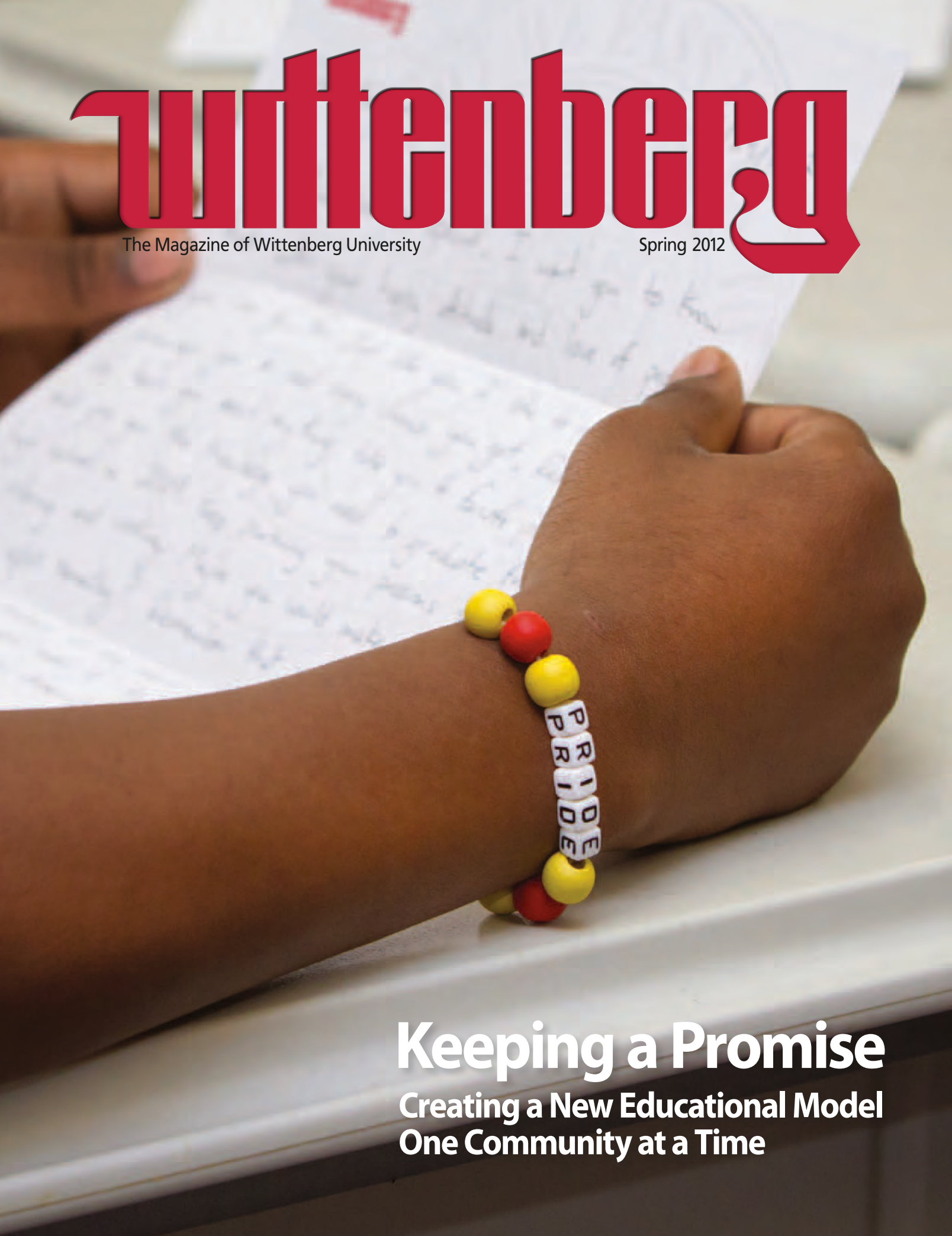


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Wittenberg Battleships, the ultimate water contest, brought students together, March 21, as part of the university's Witt Wednesday event series sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement. Photo by Erin Pence '04



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Fond Farewell



After seven wonderful years and more than 20 columns, it is tougher than I had imagined to craft this, my final article for the alumni magazine. How do I condense all those wonderful moments, the countless thank yous, and a few parting thoughts into my final words?

Let me begin by saying how honored and humbled I am to have been the president of Wittenberg for these past seven years. This is a great place, an extraordinary place, a place that changes lives. I see the transformative impact this place has on our students every day. I greet them on their very first day, and I hand them their diploma four years later as they cross the stage in Commencement Hollow. I can't imagine a more privileged seat – working with amazing students, an incredible faculty, great staff and committed

alumni. It has truly been a “calling” for me, and I have loved every moment.

Every Commencement, I provide a “shout out” in my presidential comments to members of the graduating class who have distinguished themselves. In this column, I thought I would repeat that tradition by “shouting out” to a few members of this community who have been among the true stars of the last seven years. I think first of Bob '63 and Lynn Ness '64. They don't come any better than the Nesses. This couple quite simply embodies the values of Wittenberg, and their passion for this place is unmatched. Their philanthropy has been a model for others to emulate, but so has their engagement. Their wise counsel and friendship has been a true blessing.

I think also of Ann McGree, the ID checker at the CDR. Ann loves her work, and she knows virtually every student by name – and they love her! Ann teaches all of us a lesson about the importance of the “passion and attitude” we bring to our work.

And then there is Kenny Lake, carpenter foreman, who hasn't found a problem he can't solve, and, like Ann, brings an energy and enthusiasm to his work that endears him to all. Kenny is also a hugger. When I interviewed for president in 2004, I asked Kenny what he was looking for in a president, and his answer was “someone who would give him a hug.” So any time I see Kenny we make a point to hug, and those hugs have sustained me for the last seven years.

We also have a faculty I would put up against any faculty in the country when it comes to developing meaningful relationships that help our students reach their full potential. The number of “stars” on this faculty is large, but I will name just one, Bob Davis, professor of English. Bob cares deeply about every student in his class, and it shows in the way he pushes his students beyond their own expectations to become not just extraordinary writers, but also deep thinkers. He models the unselfish commitment of our faculty to “go the extra mile” and develops lifelong relationships with many of his students.

There are countless individuals I must thank for their support of me and their commitment to this place. When I began this column, I knew I was taking a risk by naming only five individuals. But my goal was not to focus only on these five – as great as they are – but rather to use them to provide the human faces for the tapestry that is the incredible “fabric” of Wittenberg, a place where values are central, caring is the norm, and students' lives are changed every day. Bob, Lynn, Ann, Kenny and Bob represent the best of Wittenberg, but they are joined by many others.

As I prepare to head back to the Lehigh Valley (my home for 22 years prior to Wittenberg) to assume the presidency of Northampton Community College, a college of 36,000 students committed to community engagement and access, I am excited and ready for my next “calling.” But it is also a bittersweet moment as I leave Wittenberg and all of you, my extended family. Thank you for your friendship, your caring and your support. You have enriched my life and the life of my family in so many ways. There will always be a huge spot in our hearts for Wittenberg. So, please stay in touch, and remember my mantra, “Nothing but the best is good enough for Wittenberg!”

Warm regards,

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

Mark H. Erickson, President

University Names Laurie Joyner As 14th President

The Wittenberg University Board of Directors has unanimously elected Laurie M. Joyner as the university's 14th president effective July 1. Joyner is currently vice president for planning and dean of the college at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. She will become the first female president of the 167-year-old national liberal arts university in Ohio.

"Dr. Joyner represents an ideal fit for the challenges and opportunities facing Wittenberg," said David L. Boyle '69, chair of the Board of Directors, chair of the presidential search committee. "Her exemplary qualifications along with her student-centered, data-driven approach to problem solving, and uncompromising commitment to the liberal arts clearly resonated with the Wittenberg community, and we are thrilled that she has agreed to lead Wittenberg forward. The search committee and the Board were also impressed with Dr. Joyner's enthusiasm for Wittenberg's mission and appreciation for the quality of education provided to our students, both inside and outside the classroom."

"I am honored to be selected to lead Wittenberg University at this important time in its history," Joyner said. "Wittenberg was attractive to me for its commitment to the liberal arts within the context of an inclusive, person-centered academic community. Educating students in the Lutheran tradition of service emphasizes the intellectual, social and ethical dimensions of student development. In this way, Wittenberg helps students discover their purpose and better understand their responsibility to

enhance the common good."

As vice president for planning and dean of the college at Rollins, Joyner is a member of the President's Cabinet and provides leadership for campus-wide strategic planning and student success initiatives. She serves as senior student affairs officer, overseeing all aspects of student life, support services, high-impact educational practices and athletics at the college, which currently enrolls more than 3,000 students.

Prior to her current position, Joyner served as interim vice president for academic affairs and provost, overseeing undergraduate and graduate education and student affairs spanning three schools. In this position, she initiated a campus-wide plan to improve student retention, created the office of student success and assisted with the establishment of a new College of Professional Studies.

Joyner also served as dean of the faculty at Rollins from 2007-2010. During this time, she enhanced faculty development, supported the integration of curricular and co-curricular efforts to strengthen student learning, and established the office of grants and contracts to assist faculty and staff seeking external funding. She also secured resources to support the development of a strategic faculty compensation system and led implementation of a "Maymester" term to meet student needs while generating new resources.

Before joining Rollins, Joyner served as associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University New Orleans. In this capacity, she



oversaw college curricular initiatives, the administration of academic policies and procedures, and the assessment of student learning outcomes. Joyner also developed and implemented a comprehensive first-year experience program and faculty development initiatives.

A native of New Orleans, Joyner graduated magna cum laude from Loyola University New Orleans and earned master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from Tulane University. Her election as president follows a seven-month search process conducted by a 17-member search committee comprised of current and emeritus directors, faculty and staff members, one student and an alumni representative that reviewed the candidacies of more than 60 applicants. The search was led by the national executive search firm Isaacson, Miller. ■



Famed Choir Follows Luther's Footsteps

With its long and illustrious history of passing its light on to others close to home and on an international scale, the widely acclaimed Wittenberg Choir traced the path of Martin Luther by singing in the churches where he preached, May 13-May 22. The special European tour marked the 50th anniversary of the choir's first European tour.

Director Adam Con chose to tour Germany in 2012 to coincide with

the *Luther 2017, 500 Years of Reformation, 2012 Year of Music*, part of a 10-year celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 theses and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

"Since this is a huge year in the celebration of Martin Luther, the Reformation and the music of Luther, it seemed like the perfect fit for connecting to the historical roots of our university," said Con, who also directs choral activities

Alumni Remember Two Professors

In an effort to ensure that future generations understand the powerful, inspiring teaching that takes place at Wittenberg, alumni have joined to create two scholarships for two late professors: Thomas Gerrard, professor emeritus of geology and the 1984 recipient of the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching, and Donald

Busarow, director of the Wittenberg Choir.

Gerrard passed away after a long battle with diabetes on April 21, 2010, and Busarow passed away Oct. 24, 2011, after a battle with cancer. Alumni have consistently contributed to the funds, which will be used to allow more students to attend Wittenberg in their memory. ■

UN Invites Senior to Participate in Practicum



Already actively engaged on campus, including serving as a sexual assault advocate and founding Women in Power, Hanna Franck-Larsson '12 was also one of only 20 women students selected from across the United States to participate in the United Nations-sponsored Practicum on the Commission on the Status of Women in New York earlier this year. The Practicum offered an opportunity to observe how the United Nations works to address issues requiring multilateral engagement and coordinated action.

"I believe that the knowledge and capacities of women are often neglected in our world today, and that society is at a loss when cutting half of its human resources off," she says. "To me, it's important to attempt to find new ways to approach gender inequality, but also to highlight the difference in representation where we least expect it." ■

and coordinates music education. "The Wittenberg Choir has not traveled beyond the borders of the United States for many years, and international travel and singing abroad is an important component to a strong choral program at any university."

Thirty-three members of the Wittenberg Choir participated in the tour, which included stops at the new Holocaust Memorial Museum in Berlin and the Buchenwald Concentration Work Camp. As part of the Martin Luther focus, the choir also visited homes, churches and places of sanctuary where Luther lived and worked. ■



In Service to Humanity
Award-Winning Photojournalist
Shares Stories

With a special focus on exposing human rights violations, internationally renowned photojournalist Ron Haviv has covered conflict and other humanitarian crises around the world since the end of the Cold War. He documented the aftermath of Sept. 11, the war in Afghanistan and the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in Iraq. Most recently, he has documented wars in Darfur and the DR Congo.

From March 13-15, students had the opportunity to learn from Haviv during the Wittenberg Series-sponsored Visual Artist in Residency. Presented with support from WDPR 88.1-FM and WYSO 91.3-FM, Haviv's residency included a public lecture on campus and visits to several classes, as well as two exhibits, "Not In Our Name: Images of Our

Professor Reimagines Europe in New Book

As the spring semester neared its conclusion, Christian Raffensperger, assistant professor of history, saw his new book, *Reimagining Europe: Kievan Rus' in the Medieval World, 988-1146*, hit Amazon's "shelves."

According to Raffensperger's book, "an overriding assumption has long directed scholarship in both European and Slavic history: that Kievan Rus' in the 10th through 12th centuries was part of a Byzantine commonwealth separate from Europe...Raffensperger refutes this conception and offers a new frame for two

hundred years of history, one in which Rus' is understood as part of medieval Europe and East is not so neatly divided from West."

Raffensperger, who earned his B.A. from Bates College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, serves as director of Wittenberg's Premodern and Ancient World Studies (PAST) minor. He is currently working on a new project "examining the intra-familial conflicts in medieval central and eastern Europe, and how those conflicts often become wider wars. ■



ERIN PENCE '04



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World from 1989-2012" and "Haiti, January 23, 2010."

A co-founder of VII, whose work is published by *Fortune*, *The NY Times Magazine*, *Time* and *Vanity Fair*, among others, Haviv has published two critically acclaimed collections of his photography – *Blood and Honey: A Balkan War Journal*, and *Afghanistan: On the Road to Kabul* – and he has contributed his wide-ranging body of work to several other books.

He has also earned awards from World Press Photo, Pictures of the Year, Overseas Press Club, and the Leica Medal of Excellence. He regularly lectures at universities and seminars, and numerous museums and galleries have featured his work, including the United Nations, the Louvre and the Council on Foreign Relations. ■

Empty Bowls Helps Area Hungry

The lines extended throughout the Benham-Pence Student Center well before the doors opened for the 18th Empty Bowls fundraiser on March 22, a testament to the beloved community tradition that the event has become. Hosted by Wittenberg's Department of Art and Catholic Social Charities, with support from local sponsors and donors, Empty Bowls raised more than \$36,000 this year to feed the hungry in the local community.

It was the second straight year that Wittenberg's Empty Bowls event exceeded

\$36,000. Proceeds go to Second Harvest Food Bank, which provides food supplies to the poor and homeless throughout Clark, Champaign and Logan Counties.

A total of 1,012 ceramic bowls were thrown for the event using a pottery wheel and then trimmed, fired and glazed throughout the year by volunteers, including students, university faculty and staff members, and Springfield community members. Participants then paid \$15 for a handcrafted bowl and access to a soup, salad and bread buffet. ■

Tree Planting Unites Sister Schools

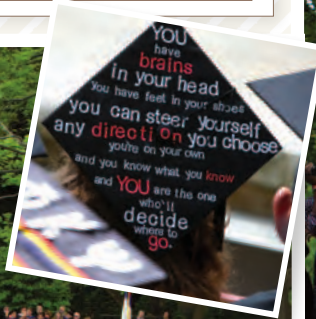
On May 2, Tim Bennett, associate professor of languages, traveled to Wittenberg, Germany, to participate in a special tree planting, photo at right, which is connected to a larger "Luther Garden" project in Wittenberg, Germany, in which 500 trees are being planted. A few weeks later on May 23, Wittenberg, as part of the project, sponsored a similar tree planting on campus "In witness to the communion within the Lutheran World Federation as a sign of the fellowship and reconciled diversity among the Christian Churches." As of now, Wittenberg may be the only U.S. institution sponsoring a tree as part of this international effort. ■

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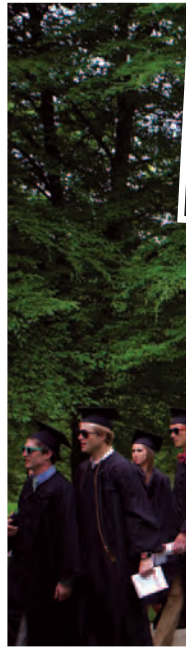


President Mark H. Erickson joins honored guests, from left, Peggy Fox '67 publishing executive, Virginia Ellis Franta '36, philanthropist, and keynote speaker Jennifer Vanica '76, community change advocate.



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Campus Notes

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Bladh
Professor
of Geology

Choy
Associate Professor
of Languages



Cline
Professor of
Chemistry

Con
Associate Professor
of Music



Faber
Professor Emerita
of Music



Dixon
Professor of English

Linda Arena, professor of health, fitness and sport, is in the process of authoring a book titled *The History of Wittenberg Women's Sports and Athletics*, in which she examines women's sports from the 1920s to the modern day.

Ken Bladh, professor of geology, was invited to provide an expert analysis of the significant mineral occurrences in Arizona for an article in the Jan./Feb. commemorative issue of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine celebrating the centennial of Arizona statehood. The article, illustrated with color mineral photographs by an internationally renowned photographer and already received favorably by alumni in the field, is titled "Arizona Mineral Classics" – those minerals for which the state is well, or best, known. Bladh also now serves as editor of the Mineralogical Society of America's online professional mineral database, the *Handbook of Mineralogy*.

Howard Choy, associate professor of languages, recently returned from Toronto, Canada, where he organized and chaired the panel "Cultural and Linguistic Translations: Chinese, Tibetan, and Japanese" and also presented his paper, "Translating Scholarly Quotations: A Case Study of Liu Zaifu's Critical Essays in Exile," at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Choy also was invited by the Global Education and Peace Network in Springfield to give a lecture, "Food, Family and Festivals in Chinese Culture," at the 10th Global Education Speakers Series.

Kristin Cline, professor of chemistry and department chair, presented a poster at the national Pittcon conference in Orlando, March 15, based on work with biochemistry/molecular biology majors Heepke Wendroth '13 and Patrick Westmoreland '13. The poster was titled "Spontaneous Grafting of Substituted Nitrophenyl Groups to Glassy Carbon Electrodes."

Adam J. Con, associate professor of music, and director of choral activities and vocal music education, has been named the new artistic director of the Dayton-based professional choir Musica! He also presented a choral conducting workshop at the Ohio Music Educators Conference, and two choral conducting workshops at the Canadian National Orff Schulwerk Conference. In addition, Con accompanied two students, Benjamin Holbrook '14 and Andrew Bowen '14, to the Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association conference, and he led the choir to Germany this year as part of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

A chapter of Professor of English **Kent Dixon's** collaboration with his son, Kevin, on the graphic novel, *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, will debut in May in *The Graphic Canon*, a three-volume collection of all classical literature, from Gilgamesh to modern times, representing 50 famous graphic artists. The cover of the first volume is his son's rendering of the Bull of Heaven. In addition, Dixon has also authored eight stories or essays, which are now out or slated for publication this summer.

In March, **Trudy Faber**, professor emerita of music, presented a lecture/recital on "Bach and the Dance" for the Winchester, Va., chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The performance took place in the historic Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Winchester, where Wittenberg MSM alumnus Daniel Hannemann serves as director of music.

Sarah Fortner, assistant professor in geology/environmental science, has published an article titled "Silicate weathering and CO² consumption within agricultural landscapes, the Ohio-Tennessee River Basin, USA," which appeared in *Biogeosciences*. Fortner also has published "Diel stream geochemistry, Taylor Valley, Antarctica," in *Hydrological Processes*.

Peggy Hanna, academic department assistant for sociology/geography, had her screenplay, "Under 'S' for Sucker," place in the semifinals 2011 Scriptoid Writers' Challenge, as well as in the quarterfinals of the 4th Annual StoryPros Awards Screenplay Contest.

Ken Irwin, reference librarian and associate professor, has published an article titled "The Homegrown Mobile Catalog: A Quick, Inexpensive Approach to Expanding Access" in the December 2011 issue of *Technical Services Quarterly*.

Roberta Linder, assistant professor of education, presented at the annual conference of the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers in Richmond, Va., where she discussed "A Professional Learning Community Implements

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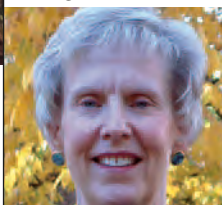
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Management



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Communication



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Science

Formative Assessment in Middle School Language Arts Classes.” Linder also co-authored an article titled “Professional Learning Communities: Practices for Successful Implementation” with Wittenberg education colleagues for the Spring 2012 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin International Journal for Professional Educators*. Additionally, she co-presented with **Tracy Whitlock**, assistant professor of education, at the annual conference of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts on “The 6+1 Traits and Supportive Mentor Texts.”

Thomas P. Martin, professor of health, fitness and sport, was invited by the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars to serve as a Fulbright application reviewer in the field of exercise science. His credentials were vetted by the National Academy of Sciences, and he began serving on the committee in the fall of 2011. Martin was also invited and served as a reviewer for the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Afterschool Network 2011 publication titled *Ohio Kids on the Move: Physical Activity Guidelines for Afterschool Programs*.

Olga Medvedkov, professor of geography, presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in New York City, Feb. 24-27, where she was invited by the AAG office to lead a panel session at the conference titled “Internships and Work-Based Learning as Career Preparation” at the conference.

Jody Rambo, adjunct instructor of English, has been awarded a \$5,000 Individual Excellence Award in Poetry (2012) from the Ohio Arts Council.

Steve Reynolds, professor of theatre and dance, visited the University of Illinois, Iowa State and Weber State in Utah earlier this year to view and evaluate regional student theatre production work in his capacity as a member of the national executive board of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. In Iowa and Utah, Reynolds gave workshops on how to collectively create a documentary theatre piece with a Witt Sem class. In addition, Reynolds joined Dan Fleisch, professor of physics, in scripting the dramatic readings used in the Springfield Symphony’s Planets concert in February.

Pamela Schindler, professor of management, is currently writing the 12th edition of her *Business Research Methods* text slated for classrooms in summer 2013.

Andrew Scholl, assistant professor of geography, and **Ralph Lenz**, professor of geography, accompanied five geography majors, Emily Richard ’12, Matt Weber ’11, Samantha Heaston ’14, Bailey Dubois ’15, and Courtney Van Dyke ’15, to the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in New York City, Feb. 24-27, where Richard and Weber presented papers on their research. Scholl also presented a paper titled “Using a Real World Issue in Sustainability for a Course Project.”

David Schubert, professor of music, had his article titled “Roads Less Traveled: Rediscovering the Baritone Song Sets of Gerald Finzi” published in the March/April 2012 *Journal of Singing*. Schubert will be performing several songs cited in the article in an upcoming recital during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Matthew J. Smith, professor of communication, has published a new book, *Critical Approaches to Comics: Theories and Methods*, with Routledge, one of the most respected imprints in academic publishing. Smith served as co-editor on the 2012 volume with Randy Duncan of Henderson State University. Smith is also one of 21 contributors to the collection, which introduces readers to methods for analyzing comics texts and comics culture. Smith’s contribution, “Auteur Criticism: The Re-Visionary Works of Alan Moore,” pulls on material prepared for a topics course he taught at Wittenberg in “The Graphic Novels of Alan Moore.” Previously, Smith and Duncan co-authored “The Power of Comics: History, Form and Culture,” published in 2009.

Bin Yu, professor of political science, has published two articles: “Between Geo-Economics and Geo-Politics” in the January issue of *Comparative Connections*, and “From Sovietology to Russianology: The Agony of the Switch,” in the January issue of *Russian Studies* (Shanghai). He also participated in two conferences, one on China’s foreign policy at the University of Macao where he presented a paper titled “Russia: China’s Uncertain Strategic Partners,” and the other on China’s military at the U.S. Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va. Additionally, Yu participated in two broadcast round-table discussions, one on the BBC relating to the Taiwan election, and one on Swedish National Radio discussing China-Russian Relations.



Interdisciplinary Offerings

New Majors and Minors Approved

Hillary Monnin '12 enjoys getting to the bottom line – of a balance sheet.

“I love to know if the income statement or balance sheet has the correct amount,” she said. “It’s black and white, and there is not much gray area.”

Beyond the balance sheet, Monnin also sees a clear path to success, which Wittenberg helped to facilitate through its newly introduced major in accounting.

“There are so many things about business that are in your day-to-day life that many people don’t realize,” said Monnin who will serve as a financial analyst at Mettler Toledo’s Columbus office. “So knowing how to handle them in the correct manner is so important.”

Monnin is one of 10 new graduates who earned their bachelor of arts in accounting during Wittenberg’s 167th Commencement exercises, eight of whom, including Monnin, also majored in business.

“Our placement rate for graduates who are seeking employment or continuing their education is very close to 100 percent,” said John Fenimore, adjunct professor of business, adding that what makes the accounting major unique is the “great flexibility it gives students so they can double major or minor in areas of their interest.”

Also recently introduced into the curriculum were new minors in cinema studies, health science, neuroscience and sport management, along with a dual major and minor in environmental science, and a new dance major.

“Students are fascinated with imagery,” said Matthew Smith, professor of communication, regarding the new cinema studies minor. “From the movie theater to the flat panel to the iPad, the ‘screen’ has become the dominant means for conveying information, and students are naturally curious about how those



messages are made – and how they can make them. Cinema studies pierces through the magic of cinematic storytelling so that viewers – and would-be producers – can better understand the meanings and the means for communicating on screens. This is truly an interdisciplinary program with strong contributions from English, communication, foreign languages and literature, history and other departments across campus.”

Julie Aylsworth, assistant professor of sport management, also welcomes the interdisciplinary approach in her field.

“We try to help students develop critical thinking skills that are crucial no matter what field they go into after graduation,” Aylsworth said. “The minor is designed to encourage students to take courses from the health, fitness and sport department, but also business, economics, sociology, psychology, communications, etc. The sports industry is extremely large and varied (sports teams, sporting goods, leagues, college, pro, minor league, non-profit, municipal parks and recreation, sports marketing agencies, sports facilities, etc.), so it’s important for students to be as well-rounded as possible.”

As for the majors and minors in the physical sciences, John Ritter, professor of geology, Sarah Fortner, assistant professor of geology and environmental sciences, and Cathy Pederson, professor of biology, also see the interdisciplinary approach as vital to success.

For example, “the Health Science minor is an interdisciplinary program that is broad enough to serve students interested in medical school, dentistry, nursing and physical therapy as well as those interested in careers in public health and hospital administration,” Pederson said.

“We are concentrating our major on current areas of faculty expertise,” Ritter added, as it’s “what we consider a benchmark characteristic of the best programs nationally.”

For more on all the new offerings, visit www.wittenberg.edu. ■



Trip of a Lifetime

Three Alumni Recall Research Experience Near Arctic Circle

In the summer of 1926, three Wittenberg juniors participated in a “biological trip” to the Northwest Territories in the Great Slave Lake region and the Mackenzie River Basin near the Arctic Circle. Erhardt “Duke” Kunde, Orville “Bud”

equipment to photograph and study wild animals and birds in their native habitats.

Stallsmith kept a written record and photos from the expedition, which his daughter, Sara J. van Dyk, presented to the Alumni Association, all of which

three guns with him, a rifle, a shotgun and a pistol. They took the pistol away at the border, and he picked it up on their return.”

At Edmonton, they boarded a train for a 314-mile journey to the waterways where they bought two canoes, a 16-foot light and 18-foot freight, from the Hudson Bay Company. The students and nearly all the food and equipment traveled in the freight canoe, while Roth and his wife, who were reportedly on their honeymoon, traveled in the light canoe. Heading up the Athabasca River, the group “suffered many physical aches and pains from wielding the canoe paddles for the first few days.”

As for the research, Stallsmith wrote the following: “Collections were made on each field trip and brought back to be placed in the plant press. Fungi was dried and labeled. Insects were either pinned to insect box or preserved in solution of formalin. Collecting of insects became one of the most interesting parts of the work.”

From tar sands, muskeg, black flies and moose, Stallsmith also detailed the history of the area, its people, forts, mounted police and dog teams. He missed nothing, and he reports hardships in matter-of-fact tones.

“It was practically impossible to paddle our heavy freight canoe, and in some places it was impossible to walk... every evening it was necessary to be in the tent by eight o’clock because it was then that the insects turned out in force.”

To learn more about the group’s wilderness ride, visit www.wittenberg.edu/arctictrip. ■ —Phyllis Eberts '00



Orville “Bud” Myers, Erhardt “Duke” Kunde, Harold “Stally” Stallsmith

Myers and Harold “Stally” Stallsmith were chosen to accompany then Assistant Professor of Biology Hugh M. Raup and his wife on an excursion to obtain specimens, and collect and file data of all the plant and animal life they found.

The scope of research included botany, dendrology, zoology and geology with the goal of gathering materials for Raup’s work on his Ph.D. The expedition was reportedly self-financing, with modern

described her late father’s and his friends’ adventures.

Driving from Springfield, Ohio, to Edmonton, Canada, in a Model-T with a station wagon body, they reached Glacier National Park in one week. With four inches of June snowfall, they crossed the border into Canada near the small town of Babb.

Kunde’s son Dave said, “The only mention Dad ever made was that he took



Men's Basketball Honored By Governor



Two months after reaching an NCAA Tournament Elite 8 for the 10th time in program history, the men's basketball team was honored by Ohio Governor John Kasich in a ceremony at his residence in Columbus.

The event was held to recognize eight Ohio college basketball teams that reached the Sweet 16 round or better in March 2012 – men's Division I teams representing Ohio State University, Xavier University, the University of Cincinnati and Ohio University; the women's Division II team from Ashland University; the women's Division III team from Mount Union University; and men's Division III teams from Wittenberg and the College of Wooster. Student-athletes and coaches from each of the eight teams were honored during the ceremony, which included a reception and remarks by the governor about each of the teams and their accomplishments.

"We were really impressed with how knowledgeable Gov. Kasich was about each of the programs in attendance," said Head Coach Bill Brown. "The entire experience was even more personal than we had maybe anticipated. The governor was very encouraging to all the student-athletes as to the difference they can potentially make in their respective worlds."

Wittenberg ended the season ranked 11th in the d3hoops.com national poll after making its NCAA Division III-record 26th appearance in the national tournament. ■ – Ryan Maurer

Tiger athletics will soon have a brand new online look following an extensive website redesign. Check back in July for the latest sports news and information.



Banjo Races To All-America Track Honors

Victor Banjo '14 didn't even plan to run track for Wittenberg when he arrived on campus as a sophomore in August 2011. Seven months later, Banjo became Wittenberg's second indoor track and field All-American after placing fourth in the 60-meter dash at the 2012 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Despite the fact that he had just joined Skip Ivery '04 as the only Tigers to earn indoor All-America honors in program history, Banjo expressed disappointment following the race at Grinnell College (Iowa) on March 10. After winning every regular season race he entered, Banjo had designs on a national title, coming into the race with the sixth-fastest time in NCAA Division III.

"I'm disappointed, but I'm also really thankful for the experience and the opportunity to compete for the Tigers this year," he said.

Banjo, who made 11 tackles for the Tiger football team in 2011, improved his school record time in the 60-meter dash to 6.86 seconds in the final race at the national meet. After earning All-North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) honors in three events at the indoor championship meet, Banjo went on to add NCAC Outdoor Sprinter/Hurdler of the Year after winning both the 100-meter and 200-meter races at Allegheny in May. He then qualified for the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the 200-meter dash. ■ – Ryan Maurer



Volleyball Continues to Celebrate National Championship Status



It was a victory tour that stretched from the post-championship match frenzy in St. Louis on Nov. 20, 2011, to a salute at University of Dayton Arena during the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament on March 14, 2012. In between, the national champion Wittenberg volleyball team was featured in a television show, honored by the Ohio House of Representatives

and cheered by its home fans as a banner was raised to the rafters in Pam Evans Smith Arena.

On Feb. 8, team members and coaches were presented with a resolution by State Representative Ross McGregor that saluted "a remarkable group of athletes" who "have combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad." Head Coach Paco Labrador also was given a commendation by McGregor that recognized his 2011 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year honor.

Three days later, Wittenberg raised its first national championship banner since 1977 before a boisterous crowd assembled for the annual men's basketball showdown between Wittenberg and Wooster.

A championship isn't won in one season, and Labrador pointed out that the 2011 season was a culmination of years of hard work by a host of talented student-athletes.

"It was a great honor for those of us involved in the program in 2011 to be the ones to complete the masterpiece," said Labrador, who has a nine-year record of 296-41 at Wittenberg.

The NCAA championship was Wittenberg's first in a women's sport and the fifth overall for the university. The Tigers became the first women's volleyball team from Ohio – regardless of division – to claim a national title. ■ – Ryan Maurer

Women's Swimming Relay Earns All-America Honors

For the first time in more than a decade, Wittenberg's swimming and diving program was represented at the NCAA Division III National Championship meet by four team members swimming in a relay. Sarah Wilson '14, Molly Gustafson '14, Ward McNulty '13 and Keaton Hannon '12 made the most of their opportunity, earning honorable mention All-America honors in the 200-yard medley relay.

After setting a school record in the event at the North Coast Athletic Conference Championship meet a month earlier, the quartet turned in a time of 1:47.36 in the prelim race at the national meet at IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis, Ind. The time was good for 16th place, earning the Tigers a spot in the consolation final by a mere .08 over the team from Hamilton College.

In the consolation final, Wilson, Gustafson, McNulty and Hannon improved their time by more than one-half second to move up to 13th place in the final standings.

The four swimmers also competed together in three other relay events at the national meet, placing 26th in the 200-yard freestyle relay, 26th in the 400-yard freestyle relay and 17th in the 400-yard medley relay. In the latter event, the Tigers finished just .07 out of a spot in the consolation final.

The All-America honor was a first for Wilson, Hannon and McNulty. Gustafson also claimed All-America honors as a freshman after finishing seventh in the 100-yard breaststroke at the 2011 NCAA Division III Championship meet.

"I am so proud of this accomplishment and all the hard work that went into it by this group of swimmers," said Head Coach Natalie Koukis. "It is so great for each of them individually, and it is a wonderful achievement for the team." ■

– Ryan Maurer



Tiger swimmers clockwise from top left: Gustafson, Hannon, Wilson and McNulty.



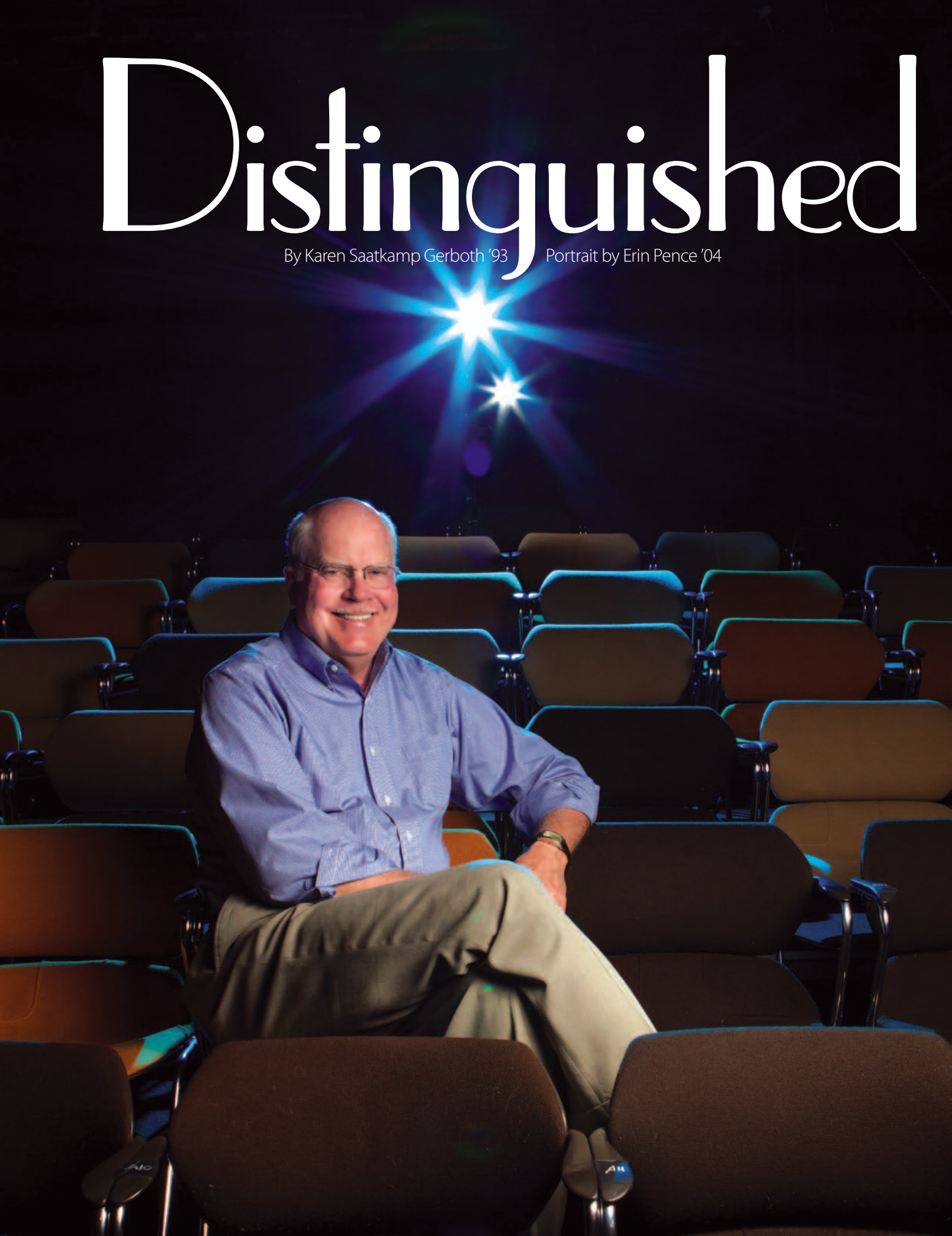
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Distinguished

By Karen Saatkamp Gerboth '93 Portrait by Erin Pence '04



Teacher

Tracking criminals through snow-covered Montana scenery may not have been Steve Reynolds' specialty, but the Wild West stories shared by his father about his gun-toting sheriff grandpa may just have set the stage for his own lifelong pursuit.

"My dad was a painter who became a commercial artist in New York City," Reynolds said. "When he would come home every night, he wouldn't eat right away. Instead he would find my brothers and me, and then tell stories about life in Montana where he grew up."

Conversations with his older brother, Bob, about books and literature also became a staple in the Reynolds home, as did an understanding of the human condition through his mother's eyes as a social worker.

"I had great parents," Reynolds says. "I was so lucky, no question about it."

Yet it wasn't luck that landed Reynolds the top faculty prize, the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching, in May. It was his commitment to students, passionate, creative teaching, and his unique ability to take literature and turn it into a production.

Discovering his gifts, however, required an intense desire to do more than sports during his college years at Tufts University.

"Tufts had this program in London, England," Reynolds recalls. "I went to London as an English major, but there was a playwriting class in the program. My play was selected to be directed by a professional guest director."

And then it happened. A light-bulb moment that Reynolds has never forgotten.

"I heard my words being spoken and discussed, and I just knew that I needed to be in this field."

After graduating from Tufts, Reynolds eventually found himself teaching high school drama while directing for a local community theatre in his hometown. He then headed a bit west himself to earn his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan.

"This field was a glove-fit from the beginning, and I've never lost that passion," Reynolds says, adding that his three decades of teaching at Wittenberg affirms that passion daily.

"Playwrights try to uncover the great truths about the human condition, and to watch our students start to own their characters and create art themselves has been fantastic."

Getting to work collaboratively with students, alumni and colleagues across the country has also been an honor for Reynolds, who has guest-directed several productions with former students.

"It's a special experience to work with our alumni," he says. "I actually think I became a director because I wanted to play all the parts," he then adds with a smile as he begins to reflect on his final production at Wittenberg.

To cap his 31-year career, Reynolds chose to direct Gilbert and Sullivan's musical comedy *The Pirates of Penzance*, April 19-21, which featured a 26-member cast. Reynolds also found some special surprise guests in the audience during the shows as more than 30 alumni returned for his final production.

"It was so touching to find out how much they appreciated the experience they had here in our department," Reynolds says. "Students continue to want that one-on-one experience and the chance to start from scratch every day because of the opportunities we offer in and outside of class. We are unmatched here in that everyone who wants to work can do so."

Through those opportunities, friendships form as do lifelong relationships between professors and students. To this day, he keeps in touch with numerous alumni across the country, and he has plans to make the hike back to Ohio to guest direct Wittenberg's 2013 spring performance.

"This year has been a great gift to me," Reynolds says. "It's been magical in every way." ■

Life of Drama

Hometown: Weston, Conn.

Education: B.A., Tufts University; M.A. and Ph.D., University of Michigan.

Honors and Awards:

Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Excellence in Teaching, Matthies Research Award, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Grant, Kennedy Center Gold Medallion Award

Guest Lecturer: University of Michigan, The Ohio State University, Kent State University, Mira Costa College

Children: Two daughters, Cory, an education projects consultant for Kansas State University, and Liz, a clinical psychologist on the faculty at Johns Hopkins University

Playwriting Mentor: The late Milan Stitt, founder

of the play development program at the Circle Repertory Theater in New York City

Select Productions

Directed: *The Member of the Wedding* and the Irish comedy, *Stones in His Pockets*, while serving on the Board of Trustees of The Cape Cod Repertory Theatre in Brewster, Mass.; National Student Playwriting Award-winning play *it is no desert* by Dan Stroeh '01, which was performed at the Kennedy Center in 2001; *Lloyd's Prayer* in Hollywood with theatre alumni; *George Jolly's Life of Martin Luther*, the winning production from Wittenberg's national Martin Luther Playwriting Contest, which Reynolds originated and coordinated.



Inside Out

Unique Group of Students Finds Common Ground Behind Barred Windows

By Gabrielle Antoniadis. The 30 or so students taking The Art of Living Ethically stream into class and take their seats in a circle. There are the usual quick glances around the room, the usual books, pencils and papers – but this class is anything but typical.

What does it mean to live a good life? What forces affect how we view ourselves and others? These are the kinds of profound questions the students are debating – but not from a classroom in Hollenbeck Hall. Approximately 15 have filed in from their cells at the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center. The other half has driven from the Wittenberg University campus to join them in their makeshift classroom, the gym at the Detention Center.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY THE ART OF LIVING ETHICALLY CLASS FALL 2011.

It is the first day of class, and the atmosphere is strained, awkward – nobody is at ease. Certainly, no one knows what to expect. But fortunately, Nancy McHugh, professor of philosophy, is ready and knows just how to break the ice. At the end of her “wagon wheel” exercise, where Wittenberg students sit on the inside of a circle facing the detainees who sit on the outside, each student on the outside has rotated around the circle and spent one minute talking to a student on the inside. The result is surprising for many: the differences and similarities between each group’s responses are not what anyone was expecting. And this is only the tip of the iceberg.

“By the end of this activity, you can hear laughing and talking in the group, and you can just feel the walls break down,” McHugh says. “Once that

happens, we can progress and start to do the hard work.”

The inspiration for the class came via McHugh’s discussions with students and from her knowledge of the international Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program. Founded in 1997 at Temple University by Lori Pompa – at the suggestion of Paul, an inmate serving a life sentence – the Inside-Out Program brings college students together with incarcerated individuals to learn and study as peers. The guiding principle of the program is to transform how people understand crime, justice, freedom and other social issues by creating a partnership between the college/university and the correctional institution. The program went national in 2004 and since then, more than 150 instructors have taught a class at more than 100 different colleges or universities. Approximately 10,000

students have participated nationwide.

Taking a cue from her students, McHugh met with Beth Dixon at Project Jericho and immediately saw connections to the Inside-Out Program. Project Jericho is a collaboration between the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services and the Clark State Performing Arts Center that provides at-risk youth with a variety of arts programming. But she knew she had a long way to go before she could start such a program at Wittenberg.

The extraordinary support of Judge Joseph Monnin, the Juvenile Court judge, and Joe Hunter, the director of the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center, gave McHugh the motivation to undertake the 60-hour Inside-Out program training last summer at the University of Michigan at Dearborn.

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Project Jericho.

In collaboration with Springfield's Project Jericho, students in the class took photos showing Prison Exchange Program is to transform how people understand crime, justice, freedom

The training, it turned out, was itself a model of the program's core philosophy: half of her training took place in a prison and was taught primarily by incarcerated men or former "Inside-Out" participants.

With her training completed, McHugh obtained financial support from the Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Civic & Urban Engagement, Wittenberg's Office of the Provost and Project Jericho to launch the pilot course in fall 2011 with 14 Wittenberg ("outside") students and 15 detainee ("inside") students. This spring, she had a waiting list for the course.

Not Community Service

The first step to understanding the Inside-Out program is realizing what it clearly is not. It is not Wittenberg students "studying" or "helping" juvenile detainee students. The Inside-Out experience is about engagement and education – for the benefit of both groups of students. It is a collaborative journey that assumes that each group has something to gain from the other. All students read the same texts, write the same papers, discuss the same questions and work on a final project together.

Philosophy major Lacey Davidson '12 chose the course because she had

enjoyed her past experiences with Project Jericho – but even she admits to being just the slightest bit skeptical about the lofty aspirations of the course. In the end, however, she was astounded by her experience.

"At first, it's very awkward and everyone is wondering what everyone else is thinking about each other. You start out believing there are huge differences in the way each of you thinks," she says. "But after a couple of weeks, I looked at everyone in that group as my classmate and that's all – I had a hard time imagining any of them as anything other than that."

Perhaps nothing illustrates this transformation more clearly than a look at one of the group's final art projects (see pages 18-19). It is a series of photographs of "inside" and "outside" students dressed in the detention center orange jumpsuits. Each student is holding their own written statement of a regret or past mistake over their faces. Looking at the photos, there is no way to know who is a Wittenberg student and who is not – not by the picture and not by the statements.

For Wittenberg students at least, realizing that they shared the same fears or regrets with "inside" students was a profoundly moving and simultaneously "awesome" moment of discovery.

"What I realized was that those of us on the "outside" were protected by our privilege," Adam Schuler '13 remembers. "They weren't bad kids; they had maybe had one thing not go their way, and here they were in a detention center. Given different circumstances, that might have been me."

Psychology and art double major Kate Causbie '14 echoes this sentiment: "We make assumptions about certain groups of people. But now I'm less prone to make generalizations or oversimplify. I have a better understanding of the human factors that influence situations."

These kinds of discoveries, McHugh says, brought a new and deeper level of understanding to the texts the students read. And as perceptions and assumptions fell away, so too did the line between "inside" and "outside" student. Several Wittenberg students even believed that they had learned more from the "inside" kids.

"There was a 14 year-old there who had better observations on Plato than I did!" Schuler exclaims.

McHugh was also impressed by the level of preparation, engagement and thought by the "inside" students. They brought as much to the table, she says, as the Wittenberg students – one read the text five times before class. But she also remarked



what each sees through their respective windows. The guiding principle of the nationally recognized Inside-Out and other social issues by creating a partnership between the college/university and the correctional institution.

on how the class seemed to bring out the very best in the “outside” students as well. Each group inspired the other and both pushed themselves in new ways.

Bridging Communities

For the “inside” students, the chance to express themselves in a new way as equals with college students has to have given them the sense that even though they were in juvenile detention, the doors of opportunity have not closed on them. McHugh certainly saw the immense potential in many and was thrilled to hear reports from probation officers on how well several of the “inside” students were doing after their release. One boy in particular, was so focused and motivated that he had been transferred back to his county school where teachers remark that he is a changed student.

“I know they were proud to be keeping up with college students and to be a part of the Wittenberg community,” McHugh says. “And for my part, I feel great knowing that the people at the detention center are part of my community.”

For both groups of students, the connection between the Wittenberg and Springfield communities appears

to be mutual and quite strong. In fact, “inside” and “outside” students from the fall semester were so committed to each other and interested in continuing the work of the course that they now meet regularly under the guidance of faculty to find solutions to the issue of youth crime.

For McHugh, this dedication to continuing what they started and to doing it together demonstrates how the course embodies Wittenberg’s mission and core values.

“Wittenberg’s mission is to provide a broad and deep education that encourages students to be critical thinkers,” she says. “And it also places a high value on citizenship – this course brought our two communities together in a profound and meaningful way.”

It has also prompted several Wittenberg students to consider social justice issues more prominently as they look to the future. Lacey Davidson changed the focus of her senior honors thesis to the juvenile justice system and says the class was one of many experiences at Wittenberg that solidified her commitment to empowering at-risk populations. And Kate Causbie had never considered expanding her interest in equine-assisted

psychotherapy to include at-risk youth, until she took the class.

McHugh is so pleased with student reaction to the class that she has already designed the fall 2012 installment, which will focus on women only. She is committed to continuing to offer it, but says the greatest challenge is finding funding to pay for some of the course’s extra costs.

By the end of the semester, “inside” and “outside” students have spent countless hours together discussing academic texts. But they have also laughed together, played basketball together and shared personal stories with each other. It is hard to imagine how these two groups might ever have been given the opportunity to understand each other in such an intimate way – a fact that is clearly not lost on them:

“To be able to challenge the stigma on incarcerated people was one of the greatest parts about this course,” Schuler says. “I don’t think I would have ever been able to get that experience in my life without this course.” ■



Nancy McHugh

Keeping

A top-down photograph of a diverse group of children and youth. They are gathered around a central point, with their hands stacked on top of each other in a circle. Many of the children are wearing colorful beaded bracelets. Some of the bracelets have the word "PRIDE" written on them in white letters. The children are of various ethnicities and ages, and they are all looking towards the center. The background is a plain, light-colored surface, possibly a table or floor.

“The reality is that we would not have accomplished what we've been able to achieve without the support of Wittenberg and its students. I deeply appreciate the legion of Wittenberg efforts on behalf of the children and youth in the Promise Neighborhood.”

Eric Smith
Neighborhood
Organizer
Springfield Promise
Neighborhood

a Promise

By Karen Saatkamp Gerboth '93 | Photos by Erin Pence '04

Surrounded by a sea of art-covered walls, fifth-grade students at Springfield's Lincoln Elementary take a moment to listen to a young man named Sage Hazarika '14.

A Brooklyn, N.Y.-native and Wittenberg sophomore, Hazarika sits near the center of the classroom in a school that has special meaning for Wittenberg students, for the community it serves and for the families who have entrusted their children to it.

"This is really an important time for you," Hazarika says. "You are an important part of this school, and all the other grades are looking up to you."

And in those few words, perhaps even unknown to

Hazarika, a bigger vision is revealed as the city of Springfield and the State of Ohio "look up" to Lincoln Elementary as the centerpiece of an innovative initiative defined by one word: promise.

Called the Springfield Promise Neighborhood, the comprehensive, collaborative commitment to ensuring that children succeed academically was inspired by New York-based social activist and educator Geoffrey Canada, who created the Harlem

Children's Zone (HCZ) in New York City.

Bob Welker, Wittenberg professor emeritus of education and Hagen Center for Civic & Urban Engagement Fellow, visited HCZ two years ago, after meeting with Canada during a special luncheon in Springfield. Canada has led a coordinated effort with hundreds of individuals to establish "a new method to end the cycle of generational poverty" in Harlem, wherein the entire community works with the child from the "cradle to college."

Featured on the heart-breaking documentary *Waiting for Superman*, Canada's work and those of others, caused a "light-bulb" moment for Welker, who along with colleagues in the Springfield community,



Sage Hazarika '14 encourages Lincoln Elementary School students during a special parade.



First-Year Signs of Success

Developed a neighborhood council and neighborhood work teams as an outcome of a listening campaign.

Created an aspirational culture at Lincoln, with one administrator calling the new culture one "in which they write books about."

Established a school design team and work teams focused on conduct, academic climate and school enrichment

Saw 28 students participate in the summer school program, 60 students in the summer arts program and 105 in the planting of the Lincoln Garden

Created volunteer programs through Wittenberg and new literacy-centered schedule



saw a need for this type of full-scale transformative educational intervention to help the children most at-risk in Wittenberg's hometown.

Neighborhood meetings, conversations with the Springfield City Schools Superintendent David Estrop, and discussions with parents, social service agencies, community change agents, foundations and Wittenberg quickly followed, and soon thereafter the vision with the power to change young lives was revealed:

"Children lie at the center of all that we do. We understand that our truest vocation as parents and caretakers, as educators and neighbors is to nurture the growth and development of our children – to help them discover and share their greatness with the world. And so we make this

solemn promise: We will all come together as partners and citizens in the unwavering commitment to ensure that all our children succeed and attain their highest potential."

A Call to Action

With the coordinated effort now underway, Welker officially became the project director shortly after his retirement wherein he worked with Principal Mike Wilson and the Lincoln staff to oversee the school design efforts.

"The local school is one of the most important, and often underutilized, institutions in the lives of our children," Welker wrote in his project outline. "For this reason, every effort must be made to create and support a thriving school, one that meets the needs of all its students and one that serves the neighborhood by

becoming a community center. Effective, restorative schools create environments in which staff, administrators, faculty and students can do their best."

Just as a thriving school leads to thriving students, so does a thriving neighborhood, which "provides the stability, nurturance and out-of-school opportunities needed for the growth of children and youth," Welker continued.

"With community organizer Eric Smith, a group of residents and parents formed a Neighborhood Association," Welker said. "It guides efforts to form a stable, out-of-school environment for community youth."

Among the many opportunities Welker sees with the Promise Neighborhood are (1) the alliance of internal and external resources to install pride in a community that will actually create a new community, which provides social, cultural and economic opportunities for youth and families, (2) the creation of a model school that will stay open longer each day and each year as it develops effective approaches for working with disadvantaged youth, and (3) the establishment of a culture of achievement where all students are expected to succeed.

"This is an aspirational environment, and in this place, students are expected to 'Be the Promise,'" Welker says.

Motivated by the promise itself, Wittenberg students quickly joined Welker in the effort, immersing themselves in various projects through the Hagen Center for Civic & Urban Engagement, through their classes, or through community service with each participant actively reflecting the Wittenberg mission "...to lead personal, professional, and civic lives of creativity, service,

compassion, and integrity.”

“Being a part of the Springfield Promise Neighborhood during my time at Wittenberg has been the most inspiring experience,” said Kali Lawrence ’12. “It has helped me develop a particular slant as a future music educator in urban schools, along with skills to become a community leader.”

Lawrence, who has been exploring funding opportunities for Promise’s long-term vision as well as arts education opportunities for Lincoln students, has now decided to remain in Springfield after graduation to serve as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer with the initiative. Fellow graduate Lacey Davidson will do the same.

“This effort [seeks to] revitalize the area and foster a culture of success and care so that the children in this neighborhood may thrive,” Lawrence said. “I am consistently amazed at how the community in the Springfield Promise Neighborhood comes

together and how Wittenberg supports this project by the involvement of Witt students, faculty and staff.”

Bracelets and Bonds

Wittenberg’s commitment to the Springfield Promise Neighborhood has since led to a bond, literally and figuratively, with many of the students at Lincoln as an April event affirmed.

On that day, April 20, just days before the state’s required assessment tests for grades 3-8, students at Lincoln viewed a video produced by Clark Goodman ’12, which featured him and fellow Wittenberg students encouraging the Lincoln students to study hard and do their best.

“The goal we were hoping to achieve from this event was to allow for a transformation on both sides,” said Kimberly Lykens ’14, a biology major and education minor who joined the initiative because of her passion and interest in

helping educational equality and empowerment.

“We wanted the students of Lincoln to know that Wittenberg students believe they can achieve,” Lawrence said. “But, we also wanted Wittenberg students to realize how much the kids need their support in order to believe in themselves.”

Following the video, which ran in each classroom at the newly renovated school, Hazarika and 20 other Wittenberg students fanned out throughout the school with each one entering a classroom to deliver a special message of support in their own words and something else—a bracelet with a personalized note.

“The bracelets are a reminder to students that someone on the track to success believes they can one day be successful, too,” Lykens said. “I never received a letter of encouragement in elementary school, but writing one made me realize that even a simple statement of motivation means the world to these kids.”

Wittenberg students penned notes – one for each student – and shared the meaning of the bracelet with the students.

“The bead bracelets have the acronym PRIDE on them which stands for Prepared, Respect, Integrity, Determined and Effort,” Lykens said. “This is the motto of Lincoln school.”

And it was that pride that filled the halls as the Lincoln students then paraded through the corridors to cheers from classmates and teachers, and numerous signs of support. One first-grade class proudly held a banner that read: “You can do it kids!”

For Principal Wilson, who works directly with the Springfield Promise Neighborhood team as he oversees the current plans for school improvement under the Ohio Improvement Process, the day was both meaningful and heartwarming.

“The contributions made by Wittenberg students and faculty here at Lincoln are immeasurable,” Wilson said. “Their efforts to expose the students of Lincoln to the college environment has opened the eyes of many of our students. These personal experiences have made these children aware of the realistic opportunity that they too can attend college and earn a degree.

“But the most exciting part of this partnership has been watching the individual relationships between the Lincoln students and the Wittenberg students as they grow and develop into meaningful life experiences for all. I would like to personally thank Wittenberg for all of the time and effort it has put into enhancing the lives of the children that need us the most.” ■



Students at Lincoln Elementary surround Clark Goodman ’12, one of the many Wittenberg students who are volunteering with the Springfield Promise Neighborhood.



New Endurance Athletes Club Established

Whether a 5K is the preferred race or the full-fledged marathon, the Office of Alumni Relations has created a one-stop source for connecting alumni who enjoy athletic lifestyles.

“After so much success with the first-ever Homecoming Tiger-Tri, we wanted to find a way to reach out more to alumni who like endurance sports,” said Stefan Diehm '08, assistant director of alumni relations. “Our solution was a website geared entirely around running races, cycling events, triathlons, etc., which have been recommended for the Wittenberg community by the Wittenberg Community.”

Julie Ziegler '09 competed in the GO! St. Louis Marathon on April 15.

The new site allows alumni and friends to submit any race in which they plan to compete. Those races are then posted to inform other interested alumni and friends in case they, too, would like to compete.

Additionally, those planning to participate in any race throughout the country have the option of wearing a Wittenberg Endurance Athletes' T-shirt by donating to The Wittenberg Fund. Event photos and stories can also be submitted for posting to encourage even more conversation with fellow alumni and friends.

For a complete look at Wittenberg-recommended races in your area or to learn more about Wittenberg's Endurance Athletes, visit www.wittenberg.edu/endurance. ■

A Grand Excursion Planned for 2012 Travel Option

Titled “Great Trains & Grand Canyons,” this year's alumni travel opportunity will feature five nights in Sedona, Ariz., Oct. 21-26. Tour highlights will include two rail journeys with stops at the Grand Canyon National Park - South Rim, Oak Creek Canyon, Black Bart's Steakhouse & Saloon, Sedona Trolley Tour, Chapel of the Holy Cross, Tlaquepaque & Uptown Sedona, Montezuma Castle National Monument, Jerome, Chuckwagon Supper & Stage Show and Old Town Scottsdale.

For more information on this travel opportunity, visit www.wittenberg.edu/travel, or call Linda Beals '87, director of alumni relations, at 937-327-6374, or email her at lbeals@wittenberg.edu. ■



Recent Alumni Events

The annual Sarasota, Fla., alumni event, March 6, welcomed many alumni to the Sarasota Yacht Club. Many thanks to Chuck Volkert, and Don '61 and Marty H. Hillerich '95 for hosting the event.

George Ramsay, professor emeritus of art and the 1985 recipient of the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching, hosted an event in his community of Phoenix, Ariz. More than 25 alumni joined Ramsay to reconnect and reminisce. ■

Ramsay's sculpture Sailboat/Trees in Whitehall, Mich.

A Star-Studded Event

The word sabbatical was a personal call to action for physicist Dan Fleisch, best-selling author and award-winning professor. After being named Wittenberg's Ohio Professor of the Year in 2010, Fleisch quickly embarked on a series of projects, which, in keeping with his expertise in electromagnetics and space physics, reflected his desire to make "energy visible."

In addition to completing a new book, *A Student's Guide to Vectors and Tensors*, and finalizing his unique Delivering Science initiative aimed at encouraging high school students to pursue science, Fleisch traveled to meet with alumni throughout Ohio and outside the state. He also collaborated on a special alumni event titled "Out of the World." The February event involved a musical journey in partnership with the Springfield Symphony, which took guests on a unique tour of the solar system using spectacular images and videos timed with the music of *The Planets* composed by Gustav Holst.

Recipient of the highest teaching award at Wittenberg, Fleisch received his B.S. in physics from Georgetown University in 1974 and his M.S. and Ph.D. in space physics and astronomy from Rice University in 1976 and 1980, respectively. He joined the Wittenberg faculty in 1998. ■

Save the Date

Homecoming,
Oct. 4-7, 2012

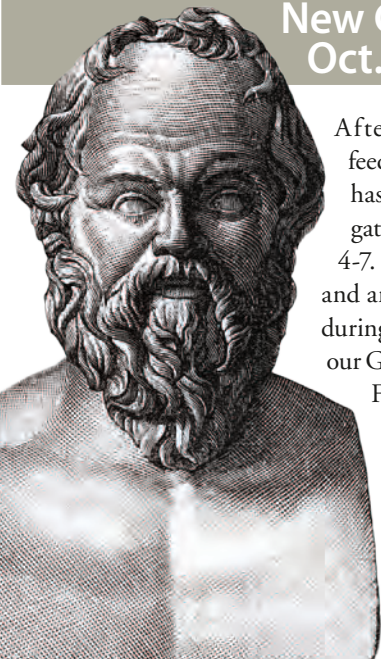


Register online beginning July 1, 2012.

New Greek Gathering, Oct. 4-7, 2012

After receiving considerable positive feedback from Greek alumni, Wittenberg has decided to move the first-ever Greek gathering to Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 4-7. Opportunities to tour Greek houses and an all-Greek reception will be available during Homecoming to allow members of our Greek family to reconnect and reminisce.

For more information, contact Linda Beals '87, director of alumni relations, at lbeals@wittenberg.edu or by phone at 937-327-6374. ■



'36 | **Virginia Ellis Franta**, Wilmington, Del., celebrated her 96th birthday with a trip to Minneapolis where she attended "Science and Technology Day" at the Minnesota State Fair.

'51 | National Press Women has awarded first place in the nation for a non-fiction book published in 2010 to **Grace Adolphsen Brame** for *The Cross: Payment or Gift? Rethinking the Death of Jesus*.

'52 | **Robert I. Kipniss** is a painter and printmaker living in Ardsley-on-Hudson, N.Y. His biography, *Robert Kipniss: A Working Artist's Life*, has been published by the University Press of New England.

'62 | **John W. Cleveland** is a manufacturing representative with CMH & Associates Inc., New Castle, Ind.

'63 | **Katherine McCready Gulliver** is a principal with Kate Gulliver Consulting, Austerlitz, N.Y.

Jan F. Lindberg, Norwich, Conn., is the primary Navy sonar consultant in a variety of



The Rev. G. Frederick Aigner '64

president emeritus of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. LSSI has presented the 30th annual Amicus Certus (True Friend) award to him for his significant contributions to the human community.

'66 | **James S. Bennett** is a managing partner with GreenHouse Ventures, a real estate firm in Washington, D.C.



Charles V. Painter '69

S. Cyril and Christina Kaiser Hurnyak '72 live in Murrysville, Pa. Christina is an attorney with Rudberg Law Offices LLC, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'67 | **David A. and Janet Plaisted Buehler** live in North Dartmouth, Mass. David is a hospice/palliative care spiritual coordinator with the Southcoast Hospitals Group, Fairhaven, Mass.

'68 | **Susan Sykes Moreno** is president of OASIS@MAAP, MAAP Services for Autism and Asperger Syndrome, Crown Point, Ind. She is the author of *The Partner's Guide to Asperger Syndrome*.

'69 | **Gregory J. Groeber**, Enon, Ohio, married Carole J. Grady on April 30, 2011.

sensor, un-manned undersea vehicles and communication programs conducted at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newportdon, R.I. He received the Decibel Award for his distinction in the field of transducers and arrays, especially in the area of active transduction.

'64 | **G. Frederick Aigner**, Arlington Heights, Ill., is



WWII Reconnects Alumni

A fortuitous encounter between two tourists at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, resulted in an impromptu reunion of two alumni.

On Sept. 18, 2011, WWII army veteran Bill Heath '50 was showing his family where he landed on the day after D-Day in 1944. Several yards away, Suzie Schwan Blackwood '71 was visiting the spot where her father, Sergeant Charlie Schwan, was photographed that same day while climbing the bluff behind the beach.

Overhearing Heath recount his experiences there on June 7, 1944, Blackwood could not resist joining the conversation to tell him that her father had also landed there that same day. As they talked, Heath mentioned that after returning home to Ohio, he had attended Wittenberg College on the G.I. Bill. Blackwood was astounded upon hearing the word "Wittenberg" so far from home, and an immediate friendship began.

Behind them in the photo above that they snapped was the destroyed German bunker that both Heath and Blackwood's father had walked by, as well as the trail on the bluff behind the beach, which both men had climbed on the same day. Heath now lives in Sumner, Wash., and Blackwood in Pismo Beach, Calif.

Wedding Album



Amy A. Apidone '08 and Shane M. Price '09 were married on June 11, 2011. The couple lives in Aurora, Ill.



Elizabeth B. Bradley '02 and Christopher L. Silliman '02 were married on July 3, 2011. The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

Eva Reitenbach Haeberle, Westlake, Ohio, is president of Reitenbach Properties Inc., a real estate firm in Fairview Park, Ohio.

On May 27, 2011, **Stanley N. Husted II** retired from the law practice he maintained in Springfield, Ohio. In addition to his memberships in the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Clark County Bar

Association and the Florida Bar Association, he was a member of the Ohio State Bar Criminal Justice Committee and its probate section. He also served as deputy director and director of the Board of Elections of Clark County, Ohio, and was the administrative, financial and legal officer of the Springfield Conservancy District.

Matilda Fultz Jamison is manager of Mainegetaway, New Carlisle, Ohio.

Charles V. Painter, Dayton, Ohio, is the head boys and girls tennis coach at Beaver Creek High School. He was inducted into the Dublin City Schools Hall of Fame for his high school athletic career there as well as his distinguished coaching career.

J. Michael Saxton is principal at St. John Lutheran School, Defiance, Ohio.

'70 |

Robert U. Miller of Dublin, Ohio, is a broker and owner of RE/MAX Premier Choice with offices in Dublin, Powell, Worthington, Upper Arlington and Granville. In January 2012, Bob was installed as president of the Ohio Association of Realtors.

Carl H. Ostermann is the senior institutional research analyst in the office of institutional research at Brown University, Providence, R.I.

Karen Forsberg Trombly, Portsmouth, R.I., is store manager of the Preservation Society of Newport County, Newport, R.I.

'71 |

Hal R. Good, Fairview, Texas, is a component engineer with Luminator Technology Group, Plano, Texas.

Charles T. Saunders Jr. has successfully defended his dissertation and passed the final oral examination for the degree doctor of philosophy at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He is accounting lead faculty at Franklin University.

'72 |

Mark S. Shaffer, Fairfax, Va., is an associate at Brown, Williams, Moorehead & Quinn, an energy consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

'73 |

Martha S. Croft has retired from her position as an inclusion specialist with the Spencer-Owen Community Schools in Indiana and has moved to St. Paris, Ohio.

Wedding Album



Jennifer M. Stacy '03 married **Bryce Bradley**. The couple lives in Nashville, Tenn.



Anna C. Hanke '05 married **Brett McClurg**. The couple lives in Huntertown, Ind.



Ashley B. Allen '05 married **Manny Sanchez** on June 16, 2011. The couple lives in Orlando, Fla.



Ashley N. Soddors '07 married **David Kell** on June 25, 2011. The couples lives in Springfield, Ohio.

Robert L. and Jeanie Kott Culler '75 live in Columbia, Ill. Robert is a staff officer with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Bethesda, Md. Jeanie is with Columbia Unit 4.

'74 |

Bruce B. Wertz, Pittsburgh, Pa., is a talent acquisition specialist with ANSYS Inc., Canonsburg, Pa.

'76 |

Joann Boelens Johns, North Canton, Ohio, is an IT services technical lead with the University of Akron.

Michael P. Summers, president of Summers Rubber Co., Cleveland, Ohio, is also serving as mayor and public safety director of Lakewood, Ohio.

'77 |

Wendelyn Harris Inman is a professor at Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Church Mitchell, who is an antiques dealer in Hereford, Md., has moved from suburbia to a 225-year-old farmhouse in Parkton, Md.

'78 |

Robert C. and Beverly Edwing Goldie '79 live in Dublin, Ohio. Robert has retired from PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

'79 |

In May 2009, **Patti L. Briner** completed a four-year education for ministry degree from The University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. She writes book and movie reviews, scripture reading introductions and sermons for the congregation of Christ Episcopal Church in Dayton, Ohio. Patti lives in Miamisburg, Ohio.



Dr. H. Philip Stahl '79

Landers D. Gaines, Brentwood, Tenn., is director of business development and government sales with Bridgestone-Firestone Inc., Nashville, Tenn.

Jeffery G. Orner of Arlington, Va., works at Coast Guard Headquarters where he manages the programs and those who provide engineering and logistics in support of all Coast Guard operations. He is also the lead negotiator with the employee unions on transformation issues and the chief efficiency officer. Jeffery has received the Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive, the nation's highest civil service award.

H. Philip Stahl, Brownsboro, Ala., is a senior optical physicist at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. He has been elected vice president for 2012 of SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics.

'80 |

Glenn and Rina VanCleve Reed live in Towson, Md. Rina is an account manager with TRG Networking Inc.

Terry A. and Ann Powers Tabler live in Finksburg, Md. Terry is a general manager with Chemspec, Baltimore, Md.



Albert F. Schultheis '60

Embraces Lifelong Learning

Building a life around his passions has served Albert F. Schultheis both professionally and personally. A lifelong learner, Schultheis studied piano at age 6 and considered Juilliard, only to choose Wittenberg instead for its political science major. The chance to study organ once he arrived proved to be a bonus.

"I remember very fondly taking lessons with L. David Miller on the wonderful organ in the chapel that came into being while I was there," he said.

Schultheis then pursued his J.D. at the University of Pennsylvania, and from there headed to the University of California at Berkeley for an M.A. in international economics. Combining his knowledge of banking law and economics, Schultheis was named general counsel for the Swiss Bank Corporation, New York Branch, and he embraced the world of international banking.

In 1999, he began his most exciting work to date.

"I became general counsel for the CLS Bank International," Schultheis said. "It's an institution created at the insistence of the Federal Reserve and the central banks of developed countries. We started from scratch and built a complex structure that has been extremely successful."

Twelve years ago, Schultheis also addressed another passion, this time at Juilliard.

"I began to study the theoretical basis of music, learning harmony, counterpoint and studying the history of the development of music," he said. "A group of us formed a seminar program and are pursuing a course of study we call 'The Language of Music.'" They hired a Juilliard faculty member to meet with them.

"We looked at the references to music beginning with Greek literature. After nine years, we have reached the Baroque period. We discuss musical forms that developed, and we study and analyze these pieces.Our group joke is 'we're getting disinvited from dinner parties.'"

Add gardening to his passions, and Schultheis clearly reflects the well-rounded individuals Wittenberg consistently sends out into the world.

"It's a fascinating experience," he says, and "very interesting." ■

— Phyllis Eberts '00

'81 |

Kim M. Folta is a director with ConAgra Foods, Omaha, Neb.

Anthony J. Locastro, an ophthalmologist trained in pediatric ophthalmology and oculoplastic surgery, practices at Pediatric Eye and Oculoplastic Surgeons, Akron, Ohio. Voted by his peers as one of the "Best Doctors in America" for the past 10 years, he is also an assistant professor of ophthalmology at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine.

'82 |

Lisa Adler Kuhn is a staff accountant with Whalen & Co. CPAs, Worthington, Ohio.

'83 |

Bradley S. Mullins is co-founder/chief operating officer at NexGoal, Avon, Ohio.

Marc A. Polster is a project manager in the investment and governance division with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Columbus, Ohio.

Brian J. Timm, New Albany, Ohio, is director of corporate partnerships with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission.



Lt. Col. Paul D. Sutter '87

'84 |

Loraine Ringhiser Carlson is executive director of the Licking County Humane Society, Newark, Ohio.

George J. III and Judith Musil Huntley '82 live in Carmel, Ind. Judith is chief operating officer with BrightStar Healthcare-Indianapolis.

Fritz R. and Valerie Serocka Pioch live in Ottawa Hills, Ohio. Valerie received her master of education in middle school science and social studies from the University of Toledo in December 2011.

M. Elizabeth Schwallie, Rock Hill, S.C., is a school psychologist II with the Lancaster County School District.



Bob Miller '70, second from left, and colleagues with the Ohio Association of Realtors, join Ohio Gov. John Kasich, second from right.

Wedding Album



Courtney M. Dancer '07 and Dale R. Coburn III '07 were married on Oct. 2, 2010. The couple lives in Marathon, Fla.



Amy E. Prugh '10 and Mark L. Lintern '08 were married on Feb. 26, 2011. The couple lives in Indianapolis, Ind.

'85 | Christopher M. and Patricia Schreiber Hanlon '87 live in Scottsdale, Ariz. Chris, a partner with the law firm of Carnahan, Perry, Hanlon & Hudson, Phoenix, Ariz., has been elected president of the Arizona Association of Defense

Counsel. AADC represents the interests of all civil defense trial attorneys in Arizona.

John B. and Jodi Baker McKinney '87 live in Geneva, Ill. John is president of IC Bus, LLC, an affiliate of Navistar in Warrenville, Ill.

'86 | Michael J. and Leslie Lukens Dameron '89 live in Uncasville, Conn. Michael is a technology manager with the business process management group at the GTECH Corp., Providence, R.I.



Sonya Smith Caruso '95

'87 | Thomas W. Journell Jr. is the facilities director, associate lecturer and football defensive coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Paul D. Sutter has been promoted to lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Air Force. He serves as the wing chaplain at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

Dwight A. Weaver, Liberty Township, Ohio, is a programmer/analyst with the Cincinnati Financial Corp., Fairfield, Ohio.

'88 | Mary Jane Taylor, Wilmington, Del., is with the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

Waydell D. Walker is a production scheduler with Answers Media LLC, Chicago, Ill.

'89 | Jeffery D. and Elizabeth Turner Janney '92 live in Kansas City, Mo., where Elizabeth is a human resource manager with the Isle of Capri Casino.

'90 | David S. Gutheil, Avon, Ohio, is vice president of maritime and logistics with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority.



Dr. Louis A. Cannon '80

Leads With Heart

If the word “visionary” had a face, Louis A. Cannon might be it. From serving as an interventional cardiologist to developing medical devices, which were awarded U.S. Patents and then licensed to Boston Scientific and to Medtronic, Cannon has pursued innovation from the get-go. Today, he is the founder and president of one of the most successful privately owned research centers in the country, The Cardiac & Vascular Research Center of Northern Michigan.

Because funding for innovation and cardiovascular research was so sparse and difficult for physician entrepreneurs’ to obtain, Cannon also founded and became president of BioStar Ventures, a venture capital company focused upon cardiovascular, orthopedic, neuroscience and gastroenterology clinical specialties and early stage medical devices.

“Our last fund was approximately \$40 million, and the opportunities support frugal innovation that enhances patient safety and improves outcomes,” Cannon said. “There is no other venture group in the world dedicated to this focused task, which includes the marriage of world-class MBAs, CEOs and physicians.”

Constantly motivated to make a difference with each endeavor he pursues, Cannon also takes time daily to remind himself of his blessings.

“Probably the most important event in my life occurred at Wittenberg, which is where I met a lovely Kappa Delta named Sally McMahon,” Cannon said.

Together since 1979, Cannon says that she has been with him every step of his journey.

“She taught me the benefits of focus and study while at Wittenberg,” he says, adding that she and their children continue to keep him humbled and grounded every day.

“Perhaps the most difficult challenge I have faced and still face is the critical balance between family, my wonderful three children, and my wife, yet an unbridled dedication to the field of medicine and the pursuit of saving lives,” Cannon says.

That desire for balance has become his personal mantra on some level as he encourages others to let their hearts lead them.

“Follow whatever is your passion in life. Don’t believe it is too big or too small. Make a difference. Don’t fall into bad habits. Enjoy life. Enjoy family. Keep your direction. Take time to smell the roses!” ■

—Karen Gerboth '93

Tracey W. McMillin, Ballwin, Mo., is vice president of competitive intelligence/wealth brokerage and retirement with Wells Fargo & Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Paula Johnson Voltz, O’Fallon, Mo., teaches at St. Simon the Apostle School, St. Louis, Mo.

'91 |

Karen M. Heil married Ronald Traikovich on Oct. 30, 2010. They live in Bridgton, Maine. Karen is a senior editor with Forrester Research, Cambridge, Mass.

Todd D. Korab, Dayton, Ohio, is a marketing consultant with ReachLocal.com, Independence, Ohio.

Christopher A. Lasso, Westerville, Ohio, is a regional vice president with RelaDyne, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Katherine A. Mathis and her husband, Oliver Foote, announce the birth of Owen Mathis-Foote on Nov. 1, 2010. They live in Scotland.

R. Scott Russell, Waynesville, Ohio, is with Dayton Physicians, Centerville, Ohio.

Peter R. Tyksinski, Yokohama, Japan, is a foreign attorney with Momo-0, Matsuo & Namba, Tokyo, Japan.

Katherine W. Westgate has married James G. Vargo. They live in Scottsdale, Ariz. Katherine, a certified electrophysiology specialist, is a clinical support specialist with Biosense Webster, a Johnson & Johnson company.

'92 |

Zachary A. Allison, Warhaw, N.C., is a project manager with Norman Technologies, Davidson, N.C.

Ronald H. and Chanin Heid Birkhahn live in Dublin, Calif. Ron is with Bridgelux, Livermore, Calif.

Brent S. and Colleen McInerney Hillerich '90 live in Sarasota, Fla., where Brent is with Ameriprise Financial.

Steven J. Shook, Beachwood, Ohio, is a medical doctor specializing in neuromuscular medicine. He is on the staff of the Neuromuscular Center at the Cleveland Clinic.

Victoria Ulintz Woodard is a paralegal with the Fleming Law Firm, Springfield, Tenn.



Katherine Westgate Vargo '91 honeymooned in Switzerland with her husband James.

Wedding Album



Amanda K. Stillwell '02 and Matthew J. Frederick '97 were married on Sept. 25, 2002. The couple lives in Atlanta, Ga.



Nicholas A. Pierson '08 married Elizabeth Siegel on July 23, 2011. The couple lives in Bloomington, Ind.



Cari L. Gronowski '07 and Stephen D. Morris '07 were married Dec. 19, 2009. The couple lives in Pinetops, N.C.

'93 | **Stephen W. Hoedt**, Cleveland, Ohio, is vice president/senior investment analyst with KeyBank N.A.

Megan P. McCann is president of McCann Partners, Chicago, Ill.

Kent D. Pummell, a principal accountant at Clark Schaefer

Hackett, Springfield, Ohio, was elected to the executive board of the Ohio Society of CPAs.

'94 | **Julie Goodsell Marsiglio**, director of development at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester, N.Y., serves as president of the Junior League of Rochester.

'95 | **Sonya Smith Caruso**, San Diego, Calif., is a realtor with Prudential California Realty in the Rancho Santa Fe office.

Joshua D. Dean of Brooklyn, N.Y., married Gillian Telling on Aug. 7, 2010. They announce the birth of Charles David on May 5, 2010.

R. Elliot Halsey, Wheaton, Ill., married Rebecca Dayton on June 3, 2011.

Kimberly Cardone Smith and her husband, John, announce the birth of Reeve Schroeder on June 15, 2011. They live in Wyomissing, Pa. Kimberly is a senior account manager with solutionset, East Greenbush, N.Y.

'96 | **Margaret F. "Molly" Clowes** married Marc J. Woerlein on Sept. 25, 2011. They live in Columbus, Ohio. Molly is a customer relations supervisor with Restoration Hardware in West Jefferson, Ohio.

Kent C. Miller, Wayne, Pa., is director of revenue assurance with Expert Technology

Associates, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Hal G. Ostrow is with the Ostrow Law Firm PLC, Grand Rapids, Mich.

'97 | **Stefanie J. Atwater** is director of grief care services with Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service, Columbus, Ohio.

Kristin D. Westermann, Burgaw, N.C., is with Godparents for Tanzania.

'98 | **Jeffrey J. Huffman** is an assistant professor of English at St. Luke's College of Nursing and an adjunct professor of English at Waseda University School of Political Science and Economics in Tokyo, Japan.

Kevin M. and Brittnee Finnearty Lydy '99 live in Yellow Springs, Ohio. They teach at the Wright State University-Dayton Regional STEM School. Kevin teaches history. Brittnee teaches science.

'99 | **Jonathan E. and Lisa Schingledecker Baltes '00** announce the birth of William Edward Baltes II on Nov. 30, 2010. They live in Brookfield, Wis.

Bryan G. Bumgarner married Michelle Shaffer on June 11, 2011. They live in Boise, Idaho.

Amanda Stevens Priefer, New Lebanon, Ohio, teaches sixth grade with the Bevercreek City Schools.

Carrie E. Vonderhaar, Carmel, Calif., is the chief expedition photographer for Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society and a key on-camera character for the PBS television series "Jean-Michel

Amy Sonnanstine '01





Jacqueline Askew Johnson '80

Defends With Determination

As early as fifth grade, Jacqueline Askew Johnson knew she wanted to be an attorney.

"I was drawn in by the drama of litigation in the courtroom," Johnson says.

The daughter of Alabama-born parents with strong farming roots, Johnson learned to love learning at a young age along with her sisters.

"Our parents taught us that education was the great equalizer," Johnson says, adding that her mother, a voracious reader herself, actually created a small library in family's living room to ensure access to reference books and a range of reading material.

Now a leading federal criminal defense lawyer, Johnson credits her upbringing and her time at Wittenberg with preparing her for life's work.

"The relationships I developed with professors and administrative staff were so key to my success at Wittenberg and beyond," she says. "My opening statements or arguments in sentencing hearings sometimes harken back to the poetry of John Keats and plays of William Shakespeare I first explored at Wittenberg."

She also has brought her Wittenberg-honed critical thinking and problem-solving skills to her 28-year career in civil and criminal litigation, the last four of which have been with the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio as the office's first assistant.

"I have represented clients facing life imprisonment, one who was convicted and another who was acquitted after trial," she says. "I sometimes remain in contact with those incarcerated and their families even after our office has exhausted all legal remedies...Our office is known for zealous and passionate representation, and I'm proud to be a part of the defense bar."

Married to Robert Johnson for 32 years and the mother of two sons, Johnson is a regular presenter at national federal defense-related conferences. She was also asked to speak as part of a panel during a U.S. Congressional regional public hearing on the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 in light of its 25th anniversary.

"I have taken the Wittenberg creed to heart – having light I try to pass it on to others. My law practice has become something of my ministry, and I recognize how fortunate I am to have found my passion and been able to live it in my professional life. For that I am grateful to Wittenberg and its greatest asset, the people." ■

– Karen Gerboth '93

Cousteau: Ocean Adventures." A former resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, she was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.

'00 |

Rachel L. Edmunds, Keighley, Northern Ireland, is a service improvement manager with the Durham County Council.

Sven J.K. Huldt is a director with Baldur GmbH, Zurich, Switzerland.

Ericka Glass Johnson is an orthopaedic trauma surgeon with Spectrum Orthopaedics, Canton, Ohio.

Jeannette Messich Loretitsch and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of Adam Robert on Sept. 28, 2010. They live in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Kerry Lee Pedraza has been appointed assistant director of the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services, Springfield, Ohio.

Jason R. Starr and **Jennifer M. Brzoski** '05 live in Canal Winchester, Ohio. Jason is a financial services professional with First Investors Corp.

Amanda N. Terrell married Adom M. Asadourian on Oct. 17, 2009. They live in Chicago, Ill.

'01 |

Heather M. Anderson, Alexandria, Va., is an associate with KPMG, Washington, D.C.

Scott M. and **Deanna Carlson Ness** '99 announce the birth of Ella Ryan on Sept. 6, 2011. They live in Grove City, Ohio.

Jonathan W. Partsch, Lafayette, Calif., is a project geologist/GIS analyst with Innovative Technical Solutions Inc., Walnut Creek, Calif.

Amy K. Sonnanstine is a massage therapist in Cambridge, Mass. She finished her first full Ironman triathlon, with a time of 12 hours 59 minutes at the Lake Placid Ironman, which includes a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile run.

Danielle Wiley Turner and her husband, William, announce the births of Nadiya on Feb. 2, 2009, and Quaid on June 15, 2011. They live in Canton, Ohio.

Kelly McMullen Vogel and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of Colin Neal on April 23, 2011. They live in Getzville, N.Y.

Bethany A. Williams, St. Charles, Mo., married Robert Benn on June 4, 2011. Bethany is a workforce management consultant with ADP Total Source, St. Louis, Mo.

'02 |

Susan Welker Benne is director of the study abroad program at Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont.

Trevor A. Block and **Gwen C. Roemer** '01 live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Trevor is employed by Bishop Fenwick High School, Franklin, Ohio.

Elizabeth B. Bradley and **Christopher L. Silliman** were married on July 3, 2011. They reside in Arlington, Va.

Erin Thomas Brodine is fiscal supervisor at Job and Family Services of Clark County, Springfield, Ohio.

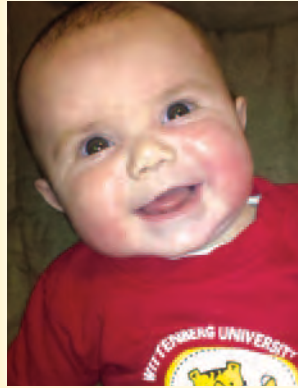
David F. Hyde is an associate with Murphy & Hourihane, a law firm in Chicago, Ill.

Geoffrey R. McGovern is an associate behavioral and social scientist with the Rand Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.

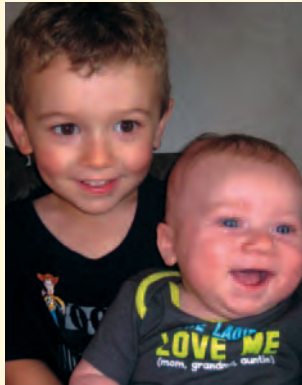
Justin M. Peters and Amy Barrett were married on July



Reeve Smith, 6-15-11



Adam Loretitsch, 9-28-10



Justin and Colin Vogel, 4-23-11



Emilia Klukas, 2-23-11

Li'l Tigers

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

Adam Robert, son of **Jeannette Messich Loretsich '00** and husband Adam

Colin Neal, son of **Kelly McMullen Vogel '01** and husband Dan

Emilia Obee, daughter of **Jeffrey '06** and **Karen Obee Klukas '06**

Anita M. Fete is director of state assistance with Enroll America, Washington, D.C.

Harold E. "Skip" Ivery Jr. married Heather M. Bradford on Dec. 31, 2009. They live in Blacklick, Ohio. Skip is a branch manager with JP Morgan Chase, Pickerington, Ohio.

Elizabeth C. Magsig, Arlington, Va., is a public information officer with the American Medical Assoc., Washington, D.C.

Jaclyn M. Maxwell, Dayton, Ohio, announces the birth of Jeremiah M. Puckett on Oct. 1, 2010. Jaclyn is an office assistant with the Beavertown Clinic Inc., Kettering, Ohio.

In 2009, **Ryan L. Spray**, Farmington, Mass., received his Ph.D. from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. He is a consulting scientist with Exponent Inc., Natick, Mass. Ryan specializes in surface chemistry and structure-function property relationships of thin film and porous materials with emphasis on applications to lithiumion battery electrodes and solar energy conversion.

Amber L. Stinebiser, New Stanton, Pa., is an insurance coordinator with the Aluminum Company of America, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brian N. Walter, Morrow, Ohio, is an investor accountant with Union Savings Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio.

'05 | **Ashley B. Allen** married Manny Sanchez on June 16, 2011. They live in Orlando, Fla.

Brett A. and Lesley Baker Bowen '04 live in Toledo, Ohio, where Lesley is an OTR/L with Concept Rehab Inc.

3, 2010. They live in Coventry, R.I., from where they operate a wedding photography business. Justin is also a middle and upper school choral director at Lincoln School in Providence, R.I.

Kelly A. Riedinger, McLean, Va., is a faculty research assistant with the University of Maryland, Project Nexus, College Park, Md.

Matthew E. Stewart, Watertown, Mass., has joined Diagnostics for All, a company in Cambridge, Mass., which makes diagnostic devices that are distributed to those in less developed countries.

Amanda L. Thomas, Hilliard, Ohio, is marketing and business development manager at Members First Credit Union, Columbus, Ohio. She has been selected as a "Trailblazer 40 Below" by *Credit Union Times Magazine*. Amanda is also a national regional finalist for

the Credit Union Executives Society "Next Top Credit Union Exec" challenge.

'03 | **Kathryn Bringman Baxter**, Merrillville, Ind., is assistant to the dean of Christ College at Valparaiso University.

Spencer D. Dunning married Chrissy Uchtman on Oct. 2, 2010. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Spencer is a sales manager with Minelco Inc.

Holly C. Gersbacher, Dayton, Ohio, is a development coordinator with The LAM Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio.

James A. Manecke received his M.B.A. in 2010 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. He lives in Granville, Ohio.

Jennifer M. Stacy has married Bryce Bradley. They live in Nashville, Tenn. Jen is a senior

associate with The Buffkin Group, Franklin, Tenn.

Joseph M. and Carrie Funderburg Ullmer live in South Bend, Ind. In 2009, Joseph received an AAS degree in veterinary technology from Columbus State Community College in Ohio. He is with the Potawatomi Zoo.

Jessie G. Zawacki married Myles D. VanCura on July 16, 2011. They live in Winterville, N.C.

'04 | **Nicholas P. Azar** and his wife, Jill, announce the birth of Adelaide Grace on Feb. 25, 2010, and Jane Elizabeth on April 7, 2011. They live in St. Louis, Mo.

Aaron W. Copley is co-teaching at Shalom High School, Milwaukee, Wis., as part of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps.



Andrew Genszler '91

Finds Calling in Advocacy

Sitting in his first political science class, Andrew Genszler was startled when Professor Gerry Hudson told the students that they could throw away their comparative political system textbooks – the world was changing. Genszler, too, started to change as his friends Jonathon Eilert '93, Mike Elrod '91, Steve Tanner '91, Dave Burnham '92, Kevin Simon '91 and Bruce Hager '92 attest.

“Wittenberg’s approach to a liberal arts education taught me to think critically across a variety of subjects without an immediate agenda. My friends also taught me many life lessons. I’m still benefiting from what I learned at Wittenberg,” Genszler says, adding that public service started to tug at him. “I tell many people that Wittenberg was a pioneer in student community service.”

Seeing his own life as a work in progress, Genszler graduated and began a career in business, but he always felt something was missing in his life. The “missing” component eventually led him to Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, where he earned a master of divinity followed by a master’s degree in Christian ethics from the University of Oxford, England, as well as spending a thesis year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa. In between, he served as a domestic policy intern at the Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs, which is now the ELCA’s Washington office. Additionally, he joined the Navy Reserve.

“I hope this position and our office contribute to the common good in a society that promotes individualism as a predominant value,” he says.

Ordained in 2009 as a Navy chaplain, Genszler says his advocacy work and his Navy experience are as much about public and community service for him as they are ministry. Today Genszler serves as the director of the ELCA Advocacy Office in Washington, D.C., where he lives with his wife Alycia Ashburn.

“Lutherans don’t care if government is big or small; we care about how it works for people – both in the United States and around the world. Much of our advocacy is around economic opportunity, environmental issues, development and human rights,” Genszler says.

“As Lutherans we have two major assets – our faith language which includes government as part of the solution and the volunteering, relief, development and civic engagement of ELCA members – it is an honor to work with all of these dedicated people.” ■

– Phyllis Eberts '00

Bridget A. Casey is serving her residency in psychiatry at SUNY Buffalo.

Christina Dierkes lives in Gescher, Germany, where she is a freelance science writer.

Jennifer M. Fleming married Scott Fletcher on Sept. 4, 2010. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where Jennifer is with the Structured Life Group LLC.

Anna C. Hanke has married Brett McClurg. They live in Huntertown, Ind.

Natalie A. Muir graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in Bloomington, Ind., before serving a one-year internship in oral and maxillofacial surgery at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. She has begun OMFS training in Indianapolis, Ind.

Brett A. and Emily Rottenborn Rudy announce the birth of Claire Allison on Jan. 8, 2011. They live in Springfield, Ohio, where Emily is employed by the Springfield City Schools.

Jerilyn Vrabel Schmidt is an R&D chemist in the catalyst division at Sud-Chemie, Louisville, Ky.

Joyce McGovern Strancar, Mason, Ohio, is an intervention specialist with the Mason City Schools.

Jacob R. Thomas is in client services with DO Media, Columbus, Ohio.

'06 |

In 2009, **Martha C. Boatright** received her master’s degree in religious studies from the University of Iowa in Iowa City. She currently teaches English in Kitami, Japan.

Alexa K. Bourquin, Ladys Island, S.C., teaches at Beaufort High School.



Amanda L. Thomas '02

Julia Wickham Camp is a sales representative with Young’s Market, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ashley N. Huffman and **Jason M. Alonso** '08 were married July 16, 2011. They live in Delaware, Ohio. Ashley is a senior training specialist with Exel Logistics, Westerville, Ohio.

Jeffrey E. and Karen Obee Klukas of Madison, Wis., welcomed the birth of Emilia on Feb. 23, 2011.

Sean A. and Joyce Dindo McKinniss live in the Columbus, Ohio, area where Sean is pursuing his Ph.D. in higher education at The Ohio State University. Joyce is an attorney with Jones Day.

Danielle M. Newman and **Roderick P. Emmons** '04 were married on June 5, 2009. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Roderick is director of suite sales with the Charlotte Bobcats.

In 2011, **Nicole Ream Sotomayer** received her M.S. degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois. She is an assistant librarian for instructional services at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.

Tabitha M. Thompson, Freemansburg, Pa., is an SEM technician with Cordis Corp.

Wedding Album



Lauren M. Hough '09 and David J. Stokley '08 were married on Sept. 3, 2011. The couple lives in Columbus, Ohio.



Harriet Kamakill '10, Dayton, Ohio, married Omari Brown on June 26, 2010. Wittenberg Pastor Rachel Tune officiated the on-campus ceremony.



Justin M. Peters '02 married Amy Barrett on July 3, 2010. The couple, who reside in Coventry, R.I., are pictured here with members of The WittMen Crew.

'07 |

Courtney M. Dancer and **Dale R. Coburn III** were married on Oct. 2, 2010. They live in Marathon, Fla.

Alexandra M. Edwards, Cleveland, Ohio, is an admissions and residential life coordinator with Boys Hope Girls Hope of Northeastern Ohio.

Cari L. Gronowski and **Stephen D. Morris** were married Dec. 19, 2009. They live in Pinetops, N.C.

Tamara L. Kasper, Parma, Ohio, is manager, interactive SEO marketing in the marketing and communications department at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio.

Halle M. McGuire is in the office of housing accounting with National Church Residences, Columbus, Ohio.

Kyle E. Noble is employed by the Ralto Restaurant, Cambridge, Mass.

Zachary S. Raines teaches social studies at Springfield High School in Ohio. He is also an assistant football coach and varsity baseball coach at Catholic Central High School.

Kristen Ricchetti married **Seth M. Masterson** in October 2010. Kristen is in her third year of a Ph.D. program in epidemiology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She will also receive her master's degree in public health.

Bradley A. Ross has received his master of divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. He is pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Baroda, Mich.

Ashley N. Sodders married David Kell on June 25, 2011. They live in Springfield, Ohio,

where Ashley is a human resource officer with Job and Family Services of Clark County.

'08 |

Amy A. Apidone and **Shane M. Price** '09 were married on June 11, 2011. They live in Aurora, Ill. Amy is employed by Aldi Inc. Shane is a sales representative with Matrix Direct in Schamburg, Ill.

Gregory A. Harris received his master's degree in student affairs and higher education from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind. He is a residence life coordinator and oversees two apartment complexes at Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

Claire E. Johnson married Jeffrey James on Dec. 18, 2010. They live in Dayton, Ohio.

Michelle M. Kyle and **Lance A. Frank** were married Aug. 14, 2010. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Michelle is a registered nurse.

Robert J. Loeffler, San Francisco, Calif., is a consultant with Siemens AG.

Matthew W. Lynch, Springfield, Ohio, is development associate/membership coordinator at the U.S. Air Force Museum Foundation, Dayton, Ohio.

Nicholas A. Pierson married Elizabeth Siegel on July 23, 2011. They live in Bloomington, Ind., where Nick is pursuing a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at Indiana University. He is also the co-author of a *JACS* article titled "Multiple Bradykinin States Revealed," which is featured in a recent *Chemical & Engineering News*.

Angela Dattilo Reagan, Jamestown, Ohio, is pursuing her M.S.A. in public administration at Central



Amy Fickert '08

Cruises to Success

For someone who had never seen a cruise ship, Amy Fickert has certainly mastered the seas in her world-traveling position with Royal Caribbean.

The cruise director for the company's newest ship, Oasis of the Seas, Fickert has taken her love of communication, honed at Wittenberg, and turned it into a career overseeing a staff of 200 entertainment personnel on the seagoing vessel. She is also responsible for the entertainment and activities for 6,000 guests each week.

"The most challenging part of my job is time management," Fickert says. "The cruise ship is in operation seven days a week so there is no concept of 'weekends.' The turnaround time between cruises is only a few hours, and this time is used to prepare for the next cruise, so the ship really never stops moving and neither does a cruise director. My day begins around 9 a.m. and doesn't end until after midnight most nights. It is a very busy schedule, but the job is a lot of fun!"

From cruising through the Caribbean and around Western Europe, as well as to the Pacific and other ports in between, Fickert is consistently "blown away" by the chance to travel to exotic destinations and make friends around the world, all while providing a first-rate experience for those aboard.

"The most rewarding part of the job is the satisfaction that I feel at the end of every cruise knowing that we did everything possible to ensure that all 6,000-plus guests had an incredible vacation experience on the Oasis of the Seas," she says.

Fickert also finds satisfaction in knowing that her Wittenberg education played a significant role in her success.

"The Communication Leaders program at Wittenberg helped me develop the confidence and professionalism needed to pursue an 'out-of-the-box' experience upon graduating," says Fickert, who first served as an employee activities coordinator for Aramark in Alaska's Denali National Park. "I wasn't afraid to try something different. You never know how an internship, volunteering experience or job can help set you apart." ■

— Karen Gerboth '93

Michigan University. She is a special event and corporate sales representative with Columbus Hospitality, Wilmington, Ohio.

'09 |

Lauren N. Baxter, Cleveland, Ohio, is a technician with Boehringer Ingelheim GmbH.

Emily E. Daniels, Pittsburgh, Pa., was among thousands of extras participating in a chaotic crowd scene at Heinz Field for the new *Batman* movie.

Lauren M. Hough married **David J. Stokley** '08 on Sept. 3, 2011. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

Lilianne L. Pate married Mark J. Howard on Oct. 9, 2010. They live in Gahanna, Ohio. Lily is a teacher with the Goddard School, Reynoldsburg/Blacklick campus.

Mackenzie M. Yamamoto, Warsaw, Ind., married Jeff Ticknor on June 27, 2009. They announce the birth of Wesley in 2011. Mackenzie is a nutrition consultant who owns Web-Nutritionist.

'10 |

Caitlin C. Baker is serving as a volunteer with AmeriCorps in Wenatchee, Wash.

Kara L. Blakley, a former instructor of English at Jiaying University in China, is pursuing her master's degree in humanities at Jacobs University Bremen in Germany.

Kathryn I. Brunton, who is a pharmacy technician trainee with Medicap Pharmacy, Safford, Ariz., will soon pursue graduate studies in psychology at the Universite Pierre Mendes France, Grenoble.

Ryan M. Carris is pursuing his Ph.D. in life sciences and serving as a research assistant at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Robert D. Ciucki is an account manager with Translation.com, New York, N.Y.

Amanda A. Delagrance is a long-term substitute with the Akron Public Schools in Ohio.

Karen J. Girard, Columbus, Ohio, is a compliance assistant with Maxim Healthcare Services, Grove City, Ohio.

Courtney L. Harris is pursuing her master's degree in allied health at Salus University, Philadelphia, Pa.

Gregory L. Harvey, a compliance analyst with Progressive Medical Inc., Westerville, Ohio, is pursuing his M.B.A. at Mount Vernon Nazarene University Jetter School of Business, Gahanna, Ohio.

Katie M. Johnson, Springfield, Ohio, is an emergency department nurse at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio

Harriet Kamakill, Dayton, Ohio, married Omari Brown on June 26, 2010.

Mark C. King is pursuing his M.B.A. at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Jennifer B. Knapp is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She was awarded a three-year National Science Foundation graduate fellowship.

Joshua L. Lanzer is pursuing his master's degree in allied health/nursing at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

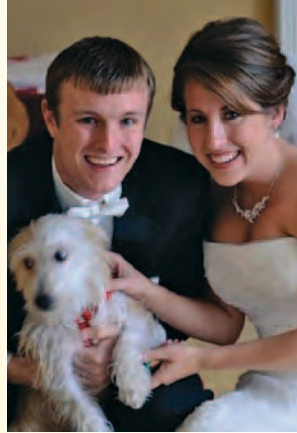
Liaoliao Liang is pursuing her M.B.A. at the Hult International Business School in London.

Craig S. Lods is an office technician at the Summit Dental Group in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Wedding Album



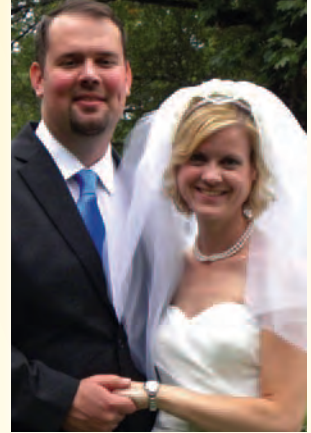
Bryan G. Bumgarner '99 married **Michelle Shaffer** on **June 11, 2011**. The couple lives in **Boise, Idaho**.



Claire E. Johnson '08 married **Jeffrey James** on **Dec. 18, 2010**. The couple lives in **Dayton, Ohio**.



Jessie G. Zawacki '03 married **Myles D. Van Cura** on **July 16, 2011**. The couple lives in **Winterville, N.C.**



Margaret F. "Molly" Clowes '96 married **Marc J. Woerlein** on **Sept. 25, 2011**. The couple lives in **Columbus, Ohio**.

Brian R. Mann is pursuing his Ph.D. in life sciences at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas.

Zachary D. Miller is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., where he was accepted into the Montgomery Lab.

Kendall C. Obreza is pursuing her law degree at the University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Gainesville, Fla.

Amy E. Prugh and **Mark L. Lintern '08** were married Feb. 26, 2011. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.

Danielle N. Remington is enrolled in The Ohio State University College of Optometry, Columbus, Ohio.

Laura K. Schumaker is pursuing her medical degree at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Mittra "Tara" Sharif, Newport Beach, Calif., is a process analyst at Alere Inc., San Diego, Calif.

Cory M. Shoemaker is pursuing his master's degree in life sciences at Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss.

Kathleen B. Snead is pursuing her Ph.D. in social sciences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va.

Nicole A. Spoerl is pursuing her master's degree in allied health/nursing at Mercy College of Northwest Ohio, Toledo.

Lauren K. Stets, Westerville, Ohio, is an assistant merchant with Limited Brands, Columbus, Ohio.

Nam T. Vu is pursuing her Ph.D. in social sciences at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Caitlin M. Welsh teaches at the Seoul Education Centre in South Korea.

'11 | Colin M. Barlow, Poway, Calif., is an account manager with West Coast Group Benefits LLC, San Diego, Calif.

Meredith E. Berzins is co-executive director with the Children's Rescue Center, Springfield, Ohio.

James E. Colloton III, who is enrolled in a two-year graduate program for sports

management at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., also serves as a graduate assistant with the women's basketball team.

Alexander A. Griffith, Columbia, Md., is a systems engineer with Northrop Grumman.

Benjamin T. Hanf is a clinical research assistant in the biospecimen core resource lab at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

Sheila P. Herlihy, North Royalton, Ohio, is associated with the Franciscan Volunteer Ministries, Philadelphia, Pa.

Michael D. Merz is pursuing a master's degree in physiology and biophysics at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Christa M. Snyder is pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

Stephanie A. Springer married **Matthew P. Ison '10** on Jan. 1, 2011. They live in Springfield, Ohio, where Stephanie is a retail specialist II at Security National Bank. Matthew is employed by Urbana University.

David D. To, Springfield, Ohio, is attending Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine, Fairborn, Ohio.

Ryan M. Uhle, Westerville, Ohio, is a shareholder services associate with J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Correction

On page 64 of "Reflections" in the Fall 2011 issue, the incorrect survival rate for children battling cancer was given. "Thanks to significant advances in treatment, data from the National Cancer Institute indicates that the survival rate is now 79.6% (1996-2003 study)" as per an email from Timothy Knilians, M.D., Director, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and Pacing, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Christine Baehren Barabasz '67, with the Nemours Fund for Children's Health, also wrote that "80-85% of all pediatric cancer patients survive their disease and go on to live healthy lives."

In Memoriam

'31 |

Edith "Jane" Gephart Springer of Dayton, Ohio, died Dec. 11, 2007. She was a teacher with the Dayton Public Schools. Her memberships included North Riverdale Lutheran Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority and College Women's Club.

Mary Mumma Wolf, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, passed away July 30, 2011, in Centerville, Ohio. She retired as an elementary school teacher from the Springfield City Schools. Her memberships included Covenant Presbyterian Church, Southminster Presbyterian Church, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, the Norris Chapter of Eastern Star and the CH chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

'32 |

Evelyn Tufts Tracy Froelich, Canton, Ohio, died Feb. 13, 1997. A member of the Methodist Church, she retired as a first-grade teacher with the Canton Local School District.

'35

Formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, **Charles H. Benner** died Sept. 13, 2011, in Columbus, Ohio. During World War II, he served as a lt. j.g. with the U.S. Coast Guard in the Pacific. At the time of his death, he was professor emeritus at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati and at the School of Music at The Ohio State University. An active member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, he was a past president of OMEA and MENC. Following his retirement, he volunteered with Radio Reading Services and the Sycamore Senior Center.

Dorothy Cowden Culp of Dayton, Ohio, passed away Nov. 4, 2011. She was an English teacher at Fairview High School and also served as its club advisor. A member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and PEO Chapter BC, she was named one of the "Top Ten Women of Dayton."

Ruth Kaler Varga, Crestline, Ohio, died Nov. 7, 2011. In 1973, she retired after 36 years as a health and physical education teacher in the Crestline, Galion and Mansfield School Systems. Her memberships included First English Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, the National Education Association, the Ohio Education Association, the Crestline Library Board, Harmony Chapter #43 of the Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, Crestline Women's Club and Crawford County Genealogical Society.

'36 |

Martha Sites Rinehart, Shelby, Ohio, died Oct. 2, 2011. She worked in her husband's doctor's office, taught piano lessons, and enjoyed cooking and baking. Her memberships included the First Christian Church of Shelby, the First Christian Church in Mansfield, Chi Omega sorority, the 97 Club and LaSertoma.

'37 |

Mary Catherine Stewart, Dayton, Ohio, died Aug. 9, 2011. A teacher for 22 years and an administrator for 20 years with the Dayton Public Schools, she retired in 1969 as principal of Cornell Heights Elementary School. Following her retirement, she volunteered at Kettering Medical Center and the YWCA. Her memberships included the Dayton Women's College Club, Soroptimists and the Pi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

'39 |

Ethel Hetherington Burt, Youngstown, Ohio, died April 22, 2010. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she retired as an elementary school principal with the Boardman Board of Education.

Betty Robertson Wert, Indianapolis, Ind., passed away Jan. 23, 2009. Her memberships included St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority. In the 1940s, she taught music with the Miami County Public Schools in Ohio and supervised public school music in Montgomery County,

Ohio. In 1968, she began serving as national administrative director of Alpha Xi Delta, retiring in 1982.

'40 |

Nynphiadora "Boots" Funke Leighton, Toledo, Ohio, died Aug. 18, 2011. A homemaker, she studied ceramics and served as a tutor. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

'42 |

Lois Bell Cole, Bell, Calif., died Aug. 20, 2009. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she lived in Arizona and California as the wife of a Presbyterian clergyman. She retired as director of patient services with the California Division of the American Cancer Society.

Milton R. "Pete" Lauver, formerly of North Olmsted, Ohio, passed away Dec. 28, 2003, in Centerville, Ohio. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. A loyal member of Kiwanis, he retired in 1982 from his position as a chemical engineer/research physicist with the Lewis Research Center of N.A.S.A.

Stanley M. Taylor, formerly of Mishawaka and Elkhart, Ind., died Aug. 20, 2011, in Hendersonville, N.C. He was associated with Bethel College in Mishawaka from its inception in 1947. He served as dean, registrar, director of teacher education and as a faculty member. After retiring, he continued part-time as curator of the Dr. Otis Bowen Museum on the Bethel campus, and as one of the founders and board chair of the Hubbard Hill Retirement Community in Elkhart. He was a devout evangelical Christian, an ordained minister in the Missionary Church and a supporter of numerous Christian organizations. He was a member of First Baptist Church and Cedar Road Missionary Church.

'43 |

Henry D. Slevin, Columbus, Ohio, passed away Sept. 27, 2011. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. His early career included associations with the

Propeller Division of the Curtis Wright Co., Beaver, Pa., U.S. Steel, Pittsburgh, Pa., and an electrical construction company, also in Pittsburgh, Pa.

'44 |

Geraldine Dickey Conn, Portland, Ore., died June 10, 2006. A retired teacher, she co-owned and operated Shady Rest Mobile Home Park. She was a member of Damascus Community Church.

Janice Bowen Fisher, formerly of Tuscumbia, Ala., passed away Nov. 4, 2011, in Newark, Ohio. She worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, before moving to Alabama, where she was an active member of First United Methodist Church and the Mountain View Garden Club. Before her retirement, she was an office manager for Paxton-Alexander Engineers.

'45 |

Annabel Dilsavor Ervin, Columbus, Ohio, passed away on Dec. 2, 2011. A former homemaker and high school teacher, she retired as a secretary with a CPA firm. Her memberships included Hilltop Lutheran Church, Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church and Delta Zeta sorority.

Martin E. Lehmann, Sperry, Iowa, died Aug. 18, 2011. He was ordained into the ministry on June 2, 1940, and served Lutheran congregations in Detroit, Mich., Walsh, Ill. and Sperry, Iowa. In 1960, he became professor of church history at Central Lutheran Seminary, Fremont, Neb., then served in the same capacity and as dean of students for 18 years at Luther Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He retired in 1985. Following his retirement, he served several interims and as a supply pastor for many years, authored three books, was a translator, an editor and traveled around the world. His memberships included Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA and the Lutheran Historical Conference.

Eileen Stinnett Brane Riddle, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., passed away July 23, 2011, in Bastrop, Texas. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and worked at U.S. Steel.

Formerly of Columbus, Ohio, **Marian Wharton Wallace** died July 13, 2009, in Bonita Springs, Fla. She devoted her professional career to the insurance industry, retiring in 1991 as office manager of the American Agency Inc. Her memberships included Alpha Delta Pi sorority and the Insurance Women of Columbus.

'47 |

Naomi Linsenmayer Buchholtz, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 3, 2011. A member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and Delta Zeta sorority, she was a pastor's wife who was active in the various churches where her husband served. She was a registered nurse at Community Hospital as well as a nurse educator at Community Hospital School of Nursing. An active member of the community, she served on the board of trustees for Osterlen Services for Youth and Young Women's Mission. She was one of the original trustees of the Johnson-St. Paris EMS and volunteered for Hospice, the Literacy Center and Clark County Elderly United.

Douglas C. Cook passed away in Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 12, 2011. A member of Collingwood Presbyterian Church and Dorm League, he served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was president of the UpRite Hook Co. and Cook Industries, both manufacturers of drapery hooks and other wire products. As a horseback rider, he competed in equitation, show jumping and cross country events. His interests included sports of all kinds, boating, singing and photography. He served three terms as Ohio lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club. His other associations included the Toledo Opera Chorus, the Sam Szor Society, American Legion #335, the Maumee Elks, the Toledo Ski Club, Inverness Club, Catawba Island Club, Gravel Bar Yacht

Club, Ohio Archeology Club, English Speaking Club and the Toledo Museum of Art. He was also a trustee of the Boys and Girls Club of Toledo.

'48 |

Marion D. "Ace" Hall, Largo, Fla., died May 27, 2007. During World War II and the Korean War, he rose to the rank of lieutenant while serving with the U.S. Marine Corps. Owner of the Asian Garden Restaurant, he retired as a math teacher at Seminole High School with the Pinellas County School District. His memberships included Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, American Legion Post 273 and VFW Post 10094.

David C. Smith, formerly of Sandusky, Ohio, died March 31, 2010, in Southern Pines, N.C. A member of the Lutheran Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. In 1983, he retired as commercial manager from Ameritech (Ohio Bell Telephone Co.). From 1984-87, he served as executive director of United Way of Erie County.

Colleen Smith Thor of Plainwell, Mich., passed away on Oct. 11, 2011. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she retired from Kalamazoo College as fine arts secretary in 1987. For 15 years after her retirement, she operated Junk 'n Stuff 'n Things, a second-hand shop. She enjoyed painting, drawing, sewing, crafts, playing bridge and gardening. In her later years, she compiled her memoirs from her lifelong journals.

'49 |

Freda Holland Horgan of Toledo, Ohio, died June 3, 2009. In 1949, she opened her first store, From Heaven to Eleven, specializing in infant, children's and women's clothing. In 1967 until the late 1980s, she owned and operated Laomi's Dress Shop in the Colony. She was an active member of Bethany Lutheran Church and enjoyed spending winters in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Michael R. Shaffer died March 2, 2011, at his home on Merritt

Island, Fla. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army during World War II and with the U.S. Army Air Corps during the Korean Conflict. He was employed by Babcock and Wilcox in Ohio for five years before becoming an engineer at various IBM assignments for 29 years. Following his retirement, he became an adjunct professor at Florida Institute of Technology in the chemical engineering department in Melbourne for 10 years.

Charles R. Sutermaster, Pittsburgh, Pa., died July 26, 2011. He worked as a civilian with the U.S. Army Air Force before serving with its corps of engineers as a staff sergeant in England during World War II. He retired as manager of technical services quality assurance of the glass division of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. after more than 39 years with the company. During this time, he taught courses in statistical quality control and advanced statistics in PPG plants in the United States, Canada and Italy, and with other companies in England and Belgium. He was a member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity.

William O. Yeazell, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Aug. 2, 2011. He was a project engineer of mechanical systems with Kelsey Hayes SPECO Division. His memberships included Dorm League, Masonic Lodge, Ohio and National Societies of Professional Engineers, Society of Automotive Engineers and the Photographic Society.

'50 |

Allen Davis, Alameda, Calif., died Oct. 8, 2011. His life's work has been the Raiders football team, for whom he was the dominant figure for nearly 50 years. His early coaching jobs were at Adelphi College, a U.S. Army team at Ft. Belvoir, Va., The Citadel and the University of Southern California. In 1954, he worked in the personnel department of the Baltimore Colts. He went from assistant coach of the Los Angeles, the

San Diego Chargers, to head coach and general manager of the Raiders, to commissioner of the American Football League and to principal owner and chief executive officer of the Raiders. He was the first recipient of the NFL Players Association's Retired Players Award of Excellence and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1992.

Robert W. Kline, Westfield, Mass., died March 22, 1995. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force in Europe. He retired as a division manager with Standex International.

Irene Peters Mowen, San Antonio, Texas, died April 20, 2011. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she retired as an art teacher from Travis Middle School in Port Lavaca, Texas.

James H. Ripple, Oahu, Hawaii, passed away Nov. 18, 2011. A member of the Church of the Crossroads UCC and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He began his career as an engineer with Republic Steel, developing titanium metal. In the late '60s, he worked for a candy company in Farmington, N.M., developing a new process for making licorice candy known as "Twizzlers." His work with local native Americans led to a career in economic development with the United States Department of Commerce in the western U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Saipan and other Pacific islands. From 1984-90, he served as special assistant for planning and budget in the governor's office. In 1998, he retired and moved to the island of Oahu in Hawaii. His many honors included receiving an Alumni Citation from Wittenberg in 1992.

Carl L. Rolston, Worthington, Ohio, passed away Oct. 22, 2011. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Japan. A member of Worthington United Methodist Church, he had a long and successful career at Ohio Bell, retiring after 34 years of service.

Ned W. Schall, Mount Pleasant, S.C., passed away, Nov. 15,

F. Kenneth Dickerson Jr. '51 Leaves Legacy



F. Kenneth Dickerson died Jan. 26, 2012. He was 81.

A resident of Springfield, Ohio, Dickerson served as a Wittenberg administrator from 1958 to 1992. He began as university editor, and he was later named director of alumni and parents relations, and director of special events, where he also edited the *Wittenberger*.

An historian and Korean War veteran, who was released from active duty in 1957 with the rank of lieutenant, Dickerson completed the picture research for the book *Springfield & Clark County: An Illustrated History* by Wittenberg President Emeritus William A. Kinnison '54. Following his retirement in 1992, he served as director of the University Sesquicentennial Observance.

Active in the community, Dickerson served as president of the Springfield Civic Theater Board and operational chief of Box 27 Associates of the Springfield Fire Division, as well as on other boards. Dickerson's other memberships included Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Pi Delta Epsilon journalism society, Clark County Historical Society, National Rifle Association, Ohio Gun Collectors Association, the International Society of Shifters and an honorary life member of International Migratory Workers Union-Hoboes of America.

2011. A member of Holy Cross Episcopal Church and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He retired as a sales representative with SmithKline Beecham, Isle of Palms, S.C.

Gordon A. Thor, Plainwell, Mich., passed away May 10, 2010. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army during World War II. His career included working as a music supervisor in Hillsboro, Ohio, and as a purchasing agent with Valley Metal Products Co. and Hammond Machinery Builders, Otsego, Mich.

Samuel D. Wang of Fort Smith, Ark., passed away Oct. 21, 2011. A U.S. Army Korean War veteran, he was a labor lawyer/professional manager who retired in 1991 as vice president of production with Hiram Walker & Sons. Following his retirement, he worked as an arbitration judge. His memberships included St. Luke Lutheran Church, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the Ohio and Sebastian County Bar Associations, the American Legion, Noon Civics League and Friends of the Library. A past president of Old Fort Museum, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and researching the Civil War and Custer's Last Stand.

'51 |

Allen J. Hansen died Nov. 30, 2006, in Boynton Beach, Fla. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force as a B24 pilot flying 23 missions in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His career included working as an advisor in the creation of the Afghan Institute of Technology in Kabul, teaching at Newark State College in New Jersey and in 1964, joining the Peace Corps to establish school systems in the Philippines. Returning to the United States, he was superintendent of various school systems including Williamstown, Mass, Schoharie, N.Y., and Fort Covington, N.Y. In 1979, he moved to Florida to work in real estate while enjoying travel and tennis.

'52 |

Ronald F. Fuller of Bay City, Mich., died Sept. 24, 2011. An ordained Lutheran minister, he worked in mission development, organizing congregations in Birmingham and Adrian, Mich. He served as pastor of Advent Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich., and Messiah Lutheran Church (now Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) in Manistee before going to Messiah Lutheran Church in Bay City, Mich., where he served until retirement in 1993. Following retirement, he served as an interim pastor in Roscommon, Midland, Saginaw, Unionville, and Reese, Mich. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, the Rotary Club of Bay City and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was also active in his community and served on numerous committees.

Richard H. Petrocelli, Wilton, Conn., died Oct. 12, 2011. A member of Dorm League, he served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He later worked for more than 20 years as an art teacher with the Norwalk Public School System. He was passionate about tennis and golf. He was an artist, an avid reader and an active volunteer with FISH Volunteer Drivers of Norwalk.

Stewart F. Powell aka **Robert F. Weiskotten Jr.** of Cedar Key, Fla., died Oct. 26, 2011. After working as an engineer in several states, he was transferred to Sweden in 1962 as an engineering consultant, ultimately living in London. After his return to the United States, he owned a 1,300-acre farm in Wytheville, Va., where he raised Black Angus cattle, grew corn and enjoyed Tennessee walking horses. He then served as president of Pulaski Furniture and as a chief consultant with Broyhill Furniture. In 1982 he purchased Alexander Answering Service in Evanston, Wyo. An active member of his community, he served on the City Planning & Zoning Commission, Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, ran for City Council and performed in the annual *Nutcracker* play as a Russian soldier.

Caroline "Lyn" Hartshorn Vlaskamp, formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Jan. 6, 2010, in Alexandria, Va. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she retired as a teacher from Friends Seminary, New York, N.Y.

'54 |

Chester J. Vierling Jr., Roanoke Rapids, N.C., died Nov. 6, 2005. He retired as a mechanic engineer from Siemens-Allis Inc., Tucker, Ga. He was an active member of First Pentecostal Holiness Church and had a nursing home ministry from 1997 until his latest illness.

'55 |

Charles A. Brouger of Springfield, Ohio, died Aug. 24, 2011. A member of High Street United Methodist Church and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. He was retired chair of the board and CEO of Eagle Tool and Machine Co. Inc. His commitment to the community was apparent in the area boards on which he served as chair and president, including Springfield-Clark County Chamber of Commerce, Community Hospital, United Way Campaign, Springfield Country Club, Springfield Rotary Club, Springfield Foundation and Wittenberg. He was inducted into the Springfield/Clark County Junior Achievement Hall of Fame in 1997. He was presented the Class of 1914 Award from Wittenberg in 2005 and the Richard L. Kuss Lifetime Community Achievement Award in 2010.

Joe R. Manning, New Carlisle, Ohio, died Dec. 4, 2011. He worked for the G.H. Herman Funeral Home, Indianapolis, Ind., before working as an electrical engineer with Honeywell for more than 30 years. A U.S. Army veteran, he served more than 22 years as a captain in the Air National Guard. He was also an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

'56 |

James S. Cantrell, Surf City, N.C., passed away Aug. 5, 2011. During the years of 1955-57, he served with the U.S. Army in Korea. He retired in 1998 as CEO from Community Financial Services in Plymouth Mich. His memberships included Faith Harbor United Methodist Church, Surf City, N.C., River Hills Community Church, Lake Wylie, S.C., Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Rotary and the American Legion. He enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles, fishing, golfing, sports and volunteering at the Clover Area Assistance Center.

'57 |

Norman P. Brom, Xenia, Ohio, passed away on Nov. 29, 2011. Ordained in 1958, he served as pastor at Alexandria United Methodist Church before going to Brazil for 11 years as a missionary. Upon returning to the United States, he served at Summerside UMC and Montfort Heights UMC in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Parkview UMC in Miamisburg, Ohio.

Clinton Morse III of London, Ohio, died Nov. 2, 2011. He taught mathematics at St. Patrick School and the London Public Schools before serving as principal at the Deercreek and Summerford Schools, and as curriculum director for the London City Schools. Following his retirement in 1993, he tutored math privately and at St. Patrick's School. He was also involved with Habitat for Humanity and volunteered for the Madison County Free Clinic. A lifelong professional musician, he was choir director at the First Presbyterian Church and was involved with many musical events in London and Columbus. He traveled on tour with the Lawrence Welk Band. His memberships included First Presbyterian Church, the Central Ohio Emmaus Walk and the Madison County Retired Teachers Association.

Donald E. Ryman, Springfield, Ohio, died Nov. 29, 2011. During the Korean War, he served with

the U.S. Air Force. He taught art with the Springfield City Schools and at Wittenberg for many years. He also worked at the *Springfield News-Sun* and at the A&P Grocery Store. His memberships included First Lutheran Church, United Senior Services, Miami Valley Bridge Club and the Senior Center Bridge Club in Yellow Springs. He enjoyed the Springfield Symphony, Springfield Choral, volunteering at the Kuss Auditorium, Wittenberg football and basketball, and traveling.

Helen Downey Story, formerly of Urbana, Ohio, and Madison, N.J., died May 25, 2003, in Bradenton, Fla. She was a reading specialist for 30 years with the public school system in Madison. Her memberships included Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, PEO and Sweet Adelines in Bradenton, and the Order of the Eastern Star in Urbana.

'58 |

Ann VanMeter Chamberlain passed away Sept. 27, 2011 in Brentwood, N.H. A certified clinical social worker for 45 years, she counseled thousands of clients at the Rockingham Counseling Center (Rockingham Child and Family Services) before going into private practice in 1991. She was a member of Pilgrim United Church of Christ and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

'60 |

Louise Mason Hutchison died Dec. 4, 2011, in Lititz, Pa. A homemaker, she was an active volunteer and member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Red Cross, Republican Committee, Luther Acres, Daughters of the American Revolution, Lancaster Forest Fire Crew, White Shrine and Eastern Star.

Carolyn Koehring Kunde, Mahomet, Ill., passed away March 11, 2011. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she retired from the University of Illinois chancellor's office in 1998.

Rosaleen Drumell Meyer of Columbus, Ohio, died Aug. 29, 2011. A member of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she had a career in public relations as a speaker with Columbia Gas of Ohio.

'61 |

Mary Groeber Bumstead, San Antonio, Texas, died May 6, 2010. A former Catholic nun, she was a member of the Sisters of Charity Community and Daughters of the King. She led a satellite group for Threads of Love and worked in the mountains of Lima, Peru, for four years with the Almari Indians. Most recently, she was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Joseph J. Horner, formerly of West Liberty, Ohio, died Sept. 16, 2011, in Kokomo, Ind. He was an administrator at the Adriel School in West Liberty, Ohio, before becoming a teacher and principal at Town and Country Day School in Springfield, Ohio. He was a longtime member of Bethel Mennonite Church in West Liberty, Ohio.

Paul E. Nitchman died July 8, 2004, in Tucson, Ariz. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Robert E. Webb died May 21, 2010, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a retired clergyman of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, who served congregations in Dayton, Springfield, Waynesfield, Johnstown, Cincinnati and Toledo. Before being ordained into the ministry, he was a teacher and administrator. His military service including serving as a corporal in the Philippines and Japan from 1944-46, in the U.S. Air Force Reserves from 1946-52, and as a lieutenant colonel with the Civil Air Patrol from 1967-88.

'62 |

Nancy Schuck Baer of Waukesha County, Wis., died Aug. 23, 2011. A member of the Lutheran Church, she retired as a health and physical education teacher from the Merton School in Wisconsin.

Ralph R. Carskadden, Seattle, Wash., died Sept. 13, 2011. A gifted craftsman in textiles, clay and iconography, he worked as a case worker for the New York City Welfare Dept., before being ordained as a deacon and a priest in the Episcopal Church. He served on staff at Christ Church, Tacoma, Wash., Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, Mich., St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, Mich., All Souls' Episcopal Church, San Diego, Calif., St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, Wash., and St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Seattle, Wash.

Carol Allison Lebold of Seabrook, N.H., died Dec. 4, 2010. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she was a receptionist/dental assistant for several years. Finding her calling in helping the hearing impaired, she was a certified sign language interpreter until her retirement in 2002.

Joy Thompson McDonald, Bellefontaine, Ohio, died Sept. 24, 2011. An elementary school teacher with the Lakeview and Bellefontaine City Schools, she retired from Pine Avenue Elementary School in 1985. Following her retirement, she enjoyed spending winters in Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. Her memberships included First United Methodist Church, the Bellefontaine Education Association and the Ohio Education Association.

R. Stephen VanCline, Franklin Lakes, N.J., died March 7, 2010. Owner of Franklin Lakes Galleries, he was an artist, art conservator, restorer and art investment consultant. He served on the national executive board of the American Association of Conservators and Restorers and on the board of directors of the Friends of the Franklin Lakes Library. He participated annually in a lecture series on art at Fairleigh Dickinson University. In 1999, he purchased a farm in Ashland, N.Y., and began a farming operation of organic chickens, eggs and grass-fed beef. He continued with both businesses until his death.

Carole Presser Young, Anderson, Ind., died Aug. 6,

2011. She began her career in hospitals, working in various capacities at Community Hospital. A registered nurse, she retired as a staff nurse in 1970. She earned a National Surgical Certificate.

'64 |

A member of Delta Gamma sorority, **Wendy Sillitoe Miller**, Pittsford, N.Y., died July 30, 2011. She served on the board of directors of S.C. Parker and Co. Inc. and as chair of the board of directors of E.F. Miller Municipals in Rochester, N.Y. She was an elder, deacon and trustee at Brighton Presbyterian Church and engaged in 30 years of youth ministry at Punky Hollow Farm, East Springwater, N.Y.

'65 |

R. Larry Gaier, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Aug. 1, 2011. A member of St. John Lutheran Church, he retired from International Harvester Co.

Linda Heizer Wilson of Indianapolis, Ind., died May 14, 2010. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. A registered nurse, she served as nursing supervisor at Woodland Nursing Center, Mt. Zion, Ill. She published a book on cemetery inscriptions and conducted genealogical research on 490 families of Brown County, Ohio.

'66 |

George T. Bones '68S, San Jose, Calif., died Nov. 21, 2008. He served two years with the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Midway in the Mediterranean and worked for the West Penn Power Co., before becoming an ordained Lutheran pastor. In 1979, he retired from the ministry and moved to Texas, Nevada and California. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church.

Formerly of Piqua, Ohio, **Lynn Schneider Gastineau** died Aug. 10, 2010, in Marysville, Ohio. She began her teaching career with the Urbana School District before being hired by the Piqua City School District in 1972. She taught second, fourth and fifth

grade students at Favorite Hill, Washington and High Street Schools before her retirement in July 2005. Following retirement, she was an assistant manager at the Dublin Coldwater Creek Store. She enjoyed reading, knitting and making crafts.

Talivaldis Gulbis of Columbus, Ohio, died July 19, 2011. He was a history teacher and football coach in many Ohio school districts including Westland High School. An avid golfer, his memberships included Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and West Side Browns Backers.

Anthony M. Sawyer, Springfield, Ohio, died July 28, 2010.

'67 |

Charlotte Young McStallworth, formerly of Wilberforce, Ohio, passed away Aug. 4, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nev. She taught at Lucinda Cook Elementary School on the Central State University campus and at Simon Kenton School in Xenia, Ohio, before retiring. Her memberships included St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Trotwood, Ohio, Christ Episcopal Church in Xenia, Ohio, and First Baptist Church of the Lake in Las Vegas.

Linda M. Miller, Ardmore, Pa., passed away June 18, 2011. A member of the Lutheran Church, she had many interests and a positive outlook on life.

John W. Williams, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 28, 2011, in Decorah, Iowa. He is best known for inspiring thousands of singers to glorify God through music. He began his career at Shawnee High School in 1960. From 1970-82, he directed the Wittenberg University Choir, which became world famous by touring North America, Europe and the former Soviet Union. He also conducted the Indianapolis Symphonic Chorale and the Waldorf College Choir in Forest City, Iowa.

'68 |

Lois Clark Flinn died July 14, 2006, at her home in Mansfield, Ohio. An art teacher at John Simpson Junior High School from 1968-77, she was the

education coordinator at the Mansfield Arts Center. Her memberships included Grace Episcopal Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority, the Mansfield Cancer Foundation, the Ohio Arts Education Association, Leadership Unlimited, Mansfield Garden Club, Nomads and Philomathians.

'69 |

Donald P. Corfman, Elmwood Park, Ill., died Sept. 23, 2011. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and in 1979 received the Outstanding Young Man of America award. His career included teaching at North High School, Springfield, Ohio, serving as district technical manager and manager of internal training at Comshare Inc., Des Plaines, Ill., and most recently was associated with Krumm and Associates, Oak Park, Ill. He also volunteered as a basketball coach at Chicago Hope Academy.

Robert H. Shackleford, New Philadelphia, Ohio, died Aug. 26, 2011. He began his career with the Sears Roebuck Co. and held numerous managerial positions in Ohio. In 1977, he purchased the franchising rights to the Big Red Q Quickprint Center and also established The Typesetters at New Philadelphia. His memberships included Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Phi Mu Delta fraternity, New Philadelphia Lions Club, New Philadelphia Quaker Club, Elks Lodge BPOE 510, New Philadelphia Downtown Merchants Association, the Tuscarawas County YMCA, the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce, the New Philadelphia Planning Commission and the Zoning Board.

'70 |

David J. Chakeres, Westerville, Ohio, died Sept. 12, 2011. An attorney, he owned a private practice in Columbus, Ohio. His memberships included the Vineyard Columbus Church, the Columbus Bar Association and Mourning Glory Band, which originated at Wittenberg in 1968 and continued performing annually at university functions.

'72 |

Preston P. Mountz, Dayton, Ohio, died May 15, 1993.

Eugene C. Root, Levittown, Pa., died Oct. 15, 2011. He was ordained into the American Lutheran Church in 1973 and was called to serve at Faith Memorial Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich. He traveled to Malawi, Africa, as a missionary for the Volunteer Missionary Movement. In 1990, he was called to serve at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Later, he served other Lutheran churches in the Philadelphia area as an interim pastor for several years. He was an accomplished organist and an active member of Men of All Colors Together and the Democratic Party.

'73 |

Thomas C.P. Lai died April 19, 2007, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was an entrepreneur.

Grace Dauberman McKinney, Newcomerstown, Ohio, passed away Aug. 4, 2011. During her 20-year career, she taught fourth grade at West Elementary School, adult basic literacy education for the Buckeye Career Center and at a Christian pre-school. A member of Newcomerstown Church of God, she enjoyed reading, traveling, grading math papers and cooking.

Rebecca Weeks Murashige, Severna Park, Md., died Nov. 18, 2011. She embraced her life as a Navy wife, moving six times along the mid-Atlantic coast, as well as abroad in Italy. Always active in her community, she was a member of the Naval Academy Chapel, Delta Zeta sorority, the Naval Academy Women's Club, the Naval Academy Garden Club and the Presbyterian Women of Woods.

'75 |

Antone L. Strothers, Pittsburgh, Pa., died June 6, 2009. A member of Morning Star Baptist Church, he was a professor at CCAC North Side campus.

'76 |

Jane Marsac Hunt, Pfafftown, N.C., died Feb. 12, 2011. Her career included teaching special education students in Clayton County, Ga., and serving as a manager with the Craft Showcase and the Piece Goods Shop, both in Winston-Salem, N.C.

'78 |

Kimberlee Heichel Coolbaugh, Madison, Ohio, passed away Nov. 9, 2011. A middle school science teacher with the Mentor Schools, she was named Lubrizol 2006 Teacher of the Year and Lake County Council PTA Teacher of the Year. As a geologist she worked in gold, silver and oil explorations. She was a member and pianist at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, and enjoyed gardening and traveling.

'79 |

Lynnette S. Guttman, Lakewood, Ohio, died Aug. 26, 2011. A singer, actress, voice coach and education director at the Beck Center for the Arts, she performed extensively in opera, musical theatre and improv/comedy in the Cleveland area. She taught at Playhouse Square Center, and her voice studio was artistic home to more than 50 singers, with graduates performing on Broadway, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

'82 |

Jeffrey A. Simpson, Las Vegas, Nev., died Dec. 3, 2011. A former business editor at the *Las Vegas Sun* and *In Business Las Vegas*, he wrote for the "Two Way Hard Three" blog on the casino industry. He was a member of the "Vegas Gang," a podcast that discusses gaming topics. All are affiliated with ratevegas.com, which he joined in June 2010. He won awards for his reporting and writing, and made regular appearances on "Nevada Week in Review," a public broadcast television show and KNPR's "State of Nevada" radio show.

'83 |

Kimberly Rhoads Hite of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, Ill., died Oct. 28, 2011. Her career

included residential appraisal and sales in the real estate industry. She was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit and Chi Omega sorority.

Brian R. Lawter, Millersburg, Ohio, passed away Sept. 26, 2011. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. At the time of his death, he was serving as a chief warrant office four with the U.S. Army, stationed in Misawa, Japan. During his 25-year career with the U.S. Army, he also had served in Germany when the wall came down and in Afghanistan, Iraq and Korea.

Anne Marie Rice, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, passed away Nov. 22, 2011. She was fluent in German, Spanish and French, which helped her excel in her customer service profession. A member of Messiah Lutheran Church, she enjoyed needlepoint and cross stitch.

'84 |

Francis R. Barnes, Columbus, Ohio, died Aug. 28, 1991.

'85 |

Michael R. Henry, Rocky River, Ohio, died July 31, 2011. He co-founded and served as chief executive officer of Equitec Ltd., an operating subsidiary of Acxiom Corp., in Westlake, Ohio. He also served as a partner with Vistrio, a travel marketing firm. His memberships included St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Bryant K. Lemon of Canton, Ohio, died April 12, 2011. He was a member of St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in Massillon, Ohio. His career included serving as a scoring supervisor for NCS Pearson in Lansing, Mich., and as a press operator for CEP Products in Canton. Most recently, he was Canton's Equal Employment Opportunity compliance officer.

'86 |

David D. Anderson '86H died Dec. 3, 2011, in Lansing, Mich. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy, earning a Silver Star and a Purple Heart.

He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In 1963-64, he was a Fulbright lecturer in American literature at the University of Karachi, Pakistan. For most of his career, he taught in the department of American thought and language at Michigan State University, from which he retired in 1994 as university distinguished professor emeritus. An active member of his community, he was an author, editor and biographer. His many awards included an honorary doctorate from Wittenberg University in 1986.

Clayton J. Degenhardt, Palo Alto, Calif., died Aug. 10, 2011. A member of First Presbyterian Church and Sigma Nu fraternity, he was the founder of inCore, Mountain View, Calif.

Raul E. Tramontana Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away Nov. 20, 2011. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he practiced optometry in the greater Cincinnati area for the last 20 years.

'87 |

David S. Chillinsky of Centerville, Ohio, passed away Nov. 14, 2011. His career included serving as a senior account representative with Protective Treatments Inc. and a western sales manager with Essex A.R.G., Dayton, Ohio. He was a member of the Church of the Incarnation.

Daniel R. Scott, Springfield, Ohio, died Dec. 4, 2011. During his career, he taught at Wright State University, Clark State University, The Ohio State University and Urbana University. In 2001, he was instrumental in forming the chemistry and biology curriculum, and establishing the biology laboratory at Emmanuel Christian Academy. He also served as the assistant basketball coach and team statistician there, retiring in 2009. A member of the First Church of the Nazarene and a genealogist, he was an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan who worked as an usher at the "Horseshoe" for more than 30 years.

'88 |

Sean P. Elerick, St. Clairsville, Ohio, died Oct. 10, 2011. A former investment officer with WesBanco, Belmont National Bank, Sky Bank and Huntington Bank, he was vice president and portfolio manager of Premier Bank and Trust Co. His memberships included St. Mary's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council #4243 and the Ohio Valley Christian Soldiers.

'90 |

Dorothy D. Brennan, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, died Nov. 8, 2006. In 1991, she retired from Sprint (United Telephone) after 35 years of service. An active member of the First United Presbyterian Church, she was an officer in the Independent Telephone Pioneers Association and volunteered for Life Connections of Ohio.

'04 |

Mark E. Conley died Aug. 3, 2011 at his home in Ada, Ohio. A member of Good Hope Lutheran Church in Arlington, he worked for Cardinal Bus Sales of Lima. He coached midget football and enjoyed all outdoor activities, bowling and golf.

'09 |

Stephanie N. Baker, formerly of South Bend, Ind., and Toyohoshi, Japan, died Dec. 6, 2011. She was a Japanese culture enthusiast and loved teaching English with the Toyohoshi School System. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elwood, Ind.

Meagan L. Toothman, Cincinnati, Ohio, died Aug. 22, 2011. She received her master's degree in education from the University of Cincinnati in 2010. She was pursuing additional studies in school psychology while serving as cheerleading coach at Turpin High School in the Forest Hills School District.

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New Student Days, Aug. 16-19

June

16	Boys' Basketball Varsity Team Shootout
18-19	Junior High/Freshman Boys Basketball Team Camps
18-21	Softball Commuter Skills Camp
21-22	Varsity/Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Team Camps
22-24	Greek Reunion
23	Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Team Shootout
24-27	Boys' Basketball Individual Skills Camps
25-29	Tiger Girls' Soccer Day Camp
28-29	Big Man/Point Guard Specialty Camp

July

2	Summer Term III Begins
7-11	Field Hockey Camp
9-13	Boys' Soccer Camp
14	Boys' Basketball Varsity Team Shootout
15-18	Boys' Basketball Individual Skills Camps
15-19	Nike Girls' Advanced Soccer Academy
22-27	Volleyball Camps

August

16-19	New Student Days
20	Fall Semester Begins
23	Student Involvement Fair

September

7	Inauguration of Dr. Laurie M. Joyner, Wittenberg Series Opening Convocation, 3 p.m.
14-16	Family Weekend
27	Wittenberg Series: Kopenhagen Lecture, Nick Flynn, 7:30 p.m.

Flames of Faith

Senior Discovers Passion Through Perseverance



ERIN PENCE '04

I remember the day my life changed. The year was 2010. I was traveling in a Wittenberg van with my fellow Beta Theta Pi fraternity brothers to a Greek Life conference in Indiana when the unthinkable occurred – a collision with a semi-truck. The impact from the crash caused our van’s dashboard and front end to cave in, trapping me inside. As my brothers escaped from the wreckage, the van caught on fire and engulfed my legs in flames. When I was finally extracted, I called the one person whom I had

considered a hero throughout my life, my Mom. When she answered all I could say was: “It’s not good; it’s just not good.”

I had third- and fourth-degree burns on my legs, and I was told I had a 50 percent chance of survival. Multiple surgeries, skin grafts, and vigorous occupational and physical therapy immediately followed. My life seemed to have turned upside down. Doctors had doubts, but I had faith and determination.

James 1 tells us that we should be joyful when we face “trials of many kinds,” because the testing of our faith builds endurance. I understand that now more than ever. I fought to regain my life and get back to Wittenberg as soon as possible. Despite having to learn how to walk all over again, I continued to fight. As I returned to Witt, I came back with the mentality that nothing could stop me. I took on Wittenberg, wanting to do everything as if the accident never occurred. Having had the opportunity to be a part of so many areas of campus, I began to see that I was changing. It’s as if with every step I took with my little walker, I was figuring out who I was and wanted to be.

During my time here, the total Wittenberg experience has inspired me – the faculty, my fraternity brothers, the role models in student affairs, and all the wonderful people who make Wittenberg a family atmosphere. We are immersed in an environment here that fosters independence, challenges us, and encourages us to go above and beyond. No matter what road awaits, we become close with the faculty, staff and

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students, ultimately being surrounded by “family,” where nothing is impossible. With this outlook and mentality, we have the opportunity to dream the impossible, and accomplish far more than we perhaps ever imagined.

Thanks to Wittenberg, I also discovered something else about myself. I realized that although I had a love for psychology, my passion was in the very field that I was immersed in – college life. I now want to be a part of an environment that allows young people to grow and conquer more than ever before. Therefore, I am going to the Ohio State University this fall, where I will receive a master’s degree in higher education and student affairs.

Looking back, I wasn’t sure what would happen after the accident, but I always stayed positive and worked hard to ensure life didn’t pass me by. Life is unpredictable, and it sure took me by surprise, but in the words of the songwriter Aaron Niequist: “I have been blessed, now I wanna be a blessing; I have been loved, now I wanna bring love; I’ve been invited, I wanna share the invitation; I have been changed, to bring change, to bring change.” ■

– Aaron Moore '12

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