermont Law School in South Royalton, Vt.

**Maureen E. "Moe" Buckley**, Columbus, Ohio, is a senior graphic designer with Ohio Asian Leaders LLC, C. Sunny Martin & Associates and GrapeVine Columbus LLC.

**Joshua C. Courlas** is pursuing his master's degree in life sciences in the area of forestry and wildlife ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Amy C. Cox**, Springfield, Ohio, is an assistant volleyball coach at Wittenberg.

**Jordan M. Davis**, Springfield, Ohio, is an admissions adviser at DeVry University, Dayton, Ohio.

**Kelsey A. DiNardo**, Powell, Ohio, is pursuing her master's degree in social sciences.

**Michael L. Doerschuk**, a treasury intern with The Timken Co., Canton, Ohio, is pursuing his M.B.A. at Case Western Reserve

University, University Heights, Ohio.

**Bryan J. Fike** is a small business development volunteer serving with the Peace Corps at the Outjo Secondary School in Namibia.

**Valentina Ghisays** is enrolled in the experimental psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio.

**Rachel A. Hamann** is a research assistant at the Physician Assistant Education Assoc., Alexandria, Va.

**Mary A. Heminger**, Columbus, Ohio, is an intern with the Campus Crusade.

**Siri M. Hill** is a medical receptionist at Dermatology Specialist, Edina, Minn. She is pursuing her medical degree at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Kristin M. Komar** is an online sales executive with GrubHub, Chicago, Ill.

**Kimberly S. Kruse** is pursuing her M.S. degree in accounting at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio.

**Lynaia I. Martin**, Fairborn, Ohio, is a housewares and furniture sales associate with Macy's Inc.

**Cody D. McKim** is an associate media planner with Digitas Chicago in Illinois.

**Sara R. Mewhort**, an auditor at Ernst & Young, Columbus, Ohio, is pursuing her master's degree in accounting at The Ohio State University.

**Kirsten J. Midgley** is pursuing her medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C.

**Kimberly A. Mowrey** is a marketing analyst with Naked Lime Marketing, Houston, Texas. She is pursuing her master's degree in applied statistics at the Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

**Margot B. Nevin** is pursuing her master's degree in social work at the Mandel School of Applied

Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Nicole M. Niese** is an AmeriCorps education member at the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, Jekyll Island Authority in Georgia.

**Matthew M. Overturf** is a fellow with the Legislative Service Commission of Ohio (Ohio House of Representatives), Columbus, Ohio.

**Taylor J. Rengel** is a business analyst/project manager with C.W. Spoon Consulting and Development, Sandusky, Ohio.

**Courtney A. Ross** is a marketing coordinator with the Security National Bank, Springfield, Ohio.

**Alexandra R. Sitarik** is pursuing her master's degree in biostatistics at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Nicholas J. Steiner** married Ngoc Nguyen on Dec. 25, 2010. They live in Seattle, Wash., where Nick is pursuing his M.A.I.S. at the University of Washington Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

**Isaac N. Wittmann** is a service learner with Young Adults in Global Mission with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Durban, South Africa.

**Heidi M. Wollaeger** is pursuing her master's degree in horticulture at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.



Sarah Garten '07 and her group at the Dirty Girl Mud Run in Noblesville, Ind.



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## Pete Noonan '12H

### *Gives Back Close To Home*

For Peter “Pete” Noonan, charity begins at home. A lifelong Springfielder, Noonan has long ties to Wittenberg as his late parents, Howard '35 and Mary Lu Kissell Noonan '35, were active members of the community and distinguished philanthropists for Wittenberg.

Noonan has continued to follow in their footsteps, so much so that Wittenberg recently named him an honorary alumnus during its 2012 Homecoming festivities. This status is bestowed upon only those who have demonstrated a loyalty and a devotion to Wittenberg that are exemplary to alumni and to those who have long served the institution and who have worked diligently to sustain it.

Business leader and co-founder of the Springfield-based Midland Properties with Tom Loftis, Noonan, an emeritus member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors along with Loftis, has engaged in practically every facet of his hometown while continually supporting Wittenberg at the same time. Kissell Auditorium in Koch Hall is named for his grandfather, Harry S. Kissell.

Former chairman of the Springfield Arts Council fundraising campaign, former president of the the MilGilvrary Branch YMCA Board of Management, a member of the Board of Friends of St. John's Nursing and Convalescing Home, and a Springfield Rotarian, among many other service activities, including heading up the annual Rotary Christmas to benefit area children, Noonan has also made helping others his personal mantra.

“To be a part of the Springfield community requires active engagement in the community,” said Noonan, who earned his bachelor’s degree in pre-med from Washington and Lee University and his M.B.A. from Northwestern University. “It also requires recognizing the powerful partnership between Wittenberg and Springfield, one that must be maintained as we work together in building our collective future.” ■

— Karen Gerboth '93

## Wedding Album



Megan Porter '03 and Paul McDowell were married Oct. 15, 2011.



Sarah Yehle '07 and Ben Keil wed May 23, 2009. The couple lives in West Lafayette, Ind.

## In Memoriam

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**Richard H. Butcher**, Urbana, Ohio, died in November 1970. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

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**Cleo Funderberg Gabelman**, Columbus, Ohio, died July 3, 2007.

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**Marta L. Hess**, of Wheeling, W.Va. and Stanton, Calif., died Oct. 29, 2005. A member of St. James Lutheran Church and Chi Omega sorority, she was a home economics teacher with the Ohio County Board of Education.

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**Lida M. Campbell**, Dayton, Ohio, died April 30, 1989. She retired as a medical technologist from Miami Valley Hospital.

**T. Burton Curry**, Culver City, Calif., died Aug. 3, 1992. A member of Belvue Presbyterian Church, he retired as traffic department clerk. Formerly, he served as director at Y.M.C.A.s in Alabama, Nebraska, Ohio and Texas.

'31 |

**Ruth Thomas Crowe**, McGuffey, Ohio, died Dec. 29, 2011. A former grade school teacher, she was a devoted homemaker. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 6 of Ada since 1928.

'32 |

**Freda Fourman Snider**, Greenville, Ohio, died July 12, 2008. She began teaching second grade in 1929 in Bradford, Ohio, before moving to Covington where she retired after teaching for 30 years. Her career brought her many honors and awards. Reading and studying Ohio history were her hobbies.

**Elizabeth Branthaver Young**, Bloomsburg, Pa., died Oct. 31, 2002.

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**Bernice Zorniger Dryer**, Elkhart, Ind., passed away

Jan. 1, 2012. A homemaker, accountant and music teacher, she was a charter member and violinist with the Elkhart County Symphony Orchestra. She was also a charter and lifelong member of Sigma Alpha Nu sorority since its founding in 1929. An avid flower gardener and crossword puzzle enthusiast, she was a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church.

'34 |

**Helen Dreisbach Doty**, Fresno, Calif., died Feb. 15, 2008. A member of the Methodist Church and Delta Zeta sorority, she was a retired teacher. She taught physical education with school systems in Bucyrus, Bellefontaine and Findlay, Ohio, before teaching at Long Beach Community College in California.

**Robert F. Jaeger**, Elmhurst, Ill., died Jan. 30, 2012. A member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he retired as a process engineer from G.T.E., Northlake, Ill. He played violin with the Chicago Business Men's Orchestra and the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra. He also performed with numerous choral groups in the Chicago area, including the Medinah Chanters and the Elmhurst Mannerchor.

'35 |

**Frances Beal Downing**, Xenia, Ohio, passed away Feb. 23, 2012. She taught at Spring Valley High School. She was a member of First Methodist Episcopal Church and Faith Community United Methodist Church, from where she retired as financial secretary in 1989. Following her retirement, she continued to volunteer at the church and also at Greene Memorial Hospital until the week prior to her death.

'36 |

**Dorothy Heeter Coons**, Ann Arbor, Mich., passed away Feb. 10, 2012. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she began doing statistical work for the University of Michigan in 1941 and soon moved to the then newly-formed

Institute of Gerontology, where she worked on its projects at the Ypsilanti State Hospital. She also conducted training workshops across the country. In the 1980s, she became involved in Alzheimer's research, writing and editing many chapters of published professional books regarding aging, dementia and quality of life in long-term care. She retired as an associate professor emerita of education.

**Helen Lowry Norman**, San Diego, Calif., passed away Feb. 17, 2012. A teacher, she was an avid bridge player, wonderful cook, entertainer and conversationalist. She made beautiful floral arrangements and played golf until she was 85.

'37 |

**Katharine Ball Allman**, Glendale, Ariz., died April 11, 2008. She retired as a realtor with Prudential Mull-Smith Realtors in Sun City, Ariz. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

**Lois Heiney Kinstler**, Dayton, Ohio, died Dec. 24, 1993. A retired teacher, she was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and several retired teachers organizations.

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**Kathryn Eicher Carlson** of Gaylord, Mich., passed away Feb. 17, 2012. A member of First United Methodist Church and Alpha Zeta sorority, she taught fifth grade at the Gaylord Public School for 21 years. She studied genealogy for 30 years and enjoyed quilting, reading and painting.

**Eleanor Arnold Cole** of Yorktown, Va., passed away May 19, 2012. After 25 years of service with N.A.S.A., she retired to create a nationally recognized collection of azalea varieties on her property, which was toured in the 1980s by the National Rhododendron Society. She was a member of Grace Episcopal Church and was active at the York County Senior Center.

**Alice Tulleys Duckworth**, San Luis Obispo, Calif., died Feb.

26, 2012. During her early career in Cincinnati, Ohio, she was a member of the dramatic staff at WLW Radio and worked with the company of the Cincinnati Playhouse. She also worked with the Cleveland Playhouse and opened a studio in dramatic art for children. While living in Washington, D.C., she co-wrote and directed a series of radio shows having to do with the presidents as children. In Iran, she worked at the Tehran American School and played several roles with the British Theatre Group. In 1965, she moved to California, where she started a writing career with children's magazines of fiction and drama. She also began a theater program at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, where she was a member.

**Rowena Aull Hansen**, Phoenix, Ariz., passed away July 18, 2005. A homemaker, she at one time operated a clothing store in Edinburg, Ohio.

**Beatrice Remer Moore**, Olympia, Wash., died May 14, 2011. Her career as a social worker began in Baltimore, Md., and Buffalo, N.Y., before she moved to San Mateo, Calif., where she worked as a clinical social worker. In 1987, she moved to Panorama City, a continuing care facility in Lacey, Wash., where she was an active member of the community.

**Helen Sturgeon Richeson**, formerly of Bradenton, Fla., passed away March 9, 2012, in Gainesville, Fla. She retired as an adult migrant director with the Manatee County School Board, Bradenton, Fla. Her memberships included Trinity Lutheran Church, Alpha Xi Delta sorority and the Florida Retired Teachers Association.

**Mary Dickey Wise**, Sylvania, Ohio, passed away Feb. 26, 2012. She taught home economics, history and physical education, coached basketball and supervised the cafeteria at Pemberville High School. She served as a substitute teacher in Chicago, Ill., and Dayton,



## Charles D. "Chad" Weller '70

*Lived Wittenberg's Mission Throughout His Life*



Charles D. "Chad" Weller, Vice Chair of the Wittenberg Board of Directors, passed away Aug. 2, 2012. He was 64.

He is survived by his wife, Eva, and three children, Elizabeth (Beth), Edward (Ted) and Erin '95. Eva was awarded Honorary Alumna status in 1995 for her outstanding work and contributions to Wittenberg.

A Rochester, N.Y., native, Weller received his B.A.

in economics from Wittenberg and his M.B.A. from Case Western Reserve University in 1972. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and Tau Pi Phi Business Honorary, served as senior class treasurer and played football.

At the time of his death, Weller was Managing Director of AVOS Fund Management, LLC. He had more than 30 years of experience in financial strategy, operations and international business, focusing on transforming and enhancing the performance of organizations. In 1970, he joined Xerox Corporation where he served in a number of management positions in administration, operations and treasury until 1988 when he became assistant treasurer of Duracell International. He then became vice president and treasurer of Bush Boake Allen, Inc. in 1994 and later treasurer for International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc. when it acquired Bush Boake in 2000.

Weller served Wittenberg for many years and established the Weller Family Fund to provide financial assistance to students. He served on the board for 22 years covering two terms (1978-1995, 2002-2012). He also served as chair of the Benjamin Prince Society from 1981-1983. In addition to serving as Board vice chair at the time of his passing, Weller chaired the Finance & Investments Committee and Endowment Management Subcommittee. He and Eva also contributed greatly to various civic and philanthropic causes in Stamford, Conn., through their support of many local organizations.

In his remarks at Weller's memorial service, Board Chair David L. Boyle '69 said that Weller embodied Wittenberg's mission by pursuing a lifetime of service.

"I believe it is fair to say that no director ever contributed more time, energy and ideas to Wittenberg than Chad," Boyle said. "He was always giving back in some way. He was able to do this because he had the full support of a loving family who understood how important Wittenberg was to him. He loved life and everything about Wittenberg."

Donations in Weller's memory may be made to the Charles D. Weller Fund for Business at Wittenberg University, Office of University Advancement, P.O. Box 720, Springfield, OH 45501.

Ohio, before developing the home economics and physical education area of the Mental Retardation System in Toledo, Ohio. After moving to Sylvania, Ohio, she continued to teach at the Jay Shuer School in Oregon, Ohio, retiring in 1965. Following her retirement, she volunteered at Flower Hospital and Wildwood Metropark. Her memberships included Bethany Lutheran Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

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**Henry E. Fettis**, Santa Clara, Calif., died Dec. 15, 1984.

A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he was a consultant and a mathematics, physics and aerospace engineer in Mountain View, Calif. He was also the author of numerous publications in his field.

**Rachel Bosart Morris**, formerly of Kenilworth, Ill., and Boynton Beach, Fla., passed away Dec. 26, 2011, in Wilmette, Ill. In Kenilworth, she was active with the Kenilworth Union Church, Kappa Alpha Theta Alumni, the Kenilworth Garden Club and the Glen View Club.

**Mary Louise Rowe Roberts** of Norwalk, Calif., died Jan 2, 2005.

**Edgar E. Snyder**, formerly of Tacoma, Wash., died in Tucson, Ariz., on July 26, 2005. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. Following his retirement as a colonel from the military, he became a real estate broker.

**Louise Petersen Stark**, Los Gatos, Calif., died June 22, 2011. She retired in 1977 after 24 years as a kindergarten teacher with the Richmond Unified School District. Her memberships included Los Gatos Christian Church and Chi Omega sorority.

**Howard E. Young**, Vilas, N.C., passed away June 7, 2012. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. He worked his entire career with the Morton Salt Co., in various management

positions, retiring in 1977. He moved to North Carolina, served on the board of Resort Area Ministries and was active in the Appalachian Institute for Senior Scholars. Additional memberships include Grace Lutheran Church, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Wittenberg Board of Directors and Alumni Council. In 1968, he was awarded an Alumni Citation.

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**Rebecca "Becky" Rogers Allison**, Springfield, Ohio, died March 17, 2012. A physiotherapist working with cerebral palsy patients at Community Hospital, she was instrumental in starting a nursery school for handicapped children there in 1963. Her memberships included Covenant Presbyterian Church, Chi Omega sorority, Women's Review Club and Kiwanis. She also volunteered at the Nearly New Shop.

**Robert C. Strohbeck** of Toledo, Ohio, passed away Dec. 30, 2011. During World War II, he served as a captain in the corps of engineers with the U.S. Army. After the war, he bought and operated the family business, Titgemeier's Feed and Garden Store. Following his retirement he became a skilled woodworker and volunteered at the Toledo Botanical Garden. He was also an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Maumee.

'41 |

**Margaret Evans Kenyon**, Lexington, Ohio, passed away April 19, 2012. A member of Mansfield First Presbyterian Church, she taught elementary English for more than 30 years.

**John W. Scheidemantel**, Emporia, Va., died April 11, 2000. A member of Christ Episcopal Church and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Army in Germany during World War II. He was a retired auto dealer.

**Charles E. "Tut" Tutwiler**, Winston-Salem, N.C., died Jan. 27, 2012. During World War II,

he served as a captain with the U.S. Army Air Force in Europe. He was first employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration (now the FAA) before moving to Winston-Salem to work as an electronics engineer at Western Electric (later AT&T). He retired from AT&T in 1984 and was a longtime member of Wake Forest Baptist Church.

'42 |

**Jane Ashelman Boger**, Birmingham, Mich., died Jan. 18, 2012. She was a teacher and homemaker who was a member of the Lutheran Church and Delta Zeta sorority.

**Ruth Coulter Parsons**, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died July 21, 2010, in Allouez, Mich. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Martin J. Rini**, formerly of Euclid, Ohio, died March 18, 2002, in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he owned a lighting company. He enjoyed fishing and playing golf.

'43 |

**Naomi Good Anthony**, formerly of Massillon, Ohio, died April 11, 2012, in Sarasota, Fla. She was an educator who took pride in forming the first American Girl Scout troop in France. Her memberships included Whitfield Estates Presbyterian Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Dorothy Roush Battelle**, Dayton, Ohio, passed away Dec. 17, 2011. She taught elementary school with the Dayton and Vandalia-Butler School Districts. She enjoyed many winters in Florida, swimming, walking the beach and golfing with her family. Well into her late 80s, she participated in water aerobics and senior strength classes and played bridge with her friends at the Vandalia Rec Center and Vandalia Senior Citizens.

**Raymond A.C. Heine** '43S, '69H, Lake Leelanau, Mich., passed away Feb. 2, 2012. He was ordained as a Lutheran minister in 1945 and served parishes in Whitestown, New Augusta,

Lebanon, Fort Wayne and Monroe, Ind., and Grand Rapids, Mich. In 1980, he was elected bishop of the LCA Michigan Synod. Following his retirement, he served as interim pastor of conjoined Bethany Lutheran and Immanuel Lutheran Churches in Northport and Suttons Bay. Later, he served as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, where he remained an active member following his last retirement. In 1969, Wittenberg awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

**Barbara Reddish Moan**, Toledo, Ohio, died May 5, 2012. Her memberships included Epworth United Methodist Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Quest Garden Club, the Toledo Symphony League, the Toledo Opera Guild and the Ability Center Auxiliary. She was also a docent at the Toledo Museum of Art.

**Mary Davis Shultz**, Bourbon, Mo., died Feb. 23, 2012. She taught business education subjects in New Carlisle, Lawrenceville and Springfield in Ohio before moving to St. Louis, Mo., in 1950. She was employed for 42 years by the Mahlan B. Wallace family as secretary and administrative manager. Her memberships included Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, Delta Zeta sorority and Executive Women International.

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**Mildred Feaster Daubenspeck**, formerly of Park Forest, Ill., and Hot Springs, Ark., passed away April 16, 2012, in Munster, Ind. A member of Christ Lutheran Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was a manager for Marshall Fields in Park Forest, Ill., for many years. She enjoyed the Arkansas landscape, golf, bridge and her friends and family.

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**Elizabeth Shimp Czemba**, Saint James, N.Y., died Dec. 23, 1990. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she was assistant sales and service manager for Hayes G. Shimp Inc., Merrick, N.Y.

**Emilie Moore Kirkwood**, Hilliard, Ohio, died Feb. 10, 2012. During World War II, she worked in a small weapons defense plant. After the war, she began teaching music and playing piano, which she continued throughout her life. A member of Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church and Northwest Area Christian Singles, she loved to fish.

**Mary Chesrown Semler**, formerly of Delaware, Ohio, died March 31, 2003, in Ashland, Ohio. She was employed at Ashland Department of Human Services and was a former secretary at Samaritan Hospital. Her memberships included First Presbyterian Church, Gamma Phi Beta sorority, the YMCA board of directors, Married Couples Dance Club and Child Study Club. When she lived in Delaware, Ohio, she volunteered with the American Red Cross, the Meals on Wheels Program, and was manager and buyer for the gift shop at Grady Memorial Hospital.

'46 |

**Jeanne Worley Baker**, Worthington, Ohio, died March 25, 2012. She was a private piano teacher, taught instrumental music with the Mansfield City Schools and retired as an elementary music teacher from the Columbus City Schools. Her memberships included Worthington Presbyterian Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Mary Rita Hellmuth** died March 8, 2012 at Holy Cross Village in Notre Dame, Ind. She entered the Novitiate of the Carmelite Sisters, leaving due to health issues. She then worked for Merchants and Mechanics Federal Savings and Loan and Link-Hellmuth Inc., in Springfield, Ohio, before moving to South Bend, Ind., in 1977. There she began her lay ministry at Saint Mary's College with the Sisters of the Holy Cross. She assisted in developing the Sisters' Associate Program and worked with the retirement sisters as

administrative assistant to the regional superior. She retired in 2004. She was a trustee of Saint Mary's College from 1974-79, was named a charter member of the Madelev Society and was a recipient of the distinguished alumni award.

**Frances Swan Schneiter** passed away at her home in Louisville, Ky., on March 12, 2012. She taught advanced English and humanities at Durrett High School before becoming one of the original faculty members at Jefferson Community College. She developed and chaired the philosophy department and also taught logic and ethics. She founded and moderated the Freethought Forum, a community discussion group for fellow freethinkers. She was also an excellent artist, writer, seamstress and cook.

'47 |

**Milton N. Bernstein**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away March 26, 2012. During World War II, he served as a captain with the U.S. Army Air Force. Owner of the Boston Store in Urbana, Ohio, he was an active member of Temple Shalom for many years.

**Louella Powell Coffelt**, formerly of Columbus, Marion, Fairport Harbor, Sidney, Brooklyn, Lexington, Brunswick and Mansfield, Ohio, died Feb. 12, 2012, in Medina,

Ohio. A faithful E.L.C.A. Lutheran congregant, she most recently was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. She enjoyed family camping vacations, bowling, swimming, fishing, games and puzzles. She was also a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**William S. Johnson**, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., died May 14, 2012, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. During World War II, he served as a naval flight instructor. He had a 30-year career as a special agent with the FBI. He worked in Seattle, Wash., San Francisco, Calif., and Washington, D.C., before transferring to the Jacksonville, Fla., office in

1958. A member of Arlington Congregational Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he enjoyed bridge, golf, handball, racquetball and swimming and was an avid sports fan.

**Lois Hirtzinger Nastoff**, McLean, Va., died March 9, 2003. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she was a commercial artist and an art instructor at Wittenberg and in New Jersey, Virginia and Turkey. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Robert H. Secrist** '50S, '79H, West Liberty, Ohio, passed away Feb. 23, 2012. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II. He was pastor of Westwood Lutheran Church in Dayton, Ohio, from 1959-66, and mission director for the E.L.C.A. Division for Outreach for 19 years. A licensed private pilot and amateur radio operator, he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1979 from Wittenberg.

**Ann Jones Shook** passed away March 16, 2012. An attorney and partner in Shook & Shook, she practiced law for more than 50 years in North Olmsted, Ohio. She specialized in probate, estate planning, healthcare and income tax returns. Her early career included working as an insurance adjuster with the Travelers Insurance Co. as a legal assistant with the Stark County Prosecutor's Office and as a cost accountant with the Hoover Co. She was a member of Olmsted Community Church and Kappa Delta sorority.

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**James J. Mullaney Jr.**, Jacksonville, Fla., passed away April 3, 2012. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. Before his retirement, he was a sales and marketing representative with Royal Services. He loved classical music and U.S. history.

**Charles W. Needles**, Dayton, Ohio, passed away Jan. 8, 2011.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army. He joined the Joyce Cridland Co. (now Joyce Dayton Corp.) as an accountant and later was treasurer, vice president and board member. He retired after 38 years of service. A member of the Kiwanis, he was a regular blood donor with the American Red Cross.

'49 |

**Norman W. Adams Jr.** passed away April 5, 2012. He served with the U.S. Navy, was a delegate to the General Services Conference and was a member on the board of *AA Grapevine Magazine*.

**Harlan E. Baldwin**, Dayton, Ohio, passed away March 1, 2012. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army during World War II. After working as an auditor and a model traveling throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, he retired from Mead School and Office Products International as an export sales manager in 1990. He was also a long-time member of the Republican Inner Circle and enjoyed swimming and spending time at his pond.

**Edgar A. Doering** '52S, Sun City West, Ariz., died Jan. 14, 2012. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served as a pilot with the U.S. Navy during World War II. An ordained Lutheran minister, he served parishes in Jeffersonville, Ind., and Pacifica, San Mateo and West Covina, Calif. After 20 years in the parish ministry, he accepted a call to California Lutheran Homes as its director of development and legal counsel working with the elderly.

**John M. Larson**, formerly of Dayton, Ohio, died April 2, 2012, in Houston, Texas. During World War II, he served as a technical sergeant with the U.S. Army in Europe and received a Purple Heart. A member of the Lutheran Church, he retired as a senior internal auditor with Dayco Corp., now M.A. Hanna Co.

**Lona Johnson Loy**, Columbus, Ohio, died March 25, 2012. She taught home economics for 28 years in Michigan and Ohio. Following her retirement, she moved to Friendship Village of Columbus, where she became known as the "Village Artist" for her beautiful paintings and drawings. She was also a long-time member of Grace Lutheran Church.

**Robert F. Powers**, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, died Dec. 12, 2011, in Atascadero, Calif. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army Air Force as a fighter pilot. In 1950, he owned and operated a service station for Sun Oil Co. in Cleveland, Ohio. He later bought Spider Webb Auto Parts. In the 1970s, he moved to California and bought Gem Auto Parts in Atascadero. Following his retirement, he volunteered with the Atascadero Police Dept. and went to work at Chapel of the Roses. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he was an avid gardener and enjoyed the outdoors.

'50 |

**William A. Flaherty**, Cambridge, Wis., died April 19, 2002. A member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he was a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

**Ocella Daugherty Gottron**, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, and Stuart, Fla., died in State College, Pa., on May 8, 2012. While in Cleveland, she was a secretary to the secretary of the Cleveland Stock Exchange and the comptroller of Diamond Alkali. She was a Rainbow Girl in the Cleveland Heights Chapter and later Mother Adviser after moving to Stuart, Fla. While in Florida, she taught kindergarten at the First United Methodist Church and later served as a legal secretary for area lawyers and as a caterer. She was a member of the Junior Women's Club.

**Barbara Getter Hanley**, San Diego, Calif., passed away Dec. 10, 2010. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she retired as a teacher with the Orange Unified School District in Villa Park, Calif.

**James M. Hardman**, Piqua, Ohio, died April 5, 2012. He retired in February 1982 following a 31-year career with the Piqua City School District as a school teacher and athletic coach. He was inducted into the Piqua Hall of Fame, the Miami Valley Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Ohio Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. In addition, a local ball field was named in his honor. His memberships included Greene Street United Methodist Church and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

**Rodney J. Hunter**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Jan. 22, 2012. From 1943-46, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force. A charter member of Northridge United Methodist Church, he retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in May 1976 after 33 years of service.

**Alice Wolff Laurent**, Toms River, N.J., passed away Dec. 30, 2011. From 1950-53, she taught girls physical education at Asbury Park High School in New Jersey. A homemaker and member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she enjoyed cooking, swimming, golfing and traveling.

**Ralph J. Thomas**, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, died May 17, 2012, in Kettering, Ohio. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy as a sonar/radar man on the USS Boyle, DD 600, in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific Theaters. While serving, he was in the invasions of Sicily, Anzio and Leghorn, Italy, and southern France. He was a 39-year federal civil service employee associated with the Department of Defense, Defense Investigative Service. He was chief of the industrial security field office in Dayton, Ohio, at the time of his retirement in 1989. His memberships included the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Oakwood, Ohio, and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Donald E. Zornow**, formerly of New York, died March 9, 1995, in Sarasota, Fla. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served as a sergeant with the military in Europe from 1945-47. He

was a successful advertising photographer specializing in magazine work in New York, N.Y.

'51 |

**Richard C. Browne**, Orlando, Fla., passed away Feb. 7, 2012. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army during the years of 1945-47. He owned and was president of Kirby Rental Service and Sales Inc.

**David E. Corlett**, Tallahassee, Fla., passed away June 3, 2012. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy. After retiring from the parts department at Sears, he worked for Elder Care Services. His memberships included Capital City Christian Church and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

**Harry J. Cross**, Findlay, Ohio, died Jan. 14, 2012. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines before serving on active duty during the Korean War with the U.S. Navy. A captain in the U.S. Navy Reserves, he was commander of his unit in Cleveland. He also served for many years as the U.S. Naval Academy information officer for his district. He was vice president of Union Commerce Bank in Cleveland before moving to Findlay in 1971, where he was vice president of The Ohio Bank and Savings Co. He was the former president of the Hancock Area Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis. His other memberships included Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Associated Charities, Findlay Country Club, the Cleveland Yachting Club and the Findlay Amvets Post #21.

**Charles W. Strausser** '54S, Chesapeake, Va., died May 20, 2012. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1946. After receiving his commission in 1953, he served with the U.S. Air Force as a Lutheran chaplain, retiring in 1980.

**Robert C. Tomashot** formerly of Beavercreek, Ohio, passed away June 30, 2007, at his home in

Niceville, Fla. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served as a second lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force. Following his retirement as a materials engineer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, he moved to Florida, where he enjoyed golfing and gardening.

'52 |

**Gail Niethamer Laybourne**, formerly of Barrington, Ill., and Maineville, Ohio, passed away June 8, 2011, in Orlando, Fla. She was a medical technologist, who for 20 years worked at Noyes Animal Hospital in Barrington, Ill. A member of the Evangelical Free Church and Delta Zeta sorority, she was generous with Christian missions and rejoiced in the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren.

**Lloyd A. "Jake" Wible**, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., died Feb. 25, 2012. He proudly served his country as a member of the signal corps with the U.S. Army in Japan. He was employed by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co. for 36 years, retiring in 1988.

**Robert J. Wittlinger Jr.**, Duncannon, Pa., died Jan. 25, 2012. Ordained by the Central Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod in 1955, he served parishes in Clearfield, Columbia, and Union Counties. He retired as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Duncannon, where he remained a member. Also a member of Dorm League, he served with the U.S. Army during World War II in England, Belgium, France and Germany.

**M. Joan Serviss Young**, Yellow Springs, Ohio, died Jan. 16, 2012. She was an elementary teacher with the Yellow Springs Schools before moving to the Greenon Schools from which she retired as a teacher and guidance counselor. Following her retirement, she enjoyed working at her family's business, Young's Jersey Dairy. She was a member of Emery Chapel United Methodist Church and Chi Omega sorority.

**Frederick P. Zimmer**, Frisco, Texas, died Jan. 20, 2012. His

career took him from Ohio to Oklahoma and California. He retired as corporate vice president of contracts and pricing in 1994 after a 42-year career in aerospace at Rockwell International. He served on the board of CHW Catholic Healthcare for 14 years. His other memberships included Christ Church, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and ABA. His interests included entertaining, traveling the world, playing golf and attending the theater.

'53 |

**John Chakamian**, Red Bank, N.J., died Jan. 9, 2007. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he was at one time employed as a vice president and general manager by Favorite Plastics, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Francis L. Esslin** of Covina, Calif., died April 26, 2007. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

**Jack L. Flinger**, Mankato, Minn., died April 1, 2012. He began his professional career teaching physics at Wittenberg and later was professor of physics and chair of the physics department at Minnesota State University. He was instrumental in starting the electrical engineering technology and electrical engineering degree programs and in building the VandeGraf accelerator on campus. His memberships included First Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Churches, Dorm League, the American Society of Engineering Education and the American Association of Physics Teachers. He loved music and traveling, and was an advocate for many organizations dedicated to the environment, arts, education, health, religion, civic, and social concerns and politics.

**Richard A. Graeff**, Greenville, Ohio, died May 31, 2012. During World War II, he served as a corporal with the U.S. Army. He was a teacher, coach and assistant principal at Arcanum High School for 28 years, retiring in 1978. Following his retirement, he worked for

Gem City Savings, Sears, Sanco Products, and WDRK Radio and sold sporting goods. He served four years as mayor of Arcanum, 16 years as a Darke County Commissioner and six years as a trustee with Edison Community College and was first vice chair of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. For his successful coaching career, he was inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Hall of Fame and Arcanum High School Hall of Fame, and was the recipient of the Nasmith Basketball Award. His memberships included Faith United Methodist Church, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Greenville Elks, the Arcanum Lions Club and the Shrine of Dayton and Darke County. He was also a 32nd degree Mason.

**Charles W. Lininger** '56S, Shelbyville, Ind., died April 23, 2012. An ordained Lutheran minister, he served as a first lieutenant chaplain with the U.S. Army from 1959-60. He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Phi Mu Delta fraternity and the Shelbyville Veterans of Foreign Wars. Before retiring, he was a personnel manager with Ertel Manufacturing.

**Joan Fisher McMahan** of Fairborn, Ohio, passed away March 17, 2012. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she often volunteered with her children's schools and child-centered charities. She was employed at Shawen Acres, a children's home in Dayton, Ohio, and was a director of Greene County Head Start. She also served as an instructor of early childhood education at Wright State University and Clark State Community College during the 1970s and 1980s. She was a founder of the Kinderhaus Early Learning Centers in Fairborn, Beavercreek and Kettering, retiring in 1986. She enjoyed golfing, gardening and entertaining.

**W. Marvin Warner**, London, Ohio, died June 12, 2001. From 1951-53, he served with the U.S. Army in Germany. Following his

military service, he had a dental practice in London, Ohio.

**Mary Pontius Wilder**, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Dec. 29, 1997, in Windsor, Calif. A member of Sigma Kappa sorority, she was a teacher at Ridgewood School.

'54 |

**Patricia Landis Ingersoll**, formerly of Palmyra, Pa., died March 10, 2012 in Middletown, Pa. Her memberships included Salem Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Palmyra Women's Club.

**James C. Rickard**, formerly of Plain City, Ohio, and Haines City, Fla., died April 2, 2007, in Galloway, Ohio. He was a farmer for more than 50 years. His memberships included the Plain City Presbyterian Church, Urania Lodge No. 311 F&AM, Elizabeth Chapter No. 56, OES and various farm organizations. He served as a Jerome Township trustee, was past president and treasurer of the Plain City Lions Club and was past president of the Federal Land Bank Assoc., Bellefontaine, Ohio. Following retirement, he enjoyed woodworking, craft shows and travel. He served with the U.S. Air Force in Japan.

**Jeanne Carrier Riehm**, Green Township, Ohio, died Dec. 8, 2011. She retired as a kindergarten teacher with the Cincinnati Board of Education. Her memberships included Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Andrew J. White III**, Chambersburg, Pa., died May 6, 2012. An ordained Lutheran pastor, he served parishes in Cicero, Ind., and East Cleveland, Ohio, before joining the faculty in 1967 at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. In 1997, he was named the Hagan professor emeritus of practical theology. Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, honored him as a distinguished alumnus in 1987. An active member of his community, he was a supporter

of Global Missions and served his church as a volunteer overseas in South Africa, Slovakia and Germany.

'55 |

**F. Theodore Beckly**, Walton, Ind., passed away Feb. 14, 2012. From 1955-57, he served as a specialist 2 in the United States and Europe with the U.S. Army. For more than 40 years, he was a school teacher and principal, retiring from Southeastern School Corp. His memberships included Shiloh Lutheran Church, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the Walton Lions Club, Indiana State Teachers Assoc. and the National Education Assoc.

**James W. Geen**, New York, N.Y., died May 1, 1978. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served as an ordained priest with the Episcopal Church in Nassau, The Bahamas.

**G. Thomas Laybourne Jr.**, formerly of Barrington, Ill., and Maineville, Ohio, died in Orlando, Fla., on April 1, 2011. A certified quality engineer and a registered professional engineer, he held a variety of quality positions during his 36-year career before retiring as an associate scientist in quality systems and technology for Quantum Chemical Corp. He was active in the American Society of Testing and Materials, the International Standards Organization and the Plastic Bottle Institute. He was a member of the Plastics/Quality Control Advisory Board at Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Mich. He was recognized by the American Society for Quality Control in 1993 and was named an ASQC Fellow. During the Korean War, he served as a private with the U.S. Army. A member of the Evangelical Free Church, he was generous with Christian missions and the Boy Scouts and loved learning, especially history and the Bible.

**Norman E. Lucas** '58S of Tampa, Fla., died June 17, 2012. Following his ordination, he served the congregation of

First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio. From 1959-71, he was pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio, where he founded the city's YMCA and was elected to the Board of Education. From 1971-97, he served as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tampa, Fla., where he was also a chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital. In 2005, he was honored as pastor emeritus of Good Shepherd. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

'57 |

**John C. Cowles**, Berea, Ohio, died June 9, 2011. His professional experience began in 1961 at the United Methodist Children's Home, Berea, and then at the Lutheran Children's Aid Society, Cleveland. From 1968 to 1976, he was at Summit County Children's Services Bureau in Akron as administrative supervisor of foster care and adoption. He retired as director of Spaulding Adoption Program in Beech Brook, Ohio. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

**Eugene Hrabovsky**, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., died May 5, 2012, in Bridgeville, Pa. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific as a field radio operator. He was a produce inspector before becoming a Lutheran minister. He was pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, East Carnegie, Pa., Protestant chaplain at Kane Hospital, Scott, Pa., and interim pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church, Bethel Park, Pa., and St. James Lutheran Church in Emsworth, Pa.

**Harry C. Kerr**, formerly of Ann Arbor, Mich., died March 24, 2007, in Tecumseh, Mich. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served as a private first class with the U.S. Army Reserves. His career included serving as executive housing director with the City of Ann Arbor, Mich., and as a patrolman with the Ann Arbor Police Dept.

**Judith Klingbiel Laumann**, Colorado Springs, Colo., died

June 5, 2012. She formerly lived in San Jose, Calif., Endicott, N.Y., Raleigh, N.C., Rochester, Minn., and had many fond memories of the family's vacation home on Big Sand Lake in Cumberland, Wis. In 1980, she received the designation of certified travel counselor, Institute of Certified Travel Agents, and in 1996, she graduated from the International Guide Academy, as an international tour manager. She owned Total Travel and Tours, Colorado Springs, Colo., and was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

'60 |

**Skender "Skinner" Brame**, Westerville, Ohio, died April 23, 2012. He was a U.S. Army veteran and later managed recreation programs for employees of an American oil firm in Libya and U.S. military dependents on Kwajalein, one of the Marshall Islands in the Western Pacific Ocean. He retired from Grand Slam U.S.A.

**Roger G. Imhoff Jr.** '64S died Jan. 29, 2012 in Pittsfield, Mass. Ordained a Lutheran pastor in 1964, he served Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregations in Elkhart, Ind., New Rochelle and Mt. Kisco, N.Y., and Stamford and Milford, Conn. He volunteered on the boards of several Lutheran social ministries and was honored as Lutheran Services "Person of the Year" in New York City. Active in interfaith work wherever he lived, he promoted the work of cross-cultural fellowship. In 1994, he spent time at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he was active at Christ Episcopal and Trinity Lutheran Churches in Sheffield.

**David R. Leach**, Upper Arlington, Ohio, and Phoenix, Ariz., died May 16, 2005. A former teacher for the Columbus Public Schools, he retired from State Farm Insurance after 32 years of service. His memberships included Parkway Christian Church, Lane Avenue Baptist

Church, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and MENSA. He coached several sports for 25 years, volunteered at Riverside Methodist Hospital, and was an avid reader, stamp collector and sports enthusiast.

'61 |

**John S. Bauerle**, Milpitas, Calif., died March 26, 2007. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he retired as a systems specialist with UNISYS, Oakland, Calif.

**Thomas M. Crawford**, an attorney with a private practice in Louisville, Ky., passed away Jan. 18, 2012. His memberships included the Lutheran Church, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Louisville and Kentucky Bar Associations, the American Association of Trial Lawyers and the Supreme Court of the United States.

**Julian A. "Bill" Peterson**, Dallas, Texas passed away March 25, 2012. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he joined the faculty at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School in 1968, retiring as professor emeritus after 44 years in 2011. He served five years as a scoutmaster and led groups of young men on expeditions to Philmont Scout Ranch and Florida High Adventure Sea Base. For his commitment to youth leadership, he received the Wood Badge certification in 1992. He was also a member of the Order of the Arrow. He chaired the Police Crime Watch Executive Board and orchestrated an area-wide graffiti paint-out. For his community activism, he was named Volunteer of the Year by the Dallas Police Department in 2008. He was later appointed to serve on the Dallas Senior Affairs Commission and the Dallas City Planning Commission.

**Diane Westfall Tharp**, Amherst, N.H., died May 2, 2012. Founder and owner of Sand Hill School for 28 years, she was an active member and president for two years of the Unitarian Universalist Society. She was an avid singer with the society choir and with the Leverett

Community Chorus. A puppeteer with the Picture Book Theater at the Eric Carle Museum, she was a member of the Amherst Arts Commission and on Town Meeting for 20 years.

'62 |

**Ruth Kalb Barry**, formerly of Parkersburg, W.Va., died July 13, 2008, in Lima, Ohio. She had been a director for the Henry Logan Children's Home and worked in the protective services division of Department of Health and Human Services. She had also worked at the Worthington Center and Psychotherapy Partners and served on the juvenile justice committee for the State of West Virginia. Her memberships included First Unitarian Universalist Society and Delta Zeta sorority.

**W. Harlow Edwards III**, Katy, Texas, died April 19, 2007. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served as an ensign with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He owned an investment business in Houston, Texas.

'63 |

**Paul N. Martinson**, Minneapolis, Minn., passed away March 6, 2012. He was well-known in the local area as a recording engineer, working in music and film production with Empire Photosound, Sound 80, Bajus Jones Film Corp. and as a partner in 74th Street Recording Studio. A member of Mount Olivet Church, he enjoyed spending time with his family at his cabin in Wisconsin.

**Eleanore Sterrett Minnick**, formerly of South Charleston, and Springfield, Ohio, passed away April 9, 2012, in Marysville, Ohio. Beginning in 1958, she was a kindergarten and third-grade teacher in South Solon and a librarian at Warder Public Library, Wittenberg and Southeastern High School. From 1968 until her retirement in 1986, she was acquisitions librarian at Clark State Community College. She was

a member of South Charleston United Methodist Church.

'64 |

**Park B. "Buster" Nunley Jr.**, Dayton, Ohio, passed away April 21, 2009. A member of Fairview Baptist Church, Conway, Ky., he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He retired as a counselor from the Dayton Public School System. He was an avid golfer, loved animals and was a Kentucky Wildcat basketball fan.

'65 |

**Raymond C. Bottorf**, Mansfield, Ohio, passed away Jan. 3, 2011. He was a member of First Alliance Church, served his country with the U.S. Army National Guard, and retired as an inspector with General Motors. An avid sports fan, he was honored in 2009 by the athletic department of the Mansfield High School Tigers.

**Pamela Fenton Henderson**, formerly of Phoenix, Ariz., and Wilmette, Ill., died Jan. 12, 2012, at her home in Rockport, Maine. She was a member of St. Barnabas on the Desert Episcopal Church, the Junior League and Phoenix Zoo Auxiliary in Arizona. She was also active in St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and a board member of The House of Good Shepherd in Wilmette, Ill.

**James B. Kesler**, New Carlisle, Ohio, died June 1, 2012. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a teacher with the Northwestern Local Schools for 19 years. Following his retirement, he sold insurance for Americana Life Insurance and worked on his son's farm. He was a member of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for more than 20 years.

**Robert C. Mitchum Jr.** '65S of Newton, N.C., died June 7, 2010. A retired Lutheran pastor, social worker and college professor, he served parishes in Richmond, Ind., Stephens City and Winchester, Va., and North Lima and Youngstown, Ohio, before returning to North

Carolina. He was a counselor for the crisis intervention, and child and adult exploitation and neglect section of the Catawba County Department of Social Services and then as an instructor at Catawba Valley Community College. During his retirement years, he served on the chaplaincy board and as an adjunct chaplain at Catawba Valley Medical Center. He was active at Beth Eden Lutheran Church and St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

'66 |

**Thomas A. Dudley** '69M. Div., McLean, Va., died Dec. 20, 2011. A Lutheran minister, he was most recently pastor of Kairos Ministries, Bonita, Calif. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

**William B. Lockman II**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away May 6, 2010. He served his entire career in law enforcement, was a longtime member of the New Carlisle Sportsman's Club and supported the Animal Welfare League.

**Norma Thompson Rollins**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away at her winter home in Clermont, Fla. She worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base before teaching elementary education and high school mathematics with the Springfield City Schools and the Springfield Local Schools. Following her retirement, she enjoyed traveling and playing tennis and golf. She was a member of the Woman's Town Club and the Springfield Animal Welfare League.

'67 |

**Carolyn Maresh Romein**, Clarkston, Mich., passed away Sept. 16, 2010. She was a longtime educator with the Farmington School District and the Mom and Tot art program in Waterford. She was active in the U.A.W. Local 653 Retiree Chapter.

'68 |

**John G. Heckathorn**, Honolulu, Hawaii, died Dec. 28, 2011. His career included

serving as an assistant professor of English at the University of Hawaii, as an editor and writer of a food column for *Honolulu Magazine*, and a member of the journalism faculty at Hawaii Pacific University. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Constantine N. Mitsos**, Boca Raton, Fla., died July 4, 2012. He was ordained as a Greek Orthodox priest in 1952. He served the parish of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Santa Barbara, Calif., before being assigned to the St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Huntington, W.Va. In 1959, he was assigned to the Holy Trinity Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Cincinnati, Ohio. He also served on the board of the Ministerial Association for many years and was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1984. After serving the Cincinnati parish for 31 years, he retired to Boca Raton, Fla., where he served several churches in South Florida for 20 years.

**Katherine M. Stewart**, Silver Spring, Md., died Oct. 14, 2011. An avid gardener and entertainer, she owned Stewart Design in Washington, D.C., and was associated with H. Chambers Co.

'69 |

**Donald C. Ammiller**, Oregon, Ohio, passed away May 26, 2012. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he began his professional life as an English teacher at Claymont Junior High School, where he also coached varsity football and basketball. In 1973 he made a career change to insurance sales and management, retiring from Brown and Brown Insurance in 2011.

**Robert W. Berta Jr.**, LaCanada, Calif., died Aug. 29, 2010. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he retired as president of Countrywide Investment Services, Pasadena, Calif.

**Steve K. Hartzler**, Delaware County, Ohio, died May 31, 2012. From 1970-74, he served as a meteorologist with the U.S.

Air Force in Rantoul, Ill., and Peru, Ind. He began his career with the Hartzler Mortgage Co., which later became owned by the Broadview Mortgage Co. He retired in 2007 as president of the firm. He enjoyed working on his land, playing euchre, wintering in Arizona, attending country music concerts and watching sporting events.

**Peter Kojis**, formerly of Carmel, N.Y., died Feb. 6, 2003 in Durham, N.C. He was a doctor.

'71 |

**Alexis Martin Madjeska**, Haddonfield, N.J., died May 8, 2012. She was a business systems analyst with Colonial Penn Life Insurance Co., Philadelphia, Pa., for 25 years, retiring in 2010.

**Robert A. Mihocik** of Westlake, Ohio, passed away April 2, 2012, in Naples, Fla. In the 1980s, he served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy flying jets off the aircraft carrier *USS Independence*. A statistical process control manager with Dickey-Grabler Co., he designed an educational program in quality control at the plant, which improved its market position. He was a member of Dover Congregational United Church of Christ and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

**Thomas P. Tippett** died April 11, 2012 at his home in Morrisville, Pa. He was a self-employed finish carpenter for many years and was active at Buckingham Friends Meeting, Lahaska, Pa. An accomplished musician, choral singer and gardener, he served as a sergeant with the U.S. Marine Corps.

'72 |

**Timothy R. Hale**, Westerville, Ohio, passed away June 18, 2012. A CPA, he was the owner and founder of Augur Hale and Co., Worthington, Ohio. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he loved woodworking and aviation.

**Timothy M. Turner**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Feb. 2, 2012. A teacher for 33 years with the Beavercreek Schools, he was named Teacher of the Year in

1993. He retired in 2003. He also worked at Sears and J.C. Penney. An avid sports fan and memorabilia collector, he founded the Southwest Ohio Sports Collectors Association, served on the National Sports Collectors Convention Committee and owned Baseball Cards and Things. He was a member of First Christian Church.

'73 |

**Patricia Vangellow Leidy**, Wayne, Pa., died March 18, 2012. She was assistant director of Penfield Parks and Recreation in New York from 1973-75 before moving to Philadelphia, Pa. She worked for several years at the Episcopal of the Day School of the Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, Pa. Later she worked at the circulation desk at the Radnor Memorial Library. A member and deacon of the Wayne Presbyterian Church, she served on the board of the Wayne Presbyterian Nursery School and for the past 16 years she served the Kingsessing neighborhood of southwest Philadelphia with the City Lights Program. She was also devoted to the mission of the Cornerstone Christian Academy and worked for the establishment of the City Lights Network, a free-standing non-profit that serves the community. She was also a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and the Philadelphia Curling Club.

**Glenn F. Zurawski**, Palm Springs, Calif., died March 19, 2012. A medical doctor, practicing at Mills Memorial Hospital in San Mateo, Calif., he specialized in anesthesiology and general surgery. He was C.E.O of Anesthesia Care Associates and was instrumental in founding one of the first pain control clinics in the San Francisco Bay Peninsula region. He also served as an adjunct professor of anesthesiology at California State University, Berkeley. Prior to his retirement, he practiced for several years at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. A member of St. Paul

Lutheran Church and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he held leadership positions in numerous professional organizations. He was an accomplished pianist and musician who enjoyed skiing, golfing, playing tennis and mountain biking.

'74 |

**Nancy Unkefer Dominick**, formerly of Minerva, Ohio, Honolulu, Hawaii, Newport, R.I., and Springfield, Ohio, passed away Feb. 27, 2012, in McKinleyville, Calif. She worked in the business and advancement offices as a secretary, senior accounting clerk and assistant director for university advancement at Wittenberg for 20 years. She retired in 1999 as director of special programs. Her memberships included the Wittenberg Guild, the Springfield Country Club and the Springfield Polo Club. An avid reader, she enjoyed sewing, crocheting, needlepoint and knitting. She was especially proficient at cooking, baking and entertaining friends in her home.

'75 |

**Wendell E. Hakala**, Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 11, 2012. Following a distinguished career of 30 years, he retired as a colonel with the U.S. Army in 1972. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, three campaign stars and the bronze arrowhead. Ordained a Lutheran minister in 1975, he served for 30 years with the Ohio congregations of Bethel, Christ, St. Paul and Rockway Lutheran Churches in Springfield, Covenant Lutheran Church in St. Paris, First Lutheran Church in Donnelsville and St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Enon. He was also chaplain of St. John's Center. His memberships included NALC Synod and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Additionally, he was an honorary deputy with the Clark County Sheriff's Dept. and was an avid bowler, golfer and fisherman.

**James R. Luke**, Perry Township, Ohio, passed away March 29, 2012. He was a master welder at General Plastex. His memberships included Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, McKinley FOE, the NRA and Canton McKinley Rifle and Pistol Club. He was also a dedicated booster of all Perry High School programs.

**W. Gerald "Jerry" White**, South Vienna, Ohio, passed away May 20, 2012. He taught with the New Carlisle Bethel School District before becoming a teacher and chair of the science department at Tecumseh High School. His memberships included Possum Road Church of God, the National Tunis Assoc., the Ohio Tunis Sheep Assoc. and the Tecumseh Retired Teachers Group.

'76 | **George Dade**, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, died April 19, 2012, in Irving, Texas. After retiring from teaching in the school systems of Springfield, Cleveland and Columbus, he was a licensed chemical dependency counselor with Maryhaven Rehabilitation Center. He continued his work counseling youth and adults suffering from substance abuse and addiction in Texas. In retirement, he enjoyed writing, creating works of fine art, singing and playing the saxophone.

'77 | **Clyde Eberhardt III**, Columbus, Ohio, died March 16, 2012. A former director of capital planning for the State of Ohio, he was teaching at Columbus East High School. He was a member of Mt. Period Missionary Baptist Church.

**Gregory J. McKenzie**, Cleveland, Ohio, died Oct. 14, 2011. He was a technologist in the alkaline research group at Energizer Battery Co., Westlake, Ohio.

'78 | **Lori Jorgensen Dosen**, Chanhassen, Minn., passed away April 30, 2012. A member of

Christ Presbyterian Church and Delta Zeta sorority, she was a homemaker and a champion of rights for special needs children.

**Linda Enes Kasselmann**, formerly of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, passed away April 16, 2012, in Westfield, N.J. She was a counselor at Middletown Mental Health Services. During her years in Fort Worth, she was an alcohol treatment and drug rehabilitation counselor at Shick Shadel Hospital and was a member of the Ridglea Presbyterian Church. In Dallas, she was a member of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church and the Newcomers Club. She returned to Westfield, worked at J. Winthrop & Co. and as a receptionist in a chiropractic practice. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

**Randall F. Peters Jr.**, Erie, Pa., died June 2, 2012. An ordained Lutheran minister, he served Grace Lutheran Church, Manorville, Pa., First Lutheran Church, Leechburg, Pa., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkins, W.Va., and St. John Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio, before retiring in June 2001 from Bethany Lutheran Church, Erie, Pa. He also served on the board of directors for Perseus House. His pastimes included playing a variety of musical instruments, singing, spending time with his trains, reading and identifying birds.

'79 | **Andrew A. Brandt**, Denver, Colo., died Jan. 30, 2012. A member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he was an entrepreneur.

'82 | **Cheryl Wedel Birmingham**, formerly of Montclair, N.J., died March 24, 2012, in Glen Ridge, N.J. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she was a realtor for Schweppe and Co. and spent many years with the Kings Cooking Studios.

**Steven M. Diehl**, Defiance, Ohio, died Sept. 11, 2009.

A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served 22 years with the U.S. Navy, reaching the rank of master chief petty officer with numerous commendations for leadership and technical ability.

**Kevin M. Halloran**, Springfield, Ohio, died May 27, 2012. His 25-year career in the steel business included serving as general manager of Benjamin Steel, as vice president of Industrial Steel Service, as a sales representative with Miami Dickerson Steel and as vice president of Egypt Structural. He most recently was employed in sales/internet marketing. He enjoyed scuba diving, reading and cooking.

'90 | **Brian M. Peters**, Cincinnati, Ohio, died Dec. 26, 2011. He was a member of St. James Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

'91 | **W. John Mako**, Morrisville, N.C., died May 19, 2012. He had many years of experience as a bench scientist in academic and industrial laboratories. During the course of his career, he conducted research in varied fields including microbiology, immunology, toxicology, cardiovascular biology, electrophoresis and protein chemistry. He also had experience in product development and quality assurance. Recently he was a scientist and laboratory manager with LaamScience Inc., Research Triangle Park, N.C. He was a member of First Lutheran Church, Shelby, Ohio, and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

'93 | **Katherine Wilton Peterson**, Topsfield, Mass., died Dec. 26, 2012. She worked as an elementary school teacher for several years. After receiving her culinary degree, she established "Cooking with Katie," an offering of cooking classes through which she taught many children the joy of cooking. She was a self-published, award-

winning author who appeared on television numerous times sharing her love of cooking. Her memberships included Trinity Episcopal Church, Kappa Delta sorority, the American Institute of Wine and Food, the Culinary Guild of New England, the International Association of Culinary Professionals and the New Meadow Garden Club.

'94 | **Edna M. Bacon**, Springfield, Ohio, died April 13, 2011. She retired from the Springfield City Public Schools.

'97 | **Melissa D. Montag**, formerly of Lancaster, Ohio, died May 12, 2012, in Centerville, Ohio. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she was completing her master's degree in directing at Roosevelt University, Chicago, Ill. She taught at Wayne High School, Huber Heights, Ohio. She and her students had been invited to attend the American High School Theatre Festival, a theatre educational tour to England and Scotland, where her students would have performed before an international audience.

'98 | **Douglas M. Smith** of Springfield, Ohio, died March 12, 2012. He was employed as a technician with Time Warner Cable.

'04 | **Robert E. Kingston III**, a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, died March 3, 2012 in Charlotte, N.C.

'10 | **Paige Halley Stout**, formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, died May 31, 2008, in Springfield, Ohio. A world-class swimmer, she coached swimming at U.C.L.A. and the University of Miami, Fla. She also won two world championships with halter class paint horses. She was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.





Doug Varone and Dancers, Feb. 6

calendar of events *calendarevents*

January

- 8 **German Language Epiphany Service** – 7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel (pre-service music 7 p.m.)
- 25-27 **This Is How It Goes** by Neil Labute, directed by Krissy Hartman '13 – New Student Theatre
- 21 **Wittenberg Series Event: The Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation; Peniel Joseph, activist** – 11 a.m., Weaver Chapel, 2 p.m. Q&A, 105 Shoumlin Center

February

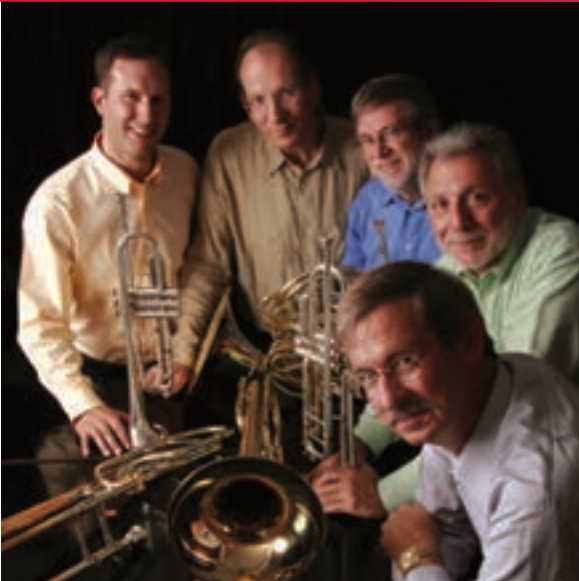
- 2 **Candlemas** – 7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel
- 6 **Wittenberg Series Event: Doug Varone and Dancers** – 7:30 p.m., Kuss Auditorium, Clark State Performing Arts Center (made possible by the New England Foundation for the Arts' National Dance Project with lead funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and additional funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation)
- 8-10 **Five Women Wearing the Same Dress** by Alan Ball, directed by Sarah Fickling '13 – New Student Theatre
- 21-24 **Mainstage Production: Grace: The Art of Climbing** by Lauren Feldman, directed by Patrick Reynolds – Chakeres Memorial Theatre

March

- 15-17 **Why Torture is Wrong, and the People Who Love Them** by Christopher Durang, directed by Chelsea Jenkins '13 – New Student Theatre
- 19 **Wittenberg Series Event: American Brass Quintet** – 7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel; master class, 4 p.m., Weaver Chapel

April

- 4 **Wittenberg Series Event: The IBM Endowed Lecture in the Sciences, Richard Alley, geoscientist** – 7:30 p.m., Bayley Auditorium, Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center
- 11-14 **Mainstage Production: The School for Husbands** by Moliere, directed by Steve Reynolds – Chakeres Memorial Theatre
- 25-27 **Faculty and Seniors Dance Concert** – Chakeres Memorial Theatre



American Brass Quintet, March 19



Geoscientist Richard Alley, April 4

## Why Wittenberg Matters

Alumni Board Member Eric Rusnak '00 Shares Own Story

When I was deciding among colleges as a high school senior, I got a call from the late Lowell Stockstill, who would become my advisor in the business department. He gave me his home telephone number and told me to call him with any questions I had about Wittenberg.

It was then that I knew Wittenberg was the place for me.

Lowell's personal touch is exemplary of the Wittenberg experience. The friends and professors I met, and the opportunities I had at Wittenberg were all key in shaping the values and work ethic that define me today.

As a member of the Wittenberg Alumni Board, I call prospective students to encourage them to accept their offers to Wittenberg. In this competitive education environment, students want to know, "Why Wittenberg?" Here's what I tell them:

- The people at Wittenberg can provide you with opportunities that you won't find at other schools.
- At Wittenberg you learn that relationships are critical and that hard work and personal accountability matters.
- And, if you work hard and build strong relationships, you will have endless opportunities.

Today, many of the people who gave me endless opportunities remain my good friends, including Pam Schindler, professor of business, Olga Medvedkov, professor of geography, and Jerry Pankhurst, professor of sociology.

Scott Turow wrote in his famous book *One L* about the terrifying experience of being called on in class as a first-

year Harvard Law student. Turow obviously never had Pam Schindler as a professor. You better be ready for class with Pam because she's going to call on you. She expects you to take responsibility for your work and defend what you believe in. My law school experience was a lot easier having a few Schindler classes under my belt.

Pam challenges students in a way that they end up surprising themselves. She and her students have built the Wittenberg Center for Applied Management (WittCAM), which allows students to prove to themselves that they can execute in the community what they learn in the classroom. This program isn't remarkable just for this school – it is remarkable for any school, regardless of size or resources.

Maureen Fry and Mimi Dixon established the Writing Center in 1980. These were uncharted waters, and they were pioneers. For three decades, Maureen led hundreds of students (including me) in building a nationally recognized Writing Center that is today the envy of every college.

Olga Medvedkov and her students have built a nationally recognized GIS program in the geography department. The GIS students' mapping and data projects have provided significant benefit and cost savings to the Springfield fire and police departments, and to the Wittenberg Admission Office.

Prospective students often ask me to give it to them straight: Will they really get to know their professors personally at



Wittenberg? The answer is yes, and I share with them my friendship with Jerry Pankhurst.

Jerry and I met when he taught a class in the sociology department on Y2K. We were convinced the world was ending.

Luckily, it did not, and today, Jerry and his wife, Sharon, are like my family.

We spend holidays together, and they visit for my daughter's birthdays. And I'm the only person awake at 3 a.m. when Jerry wants to Skype someone.

During this past spring semester, Jerry taught on a Fulbright at the University of Tartu in Estonia, and I visited him there. We traveled through Estonia, Italy and Switzerland (wearing our Wittenberg gear along the way!). Last year we drove cross country to California, and the year before we went to Sweden and Denmark together.

No one is harder working than Jerry. Since 1984, Jerry drives every day to Wittenberg from Columbus. He doesn't come all that way for fame or for fortune. He does it for us – his students.

Pam, Maureen, Olga, Jerry – you have dedicated your careers to providing students like me with every opportunity to become anything I wanted. All of my experiences and my accomplishments are thanks to you. ■

*Eric Rusnak '00 earned the Outstanding Young Alumni Award at the 2012 Alumni Association Awards of Distinction Program, Oct. 5. Practicing intellectual property litigation, Rusnak is a partner in the Washington, D.C., law office of K&L Gates.*



Tyler and Greta Gudhe  
Dean '01 with daughters  
Shelby and Olivia

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