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Directed to academic and moral excellence  
in a student-centered environment, Brescia  
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that serve students who seek success through  
rewarding careers and service to others.

On the cover: 2013 Homecoming Queen and King,  
Carla Crespo and Chase Carrico.

## Dear Alumni & Friends of Brescia University



One of the blessings of living in Kentucky is the marvelous change of seasons. For me, the changing temperatures, weather patterns and even landscapes help reinforce the notion that we are all on a journey, a journey that includes change, new challenges, new opportunities and adventures.

Like the journey of our individual lives, the journey of a university is characterized by change and growth. In this edition of Brescia NOW! we would like to share with you some of the highlights of Brescia University's journey over the past few months. As we continue to grow our enrollment and expand our reach, the Brescia Experience becomes increasingly dynamic and relevant to today's college student.

In the pages that follow you will read stories and see pictures of that journey as it unfolds. Included are Brescia students and faculty traveling to Italy and the Czech Republic. By providing our students with an international experience we hope to broaden our horizons in appreciation for other cultures and the vast diversity that makes up the human race. While in Rome we were able to visit the center of Catholicism and even witness Pope Francis call us to live more like Jesus.

The fall began with the welcome of another great freshman class and their orientation to university life. That celebration was continued two months later during an incredibly successful Homecoming celebration, which included the introduction of Barney 3.0.

I am especially eager for you to read about our academic initiatives including the great work done in the life sciences and the creation of Brescia University's Honor College. You will also read about a collaborative teaching experience in our School of Education.

These are just some snippets from the journey that is the Brescia Experience. I encourage you to read through these pages to get the full picture. And after you have finished, maybe pass on this edition to someone else who would like to know more about Brescia University.

Thank you and God Bless,

Fr. Larry Hostetter

# AROUND CAMPUS

## Comprehensive Reform Panel

Brescia University's Spanish Club hosted a Comprehensive Immigration Reform panel on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Panelist included Susan Gesser-Montalvo, Owensboro Immigration Lawyer; Cristóbal Gutiérrez, Director of Hispanic Ministry; and Patti Gutiérrez, Parish Life Coordinator at St. Michael's Church in Sebree, Kentucky.

Spanish major, Cynthia Leonardo, introduced the panel and the goals of the evening before handing the microphone over to Patti Gutiérrez. Patti began with the definition of an immigrant, and what can we, as people of faith, bring to the reform issue. She gave enlightening statistics concerning the immigration system and the time frame and steps it takes to go from an immigrant to a United States Citizen. She also discussed the elements



Picture Left to right: Dr. Iris Moreno-Brown, Brescia student Cynthia Leonardo, Susan Gesser-Montalvo, Carlos Martin Velez, Cristóbal Gutiérrez, and Patti Gutiérrez.

for a Just Immigration Reform Proposal in which we as a country, a community, and a church could live up to our values better.

Susan Gesser-Montalvo discussed Senate Bill 744 that was introduced in June and debated in September in the House of Representatives. She pointed out some flaws in the issue and what must take place in order to see the immigration issue properly reformed.

Cristóbal Gutiérrez then shared the Catholic Church's view concerning the immigration issue and what we can do for the cause. He encouraged those attending to support the Dream Act; voice your support of a just immigration reform proposal to your legislators; and hold prayer vigils.

The evening concluded with a special video message from Bishop William Medley on immigration reform.

## Constitution Day

Brescia University commemorated Constitution Day on September 17 with attorney Charlie Kamuf '62, Brescia Board of Trustee and Distinguished Alumnus.



Charlie Kamuf

He primarily focused his discussion around same-sex marriage and laws surrounding this issue.



## Spelling Bee Champs

Brescia competed in a community spelling bee, sponsoring the Imagination Library of Daviess County, which supplies free books to children from birth to age five in the county. The BU-tiful

Bees: Dr. Ellen Dugan-Barrette, David Bartholomy, Dr. Marlaine Chase, Dr. Laura Gibson, and student Sara Rossio competed and finished with a first place win in the adult division!



## Living Between Stories: Exploring the Questions

The Brescia Contemporary Woman Program hosted Michael Morwood, internationally renowned speaker and author, on October 29, 2013.

Mr. Morwood spoke on “Living Between Stories: Exploring the Questions.” One story talks about “who” is God, while the other one discusses “what” and “where” is God. Morwood believes God is a divine, energizing presence all around us, permeating our very beings and we should be affirming that presence.



**Michael Morwood**

Sr. Rose Marita O’Bryan, Director of the Contemporary Woman Program, says she believes bringing Morwood to campus furthers our mission of being a liberal arts University, encouraging our students to think critically and question why we believe what we believe.

All proceeds from the event went to the Endowed Chair of the Contemporary Woman Program. The program is funded entirely by donations and proceeds from events such as this. The Contemporary Woman Program, which is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, offers programs for both men and women for “the sheer joy of learning,” according to Sr. Rose Marita.

Some of the classes she offers includes “The Return of the Global Sex Trade and How We Can Fight It,” “Spirituality of Beauty,” and “Soul Gardening.” To view all the courses the Program offers, visit [www.brescia.edu/non-credit-programs](http://www.brescia.edu/non-credit-programs).



Above, the new window.  
In the photo at left are  
(L to R): Robert Slack '62, Sr.  
Vivian Bowles '69, Robert '57  
and Mildred Gilles.

## Chapel Window Dedication

On September 22, the dedication of a window took place at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel on Brescia’s campus. Robert and Marge Slack and Robert and Mildred Gilles contributed to the

window that was dedicated in honor of Sr. Vivian Bowles, OSU, former President of Brescia University. The artist of the window was Sr. Mary Diane Taylor, Assistant Professor of Art.



Members of the Law School Day Panel are, left to right: David Farley, Heather Blackburn, Judge Lisa Payne Jones '93, Jesse Offill and Brad Rhoads.

## Law School Day

The second annual Law School Day was held on October 15, 2013 with representatives from all three Kentucky law schools in attendance.

Counselors from the Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, and the College of Law at the University of Kentucky provided insight to the application process and took questions from BU students interested in attending law school one day.

Following a short break, members from Owensboro’s legal community gathered to share why they chose their respective career paths, what they enjoy most about their careers, and what advice they might share with those considering law school. The panel included Judge Lisa Payne Jones '93 with the Daviess County District Court; Jesse Offill with Cooley Law Office; Brad Rhoads with Rhoads and Rhoads, P.S.C.; and David Farley and Heather Blackburn, both with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

# AROUND CAMPUS

## Fall Festival

On Friday, October 11, 2013, Brescia and the Student Activities Program Board hosted its first annual Fall Festival in the Quad.

The purpose of the festival was to provide a fun, family atmosphere and welcome the Owensboro community to campus.

“There were over 250 children in attendance, which exceeded our expectations,” said Patricia Lovett, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development.

The festival activities included inflatables, pumpkin decorating, face painting, cup cake walk, ring toss, and an obstacle course.



Snacks including popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones were provided free of charge.

Brescia bookstore manager, Beverly McCandless '04, remarked on the kindness of the BU students. “Our 3-year-old grandson had a wonderful time and the students were so patient and helpful with him.”



## New Board of Trustees Members

Brescia University added two new members to the Board of Trustees at their October meeting.

Dr. Michael Scherm '75 is an Owensboro native and a graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School. He graduated from Brescia College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and attended the University of Louisville for his residency, where he was chief resident.

Dr. Scherm is a general and vascular surgeon, practicing for many years with Ohio Valley Surgical Specialists and Owensboro Health Regional Hospital (formerly OMHS). He has served in hospital leadership roles, such as Chief of Surgery, Chief of Staff, and Chairman of the Board of Directors. He now serves as Chief Surgical

Officer at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Dr. Scherm is a 2001 Distinguished Alumnus of Brescia University.

Darrell Higginbotham graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1977. He is the President of Independence Bank for the Owensboro area, and is very active in the community.

He is currently the Chair Elect to the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and has served on many philanthropic boards including United Way, Girls Inc, and the Owensboro Rotary Club.

Darrell and his wife Denise have four children: Nathan, Dayne, Amber, and Drew, and three grandchildren.



Fr. Larry Hostetter and Tommy Thompson, Brescia Board of Trustee and Kentucky House of Representative for District 14. Thompson was recognized at the October board meeting for 33 years of service. He is stepping down from an active role on the Board to become a Trustee Emeritus.



# Distinguished Alumni Honored at Ceremony



Our 2013 Distinguished Alumni are Mary Danhauer '76, Al Mattingly '69, and Kathryn Raymer '93.

Since the inception of this prestigious recognition in 2000, Brescia University has awarded more than 50 alumni with the Distinguished Alumni title, the highest honor the University bestows.

This award was created to honor those graduates who exemplify the elements that encompass The Brescia Difference: Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership. Because of the breadth and scope of their life's work, the magnitude of their impact on the regional, national, and often international scene, and their examples of service and leadership, alumni who receive this esteemed honor have distinguished themselves among their peers. Though this year's recipients come from different backgrounds, they have one thing in common: they have demonstrated that they are true stars of Brescia.

Brescia University believes that we provide more than just any kind of education – but an educational experience rooted in a 500-year teaching tradition started by St. Angela Merici and continued through the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. This teaching tradition reminds us that each of our students are wonderfully made in God's image and demands from us that we do our best to help our students discover and realize their unique potential and how to become the best human beings possible.

University faculty, staff, alumni and friends gathered at a banquet, An Evening Among Brescia's Stars, on Saturday, September 21, to honor those previously selected and to bestow its highest honor on three alumni who have distinguished themselves and in turn brought honor to Brescia's mission.

## The Gallery of Distinguished Alumni

Wesley Acton	'60
Evelyn Kennedy Ambrose	'84
Beverly McAuliffe Bisig	'66
Sister Joseph Angela Boone	'62
Kevin Carrico	'86
Thomas Castlen	'76
Joseph Conder	'83
Mary Danhauer	'76
Denzil Edge	'67
Robert Fischer	'62
George Frey	'63
Sister Ruth Gehres	'62
Michael Gilles	'75
Susanna Kuhn Gough	'80
Gerald Gough*	'63
Carl Greenwell	'73
Suzanne King Hagan	'67
Susan Kulka Hager*	'66
Susanne Wright Harris	'79
Edward Hayden, Jr.	'67
James Hines, Jr. *	'63
Gary Jackson	'78
Lisa Payne Jones	'93
Terrance Jones	'68
Charles Kamuf	'62
Carl Lewis	'91
Jean Lonergan*	'58
Dianne Moore Marcum	'80
Alfred Mattingly, Jr.	'69
Patricia McCarthy	'58
John Meister	'71
Joseph Moore	'74
Sister Michele Morek	'66
James Mudd, Sr.	'59
Donna Schueler Murphy	'81
Herman O'Bryan	'72
Lawrence O'Bryan	'70
Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan	'65
Sister Dianna Ortiz	'83
Tara Henderson Parker	'74
Ronald Payne	'72
Kathryn Coffey Raymer	'93
Shirley Steerstedter Raymond	'69
Carolyn Hilgenhold Reynolds*	'89
Roy Hilgen	'68
Victoria Duffy Roberts	'67
Frank Schadler*	'60
Michael Scherm	'75
Marjorie Weaver Slack	'57
Robert Slack	'62
Ernest Taliaferro, Jr.	'70
Mary Tichenor	'71
Carolyn Kempf Veigl	'80
James Voyles	'65
Drew Ward	'62
William Wathen	'78
Joyce Bittel Yeiser	'69

\*Deceased



# HOMECOMING 2013 PRESENTS BARNEY 3.0



*By Jason Cox '97  
Director of Alumni Relations*

**B**rescia University expanded Homecoming 2013 activities over an entire week thus providing more opportunities for students, faculty, staff and alumni to participate. Homecoming saw over 2,100 total people in attendance.

September 16-21 was Spirit Week at Brescia. Each day of the week was a theme day and the person with the most creative “costume” matching the theme won prizes. During Spirit Week, the big rumor was that a new and improved mascot would be in attendance.

Other highlights, amid the Barney buzz from the week, included the popular Alumni/Student kickball game held at

Kamuf Park Outdoor Sports Complex. For the second year in a row, the Alumni/Staff team took down the youngsters in a nine to four victory.

Father Larry Hostetter receives the unofficial MVP honor for his gusto on the field with honorable mentions to Dean Josh Clary and Coach Michael Lovett with their more than inspiring defense.



Friday, September 20 brought a multitude of activities along with the EPIC reveal that involved assistance from the Owensboro Police Department.

The morning dawned bright and early with an athletic sponsored golf scramble at Panther Creek Golf Club. Mud volleyball returned for the second straight year, this time on campus.

Various clubs and organizations came together in a mud filled slip and slide of volleyball action. The William H. Thompson School of Business hosted a cookout while everyone anxiously awaited the arrival of Barney 3.0.



A few minutes before 3 pm, the Owensboro Police Department DARE vehicle escorted Fr. Larry and Barney 3.0, who also had their own personal security detail. Barney seemed to fit in seamlessly at his new home, making friends quickly and posing for pictures. I am very happy to report that Barney is doing well despite a few run-ins with campus security. It seems that Barney is a bit of a prankster and is learning what is acceptable and what isn't here at the University.

Stay tuned to the Brescia University Alumni Facebook page for pictures of his antics and possibly even a few video that will assist you in getting to know the real Barney 3.0.



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HOMECOMING 2013 PRESENTS:

# BARNEY 3.0



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After the grand reveal of Barney 3.0 and the conclusion of mud volleyball, everyone cleaned up and went to the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art for two receptions. Later that evening, everyone packed the Taylor Lecture Hall for a campus favorite:

Brescia's Got Talent/Campus Capers. This talent and variety show allows students, faculty, and staff to poke fun at each other while showcasing their talents.

Saturday morning brought the tradition of the Chariot Races to 7th Street as eleven teams battled for cash, fame, and glory

as they raced to win the Bell. Barney the Bearcat, along with his friends in Development, did not triumph in his debut at the races, but vows to work hard and focus on a 2014 victory. Other participants included various student groups, alumni, three nuns, the Pope, zombies, mad psychologists and others. In the end, the student team, Tarantulas, won the grand prize of \$150 and their names engraved forever on the Brescia Bell.

During a luncheon on Saturday, the Alumni Association held their Annual Meeting and Awards ceremony where they honored fellow Bearcats Greg Alvey (Father Saffer Award) and Lisa Prendergast (Outstanding Alumnus).

That afternoon, the Athletic Department inducted Hall of Famers, Dana Langdon Newby, Brittany Bird, and DeMontae Foots, for their outstanding collegiate careers as Brescia University student athletes.





Homecoming for alumni concluded with the Distinguished Alumni Banquet where we honored fellow Bearcats, Kathryn Raymer '93, Mary Danhauer '76, and Al Mattingly '69.

Barney 3.0 tells me that a great time was had by all that attended this year's activities. But he also wanted me to tell you that if you missed out this year, you can check out [www.brescia.edu/alumni](http://www.brescia.edu/alumni) for videos capturing the action. Also, if you want to get involved in next year's edition of Homecoming, contact [Jason.cox@brescia.edu](mailto:Jason.cox@brescia.edu) for more information.



**Don't forget to mark September 19-20, 2014 on your calendar for Homecoming 2014.**



You can find rosters, schedules and daily news stories on the Bearcats by visiting [www.bresciabearcats.com](http://www.bresciabearcats.com). Be sure to sign up for their SMS subscription and follow them on Facebook and Twitter!

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# BEARCAT ATHLETICS

## Fall Sports Recap

**M**en's Soccer finished 6-11-1 (3-1 KIAC) and made it to the KIAC Semi-Finals.

Women's Soccer has been rebuilding this year with 13 freshmen and five sophomores for first year coach, Michael Lovett. With multiple injuries, they completed the season 2-16 (1-5 KIAC) and reached the KIAC Quarter Finals.

Volleyball was decimated with injuries as well and finished the season 4-30 (1-10 KIAC) and played the KIAC Tournament 1st Round.

Women's Tennis held a strong season at 12-4 (7-1 KIAC) and played in the KIAC Finals.

Men's Cross Country came in 4th place at the KIAC Championships and Women's Cross Country were named the KIAC Champions and placed 28th in NAIA Championships.

### Awards Recieved:

James Anderson - Men's Soccer - KIAC Offensive Player of the Year, NAIA All-American

Women's Cross Country - Buffalo Funds Five Star National Champions of Character Team Award

Kaitlyn Crites - Women's Soccer - KIAC 1st Team

Jana Lindenthal - Women's Tennis - KIAC Player of the Year, KIAC Newcomer of the Year, KIAC 1st Team

Dakota Durrett - Women's Tennis - KIAC 2nd Team

Kimberly Hyde - Women's Soccer - KIAC 2nd Team

Jack Etchison - Women's Tennis - KIAC Coach of the Year

Alex Degg - Men's Soccer - KIAC 1st Team

Tori King - Women's Soccer - KIAC 2nd Team

Alejandra Matiz - Women's Tennis - KIAC 1st Team

Eva Burelos - Women's Soccer - KIAC 2nd Team





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# Spring 2014 Sports

**T**he men's basketball team is currently 6-5 overall and the women are 2-11. The Bearcats recently played a match in Bowling Green against WKU and while they lost 103-65, sophomore Jermaine Langley put in 16 of the Bearcat's points for the night, while freshman, Trey Howard scored 10 points.

Both the Bearcats and Lady Bearcats basketball teams complete the regular season the last week of February versus Alice Lloyd University in Pippa Passes, Kentucky.

The BU baseball and softball teams are gearing up for their season, which begins on Valentine's Day. The Lady Bearcats softball team will host Lincoln Trail College while the Bearcats baseball team travel to the University of the Cumberlands.

## 32 STUDENT-ATHLETES received ALL-KIAC honors

### MEN'S SPORTS

- Zach McLean / Baseball
- Matt Lowe / Track (Outdoor)
- William McKenzie / Golf
- James Anderson / Soccer
- Hank Stewart / Baseball
- John Egan / Track & Cross Country
- Connor Minogue / Soccer
- Alex Hegge / Baseball
- Chase Carrico / Golf
- Jordan Rhodes / Baseball
- Andrew Atkins / Track
- Moises Goncalves / Tennis
- Trey Drury / Track
- Tyler Lyon / Golf
- Orion Calhoun / Soccer
- Dylan Massey / Track
- Lucas Ang / Tennis

### WOMEN'S SPORTS

- Olivia Moore / Basketball
- Alejandra Matiz / Tennis
- Samantha Walker / Track
- Allie Michel / Softball
- Jillian Jones / Basketball
- Courtney Lucas / Golf
- Kelsey Hurrigan / Tennis
- Jasmine Pulliam / Track & Cross Country
- Corinne Wildeman / Softball
- Kristin Perry / Golf
- Brittany Daugherty / Golf
- Olivia Warren / Track & Cross Country
- Taylor Holley / Golf
- Stefani Smith / Softball
- Embra Hawkins / Track





# WEAVING A THREAD

## Changing Curriculum for 21st Century Biology

**T**he summarized mission of Brescia University is to provide programs in a student-centered environment that prepares our students for rewarding careers and service to others.

One of the ways Brescia lives out this mission is through adapting our academics for the 21st century. Brescia realizes the way students were taught 63 years ago, when we became a full-time college in Owensboro, must be updated in order to effectively prepare our students for life outside the laboratories and dormitories. The trend in education indicates interdisciplinary collaboration and advanced analysis skills.

Six years ago, two Brescia faculty members in the Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Division, Dr. Conrad Toepfer and Dr. Carol Maillet, began to notice the decline in their student's ability to retain what they were learning and to apply it outside the classroom. "We noticed that our students were memorizing details, but weren't able to put their knowledge into a larger scale and see the big picture," said Dr. Toepfer.

After hearing many professors with similar frustrations surrounding retention, Drs. Toepfer and Maillet began researching and discussing idea to address these concerns. After several years, they developed the idea to incorporate a central topic/question to implement throughout the year. It would be a "thread" woven through multiple life sciences courses, beginning first in biology.

At the same time Drs. Toepfer and Maillet

were developing their own methods of changing the way students learned in their classes, the federal government and professional organizations were coming to the same conclusion. A national movement to reform undergraduate science education emerged.

According to the National Science Foundation, the "Vision and Change in Undergraduate Biology" initiative was designed to "help biology educators modernize undergraduate biology education." The National Science Foundation (NSF) – in partnership with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) – launched this national initiative to "distill





Dr. Conrad Toepfer

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The thread will give students experience in working in interdisciplinary teams that are necessary to solve the problems that are too big for specialists to handle.

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a set of cutting-edge, 21st century approaches to undergraduate biology education from decades of conversations, reports and calls for change.”

Dr. Toepfer was at this national initiatives conference and said what he heard served to provide additional justification for change in Brescia’s Biology department. Six years ago the department underwent a biology content revision. They came to the conclusion that “adding or revising individual courses is unlikely to address the larger issues of educating students to practice New Biology,” said Dr. Toepfer. So, the Biology department proposed a three-year curricula change – the “thread” they would in essence weave through the entire biology curriculum.

The goals of this “thread” include providing students with a “multi-faceted exposure to complex biological systems, additional practice in evaluating and synthesizing information from multiple sources, opportunities to collaborate in interdisciplinary teams, and additional exposure to quantitative analysis and practice with large data sets.”

The first year the Biology department utilized the thread, the 2011-2012 academic year, they were able to incorporate eight courses. These courses affected freshmen through seniors. Courses included Ecology and Evolution, Nutrition, Genetics, Embryology, Conservation Biology, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Biological Diversity, and Marine Biology.

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The first year topic was “bacteria.” The Biology department felt it was broad enough to integrate multiple subdisciplinary areas of biology. They also anticipated that “students would have misconceptions about bacteria, both at the cellular level as well as importance in many natural processes,” said Drs. Toepfer and Maillet. For instance, in Biology 301: Embryology, students had a group project where they researched the potential role of bacteria in human birth defects. The students found this a difficult task as they were unable to come to a simple conclusion.

At the end of the semester, each student in the eight courses participated in a symposium, which a representative from each class gave a five minute presentation. Seniors then led small group discussions to clarify content and begin reflecting for their writing prompt. All students wrote a paper about their new knowledge of bacteria after spending a semester with classroom learning and student presentations. They also were asked to look ahead to their spring semester courses and consider what questions they might have in that particular biology class in relation to the bacteria thread.

Upon conclusion of the spring semester, students were then given the following prompt and asked to apply their knowledge of bacteria:

“As supervisor of the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA), you have been alerted to upcoming revisions to federal water quality guidelines. Develop one or more techniques, using bacteria, that you could perform to meet the more stringent guidelines. Write a three-page summary of your methods to deliver to the RWRA Board of Directors. In your summary, describe the technique(s) that you intend to use, why you expect them to improve



**Dr. Carol Maillet**

water quality, and the potential positive and negative consequences of your actions.” The data collected from the reflection paper was analyzed and will be used as a baseline for all future threads to evaluate how students can handle large amounts of “complex data from multiple areas of biology.” Drs. Toepfer and Maillet found that in general, “juniors and seniors showed greater abilities in all areas than freshmen, although all levels have room for improvement.”

Students in two courses, Ecology and Evolution and Nutrition, were asked to list five things they knew about bacteria in the beginning of the semester and again at the end of the semester. There was no warning that these lists would be collected. The professors then analyzed the data to determine whether any improvements took place. They found that in both courses, the responses at the end of the semester indicated more technical and sophisticated concepts.

A student in Biology 120 had this to say, “the symposium was very helpful and it was good to bring together all the Biology departments to discuss this one topic, but

from different points of view.”

An Ecology and Evolution student said, “After giving us lifetimes of plagues, colds, and athlete’s foot, microbes are being recruited and transformed to fight disease. Being as how these microorganisms are so adept at sharing their genetic code, we can manipulate bacteria to work for us as little protein factories: human growth hormones, mass-producing insulin, follistim, and many other drugs.”

Lastly, an Embryology and Conservation Biology student, who was planning on becoming a physical therapist, had this to say, “Necrotizing fasciitis is a bacterial infection that attacks the soft tissue and the fascia. After it has been removed from the body, the patient starts a long process of physical therapy; and that’s where I come in.”

In an assessment report, Drs. Toepfer and Maillet said they expected the first year to be a bit rocky as neither professor nor student knew what to expect. They took away a lot of information in order to make this current year’s thread more inclusive in each course’s curriculum. They said one of their issues as professors was how



to “seamlessly blend the thread with the traditional course content material.”

The student quotes though, definitely indicate to the Biology department that their “thread” concept is viable and they look forward to seeing results following the second and third years.

“We are pleased with the results of the first year of the thread. We were able to see a strong shift from the misperception that all bacteria are bad to a much more nuanced view of the negative and positive roles of bacteria. There was also a noticeable shift in the use of scientific language and sophistication of descriptions. Where most students at the beginning made simple statements like, ‘Bacteria are good and bad,’ the post responses referred to specific benefits such as the role of mutualistic gut bacteria in outcompeting pathogenic bacteria.”

Drs. Toepfer and Maillet said this thread allows incoming students to experience more collaboration with upper-class students. “We do not have teaching assistants, so the thread will allow peer mentoring relationships to develop as we continue implementation.”

Drs. Toepfer and Maillet were selected to present their second-year results at the “Vision and Change in Undergraduate Biology” conference in Washington D.C. this past August. Out of 358 applicants, only 150 were selected to present at the conference. Last year’s thread was cancer and approximately 100 students participated over both semesters.

“We were proactive, versus reactive,” said Dr. Toepfer. “We were already writing the thread when the National Science Foundation began requesting schools to conform to modernizing biology education.”

Dr. Maillet says she is interested in determining how to “capture the student’s motivation in the classroom and then retain them.”

The “thread” for this academic year is, “Should we be concerned with a tropical disease, dengue fever, and if so, what can we do about it?” It is expected that nearly 100 students will be participating in this “thread” in the fall semester alone.

There are 13 courses from biology, mathematics and psychology participating so far this academic year. Dr. Toepfer said

he and Dr. Maillet were surprised to be approached by professors outside of biology wanting to adopt the thread into their courses. “I am particularly excited to see other departments asking to be part of the thread. The thread will give students experience in working in inter-disciplinary teams that are necessary to solve the problems that are too big for specialists to handle.”

## The past year has been a busy one for the professors in the natural sciences – biology, chemistry and physics.

### Dr. Linda Girouard, Assistant Professor of Biology:

- Attended the Teaching Professor Conference in New Orleans, LA;
- Updated the Advanced Anatomy and Physiology Lab with iWorx;
- Judged the Kentucky State Science Fair;
- Volunteered at the Western Kentucky Botanical Garden;
- Chairs the Admissions Committee;
- Assistant Director for the Honors College;
- Academic Advisor;
- Co-chair on the Health Professions Advisory Committee;
- Board member for the Owensboro Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition;
- Biology Search Committee Member.

### Dr. John Marvin, Associate Professor of Chemistry:

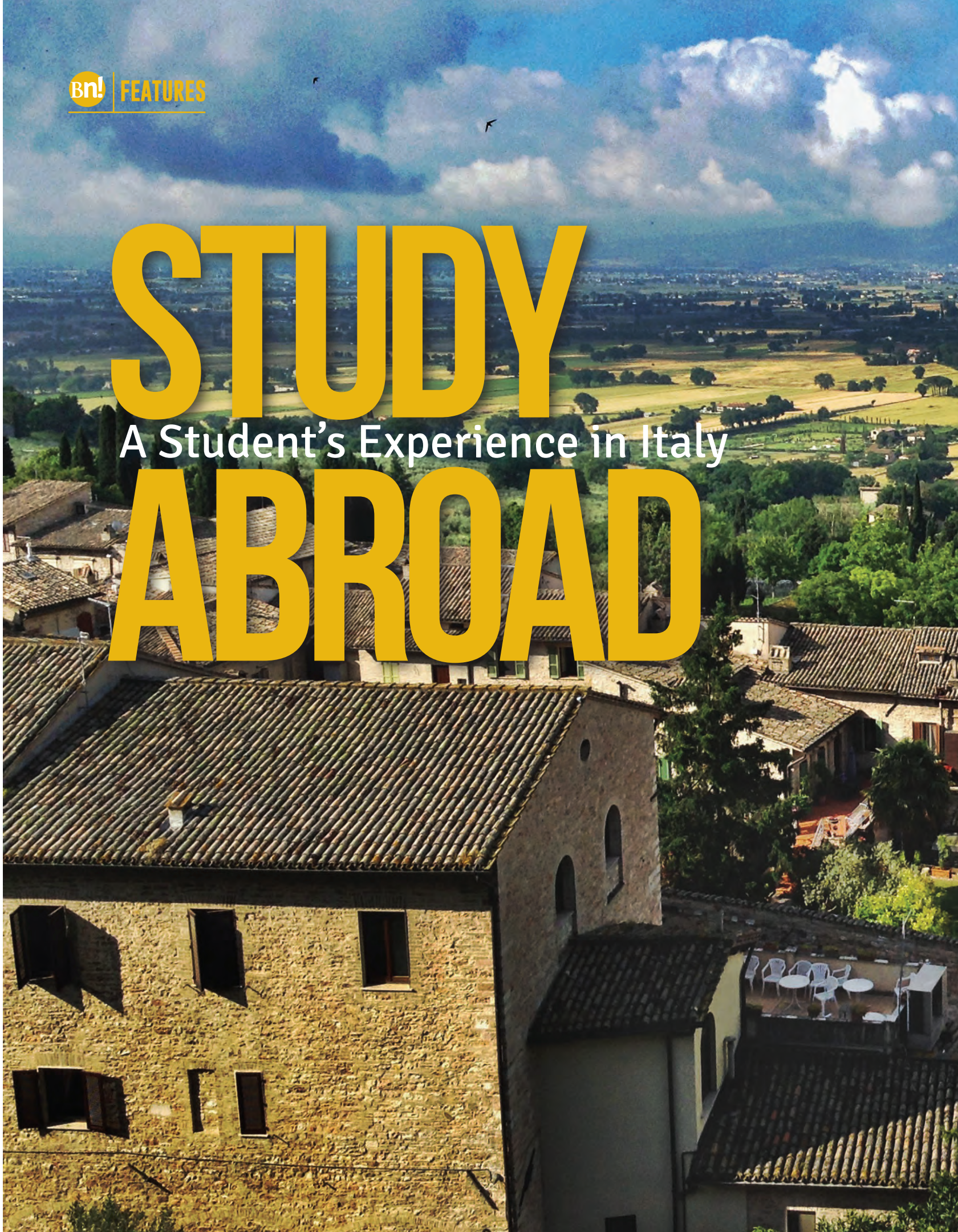
- Pre-nursing Program Advisor;
- Member of the Kentucky Academy of Science;
- Member of the Planetary Society;
- Eighth Year as Faculty Advisor for Brescia Chapter of Habitat for Humanity;
- Member of the SACS Quality Enhancement Plan Committee;
- Area Coordinator for Chemistry;
- Member of the Campus Safety Committee;
- Co-chair on the Pre-professional Committee;
- Member of the Rank and Tenure Committee.

### Dr. Dmitry Uskov, Assistant, Professor of Physics:

- Member of the American Association of Physics Teachers;
- Member of the American Physical Society;
- Member of the APS Topical Group on Quantum Information Science;
- Adjunct Research Professor at Tulane University;
- Organized four public visits to Brescia Observatory;
- Adopted Mastering Physics, an online homework assignment system;
- Purchased equipment for Physics Lab;
- Revised lab manuals;
- Utilizes Clicker Technology in all classes.



# STUDY A Student's Experience in Italy ABROAD





by Miriam Key '13



In May of 2012, Brescia University's president, Father Larry Hostetter, announced a study abroad trip to Italy for June 2013.

I knew immediately that I had to go. I have always had a fascination with Italy and traveling abroad in general. There was a lot of interest in the trip but we ended up with an intimate group of seven wonderful people.

On June 1, 2013, we departed from Nashville, TN for Washington-Dulles, then ultimately to Rome's Leonardo Davinci - Fiumicino Airport. Our group landed 4,964 miles away and six hours ahead of our normal time zone. We were shuttled to our hotel, Residenza Madri Pie, in the bustling city of Rome.

Over the next eleven days my Henderson, KY, small, hometown ways of life were challenged as we navigated the streets of Rome on foot or via the public transportation options. We also took day trips to Florence, Naples, Pompeii, and Orvieto, and stayed two nights in the beautiful countryside of Assisi before heading back to Rome. My life is much more enriched after this travel abroad opportunity. Every day since I've returned, I think back to those twelve days and still can't believe the things I saw. I have pictures, tickets and souvenirs to prove it, but it still seems so surreal.

Being a Baptist on a primarily Catholic-based trip had no effect on my amazement and appreciation for what I saw. I was physically in the Vatican City, and then under the Vatican City in the excavated catacombs; I was in St. Peter's Basilica and witnessed Mass held under

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Bernini's Baldachinno. I saw my all-time favorite work of art – that I first learned about in Art History at Brescia – Michelangelo's Pieta. I was honored to tour the Vatican Museum and to twice visit the sacred Sistine Chapel by Michelangelo. What's mind-boggling to me is this all took place we in the first couple days of our trip.

We were fortunate enough to be in the presence of Pope Francis three times during our stay. Once, on the day we arrived in Rome and found ourselves at the Angelus Blessing he gives from the window over the city. When visiting St. Peter's the first time, a special mass was being held and there were many who had pilgrimaged to the Basilica for it. While watching from quite a distance away, the crowd started cheering and clapping. As we looked to the left of the stage, Pope Francis walked out completely unannounced and addressed the crowd. It was an inspiring moment and though I know only a couple Italian words, the tone in which he talked and his mannerisms were very comforting to the ear. Then on Wednesday we attended the weekly Papal audience in St. Peter's Square. Even though we arrived two hours early and we were staying only a couple blocks away from the Vatican City, we were shocked as we came around the corner to find masses of people inside the square and even more trying to get in! When we finally were through the gates, seating was unavailable and we had to stand towards the back. Thankfully,



with three jumbotron screens and one chance encounter fairly close to the "Pope-Mobile," we were able to see Pope Francis the entire time. Our group was even recognized during the English reading of the pilgrimage groups in attendance.

One of the best parts of this adventure was



my ability to share it with some amazing people and two of them were already my best friends. Father Larry Hostetter, Brescia's president, was our guide, our translator and our saving grace. Since he lived in Rome and attended school there for a time, he was able to point us in all the right directions. Sister Mary Diane Taylor, Brescia's Assistant Professor of Art, who teaches Art History in addition to many other subjects, and has been to Italy before, was our walking textbook. She knew all of the artist's, their backgrounds, time periods, and pretty much everything about many of the great Italian artists. Students on the trip included Sara "Katt" Downs '13, Trena Bratcher '13 and myself. Two awesome Brescia professors, Carol Maillet, Associate Professor of Biology and Tina Wolken, Assistant Professor of Special Education, accompanied us.

I had the immense pleasure of sharing my journey with these amazing people and I couldn't have asked for a better trip! My life is a little more complete after visiting these places, viewing the pieces of art, and sharing the experience with my best friends and Brescia professors. I am truly blessed to have participated in this experience! I encourage Brescia students to take advantage of all study abroad opportunities.

“ My life is much more enriched after this travel abroad opportunity. ”



# BY THE NUMBERS

## Who We Are

### Overview:

140 part-time (online) students  
435 on-campus students  
262 online students

### From:

42 states, District of Columbia, various military bases, Puerto Rico

### International Students

Nigeria	UK
Brazil	Germany
Columbia	Canada

### As of August 31:

- 840 undergraduate (700 are full-time) students
- 20 Post-Baccalaureate students
- 48 non degree seeking students

### Fall 2013 saw 151 First time, full-time students enroll

88 female, 63 male

### States Represented

109 Kentucky	14 Indiana
7 Tennessee	3 Missouri
2 Illinois	2 Texas
1 Arizona	1 California
1 Montana	1 Ohio

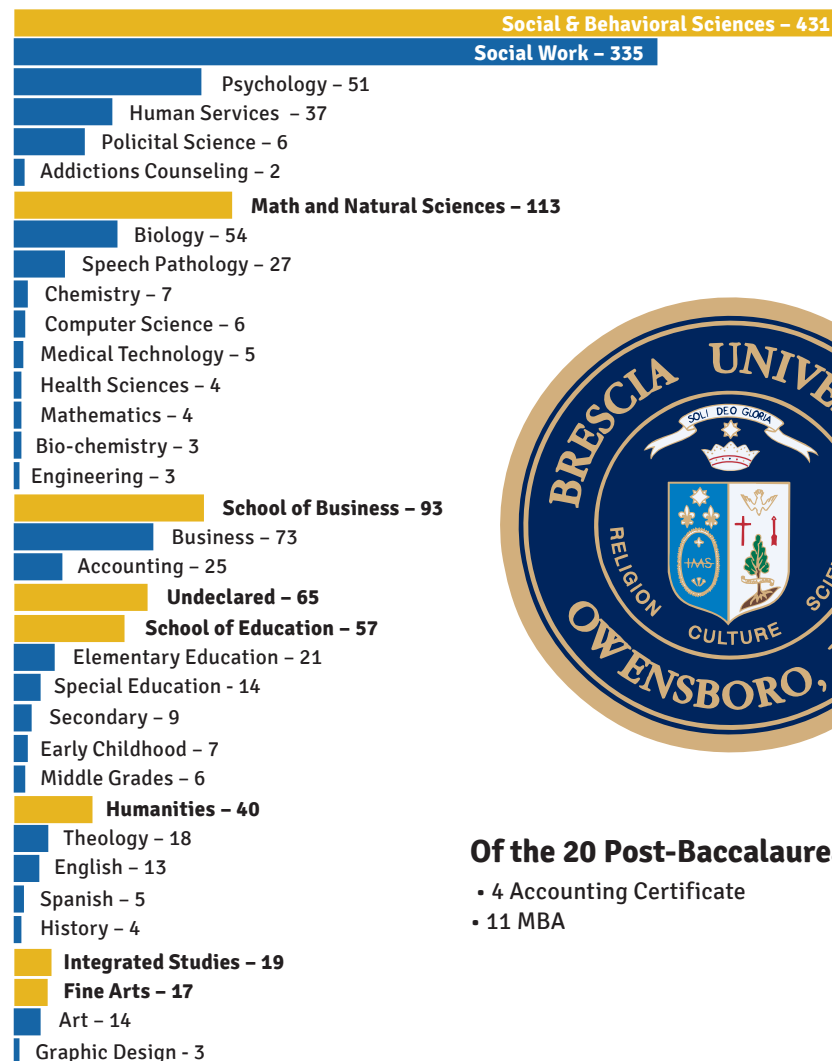
### Countries Represented

6 Nigeria	2 Brazil
1 Germany	1 Paraguay



## What We Study

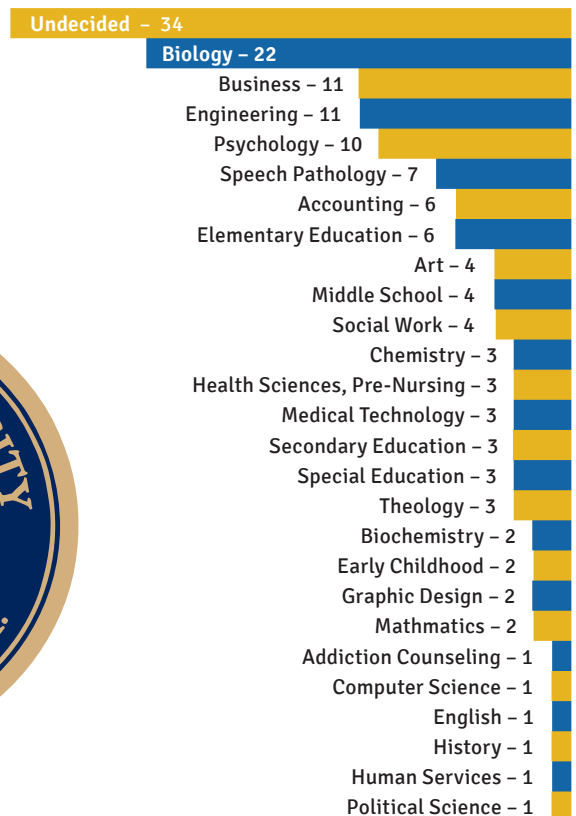
### All Students



### Of the 20 Post-Baccalaureate students:

- 4 Accounting Certificate
- 11 MBA
- 1 MSM
- 4 MSTL

### First Time Full-Time Students



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Molly Marshall

# PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE



## A Collaborative Teaching Experience

Eleven lives are being touched through a collaborative teaching experience between the Brescia School of Education and the Biology department.

One year ago ARC of Owensboro/ Opportunity Center Workshop, a private, non-profit organization providing occupational training and services, adult day activities, and information and referral services for people with a disability, approached Tina Wolken, Assistant Professor in the School of Education. Wolken is currently the Chairperson on the Opportunity Center Workshop Board of Directors. Stephanie Elder, Director of Program Services, and Keith Wheatley, Special Services Coordinator, met with Wolken to discuss Brescia offering “meaningful inclusive opportunities” for clients served by the Opportunity Center. “College for Living” programs have been

launched nationwide, providing opportunities for developmentally disabled adult citizens. Stephanie hoped something like this could be developed at Brescia.

Wolken agreed with Elder and approached Dr. Carol Maillet in the Biology department because she felt that “biology is so fascinating with hands-on labs” and she felt this course could be easily connected to many of the life skills within her course curriculum.

Dr. Maillet agreed to volunteer her time to co-teach this course with Wolken and three students in EDU 441, Career and Family Life. The objectives for the class are to learn how to “implement co-teaching strategies,





Tina Wolken

adapt content based on ability levels, diversify instruction to include Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic, and Tactile (VAKT) methods, and experience the joy of teaching.” Seniors Blaire Linn, Molly Marshall, and Corey Moore meet on Tuesdays with eleven clients from the Opportunity Center. The clients range from age 23 to the mid-40’s, with various ranges of intellectual disabilities.

The first day of “class” consisted of a campus tour by student ambassador, Tom Roidl ’16, before being taken to the biology lab where class would officially begin the following week. By the second class session, the client’s enthusiasm became contagious.

“It has been very rewarding seeing them light up and be so happy coming to Brescia each week – with a smile on their face – knowing that we can make a difference in their lives,” said Blaire Linn.

Molly Marshall says she has learned more about herself as a future teacher and that the experience has been life-changing. “I never thought I would be able to experience this teaching opportunity in a college setting.

The Brescia community is now able to feel the joy that I feel working with this population.” Corey Moore fulfilled Elder’s desire to provide “meaningful inclusive opportunities” outside the classroom as he completed a class leadership project by bringing the clients to eat in the Brescia Dining Hall with the entire campus community. Moore recruited a Brescia student to partner with each Opportunity Center client. The Brescia recruits were given a pre and post-attitude assessment. Wolken says everyone involved



thoroughly enjoyed it and the clients said it was the best food ever!

Stephanie Elder says she believes this has been a wonderful experience for everyone.

“I think it’s a fabulous opportunity for our adults that we work with as it allows them the chance to experience what college is like for other people their age.” She said Brescia has been wonderful and the students so welcoming and accepting of their clients. “I think this has opened people’s eyes to show how everyone is alike.” She also said their clients talk about their Brescia biology class daily. “They discuss what they’ve learned from the time they leave class on Tuesday until the Tuesday of the following week when they return. They are really enjoying it.”

Brescia University and the Opportunity Center are partnering this spring as well. Dr. Maillet has graciously volunteered to co-teach another semester, thus providing a college classroom experience for new clients and collaborative teaching experience for Brescia School of Education students.

## Brescia University Honors College:

# OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM LEARNING



Artwork at the 21C Museum

**B**rescia University formally launched the Honors College this fall, with 14 students enrolled. These students participate in campus activities and leadership opportunities, including service projects, which allow them to become fully engaged in the Brescia campus as well as the Owensboro community. Students selected for the Honors College who plan to live on campus have the option of living in the Honors House.

As part of the Honors College experience, learning takes place beyond the classroom with travel opportunities. One of those opportunities took place this October in Louisville, KY with a two-day visit to the Cathedral of the Assumption, Archdiocesan History Museum, Merton Memorial, the Frazier History Museum, the Kentucky Performing Arts Center, the 21c Museum and Hotel, Museum Row in Bardstown, and the Abbey of Gethsemani.

Honors student, Jessica Burk, wrote the following article giving an overview of the entire trip.



The interior of Cathedral of the Assumption

By Jessica Burk

**H**onestly, none of us knew what we were in for when we agreed to meet Professor Gehring at the front of Brescia at 5 in the morning. We were just proud that we had the ability to wake up so early on a Friday morning. After being greeted by breakfast bars and the

seemingly exhausted faces of our fellow peers, we set off for Louisville.

The first stop on the list was the Cathedral of the Assumption, a Catholic church that is dedicated to the assumption of Mary, as well as one of the oldest buildings in the Louisville area. As we received a tour of this church, we were overwhelmed by the



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The honors college class at Thomas Merton's Hermitage

beautiful stained glass windows—some of the oldest stained glass in America—and the church's Gothic architecture.

After our tour of the Cathedral, we spent some time at the Archdiocesan History Center. This center had a special display dedicated to Thomas Merton, the focal point of our trip.

Next, we walked to 4th and Muhammad Ali Avenue to see a memorial dedicated to Thomas Merton. For a few minutes, we experienced the place where Merton had his famous epiphany that got him involved in speaking on issues of social justice. After lunch, we spent a couple of hours at the Frazier History Museum. At this museum, we watched a sword fighting



Frazier Museum Civil War scene

demonstration, and we learned about a large chunk of English history.

In the evening, at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, we watched the Kentucky Show, a video about the state of Kentucky. Following this, we spent a few minutes viewing the Ohio River from The Belvedere, a scenic viewpoint along one of the widest points of the river.

At the 21c Museum and Hotel, we received a very informative tour about the museum's contemporary artwork displays. After eating dinner at a very tasty restaurant in downtown Louisville, we traveled to Mount Saint Francis for a comfortable night of sleep.

We started off the next day at Museum Row in Bardstown. This museum has one of the best Civil War museums in all of the country, as well a reconstruction of a pioneer settlement. The final stop was at the Abbey of Gethsemani, the highlight of our trip. During our three hour trip at Gethsemani, we explored the grounds, observed monastic prayer, and talked to Brother Paul, a student of Thomas Merton.

The absolute highlight of our trip was visiting Merton's actual hermitage. This site is now off access to the public. However, it is where Merton spent most of his life, and, by visiting it, we were able to experience something of the life that Merton lived. For our walk to the hermitage, given Merton's own emphasis on the importance of solitude, silence, and contemplation, we decided to make the trip in silence to channel the feelings of solitude and contemplation within ourselves.

When we reached the hermitage, we travelled inside and spent a good hour asking Brother Paul questions about Merton and the Trappist lifestyle. Brother Paul turned out to be a very realistic man of God who was easy to relate to, and we gained a lot of knowledge about a few of the topics that we had been discussing in class.

Overall, the trip was a great educational opportunity, as well as a great way for the students in the honors program to get to know each other better. There was definitely a positive change within the classroom after the trip, because we all got

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# Brescia University Honors College: OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM LEARNING

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to bond while learning about Merton and the other topics that we have covered in class. We all feel very grateful that we had the opportunity to take this trip to deepen our learning experience beyond the classroom.

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**Brescia University hopes that with every study abroad and travel opportunity our students are involved in, that they are able to take away something meaningful and their lives are in some way enriched. Honors Student, Kenzie Hassfurther, wrote the next article concerning how the Abbey of Gethsemani affected her.**

*By Kenzie Hassfurther*

**W**hen we arrived at the Abbey of Gethsemani, I instantly felt the quiet, peaceful lifestyle surround me. I have always been intrigued by the monastic lifestyle. I have visited the monastery in St. Meinrad, Indiana before, but I did not expect the Abbey of Gethsemani to be so different. The trip was incredible, and it is a day I will never forget.

Driving through those rolling hills of Kentucky, I could instantly sense the beauty and simplicity of the surroundings. When we reached the Abbey of Gethsemani, the first thing I noticed was the wall around the entrance to the abbey. I then

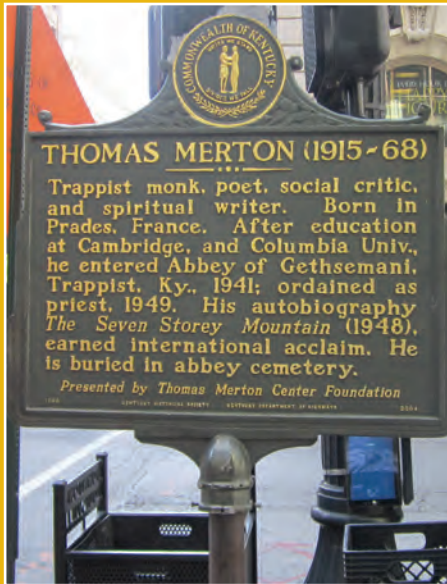
noticed the beautiful architecture of the church and buildings. When we walked



**The Abbey of Gethsemani** around the grounds, I had the opportunity to walk across the road to the hill with the cross at the top. From this view, I felt like I could see for miles. It was beautiful. I felt like I was at the top of the world. You could see the skyline, and it was a beautiful view. The pictures of the abbey were amazing from the top of the hill. It was cloudy in the distance, and the trees were turning to their fall colors.

The main highlight of our trip was the tour with Brother Paul. He walked us through the gardens, which were to be observed in silence. We walked to Thomas Merton's hermitage with Brother Paul. On the way up to the hermitage, we also walked in silence. It was incredible. I felt like I could actually hear myself think. I felt like I was at peace with myself when walking around the grounds taking in the beautiful scenery. When we arrived at the hermitage, the scenery was breath taking. I can understand why Brother Paul enjoys nature so much. It was peaceful, and it was so calming. It was almost like Merton lived in his own little world.





“ I learned so much, and I felt like I was able to connect more with myself. It is an experience that I will never forget. ”

influential person during his time period. He made a huge impact in society. I felt like going to see where he lived actually summed up everything we learned about him. I felt more connected to him, and it was an amazing experience.

One of the lessons that stand out to me from our time studying Thomas Merton that I will take with me through life is the theme of solitude. I think it is good for everyone to take time out of their busy lives just to have some peace and quiet.

We get so caught up in our day to day lives that we sometimes lose focus of ourselves. Merton also talked about how it is important to take time for contemplation to pray to God and to think about God and faith. I agree with him about these two concepts. I feel that since studying these ideas more, I will be able to take Merton's themes with me through my life.

My overall experience from visiting the Abbey of Gethsemani was beyond what I expected it to be. I learned so much, and I felt like I was able to connect more with myself. It is an experience that I will never forget.

While at the hermitage, we had the opportunity to speak with Brother Paul about monastic life. I found it interesting that the monks live a life of mostly silence. Although the monks are secluded from the outside world in a sense, they are not totally cut off. They can receive letters from family, and sometimes even the occasional phone call. But they are perfectly content with their lives. I find it so amazing that they are praying almost constantly. They pray for the community, along with other intentions.

On our walk back down from the hermitage, I had the opportunity to ask Brother Paul about how many monks lived at the monastery. He said there were 50 some monks living there. He told me the exact number, but I do not recall what it was.

One of the ways the monks generate income for the monastery is by making fudge and cheese. Some of the monks also make rosaries. I actually purchased one, and it is a work of art. It is so detailed, and I am so amazed by the time and work that goes into making one. I learned a lot from Brother Paul about the monastic lifestyle. He was such a down to earth person, and I am so thankful that we got to speak to him.

Before going to the Abbey of Gethsemani, I thought Thomas Merton was some huge celebrity that everyone praised, and he seemed so over my head. I was very intrigued by his lifestyle and the fact that he secluded himself as a hermit for a period of time.

During the visit to the abbey, I realized that Thomas Merton was a monk just like every other monk. He was there to praise and live for God. He was a human being just like everyone else. Brother Paul also said that Thomas Merton, or Father Louis, had a sense of humor, as well. He began writing and had deep thoughts about issues in the world outside of the monastery. Thomas Merton was a very



The Thomas Merton Hermitage

## >> Class Notes

**Michelle Johson Love '93** has been installed as the Vice Chair of the Independent Insurance Agents of Kentucky (IIAK), the state's leading insurance trade association. She graduated from Brescia with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and has 19 years of insurance experience. She is a Commercial Producer with E.M. Ford & Company in Owensboro and specializes in the health-care, education and municipal insurance fields. She first joined the IIAK Board of Directors in 2010 and currently chairs the IIAK Industry Partners and Convention committees.



Love is a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Owensboro, a local chapter of the state association. With that organization, she has served in a number of capacities including President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. She has been active in the community over her career serving on many boards including Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, Girls Inc., Junior League of Owensboro among others and is a 2005 graduate of Leadership Owensboro. She is married to Chris Love '91 and they have 2 children: Jesse and Daniel.

**Nancy Reynolds '90** would like to announce the birth of her granddaughter, Sonja, who was born on June 25, 2013.



**David Gleim '71** and his wife Sharon, both formerly from Denver, Colorado, have retired from their 40-year librarian careers and are enjoying their "tercera edad" in the beautiful and very safe colonial city of Santiago de Queretaro, Mexico. Most welcome is correspondence from alumni also living south of the border.

**Lauren Simmons '07** was named the Barren County High School Teacher of the Year last year. Lauren is an art teacher.

**Dessra Bragdon Spoon '96** and husband, Tony Spoon, welcomed a beautiful baby girl on December 5, 2012. Cosette Sierra was born at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis, Ind. and weighed 6 lbs. and 6 oz.

**Mark A. O'Bryan '08** was promoted to supervisor of tax services at Alexander & Co. CPAs PSC in February 2013.

**Donald Ray Johnson '07** was named head boys basketball coach at Plaquemine High School in Louisiana. Donald earned All-American honors while at Brescia University on the Bearcats basketball team and has been the assistant coach at Plaquemine for the past six years.

**Kathy Clayton '05** was recently hired by Fairfield (IL) Memorial Hospital as the new Chief Financial Officer. Kathy has more than 25 years of experience from a Critical Access Hospital facility at Perry County Memorial Hospital in Tell City, IN.

Clayton has worked in many business areas of a hospital and began her career in Admitting, transferred to the Business Office, promoted to Staff Accountant, and continued to professionally advance to the Chief Financial Officer position. During her tenure as part of the administrative team at Perry County Memorial Hospital, FMH says she assisted in planning a new \$50 million hospital and lead the finalization of a \$40 million loan for the facility. She has four grown sons, four grandsons and a granddaughter. Clayton has relocated and is beginning to settle into the community. She began her duties on April 8.

**Kelly Kathleen Clifford '81**, an Intervention Specialist at Apollo Career Center in Lima, Ohio, has been selected as an Honored Member of the Covington Who's Who Executive and Professional Registry. The selection recognizes Kelly's commitment to excellence in Special Education. Kelly, who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education from Brescia College and a Master's Degree in School Coun-



seling from the University of Dayton, is a certified elementary education, early education of the handicapped, and special education K-12 teacher and is also certified in behavior disorders. She began her career as a preschool interventionist.

**Jonathan Miller '06** was named the Graves County Middle School assistant principal. Miller previously taught language arts at Graves County Middle School for four years and served on the District Instructional Leadership Team for two years. For the past three years, Miller has served as assistant principal and athletic director at Mayfield Middle School.

Miller earned a bachelor's degree in middle school education at Brescia University in Owensboro, where he earned a baseball scholarship, from his playing days at Graves County High School.

**Andrew Howard '11** received the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Month award, which is given to the member with the most activity points from the prior month. Activity points are tallied from volunteer work and attending various Chamber events.

This month, the award was given to Andrew Howard of Independence Bank. Howard grew up in Owensboro, where he graduated from Owensboro Catholic High School in 2006 and after, he attending Brescia University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Rev. Paul Scaglione '68 was recently featured in the Louisville Courier Journal concerning his new book: *The Spiritual Lives of Dying People: Testimonies of Hope and Courage*.

**Kim Kissinger Marino '84** completed a 3-by-12-foot mural at the Indi Go Artist Co-Op. Marino's unique, whimsical mixed-media paintings explore interpersonal relationships and the simplification of visual communication. Her practice is devoted to a study of the line and the ways in which the most simple of marks can communicate in moving and

comical ways. Her technique involves the application on canvas of three-dimensional glue drawings as well as oil paint, resulting in raised textures and graphic images.

Her work has been shown in one-person and group exhibitions in various cities, among them New York, Chicago, Rochester, N.Y., Paducah, Ky., and Albuquerque, N.M.

Marino also has taught art classes for elementary-age students and curated two exhibits of her students' work and assisted with the University of Illinois School of Art + Design on its area High School Art Exhibit. She also lectures home school groups on topics such as animal symbolism in medieval art, Leonardo da Vinci and Islamic art and geometric design. Marino received a bachelor's degree in art and design from Brescia College in Owensboro, Ky., and did graduate studies in fiber art at Southern Illinois University. For more, visit her website at <http://www.kimkissingermarino.com>.

### **Misty Fenwick Wells '04 and Keith Wells '96**

would like to announce the birth of their son, Reece Dwight Wells, who was born on July 8, 2013. He was born 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 19 inches long.



**Richard Christie '13**, upon his graduation, has moved back home to Scotland with his fiancée Kelly Bradshaw, and works as a regional financial manager for the Enterprise Corporation. He also plays a semi-pro soccer team, in the Highland League.

Kelly is finishing her psychology degree in Scotland through BUonline classes and attending on campus lectures at Aberdeen University. She plays volleyball for the British National League as a libero and will be interning with the British Psychological Society. She graduates in December 2014.

Upon graduation from BU, Richard received "The Key" to the City of Owensboro, from Mayor Ron Payne. Richard credits all the Brescia faculty and staff that helped him get to where he is today.



### **Bibo '03 and Thekla Vei Bejjani '03**

returned for a campus visit from their hometown of Cyprus. Pictured above from left to right: Jason Cox, Bibo, Thekla, Rafael, and Dr. James Naas.

### **Jim DeMaio '95**

was hired as the new Vice President – Membership Development at the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce. DeMaio has served as a Chamber Ambassador, and most recently as the Vice Chair of the Ambassadors in 2013. He is a graduate of the Emerge Owensboro leadership development program. He has been a Realtor in the Greater Owensboro market since 2002 and earned the Century 21 Masters Award for Production in 2012. He is a director at-large for the Kentucky Association of Realtors. In 2011, he was the President of the Greater Owensboro Realtor Association as well.



In his role at the Chamber, DeMaio will have responsibility for all aspects of the membership development process, including recruitment and retention, member services, sponsorship sales, advocacy efforts, and leadership of the Chamber Ambassadors.



JUBILARIANS

# Ursuline Sisters with Brescia Ties Celebrating Anniversaries

*Fifteen Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are celebrating anniversaries of religious life this year, including 12 who graduated from Brescia and six who served as staff or faculty.*

## Sister Naomi (Mary Benigna) Aull



A native of Knottsville, Ky., she is celebrating 70 years. She graduated from Brescia College in 1965. She was a teacher for 32 years in schools

in Kentucky, New Mexico, Nebraska and Missouri. She also served in outreach ministry in Louisville at St. Boniface, St. Martin and the Schuhmann Social Services Center. She retired to Mount Saint Joseph in 2002.

minister for Owensboro Health Regional Hospital.

## Sister Annalita Lancaster

A native of Flaherty, Ky., she is celebrating 70 years. She was director of admissions for Brescia from 1980-84. For 31 years she



was engaged in education in schools in Kentucky and Nebraska. She was major superior of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph from 1972-

80. Since retiring in 2005, she has been an archives assistant at the Motherhouse.

## Sister Emma Cecilia Busam

The Owensboro native is celebrating 70 years. She graduated from Brescia College with a bachelor's degree in history (1960), then earned a master's degree in art from the University of Notre Dame in 1969. She taught art at Brescia (1960-66, 1970-82).

For 38 years she was a teacher in Kentucky schools. Sister Emma Cecilia began serving as an archivist in 1983, first for

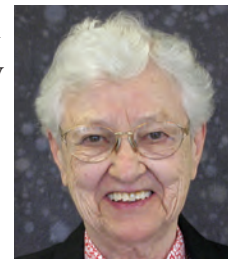


the Ursuline community and then for the Diocese of Owensboro. She was certified by the Academy of Certified Archivists in 1989 and is a founding member of the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious. She is now an archives consultant at Maple Mount and a volunteer/Eucharistic

## Sister Marie Bosco Wathen

A native of Marion County, Ky., she is celebrating 70 years. She graduated from Brescia with a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in elementary education in 1965. She was in-

involved in educational ministry in Kentucky and Missouri for 59 years. She was a professor of education at Brescia from 1974-



1997 and institutional research assistant from 1997-2005. Also during that time, she was co-director of the Ursuline Associate program for six years. She retired to the Motherhouse in 2005 and is an archives assistant.



### Sister Margaret Ann Aull



A native of St. Lawrence, Ky., she is celebrating 60 years. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Brescia in 1968. She has served in the Dio-

cocese of Owensboro and the Archdiocese of Louisville. Since 2010, she has served as coordinator of pastoral care at Immaculate Parish, Owensboro.

### Sister Catherine Therese Barber

A native of Springfield, she is celebrating 60 years. She is a 1966 graduate of Brescia with a degree in English. She served as a receptionist at Brescia from 1999-2002. She has served in the Diocese of Owensboro and the Archdiocese of Louisville. Since 2008 she has served as an assistant in her community's Mission Advancement office.



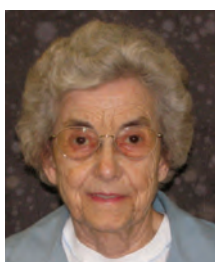
### Sister Paul Marie Greenwell

A native of New Haven, Ky., she is celebrating 60 years. She received her bachelor's degree from Brescia in 1970. She served in the Diocese of Owensboro, in Nelson County, Ky., and in St. Louis. Since 2008 she has been an assistant to the archivist at the Ursuline Motherhouse.



### Sister Mary Gerald Payne

A native of Knottsville, Ky., she is celebrating 60 years. She earned a bachelor's degree from Brescia in 1968, and worked with the remedial reading program there during several summers. She has served in the Archdiocese of Louisville, the Diocese of Owensboro, in New Mexico and Missouri. Since 2003 she has ministered in transportation and as a craft maker at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount, Ky.



### Sister Mary Agnes VonderHaar



A native of Vine Grove, Ky., she is celebrating 60 years. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Brescia in 1965. She

served in the Diocese of Owensboro and the Archdiocese of Louisville. She currently serves in a ministry of presence at St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady, and St. Anthony Parish, Axtel.

### Sister Patricia Rhoten

A native of Palmyra, Neb., she is celebrating 50 years. She graduated from Brescia College in 1968. She has been involved in education for over 40 years in Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska and Louisiana, and served as assistant to the president of Brescia (1993-96). Sister Pat now serves as an archives assistant at Mount Saint Joseph.



### Sister Mary Lois Speaks

A native of Henderson, Ky., she is celebrating 50 years. She graduated from Brescia in 1968. She served in Kentucky and Nebraska. She now provides spiritual direction and outreach in the Raywick, Ky., area.



### Sister Mary Celine Weidenbener



A native of Glennonville, Mo., she is celebrating 50 years. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Brescia in 1967. She has been a teacher or principal in the Diocese of Owensboro and the Archdiocese of Louisville. Since 2007 she has been a teacher at Mary Carrico Memorial School, Knottsville.

### Sister Jacinta Powers

A native of Curdsville, Ky., she is celebrating 40 years. She graduated from Brescia in 1978. She taught in Kentucky and Nebraska, and has ministered as a nurse in Kentucky and Jamaica. Sister Jacinta has been a nurse for the Church Health Center in Memphis, Tenn., since 2009.



*Jubilee congratulations can be sent to 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.*



# STUDENT NEWS

## OASIS T-shirt Swap



Left to right: Carla Crespo, Sarah Elhanjaoui, Patricia Crespo, Grant Collins, Katie McClure, and Schyler Pentecost.

Brescia's Student Government Association (SGA) held a t-shirt swap earlier in the semester. For each non-Brescia related t-shirt brought to the swap, the student would receive a specially designed BU t-shirt. The t-shirts were then laundered and taken to OASIS women's shelter, which, according to their website, is a "domestic violence program and licensed women's substance treatment provider for battered women and/or homeless, chemically dependent women and their dependent children." More than 60 shirts were donated on Halloween by SGA.

## BU Alpha Chi

Alpha Chi is a national college honor society that admits students from all academic disciplines. Membership limited to the top 10 percent of an institution's juniors,

seniors, and graduate students. Brescia would like to congratulate the following BUonline students for being inducted into the Alpha Chi honor society:

Eliza Gentile  
Apryl Green  
Amy Jones  
Jesse Lemke  
Jonda Light

Michelle Magana  
Mark McGue  
Zaria Parks  
Caitlin Ranburger  
Tasheena Richards

April Savage  
Andrea Sims  
Kellie Smith  
Lori Tillery  
Kasey Webber

Seven Alpha Chi and two Sophomore Honor Society students took a trip to Chicago this past November. They visited Shedd's Aquarium, Field Museum, Sears Tower and the Art Institute.

Students on the trip were Glenn Cox, Abigail Riney, Alyssa Vincent, Ashley Vanover, Corey Moore, Carla Crespo, Grant Collins, Patricia Crespo and Allison Simpson.



Faculty members who accompanied the students were Vicki Tinsley, co-sponsor of the BU Alpha Chi Honor Society, Dr. Carol Maillet, and Dr. Anna Kuthy.

## East Bridge Chalk Drawing

Brescia art students once again participated in the second annual East Bridge Art and Music Festival Chalk Art Drawing on September 7, 2013.

Students in Design 1 planned, designed, and executed the 20 by 20 foot chalk drawing. The following students participated: Azariah Fowler, Sara Rossio, Daniel Schrecker, Kathy Keller, Jon McClain, Lauren Reynolds, Patrick Owona, Stephen Abdelfarag, Brett Jackson, Megan Johnson, David Thacker and Alexzandra Michel.

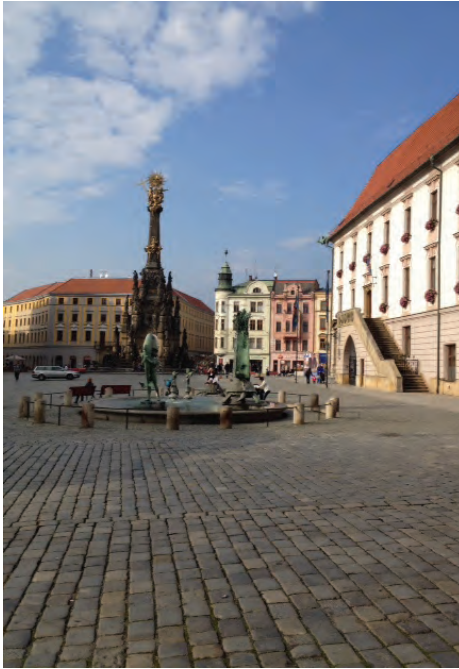




# Brescia Artwork in the Czech Republic

Owensboro's sister city is Olomouc in the Czech Republic.

Earlier this year, 38 paintings and photo-graphs were exhibited at the



U.S. Embassy in Prague. This was a collaborative effort between the Owensboro Sister Cities and Regions, Owensboro Community and Technical College (OCTC), Brescia, and Palacky University.

Brescia students who participated were Treena Bratcher '13 and Lucas Ray; faculty included John Schartung and David Stratton; and Brescia alumni were Enid Roach '01, John Atkinson '95, Heather Murphy McNeily '04 and Amy Scherrer.

Fr. Larry Hostetter and social work professors, Marilyn Younger-Conley and Dr. LeAnn Howell, travelled to Olomouc this October with

OCTC and visited the Caritas School of Social Work. Brescia has an agreement with Caritas and OCTC to exchange students for immersion experiences. The hope is that every year a group of students from OCTC and Brescia can travel to Olomouc and surrounding countries to experience the social challenges of other countries and the social services that serve those needs.



## Moore Scholars Dine with Benefactor



Left to Right: Front: Abbie Riney, Marketa Kreuzingerova, Alexis Ross-Logan, Katie McClure, Will Johnson Julie Whitfill. Back: Fr. Larry, Victoria Shaffer, Chase Carrico, Glenn Cox, Evan Bickerstaff, and Joe Moore.

Students who receive the Moore Presidential Scholars Endowed Scholarship are hand-picked to attend Brescia for their high academic achievement, leadership skills and involvement in co-curricular activities. Once a year, the current Moore Scholars are invited to meet with the alumnus and donor who made this endowed scholarship possible, Joseph Moore '74, and Fr. Larry Hostetter.



## Crystal Apple Dinner

Brescia University's School of Education held their annual Crystal Apple Dinner in April 2013. This dinner recognizes teachers in the greater Owensboro community who mentored our education students.

Pictured Left to right: Kristen Miller '13; Molly Marshall, student; Jordan Hagan '12; Kristen Potter '13; Jennifer Blandford '12; Brittany Daugherty, student teacher.

# STUDENT NEWS

## Global Campaign for Education-U.S. Chapter

By Carla Crespo '14

Last spring, I was invited to attend a Youth Advocacy Training with the Global Campaign for Education-US Chapter in Washington D.C.

Dr. Martin Velez, Assistant Professor of Spanish, sent out an email to all students encouraging us apply for this training program and although I knew it was a competitive scholarship opportunity, I decided to apply. What really motivated me to apply is that having lived in Ecuador, a developing nation where not all children have the same opportunity to receive a quality education, really opened my eyes to the educational inequity that surrounds us. I am especially appreciative of all the support I received from Dr. Iris Moreno-Brown, who helped me prepare for my DC trip.



Carla Crespo at the Capitol

At the training, I learned how to advocate for equal access to education worldwide and had the opportunity to take an in-depth look into international education issues and policies. The advocacy training was a wonderful experience and GCE-US was very generous to all the student advocates by covering all the traveling costs, meals, and lodging. We had two



full days of training in which we did mostly programming and on the third day we were able to meet with our members of congress. I really enjoyed visiting Capitol Hill and discussing with our congressmen about making education a global development policy. Currently, under the U.S. Global Development Strategy, education is not a development priority. I also talked to our congressmen and their staff about supporting the Education for All Act, which focuses on increasing access to schooling in developing countries and to improve the education currently offered.

It was a very rewarding experience where I met other young adults who share my

same beliefs on education. I highly recommend this experience and would be more than happy to provide any information to anyone who is interested in applying for the Spring 2014 Advocacy Training. Education is a basic human right and every child across the world deserves to have access to an excellent education. It was a great experience that truly has played an important role in my post-graduation decision.

I'll be forever grateful and proud to be a graduate of Brescia University where we abide by this mission every day – to create personal and social transformation through education.

## ESL Endorsement

This fall, Brescia began offering a new endorsement program for education students and current teachers. The program, English as a Second Language (ESL) is a five class program totaling 13 credit hours, plus 30 hours of field experience and 30 hours of practicum.

It has been approved by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board and following the program, students must pass the Praxis II English to Speakers of Other Languages test.

Those interested in the program should contact the School of Education at 270-686-4230 or [education@brescia.edu](mailto:education@brescia.edu).



# FACULTY NEWS



**Left to right: Dr. Maria Christopoulou, Dr. James Naas, and Kakia Petinou.**

**Dr. James Naas**, Assistant professor of speech pathology and audiology, spent two weeks this past June in Cyprus giving three lectures. His lectures were at the Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus, the European University of Cyprus, and to students in the national association of speech pathology.

Dr. Naas' trip was funded in part by a Brescia University Hart Grant. While there, Dr. Naas says he saw at least a dozen BU alumni and spoke about their remarkable hospitality to him. Also on hand for the trip and one of the lectures was Dr. John Lochs, Owensboro ear, nose and throat doctor. Dr. Naas said many of the BU Cyprian alumni spoke about their children one day being BU alumni too!

**Dr. Frances Brown**, Professor of History, presented a paper "Newman and Secular Knowledge: The Tamworth Letters" at the annual conference of the Newman Association of America held at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio, August 8-10. The Newman Association

studies the life and writings of the 19th century British philosopher, theologian, educator, Cardinal John Henry Newman, who was a prominent Anglican clergyman before his conversion to Roman Catholicism.

**Dr. Conrad Toepfer and Dr. Carol Maillet** gave several presentations and workshops in October 2013 at the Annual Meeting of the Association of College and University Biology Educators in Indianapolis. Dr. Toepfer gave a workshop entitled: Galapagos Mystery: A Scientific Case Study.

He and Dr. Maillet, along with two other colleagues from Sam Houston State University and Tarleton State University, gave a workshop entitled: Addressing Student Misconceptions about Human-Driven Natural Selection in Introductory Biology Courses.

Both Drs. Toepfer and Maillet gave their poster presentation: Weaving a Thread: A Cross-Curricular Approach.

Dr. Toepfer was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of years of service to the organization.

Dr. Toepfer was a visiting research professor at Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee over the summer. He supervised three students in looking at habitat usage by fish communities in the Powell River. He also attended a follow up meeting of the Gulf Coast Summer Institute to present the results of an activity that he and Dr. Maillet helped develop at last summer's Institute.

Drs. Toepfer and Maillet both attended the 56th Annual Meeting of the Association of College and University Biology Educators in Sheboygan, WI over fall break last year. They gave the following

presentation: "Weaving a Thread: Changing Curriculum for the 21st Century Biology."

Dr. Toepfer and a colleague gave an 80-minute workshop at that meeting, "Why Do My Students Do That?" Dr. Toepfer also gave the presentation, "While I Focused on the Forest/Trees Dilemma, My Students Were Looking at Lichens." Lastly, Dr. Toepfer was one of about 50 people nationally invited to attend a conference, Integrating Cognitive Science with Innovative Teaching in STEM Disciplines, at Washington University in St. Louis last year.

**Dr. Allen Gehring**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, presented two papers in October 2013 as part of fall meetings. One



was at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN with the Tennessee Philosophical Association and the second was at Indiana University Purdue University

in Indianapolis, IN with the Indiana Philosophical Association. He also gave a presentation on business ethics to Catholic Business Leaders for a Better World in Henderson, KY.

Over the summer, Dr. Gehring was appointed to the Ethics Committee at Owensboro Health. He also published reviews of two books in the Summer 2013 edition of Southeastern Theological Review.

The first book was Kelly James Clark and Raymond VanArragon's Evidence and Religious Belief (New York: Oxford, 2011).

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The second book was Hugh McCann's *Creation and the Sovereignty of God* (Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2012).

In March of 2013, Dr. Gehring was invited to speak at Brescia University's The Mystery of Friendship Conference and in February 2013 he presented a paper at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference held at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN.

**LeAnn Howell**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, recently defended her dissertation and received her Doctor of Social Work degree from Western Kentucky University. Dr. Howell received her Bachelor of Social Work from Brescia University in 2007.

## Brescia Milestone Anniversaries

### Dr. Craig Barrette,

Professor of English, has given 35 years of service to Brescia University. He has provided sixteen years as Chair of the



Humanities Division, thirty-three as area coordinator of English, over twenty-three years as a SACS visiting team member at schools throughout the South, now trained to Chair a SACS oversight committee of other schools, twice Chair of the Self-Study at Brescia, six years as advisor for integrated studies, thirty-three years as an English advisor, and chair multiple times of faculty committees.

He teaches both British and American literature. He is a musician, playing the viola at special liturgies and events on campus and monthly at St. Pius X

Church. He also rings in the University bell choir. For the past five summers, he has renewed his interest in the German language – his second major as an undergraduate – with study at a language school in Berlin, Germany.

**Sr. Rose Jean Powers** is celebrating 40 years of service to the university. She



has held numerous positions on campus from history professor to director of residential life to campus minister to her positions now at the campus bookstore and as sacristan for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel.

Having taught 45 years out of the 63 that Brescia has been in existence is **David Bartholomy**, Associate Professor of English. Concentrating his teaching interest in creative writing, he is the faculty advisor to the weekly student newspaper, the *Broadcast*, and regularly produces *Open 24 Hours*, a literary magazine featuring the works of regional writers, including Brescia students and alums.



The Third Tuesday Coffeehouse, which he has developed and nurtured for seventeen years, continues to offer a venue for regional writers to “go public” with their works. His most successful writing students include two published novelists, Brescia graduates Mary Welp and Joey Goebel. David is also published, having authored a textbook and short stories.

Brescia University is very grateful to all the men and women who exemplify the Brescia Difference every day to our students and we thank these mentioned above for their selfless dedication.

# IN MEMORIAM

The Brescia University Community joins in prayerful remembrance of those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. From January 8, 2013 – October 15, 2013.

## Alumni Deaths:

**Annetta B. Esters '70**, who passed away June 14.

**Bernard I. Grady '59**, who passed away Feb. 4, and whose wife, Joyce Grady '67 passed away on July 15.

**Rebecca L. Hamilton '88**, who passed away January 24.

**Frank B. Harris '49**, who passed away August 11.

**David L. Jones '73**, who passed way February 9.

**Thomas E. Kurz '68**, who passed away July 31.

**Margaret S. Mangas '77**, who passed away April 16.

**Jane Miller '78**, who passed away January 18.

**William A. Mitchell '86**, who passed away May 21.

**Jean G. Mudd '82**, who passed away October 13.

**Frances J. Porter '67**, who passed away July 7.

**Carolyn Thomas '66**, who passed away October 9.

**Chandos Troutman '76**, who passed away January 28.

**Robert C. Wheatley '77**, who passed away October 9.

**Eddie J. Williams '03**, who passed away July 11.

## In Sympathy:

To **Margaret Howard '91**, whose husband, John E. Howard '55, passed away April 11.

To alumna and faculty member, **Vicki Tinsley '90**, whose mother, Hazel Marie York, passed away May 27.



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