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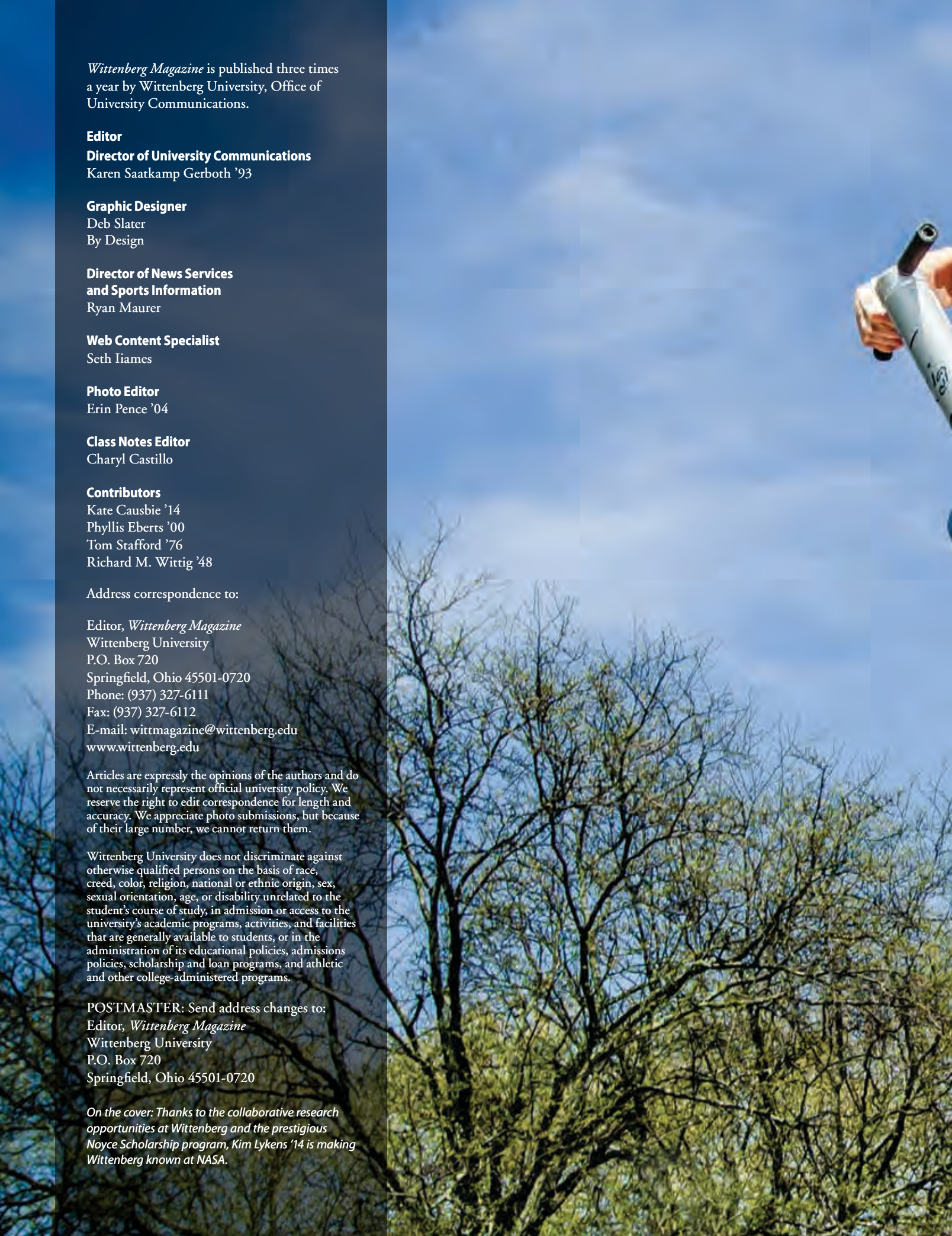
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*On the cover: Thanks to the collaborative research opportunities at Wittenberg and the prestigious Noyce Scholarship program, Kim Lykens '14 is making Wittenberg known at NASA.*





*Summit, N.J.-native Silas Newcomb '14 regularly cruises around campus on his Vurtego, an extreme pogo stick. Newcomb showed off his skills during the 2013 Pogopalooza competition in New York City's Times Square, July 26-28. Photo by Erin Pence '04*





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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Standing Strong



My husband and I have three girls. Our twins are six years old, and our oldest is nine. A few weeks ago, we enrolled them in a Vacation Bible School program at a nearby Lutheran church, and one of the songs they learned struck a chord with me as I prepared to write this letter. The song's title was "Stand Strong," and while I do not regularly consult VBS songs in my writing, I couldn't help but think about Wittenberg and the year that was as I listened to the lyrics.

In 2012-13, the university experienced its share of challenges, and yet, by standing strong, standing together and embracing our mission, Wittenberg managed to take significant steps on several fronts to position itself for even greater success.

Longtime *Springfield News-Sun* reporter Tom Stafford '76 followed much of the university's progress thanks to President Laurie M. Joyner's commitment to open and honest communication, and I am pleased to have Tom's voice in this issue. His story begins on page 18.

In addition, this issue shines a light on the high-impact practice of student-faculty research through the eyes of NASA intern Kim Lykens '14 and on teaching excellence through the work of award-winning professors Wendy Gradwohl and Dan Fleisch. To listen to them speak is inspiring, but to see them live out Wittenberg's mission is life-changing. Check out their stories beginning on page 21.

And speaking of changing, our alumni magazine will also experience a change this fall, complete with a fresh new look, more dynamic content, and more student, faculty and alumni success stories. An online issue will also be debuting, and I look forward to hearing your feedback on the final result.

Yes, there are changes underway, but the core of Wittenberg remains. As President Joyner stated in her recent blog post for Inside Higher Education: "Keeping our eyes focused on students as the center of the educational enterprise is worthy of our best team effort."

Thanks for reading, and I hope you can feel the positive energy as we head into the new semester.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen L. Gerboth". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light grey background.

Karen L. Gerboth '93

Editor



## Princeton Review Recognizes Faculty Accessibility and Green Initiatives

Wittenberg has been named to two elite lists by the Princeton Review. Earlier this month, the university earned the No. 4 spot for “Most Accessible Professors” in the 2014 *Best 378 Colleges Guide’s* Top 20 list. Colleges ranked below Wittenberg on this list include Grinnell, Swarthmore, Centre, Hamilton, Reed, and Beloit.

In its profile on Wittenberg, The Princeton Review writes that “almost every Wittenberg student speaks glowingly of their professors, for both their teaching abilities and their caring nature.” Wittenberg students surveyed for the book are quoted directly, including one who says that the professors “do a great job of creating a dialogue in the classroom with students and between students that extends beyond the classroom.”

A different student commented that Wittenberg professors “treat us more like peers instead of people younger than they are,”

while another said faculty members “are always willing to meet up and discuss anything that is on our minds.”

The Princeton Review also named Wittenberg one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada in the recently released edition of The Princeton Review’s *Guide to 322 Green Colleges*.

The entry highlights pledges made by the university administration to reduce electricity consumption by 20 percent by the year 2020 as part of a wider sustainability initiative. To do this, Wittenberg is pursuing LEED certification for all new construction and renovations, which started with the re-opening of Blair Hall in August 2010. ■



## Fulbright Tradition Continues at Wittenberg

Craig Osterbrock '13 and Amy Stamon '13 are the latest in a long line of Wittenberg students, alumni and professors to merit opportunities to study, teach or conduct research through the prestigious Fulbright Program. Osterbrock, an English major and Spanish minor, will teach in Brazil, while Stamon, a double major in English and Spanish, will teach in Spain.



Osterbrock



Stamon

Osterbrock is one of 120 American students selected to serve as English Teaching Assistants (ETA), working closely with Brazilian English language graduate students at one of the 59 federal universities in the South American nation. Stamon will pass her light on to others in the historic Spanish capital city

of Madrid, where she will begin her teaching assignment at an area high school.

Through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Osterbrock and Stamon “will meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences,” according to its website. “The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom and field home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others’ viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think. Through engagement in the community, the individual will interact with their hosts on a one-to-one basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity and intellectual freedom, thereby promoting mutual understanding.”

On the faculty side, Lauren Shapiro Crane, associate professor of psychology, has also earned a Fulbright to continue her groundbreaking research in India during the 2013-14 school year.

In the last 13 years, Wittenberg faculty members have received 17 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards, a tradition of excellence that *The Chronicle of Higher Education* has recognized, naming the university one of the nation’s top producers of Fulbright Scholars among bachelor degree-granting institutions. ■

## Baines Joins Board of Directors



The Wittenberg University Board of Directors welcomed David E. Baines '69 as its newest member on July 1, 2013. Baines was elected to a three-year term on the board during its annual spring meeting.

Prior to his retirement, Baines served as a senior vice president with U.S. Aviation Underwriters Inc. in New York, N.Y. A scholar-athlete, economics major and member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Baines, whose brother Barry also graduated from Wittenberg, served in the U.S. Navy from 1969-1974 as a Naval Flight Officer on the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Baines' longstanding connection to

Wittenberg is evident in his continuing engagement with his alma mater. The third-floor lounge of Thomas Library is named in memory of his parents, Elliot and Martha Baines, and he continues to support the Baines Family Scholarship. Established in 2011, the scholarship benefits junior and senior students majoring in one of the sciences. ■

## NSF Continues to Invest In Professor's Research

An experimental physicist with research interests in the area of complex (dusty) plasma physics, Jeremiah Williams, assistant professor of physics, is not only expanding opportunities for collaborative research with students, he is also showing the power of the liberal arts within the scientific community. To date, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded Williams more than \$330,000 to his research efforts, an amount that increased by \$66,330 in June, thanks to yet another NSF award.

Aimee Maruyama, director of corporate, foundation and government relations, who also helps secure funding for academic research and select projects, notes that Williams' significant funding is a bit of an anomaly in the liberal arts.

"Most liberal arts science faculty do not receive the type of research-related funding that Williams has secured over time," she said. "The fact that the NSF continues to invest reflects its confidence in Williams' work."

Williams's current research involves analyzing the transport and the thermal properties of a weakly coupled dusty plasma. ■



**Last Lecture**  
*Retiring Professors Honored*

For more than 30 years, Kent and Mimi Dixon, professors of English, inspired creativity and critical thinking in their students. The longest-serving professors in the English department, the Dixons retired in May, along with David Mason, professor of biology, and Rochelle Millen, professor of religion. Together, they leave behind a legacy that will forever be part of the Wittenberg story.

An accomplished writer, who taught courses in creative writing and literature, Kent Dixon has published in all genres, earning numerous awards and recognitions for his work. In addition to several translations available online, his short stories have appeared in journals such as *Tri-Quarterly*, *The Iowa Review*, *Shenandoah*, *The Georgia Review*, *Carolina Quarterly*, *Gettysburg Review* and *The Antioch Review*. The *Graphic Canon*, a three-volume, 1,500-page collection, includes Kent and his son Kevin Dixon, who collaborated on a translation of the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, which serves as the first segment of the publication.

Mimi Dixon, who founded the university's Writer's Workshop (now Writing Center), has been called a "key architect of the department"



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## Church Relations Director Retires

For more than a decade, Bob White, director of church relations, has played a critical role in shaping the lives of students and in ensuring that the best and brightest find their way to Wittenberg. He has worked passionately to preserve and advance the university's mission and Lutheran heritage, and he has traveled annually to support the world-renowned Wittenberg Choir.

Additionally, White founded the Peer Helpers program at Wittenberg, an organization of about 20 students who help their peers work through problems involving such things as relationships, school, stress, racial issues or parents' divorce.

The university honored White with a special tribute in April, which included announcing the establishment of a Peer Helpers Fund. White retired July 1. ■



## Junior Earns Prestigious International Scholarships

As the semester concluded, Connor Ryan '15 knew exactly where he would spend his three-month break, thanks to a fully funded Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) from the United States Department of State for intensive study in China.

The CLS finances a select number of U.S. students who wish to explore

extensive studies in 13 essential foreign languages. An East Asian Studies major and economics minor, Ryan is spending eight weeks at Xiamen (Amoy) University in a program designed to hold students to a language pledge that encourages the extensive use of Chinese.

When Ryan finishes his studies over the summer, he will continue his academic pursuits in China during the 2013-14 school year as a recipient of the National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Scholarship for International Study. Ryan will attend the Central Nationalities University of China in Beijing thanks to a scholarship program that provides "unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to add an important international and language component to their educations," according to the organization's website. ■



by colleagues. Her teaching has focused on women in literature, Shakespeare, world literature and advanced writing, among other areas. In 2005, she earned the William Allen prize for her essay "Waiting: Theme and Variations."

With a specialization in cancer research, Mason regularly collaborated with students on various cancer research projects using electron microscopy, immuno-detection and DNA evaluation. The 1986 recipient of the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching, Mason earned the Ohio Professor of the Year award and served as the George L. Greenawalt Chair in Biology.

Millen taught courses on Jewish Tradition, History of Anti-semitism, Judaism in the Modern World, and Women and Religion. Repeatedly recognized for her scholarship, including with grants from the Lilly Foundation and National Endowment for the Humanities, Millen has also served in leadership roles at conferences and on a number of journals, including as co-editor of *New Perspectives on the Holocaust*.

Hear the Dixons, Mason and Millen in their own words at [www.wittenberg.edu/lastlecture](http://www.wittenberg.edu/lastlecture). ■

## Alumnus Receives Wittenberg Medal of Honor

With a distinguished record of success in the field of law during a career spanning more than six decades, the Hon. William A. McClain '34 received a standing ovation at the 2013 Honors Convocation, where he earned the Wittenberg Medal of Honor.

Given to those individuals who have consistently inspired students, alumni and the entire Wittenberg family with their loyalty of service, uncompromising support of the university's mission and values, and commitment to preserving the Wittenberg experience for generations, the Wittenberg Medal of Honor proved yet another first for McClain.

The first African American to become a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association and the Cincinnati Lawyers Club, to serve as the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court judge and to serve as solicitor for the City of Cincinnati, McClain has also taught law to young minds at two universities.

Recipient of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor and several other awards, McClain, now 100 years old, continues to inspire colleagues, students, peers, friends and acquaintances to use their own lives to make a difference. ■





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## InTune App Surpasses 14,000 Downloads

Called “an awesome app” by one reviewer with similar accolades from dozens of other users, InTune surpassed 14,000 downloads earlier this year.

A top-10 music app in 15 countries and a top-25 music app in more than 40 countries, InTune is a collaborative effort led by Professor of Music Daniel Kazez, with Peiqian Li '13 from Changchun, China, as lead software engineer and Assistant Professor of Art Crispin Prebys as graphic designer.

The app, which helps musicians play in tune by improving their ability to hear, is an outgrowth of 25 years of research and testing in the field of intonation by Kazez, who is also an accomplished cellist. ■

## Gift Creates New Summer Music Academy

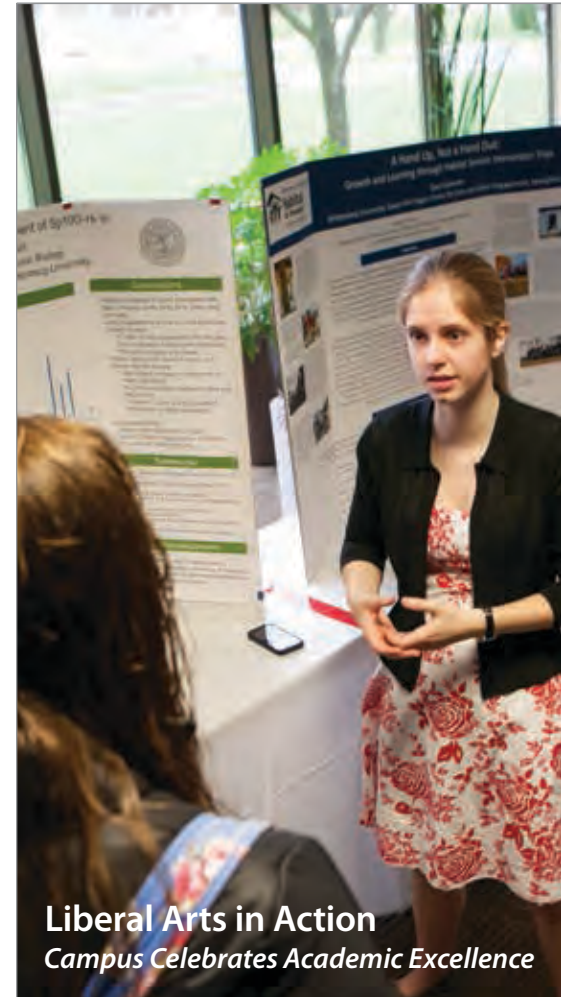
Thanks to the generosity of Ruth Kunkel Bayley '42, Wittenberg's Center for Music Development now offers a new opportunity for talented musicians. The Bayley Summer Music Academy allows middle school-aged students to participate in a weeklong program of string and voice instruction. Bayley's gift is also ensuring that young musicians in the Springfield area can take lessons, regardless of their financial circumstances.

“I'd like to think that this academy was in honor of my deceased husband, Bob, as he too was a student at the Wittenberg School of Music,” Bayley said.

Throughout their life together, Bob and Ruth Bayley invested significantly in their alma mater, including leadership-level support for the renovation of the former Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house into the Bayley Alumni House, an endowed scholarship that has benefited dozens of Wittenberg students, and the renovation of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center lobby, which is now known as Legends Lobby. ■



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## Liberal Arts in Action Campus Celebrates Academic Excellence

For four days in April, the university community came together to actualize Wittenberg's mission during the first-ever Liberal Arts in Action: A Celebration of Learning. The event included more than 130 student-led panel sessions, posters, presentations, and performances.

“Providing a day for our students to discuss their interdisciplinary settings, share Wittenberg's unique experiential learning opportunities and highlight their artistic pursuits aligns beautifully with the university's mission and commitment to creating lifelong learners,” said Catherine Waggoner, professor of communication and co-chair of the planning committee. “I am deeply grateful to everyone for their generosity of time in making this

## Board of Directors Supports Summer Student Research

Following a challenge by Jim Welch, associate professor of biology and department chair, during a board presentation, individual board members, led by President Laurie M. Joyner and

Board Chair David L. Boyle '69, funded several more student research projects this summer, with the goal of increasing the number of funded summer projects by nine over the next five years.

In 2008, 27 summer research projects were submitted for approval and funding, but only 17 could be funded through the university. A year later, 31 were submitted but only 16 could be funded. Because student research enhances student success, several board members stepped up to fund a summer project at

an estimated cost of \$3,750 per project. Board members have since pledged to make similar contributions during the next five years to continue the momentum established.

This summer's student research projects have focused on testing new glazes, the Volcker Disinflation Plan and the work of Wittenberg Series-sponsored award-winning photojournalist Ron Haviv in the Balkans, among other projects in several disciplines. ■



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## New Initiatives Unites Arts and "Craft"

Committed to creating innovative solutions to ensure student success, the Office of the Provost recently announced a new initiative that highlights the power of partnerships. Known as Craft: A Design Collaborative, the student-run graphic design firm was "founded with the creative vision that business and education can come together and make something great," according to the collaborative's Facebook page.

Led by Assistant Professor of Art Crispin Prebys, Craft "delivers its clients smart, imaginative solutions to their design, marketing and communication challenges."

Clients to date have included Wittenberg's Writing Center, Covenant Children's Academy in downtown Springfield and the provost office-sponsored Optional June Orientation program on campus. ■

campus-wide celebration a reality."

Kicking off the celebration was the annual Leadership Awards ceremony, which recognized the co-curricular achievement in the areas of campus programming, student organizations, Fraternity & Sorority Life, intercultural awareness and other areas that contribute to the vibrant university community.

Students then presented their research, discussed their internships and study-abroad experiences, highlighted their academic accomplishments and showed off their creative side through a series of theatrical and musical performances, as well as a number of demonstrations. In total, more than 200 students participated in the inaugural event. ■



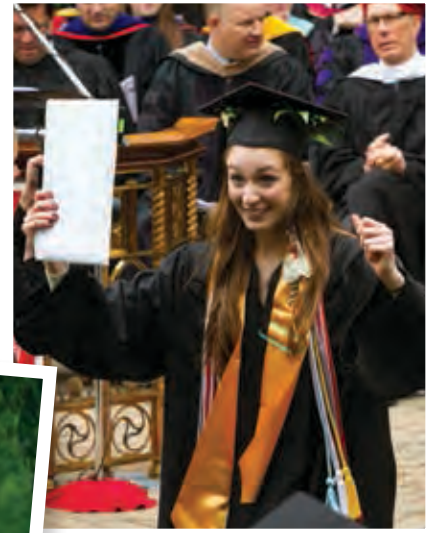
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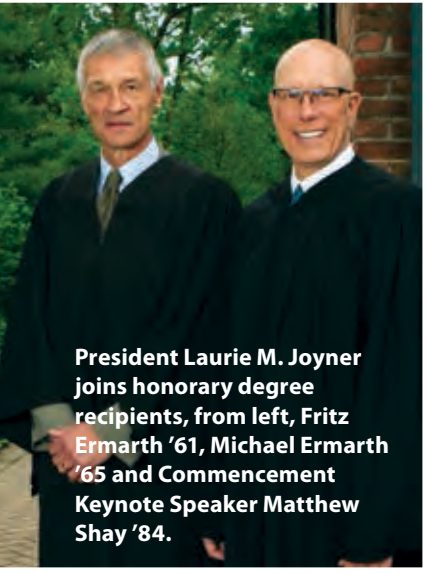
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# GRADUATION





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President Laurie M. Joyner joins honorary degree recipients, from left, Fritz Ermarth '61, Michael Ermarth '65 and Commencement Keynote Speaker Matthew Shay '84.



## Campus Notes

## FACULTY



**Cline**  
Associate Professor  
of Chemistry

**Faber**  
Professor Emerita  
of Music



**Fortner**  
Assistant Professor  
of Geology and  
Environmental Science



**Green**  
Executive Director  
of Financial Aid



**McInnis**  
Assistant Professor  
of Art

**Mizikar**  
Associate Professor  
and Reference  
Librarian



**Julie H. Aylsworth**, assistant professor of sport management, presented a paper titled “The Location of Minor League Baseball Franchises: A Major League Marketing Strategy” at the fall 2012 meeting of Atlantic Marketing Association in Williamsburg, Va.

**Edward M. Charney**, associate professor of art, presented a solo exhibition of his landscape work titled “Fluffy, Not Stuff,” at the Halley Gallery, Springfield Center for the Arts at Wittenberg University, April 3-June 2.

**Howard Choy**, associate professor of foreign languages and literature, has published “Linguistic Identity in Fruit Chan’s 1997 Trilogy” in *World Cinema and the Visual Arts*. He also presented an invited keynote address titled “Mo Yan and Gao Xingjian in World Literature: Foreignness As Chinese, Chineseness As Foreign,” at the 2012 Nobel Prize in Literature Celebration Roundtable, Chinese Institute and Department of Modern Languages & Cultural Studies, University of Alberta, Canada, in March.

**Kristin Cline**, associate professor of chemistry, accompanied two students, Jonathan Price, ’13 and Tom Mori ’13, to Pittcon in Philadelphia to present their collaborative research results, March 20. The presentation was titled “Electrografting, Spontaneous Grafting and Solvent-Free Modification of Carbon Electrodes Using Aryldiazonium Tosylates.”

**Trudy Faber**, university organist and professor emerita of music, presented two lecture/recitals on “Bach and the Dance”

during the annual convention of the Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University, April 8-10. In addition to her discussion of Bach’s use of dance rhythms in organ pieces, she also presented the symbolism both in “Bach’s Fugue in Eb Major (the Trinity Fugue)” and his chorale preludes on “These are the Holy Ten Commandments.”

**Sarah Fortner**, assistant professor of geology and environmental science, and collaborators at Virginia Tech and Santa Rosa Community College were awarded an NSF InTeGrate grant to develop a module on the subject of Sustainable Agriculture as a Context for Developing Earth Systems Thinking. The team will work to create and assess a module that excites students to learn geoscience by placing it in the context of important societal issues. Fortner’s proposal was lauded by reviewers as being “among the best at demonstrating the potential for effective use of geoscience data or models, incorporating strategies for promoting understanding of the methods of geoscience, developing geoscience literacy and supporting interdisciplinary problem solving.”

**J. Randy Green**, executive director of financial aid, has been named president of the state financial aid association.

**Ken Irwin**, reference librarian and associate professor, recently presented on his open-source software project, Weeding Helper, during a poster session at the Innovative Users Group annual meeting in San Francisco, April 24-26. The tool helps libraries manage information and decisions for managing library collections. Irwin also helped secure two grants

from the National Endowment for the Humanities, one as primary author and one in collaboration with alumna Sarah Courlas Pollock ’07. The first awards a collection of library materials on Islam, and the second takes five of the books in the collection as a focus for particular attention and related programming.

**Brandon Jones**, associate professor of music, presented a session titled “The Compositional DNA of Verne Reynolds’ Scenes Trilogy” at the National Conference of the College Band Directors National Association at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

**Douglas K. Lehman**, associate professor and director of Thomas Library, was elected to a three-year term for the position of ACRL Councilor, where he will serve on the American Library Association (ALA) Council representing the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). He will also serve on the ACRL Board of Directors and Executive Committee during his term.

In conjunction with the new, and now biennial international photography festival in Cincinnati, “Fotofocus,” **Daniel McInnis**, assistant professor of art, and students Lauren Houser ’13, Ashley Berg ’13, Carey Keny ’13, Martin Lukk ’14, Kate Causbie ’14, Henry Kempker ’15 and Eileen Collins ’14 attended the Midwest Society for Photographic Education’s Conference at the Netherlands Plaza Hotel. McInnis also conducted his own four-person panel during the conference titled “Teaching Digital Photographic Media: Challenges and Solutions.” Additionally, this fall, McInnis will have a solo show at

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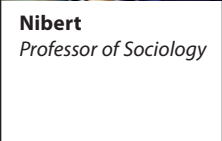
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of English



**Schindler**  
Professor Emerita  
of Business



**Yontz**  
Assistant Professor  
of Education



**Nibert**  
Professor of Sociology



**Ritter**  
Professor of  
Geology



**Smith**  
Professor of  
Communication



Otterbein University and participate in a three-person show at the Dayton Visual Arts Center in 2014. McInnis' work was published this past spring in *The Photo Review* and in the yearly juried PhotoPlace Open 2012. His work was also selected for the Carnegie Regional Photography Exhibition in Covington, Ky.

**Alisa Mizikar**, associate professor and reference librarian, was recently elected to the position of Public Relations/Outreach Coordinator for the Academic Library Association of Ohio.

**David Nibert**, professor of sociology, had his new book, *Animal Oppression and Human Violence: Domesecration, Capitalism and Global Conflict*, released in May by Columbia University Press.

**Terry Otten**, professor emeritus of English, had a double entry in the Fall 2012 issue of *The Arthur Miller Journal*. One was an abbreviated commentary on the importance of *The Crucible* on the occasion of its 75th birthday. The other was a full-length essay titled "The Legacy of Arthur Miller," which Otten based on an English department colloquium he presented a few years ago during a visit to campus.

**Don Reed**, professor of philosophy, has published "A simile of moral motivation," in the *Handbook on Moral Motivation: Theories, Models, Applications*.

**John Ritter**, professor of geology, collaborated with several recent graduates on an article titled "Assessing stream restoration potential of recreational enhancements on an urban stream, Springfield, Ohio." It was published in a special edition of the *Geological Society of America Reviews in*

*Engineering Geology*, and Ritter's co-authors included Kelly Shaw '11, Aaron Evelsizer '10, Katie Minter '12, Chad Rigsby '11 and Kristen Shearer '12.

**Pam Schindler**, professor emerita of business, has published the 12th edition of *Business Research Methods*.

**Brian Shelburne**, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, along with several other Wittenberg math faculty and students, attended the spring meeting of the Ohio Section of the Mathematical Association of America, April 5-6, at Denison University. At the meeting, Shelburne presented a contributed talk titled "Pi to 10,000 Digits." Additionally, Shelburne serves as the treasurer for the Ohio Section.

**Suzanne Smailes**, associate professor/head of technical services, was recently elected to a position on the Board of Directors of the Academic Library Association of Ohio.

**Matthew J. Smith**, professor of communication, recently learned that his book, *Critical Approaches to Comics: Theories and Methods*, earned the 2013 Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association's Peter C. Rollins Book Award in the category of Sequential Art/Comics and Animation Studies.

Associate Professors of Physics **Paul Voytas** and **Elizabeth George** attended the April 2013 meeting of the American Physical Society in Denver, Colo., where they also presented. Voytas discussed "Determination of the ground state branching ratio in  $^{140}\text{La}$  to  $^{140}\text{Ce}$  beta decay," while George discussed "The shape of the  $^{66}\text{Ga}$  ground state beta decay spectrum."

**Brian Yontz**, assistant professor of education, published an article titled "A Three-Year Journey: Lessons Learned from Integrating Teacher Preparation and Urban Studies," in the Fall 2012 *Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education Journal*. Yontz also published "Continuing the Conversation: Stewardship of our Nation's Schools" in the spring 2013 *National Network for Education Renewal Journal*, and he was recently elected to a three-year term on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education's (NCATE) Board of Examiners.

**Bin Yu**, professor of political science, has published two articles, "Pivots to Eurasia and Africa, Xi's Style" in *Comparative Connections*, and "Westernism and China's Foreign Policy: Predicaments and Prospects," in *Foreign Affairs Observer*. He also presented at two conferences. The first was in the United Kingdom, where he discussed "NATO Cooperation with the Asia-Pacific Region: What Potential Role for Engagement with China and the People's Liberation Army?" The second was titled "Misjudging the Rise of Asia—Assessing what international relations got wrong and how Princeton responded," where Yu discussed "IR Theories in the 1980s and the Case of the Beijing-Moscow-Washington Triangle." He also gave an invited talk titled "US-China Relations," to the Guangdong Research Institute for International Strategies, Guangzhou, China, in March. Yu has been appointed a visiting scholar at the Army War College for the 2013-14 academic year. ■



## Coming Home Again

### *Kiser Mansion Connects to Wittenberg Alumnus*

**D**reams become reality one step at a time. For one Wittenberg alumnus, the opportunity to realize a childhood passion set him on a course that resulted in his owning another alumnus' summer home.

Both natives of St. Paris, Ohio, both alumni of Wittenberg, both with careers in Chicago and both with an interest in architecture, John W. Kiser, class of 1884, and Glenn P. Sullivan, class of 1985, found their worlds intersecting at the Kiser Mansion.

Built 100 years ago by Kiser and his wife, the mansion, nicknamed "Garden Glow" for its luxurious landscaped gardens, is described in the National Register of Historical Places (NR) as "classical revival style, characterized by a symmetrical façade, 14 classical columns, elaborate door surrounds, cornices

and balustrades with a monumental front gabled pediment projection." The property also includes a gazebo, atrium, fountain, carriage house, barn, water tower and pump house.

"I walked by the place every day on my way to school," said Sullivan, who works as a radiation safety officer at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. "I would dream that it was mine."

Years passed before a family member called Sullivan when a story about the mansion's sale appeared in the local paper. Sullivan quickly made arrangements to see the property and within moments of visiting became completely captivated. He made an offer that included permitting the current owner, Emma Lou Rust, to live there as long as she was able.

"It seemed like the right thing to do,"

Sullivan said, "and I enjoyed her company and her friendship. She proved to be an excellent resource on town history as well as the Kiser family."

Sullivan knew he lacked the time to research the property for listing on the NR, so he hired graduate student Ashley King Nittle, who used the project for her thesis. The Kiser Mansion was named to the NR in 2012 for its architectural significance and the historical importance of the Kiser family to the St. Paris community.

Kiser died three years after the mansion was completed and left an estate worth approximately \$8 million. He built his fortune with the Chandler Robbins Sewing Machine Company, the Monarch Bicycle Company, the Phoenix Horseshoe Company and the Cincinnati Horseshoe and Iron Company. Much of the Kiser family's wealth was given to the town of Saint Paris, including the library and the land that became Kiser Lake State Park.

The Kiser Mansion Facebook page appeared in May and advises, "I'm getting a facelift with a new roof, paint and gutters. It is going to be my 100th birthday this year!" ■

—Phyllis Eberts '00



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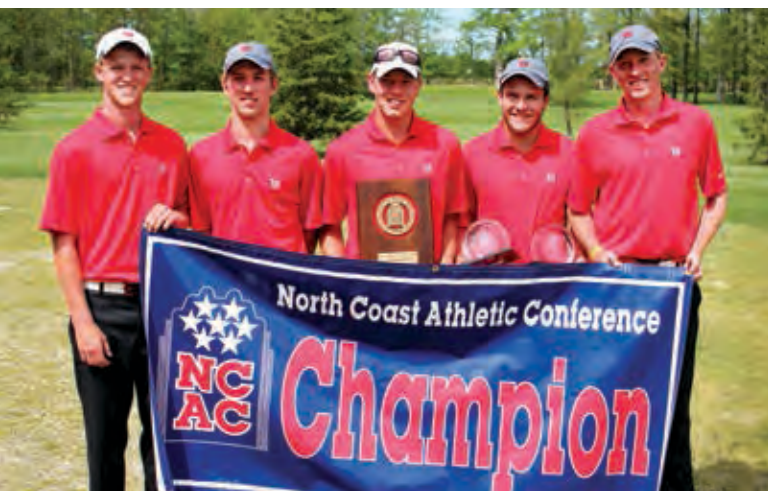
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GARDEN GLOW, ST. PARIS, OHIO





## Men's Golf Finishes 13<sup>th</sup> In NCAA Division III Tournament



When your goal is to win a national championship, anything less can seem somewhat unsatisfying. After his Tiger men's golf team placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA Division III Tournament, Head Coach Jeff Roope was quick to dispel the notion that the 2012-13 season

was anything short of another smashing success.

"Once we step back and realize all we've accomplished, we will be proud of this season," Roope said immediately after his team completed its final round at the Sandestin Beach and Golf Resort in Destin,

Fla., May 14-17.

The Tigers finished 45 strokes behind national champion Texas-Tyler. Any disappointment stems from the team's collective struggles on the final day, as Wittenberg dropped five spots in the standings.

The NCAA Division III Tournament appearance was Wittenberg's fourth straight and the 19<sup>th</sup> in program history (in addition to a berth in the 1974 College Division Tournament). The Tigers, ranked No. 12 nationally in the final national poll, advanced after winning the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) championship for the fourth straight year.

Wittenberg finished first in six of its 12 tournaments in the 2012-13 season. The final two

tourney titles earned the Tigers their fourth consecutive victory in the NCAC Championship Series, led by Alex Andrews '15, who captured both the Dick Gordin Award as the NCAC Player of the Year and the Bob Nye Award as the NCAC Championship Series medalist.

Roope capped his sixth season leading the Red & White with his fourth straight NCAC Coach of the Year award. In addition, Roope picked up his first Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year honor, in recognition of his work with the Tiger women's team, which ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the final national poll. The Tigers were the highest ranked team left out of the 2013 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Tournament. ■

—Ryan Maurer

## Wittenberg Welcomes New Women's Soccer Head Coach

Matt Fannon has been selected as Wittenberg's new women's soccer head coach, replacing Kwame Lloyd, who resigned in February to take the same position at Salisbury University.

A native of York, England, Fannon comes to Wittenberg after one year as an assistant coach at the University of Wyoming. He previously spent two seasons as an assistant men's coach at Regis University in Denver, Colo.

Fannon played collegiately at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, W.Va. He earned first-team all-conference and all-region honors in both of his seasons with the Senators, while helping the team to a 17-5 finish in 2008. Fannon earned his bachelor of science in physical education from Davis & Elkins in 2008, and he has begun work on his master's degree in sports psychology.

The Tiger women's soccer program has posted winning records in seven of the last eight years, including a 2012 campaign that featured the Tigers' second North Coast Athletic Conference regular season title. Overall, Wittenberg finished 11-5-3 in 2012 after a 4-0 loss to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. ■—Ryan Maurer



## Tiger Volleyball Preps For Season With Trip To Spain

For the fourth time in the last 10 years, Wittenberg Volleyball Head Coach Paco Labrador led his nationally ranked squad on an offseason training trip to his ancestral home of Spain.

Eleven current Tiger players, Labrador, assistant coach Amy Cox '10, certified athletic trainer Molly Hopkins and student assistant coach Evan Amstutz '13 made the most of a 2013 excursion that spanned 13 days in May and June. The Tigers played five matches against semi-pro teams, a club team and the Spanish junior national team, while also taking part in a wide variety of educational opportunities and cultural experiences.

The travel group was exposed to different kinds of food, customs and traditions, in addition to sightseeing trips to such sites as El Prado Museum in Madrid, the Roman Cathedral in Toledo and the famous Alcazar of Segovia. Labrador's father, who resides in Spain, led the group on some of the tours.

"The team made the most of every waking moment in Spain," said Labrador, who has a 323-46 record in 10 years at the helm of the program, including a phenomenal 122-2 mark in North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) regular season play. "They really absorbed the culture and approached each new experience with an open mind.

"The competition was tough, and I feel like each player emerged from this experience knowing more about our collective strengths and where we need to focus our attention leading up to next fall."

The team hosted Junior Olympic tournaments and clinics during the spring semester to raise money for the trip, which has become a tradition during Labrador's run as Wittenberg's head coach. He says the opportunity to study and compete abroad builds team unity, provides valuable playing experience against top-level competition, and provides an invaluable opportunity for student-



athletes to experience a different culture.

"Last fall, we had a lot of freshmen who saw extensive playing time," said Labrador, who has five starters returning in 2013 after the Tigers finished 27-5 a year ago. "They have matured during the spring, and this is a great way to cap the non-traditional season and create momentum for the upcoming 2013 season. This is the ultimate road trip, and hopefully it will bring our team closer together while giving them an opportunity to continue to improve." ■

—Ryan Maurer

## 1983 Men's Basketball Team Strengthens Bonds During 30-Year Reunion



It took the passing of a beloved former teammate to make Brian Timm '83 realize what he was missing – and how he could make up for lost time.

Following the sudden passing of Mark Barren '83 in 2011, Timm began to reflect on the friendships that were such a significant part of his Wittenberg experience. A student manager for the men's basketball and football teams during his collegiate

years, Timm decided to organize a reunion of the men's basketball team that finished second in the nation in 1983.

The result was a well-attended campus event in January 2013 that turned out to be more than a stroll down memory lane.

"After Mark's funeral, there were a lot of emails going back and forth between a bunch of 50-year-old guys sharing how much we love each other," said Timm, who is now director of corporate partnerships with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission. "It was the first time that I could ever recall those types of feelings being spoken and written. I have had the privilege to serve as a student manager for both football and basketball, and I treasure those experiences even more now than I did 30 years ago."

One of the highlights of the event was a video recorded by former Tiger head coach Larry Hunter, who was unable to attend due to his coaching commitments at Western Carolina University. He spoke about his memories of the 1983 team and its unlikely run to the NCAA Division III Tournament national championship game.

The reunion continued during the current men's basketball team's game against Oberlin. During halftime, the 1983 squad was saluted by the Tiger fans.

However, it isn't about wins and losses – in 1983 or in 2013.

"The highlight of the reunion for me was seeing all of the smiling faces – the kind of genuine, over-powering smile that you just can't control," Timm said. "The joy of seeing teammates that I hadn't seen in nearly 30 years was overwhelming. Every time I stuck out my hand for a handshake, I was greeted with a bear hug instead. It was really special." ■

—Ryan Maurer



## Hall Of Honor 2013 Named

Jeanette Baier Gould '91, Jeff Brown '92, Scott Copeland '86, Eby Day '85 and Eleanor Roller '50 (left to right, above) will be inducted into the Athletics Hall of Honor during 2013 Homecoming Weekend ceremonies, Oct. 11-13.

Baier Gould set the standard for field hockey goalkeepers at Wittenberg, setting school records for saves in a career and season. She earned all-region honors three times in her career, in addition to a first-team selection in lacrosse in 1991. After Wittenberg joined the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) in 1989, Baier Gould earned All-NCAC honors twice in field hockey and once in lacrosse.

Brown is one of the finest hitters in Tiger baseball history, a first baseman who led all three NCAA divisions with a .500 batting average in 1992. He earned first-team All-NCAC, NCAC Player of the Year, first-team all-region and first-team All-America honors that season. Brown still owns the best career batting average in program history, and he ranks second in career home runs and seventh in RBIs.

Copeland is among the most successful golfers in Wittenberg history, one of a select few student-athletes in university history to compete in the NCAA Division III Tournament four straight years. Copeland earned two All-America awards, and he led the Tigers to Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) team titles in 1985 and 1986. Copeland earned three All-OAC awards, including medalist honors in 1986.

Day led the Tiger women's tennis team to a four-year record of 36-4, two state championships and two OAC titles. Individually, Day piled up 44 singles wins, which stood as the school record for 20 years, a .936 winning percentage, second-best in program history, and qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournaments twice.

Roller, who passed away in 2003, played four years of field hockey and basketball at Wittenberg. She served as president of the Women's Athletic Association, and she was a charter member of Phi Delta Pi, the physical education honorary. Roller went on to teach physical education for more than 35 years. ■

## Alumni Step Forward To Support Tennis

Whenever possible, former Tiger men's tennis student-athletes Mike Senich '72 and Wendell Lutz '66 like to take to the courts between meetings with the Wittenberg University Board of Directors. However, they had grown concerned by the deteriorating condition of the Albright Tennis Complex.

Rather than sit idly by, Senich, a 1992 Wittenberg Athletics Hall of Honor inductee, and Lutz resolved to do something about it. With help from the university's Office of Advancement, they embarked on a fundraising campaign, sending out personal notes and following up with phone calls in hopes of raising money to re-surface the 12 courts and buy new nets and windscreens for the complex.

The campaign did not raise nearly enough money to cover the costs associated with the improvements, but Senich and Lutz were not deterred. They made large enough donations to fund the restoration of the complex, which was completed in time for the start of the 2012-13 school year.

Go to [www.wittenbergtigers.com](http://www.wittenbergtigers.com) to read the complete story, including comments from Lutz and Senich and additional information about how other alumni can get involved. ■



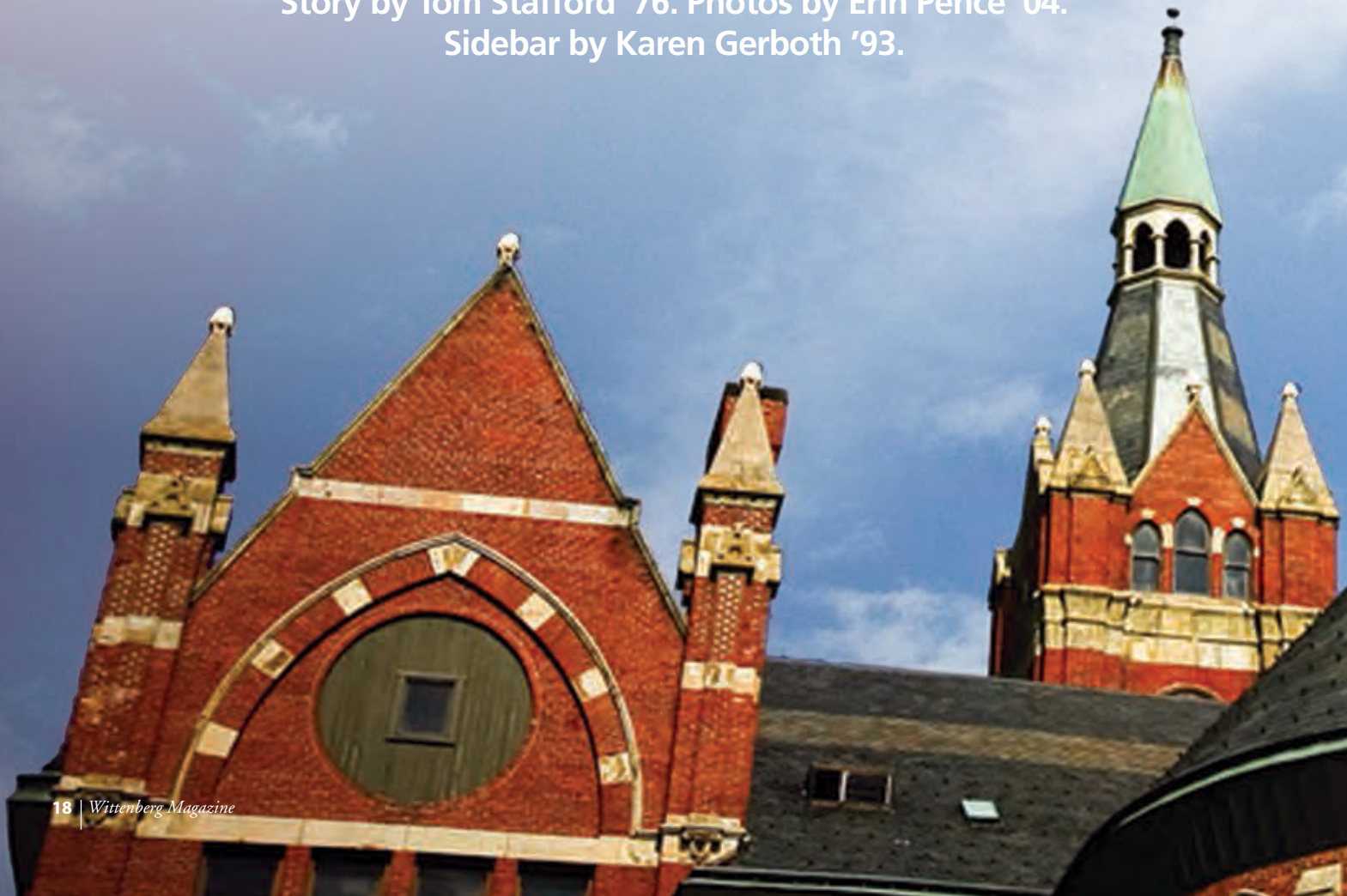
### Wittenberg Student-Athletes Extend Partnership With Special Olympics

A modest reward for winning an online contest in the fall became the financial foundation for a fun event in the spring as Wittenberg University's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) hosted its first-ever Special Olympics Field Day. Members of Wittenberg's women's basketball, women's soccer, and men's swimming and diving teams led the Field Day festivities, which were made possible by \$500 from the NCAA earned through the NCAA Division III Special Olympics Spotlight Poll, an online storytelling initiative (<http://www.ncaa.org/D3SpecialOlympics>) in September 2012. A story that ran on Wittenberg's website won first place, earning the cash award to be used for future Special Olympics activities. The Field Day event capped the second year of a fruitful partnership between Wittenberg SAAC and Clark County Special Olympics.

# REACHING N

Committed to open, honest and transparent communication, President Laurie M. Joyner invited Tom Stafford of the *Springfield News-Sun* to follow Wittenberg during the 2012-13 academic year as the university looks to create a sustainable financial model and deliver on the promise of providing a first-rate liberal arts education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The following, which ran on May 6, 2013, appeared as part of a series of Stafford's stories.

Story by Tom Stafford '76. Photos by Erin Pence '04.  
Sidebar by Karen Gerboth '93.



# NEW HEIGHTS

**W**ittenberg University's Board of Directors this weekend approved a plan to cut \$4.5 million from the budget in the next four years.

The spending cuts were worked out over a difficult 10 months in which Wittenberg President Laurie M. Joyner arrived on campus and sounded the alarm about a \$7 million budget problem, which some sensed was looming but caught others flat-footed.

And at a time when the trend is to judge college outcomes by graduates' incomes, Joyner sat in her office last week, entertaining another notion.

"I've never known anybody who thinks (he or she) is living a meaningful life who isn't successful," Joyner said.

Her view that the current emphasis is "too much on the career piece and not as much on the meaningful life" may furrow brows outside the university. But it may

also motivate a Wittenberg community trying to stay true to its liberal arts tradition as it moves toward a curriculum that offers more career-oriented programs needed to balance its budget.

The cuts leave \$2.5 million more in red ink for the university to find over the next four years from one of two sources: cuts to its current staff and programing or new income from programs it already has started to develop, among them a bachelor of nursing completion program.

Peter Hanson, head of the Educational Policy Committee, which struggled through the cutting process in the past year, said the next year still is likely to be difficult but not as grim.

"I think it's going to be one of change, when we're going to start to begin to see the effects of the cuts," he said. "But one thing that will be different is that Laurie (Joyner) has constituted an innovation committee" filled with people "charged to think outside the box."

"I have confidence in the people who will be doing this work," he said. "I think there's an expectation, and I think there's a faith, that they're going to accomplish some very significant things."

He said the speed at which the university moved to create a program to help registered nurses get their bachelor of science in nursing shows what can be done.

The program's director was hired April 1, "and from that day, we proposed a new curriculum and degree, and it was approved by the faculty April 30," Hanson said.

"It's a 29-day turnaround," said Hanson. "I've never seen such a thing."

The program will start in the fall.

Joyner hopes the innovation committee can help the university's parts connect in a way that can make a stronger whole.

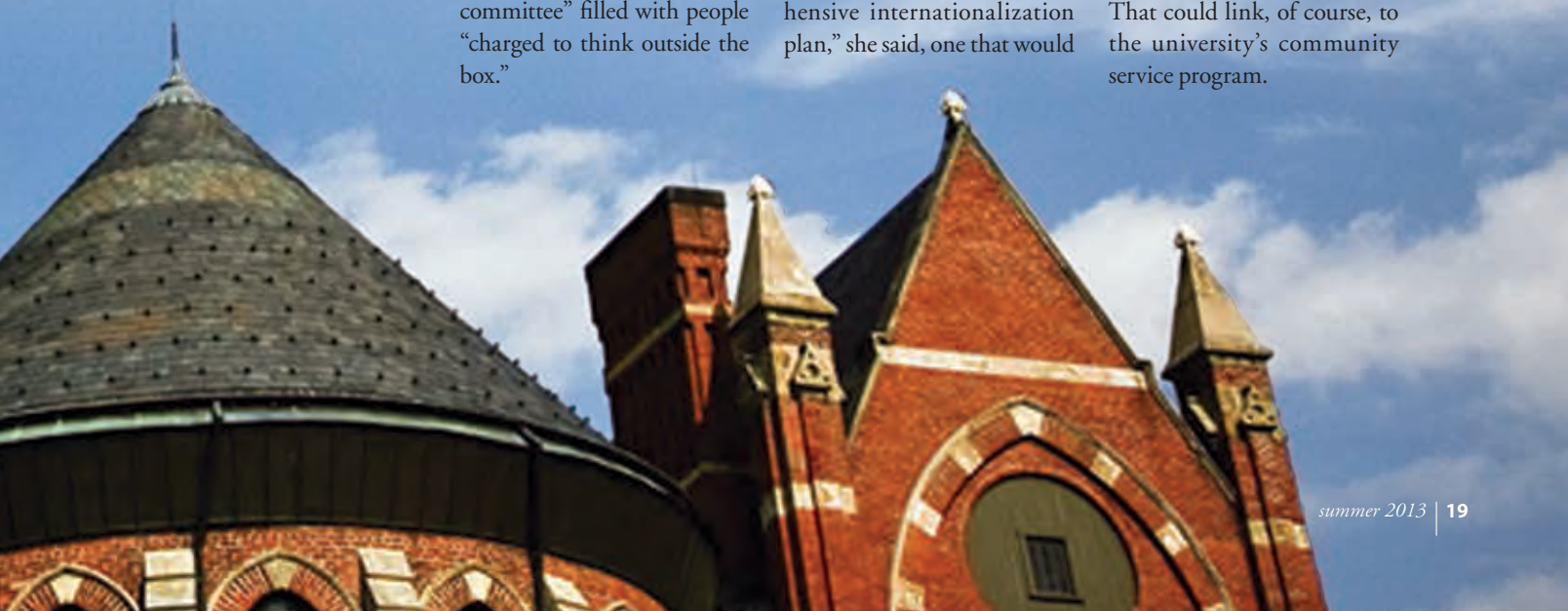
"We have our admissions people working on a comprehensive internationalization plan," she said, one that would

not only boost enrollment by attracting more international students but address the serious educational question of "how we're going to educate for global citizenship."

At the same time, the university is trying to find out how to build on its strengths. One of those area has been East Asian Studies, a program some think the university should have exploited and grown into the kind of so-called "signature program" — one that would help to advance its reputation.

Joyner said such a program could be built by adding high-profile field studies or semesters abroad and co-curricular programs, related activities on campus related to the programs.

Joyner also said the university might build a program of "social entrepreneurship" by merging lessons taught in the business school with Wittenberg's goal for students to find a vocation or calling and reach out in service to others. That could link, of course, to the university's community service program.



# REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Her brainstorming includes the possibility of parlaying the strength of Wittenberg's science programs to build the first part of a physician's assistant program in which students would spend their first three years at Wittenberg and perhaps two at another school for their practicums.

Joyner also talked about the need to change Wittenberg's administrative structure so it can help students coordinate their classroom and out-of-class activities in ways that makes their educations more meaningful.

"We talk about educating the whole person," she said, but need to develop an integrated approach to deliver on that, "a four-year developmental approach to each student."

Although she said the most motivated and directed Wittenberg students take advantage of international study, internships, community service and other offerings, some others do not.

"If we don't organize our institutions in ways that work for them, we don't maximize true potential," she said. Doing that "is what families are demanding," she said.

Again, the proposal serves two purposes: Getting students more involved in the whole college experience is not only more true to the idea of the liberal arts education, it also is a way to address one of the university's chronic problems: students who leave Wittenberg before graduation, taking their tuition money with them.

"Ultimately, I think what a liberal arts education is about is helping students figure out who they are and what they value and what their responsibilities are to others," Joyner said.

She and Wittenberg and hoping to persuade enough people that this remains the foundation of the successful career that goes with a meaningful life and is worth the \$47,766 tuition and costs projected for the 2013-14 school year. ■

## 2012-13 Achievements

- Will welcome 580 students this fall, an increase of 50 students compared to last year, thanks to an "all-hands-on-deck approach."
- Worked collaboratively across campus to reduce expenses, and by May, presented and the Board approved \$4.5 million in budget reductions over the next four years.
- Established Innovation Task Force to brainstorm ways to generate additional revenue by leveraging the university's current resources and assets.
- Established Integrated Budget and Planning Committee to explicitly link planning, budgeting, and assessment by identifying institutional priorities that are likely to inform the work of the Board as well as become key components of the comprehensive campaign.
- Approved new programs, including a BA completion program in criminology/criminal justice, the first-ever Maymester program (an intensive three-week summer term), and a major in sport management. A new BSN degree-completion program is also awaiting approval by the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.
- Began process of creating a new, fully integrated student success model.

– Karen Gerboth '93





# Distinguished Teacher

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

Associate Professor of Business Wendy Gradwohl takes each day in stride as she brings out the best in her students and colleagues.

**W**henever a friend or family member needed to bounce off an idea or work through an issue, Wendy Gradwohl proved to be the point person for such conversations. Perhaps it was her reassuring words, welcoming smile, desire to help or her genuine approachability that drew people to her. Either way, her innate ability to offer counsel at the right time and place prompted her early on to consider psychology as a possible career.

A self-described “straight A over-achiever,” Gradwohl soon headed to northwest Ohio to attend college at Bowling Green State University, where she quickly immersed herself in her studies and sought out the best mentors to guide her chosen path. Once ensconced in the undergraduate program, however, Gradwohl found herself gravitating toward psychology applied to organizations or workplace behavior. Her self-discipline with staying fit also began to show itself in her growing interest with sport psychology.

“I began to align myself with specific professors at Bowling Green,” she says. “William Balzer and Dale Klopfer both had a huge impact on my future career as they believed in me and encouraged me throughout my studies.”

Diploma now in hand, Gradwohl returned to eastern Ohio to earn her master’s degree and Ph.D. at the University of Akron with every intention of entering the industry post-graduation. But, as the saying goes, “When you plan, God laughs,” and so it was for Gradwohl, who was assigned to teach a Pysch 100 class as a teaching assistant her second year of graduate school.

“Being in front of that class and knowing that you can influence these students’ learning proved very powerful to me,” she

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says. “I’m not an extrovert, but in that class, I found myself come alive.”

Through the sharing of knowledge, Gradwohl also began to see the meaningful relationships that develop between professors and their students. Additionally, she started to understand the path being paved for her and went on to teach some more classes before completing her program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. By graduation, Auburn University came calling, and she found herself smack dab in Alabama, where another set of Tigers ruled.

“I worked with master- and doctoral-level students there, and I made lifelong friendships,” she says. “I still keep in touch with some of my former students there.”

**Y**et, the large class sizes and the pressure to publish took time away from her first love – teaching students.

“I prayed a lot about it, and the Lord directed me to think about another avenue,” she says, and that avenue led to Wittenberg.

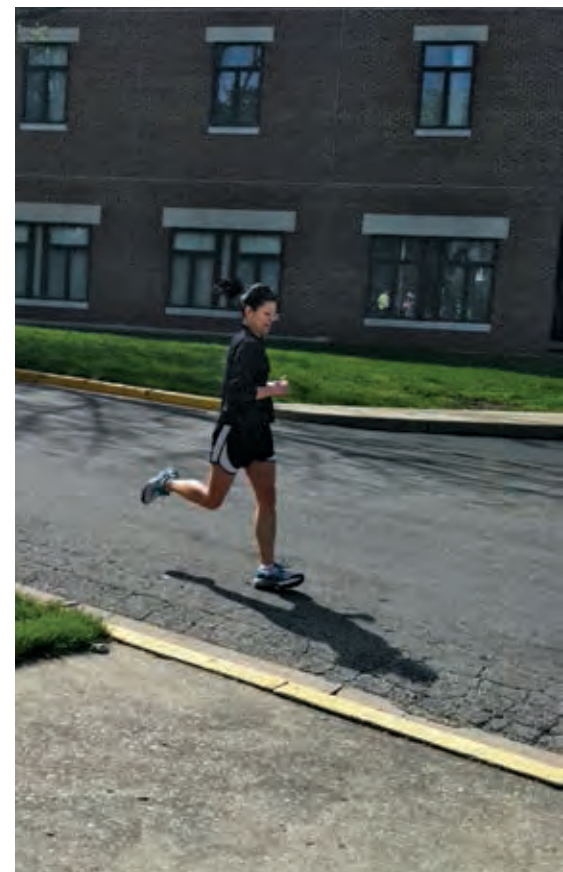
“Deciding to join the Department of Business at Wittenberg was the best professional decision I have ever made,” she said. “The department is a special place, one of collegiality and cross-collaboration, where we work together for the common good of our students and each other.”

During her tenure as chair, Gradwohl changed the name of the department from management back to business, worked with different constituencies to get the new business curriculum approved (a process that colleague John Fenimore had started prior to her becoming chair), and recruited new faculty. Given that much of her time was spent on the business curriculum, she is grateful to Fenimore and fellow colleague Wayne Maurer for taking the lead in launching the new major in accounting.

“The model Wendy offers for our students is powerful,” said colleague Tom Kaplan, Ness Chair in Entrepreneurship and chair of the business department. “Without her leadership, I cannot see how we would have managed the forward movement we have seen in the recent past. Her unmatched humility would allow someone who is not paying sufficient attention to undervalue her many contributions to Wittenberg.”

Described as a true servant leader who is unafraid to talk openly about her faith, Gradwohl has often wondered whether she is making a difference. Clearly she is, if her latest recognition – the 2013 Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching – is any indication.

Referencing the sentiments shared by her nominators, Alumni Board member Eric Rusnak ’00, who presented the award during the university’s Honors Convocation, April 12, noted that Gradwohl is “the glue that keeps the business department together. She is a teacher, mentor and friend. She encourages students to develop their strengths and to capitalize on them. She’s tough on her students, but her students appreciate her all the more for it.”





In the words of one student nominator, “Little did I know that she would become my lifelong mentor. She has guided me through tough times and was always willing to lend an ear when needed.... She has a way of capturing her students’ attention and inspiring us. She is truly a model citizen and someone I only hope to live up to.”

Listening to Rusnak’s presentation, Gradwohl couldn’t help but be overwhelmed as she believes that her ability to teach is a gift from God, and, therefore, it must be used in service to others. Challenges come. Opportunities arise. Decisions are made, and each time Gradwohl’s faith remains constant, helping her to grow and inspire others in unspoken ways.

“When something this special happens, it humbles you and reminds you that no man (or woman) is an island,” she says. “You don’t get to where you are in life all on your own. For me, I owe everything to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose grace and mercy abound daily; loving parents who support me every step of the way; friends and mentors who care about my well-being; and students who challenge me and enrich my life.”

It’s that perspective that guides her teaching style as well.

“In my leading and managing class, for example, we spend a lot of time talking about person-job and person-organization fit,” she says. “In my opinion, there are few things that bring greater joy than using your gifts and talents to serve others and enjoying the people who are working alongside you.”

A longtime runner, who has finished four marathons and seven half-marathons in five states, Gradwohl also knows that anything worth doing takes time, discipline and commitment.

“Listening to music when you run only gets you so far,” she says. “You must rely on drive and inner strength, and you need to grab on to something. For me, that’s God.”

It’s why Gradwohl takes each day in life in stride, hoping to do the best for her students and for Wittenberg.

“I often tell students that sometimes things don’t work out as you think they should, and you may not see the whole picture, but God is in the details. You can trust that.” ■



# Wendy’s World

## Hometown

Norton, Ohio

## Degrees

B.S. Bowling Green State University, 1991

M.A. The University of Akron, 1993

Ph.D. The University of Akron, 1997

## Courses Taught

Applied Business

Business Research Methods

Human Resource Management

Leading and Managing Effective Organizations

## Other Awards/Memberships

Member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)

Member of the Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology (SIOP)

Member of Springfield Human Resources Management Association (SHRMA)

2011 Witt Woman of the Year Award

Serves as Wittenberg’s Female Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAC/NCAA.

## Personal Interests

Avid runner who has completed four marathons and wants to run a half marathon in all 50 states.

Enjoys traveling and has had the opportunity to visit Africa, China, Italy, Japan, South Korea and Spain.

Recently participated in faith-based mission trip to Swaziland

## Research Interests

Emotion regulation within team settings

Transformational leadership within sports teams

Management education



# Out

By Karen Gerboth '93

# of this World

Learn how Wittenberg's tradition of excellence in student-faculty research and two elite scholarship programs are launching the career of one NASA intern and shining the light on the power of the liberal arts.

**If Kimberly Lykens '14 can't inspire an inner-city high school student to love science and pursue the liberal arts, chances are slim that anyone else can.**

Teaching is in her blood. Her mom taught high school for 35 years, and Lykens embraced her mom's passion for education.

"Teaching offers you the opportunity to be creative in how you teach a subject," says the Columbus, Ohio, native. "I just love science and teaching, as well as working with students and young people."

Little did Lykens know that those two interests – science and education – would converge to make Wittenberg history. A biology major and education minor, Lykens learned her sophomore year about the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program. In 2011, Wittenberg became one of only two private liberal arts institutions to receive a \$1 million grant from the highly competitive program funded by the National Science Foundation. The scholarship pays full tuition for upper-class students pursuing science and education with the stipulation that they teach for four years in a Title I school post graduation – two years for every one year of scholarship funding.

Once accepted into the Noyce Scholarship Program, Lykens quickly learned that



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she was also eligible, thanks to Wittenberg, for a prestigious summer internship at Pacific Northwest Laboratory in Richland, Wash., which she pursued in 2012.

"While there, I learned about this program called STAR, which stands for STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Math] Teacher and Researcher," she says.

A nine-week summer research internship for "aspiring science and mathematics teachers" at the middle or high-school level, the program is also highly competitive, typically drawing its interns from prestigious universities. Students interested in the program

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Lykens also receives continual professional development in the program.

have the opportunity to work in a "National Laboratory, NASA research Center, NOAA Laboratory or a private industry research setting, alongside a research mentor and [at a pay of] \$500/week," according to the program's website. "Participants work full-time on a group or independent research project, and participate in weekly education workshops focused on exploring the nature of science and transferring [their] experience to the classroom."

Lykens decided to apply and checked NASA as a possible location for her internship. Four months later, she learned that she had been accepted to the program, but not just any location. Lykens landed an internship with a major NASA Research Center in Pasadena, Calif.

"I called Professor Fleisch, who encouraged my love of astronomy, and told him," she recalls. "He couldn't believe it. He told me I had to do it."

"When she told me, my



jaw dropped,” remembers Dan Fleisch, professor of physics. “Not only was she going to NASA, she was going to be working in the Jet Propulsion Lab. It was absolutely incredible.”

**Now at NASA, Lykens often still finds herself in awe, working side-by-side with top researchers in the field and with fellow interns from Harvard and Cornell, among other top-tier research institutions.**

“We’re selected by individual mentors, and my mentor is in the Biotechnology and Planetary Protection Group (BPPG),” Lykens explains.

The BPPG at JPL is the NASA center for planetary protection research, and implementation of planetary protection on spaceflight projects such as Mars Exploration Rovers, Phoenix, Mars Science Laboratory and future life detection and sample return missions. The goal of planetary protection is to prevent contamination of extraterrestrial bodies with terrestrial biota, and protecting the Earth from potential threats posed by returned extraterrestrial samples.

The project she supports, along with many engineers, scientists and interns: ensure

**Lykens’ mentor is Fei Chen, an expert in biochemistry and pharmaceutical science from the California Institute of Technology. “She has been a wonderful mentor,” says Lykens, adding that Chen has been working at JPL for more than 10 years.**

“Being out here, no one knows Wittenberg really well or the liberal arts.

## I’m changing that.”

the integrity of the sample collected in a returnable cache for the Mars 2020 mission. More specifically, when the rover lands on Mars and drills down into the rock, the container used to hold the sample cannot in any way interfere with the scientifically valued composition of the sample.

“The cache might be returned to Earth after many years sitting on Mars, so we need to ensure that any potential molecular evidence of life, such as amino acids, could be preserved throughout that period of time,” she says.

“It’s been amazing,” adds Lykens, who also receives continual professional development in the program.

“I’ve visited Mission Control, seen a ton of cool labs, and heard from speakers who worked on the Viking and Curiosity Missions,” she says.

And the opportunities provided through STAR don’t end there. Lykens can intern for up to three summers with the program and has the chance to receive funding to present her research at a top aerospace conference in Montana. Her ability to network with highly respected

**While at NASA, Lykens has heard from speakers who worked on the Curiosity Mission, and she had the chance to view the model rover from that mission.**

NASA employees also opens doors for future employment.

**As she evaluates the experience so far, however, she has noticed that many of her fellow interns clearly haven’t had the real collaborative student-faculty research opportunities she has had at Wittenberg.**

“All of my classes in biology, chemistry and astronomy really prepared me to be right there with the Ivy League interns,” Lykens says. “At the same time, I have found that the research with my

mentor at NASA is far more meaningful because we collaborate together, just like I have done with my professors at Wittenberg. If I hadn’t had the collaborative research opportunities I’ve had at Wittenberg and was just memorizing straight facts that someone tells me, I wouldn’t be able to create and conduct experiments in the way I am at NASA.”

To show what she means even more, Lykens recalls the conversations with other interns and how they are amazed by the professor-led study sessions and student-professor research projects at Wittenberg.

“Most students only see their professors during lecture periods,” Lykens says. “That doesn’t happen with Wittenberg professors.”

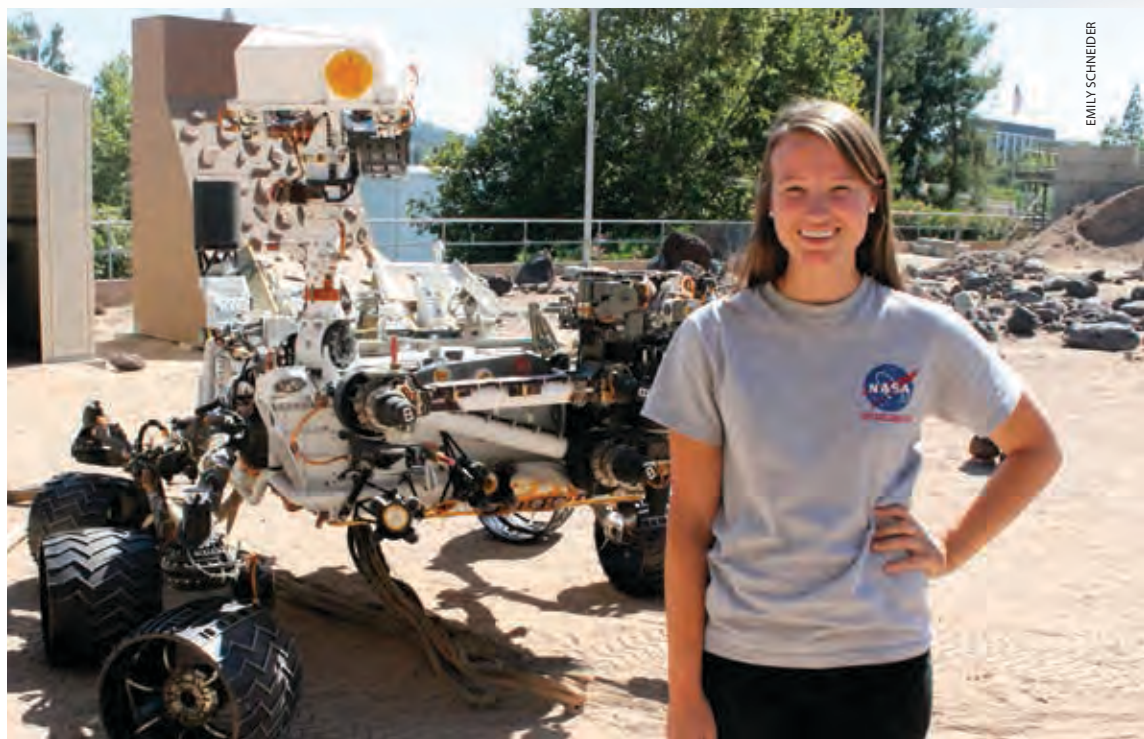
Indeed it doesn’t. In fact, the near space project that

Lykens participated in this past spring with Fleisch’s astronomy class (see sidebar) helped her understand how NASA actually works. The project continues to impress her colleagues out west, as well.

“Dr. Fleisch kept connecting our near space project to NASA as he broke us into teams and assigned each team a specific part of the project,” Lykens says. “Because of my participation in that project right before I went to Pasadena, my experience at NASA has been so much more rewarding as it gave my work more purpose and meaning.”

Her NASA experience also continues to make her love the liberal arts even more, which she is inspiring others to consider.

“Being out here, no one knows Wittenberg really well or the liberal arts. I’m changing that.” ■



EMILY SCHNEIDER

## *Near Space Launch Reflects Excellence in C*

By Karen Gerboth '93. Photos by Erin Pence '04 and Kate Causbie '14.



**The balloon quickly descended after it popped at an astonishing 99,225 feet.**

**Dan Fleisch, professor of physics, knows a thing or two about exciting the life of the mind. The 2010 Ohio Professor of the Year has been doing just that for decades in the industry and in his classes. This spring, the award-winning educator took his intellectual curiosity and ability to motivate another step further.**

Believing fully in the high-impact practice of student-faculty collaborative research, Fleisch and his spring astronomy class students spent a semester preparing to conduct a near space launch. Spanning all majors, the students collaborated continuously as they prepared to send a six-foot-wide balloon complete with 3.6-pound payload to a predicted 60,000 feet above the Earth's surface.

For the two months leading up to the launch, they studied every facet of the project, making adjustments to the payload weight as needed and ensuring that the power wasn't compromised as the temperatures shifted in flight. They

also learned how to handle the Go-Pro camera, effectively communicate the project's purpose, and document the entire process with precision.

"Our goal of launching a balloon into near space and collecting data as we go involved many different parts leading up to the big event," said Fleisch and the students, who were eventually grouped accordingly into Lift and Launch, Tracking and Communication, Payload and Airframe, Flight Path and Recovery, Power and Thermal, Imaging, Science, and Documentation teams.

By mid-April, the teams set out to conduct a test launch.

"After a little uncertainty due to weather and wind and then a few attempts until our payload (the container of data-gathering gadgets) was just the right weight, we had a successful test launch. And it only got stuck in a tree once," noted the students on the special blog established specifically for the project.

As the launch day of May 2 arrived, students asked last-minute questions, and conversations ensued as anticipation grew. By 10 a.m., final preparations began with 11 a.m. slated for liftoff.

Surrounded by project fans physically and virtually through social media, the team gathered together to start the countdown. Within seconds of liftoff, the scene resembled Storm Chasers as Fleisch and the students scurried to vans to track the balloon's every move.

Traveling along back roads and farm fields for nearly two hours, the teams engaged fans on Facebook and the class' blog, as well as a local reporter who joined in some of the day's fun.

Within just 12 minutes of liftoff, tracking data showed the balloon had soared to 10,000 feet, then 27,000, 40,000, 70,000, all the way to a final reading of 99,225 feet – nearly 40,000 more than predicted – before "POP." Within seconds the balloon takes the fast track back to Earth.

Clearly all systems were "a go" as the team tracked the balloon to its landing place, a mere 20 minutes from Springfield in the town of St. Paris. Original predictions indicated that the flight path would end in West Virginia, but contrasting wind patterns kept the balloon close to home.

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## Collaborative Research

Adrenalin at maximum, the students log every moment of the hunt on the project's blog:

**1:02 PM** The balloon has landed, or should we say, has laked. It dropped into the lake!

**1:03 PM** No more data seem to be transmitting, but the Go Pro camera may still be okay.

**1:04 PM** On Kiser Lake Road, headed towards lake.

**1:05 PM** Report of data still alive from other car!

**1:05 PM** Arrive at lake, and begin to ask people if they saw anything land.

**1:12 PM** Waiting for spot update. If last two locations are the same, then we know where it is.

**1:13 PM** We're thinking it is not IN the water, since that spot signal is still sending data. The other data may have cut out before because of low altitude.

**1:20 PM** Parked at a rough road, walking from here.

**1:29 PM** WE SEE IT!!! Across a field, in a tree. NOT IN A LAKE! 😊

And see they did. Described by local media as "spectacular" and "awesome," the footage the students captured from the balloon's near space adventure proved both exciting and powerful, but what they learned will last a lifetime.

"This project is a perfect example of the difference Wittenberg makes in the life of its students," Fleisch said. "Here you have students of all different majors and backgrounds coming together with a shared interest in astronomy, setting an intense schedule for the project, working in teams, collaborating, and just enjoying learning at every level. This is the power of the liberal arts."

Cherry Xiao '16 from Chengdu, China, who helped solder the electric board, called the event "the best experience of the year," adding that completing the project in two months was most rewarding as was working with Fleisch.

"He guided us to try everything new," Xiao said. "Without him, we could not have accomplished this project. We all love him."

See the video at [www.wittenberg.edu/nearspace](http://www.wittenberg.edu/nearspace).



Kim Lykens '14 said the project made her NASA internship even more meaningful.



## New Staff Member Joins Alumni Relations



The Office of Alumni Relations is pleased to welcome Sarah Kelly as the new associate director of alumni relations. Kelly is a 2011 graduate of Ohio University with a B.A. in communication studies, and she comes to Wittenberg from Marietta College, where she served as assistant director of alumni relations.

While at Marietta, Kelly developed the college's Regional Association and Young Alumni Network Programs. She also served as co-advisor of the Student Alumni Association

(SAA) and helped SAA increase membership in the SAA from 10 to 35.

A tour guide at her alma mater for four years, Kelly also holds a certificate in Global Leadership and was a four-year member of the highly selective Student Alumni Board, where she served as president and philanthropy chair. Kelly can be reached at [kellys@wittenberg.edu](mailto:kellys@wittenberg.edu) or by phone at 937-327-7424. ■

## Alumni Travel Opportunities Abound

In keeping with its commitment to creating global citizens, Wittenberg annually offers international excursions through its Alumni Association and Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement. In May, a trip to the Gardens of London, England, featuring the Centennial Chelsea Flower Show, kicked off the summer, while a rare opportunity to Rediscover Cuba will headline the fall travel lineup, Oct. 20-28. Looking into 2014, Costa Rica and a tour of South Pacific Wonders top the list of international travel opportunities at Wittenberg. To learn more, visit [www.wittenberg.edu/alumni](http://www.wittenberg.edu/alumni). ■

## Call for Nominations

Now is the time to nominate a candidate to receive an **honorary degree** or the **Medal of Honor** from Wittenberg.

### An honorary degree is presented to:

- Prominent persons associated with leading liberal arts colleges;
- Prominent corporate and social leaders;
- Prominent scholars whose research relates to a program emphasis at Wittenberg or whose scholarship contributes to the welfare of humankind;
- Persons who have contributed significantly to the arts, human welfare and scholarship or who have made noteworthy achievements in other fields; and/or
- Wittenberg alumni who have made significant contributions.

### A Medal of Honor is awarded to:

- Persons who have contributed significantly to Wittenberg's mission; and/or
- Persons who have provided extraordinary service to Wittenberg over a long period.

Please send your nominations no later than Sept. 1 to Ty Buckman, associate provost for undergraduate affairs, at [tbuckman@wittenberg.edu](mailto:tbuckman@wittenberg.edu) or by mail to Recitation Hall, Wittenberg University, Box 720, Springfield, OH 45501.

## Save the Date

- ✓ **Aug. 23** – Westcott House, Springfield Chapter
  - ✓ **Aug. 24** – Cookout in Buffalo, N.Y.
  - ✓ **Aug. 25** – Rochester Red Wings Baseball Game
  - ✓ **Sept. 7** – Wittenberg-Butler tailgate, Indianapolis, Ind.
  - ✓ **Sept. 14** – Rochester Alumni Chapter Service Event
  - ✓ **Sept. 18** – Columbus, Ohio, Chapter Launch, Grandview Café
  - ✓ **Sept. 21** – Cleveland Indians Game, Cleveland, Ohio
  - ✓ **Sept. 21** – Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Event
  - ✓ **Oct. 19** – Wittenberg-Wooster tailgate, Springfield Chapter
  - ✓ **Oct. 27** – Great Lakes Brewery Tour, Cleveland Chapter
  - ✓ **Nov. 1-3** – Witt at Williamsburg, Washington D.C. Chapter
  - ✓ **Nov. 9** – Symphony Night, Springfield Chapter
  - ✓ **Nov. 13** – Cincinnati Alumni Chapter Networking Event
- Register for the above events at [www.wittenberg.edu/alumni](http://www.wittenberg.edu/alumni).



# Homecoming 2013

Come Back and Celebrate Our Points of Pride Homecoming, Oct. 11-13

## Get in the Game – Join the Reunion Giving Challenge!

Wittenberg is starting a **new tradition** during this year's **Homecoming, Oct. 10-13! Reunion classes are challenged to increase** class giving participation by **20.13%**. The class with the highest percentage of donor participation will win and be honored with special recognition at the reunion reception during Homecoming.

**Show your Tiger pride and help your class move up the leaderboard** with a gift of **\$5 or more!**

**Make a gift online immediately** at [www.wittenberg.edu/reuniongiving](http://www.wittenberg.edu/reuniongiving) or mail your check to Wittenberg University,

PO Box 720, Springfield, OH 45501. Gifts received between July 1, 2012 and October 4, 2013 count toward the challenge.

Check out the standings as of June 5<sup>th</sup> and see how your class measures up!

The class of **1978 is in the lead!** Which class will it be? Check in often to see the results at [www.wittenberg.edu/homecoming](http://www.wittenberg.edu/homecoming). **Best of luck!**

### Standings as of June 5, by class year

1973	11.95%	1983	7.55%	1993	4.42%	2003	5.77%
1978	12.24%	1988	8.04%	1998	6.77%	2008	3.43%



Florida



Indianapolis



Chicago

## Special Alumni Events

**Chicago, Ill.** – Alumni reunited as they connected with President Laurie M. Joyner, Feb. 28.

**Florida** – Spring break offered alumni engagement activities throughout the Sunshine State, March 4-10.

**Cleveland, Ohio** – Accepted students took time to meet with area alumni, current students, faculty and staff during a special event in their honor, March 16. The event was one of several special accepted student receptions.

**Rochester, N.Y.** – Alumni spent time reminiscing and reflecting during a special gathering in Rochester, May 22.

## New Alumni Chapters Launched

With Tigers living across the United States and around the world, the Wittenberg Alumni Association is excited to continue to launch several chapters to show its Tiger pride. Our chapters that launched in 2012-2013 are Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Rochester and Washington DC.

For the next year (July 1-June 30), the university looks to launch chapters in Cleveland, Ohio (East and West); New York City, N.Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Seattle, Wash.; and Toledo, Ohio. Please visit [www.wittenberg.edu/alumni](http://www.wittenberg.edu/alumni) to see what is happening in your area and to become more involved. Denver, Texas and California are slated for year three, and the Alumni Association can't wait. ■

'55 |

**Winberg Chai**, Laramie, Wyo., has retired after 25 years as professor of political science at the University of Wyoming. He was awarded emeritus status. Winberg is president of Wang Yu-fa Foundation, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The foundation donates funds to build village libraries in rural China and sponsors educational conferences in the U.S.

'60 |

**Kenneth L. Grimes** is the author of *The Other Side of Yesterday*, a time travel novel, and *150 years of stories from Camptown, Kentucky*. Kenn, a retired minister, splits his time between Louisville, Ky., and Lower Northern Michigan, where he officiates weddings.

**J. William** and Helene **Ettlinger Pearch** '61, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Lacey, Wash.

'62 |

**Jerry J.** and **Diane McMillan Karp** celebrated 50 years of marriage in August 2012. They live in Avon, Ohio, where they are retired educators. Jerry continues to tutor math and does yard and home improvements. Diane tutors at Bethesda Child Care Center and gives piano lessons in their

home. Both are also active at Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church in Bay Village, Ohio.

'65 |

**M. Earl Chadwick** serves as the chapter president of the Montgomery County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Additional memberships include the Wyandot Tracers and the First Families of Wyandot County, Ohio. He is also active in planning three family reunions and the microfilming of 20 volumes of a genealogy collection at Bowling Green State University.

**John I.** and **Donna Skaggs Crossman** have retired and live in Westerville, Ohio. John



▲ M. Earl Chadwick '65

completed his career in data processing, including 13 years at the Supreme Court of Ohio where he provided technical support, especially to the circuit courts throughout the state. Donna retired from the

department of sociology at The Ohio State University after more than 30 years of teaching at Clemson University, Furman University and Greenville College in South Carolina, and Capital University in Ohio.

**Pamela Cline Novak**, Fountain Hills, Ariz., is president of Spirit Education Foundation, which provides scholarships for very poor young women in Coatepeque, Guatemala. The city of Coatepeque has honored Pam as a "Distinguished Friend of Coatepeque."

'68 |

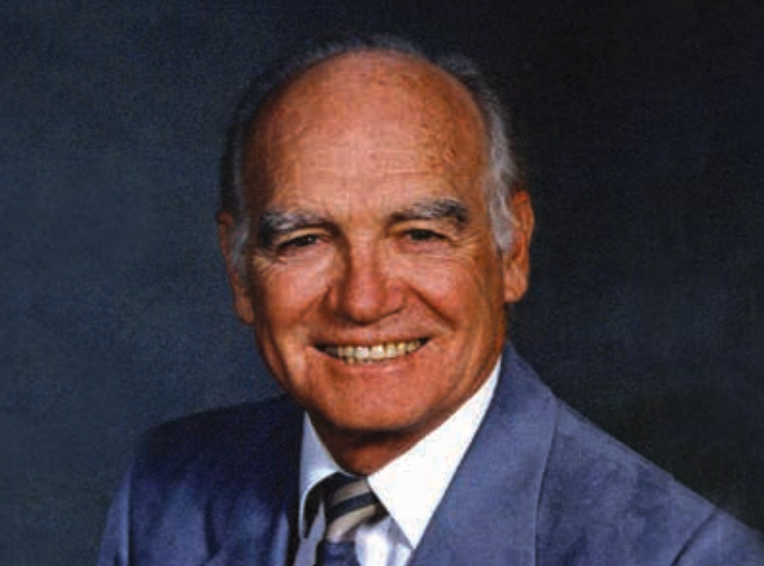
**John L. Engelhardt**, Overland Park, Kan., retired from his position as chief life and health actuary of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

'69 |

**Charles V. Painter**, Centerville, Ohio, is the head boys and girls tennis coach at Beavercreek High School. Selected as the Midwest USPTA High School Coach of the Year, he was also nominated as the National High School Coach of the Year. Additionally, he was selected as the GWOC Coach of the Year and registered a coaching milestone with his 600th career

◀ **Pamela Cline Novak** '65 earns "Distinguished Friend of Coatepeque" award.





## Walter P. Kendig '49

### *Lives Life of Service*

Walter P. Kendig could be called “Mr. Wittenberg” because of his lifelong love of the university. Although Kendig began classes at Wittenberg in 1941, he had to postpone his education in order to serve his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, he returned to Wittenberg to complete his education.

Active and engaged in several organizations, including Varsity W, having played varsity basketball and baseball, Kendig served two years as president of the fraternity Phi Kappa Psi, as president of the education fraternity, Kappa Phi Kappa, and as a member of both the Shifters and Blue Key. Being selected for Skull and Chain stood out in particular.

“He is especially proud of being chosen for Skull and Chain as only two people are selected each year,” said his daughter Sandy Kendig Bowen '76.

Inspired by his own education, Kendig went on to teach math and coach basketball at Phillipsburg High School before beginning a career with International Harvester (Navistar). He married his college sweetheart, Carol Elliott '49, and settled in Springfield after working with International Harvester in Emeryville, Calif., and Ft. Wayne, Ind., as well as the company's Springfield operation, from which he retired as manager of human resources following a career that spanned 30 years.

Kendig's own philanthropic work with his fraternity at Wittenberg led him to a lifetime of service for numerous civic, educational and community organizations, including his alma mater, where he served as president of the Wittenberg Alumni Association and assisted with fund raising throughout the years.

In addition, he was president of Mental Health Services and the Urban League, and he served on the board of Community Hospital, Planned Parenthood and Clark County Historical Society. He was also a Trustee with Covenant Presbyterian Church.

“Wittenberg provided him with the foundation for living a life centered on service to others,” his daughter said. “Today, my parents still live in Springfield, where my dad enjoys attending Wittenberg sporting events, golfing and, according to my mom, any sport with a ball.” ■

win. Charlie's career record of 616-297 places him among the top 20 active coaches in Ohio.

## '70

**Richard H. Valier** is a semi-retired architect living in Glenside, Pa.

## '72

**Stephen J. and Nancy Archer Poppon** '73 live in San Antonio, Texas. Steve finances and develops multifamily properties. A longtime soccer player and fan, he is the author of *Hail to the Chiefs*.

## '75 |

**Amy Campbell** is the executive director of campus services and planning in university services at Princeton University in New Jersey.

## '76 |

During his career, **Robert L. Moseley** has been a sports journalist for various newspapers and magazines. He has written his first novel, *Out of Bounds*, a young adult sports mystery set in Illinois.

**Gail Christensen Palminteri**, Franklin Lakes, N.J., has retired as a vice president from Goldman Sachs. She was awarded a 100-ton master's captain's license by the U.S. Coast Guard.

## '77 |

**Sue Robinson Schneider** has moved to Ephrata, Pa., following her retirement after 34 years of teaching music in New York and Ohio. In June 2012, she received the Music Educator of the Year award for instrumental music from the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

**Christopher P. Staley** is a professor of ceramic arts at Penn State University, State



▲ **Charles V. Painter '69**

College, Pa. In addition, he has taught numerous workshops from Bezalel Academy in Israel to Haystack in Maine and has pots in major museums.

## '79 |

**Arthur T. Townsend**, Rock Hill, S.C., has published his first book, *Time's Up! The story of my death and learning what it means to live*.

## '80 |

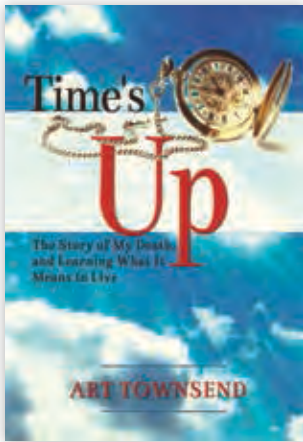
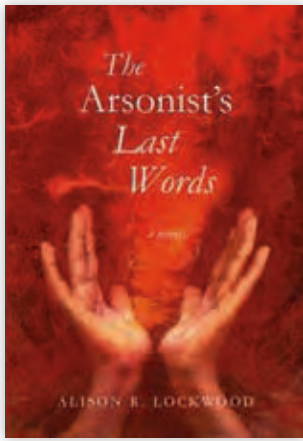
**Graeme J. and Alison Reinhardt Lockwood** '81 live in Orlando, Fla. Alison's novel, *The Arsonist's Last Words*, has been published by Mansfield House Books.

## '81 |

**Timothy E. and Hilary Knapp Kremchek** '82 live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tim is the medical director with the Cincinnati Reds Baseball Team and team orthopedic physician for Wittenberg's athletic program. The Reds have been awarded the 2012 Martin-Monahan Award for the best medical staff in baseball.

## '82 |

**Janis R. Worley**, Hudson, Ohio, is a member of the board of trustees of the Ronald McDonald House, Akron, Ohio.



'84 |

**Leila Trepanier Bussie** and her husband, Joe, announce the adoption of Eva Michelle, born on March 26, 2011. They live in West Chicago, Ill.

'85 |

**Kristin E. Graef** is an associate adjunct professor at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich. She teaches western humanities and composition while pursuing secondary education certification in English and learning disabilities. She also works for Lake Michigan Academy and conducts college prep workshops for high school seniors.

'86 |

**Jerry L. Metzker**, Oakland, Calif., was the dramaturg for the play, *Fighting Mac*, which ran at the Thick House in San Francisco, Calif.

**Francisco J. Sanchez** and **Elizabeth A. Rini** '87 live in Ann Arbor, Mich. Cisco received the Ford Motor Company Product Development June 2012 Program Management Achievement Award for work that shortened the process of sourcing suppliers for the \$500,000,000 expansion of the Fusion to the Flat Rock Assembly Plant.



▲ Kristin E. Graef '85

Wedding Album



**Erin M. Meredith '09** and **Lukas E. Treu** were married Dec. 31, 2011. They live in Streetsboro, Ohio.



**Ainsley J. Rechel '08** married **Cory Kovanda** on June 9, 2012. They live in Salisbury, N.C.



**Kelley F. Herde** and **Jacob A. Kerger '10** were married on May 27, 2012. They live in Louisville, Ky.



ERIN PENCE '04

## Anne Felker Osovski '90

### Turns Love of Fitness Into Work-Out App

Ever the entrepreneur, Anne Felker Osovski has never shied away from trying something new. A speech/English major at Wittenberg, Osovski started in sales with IBM after graduation and later purchased and ran a bed and breakfast. Her business savvy and entrepreneurial spirit have since led her to connect her passion for fitness with popular technology.

"After working in a 'big box' gym setting for 10 years, I went off on my own and opened a Personal Training Studio called FIT with a former work colleague," Osovski said. "We rent our gym space to four personal trainers who run their businesses out of our facility. I wanted to diversify my revenue stream, so I decided to develop two apps, Workout in a Bag and Workout in a Bag for Kids."

Osovski's efforts are making headlines in her hometown of Rochester, N.Y., where the local television station, YNN, featured her. Reviews of the app have also earned it a five-star rating on iTunes.

The idea for the Workout in a Bag app stemmed from a training session where she asked her clients to pick out an exercise from a brown paper bag.

"The class went so fast. Oh my gosh, we worked so hard. I thought that'd be great if I could package that," Osovski told YNN.

From there, development began, and today the app allows users to select their own level of comfort and length of time. It then randomly selects one of 80 exercises to do wherever and whenever.

"I love to help people help themselves," Osovski said. "My business is very results-oriented, and it is so exciting to see people reach their fitness goals."

Helping children enjoy exercise also inspired Osovski to create a similar app for kids.

"My daughters who are seven and 11 years old helped me develop the kids app, and it was so much fun having them work right alongside me," she said, adding that that has been the biggest reward so far.

"It is also great to see my apps downloaded all over the world from Ireland to Kenya to India. I find that to be so cool!" ■

— Karen Gerboth '93

## '88 |

**Thomas R. and Salena McKenzie Day '97** live in Reston, Va. Tom is a business relationship manager with Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr, a law firm with headquarters in Boston, Mass., and Washington, D.C.

## '89 |

**William D. Edwards,** Cleveland, Ohio, is an attorney practicing with Ulmer & Berne LLP. He was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2013*.

## '90 |

**Lori Zimmerman Black,** Urbana, Ohio, is a teacher at Graham Middle School. In 2011, she achieved "master teacher status," which denotes a teacher who demonstrates excellence inside and outside of the classroom through consistent leadership and focused collaboration to maximize student learning.

**Gregory J. Reck** and his wife, Maile, were married Aug. 6, 2011. Greg has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the



▲ William D. Edwards '89

U.S. Army Special Forces. He has volunteered to spend a year in Afghanistan training, advising and mentoring Afghan National Security Forces.

## '91 |

**Kris V. Hazard,** Bethesda, Md., is the author of *Hazard of the Game: The Dangers of Over-Parenting in Sport and Life*.

**Lisa A. Rodenburg** married Paul Michael in May 2011. They live in Bridgewater, N.J. Lisa is an associate professor in the department of environmental sciences and center for environmental prediction at Rutgers University.



▲ Last fall, David Perko '88 and Robert Tack Jr. '88 competed in the Cranberry Trifest in Lakeville, Mass.

Wedding Album



Danielle G. Ribeiro '06 married Brandon A. Nesbitt on April 16, 2011. They live in John's Island, S.C.



Maureen E. "Mo" Walsh '09 married Daniel R. Buchan on July 28, 2012. They live in Hilliard, Ohio.



Jessica L. Bruce '10 married Joseph Malagisi on Sept. 15, 2012. They live in Powell, Ohio.

**Peter R. Tyksinski** and his wife, Mari, announce the birth of Teo Otto on June 5, 2012. Peter is a foreign attorney with Momo-o & Namba, Tokyo, Japan.

'92 |

On Jan. 1, 2012, **David R. Bruce** was appointed a federal administrative law judge and assigned to the Social Security Administration in Valparaiso, Ind.

'93 |

**Lisa Clark O'Neill**, Canton, Ga., is the author of the novel *Serendipity*.

'94 |

**Jessica S. Hoane** married Anthony Holman in 2009. Their daughter, Willow, was born in October 2010. They live in North Carolina, where Jessica is with Charles River Laboratories Pathology Associates.

**Robert B. Lazorchick** graduated from the Customs and Border Protection Academy in Glynco, Ga., in September 2011. He is an officer with Customs and Border Protection on Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

'95 |

**Linda Keller Taggart**, Pleasantown, Calif., is director of social media and writes a blog for the Compassion Tea Co., an online tea store which donates its after-tax profits to save lives by sending medicines and medical supplies to rural parts of Africa.

'96 |

**Tracy L. Clements**, Boston, Mass., is a producer at CBS radio for various sports talk and



## Chris Bowers '99

### *Builds Successful Teams*

As director of player personnel for the Northwestern University Football program, Chris Bowers has helped the Wildcats assemble two of the most highly rated recruiting classes in program history. His instincts, relationships and experience have also helped him manage a successful career in college football for more than a decade.

“I have been blessed to work with a special group of coaches and staff during my career,” Bowers said. “The relationships with my colleagues and the young men I’ve had the opportunity to coach and recruit are the most rewarding parts of my profession.”

His second time with the Wildcats, having previously served as a recruiting assistant (2003-04), assistant director of football operations (2004-05) and a defensive graduate assistant in 2005 and 2006, Bowers has taken his liberal arts background and built a college football resume that attracts attention. In addition to working at Defiance College as defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator, he also worked at the Div. II Concord University as defensive coordinator.

During his first run at Northwestern, Bowers was part of a recruiting team that “signed one of the most highly touted recruiting classes in program history, a group that featured seven players that went on to play at the professional level – including Tyrell Sutton, Mike Kafka and Corey Wootton,” noted his bio.

“Like a lot of professions, football is a people business. The ability to communicate is paramount,” said Bowers, who majored in history and served as a student coaching assistant for the Wittenberg football program. “You have to be able to take in information, think critically and communicate in order to be successful. My extensive involvement in campus organizations at Wittenberg proved to be really helpful. I was the rush chairman in my fraternity, and as someone who heads up recruiting on a full-time basis, I’m really the ‘rush chair’ of Northwestern football.”

Bowers is also grateful to the mentors who have inspired him.

“The late Randy Walker who hired me at Northwestern in 2003, Dan Simrell, former University of Toledo and Findlay head coach, who gave me a start and supported me along the way, and of course, Pat Fitzgerald, who is the consummate mentor, have all made me realize that nothing is more important and more rewarding than strong relationships with people who are important to you.” ■

– Karen Gerboth '93

public affairs programs on 98.5 The Sports Hub.

**Erika L. McWhorter**, Dayton, Ohio, announces the birth of Solae Renee.

'97 |

**Jeffrey I. MacMillan** married Julie Rankin on June 18, 2011. They live in Toledo, Ohio.

'98 |

**Theodore H. Pastor** is a research chief at Honda Research and Development in Raymond, Ohio.

'99 |

**Deborah Cassell** has been hired as deputy editor for the University of Illinois Alumni Association. She writes and edits for *Illinois Alumni*, *UIC Alumni Magazine* and *UIS Alumni Magazine*, and oversees the association's social media program. Cassell is also president of the Chicago chapter of the American Association of Business Publication Editors.

**Adam B. DeiCas**, San Diego, Calif., is serving with the U.S. Navy as a surface warfare officer aboard the *USS Warrior* deployed to Bahrain.

'00 |

**Lauren Schmidt Hissrich** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Harry Theodore Hissrich on Jan. 5,



▲ **Nathan P. Henderson '03** celebrates his graduation.



▲ **Gregory J. Reck '90 and wife, Maile**

2011. They live in Los Angeles, Calif.

'01 |

**Kimberly Copeland Bader** and her husband, Greg, welcomed their second daughter, Emma Claire, on Oct. 30, 2010. They live in Gahanna, Ohio.

**Emily Upperman Junker** and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Dominic Michael in February 2011. They live in Dayton, Ohio.

**Ryan H. and Sarah Rose Ozar** live in North Canton, Ohio. Ryan is the associate director of internships within the experiential learning team in APEX at the College of Wooster.

**Amber L. Sherman**, Chandler, Ariz., is an integrated supply chain supervisor with Honeywell Aerospace, Phoenix, Ariz. A major with the Marine Corps Reserves, she is the battalion S-4 logistics officer, 5th Battalion, 14th Marines, Seal Beach, Calif.

'02 |

**Amanda E. Johnson** and her husband, Justin Irwin, announced the birth of a son, Landon, in April 2011. They live in Tucson, Ariz.

**Debra E. Lenarz** is teaching first grade with the Rocky River

School District in Rocky River, Ohio.

**Mary Woodruff Swain** and her husband, Sean, welcomed the birth of Brady William on Nov. 17, 2012. They live in Pickerington, Ohio.

'03 |

**Bethany J. Dourson Hansen**, Cincinnati, Ohio, married David J. Hansen on Nov. 20, 2010. Bethany is an executive assistant in the admission office at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

**Nathan P. Henderson** married Rachel Westendorf on July 11, 2009. On April 25, 2011, they welcomed a son, Calvin Paton, into their family. They live in Centerville, Ohio. Nathan earned a master of science degree in early childhood education from the University of Dayton on May 5, 2012.

**Jennifer Birt Johnson**, Kettering, Ohio, and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of Jace Oliver.

**Brian C. and Erin Gallagher Kuhn** '04 announce the birth of Madelyn Grace on March 27, 2012. They live in Springfield, Ohio, where Brian is the assistant superintendent for the Clark-Shawnee Local School District.

**Ashley J. Tipple** is a recruiter with Glade Run Lutheran Services, which focuses on providing solutions to individuals and families through lifelong learning. Ashley lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

'04 |

**Thomas J. and Nina Kuhar Fox** announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Lynn on May 22, 2012. They live in Fort Mill, S.C.

**Matthew A. and Kathryn "Katie" Buchenroth Gallaway** announce the birth of Anne Elizabeth on Nov. 25, 2011.

They live in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

**Kimberly Knowle** married Stephen Zeller on Aug. 18, 2012. They live in Sedalia, Mo.

**Matthew E. and Nicole Norcia Koppitch** announce the birth of Lyla Claire on Feb. 29, 2012. They live in Westerville, Ohio.

**Kelly L. Riedel** married William J. "BJ" Hamilton on Nov. 19, 2011. They announce the birth of Hope Eryn on Sept. 8, 2012. They live in



Jace Johnson, 11-30-2010



Calvin Henderson, 4-25-11



Avery Fox, 5-22-2012



Dominic Junker, 2-1-2011



Solae McWhorter



Teo Tyksinski, 6-5-12



Harry Hissrich, 1-5-2011



Kiefer McClurg, 1-25-13

Li'l Tigers

Jace Oliver, son of **Jennifer Birt Johnson '03** and Andrew

Calvin Paton, son of **Nathan P. Henderson '03** and Rachel Westendorf

Avery Lynn, daughter of **Thomas J. '04** and **Nina Kuhar Fox '04**

Dominic Michael, son of **Emily Upperman Junker '01** and Jeff

Solae Renee, daughter of **Erika L. McWhorter '96**

Teo Otto, daughter of **Peter R. Tyksinski '90** and Mari

Harry Theodore, son of **Lauren Schmidt Hissrich '00** and Michael

Kiefer, son of **Anna Hanke McClurg '05** and Brett

Eva Michelle, daughter of **Leila Trepanier Bussie '84** and Joe



Eva Bassie, 3-26-2011





## Julie Albaugh '01 Makes Weddings Work

Owner of Wedding Market and Wedding Market Online, and co-producer of Ohio Weddings, a television program that provides information from leading wedding experts, Julie Albaugh is embracing technology at every turn in her career.

From her first TwitterChat, Albaugh was impressed with the response. “We interested followers in the UK,” she said. “I was more than pleased with the results.”

Earlier this year, Albaugh hosted a Twitter chat #WeddingMarket in Beverly Hills, Calif., featuring Los Angeles as a wedding destination. Held on the rooftop of the Luxe Hotel on Rodeo Drive, the event included a live audience and wedding professionals Renee Strauss, Kevin Lee and Harmony Walton.

Additionally, Albaugh, who owns [www.SpringfieldBrides.com](http://www.SpringfieldBrides.com), recently promoted A Spring Bridal Event, which was held on Wittenberg’s campus and featured Weaver Chapel as a wedding site via a video presentation. Her work has also landed her on national TV.

A longtime fan of Marie Osmond, Albaugh attended The Marie Show, escorted to and from in a Rolls Royce. Her transportation caught the eye of the show’s producer who inquired about her visit and eventually invited her to participate in the program’s upcoming bridal show.

“I discussed interesting honeymoon ideas, and I even helped with the wedding details for the wedding show using Ohio-based wedding companies,” she said. “Cake designer Jan Kish Albaugh La Petite Fleur of Columbus actually flew her wedding cake to Los Angeles for that show.”

Watching trends develop and work their way from the coasts to Ohio are also interesting to Albaugh. “It takes trends from the coasts approximately two years to become practice for Ohio brides,” Albaugh said, “but it’s not uncommon for an Ohio vendor to use a technique or practice years before it becomes a trend on the coasts.”

Albaugh’s work has not gone unrecognized. International social media leader TwitterGrader.com has ranked Albaugh No. 1 for wedding searches for #followfriday, and a collaboration with videographer Andy Owens for MSNBC resulted in a feature story from Julie’s @weddingmarket Twitter account. Moreover, her weekly Twitter chat for #WeddingMarket landed at No. 3 of the top 10 social media influencers in the wedding industry by Wed Biz Media. ■

— Phyllis Eberts '00

Springfield, Ohio, where Kelly works at Northwestern Elementary School.

**Doug A. and Braeden Colley Schantz** live in Springfield, Ohio. Braedan is a Title I teacher with the Northwestern School District.

**Kaitlin P. Hiscar** married Trip Schneck on May 12, 2012. They live in Washington, D.C.

## '05 |

**Natalie F. Metz**, Cincinnati, Ohio, has married Steven Carpenter.

**Anna Hanke McClurg**, Hunterdon, Ind., and her husband, Brett, announce the birth of their sons, Kodiak Richard on May 20, 2011, and Kiefer William on Jan. 25, 2013.

**Carrie Kinnaman Miller** received her Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Notre Dame in 2010. She is an assistant professor at Azusa Pacific University in California.

**Amber D. Sibley** and Stefan M. Voss were married on Oct. 6, 2012. They live in Kettering, Ohio. Amber is the assistant director for student life at the University of Dayton.

**Dana M. Wilkinson**, Bloomington, Ind., is a storm water

inspector with the Monroe County Public Works Dept.

In May 2012, **Kari M. Wilson** received her Ph.D. from Purdue University. She is an assistant professor of mass communication at Indiana University, South Bend, Ind.

## '06 |

**Carrie L. Jones** married Andrew Bell on July 16, 2011. Carrie is pursuing her master’s degree in administration at Ashland University. She is an intervention specialist at Granville Intermediate School

in the Granville Exempted School District in Ohio.

**Sarah M. Breitfeller**, Richlands, N.C., is teaching fourth and fifth grades at Summersille Elementary School in Jacksonville, N.C.

**David M. Herzog** married April Lydon on June 8, 2012. They live in London, England. David performed this summer at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse in Auburn, N.Y.

**Lisa Nicholls Reed**, Caldwell, Idaho, is an independent sales director with Mary Kay Inc.

**Danielle G. Ribeiro** married Brandon A. Nesbitt on April 16, 2011. They live in John’s Island, S.C. Danielle is pursuing her master’s degree in health administration at the Medical University of South Carolina.

## '07 |

**Jena Buchhop Campbell**, Rockport, Texas, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on Aug. 16, 2012, earning a Ph.D. in marine science from the University of Texas at Austin. She is now a postdoctoral fellow at the university, living in Rockport, Texas.

**Tamara L. Kasper** married Michael London on Jan. 21, 2012. They reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Catherine Hall Redifer**, Yakima, Wash., is a PT instructor in the basic skills division with the Yakima Valley Community College.

**Kathryn A. Jablonowski** married Brian Shindeldecker on Aug. 14, 2010. They live in Ann Arbor, Mich.

## '08 |

**Ainsley J. Rechel** married Cory Kovanda on June 9, 2012. They live in Salisbury, N.C., where Ainsley is a special education teacher and tennis

Wedding Album



**Bethany J. Dourson '03** married **David J. Hansen** on Nov. 20, 2010. The couple lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.



**Theresa K. Liskay '10** and **Phillip C. Zarobell '10** were married July 28, 2012. They live in Gahanna, Ohio.



**Hannah L. Thevenow '08** married **Ryan D. Richardson** on Sept. 28, 2012. The couple lives in Cordova, Tenn.



▲ **Erin H. McBride '09**

coach at East Rowan High School.

**Hannah L. Thevenow** has married **Ryan D. Richardson**.

'09 |

**Maureen E. "Mo" Walsh** and **Daniel R. Buchan** were married July 28, 2012. They live in Hilliard, Ohio. Mo is a public relations coordinator at Wilt Public Relations, Springfield, Ohio. Dan is in medical school at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

**Stephanie C. Harland**, Bedford, Ohio, married **Scott Jowers** on May 19, 2012. Stephanie is a background analyst with Corporate Screening Services.

**Erin H. McBride**, Westlake, Ohio, is an associate in the business department with **Ulmer & Berne LLP**.

**Sara B. McKinniss** is the marketing and public relations manager at **ODW Logistics** in Columbus, Ohio. Her first

book, *Young Profashionable: A User Manual for the Real World*, was published in the summer of 2012. Sara is pursuing a graduate certificate in copyediting from the University of California, San Diego.

After completing her M.A. in student affairs in higher education at **Wright State University** in June 2012, **Jessica D. "Roxie" Patton** began working as the program coordinator of the **LGBTQ Center** at **Kent State University**. Also a public speaker, she makes presentations on the topics of bullying, body image and being an ally at institutions across the country. She was a presenter for the **American College Personnel Association's** 2012 national conference.

**Erin Gorman Rinto** graduated from **Indiana University** with a dual master's degree in history and library science in December 2011. In April 2012, she began a position as an assistant professor



## Sarah Gearhart '06

Covers High School Sports for USA TODAY

Seeing her first feature appear in *USA TODAY*'s sports section will always hold a meaningful place in Sarah Gearhart's heart. The story followed a high school wrestler from a Liberian refugee camp, and the chance to tell his story, and so many others, inspires Gearhart as a senior producer for *USA TODAY* High School Sports online.

"I absolutely love interviewing people. Everyone is original in their own way," Gearhart said. "I'm fortunate to be exposed to many personalities. You learn a lot about people and about yourself."

In her current position, Gearhart writes features and athlete profiles. She also edits and creates video content.

"My greatest passion is also my biggest challenge – writing," she said. "Sometimes it seems like I'm piecing together a puzzle while blindfolded."

Even before coming to Wittenberg, Gearhart knew she wanted to pursue writing, but her college experiences shaped that trajectory, including two writing-centered internships and serving on the student newspaper. A week after graduation, she headed to Cleveland to work as an assistant editor for *STACK Magazine*, a start-up at the time.

"It was quite the perfect role as the emphasis was on sports performance," said Gearhart, who was a competitive runner in cross country and track in high school and college.

While at *STACK*, Gearhart "pitched stories, interviewed, wrote articles and proofed copy. I eventually started directing video shoots, which afforded me the opportunity to travel around the country and interview professional athletes, including Adrian Peterson, Troy Polamalu, Larry Fitzgerald, Dwyane Wade and Ryan Howard."

After five years with the company, including a promotion to associate editor, Gearhart transitioned to *USA TODAY* High School Sports and moved to New York City. Eventually, she wants to combine her love of running with her writing.

"I ran my first marathon when I was a junior at Wittenberg, and ever since I've completed seven other marathons, including the Boston Marathon twice," she said. "I hope to write an inspirational book about runners in the future, and I hope to never stop running." ■

– Karen Gerboth '93

and undergraduate learning librarian at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

**Erin M. Meredith** and Lukas E. Treu were married Dec. 31, 2011. They live in Streetsboro, Ohio. Erin teaches in Parma, Ohio. Lukas is a writer in public relations/marketing.

**Emily E. Daniels** and **Ryan M. Weiss** '08 were married July 15, 2012. They live in Pittsburgh, Pa.

## '10 |

**Lydia M. Kisley**, Houston, Texas, received an NSF graduate fellowship and passed her qualifying exam at Rice University.

**Jessica L. Bruce** married Joseph Malagisi on Sept. 15, 2012. They live in Powell, Ohio. Jessica is a personal lines underwriter with Grange Insurance.

**Brian R. Mann**, Galveston, Texas, is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Texas Medical Branch. In the experimental pathology department, he is conducting research on the pathogenesis and molecular epidemiology of West Nile virus.

**Robert W. "Bobby" Ritzi** III, Las Vegas, Nev., is a media planner/buyer at R&R Partners.

**Mittra "Tara" Sharif**, Big Bear, Calif., is a recruiter with Lab Support, a scientific staffing company. She assists scientists and engineers in finding new job opportunities.

**Andrew G. Steele**, Chicago, Ill., is with South-Southwest Suburban United Way.

**Amanda K. Marenchin** and **Steven G. Wolgast** '08 were married Aug. 13, 2011. They live in Ann Arbor, Mich., where Amanda is a sales and customer care representative at Shar Products Co. Steven is pursuing his Ph.D. in physics

and is a research assistant at the University of Michigan.

## '11 |

**Hayley F. Brown**, Lakewood, Ohio, is a customer service representative with Progressive Insurance, Mayfield Village, Ohio. She is pursuing her master of arts degree in teaching-early childhood education and special education-mild/moderate intervention specialist.

**Kelsey B. Casey** is pursuing her master's degree in nursing at DePaul University, Chicago, Ill.

**Samuel E. Clement** is account manager, business development with Clear Channel Communications, Premiere Networks, Chicago, Ill.

**Christopher T. Culklin**, Novi, Mich., is an environmental monitor with JHP Pharmaceuticals. He is pursuing his master's degree in life sciences at Oakland University, Rochester, Mich.

**Heather M. DeSantis**, Dublin, Ohio, is an account coordinator with RMD Advertising, Columbus, Ohio.

**Christopher M. Gipson** is youth director/travel team coach with Team One Lacrosse Club, Niles, Ill.

**Jumar D. Guy** is a sales representative with Vantage Point Consulting, Columbus, Ohio.

**Margaret Curtis Herbert** is a community service representative with Trilogy Health Services, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

**Sheila P. Herlihy** works with incarcerated women and immigrants in a program with a focus on of faith and social justice with Franciscan Volunteers Ministries, Wilmington, Del.

## Wedding Album



**Kimberly Knowle '04** married **Stephen Zeller** on Aug. 18, 2012. The couple lives in Sedalia, Mo.

**Ingrid E. Holda** is living and working in Strongsville, Ohio.

**Katherine A. Hueter**, Columbus, Ohio, teaches ninth grade English at Hilliard Darby High School.

**Matthew P. and Stephanie Springer Ison '11** live in Springfield, Ohio. Stephanie is a mortgage loan originator at Security National Bank.

**Kelley F. Herde and Jacob A. Kerger '10** were married on May 27, 2012. They live in Louisville, Ky.

**Samuel J. Kinney** is living and working in Natick, Mass.

**Benjamin J. Koester**, Ashburn, Va., is a financial analyst with Comstock Homebuilding, Reston, Va.

**Elizabeth M. Lamont** is a volunteer coordinator with AmeriCorps at Niagara RiverKeeper, Buffalo, N.Y.

**Theresa K. Liszkay and Phillip C. Zarobell '10** were married July 28, 2012. They live in Gahanna, Ohio. Theresa is serving as a corps member

with AmeriCorps Vista. Phill is working in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Justin R. Lorko**, Fairview Park, Ohio, is pursuing a master's degree in education/school counseling.

**Adam C. Matthews** is pursuing his master's degree in humanities in the department of history at Western Michigan University Graduate College, Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Kimberly A. Mowrey**, North Bethesda, Md., is a marketing analyst with Vocus Marketing Software.

**Maggie D. Muir**, Canton, Ohio, teaches first grade at Imagine Charter, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Trenton H. Nutter**, St. Louis Park, Minn., is a branch manager with Stanley Steemer, St. Eden Prairie, Minn.

**Bret A. Nye** is pursuing graduate studies in creative writing-fiction at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

**Amy M. Packer** teaches fourth grade at Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Toledo,

Ohio. She is pursuing her master's degree in reading/special education at Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.

**Christina R. Pennock**, Centerville, Ohio, is an executive assistant with Reynolds and Reynolds, Dayton, Ohio.

**Jenna L. Rymer** is teaching English in Santiago, Chile.

**Alexander F. Scharfetter**, Chillicothe, Ohio, is a field

representative with U.S. Representative Bill Johnson in Ironton, Ohio.

**Adam T. Schick**, Bloomington, Ind., is the membership coordinator at the Columbia Club.

**Nicole A. Williams** is pursuing his master's degree in life sciences at Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Alyssa A. Wolf** is pursuing his J.D. at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Grand Rapids, Mich.

## '12 |

In June 2012, **Anna G. Henry** completed her first marathon, the Mayor's Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Lauren M. Henry**, Urbana, Ohio, is a high school math teacher with the Northwestern School District in Springfield, Ohio.

**Victoria J. Parker**, Harsewinkel, Germany, is working in corporate communications at Claas GmbH, a world leader in the production of agricultural machinery and aeronautical and industrial machinery technology.

**Miranda L. Sagle** is an intervention specialist with the Northwestern School District in Springfield, Ohio.



▲ **Reid Jayme '91 and Alina Larson '91** recently reunited in Clearwater, Fla.

## In Memoriam

'30 |

Formerly of Dayton, Ohio, **Rose Mitterholzer Notz** died March 8, 2013, in Charleston, S.C. She retired as a medical records coordinator at Children's Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. She will be remembered for her life-long dedication to progressive causes.

'31 |

**Albert H. Keck Jr.** '59H, Hickory, N.C., died July 13, 2012. At the time of his death, he was the oldest pastor on the roster of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He served St. John's Lutheran Church, Sterling, Ill., Emmanuel Lutheran, Lincolnton, N.C., and St. Andrew's Lutheran, Hickory, N.C., which named him pastor emeritus in 1976. He also taught practical theology, homiletics and liturgics at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S.C. After his retirement, he supplied at 75 different congregations. He was a member and secretary of the board of trustees of Chicago Lutheran Seminary and Lenoir-Rhyne College. He was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Lenoir-Rhyne Alumni Association and the Trustee Award and was named trustee emeritus of the Lenoir-Rhyne Board. A delegate to six conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America and five conventions of the Lutheran Church in America, he did preaching missions in 52 congregations in 11 states. Additional memberships with the Lutheran Church in America included the Commission on Worship, the Commission on the Ministry and the Board of Publication. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he was honored with the doctor of divinity degree by Wittenberg in 1959.

'33 |

**MaryLynn Wineland Klopfer**, formerly of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, and New Port Richey, Fla., died in New Iberia, La., on Sept. 6, 2012. She taught school and was an owner of Klopfer's Super Value Market. Her memberships included the Cornerstone Cowboy Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

'34 |

**Florence Matticks Bowen**, Roseville, Calif., died Jan. 8, 2012.

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**Wayne E. Crotty**, Cincinnati, Ohio, died May 23, 2011. He was the founder and former chief executive officer and chair of the board of Tex Style Inc. A member of St. James of the Valley Catholic Church and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he was inducted into the Lockland High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. A former member of the Alumni Board at Wittenberg, he funded the Wayne Crotty Scholarship.

'36 |

**Paul L. Bell**, Sylvania, Ohio, died July 15, 2012. A member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Dorm League, he served as a captain attached to the 380th Squadron of the 451st bomb group with the U.S. Army Air Force in Egypt, North Africa and Italy during World War II. A physician, he specialized in diseases of the chest. He practiced medicine in Toledo, Ohio, and held medical staff appointments at Toledo, Mercy, Flower, St. Vincent, St. Charles and Riverside Hospitals. A pioneer in his field, he founded pulmonary function laboratories at the Toledo, Flower and St. Luke's Hospitals. He also established the cardiac perfusion team for open heart surgery at the Toledo Hospital in the 1950s, directing the program for more than 25 years.

**Mary Miley Briarty Merchant**, Detroit, Mich., died Oct. 16, 2012. She enjoyed a long career in personnel and human resources work in Detroit for Allstate Insurance and BC/BS of Michigan. She was honored with a lifetime achievement award in recognition of three decades of service in the human resources profession by the International Association of Personnel Women. Her memberships included St. Paul American Lutheran Church in Dearborn and the Women's Economic Club and Zonta Club of Detroit.

'36 |

**Walter L. Born** passed away Oct. 16, 2012, at his home in Aberdeen, N.J. He was an industrial engineer

with the Colgate Co. for 25 years before beginning his career in the show and theater business. He was a producer/director/musical director of many well-known plays and musicals for 20 years and appeared as an actor and singer in shows on television and Broadway. He founded Creative Productions, a theater company. In later years, he was honored with an award for his theater work with the disabled.

**Robert L. Bowsher**, formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Naples, Fla. died Dec. 29, 2012, in Baton Rouge, La. During World War II, he was an officer in the U.S. Navy's Armed Guard, in charge of the armaments on armed transport vessels. He served on the oil tanker, the Gulf Pride, and participated in the first successful convoy to Murmansk, Russia. A sales representative for Container Corporation of America, he retired after 30 years in 1977 as the general manager. He enjoyed golf, travel, reading and sports.

**Lucille Wickham Lanning**, formerly of Carey, Ohio, and Melbourne, Fla., died Oct. 21, 2012, in Greer, S.C. Her career included serving as a teacher with the Arlington Board of Education, as a secretary with a county agent, as a substitute teacher with the Defiance Board of Education and as a bookkeeper with Lanning Motor Sales. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority and the Fortnightly Club.

**Laura Distelhorst Siegfried**, Cleveland, Ohio, passed away Sept. 9, 2012. As a young woman, she was a marathon swimmer and an accomplished ballroom dancer. She retired in 1980 from her position as an elementary school teacher and staff development coordinator with the Southwestern School District. She received an Outstanding Teacher Award during her tenure. Her memberships included Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Delta Kappa Gamma education honorary. She enjoyed reading, gardening, baking and playing bridge.

'38 |

**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.

**Edwin R. Shepard**, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., and Dunedin, Fla., died Sept. 10, 2011, in Bainbridge Island, Wash. In 1942, he joined Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis, Ind., retiring as a research adviser in 1981. His memberships included Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society and the Federation of American Scientists.

**Gertrude Bane Dayton**

**Worthington**, former resident of Ormond Beach, Fla., passed away Aug. 21, 2012, in Gainesville, Ga. Her career included acting as vice president of Howard Dayton Hotels from 1941-69 and as a partner in Howard Dayton Enterprises from 1970-87. She served on eight International Executive Service Corps assignments in Panama, Mexico, the Philippines and Ghana from 1970-78. Her memberships included First United Methodist Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority, 20th Century Study Club and Gainesville Symphony Society. She was listed in *Who's Who of American Women*, and *Two Thousand Women of Achievement*. She served as trustee emeritus of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and received the "Champions of Higher Independent Education" award in Florida from the Independent Universities of Florida. She founded and chaired Harvesting History of Daytona Beach area City Island Library. In addition, she was president of the Daytona Beach Library Board from 1969-71 and 1976-1978 and in 1990 received the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Florida Library Association and the Florida Library Friends and Trustees Award in 1981.

'39 |

**Marie Summers Harlan**, Grosse Pointe, Mich., died Dec. 29, 2012. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she was a homemaker who volunteered in school and church activities.

**Ruth Bauer Stonebrook**, Dover, Ohio, died Nov. 11, 2012. She taught third and fourth grades at Washington Elementary School in Findlay, Ohio. An active member

of First United Church of Christ at New Philadelphia, she served as its organist, pianist and first female elder. Additional memberships included the New Philadelphia College Club and various civic organizations. She enjoyed reading, knitting, gardening and playing bridge.

'40 |

**Hildegarde McPherson Harrington** of Jackson, Miss., died Feb. 28, 2013. A former teacher of Spanish, she studied French cooking in New York, N.Y., and began teaching cooking in various cities and states. Her memberships included First Presbyterian Church, Gamma Phi Beta sorority, P.E.O. Sisterhood and many philanthropic organizations.

**Elwood V. Jensen**, Cincinnati, Ohio, died Dec. 16, 2012. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he climbed the Matterhorn in 1946, the same year he spent as a Guggenheim Fellow at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. In 1947, he joined the faculty at the University of Chicago, where he carried out his breakthrough research that involved endocrine disorders and the ways in which hormones influence heart disease and cancer. In 1951, he became a member of the Ben May Laboratory for Cancer Research. He was appointed director in 1969, retiring in 1990. He served as worldwide research director of the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, was a Fogarty Scholar at the National Institutes of Health, scholar-in-residence at Cornell Medical College, Alexander von Humboldt visiting professor at the University of Hamburg, and Nobel visiting professor at the Karolinski Institute in Stockholm. Moreover, Jensen was a visiting professor in the department of cell biology, neurobiology and anatomy at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center for Molecular Studies. Internationally known as the "Father of the Nuclear Receptor Field," he garnered several scientific prizes including the 2002 Brinker International Award from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the 2004 Lasker Award for basic medical research.

**Walter K. Stewart**, Pembroke Pines, Fla., died Jan. 30, 2012.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army. He was an administrator at hospitals in Springfield, Lancaster and Pomeroy, Ohio. An avid tennis player and golfer, he became a life master of duplicate bridge and was a member of the Grand Slam Bridge Club. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Springfield.

'41 |

**E. Dale Click** '44S, Moorpark, Calif., died Feb. 17, 2013. As a dedicated Lutheran pastor, he served St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, San Mateo, Calif., The National Church in New York, N.Y., First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Calif., Luther Memorial Church, Erie, Pa., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fresno, Calif. and First Lutheran Church, Dayton, Ohio. Following his retirement in 1983, he served as a supply pastor and interim minister at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, Chatsworth, Calif. For three decades, he was a chaplain on cruise ships. An active member of the Rotary Club, he was a prolific author and an avid golfer. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2011 from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio.

'42 |

**Myrtle Raabe Thompson**, Temecula, Calif., passed away Aug. 24, 2012. She volunteered in her community as a member of the Women's Club, sponsor for Dorland Mountain Colony, substitute teacher and founding member of Hope Lutheran Church. She was also a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She enjoyed traveling, reading, working crossword puzzles, playing bridge and nature.

'43 |

**Robert R. Daugherty**, Shelby, Ohio, died July 24, 2012. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in the European Theatre. From 1950-68, he owned and operated the Shelby Hatchery. He served two terms as president of North Central Ohio Egg and Poultry Cooperative and was a past director of the Ohio Poultry Association. From 1964-70, he served two terms as Shelby city councilman for the Second Ward. He was also an auditor with

the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, retiring in 1987. A volunteer income tax aide for AARP, he was a member of First Lutheran Church and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He was pastor master of Shelby Masonic Lodge #350 F&AM, past president of Shelby Shrine Club and member of Al Koran Shrine in Cleveland, Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus and Shelby Chapter R.A.M. #178.

Formerly of Ohio, **Charles J. Miller Jr.** passed away Dec. 10, 2012, at his home in Bonita Springs, Fla. He served in the radiology division of Brown General Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, for two years before being certified by the American Board of Radiology in 1950. His professional positions included attending radiologist at Cincinnati General Hospital, director and chief of radiology at Akron General Medical Center, director of radiology for St. Thomas Hospital Medical Center in Akron, Ohio, and attending radiologist at Wadsworth-Rittman and Lodi Community Hospital in Ohio. He was instructor in radiology at the University of Cincinnati and clinical professor of radiology at the Northeast Ohio Medical University where he was the initial director of undergraduate radiology. A member of numerous professional organizations, he served as president of the Cleveland and Ohio State Radiological Societies and was chief of staff at Akron General Medical Center. The recipient of several awards and honors for his excellence in his profession, he was a member of Fairlawn United Community Church.

**Martha Miley Rajala**, Dayton, Ohio, died Oct. 14, 2012. A devoted elementary school teacher, she served schools for many years in Cicero, Ind., and Plain City and Miamisburg, Ohio. She was a faithful member of St. Jacob Lutheran Church in Miamisburg, Ohio, and an accomplished violinist who performed with a professional quartet in Cleveland, Ohio. In later years, she enjoyed her hobby of oil painting.

**Carol M. Roser**, Elyria, Ohio, died Jan. 17, 2013. She taught at the Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Japan and Germany and also in the

Tuscarawas, Allen and Marion County Schools before moving to Elyria in 1954. She taught for a total of 34 years, the last 22 at Elyria High School, from which she retired in 1978. Her memberships included Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kappa Delta sorority and the Lorain County and Ohio Retired Teachers Associations.

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**Genevieve "Sally" McClellan LaRue**, Danvers, Mass., died Nov. 13, 2012. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was a homemaker.

**Austin F. Shell** '45S, Columbia, S.C., died Jan. 16, 2013. He was ordained by the Ohio Synod of the Lutheran Church of America in 1945 and served five parishes. He was assistant pastor of Lutheran Rural Parish, Crawford County, Ohio; pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio; mission founder and pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Athens, Ohio; and interim pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, St. Matthews, S.C. In 1965, he became professor of pastoral care at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S.C., teaching for 24 years as professor of pastoral care and director of contextual education. He retired as professor emeritus of pastoral care on July 31, 1989. He later served for several years as humanities adjunct instructor at Midlands Technical College, Columbia, S.C. A member of Dorm League, he loved auctions, antiques, music and whistling.

**Betty Davidson Smith**, Marion, S.D., passed away Sept. 10, 2012. A member of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and Delta Zeta sorority, she retired from the Marion Public Schools before beginning to work at Farmers State Bank.

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**Lynette Dopler Aey**, Norwich, Conn., died Jan. 22, 2013. Her career as a dietitian began at the Harkness Private Pavillion within the CP Medical Center. After moving to Norwich, she served as chief dietitian at the Norwich State Hospital. In 1966, she joined the science department faculty at Norwich Free Academy, teaching earth science and health education

and serving as drug education coordinator for 21 years. Among her many honors, she received the Best Geology Teacher Award in 1977 and was appointed to the Connecticut Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse in 1981. An editor for NASA publications, she was the author of several papers in her field. Her memberships included Park Congregational Church, Kappa Delta sorority, the Fortnightly Study Club, "Mary Jones" Art Class, Embroidery Guild of America, Mohegan Chapter of AARP, Retired Teachers of Connecticut, Center for Learning in Retirement, NL County Retired Teachers, National Button Club, Women's City Club and Lyman Allyn Museum and Art Classes.

**Andree Wood Williams**, Towson, Md., died Jan. 30, 2013. She taught drama and public speaking at Roland Park Country School, Baltimore, Md., before retiring to Bethany Beach, Del. She had volunteered for many years at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Carry-On Shop and was an avid gardener. An international traveler, she was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd and Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Jane Wagner Wilson**, formerly of Williamson, W.Va., and Daytona Beach, Fla., died Aug. 8, 2012, in Pikeville, Ky. A former school teacher, she was a homemaker and worked in her husband's optometry practice. Her memberships included First Presbyterian Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She was active in church, civic and social organizations and had a passion for music.

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**Marvin L. Carey**, Springfield, Ohio, died March 18, 2013. During World War II, he served as a specialist A first class with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. His career in education began as a teacher with the Springfield City Schools. He retired after serving as principal at Snowhill Elementary and Simon Kenton Elementary Schools. For many years, he was the summer director of sandlot baseball for Springfield and Clark County. He was an active member of the First Church of the Nazarene, the Clark County Wittenberg Alumni Assoc., the Clark County Mental Health

Assoc., the Clark County Advisory Board to the Police Chief, the Ohio Education Assoc., and the Republican Party. Other interests included hunting, fishing and golfing.

**Sallie Jones Lumadue**, formerly of Shelby, Ohio, died Aug. 7, 2012, in Huntsburg, Ohio. She retired as an elementary music teacher with the Shelby City Schools. Following her retirement she was a parish worker with First Lutheran Church. Her memberships included the Lutheran Church and Kappa Delta sorority.

**Donald L. Lunda**, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., died Oct. 21, 2012, in Ballwin, Mo. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy on the USS Barnwell and USS Rockridge. Following his discharge from active service in 1946, he remained in the reserves until 1956. His career in human resources with General Electric took him to Buffalo, N.Y., Philadelphia, Pa., Chicago, Ill., and Jacksonville, Fla. Following his retirement, he served as a volunteer with Ronald McDonald Charities, Hospice of Northeast Florida, the Justice Coalition of Jacksonville, the Ecumenical Services Council and Volunteer Jacksonville. He was a member of South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church and Phi Mu Delta fraternity.

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**Eugene E. Fellmeth**, Canal Fulton, Ohio, died March 18, 2013. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force as a tail gunner on a B-17 based in England. He was shot down on his 13th mission over Hamburg, Germany, and became a prisoner of war. On April 29, 1945, he was liberated by General George S. Patton and the 14th Armored Division. He was awarded an Air Medal, POW Medal, Purple Heart, Unit Presidential Citation and Good Conduct Medal for his time in the military. From 1949-1950, he played professional baseball with the Portsmouth Athletics, a farm club of the Philadelphia Athletics. He became a practicing lawyer from 1951 until his retirement in 1996. During his time practicing law, he was a prosecutor for the Massillon Municipal Court, law director and mayor for the Village

of Canal Fulton, law director for the Village of Navarre, recorder of Stark County and judge of the Massillon Municipal Court. After retirement, he served as an active retired visiting judge. His memberships included Trinity United Church of Christ, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and a host of professional, civic and fraternal organizations.

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**Wilbur W. "Jack" Carr**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 7, 2012. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army. He retired from Frigidaire/General Motors after 34 years as a credit analyst. A long-time member of the Institute of Divine Metaphysical Research, he was a competitive mall walker.

**Harold L. Figley**, '53S of Englewood, Ohio, died Oct. 13, 2012. A Lutheran pastor, he served congregations at Messiah Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran, Dayton, Ohio, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Englewood, Ohio, and First Lutheran Church in Donnelsville, Ohio. He retired in 1993. He was a member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity.

**Harriet Fitch Haynes**, Rockport, Texas, passed away on Dec. 5, 2012. Her memberships included Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority. A homemaker, she enjoyed cooking, baking and reading mystery novels.

**Elizabeth Fisher Jenkinson**, formerly of Bay City, Mich., died July 22, 2012, in Traverse City, Mich. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was an elementary teacher for many years in Bay City, Mich. Following her retirement, she moved to Traverse City, Mich., where she owned and operated the Waterland Motel and the Restwood Motel. She enjoyed painting, cooking and reading.

**B. Keith Meyer**, Xenia, Ohio, died March 5, 2013. After serving as a radio instructor with the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, he began his long career with the Young Men's Christian Association as director of youth programs in Springfield, Ohio. He continued his work with the YMCA in Xenia, Ohio, Morristown, N.J., Taiwan, Bangkok, Singapore, Pakistan, South Korea, Vietnam

and New York, N.Y. In 1979, he retired from the YMCA to begin a non-profit organization that evolved into Global Exchange in Xenia, Ohio. There he developed a vaccine delivery system that could prevent problems he had seen in many areas of the developing world. This development became Thermal Systems International and VacuPanel, applying high tech insulation and other materials to keep vaccines and medications viable. That company is now C-Safe in Moraine, Ohio. He was a member of Faith Community United Methodist Church.

**William A. Monaghan**, Springfield, Ohio, died Aug. 6, 2012. During World War II, he served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Philippine Islands. His career included working at Cooper Industries and Robbins & Myers in Springfield, Ohio, before moving to Quincy, Ill., to join the Gardner Denver Division of Cooper Industries. His memberships included St. Raphael Catholic Church, St. Teresa Catholic Church and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He was past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus #624 and past president and executive secretary of the Irish Fellowship Society of Springfield.

**John L. Moore**, Centerville, Ohio, passed away on March 8, 2013. He was a distinguished veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army European Theater of Operations, where he received two Purple Hearts. He was also awarded a Silver Star in 1945. He was employed with the U.S. Air Force, retiring from Wright Patterson Air Force Base Materiel Command after 35 years of service.

**Robert D. Ruhlin**, VanWert, Ohio, died Aug. 9, 2012. He owned and operated the ABC Heating and Plumbing Co. until retiring in 2003. His memberships included Calvary Evangelical Church, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, the Masonic Lodge and the Elks Lodge.

**James J. Seitz** of Lexington, Ohio, passed away Feb. 27, 2013. During World War II, he served with the 563rd signal air warning battalion of the U.S. Army during the battle of Normandy and the campaigns of northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and central Europe. He was a manager and salesman

for the Famous Supply Co., a plumbing and heating company in Mansfield, Ohio. He retired from L&B Manufacturing, a subsidiary of Famous Supply in Mount Vernon, Ohio. His memberships included First United Methodist Church, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Masonic Lodge. **Carl E. Ziehm Jr.**, Mansfield, Ohio, passed away March 9, 2013. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was the owner/president of Likly-Rockett Luggage Co. He enjoyed skiing, golfing and playing bridge.

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**William R. Charles**, Sausalito, Calif., passed away Jan. 2, 2013. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in Hawaii. He owned and operated a men's clothing store in Palm Beach, Fla., before moving to San Francisco, Calif., where he became a real estate broker. In 1964, he moved to Sausalito, Calif., where he owned the Sausalito Sweet Shop Restaurant and the Winship Restaurant. In 2011, he sold the restaurants and retired. An enthusiastic traveler, he loved yachting. His memberships included Christ Episcopal Church, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Rolls Royce Owners Club.

**Charles S. Dibert**, Medway, Ohio, died Sept. 26, 2012. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army field artillery as a forward observer. He received injuries in the Battle of the Bulge. Upon retiring from military service as a staff sergeant, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal. He worked in the purchasing department at Robbins & Myers before working for Kelsey-Hayes for several years. He transferred to Ledex Inc., Vandalia, Ohio, retiring as the purchasing manager after 24 years with the company. His memberships included Enon United Methodist Church, Medway Lions Club, Eagles Lodge and St. Andrews Lodge #619 F&A.M.

**Mary Cassel Gibson**, Warren, Ohio, died Dec. 15, 2012. She was president of MEG Management and a board member of Jack Gibson Construction Co. Her memberships included St. Paul Lutheran Church, Alpha Xi Delta

sorority, Trowel and Hoe Garden Club and the Art and Drama Club. A collector of fine art, she served on the board of directors of the Trumbull Art Gallery. She was also an advocate for animals.

**Boyd Gibson**, formerly of Selinsgrove, Pa., passed away March 9, 2013. An ordained Lutheran minister, he served a congregation in Memphis, Tenn., and at Thiel College in Greenville, Pa., before becoming a professor of religion and philosophy at Susquehanna University. He retired as professor emeritus. For many years, he served on several local human service agency boards and assisted with a prison visitation program. His memberships included Sharon Lutheran Church, Christ's Lutheran Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Donna Bowman Hogue** of Hamilton, Ohio, died Oct. 20, 2012. An elementary teacher, she served schools in Cincinnati, Springfield and Middletown, Ohio, before retiring in 1986 from the Talawanda School District in Oxford, Ohio. A talented seamstress, she spent most of her free time during her retirement years sewing and altering clothes for family and friends. She was a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in West Chester, Ohio.

**Elwood T. Lannon**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Dec. 5, 2012. A member of Tremont City United Methodist Church, he served with the U.S. Army during World War II. For his service, he was honored with three Battle Stars and a Bronze Star Award. A volunteer 4-H advisor, he taught school for many years with the Clark County and Springfield City Schools. Following his retirement, he moved to Hilton Head, S.C., where he owned Lan-Craft Miniatures and Gifts.

**Gaylord L. O'Bryan**, Sadorus, Ill., passed away Nov. 7, 2012. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific Theater during World War II. He was a farmer. His memberships included the Parkville United Methodist Church, the Sadorus Sportsman's Club and Pesotum American Legion Post No. 580.

**Robert Plazibat**, formerly of Detroit, Mich., passed away June 28, 2012, in Tucson, Ariz.

A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force from 1943-46. He owned Plazibat & Associates, West Bloomfield, Mich.

**Norma Fennessy Rine**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 7, 2012. During World War II, she served as a radio operator with the U.S. Navy Waves. She was a secretary for Hobert C. Bishop Contractors for 13 years and worked for Wheel Constructors. In 1990, she retired after 10 years of service at Mercy Medical Center in the accounts payable department. Her memberships included Home City Chapter 258 of the Eastern Star and Bethel 10 Job's Daughters.

**Ruth Birch Stilwell**, formerly of Troy, Ohio, passed away Oct. 2, 2012, in Centerville, Ohio. She retired after teaching in Tulsa, Okla., and Springfield and Troy, Ohio. She also volunteered at Bruckner Nature Center for 25 years. Her memberships included First Presbyterian and Southminster Presbyterian Churches, Chi Omega sorority and the Troy Current Events Club.

**John B. Wright** '61 M.Ed., Springfield, Ohio, died Dec. 31, 2012. He was in the U.S. Navy (Seabee) Construction Battalion and served in Okinawa during World War II. He was a music teacher in Randolph Township and Mad River Township at Greenon High School, a counselor at Fairmont West High School, Kettering, Ohio, and Hayward Junior High School, Springfield, Ohio, assistant principal/counselor at Springfield South High School and principal at Springfield South High School. Following his retirement in 1982, he was a newspaper carrier for the *Springfield News Sun*. A musician with local dance bands, Wright held memberships in First United Church of Christ, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Springfield Rotary Club, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Masonic Order #619 St. Andrews Lodge, Royal Arch Masons and the Board of Mental Health of Springfield. He performed in many music and theater productions.

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**Melvin R. Adrian**, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, passed away Oct. 1, 2012, in Hudson, Fla. During World War II, he served

with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. Before his retirement, he was an attorney in Springfield, Ohio, for 30 years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

**Robert M. Beatty**, Mansfield, Ohio, died July 21, 2012. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army National Guard during the Korean War. A former artist with the *Chicago Tribune*, he was a real estate broker and owner of R.M. Beatty Realty.

**Richard E. Bennett** of Springfield, Ohio, passed away Aug. 1, 2012. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and finished a 33-year military career in the Ohio Air National Guard, retiring as colonel and commander of the 251st combat communications group. He retired as a civilian from Wright Patterson Air Force Base-AFMRL as a chemist. His memberships included Central Christian Church, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, HS Kissell Lodge 674 F&AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton and OES Home City Chapter 258.

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**Jenny Lynn Alsop**, formerly of New Jersey, passed away Nov. 5, 2012, at her home in Wilmington, N.C. After rearing her family in New Jersey, she retired to Wilmington, where she enjoyed combing the beaches for shells. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**Donald E. Fairburn Sr.** died Dec. 8, 2012, in Portland, Ore. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force. He retired as manager of Holy Cross Cemetery in 1991. He was past president of the Washington Interment Assoc. and Catholic Cemeteries of the Northwest and at one time served as executive secretary of the Northwest Cremation Assoc. He was appointed by the governor to the Washington State Cemetery Board on which he served for four years. Additional memberships included Messiah Lutheran Church, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, the National Catholic Cemetery Assoc., the National Cemetery Association and Cremation Association of North America.

**Harry L. Snyder**, formerly of Miami, Fla., died Feb. 18, 2010, in



Hendersonville, N.C. A Lutheran minister and college professor, he was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

**S. Samuel Ujiie** '55S, Long Beach, Calif., passed away Jan. 16, 2013. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in Japan. Following his ordination in 1955, he served as a pastor developer by the United Lutheran Church in America for the integration of Asians into existing Lutheran Churches in northern California. Since 1962, he served as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Long Beach.

**Evelyn Estridge Weiskotten** passed away March 7, 2013, in Tallahassee, Fla. Early in her life, she lived in Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, Sweden and England before moving to Sarasota, Fla., where she lived for many years. She began her career in banking as a customer service representative at the National Bank of Sarasota. When she retired 25 years later, she was the assistant vice president of operations at the Bank of America. She also volunteered her services to the Guardian ad Litem Program of the 12th Judicial Circuit. A member of the Sarasota County Democratic Women's Club, she enjoyed reading, movies, bird watching and attending art exhibits.

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**Robert E. Cain**, Springfield, Ohio, died Nov. 19, 2012. He served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II in Italy and during the Korean War stateside. In 1987, he retired from the Springfield City Schools following a 35-year career as a teacher and guidance counselor. He directed summer recreation and alumni basketball tournaments through Springfield Parks and Recreation. He was active in sports his entire life, was an avid walker and loved garage sales, traveling, country music, playing pool and card games. He attended First Christian Church and Hillside Avenue Church of God.

**Marlin R. Drake** '56S, formerly of Strasburg, Ohio, passed away Jan. 25, 2013, in Bolivar. He ministered many Lutheran churches throughout Ohio including parishes in Rowsburg,

Convoy, Tiro, Tarleton and Bridgeport. He spent many years at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dover, where he retired as the visitation minister in 2011. A member of Dorm League, he loved collecting stamps and reading science fiction books.

**Marilyn Schmoman Jones**, Lake Cable, Ohio, died June 22, 2012. Her career in education began as a kindergarten teacher with the Canton City Schools and ended in retirement as a first grade teacher at Lake Cable Elementary School with the Jackson Local School System. As an outstanding staff member, she recently was inducted by the Jackson High School Alumni Association to its Wall of Fame. She volunteered on several Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival committees and was a member of St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce and the Stark County Retired Teachers Association.

**Donna Neda Kuklis**, formerly of Gales Ferry, Conn., passed away on Aug. 17, 2012, in Noank, Conn. A registered medical technologist, she worked at Charleoi Hospital, Lawrence and Memorial Hospital and Pequot Outpatient Treatment Center. She also served as a registrar on election days. Her memberships included St. Luke Lutheran Church, Red Cross and Seniors Helping Seniors. She enjoyed needlework, reading, movies, music and traveling.

**James S. Liggett**, Columbus, Ohio, passed away Dec. 2, 2012. He was an owner of Liggett Brothers Construction Co., Arlington Court Club and Liggett Apartments. His memberships included Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, TriVillage Lions Club, National Society to Prevent Blindness and Pilot Dogs Inc.

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**William M. Emery**, Ashland, Ohio, passed away Jan. 21, 2013. A general surgeon affiliated with Samaritan Hospital in Ashland, he retired in 1998. His past affiliations include Kettering, Bellevue, Akron General and Akron Children's Hospital. He was appointed to serve as Ashland County coroner in 1987, was elected to the position in 1988 and re-elected to subsequent terms until he retired from office

in 2010. He was also involved in the development of an on-site coroner's office in the Ashland Justice Complex. He volunteered as team physician for Ashland College/University for 14 years and was instrumental in creating the sports medicine major there. In 1996, he received an award for his service there. His memberships included Trinity Lutheran Church, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and numerous professional, fraternal, service, philanthropic and civic organizations.

**Morris J. Jones**, Middlebury, Ind., passed away Jan. 18, 2013. For many years, he was an operations manager for Dometic Sales Inc. He also owned Midwest Eastern Transport and Metropolitan Real Estate. During the Korean War, he was a medical corpsman with the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

**Ellen Gregg Stolarik**, University Park, Md., passed away Jan. 3, 2013. She spent her career in the space industry for firms including Bendix, Allied Signal and OAO. She was proudest of her time on the Apollo mission. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she also excelled in needle and fiber arts.

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**Ann Averill Bohmer**, Warrenton, Mo., passed away on Nov. 25, 2012. She taught third grade for many years at the Fort Greely School in Alaska. Following her retirement, she became a full-time volunteer with the Child Evangelism Fellowship. Her memberships included Fellowship Baptist Church and Chi Omega sorority.

**Nancy Huddle Shaffer**, Wheeling, W.Va., passed away Jan. 16, 2013. As a young woman, she worked in the garment district and as a secretary in the zoology department at Columbia University in New York, N.Y. Later, she was an interior designer for Stone and Thomas, Wheeling, W.Va. She had a beautiful singing voice and performed with an opera quartet and with the Parkersburg Choral Society. She also directed church choirs in Vienna, Williamstown and Wheeling. Her memberships included Christ United Methodist Church and Chi Omega sorority.

**Myrna Gaut Snyder**, formerly of Chicago, Ill., died July 10, 2012,

in Payne, Ohio. She worked in the art advertising department of the Arthur Anderson Co., before moving to Ohio. Her passion was painting, specializing in oil painting. She also enjoyed watercolors, ceramics, glazes and teaching painting classes. Her memberships included St. Paul United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne Artists Club and the China Painters Society of Fort Wayne. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

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**Guy G. Miller** of Springfield, Ohio, died Sept. 15, 2012, in Jackson, Wyo. During the years of 1950-52, he served as a corporal in the transportation corps with the U.S. Army at Fort Eustis, Va. He was a teacher and media specialist at Springfield High School, Urbana University and Triad High School. Following his retirement from education, he owned and operated Parkside Printing and Perrine & Co. Printers. His memberships included the Ohio Retired Teachers Assoc., American Amateur Press Assoc., National Amateur Press Assoc., The Fossils Inc., Champaign County Historical Society, Clark County Historical Society, Anthony Lodge 455 F.&A.M., Springfield Chapter 48, R.A.M., Home City Chapter 258, O.E.S., and Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton.

**Charles E. Rein** '59S, Loveland, Colo., passed away Dec. 4, 2012. During his ministry as a Lutheran pastor, he served in Buffalo, N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa., Hellertown, Pa., and El Paso, Texas. His specialty was urban church planning and ministry. He retired after 30 years of ordained ministry, remaining in the El Paso area to assist local congregations. He later moved to Loveland, Colo., where he enjoyed reading, traveling and model railroading and model building. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

**Earl C. Sigg**, Athens, Greece, passed away there June 25, 2012, after spending the bulk of his career in the Middle East, where he established an Eaton Corporation joint-venture company in Turkey as well as a regional sales and marketing organization that covered the Middle East and North Africa for the Truck Components Group of Eaton. Earlier he taught

chemistry and physics at Parma (Ohio) High School and became a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pentagon and as Assistant Naval Attache in Turkey. He also was an executive officer for the 9th Naval District before going to Vietnam. While at Wittenberg he edited *The Wittenberger*, played varsity basketball, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

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**Robert M. Belles** '60S, El Paso, Texas, died July 19, 2012. An ordained Lutheran minister, he served congregations in Hurst, Texas, Wheat Ridge, Colo., Hershey and Sutherland, Neb., Rosewell, N.M., and El Paso, Texas, before retiring in 1998. His memberships included Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the Kiwanis Club. A docent for the El Paso Art Museum, he served on the boards of the El Paso Rescue Mission, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Public Library.

**Robert W. Hohlmayer**, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Sept. 5, 2012, in Jewett, Ohio. For 20 years, he was a municipal court bailiff in Springfield, Ohio. His memberships included St. James Lutheran Church and the Duke Ellington Club of the UK.

**Jeanne McGillivray Neidhart**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 7, 2012. A homemaker, she attended First Christian Church. She enjoyed reading and watching *Jeopardy*.

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**Eleanor K. Kost**, Liberty Township, Ohio, died Dec. 17, 2012. As a clinical dietician, she worked at the Youngstown Hospital Association, the Cafaro Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio, and Shepherd of the Valley, Niles, Ohio. She was a member of Martin Luther Church.

**Anne Wetzel Linham** of Bellingham, Wash., and Green Valley, Ariz., passed away Feb. 14, 2013. A former teacher, she enjoyed good music, stage productions, reading, golfing and cooking. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Donna Reed Spracklen**, LaRue, Ohio, died Aug. 1, 2012. She worked in advertising for the *Kenton Times* and *Marion Star*.

She also taught art and English at Ridgemont High School and Riverdale High School. Her memberships included St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mary Lenox Chapter #98 O.E.S., George Lewis Behrens Chapter #504 O.E.S., and the ladies auxiliary of the Scioto Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.

**Bernard W. Thompson** died Feb. 16, 2013, in Palm Harbor, Fla. A member of Generations Christian Church and Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he began his professional life as a teacher and coach with the Springfield Board of Education and as an administrator with the Clark County Juvenile Court in Ohio. More recently he served as a sports announcer and in sales management with various broadcasting companies in Kentucky, Oklahoma, Oregon and Ohio.

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**H. Eldon "Cliff" Akerman** '63S, Houston, Texas, passed away Jan. 28, 2013. Ordained into the Lutheran Church in America (now ELCA) in 1963, and he served congregations in Ohio and Texas until he retired in 2003 from Holy Comforter Lutheran Church in Kingwood. He served on Synod Council and as secretary of Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod and held six interim assignments in Texas following his retirement. He traveled extensively and loved to fish.

**Ronald L. Whitaker**, Athens, Ohio, died Dec. 14, 2012. His career included teaching physical education at Putnam School in Athens and in Lincolnwood Illinois, supervising student teachers, teaching graduate students and serving as an assistant professor of the College of Health and Human Services at Ohio University. After a teaching career of 35 years, he retired in 2000. The first male president of the Black Diamond Girl Scout Council, he was a member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, Lewis County Historical Society and Jonz Gentz. He was also an avid family genealogist.

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**Barbara Keyser Blackburn**, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Jan. 25, 2013, in Temperance, Mich. Her career included serving as a high school substitute teacher, a daycare teacher and an infant

home daycare provider. She was a member of Reformation Lutheran Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**Larry E. Miller**, formerly of College Corner, Ohio, died Oct. 15, 2012, in Tampa, Fla. He retired from public school administration in Ohio. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dade City, Fla.

**Martha A. Saylor** of Hamilton, Ohio, died Oct. 20, 1992. Early in her career, she was a dietician at a hospital in Bronx, N.Y. Later she served as a school teacher in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

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**Herbert Lutz** of Tremont City, Ohio passed away on Dec. 5, 2012. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific as a lieutenant J.G. aboard the *LST 942*. His career in education began as a teacher at Concord Township High School. He later began teaching with the Northwestern Schools after spending several years at Olive Branch Junior High School. He was promoted to guidance counselor and continued in that position until his retirement in 1983. During his retirement, he enjoyed providing music to his church, Tremont City United Methodist Church, gardening, bicycle riding, advocating clean water and visiting family.

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**Stephanie Steininger Eslinger**, Des Moines, Iowa, died March 15, 2013. A long career in social work led her to her most recent service at Broadlawns Medical Center. Her memberships included Plymouth Congregational Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Gary R. Jones**, Leicester, N.C. passed away July 24, 2012. At one time he was director of data base administration with the Service Merchandise Co., Nashville, Tenn.

**Anna Haney Miller** '67M.Ed., Springfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 25, 2012. She was a retired teacher from the Springfield City Schools, having spent most of her career at McKinley Elementary School. Following her retirement, she authored two books, *Hits and Misses* and *A Place Named Darnell*. Her memberships included Central

United Methodist Church and the Ohio Retired Teachers Association.

**Robert F. Bussabarger**, Columbia, Mo., died Jan. 22, 2013. He served with the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant J.G. aboard an LST in the Pacific during World War II. After teaching art with the Lansing, Mich., Public Schools and at Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches, Texas, he accepted a position at the University of Missouri in 1953 to teach ceramics and painting. In 1961, he was awarded a Fulbright research grant to study terracotta sculpture and temples in India. He returned to India many times throughout his life producing art and exhibiting there. He co-authored an illustrated book, *The Everyday Arts of India*. In 1987, he taught ceramics as a visiting professor at Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea. He established the Columbia Art League, where he promoted local artists and exhibited his own work. After his retirement in 1990, he remained active in art and kept in touch with many of his former students. He was also a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, the University Choral Union, the Muleskinners and Kiwanis Club.

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**Enobong A. Ekong**, Palmdale, Calif., died Aug. 29, 2011. He was chief resident during his residency and fellowship at Boston City Hospital before moving to California to establish the cardiology department at Martin Luther King Hospital in Los Angeles. In 1982, he entered private practice in Lancaster, Calif. For the past 30 years he developed an exceptional reputation in interventional cardiology. At the time of his death, he was a member of the board of directors of Palmdale Regional Medical Center. His memberships included the American Heart Association and the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas. He was also a fellow of the American College of Cardiology. Following his death, the Palmdale Regional Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit was dedicated to his memory.

**Susan Zinck Flesner**, Gettysburg, Pa., died Jan. 26, 2013. An elementary school counselor with the Bermudian Springs School District, she was a member of St.

James Lutheran Church and served for many years on the advisory board of Adams County Children and Youth Services. Her interests included bicycling, traveling, teaching Tai Chi and playing the Native American flute.

'66 |

**John R. Berg**, Westerville, Ohio, died July 11, 2012. A member of Augsburg Lutheran Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he touched many lives during his careers in theatre, broadcasting and law. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and a retired Grange Insurance attorney.

'67 |

**David K. Shadwick**, Columbus, Ohio, passed away Dec. 21, 2012. A member of Advent Lutheran Church, Solon, Ohio, he was a sales representative with AFLAC. He enjoyed cooking, attending orchestra concerts and watching sports.

'68 |

**Lawrence A. Cook**, Lorain, Ohio, passed away Jan. 6, 2013. He was a teacher in the North Olmsted School District and coached hockey and high jumping. His memberships included First Evangelical Lutheran Church and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He enjoyed creative writing and reading and was an avid sports fan.

**Jeffrey B. Kehnle**, Medina, Ohio, passed away Oct. 20, 2012. A Lutheran pastor, he served congregations in Wilmington and Hinckley, Ohio. He was also the interim auditor with Medina County and the city service director with the City of Medina. He retired from FirstMerit Bank. He enjoyed volunteering in his community.

'69 |

**Neil A. Armstrong**, Cincinnati, Ohio, died Aug. 25, 2012. A combat pilot for the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, he flew 78 combat missions. In 1955, he received an aeronautical engineering degree from Purdue University. He was an aeronautical research pilot with NASA before being selected as an astronaut in 1962. After serving on numerous missions, he was the spacecraft commander of Apollo 11 and the first man to set foot on the moon on July 20, 1969. In

November 1969, he was awarded an honorary doctor of science at the inauguration of Wittenberg's 10th president, Dr. G. Kenneth Andeen. Upon leaving the space program, Armstrong traveled and gave speeches but avoided the spotlight. For a time, he was an associate NASA administrator for aeronautics. He returned to Ohio as a professor of aeronautical engineering at the University of Cincinnati, owned a farm near Lebanon, Ohio, and served as a director for several corporations.

**Cynthia J. Bolbach**, Arlington, Va., died Dec. 12, 2012. She was an attorney and the former editor of *Media Law Reporter* before serving as executive vice president of Bloomberg Bureau of National Affairs. She retired in January 2012 after 40 years with the organization. An elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, she was elected in 2010 to a two-year term as moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the highest officer in the denomination.

**Craig L. Weber**, Canton, Ohio, died Aug. 5, 2012. A member of St. Peter Catholic Church, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Marine Corps League Def #277, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for six years and the U.S. National Guard for 16 years. He retired from the Timken Co.

**Edgar C. Winkler**, Sarasota, Fla., passed away on July 9, 2012. He was the founder and CEO of Hospitality Development Corp., a developer of worldwide resorts and hotels. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

'70

**Marcia Mader Caravella** of Norcross, Ga., and Troy, Ohio, passed away June 28, 2012. She taught with the Fulton County School System and later spent 20 years as an administrative assistant with the Smith Gambrell & Russell Law Firm in Atlanta, Ga. Her memberships included First Lutheran Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Joy Phillips Glatz**, formerly of Chicago, Ill., and Dallas, Texas, died June 4, 2013, in Delray Beach, Fla. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and an animal lover, she at one time was a senior underwriter with CNA Insurance, Chicago.

'71 |

**Patricia Castella Bredbeck**, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died June 29, 2012, in Sun City Center, Fla. She taught for 21 years with the Springfield City Schools.

**Louann Rebbin Shaw**, a homemaker from Medway, Ohio, passed away Oct. 2, 2012.

**Linda Gillie Winter** of Westfield, N.J., died Nov. 5, 2012. She worked for the Kemper Insurance Co., in Summit, N.J., for several years before becoming a homemaker. She was involved in various community and family activities. Her memberships included the Presbyterian Church, Alpha Xi Delta sorority, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club, an investment club and a book club. She enjoyed vacationing in Cape Cod, the Outer Banks and Wilmington, Del.

'72 |

**Ronald L. Sortman**, Dayton, Ohio, passed away March 6, 2013. A retired systems engineer with International Business Machines, he was a statistician to the Wittenberg Football Team for more than 40 years in addition to his work with the Wittenberg Fund. His memberships included Grace Lutheran Church and the I.B.M. Retirees Club.

'73 |

**Russell R. Nelson**, Wickliffe, Ohio, passed away Jan. 7, 2013. A member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he at one time was a conservation worker at the Cleveland Lakefront State Park.

**Gary D. Sherman**, Tulsa, Okla., passed away Nov. 2, 2012. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served as a pastor to Lutheran churches in Indiana and Pittsburgh, Pa., before converting to Catholicism in 1982. He moved to Tulsa where he received Catholic ordination and served many different parishes. He worked with others to start Byzantine and Maronite Rite Catholic communities. His final calling was to serve as a chaplain at St. John Medical Center.

**Christopher J. Smith**, Ripley, N.Y., passed away on April 17, 2012. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army. He sold new and used cars for more than 21 years

in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan and Florida. Most recently he was a time-share sales representative at Coconut Mallory Resort, Key West, Fla., and Tamarack Club at Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, N.Y. A Jehovah's Witness, he loved gardening.

'74 |

**Jane B. Johnsen**, Amanda, Ohio, passed away Jan. 31, 2013. She was an assistant professor of education at the Ohio University Lancaster Campus. In addition to teaching and publishing research, she made presentations on topics ranging from television production and viewing to computers and technology to the Association of Educational Communications and Technology, American Educational Research Assoc., the National Survey of Student Engagement Authors Symposium and other groups. She also took the lead in a mentoring/partnership role with education majors and the Lancaster City Schools and served on many campus committees, including the scholarship committee, advising, computers and technology and women in technology and science committees. In 2003, she was named Professor of the Year.

**Larry "Joe" Norman**, Springfield, Ohio, died Sept. 7, 2012. He worked at Robbins & Myers and retired from Henry Technologies, Chicago, Ill. His memberships included High Street United Methodist Church, the Springfield Jaycees, Northridge Lions Club and the Springfield Kiwanis Club. A volunteer at the American Red Cross and Clark County Literacy Center, he hiked about a third of the Appalachian Trail over the years.

'75 |

**David W. Massie**, Mansfield, Ohio, died Dec. 12, 2012. A psychiatrist, he had a private practice in Mansfield and was on the staff at Richland Hospital. He also held a pilot's license and served as an F.A.A. medical examiner. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he enjoyed watching sports, boating, skiing, hiking, fine dining, listening to music and vacationing with his family.

**Ellen Winkhouse Pechawer**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Aug. 9, 2012. She taught special education with the Fairborn and Springfield City Schools, was a physical education teacher, gymnastics and cheerleading coach in the Springfield City Schools and coached cheerleading at Catholic Central High School. She retired with more than 20 years as a path coordinator with the Clark County Board of MRDD. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

**Jeffrey M. Postman**, New Haven, Conn., died July 15, 2012. Before his recent retirement, he worked for SNET/ATT for more than 33 years. His life's passions included long-distance swimming, photography, sailing, biking, hiking and camping. He was a member of Congregation Mishkan Israel and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

'76 |

**Glenn E. DeMott** of Upper Arlington, Ohio, died Feb. 25, 2013. For many years, he was a captain of a charter boat in Depoe Bay in Oregon before moving to Columbus, Ohio, where he began his long career in pharmaceutical sales. An avid sportsman, he was also a member of the Ohio Valley Springer Spaniel Club and was very active in the Community Garden Program.

**Rebecca Conlon McCauley**, formerly of Noblesville, Ind., passed away Jan. 17, 2013, at her home in Fishers, Ind. A homemaker, she had taught first and fifth grades with the Decatur Township Schools and had worked for the Delta Faucet Co. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

'77 |

**William S. Coulter**, Liberty Hill, Texas, died Jan. 19, 2013. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he was a CPA and an auditor for Price Waterhouse. He later worked at NCR Corp., Dayton, Ohio, and was a top recruiter at Source Finance in Los Angeles, Calif. After moving to Texas, he owned a small ranch and several businesses.

**Leota Warren Faulkner**, formerly of Urbana, Ohio, died Nov. 24, 2008, in Springfield, Ohio. After 31 years of service to W.W. Purdy Lawnview School, she retired in 1985 as a special education teacher.

**Paul L. Mizer**, Maria Stein, Ohio, died Dec. 3, 2011. He was a band director for eight years at Miami East High School before relocating to Marion Local High School. His memberships included St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and the American Music Guild of Organists.

**Stephen J. B. Rich** died Aug. 23, 2012 at his home in Beaufort, S.C. He was an accomplished musician who taught at Wade Hampton Academy and Battery Creek High School. His abilities with woodwind and brass instruments facilitated his work as a technician and inspector with Fred Gretsch Enterprises in the United States, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Germany. He toured much of the Midwest and Canada with the Buddy Young Orchestra and Show. He also performed professionally for a number of local orchestras, combos and ensembles. A member of Fred Nimmer's Swingtime Orchestra for 24 years, he also was the founder of the Original Port Royal Sound Dixieland Jazz Band and a regular performer at Cheryl's Le Cabaret on Hilton Head.

'80 |

**Scott R. Benson**, Charlotte, N.C., died July 21, 2012. A member of Christ Episcopal Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he worked for five years with the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., New York, N.Y. In 1985 he moved to Charlotte, N.C., where he worked at Interstate/Johnson Lane and First Union National Bank's Capital Markets Group. He was active in the athletics department at his children's school, Charlotte Country Day School.

**Catherine Sperring Garcia**, of Miami, Fla., passed away Nov. 10, 2012. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was a paralegal who worked in the mortgage and insurance industries.

**Elizabeth Slaymaker Sievers**, Gaithersburg, Md., passed away July 24, 2012. Her career included cartography and technical writing before she became a park naturalist at Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annandale, Va. She also owned and operated the Brain and Body Center Yoga Studio in Crystal City, Va. She was a member of Unity Church of Gaithersburg.

**Charles T. Witmer**, Tallahassee, Fla., passed away Aug. 2, 2012. Early in his music career, he was based in New York, N.Y., pursuing a solo vocal career in classical music, performing with many companies across the United States. After moving to Florida, he focused on church music as music director at Centenary Methodist Church in Quincy and headed the music ministry for Grace Lutheran Church as the organist and choirmaster. A member of the American Guild of Organists, he served as music director and conductor of a women's chamber choir, as conductor and tenor soloist with the Tallahassee Bach Parley, and taught private voice lessons.

'82 |

**Jacqueline Egerton Schlueter**, Baltimore, Md., died Aug. 22, 2012. She was a teacher, volunteer and homemaker who had a passion for craftwork. Her memberships included New Hope Lutheran Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

'84 |

**Cheryl Fackler Hug**, Menlo Park, Calif., passed away Feb. 17, 2013. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, her career as an attorney began in Washington, D.C., with Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher. She moved to Belarus where she assisted in the development of the Belarus constitution and helped establish a public law library. In Menlo Park and Geneva, Switzerland, she was vice president, deputy general counsel and chief integrity and compliance officer with Sun Microsystems. She later served as a vice president and associate general counsel with Hewlett Packard.

'89 |

**Reginald H. Holle**, Okemos, Mich., died April 5, 2012. He was bishop of the Michigan District of the American Lutheran Church and of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He was a member of the board of regents at Capital University before serving as chair and also served as a member of the board of directors at both Lutheran Northwestern Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and Wittenberg. His contributions to the Lutheran

Church continued as a member on the U.S.A. committee for the Lutheran World Federation as chair of the national committee of the American Lutheran Church. For 29 years he pastored congregations in Sandusky and Cleveland, Ohio, and in Detroit, Mich. An honorary doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by Wittenberg in 1989. Following his retirement in 1995, he devoted his energies to planned giving and development for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

'96 |

**Naomi Seim Linnell**, Hastings, Minn., passed away Jan. 21, 2013. She taught English literature at several schools in California, Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa. For many years, she was the assistant director of the division of college and university services in higher education for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She worked as liaison with ELCA college/university boards and provided leadership development among women of ethnic cultures. She worked with foreign projects, including the UN Nairobi Conference on the Decade for Women. She participated in the World Federation Consultation on Peace Studies in France. She was a former member of the World Wide Women Task force and a number of professional associations, including the National Association of Women Deans and Councilors and the National Women's Studies Association. An honorary doctor of humane letters was conferred on her by Wittenberg University.

'03 |

**Christopher S. Greer**, Toledo, Ohio, died July 17, 2012. An Eagle Scout, he was a sales associate in his family's business, Builder's Steel. He was a fan of Virginia Tech and Michigan football.

'08 |

**Rachel C. Ianni**, Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 1, 2013, in the Galapagos Islands. She volunteered a year with AmeriCorps doing conservation work in Nevada. Later she worked at the Indiana Dunes National Forest, Chicago Public Schools and the Field Museum of Chicago. She was a member of St. Teresa Catholic Church.



Caryl Phillips, Sept. 26



Dave Barry, Oct. 17



Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 10-13

## August

22-25 **New Student Days**

26 **Fall Semester Begins**

## September

11 **Wittenberg Series Event: Opening Convocation** – 11 a.m., Weaver Chapel

26 **Dr. Allen J. Koppenhaver Literary Lecture with Author Caryl Phillips** – 7:30 p.m., Bayley Auditorium, Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center

27-29 **Family Weekend**

## October

10-13 **Homecoming Weekend**

17 **Wittenberg Series Event: Fred R. Leventhal Family Endowed Lecture with Dave Barry** – 7:30 p.m., Pam Evans Smith Arena, HPERC

21-22 **Fall Break**

27 **Wittenberg Series Event: Festival Choral Eucharist for Reformation** – 7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel (Pre-service music at 7 p.m.)

29 **Wittenberg Series Event: Kenneth H. Sauer Luther Symposium with Dr. Stephen Haynes** – 7:30 p.m., Bayley Auditorium, Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center

## November

14 **Wittenberg Series Event: The William A. Kinnison Endowed Lecture with Eric Foner** – 7:30 p.m., Bayley Auditorium, Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center

27-29 **Thanksgiving Holiday**

## December

9 **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Messiah Sing** – 7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel

13 **Wittenberg Series Event: Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas** – 7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel (Pre-service music at 7 p.m.)

21 **Winter Break Begins**

## A Real Homecoming

*Alumnus Looks Back on Life at Wittenberg*

Most colleges have a homecoming celebration, usually on a weekend in the fall. The alumni are invited back to campus where various activities are planned, which certainly include a dinner and a football game. It is a festive occasion where people renew friendships and enjoy a good time.

The fall of 1942, right after America entered the fighting of WWII, was a much more bleak time. The male ranks of students were depleting rapidly as men were called into the service. I was attending Wittenberg at that time.

As the male population thinned, somehow enough men were found to form a football team. There were not enough men to fill up the band, though. On a Saturday morning of a home game, someone would go to the men's dorm and ask for volunteers to fill the ranks. You did not have to know how to play an instrument. If you were interested, you would go to the field house, where you would be fitted with a uniform and handed an instrument.

I volunteered a couple of times. Once, I "played" a trumpet and a French horn another time. So with uniform on and instrument in hand, we then went to the football field and practiced making a large "W" formation.

Whenever the band played, we put the horn to our lips and moved our fingers up and down the keys. Fortunately, there were enough musicians still present so that a melody could actually be heard.

Eventually the men living in Myers Hall had to move out. The U.S. Army Air Corps took over the building for its Air Cadets. We were scattered among the various fraternity houses. I was sent to live in the Delta Sig house on Fountain Avenue next to Fourth Lutheran Church [now Good Shepherd]. I ate at the Beta house on Woodlawn Avenue. Most of the men hoped of at least having time to finish the school term before being called up to join the military.

The school term was over in June, but come May, every last one of us was called into active service. The faculty had an emergency meeting and decided that as long as you had a passing grade during the term, you would pass the course without finishing the few remaining weeks or taking a final exam. So we left the campus and joined our various military units and went off to fight a war.

So here we are, several years later. The war was over in 1945. The government came up with the G.I. Bill, which,

**Richard and Jan Wittig's first home, a trailer next to the track in Wittenberg Stadium**



**Wittig on brief leave before being sent to Europe to join the Third Infantry Division, at that time fighting in Italy**

amongst other things, provided assistance for attending college.

On June 6, 1946, I showed up at Recitation Hall at Wittenberg to register for classes. What an amazing sight. The sidewalk in front of the building was filled with men who were also waiting to register for classes. So many of the people you had known back in 1942 were there. Everyone had a story of where he had spent the last several years.

It was so great being back with so many former friends ready to start where we had left off some years ago. It was fortunate that so many of us did return. This was a real homecoming. ■

– Richard M. Wittig '48

*Richard M. Wittig married Janice Sowers '46 on May 1, 1946, and both returned to Wittenberg a month later so Richard could finish classes. Their son, Douglas, followed in their footsteps, graduating in 1972, and later marrying Beverly Trout, class of 1976, and their grandson Eric just graduated in May.*



# Our Wittenberg

Investing in others is one of the many things that connect us. Support is indispensable, and the benefit, undeniable.

Wittenberg is a place that I will always cherish. My experiences at Wittenberg have shaped me into a young adult with leadership experience, self-confidence and a positive outlook. Wittenberg is a community of learners where we all rely on one another as friends and mentors, not just for four years, but for life. This is why I want to thank the generous Wittenberg alumni for their support. Their contributions to Wittenberg are vital and make Wittenberg a better place for everyone. In fact, if it weren't for alumni support in the form of scholarships, I wouldn't have been able to attend Wittenberg. I look forward to giving back to Wittenberg as a new alumna.

**Shelly Gregory '13, Marysville, Ohio**



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