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*Wittenberg University
Department of Communication
Newsletter*

*Connecting Alumni,
Students and Faculty*

Spring 2011

Photo courtesy of Savannah Guyer ('12)

Greetings from the Communication Department at Wittenberg University! I would first like to introduce myself as the new Alumni Liaison for the department and will continue to be for the next year.

This job has given me the opportunity to stay in touch with all Wittenberg's Comm alumni and hearing updates on all of your lives!

For this spring 2011 edition of *Links*, I am focusing on what the alumni are doing to get through these tough economic times. I know many seniors and Comm majors in general worry about what they're going to do with their degrees, but the alumni have truly shown they are following their dreams and passions with their Communication degrees.

All of the alumni stories have been inspiring and show great dedication. Also, new this year, this edition holds information about what's going on in our department. I hope you enjoy reading about our alumni's achievements and the success of our department!

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Award-Winning Distinction

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by Kristin Komar ('11)

A Communication degree from Wittenberg meant support, advanced learning opportunities, and a love for the study of communication for 2004 Witt graduate **Laura Russell**. Russell, who was born and raised in Springfield, Ohio, and has always loved being physically active. As a sophomore at Wittenberg, she trained alongside Team Diabetes to mentally and physically prepare herself to run in the Disney marathon in 2002, and in the long run, a lifetime of running.



Upon leaving Wittenberg, Russell held positions in both the Writing Center and the Oral Communication Center, where she says she “developed a passion for helping students learn and loved being a part of their intellectual growth.” While working in these centers, she pursued her master’s degree at the University of Dayton in the fall of 2005. During her time there, she was awarded the Distinguished Graduate Student Award from the Ohio Communication Association in fall of 2006. The following year, she started her doctoral work at The Ohio State University. As a doctoral candidate, she was nominated to apply for the university-wide Claude Kantner Fellowship, which she received; it provides funding to support her research endeavors for the year.

After graduating with her Ph.D. this spring, Russell will begin working at the University of Dayton as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication. In this position she will be working closely with students through teaching and mentoring roles. Her plans at UD will also encompass pursuing research in areas concerning recovery and workaholism, focusing on college students’ experience and pressures with their work.

Russell credits her successes to her studies at Wittenberg, primarily through the communication department. “I just want to express how grateful I am for the many people who have encouraged my learning and provided me opportunities that I never imagined myself experiencing,” she explains. “Anything that I have done or achieved has been made possible by others who have reached out to and believed in me.”

Russell leaves advice for Wittenberg students who are about to graduate, stressing the importance of slowing down the pace of life. She encourage graduates to “be honest with themselves in realizing what makes them happy.”

The Life of a Recent Grad

By Erin Steinberg ('11)



After graduating from Wittenberg in 2010, **Joelle Ghanem** moved to Chicago in September with fellow Communication major and previous Alumni Liaison Kelly Clark ('10).

Joelle started working at Leo Burnett advertising agency the week after she moved to Chicago and is loving it. Although she says her field is stressful and cut-throat at times, her office is full of young professionals, where there is always something new going on every day. She is very fortunate and grateful for ending up in the field she wanted to after graduation and getting the job she had been hoping for. She really loves living in Chicago along with many other Witt Alumni, whom she refers to as the "Chicago Wittenberg Family." In fact, Todd Dillon ('03) was a valuable networking resource in helping her find her current job.

She loves meeting up with them and reminiscing about the great times they had while at Witt. I, along with all of the members of the Communication Leaders Program, got to meet up with Joelle in Chicago this past April. She shared the details of her journey, along with lots of advice about the transitions from college to the working world. Joelle's advice for the graduation seniors is to "get connected. You always hear, it's all about the connections. Well, it's the truth. Don't be afraid to reach out to alumni or ask other people to introduce you to someone they know in the industry. Communication has a lot of opportunity. Look everywhere—there are jobs in the field where you least expect it."

Stay in Touch With Us!

We always enjoy hearing what our graduates are up to. Whether you have just walked across the stage and received your diploma, or you have been out in "the real world" for some time now, we want to hear from you!

Please send your most recent information, including your e-mail address, mailing address, current employer/position, and family updates such as a marriage or birth, to Alumni Liaison Katie Wenger (s12.kwenger@wittenberg.edu). This will help ensure you receive this newsletter and other updates and information from your Wittenberg University Department of Communication. Also, please be sure the Office of Alumni Relations always has your current address. on file.

The Integrated Media Corps Internship

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By Lauren Harris '12

The **Integrated Media Corps** (IMC) was founded by the Office of University Communications in conjunction with the Communication Department in the Fall of 2010 to give Wittenberg juniors and seniors the opportunity to develop skills working with multimedia productions and various public relations and communication projects in the form of a paid internship.

This year's IMC consisted of six students who learned how to stream live video broadcasts of both athletic and community events onto the internet, create highlight packages for the Wittenberg Athletics YouTube page, and write and record Wittenberg radio announcements to be played on WUSO.

The students also had the opportunity during their weekly meetings to speak with local professionals involved in all different types of media. These included Jack Pohl and Neil "Hutch" Konerman from WDTN-TV, Dave Jablonski from the *Springfield News-Sun*, Marty Bannister from RadiOhio, and Georgie Woessner from WDPR, to name a few. The interns also met multiple times with Karen Reynolds, the Director of Wittpath Career Services, to discuss future internships.

The IMC broadcast many of the home Wittenberg athletic events, allowing students' family members who could not attend to view the games live online. The goal was to reach out to more parents of Wittenberg students, alumni, and prospective students who are interested in Wittenberg.

The IMC also filmed multiple community events, both on Wittenberg's campus and in the surrounding Springfield area. These events included the Ohio Communication Association Conference, art exhibits at the Springfield Museum of Art at Wittenberg University, and a food eating contest for athletes in Post 95.

Nine new members were selected for this internship during the 2011-2012 academic year.



Dr. Matthew Smith, Brian Alspaugh, Lauren Harris, Alissa Wachman, Nishant Makhija, Ben Groff, and Ryan Maurer (Office of University Communications) presented a summary of their activities this year.

4 *Department of Communication Named 2010 Program of Excellence*

The **National Communication Association**, our discipline's largest professional organization, recognized the Wittenberg University Department of Communication with its prestigious **Program of Excellence** award in 2010. This honor is given by the Undergraduate College and University Division of NCA to one undergraduate Communication program in the United States each year.



Drs. Waggoner, Broz, and Cunningham accepting the Program of Excellence Award at the annual conference of the National Communication Association in San Francisco, November 2010.

2011 Communication Laureate: Meredith Berzins

Established in 2005, the **Laurels in Communication** award is intended to honor one Communication major who has distinguished him- or herself while at Wittenberg. Specifically, this award recognizes an outstanding Communication major who has embodied the highest ideals of academic and ethical excellence. This year's Laureate, **Meredith Berzins**, has proven herself to be precisely the kind of student this award was intended to honor. Congratulations, Meredith!



What They're Saying About Us:

Alumni Reflect on the Comm Program

Our graduates often write to us with kind, heart-felt remarks about the Communication program. Here is a small sampling of what some of our alumni have said about us recently ...



I've used what I've learned through the Department of Communication every day of my life. The thing that sets the department apart from its peers is that it teaches you life skills in addition to course curriculum. I am thankful every day that I received such a robust education and value the work of those who have helped to develop my mind and my character. ('09)

I wanted to congratulate the Comm Department on being the top-rated program. It must feel so great to be honored for the hard work and wonderful success you have all had. I am seriously so delighted that I could be a part of this program. I know I am a walking testimony of why you all should have received that award. Without you, I would not have been pushed to grow deeply in my academics and therefore, my personal life. I consider it a great honor to have been your student. You all definitely deserve that award. ('10)

Congratulations for being honored as the 2010 Program of Excellence Award winner! During my time as an undergrad I was never the brightest or hardest-working student, but the personal attention all of you provided was much appreciated. Your efforts were very formative in my development personally and professionally. I am constantly reminded of your influence in my daily life challenging myself to uphold the high standards you put forth. Thank you all and congrats. The award was a long time coming. I will continue to sing the praises of Wittenberg and the Communication Department. ('05)

The Communication Department took me in as an "average" high school student, and throughout the four years I was there, transformed me into the exceptional individual that I believe I am today. I honestly don't think that I would have had the wonderful, challenging opportunities had I been a part of any other program. The faculty--some of the most intelligent, quirky individuals Wittenberg has--opened me up to and helped me through much of what makes my resumé stand out. The program made me realize that I am much more than average, and gave me the confidence that I needed to apply (and get accepted!) into law school. ('10)

Wittenberg's Communication program provided me with a solid foundation of theory and practical application that set me up to succeed in graduate school. Emphasizing critical thinking and personal growth as a scholar allowed me to pursue my own interests. More importantly, the mentor relationships I developed with the professors gave me inspiration and encouragement I needed to continue my education. I truly value the knowledge and relationships that have come out of Wittenberg's communication program and will use my Wittenberg experience as a model as I begin teaching my own class of undergraduates.

A Note from the Department Chair

Dr. Stefne L. Broz



Hello from the third floor of Hollenbeck Hall! We hope this newsletter finds you well, and that you are enjoying reading about what your fellow Wittenberg Communication students and alumni are up to these days.

Our program continues to grow in exciting ways. First of all, prior to this year's commencement, we had the largest number of declared majors that we've ever had at a single point in time: 115. This trend underscores a

fact that our students and alumni have already figured out—the Communication program is perceived as useful and relevant in today's job market, and the content in this area of study is simply fascinating!

We also had the largest group of Communication Leaders this year. The 12 participants visited and presented at companies and nonprofits in Springfield, Columbus, and Chicago. I hope you enjoy reading about this program on p. 10.

The faculty also continue to develop new and interesting courses related to their areas of interest. Dr. Warber created a new seminar for Fall 2010 that is offered as COMM 320: (R)evolution of Romance, and Dr. Smith is offering COMM 220H: American Television History for the first time this summer.

We hope you'll share your news with us, too. We never stop being proud of and amazed by all that you achieve in your personal and professional lives, and we always love hearing from you. Please keep in touch!

Celebrate our Tenth Anniversary with Us!

Did you know that the Communication program officially came into existence in 2001? That makes 2011 our tenth anniversary, and we would love to celebrate it with you! We will be organizing a get-together during Homecoming 2011. If you plan to come "home" for Homecoming, please contact Dr. Stefne Broz (sbroz@wittenberg.edu). We are hoping to schedule it for a convenient time that will enable alumni and current students to attend.

We hope you can join us in celebrating this milestone! We'll keep you posted on the details of the get-together via e-mail and Facebook closer to that weekend, so stay tuned!

by Brynne Mayne '13

What do Japan, Summa Cum Laude, volleyball, and The World Bank all have in common? **Aubrey (Anderson) Davis**, of course. The 2005 Wittenberg graduate had a future ahead of her that was bigger than she could have imagined.

“As a volleyball player, I was looking for a school that was academically challenging, and had a good volleyball program” Davis said. Her years at Wittenberg were full of other opportunities and activities as well, including Lambda Pi Eta and orchestra, just to name a few. Little did Davis know, her success at Wittenberg would take her much farther than a few points on the volleyball court.

During her senior year, she was accepted into the Japan Exchange Teaching Program. “It’s a program sponsored by the Japanese government with the purpose of bringing native English speakers into Japanese classrooms to assist the Japanese English teachers in teaching more authentic English,” Davis explained.

“Living in another country had sparked a curiosity in me regarding the way that people from other cultures interact with each other, and I knew that the trajectory of my life had changed,” said Davis.

Davis furthered her education by attaining a master’s degree in international relations, which led her to a job at the World Bank in the writing and speaking skills program. This program helps bank staff around the world develop the skills they need to effectively communicate in English.

Although an already incredibly accomplished woman, Davis still has future dreams for herself, hopefully working in a developing country. “More and more I believe that there needs to be communicative links between the organizations and the communities they serve, to find out what types of help those communities want, what types they don’t want, and how they can be empowered to create and execute solutions to their own problems. I would love to be that link.” Davis said.



With a passion and a drive like Davis’, anything is possible. Whether it’s traveling to Japan, or working for a non-profit organization as a communication expert (which she hopes to be doing in the next ten years), Davis’ road to success has just begun.

Following Dreams

by *Katie Wenger ('12)*



Receiving a Communication degree from Wittenberg has worked in favor for **Kelly Eggers**. Kelly learned after working for the Today's show financial editor that broadcasting was not her passion, but instead was in print journalism. After graduating from Wittenberg in 2009 with a Communication major and journalism minor, Kelly felt confident with the success she made in her four years at Witt.

From being a tour guide to a varsity swimmer, to writing for the *Torch* and being a member of the union board, Kelly was prepared for what the real world had to offer her. Kelly is currently a reporter for FINS.com, a *Wall Street Journal* website that offers career news and advice for people working and or looking for work in the finance, sales, marketing, and technology industries.

Kelly credits Wittenberg for where she is now with her writing success. The paper writing style Wittenberg uses is the reason she pays so much attention to detail. She says WittPath is the reason she has her job now. Kelly says, "I'm constantly referencing back to job-search advice I learned years back. It's great to have a point of reference."

Kelly has worked hard to get where she is today and has an upcoming story appearing in *Smart Money* magazine in July. Kelly's advice for graduating seniors looking to get into the media industry is to make sure to not limit your job search to online only. She says it's very important to take every networking opportunity one is presented with. Kelly also says to pursue internships because it can put a foot in the door of a company.

Kelly Eggers is prime example of a Communication major pursuing her passion and dreams after leaving Wittenberg. Through dedication and hard work she is where she wants to be. (You can check out one of her recent articles for FINS.com, published on May 18, 2011, at <http://sales-jobs.fins.com/Articles/SB130573411421416987/Why-Doing-Everything-Means-Doing-Nothing>)

Smart Money



from THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Communication Leaders Program Prepares Students for Professional Life

The **Communication Leaders** experience offers Wittenberg University seniors a unique developmental opportunity focused on their transition from college to professional life. The program presents students with the chance to interact with proven leaders whose backgrounds and/or careers focus on effective communication practices. These leaders are pulled from the ranks of corporate America, non-profit agencies, and government service, and when it comes to sharing the benefits of their experiences are always eager to “pass it on.”

In addition to their usual end-of-year presentation to faculty, staff, donors, and the incoming Communication Leaders for 2011-2012, this spring the group also had the honor of presenting a summary of their yearly activities to the Board of Trustees of the University. They highlighted their case study work for Google and Accenture in Chicago in addition to sharing “take-aways” from other organizations who hosted them and leaders who visited them in class.

The Communication Leaders program is supported by generous ongoing contributions from the parent of a Communication alumna, as well as other alumni who have become convinced of the value of this program. Financial support also comes from the former Communication Leaders participants themselves, a true testament to the many positive ways it has influenced their lives.



Outgoing and incoming Communication Leaders, following the end-of-year presentation to faculty, staff, and donors.

Thank you for Supporting Your Alma Mater!

We would like to thank our many Communication alumni who make financial contributions to Wittenberg University, especially those who have earmarked their gifts for the Department of Communication. It means a lot to us that you remember your undergraduate program fondly and wish to help ensure continued opportunities for the Communication majors who come after you!

2003

Todd Dillon is a Digital Strategist Account Executive at Leo Burnett advertising agency.

Morgan Joffe is currently attending the Fashion Institute of Merchandising in Los Angeles. She is on the President's Honor Roll and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Society.

2004

Amy Kibby married Martin Mitchell on July 31, 2010. They exchanged vows at Wittenberg's very own Weaver Chapel. They are expecting their first child in October 2011. She is the Development Coordinator for Godman Guild Association, a local nonprofit organization in Columbus, Ohio.

Nina (Kuhar) Fox is the Development Manager at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She is married to **Tom Fox**, who is an Outside Sales Representative for John Deere Landscapers.

Natalie Sobonya McAllister is an Account Manager at Global Prairie. She and her husband Matthew bought their first house in 2009. They celebrated their two-year anniversary in Spain and got the chance to see the World Cup in Madrid in 2010.

Scott Olmsted has been working for Rocky Events for the last six years. This special event/sports marketing company specializes in cycling events throughout Colorado.

Saahil Shah is an Electronic Health Records Implementation Specialist at eClinicalWorks. He and his wife live in Arlington Heights, IL.

Michael Wesbecher was accepted into the graduate program in the Division of Community Health Sciences in the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois, Chicago. As he began his coursework in May 2011, he wrote, "I am humbled by how Wittenberg had prepared me (even quite a few years after my graduation) for the challenge and excitement of graduate school."

2005



Stephanie (Beery) Herbert is a Senior Accounting Specialist at Exel Logistics. She and her husband had their first child, Sophie Kay Herbert, in 2009.

Jacob Thomas works for DMedia, LLC, doing business development and marketing. He describes it as “a great environment that challenges me on a daily basis to learn and contribute in a meaningful manner.” What fascinates him from a communication perspective is the evolution of the conversation brands are having with consumers, specifically in out-of-home advertising.

2006

Phil Steffes works as the Branch Manager at Springleaf Financial in Reynoldsburg, OH. He will marry **Sarajane Stofac ('09)** in August 2011.

2007

Rachel Dunn is currently living in Chicago and working for the American Medical Association as a Senior Marketing Specialist.

Katie Karsnak works in the home office of the National Communication Association in Washington, DC, as the Convention and Meetings Specialist. She recently completed her M.A. in Communication with a concentration in Health Communication at Johns Hopkins University.



Katie Karsnak ('07), Dr. Warber, and Kari Wilson ('05) at NCA in Chicago.



Megan La Civita ('03), Dr. Smith, Alecia Dimar ('06) and Todd Dillon ('03) at NCA in Chicago.

2008

Jocelin Baker lives in Dayton with Nick Dean. The couple is expecting their first child, a girl, in August 2011. Jocelin works at Logos@Work; she represented the company at the Dayton Advertising Association Federation and Dayton Creative Syndicate's Mercury Awards in May 2011, where she won the Mercury Award for Best Ad Specialties Representative.



Keeley Buehler is a first-year Ph.D. student and graduate teaching instructor at the University of Denver in the Rhetoric and Communication Ethics track. She and her fiancée James Hunter (a 2009 Wittenberg graduate) will be married on July 2, 2011.

Erin McBride is currently a student at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and is working as a Summer Associate at Ulmer & Berne, LLP.

Nicole Wade started with TEKsystems in September 2008 as an IT Recruiter. She was promoted to Account Manager in December 2009 and moved to Tampa, FL with the company. She has been selling IT staffing and services over the last year and a half to global financial institutions and banks.

2009

Kristian Kovacs is a Job Coach with Greenleaf JTS in Columbus, where she provides on-site coaching to adults with disabilities. She got engaged to Zach Grizzell in September 2010; the couple is planning a September 4, 2011 wedding in Springfield.

Sara McKinniss is a Regional Sales Specialist for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in Columbus, OH. She also is a contributing style writer for the *Dayton City Paper*.

Sarajane Stofac became a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator last year and she is currently the Assistant Administrator at Traditions of Chillicothe, a National Church Residences Retirement Community. In August 2011 she will marry **Phil Steffes ('06)**.



2009, continued

Kat Sundstrom lives in Hilton Head Island, SC, where she works at Hilton Head Health, one of the country's premiere weight facilities, as part of the sales and guest service's team. She is responsible for all return guests and customer satisfaction. She and her fiancé Heinrich will be married on November 19th, 2011.



Lukas Treu works as an Assistant Account Executive at AKHIA Public Relations and Marketing Communications in Hudson, Ohio. He says he's "enjoying learning about the impact of social media and other new tools on the industry and continue to find ways to apply what I learned at Witt to the working world!" He will marry Erin Meredith, also an '09 Witt graduate, on New Year's Eve 2011.

2010

Brittany (Gordon) Moore currently works for Nordstrom as a Sales Associate. She is furthering her Communication degree by learning American Sign Language in an interpreter's program. She resides in Coronado, CA.

Anna List has been accepted with a full ride and graduate assistantship to Edinboro University, where she will pursue a masters in Communication starting this fall. In November she will marry Wittenberg grad Scott Morris.

Gretchen McIntosh is an M.A. Candidate in Arts Policy & Administration at The Ohio State University. She is a Barnett Fellow (a research assistantship providing full tuition and stipend) and plans to finish her degree in June 2012. She says, "Graduate school is fantastic! I am so thankful for the education I received at Witt, I feel fully prepared! I am tinkering with the idea of a doctorate."



Andrea Young is currently volunteering full-time through AmeriCorps in Dayton, OH. This summer, she will begin her job at Homefull, a nonprofit specializing in housing programs and case management before, during and after homelessness.

Department of Communication Faculty Awards and Accomplishments



Dr. Stefne Broz was a finalist for the new Wittenberg Collegium Award for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching in the Spring of 2011. She has served as Editor of the *Ohio Communication Journal* for the past three years, and she is currently conducting research for a book on Japanese culture and communication. 2010-11 was her first year serving as Chair of the Department of Communication.

Dr. Sheryl Cunningham was named the 2009-2010 Outstanding Faculty Member by Wittenberg University Greek Life. She is currently working on a research project with Communication major/Political Science minor Erin McLeish ('12) focusing on media coverage of the 2010 Ohio Governor's race. She also is writing a book proposal with co-editor Kirsti Cole (U. of Minn, Mankato) about the rhetoric of radicalism in women's social movements.

Dr. Matthew Smith was promoted to full Professor and named an honorary member of the Class of 2011. He has developed a summer session course devoted to American Television History and will lead his fifth annual "Field Study at Comic-Con" later this summer. In addition to his 2009 book *Power of Comics*, two more books are due out in the next couple of years.

Department of Communication

Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

Dr. Catherine Waggoner was named the 2010-2011 Outstanding Faculty Member by Wittenberg University Greek Life and a 2011 Safe Zone Honoree by the Wittenberg Gay/Straight Alliance. Waggoner's 2008 coauthored book *Making Camp: Rhetorics of Transgression in U.S. Popular Culture*, earned two awards: the Best Book Award from the National Communication Association's Critical Cultural Studies Division and the Bonnie Ritter Award from the National Communication Association's Women's Caucus/Feminist and Women's Studies Division.

Dr. Katie Warber received the Edith B. and Frank C. Matthies Award for 2011, which carries a stipend to be used "to further the education of selected and worthy teachers and to strengthen the faculty." Dr. Warber will use the stipend to integrate intercultural communication into her Communication courses on interpersonal communication. She also was selected as a fellow for the 2011 Japan Studies Association/Freeman Foundation Institute on Infusing Japan Studies into the Curriculum; she will spend three weeks in Honolulu learning about Japanese culture in the same program Dr. Broz attended in 2006.

The Wittenberg University Department of Communication faculty: True COMM-RADS.



16 *Communication Majors Earn High Awards at the 2011 Honors Convocation*

In addition to being named the **2011 Communication Laureate**, **Meredith Berzins** ('11) also received the **Heimtraut Dietrich Award**, which was established in 1981 to recognize the student who best emulates the spirit of the late associate dean of students' devotion to Wittenberg through faith and service.

Tyler Hall ('12) was named a **Presidential Scholar**, which recognizes him as one of twelve members of this year's junior class who have maintained the highest academic standing in their class through the preceding five semesters at Wittenberg. He also was inducted into **Phi Beta Kappa**, the oldest and most prestigious of the national honor societies.

Jenny Schaafsma ('12) was named to **Mortar Board**, a national senior honorary recognizing scholarship, leadership, and service. Candidates must have a 3.3 GPA and excel in both curricular and cocurricular leadership and service to the Wittenberg community.

Jenna Montali ('12) and **Jenny Schaafsma** ('12) were named to **Chi Alpha Sigma**, a national college athletic honor society. Members must be of junior or senior class standing, have a 3.4 or higher GPA, be of good moral character, and have earned a letter in a varsity intercollegiate sport.

Lauren Harris ('12) was named to **Gamma Sigma Alpha**, a national honor society founded to promote intellectual interaction between Greek students and the academic community. Members must achieve a GPA above 3.5 for the junior and senior year. **Tyler Hall** ('12) was recognized as a member with an exceptional GPA for the past two semesters.

William Krueger ('13) was named to **Pick and Pen**, a junior honorary emphasizing leadership, service, and scholarship.

Several Communication students also were recognized by being elected to student governance positions this year. **Heather DeSantis** ('11) was **Senior Class President**, **Christy Brinkhoff** ('11) served as **Public Relations Senator**, and **Sinjin McNicholl** ('12) was elected **Off-Campus Senator**. **Jenna Montali** ('12) was elected **President of the Class of 2012** (see photos next page).

Congratulations to all of the Communication majors who serve their fellow students and earn prestigious recognition for their successes across all facets of campus life and involvement!

Communication Majors: True Leaders on Campus



Leslie Chasteen ('10) passing the torch to Heather DeSantis ('11) at the 2010 Commencement. Photo courtesy of Erin Pence ('04).

For three years in a row, the Senior Class President has been a Communication major. **Leslie Chasteen ('10)**, **Heather DeSantis ('11)**, and **Jenna Montali ('12)** each have been elected by their peers to the highest office of student governance at Wittenberg University. It's not surprising to us that our majors exhibit such impressive leadership skills that are recognizable to and acknowledged by their fellow students.



Heather DeSantis ('11) passing the torch to Jenna Montali ('12) at the 2011 Commencement. Photo courtesy of Erin Pence ('04).



Congratulations, Class of 2011!



*"Be the change
you wish to see
in the world."
- Mahatma Ghandi
(class motto)*

