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A LETTER FROM FR. LARRY HOSTETTER

Sometimes I'm asked what motivates me as President of Brescia University. That's a great question given the turbulent times in higher education and the fact that I'm in my 17th year as President. There are basically three things that motivate me and sustain me when I start to worry about the challenges that colleges and universities are facing.



First of course, is our mission, which I believe is divinely inspired and received from our founders, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. As President, I've accepted that mission as my own, namely offering an education inspired by the words of Jesus to love one another as we've been loved. Our students are given a fantastic education that will help them achieve their goals, establish their careers and build their communities. In addition, our God-given mission inspires us to

put our trust in God's providence and knowing that he blesses the work that we do. This translates into a deep concern for each of our students, wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God.

The second motivator is the dedication and creativity of our faculty and staff. That energy combined with our student's educational goals creates the dynamic and empowering educational experience we call the Brescia Difference. The best ideas for new academic and student support programs always come from those who most closely work with our students on a daily basis. Much of what you will read about in this edition reflects this creativity and dedication. As President I'm motivated everyday by the hard work of those who have embraced the Brescia mission. Along with giving me hope, they sustain the hopes and dreams of our students, in and out of the classroom.

Finally, my third motivator is you—our benefactors and alumni. Your commitment to Brescia and your investment in our students enlivens the Brescia mission. Your support is "Caritas" in action and without you we could not

fulfill our mission. Every day our alumni inspire me with their stories of how they are making a difference with their Brescia education. I know we can't take all of the credit for the achievements of our alumni, but I feel like we build on the values and skills our students bring with them from their families and communities. A Brescia education is a partnership that begins long before a student arrives on campus and continues for a lifetime after they graduate. Our benefactors, whether alumni or not, contribute to the success of our students. What you read in these pages would not be possible without your help and support. Thank you!

I'm not an anxious person but when I do worry, I remember these three things: God is in charge, our faculty and staff are dedicated and creative, and you, our alumni and benefactors, have our back. What more could a university president ask for.

Fr. Larry Hostetter

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Larry Hostetter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brescia University President



Brescia University



BRESCIA

EDUCATION FUND

If you have any connection to Brescia at all, then you've undoubtedly heard someone refer to the Brescia Difference – Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership. Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership. But what does the Brescia Difference actually mean?

During her 2023 commencement speech, graduate and SGA President Mercedes Santos-Tellez stated,

“As an undocumented student, there were many obstacles in preparing for college. Even though I had many accomplishments in high school, my high school guidance counselor informed me that due to my immigration status, I was ineligible to attend college. She told me that people like me could only complete high school. And, I didn't want to accept that.

“Therefore, I applied to every nearby university and was admitted to every single one. But, when the universities learned of my immigrant status, they told me they couldn't move further with the admissions procedure. When I applied to Brescia University, I experienced the Brescia Difference. Brescia University believed in me and gave me the chance that no other university did.

“When I arrived at Brescia, I no longer had to keep my head down. Because of the Brescia Difference and the opportunities, I have been able to be a part of, I am optimistic about my future. I want to help pave a different path for others by living the Brescia Difference.”

Your unrestricted giving to The Brescia Education Fund – our annual fund – supports students like Mercedes and so many others, each with unique backgrounds and circumstances. The Brescia Education Fund supports the difference between what it costs to provide a transformative educational experience for each Brescia student, and the amount the student is asked to cover. This fund contributes to otherwise unfunded discounts or scholarships, allows the University to keep tuition as low as possible, and enhances in and out of classroom experiences to ensure that each Brescia student is receiving a state-of-the-art experience that will prepare them to carry the Brescia Difference with them as they enter their careers, raise their families, and make a difference in the world around them.

If you would like to help us make the Brescia Difference by making a gift to the Brescia Education Fund, scan the QR code below. You have the option to make a one-time gift, or set up a monthly recurring gift through your checking account or debit/credit card. Monthly recurring gifts are a great

and easy way to provide consistent, ongoing support to the University and our students. For example, a \$10.00 monthly donation would be a total gift of \$120.00 at the end of the year! Just a few dollars each month quickly adds up, and your combined contributions make a huge impact on our students and on our mission.

We truly could not do what we do without the generous support of friends (like YOU!) who believe in what Brescia does and who believe in our students. Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do, to make the Brescia Difference.

Gratefully,

Director of Advancement

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Graduation

Class of 2023

KENTUCKY

Beaver Dam
Madison Lynn Basham, B.S. in Chemistry with a Biology Minor
Natalie Young, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Beech Creek
Elisabeth Grace Joines, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Cum Laude)

Bonnieville
Autum Taylor Riggs, B.S. in Psychology (Cum Laude)

Bowling Green
Jerrius Tyler Borden, B.S. in Business
Dashia Demetry Shanklin, B.S.W in Social Work

Cadiz
Darrin Larkin Brown, B.S.W in Social Work
Micah Logan Brown, B.S. in Psychology
Ashlyn Blake Keller, B.A. in English: Emphasis in Professional Writing

Calhoun
Kaela Howard, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Central City
Meredith Grace Mayes, M.B.A.

Clay
Jorge Uriel Torres, B.S. in Accounting (Cum Laude)

Eddyville
Cameron Bret Dean, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Business, Psychology and Sports Management

Elizabethtown
+James Lewis Barrow, Jr., B.S. in Computer Science (Magna Cum Laude)
Kevin Roman, A.S. in Business

Fisherville
Alexandra Victoria Harshfield, B.S. in Biology (Cum Laude)

Greenville
+Hannah Renea Everett, B.S. in Psychology (Summa Cum Laude)
Clark Daniel Hall, B.S. in Business (Cum Laude)

Hardinsburg
Abigail Jane Morton, B.A. in English: Emphasis in Professional Writing (Summa Cum Laude)

Harrodsburg
Aubrey Elizabeth Jones, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)
Keown Wells, B.S. in Special Education: Emphasis in Learning Behavior Disorders with Teacher Certification in P-12 and Elementary Education P-5

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2023 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATES!

Brescia University awarded degrees at the RiverPark Center on May 13, 2023. The University gained over 200 new alumni. The following students received degrees as indicated:

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (A.S.)

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (B.S.W.)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (M.B.A.)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (M.S. IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY (M.S. IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY)

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

SCHOLARLY HONORS

CUM LAUDE

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.5

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.7

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.9

+HONORS COLLEGE

ALPHA CHI, PSI CHI, AND/OR PHI ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY

CONGRATULATIONS BEARCAT GRADUATES



Congrats Graduates!

Hawesville

+Brittany Lynn Brown, B.S. in Middle School Education: Mathematics and Science with Teacher Certification in 5-9 (Summa Cum Laude)
+Leah Schwindel, M.S.W.
Jessica Nicole

Hazard

Arianna S. Day, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Henderson

Mickey Blue, B.A. in English (Magna Cum Laude)
Kendra LeAnn Borum, M.S.W.
Breanna Lynn Chester, B.A. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Education and English
+ Laura S. Stone, M.S.W.

Hopkinsville

Ja'Tia Bailey, B.S.W in Social Work
Damon Austin Rutledge, A.A. in Human Services
Adam Michael Wills, B.S. in Business

Horse Branch

Britney Allen Jones, B.S.W in Social Work

Irvington

Riley Elizabeth Collins, B.A. in Secondary Social Studies with a Teacher Certification Grades 8-12

Knottsville

Lillian Clair Mudd, B.S. in Computer Science (Cum Laude)

Leitchfield

Dalton Robert Shiarella, B.S. in Accounting

Lewisport

Tyler Edward Walz, B.S. in Biology

Lexington

Bertha Brittany Ann Purnell, B.S. in Psychology

Louisville

Jada Simone Saunders, B.A. in Graphic Design

Madisonville

+Kelsey Dee Dugger, B.S.W in Social Work (Cum Laude)
+Brittany Christine Lear, M.S. in Clinical Psychology
+Laura Elizabeth Jones, B.S. in Psychology with a Spanish Minor (Summa Cum Laude)
Joie Louise Porter, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)

Morganfield

Eva Claire Cassidy, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Management

Nortonville

Hannah Cartner, M.B.A. with Management Emphasis

Owensboro

Emily Adcock, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)
Breanna N. Alderton, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Education & Psychology (Magna Cum Laude)
Kelsey N. Bailey, M.B.A.
Skye Doh Benidayta, B.S.W in Social Work
Avery Elisabeth Burke, M.S.W.
Russell M. Burton, Jr., M.B.A.
Haley Michelle Carter, B.S. in Special Education: Emphasis in Learning Behavior Disorders with a Teacher Certification in P-12 and Elementary Education P-5 (Magna Cum Laude)
+Thomas Miles Clark, B.S. in Accounting (Summa Cum Laude)
Isaac Wayne Crabtree, B.S. in Biochemistry
Larry D. Davidson, M.B.A. with Management Emphasis
Audrey Marie Dickens, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Magna Cum Laude)
Madison Dunaway, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Magna Cum Laude)
Bethany J. Durbin, A.A. in Human Services
+Keely Mae Eans, B.S. in Psychology (Cum Laude)

+Natalie Marie Estes, B.S. in Psychology

Madeline Lee Flaherty, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology
Daniel Patrick Fulkerson, Special Education Emphasis in Learning Behavior Disorders with a Teacher Certification in P-12 and Elementary Education P-5 (Cum Laude)
Sofia Valeria Gonzalez Rubio, B.S. in Psychology (Magna Cum Laude)
Sarah Hale, M.S. in Clinical Psychology
Brandy Sue Hoagland, B.S.W in Social Work (Summa Cum Laude)
+Lydea Abigayle Howard, B.S. in Elementary Education with a Teacher Certification Grades P-5 (Magna Cum Laude)
Bar Jor, B.S. in Business
John Matthew Judd, B.S.W in Social Work (Cum Laude)
Natalie Leibfreid, B. S. in Psychology
Kaylee Suzann Madewell, B.S.W in Social Work (Cum Laude)
Kalyn Jade Mangold, B.A. in English
Joshua David Martin, A.S. in Engineering Studies
Jax Matthews, B.S. in Psychology
Mackenzie Mattingly, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)
Erin Howard McHenry, M.B.A.
Emily Renee Miller, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology
Teresa Tinsley Morris, M.B.A.
Caylene Elizabeth Newton, B.S.W in Social Work
+Bianca Reyes Ortiz, B.S. in Psychology (Cum Laude)
Alex Edward Payne, B.A. in Secondary English with a Teacher Certification Grades 8-12
Kathy L. Payne, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Social Work and Psychology (Magna Cum Laude)
+Sarah Pfeil, B.S. in Biology (Cum Laude)
+Hadley Nicole Phelps, A.S. in Health Science
Westley Tyler Quick, A.A. in Human Services
Sonya Ray, M.S.W.
Lucas Daniel Rigling, B.S. in Biology (Cum Laude)
Katherine Marie Riskey, M.B.A.
Allison N. Rittmeyer, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management (Cum Laude)
Claire Alexandra Roberts, B.S. in Middle School Education English and Science with Teacher Certification in 5-9 (Cum Laude)

Kristen Robison, B.S.W in Social Work (Cum Laude)

Barbara Sandifer, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management
Aubrie Michelle Schueler, B.A. in Secondary Social Studies with a Teacher Certification Grades 8-12 (Cum Laude)
Charlotte Raye Sheeks, M.S. in Clinical Psychology
Shawnda Richelle Stanley, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology
Micah Angelica Swift, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology
Jessee Swope, B.S. in Accounting
Clarence Robert Tapp, Jr., B.A. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Theology and Business
Samantha Taylor Kaai, M.B.A.
+Bailey Thomas, B.S.W in Social Work (Cum Laude)
Alexis Marie Trogden, B.S. in Business
Madelyn P. Voyles, B.S.W in Social Work and has met all requirements for Certification in Public Child Welfare in Kentucky (Cum Laude)
Brooke Ward, B.A. in Graphic Design
Courtney Lynne Weedman, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Park City

+Megan Angelica Bartley, M.S. in Clinical Psychology

Philpot

+Patrick Joseph Edge, B.S. in Biochemistry/Biology with a Chemistry Minor (Magna Cum Laude)
+Michael Steven Haynes, B.S. in Biochemistry (Cum Laude)
Abigail E. Manley, B.S. in Business (Summa Cum Laude)
Martha June Martell, B.A. in English (Cum Laude)
Emily Elizabeth Stanley, B.S. in Elementary Education with Teacher Certification Grades P-5 (Summa Cum Laude)

Russellville

Alexander Krohn, B.S. in Accounting

Sacramento

+Justin Capps, B.S. in Computer Science (Cum Laude)

Sebree

Chelsea R. Bartrum, B.S. in Biology (Magna Cum Laude)

Utica

+Emily Elizabeth Cooper, B.S. in Elementary Education with a Teacher Certification Grades P-5 (Summa Cum Laude)

Sabryna McCubbin, B.S. in Psychology

Christian Bailey Wiggins, B.S.W in Social Work

Walton

Alecea Renae Homer, B.S.W in Social Work

Whitesville

Savannah Mae Aull, B.S. in Business: Emphases in Finance and Economics (Magna Cum Laude)

+Brittney Faith Booker, B.S. in Elementary Education with a Teacher Certification Grades P-5 (Summa Cum Laude)

Meredith Brooke Harley, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)

Jacob Michael Mills, B.S. in Accounting

Morgan Elizabeth Porter, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Bailey Thomas Wright, A.A. in Liberal Arts

Cameron Michael Wright, B.S. in Accounting (Summa Cum Laude)

ALABAMA

Huntsville

Kelly Marie Mattos, M.S.W.

ARIZONA

Mesa

Morgan Marie Jarchow, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Surprise

Megan Miller, M.S.W.

CALIFORNIA

Alto Loma

Stephanie Ursula Vasquez, M.S.W.

Aurora

Angela R. Stover, B.S.W in Social Work

Bakersfield

Ashley Michele Bonkosky, B.A. in Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies

Gustine

Brian Oliveira, B.S.W in Social Work

Riverside

Veronica Delgado, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

San Francisco

John Paul Johnson, B.S.W in Social Work (Summa Cum Laude)

Temecula

Catherine Oneyda Mendoza, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Tracy

Bianca Rosa Grygo, B.S.W in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)

COLORADO

Craig

Kevin Kohlbrenner, B.S.W in Social Work

Ridgway

Megan J. McCabe, B.S.W in Social Work

FLORIDA

Hollister

Jennifer Young, B.S.W in Social Work (Cum Laude)

Kathleen

Tiffany Danielle Fisher, M.S.W.

Stuart

Jennifer Isabel Acosta, A.A. in Human Services

HAWAII

Kailue

Autumn Diane Negron, B.S.W in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)

ILLINOIS

McLeansboro

Bailey Ray Stricklin, B.S. in Accounting (Cum Laude)

Schaumburg

Joanna Christine Magdaleno, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Quincy

Katie L. Elmore, B.S.W in Social Work

INDIANA

Canaan

Heather Garcia, M.S.W.

Fishers

Laurel Dove Hotchkiss, B.S. in Psychology (Summa Cum Laude)



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Fort Branch
+Abagale Kaylee Huelsman, B.S.W. in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)
Shealyn Faith Riggs, B.S. in Accounting with a Spanish Minor (Summa Cum Laude)

Fort Wayne
+Hannah Ruthann Beitler, B.S. in Psychology (Cum Laude)

Greenwood
+Holly Nicole DeWitt, B.S.W. in Social Work (Cum Laude)

Newburgh
Brittany Patton, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Plainville
+Shom Cooper Berry, B.S. in Financial Mathematics; Business: Emphases in Finance & Economics with a Psychology Minor (Summa Cum Laude)

Richland
Kyla R. Dilger, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Cum Laude)

Tell City
Bailey Little, B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Cum Laude)
Joseph Brandon Piper, B.S. in Accounting
Austin Snyder, B.S. in Accounting

Terre Haute
Marianne Glaziner, B.S. in Biology with a Chemistry Minor (Magna Cum Laude)

IOWA

Ottumwa
Mason Aschenbrenner, B.A. in Political Science: Emphasis in Public Administration

LOUISIANA

Sulphur
Kathleen Denise Cormier, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Psychology and Social Work

MICHIGAN

Bloomfield Hills
Sharilyn Rowe, B.S.W. in Social Work

Jackson
Erika Renee Wade, B.S. in Psychology

Memphis
Benjamin Louis Brown, B.S. in Psychology

Port Huron
Wendy Toni Covrea, B.S.W. in Social Work

MINNESOTA

Virginia
Kendra Rae Jones, B.S.W. in Social Work (Cum Laude)

White Bear Lake
Noah McClain, B.S. in Computer Science (Magna Cum Laude)

MISSISSIPPI

Corinth
Tamatha Willis, B.A. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Social Work and Psychology

Morton
Alisha Renada Ward, M.S.W.

MISSOURI

Caruthersville
Maria G. Ibarra, M.S.W.

NEVADA

Las Vegas
Latoya Lethridge-Davis, B.S. in Psychology
Jada Nyree Williams, B.A. in Graphic Design

Reno
+Eilynn Mae Garcia, M.S.W.

NEW JERSEY

North Brunswick
Candence T. Appling, M.S.W.

NEW YORK

Buffalo
+Sarah Johnson, B.S.W. in Social Work
Mahopac
Marcella Paola Occhicone, M.S.W.

New York Mills
Emily Alan Griffith, B.S.W. in Social Work (Cum Laude)

Slingerlands
Natalie Kovalchik, B.S.W. in Social

Work (Cum Laude)

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte
Hannah Page Guerrette, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

Salisbury
+Jennifer R. Burroff-Smith, M.S.W.

OHIO

Ashland
Tori R. Embry, A.A. in Human Services

Bethel
Brooklyn Stiles, B.S. in Biology (Cum Laude)

Columbus
+Tiffany Lynn Tinapple, B.S.W. in Social Work (Summa Cum Laude)

Fort Recovery
Shannon Marie Garman, B.S.W. in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)

PENNSYLVANIA

Bloomsburg
Ashley Smith, B.S. in Accounting

Pittsburgh
Shannon Marie Torres, M.S.W.

Wilkes Barre
Peter L. Bonny, B.S.W. in Social Work

SOUTH CAROLINA

Greenville
Quaderra Clerk, A.A. in Human Services

Hartsville
Shaquilia Tajahonna Boyd, A.A. in Human Services
McBee
Brianna Nicole Scott, B.A. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Social Work and Psychology

Rock Hill
Nicole Campbell, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga
+Edward Lamonte Chubb, M.S.W.

Clarksville
Trey Jordan Elkins, B.S. in Business
Wyatt Griskey, B.S. in Business

Nashville
Alexandra Lauren Watts, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

TEXAS

Alvin
Morgan Ashlee Williamson, B.S.W. in Social Work

Houston
Jacob Brandon Upshaw, B.S. in Business

Little Elm
Mildred Mutale Sandamuka, B.S.W. in Social Work

VIRGINIA

Chesterfield
Capricia Ocasio, B.S.W. in Social Work

Newport News
Kristopher Toy, M.S. in Clinical Psychology

Petersburg
+ Delicia Denise Pitt, M.S.W.

Richmond
Ashley Marie Pinzon, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

WASHINGTON

Seattle
+Helen Kibreab Abraham, M.S.W.

Spokane
+Melisa Elizabeth Popp, B.S. in Psychology (Cum Laude)

Yakima
Brenda Esquivel, B.S.W. in Social Work

WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston
+Daniel Ruben Long, B.S.W. in Social Work (Summa Cum Laude)

WISCONSIN

Menasha
Kimberly A.L. Spangenberg, B.S.W. in Social Work

BRAZIL

Alfenas
Joao Paulo Carvalho, B.S. in
Computer Science/Mathematics
(Magna Cum Laude)

San Paulo
Ribeirao Preto
Joao Victor Benassi Silva, B.S. in
Biology and Psychology

CANADA

Alberta
Calgary
+Amy Charlene Gale, M.S. in Clinical
Psychology

ENGLAND

Barns Green
Samuel Coxon, B.S. in Business

Huddersfield
James Michael Anderson, M.B.A.
with a Finance Emphasis

Sheffield
Rhys Darrington, B.S. in Business

FRANCE

Metz
Baptiste Pierre Daniel Stanislas
Fousse, B.S. in Business (Magna Cum
Laude)

ITALY

Pescara
Domenico Colletta, B.S. in Business

LITHUANIA

Vilnius
Deimante Krivickaite, B.S. in
Mathematics (Magna Cum Laude)

MEXICO

Guerrero
Chichihualco
Mercedes Santos Tellez, B.A. in
Political Science, Pre-Law Minor

Mexico City
Juan Fernando Martinez de las Reyes
Bustos, A.S. in Engineering Studies

PUERTO RICO

Caguas
Diego Martinez, B.S. in Accounting

San Juan
+Maritza Enid Gonzalez Agosto,
M.S.W.

SERBIA

Belgrade
Aleksa Stefanovic, B.S. in Computer
Science and Mathematics (Magna
Cum Laude)

Novi Sad
Nikola Kulpinski, B.S. in Computer
Science

SPAIN

La Coruna
Javier Alonso, B.S. in Business
(Magna Cum Laude)

VENEZUELA

San Jose de Guanipa
Juan Pablo Guzman Sarabia, A.S. in
Engineering Studies

VIETNAM

Ho Chi Minh City
Lan Thi Nguyen, B.A. in Integrated
Studies: Emphases in Theology and
Education (Summa Cum Laude)

Lam Dong
+Linh Dinh, B.A. in Integrated
Studies: Emphases in Education and
Theology (Summa Cum Laude)

Zimbabwe
Nathan Blessing Chitate, M.B.A. with
Finance Emphasis



Update your Information

Graduates, update your contact information by scanning the QR code! This will help you to receive invitations to alumni events and other exciting news from your alma mater!



2022 Homecoming

Brescia University held its 2022 Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend starting on October 21st, 2022. The Brescia Community was involved in activities during the week including a pep rally, crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen, kickball, a pancake eating contest, and the Bearcat Golf Scramble. The weekend events kicked off with the first Brescia Block Party where visitors listened to live music, visited food trucks, met with faculty and staff, and were given campus tours! Saturday was packed with a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Alumni Association, chariot races, alumni awards, and another new event, the Brescia Fall Festival! The Brescia Community and the Owensboro Community were invited to campus to see what makes Brescia truly special, our Bearcats!

Be sure to save the date for the 2023 Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend September 29th – October 1st, 2023.

King & Queen



Homecoming Court: CJ Colletta, Jessee Wood, Shom Berry, Duda Feres, Amber Payne, Rhiannon Wilson, and Laurel Hotchkiss.

Off to a Good Start: The Homecoming pep rally on October 17th kicked off Homecoming week with games, scrimmages, contests, and more to get students excited for the events to come.



Sweet Tooth: Students helped make cotton candy at one of the popular Fall Fest activities on October 22nd.

Stack of Pancakes: Barney's Pancake Breakfast was a success, along with the pancake eating competition. Competitors pulled out their best tricks to eat as quickly as they could, but ultimately Sagan Storm, Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness, was the winner.



WINNER, WINNER: The women's golf team wave as they win the Chariot Races on October 22nd.



Team Effort: Teams dressed up and competed for the trophy, cash prizes, and of course, bragging rights. Chariot Races have long been a staple Homecoming event for Brescia.

Alum Looks Back: Wesley Acton '60 came back to campus as the Return to the Arch speaker. Acton was the first African American teacher in the Daviess County Schools System. During the talk, he spoke with Dr. Ashley Holland, Assistant Professor of Education – Chair of School of Education, about his time in the classroom and his accomplishments within the community.



BRESCIA UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Fr. Larry Hostetter Scholarship

Brescia University awarded the first Larry Hostetter Scholarship this past semester. This scholarship was created by generous donors Ron and Cathy Tisch to serve as a perpetual legacy to Brescia University President, Fr. Larry Hostetter, and to aid in the financial assistance to deserving students. The student awarded this scholarship was Zakirullah Ahmadzai, a refugee from Afghanistan who is living in Owensboro.

The goal of this award is to provide aid in financial assistance to deserving students to increase the socio-economic diversity on campus. The recipients will be encouraged to participate in social projects while attending Brescia. The original principal endowment was \$250,000 and will be used to provide a renewable scholarship for up to four years at Brescia University.

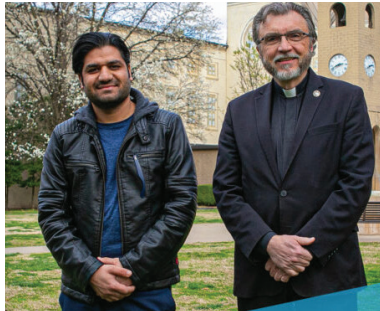


Photo provided by the Owensboro Times

“I was very humbled when I learned of this gift to create a scholarship in my name,” stated Hostetter, “It is designed to help students who have a financial need while encouraging the recipients to use their education in the spirit of servant leadership. I am grateful to Ron and Cathy Tisch for this opportunity to help our students.”

Ahmadzai worked with the USA forces in Afghanistan for 12 years before having to evacuate due to country being captured by the Taliban. He is currently working towards his master’s degree. “I graduated in December

2013 in Afghanistan and planned to get my master’s degree there but was busy working with the United States Army and couldn’t find time. When I arrived in Owensboro, I met with Fr. Larry and asked about master’s degrees at Brescia. Brescia University is one of the best universities in Kentucky, even in the United States and I am happy to choose Brescia for my master’s.”

Ron and Cathy Tisch said of the scholarship, “We hope other individuals or families will contribute to this scholarship endowment to honor Fr. Larry’s tireless commitment to Brescia over the years.”

For more information on this scholarship, please contact Lauren Osowicz, Director of Advancement at Lauren.Osowicz@brescia.edu or 270.686.4329.



Campus Life



BEARCATS RECEIVE ACADEMIC HONORS

On April 23rd students were celebrated during Honors Convocation, Brescia's annual academic ceremony that announces student achievement awards and scholarships. Students were recognized for their hard work in the classroom, on the field, and within their clubs and organizations. Alum Shelby Nelson '17 gave the keynote address.



STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Brescia University students attended the Student Involvement Fair on September 1st to learn about all the ways they can get involved on campus through clubs and organizations. Some of the clubs and organizations offered are Delight, History Club, Biology Club, Student Athletes Advisory Club, and Brescia Students for Life.



STUDENTS CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

On October 4th, students gathered in the Moore Center Atrium for Hispanic Heritage Month. Students were able to learn simple phrases in Spanish and Portuguese, take a mini dance lesson for salsa, merengue, and bachata, and test their knowledge with some trivia. Hispanic Heritage Month is from September 15th to October 15th and recognizes many Americans' connections to and roots in Spanish-speaking countries.



BEARCATS TAILGATE FOR SOCCER TEAMS

Brescia University Student Government Association sponsored a tailgate for students to cheer on the men's and women's soccer teams on their September 1st match against Bethel University. Students enjoyed food, drinks, and participated in halftime activities.



WELCOME BACK BEARCATS



The Bearcats came back to campus after a long summer on August 15th. They celebrated in true Bearcat fashion, with a soaped fountain and a fun sign.

LOCAL STUDENTS VISIT CAMPUS



The Anna Eaton Stout Art Galley hosted a number of exhibits this past year, including an exhibit called 'Mixing it Up' which showcased art from Daviess County High School and Owensboro High School students. The show ran from November 4th until December 2nd. Pictured are Art Honors Students from Owensboro High School, along with their teachers Emily Plummer and David Walker, visiting their work.



BRESCIA BAND AND CHOIR PLAYS IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The Brescia Band and Choir performed at their annual Fall/Winter concert on November 30th. The band performed a mixture of Thanksgiving and Christmas themed music, with a special song performed by our Vietnamese Sisters.





SGA INAUGURATED NEW LEADERSHIP

The new Student Government Association leaders were announced on April 22nd during IBall. The new SGA Officers are President Emilee Clark, Vice President Sydney Stevens, Treasurer Talon Hutto, Parliamentarian Rhiannon Wilson, Secretary David Naing, Representative to the Administration Maggie Davis, and Historian Adam Gregory.

BEARCATS SHOW OFF THEIR VALENTINES



BEARCATS ATTEND SUMMIT ON DIVERSITY

Mercedes Santos-Tellez, SGA president for the 2022-2023 academic year, and Ofelia Vilchiz-Moreno '22 attended the 2nd Annual AIKCU Diversity & Inclusion Summit in November. This was part of the AIKCU Emerging Leaders program at Georgetown College.



STUDENTS RECREATE CLASSICS

As part of Fine Arts Week, Art and Cinema students recreated one-minute versions of movies. During the week, there was a Hollywood screening for the recreations of movies like The Shining, Goodfellas, Forest Gump, and Good Will Hunting. Pictured are the recreations from The Legend of AI, Jack, and John and Beetlejuice.



WITH STUDENT

Lucas Santos



Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT BRESCIA UNIVERSITY?

"My favorite part about Brescia is that we're able to meet people from everywhere and get to know them."

Q: WHAT DO YOU WISH TO GAIN FROM NOT ONLY YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE AT BRESCIA, BUT YOUR WORK STUDY EXPERIENCE AS WELL?

"My work study will help me to reach my goals in the future, because that's something that I want to work in, and I'm sure I'll learn doing it and experiencing. Being around people that they are where I want to be, helps even more in the process."



Q: YOU RECENTLY JOINED US AS OUR SOCIAL MEDIA WORK STUDY. WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THAT SO FAR, AND WHAT DRAWS YOU TO SOCIAL MEDIA?

"My favorite part of my work study is definitely doing what I really like, social media is something that I always liked and worked with. I think we always have something to learn, and this work study experience has done that."



Q: WHAT IS ONE THING WE DO IN AMERICA THAT HAS TAKEN YOU A LONG TIME TO GET USED TO?

"Eating pickles out of the jar."

MAYOR COMES TO VISIT

Owensboro Mayor, Tom Watson, met with Dr. Elaine Wright's MSW 670 Advanced Policy Practice class on March 27th. Students got to hear his perspective and ask questions about policy practice.



Women's soccer team members take a break during their October 13th match against Point Park University.

FR. LARRY AND STUDENT AMBASSADORS PREPARE TO SHOW OFF CAMPUS

During the first open house for prospective students in October, Fr. Larry Hostetter and the Student Ambassadors welcomed students and their families. During open houses Ambassadors give tours, answer questions, and provide a memorable experience for those considering becoming Bearcats.



STUDENTS PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Students gathered in the Moore Center Atrium on March 23rd for the Brescia University Career and Community Involvement Fair. This fair allows students to meet with members of the community to learn about career opportunities and ways to serve the community through volunteering. Organizations such as the Owensboro Police Department, Owensboro Catholic Schools, Boardwalk Pipelines, and Owensboro Health were in attendance.



BRESCIA CELEBRATES DIVERSE CULTURES



Brescia University hosted their Multicultural Festival on April 13th. During the event members of the community were served samples from local restaurants. Students, faculty, and staff also served dishes from cultures such as Japan, Italy, and Ireland.



BEARCATS BRING HALLOWEEN FUN TO COMMUNITY



The Brescia University Psychology Club & Psi Chi hosted their annual Trunk or Treat for the Daviess County community. Clubs, athletic teams, faculty, and staff gathered to create a fun experience for visitors inside the Moore Center Atrium. There were tons of fun and tons of candy!



Students studying in the Fr. Alvey Library.



BRESCIA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On International Women's Day, Brescia faculty and staff wrote encouraging notes to share with students. The notes were handed out and spread around campus so that all students, regardless of gender, know they are loved.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT SELLS PUMPKINS FOR A CAUSE

The Brescia University Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work sold over 400 pumpkins with all the proceeds going to St. Benedict's and the Daniel Pitino homeless shelters. Susan Howard, Associate Professor of Social Work / Sociology, sold the pumpkins at community and campus events, before donating \$2,000 to the Pitino Shelter.



BRESCIA WELCOMES OPEN WORLD DELEGATES



Brescia University welcomed a US Congressional Office for International Leadership Open World delegation from Poland on Thursday, February 9th. This group is administered through Friendship Force International by Julie Vann, journey coordinator, and Friendship Force Western Kentucky. The theme of the visit was social inclusion for people with disabilities.



BRESCIA WELCOMES TIBETAN MONK

Over the course of the academic year, there were a numerous guests invited to speak on campus, including Tibetan Monk Tsering Phuntsok. While on campus Phuntsok spoke with two classes on compassion for self and others before hosting a public talk in Duffy Auditorium titled "How to Make Peace with the World".



BEARCATS TRAVEL DOWN UNDER

Brescia University students and community members traveled to New Zealand and Australia in May with the Study Abroad Program. This program, in partnership with KWC, allows members from both institutions to travel to new countries each year.



BRESCIA PETS RECEIVE BLESSING

Brescia students, faculty, and staff joined together for the Blessing of the Pets on October 4th for the Feast of Saint Francis.

CONTINUED...

STUDENTS INDUCTED TO PSI CHI

On April 22nd, eleven students were inducted into the Brescia University chapter of Psi Chi. During the event, Dr. Stephen Curran, a board-certified Police and Public Safety Psychologist, gave the keynote address. Students inducted were Keely Eans, Natalie Estes, Maria Eduarda Feres, Amy Gale, Madison Harding, Raelyn Leppert, Melisa Popp, Bianca Ortiz Reyes, Michaela Rhoads, Kaylyn Sowders, and Jodi Williamson.



BEARCATS TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLES

Each year students apply for leadership roles for positions such as Residence Assistant and Orientation Leader. These positions help welcome new Bearcats to campus and host events throughout the year. The students chosen this year were greeted with a balloon and a certificate.



BEARCAT PRESENTS AT CONFERENCE

Bachelor of Social Work student Angelena Henderson was selected to give a poster presentation at the spring conference of the Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators on the campus of Morehead State University on April 14. Her presentation was on KY House Bill 3 which discusses the Kentucky juvenile justice system.



BARNEY HELPS CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Students cheer on basketball teams during match against West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Brescia University celebrated Catholic Schools Week with #FlatBearcat for the third year in a row. Every student in the Diocese of Owensboro received a #FlatBearcat and were encouraged to send in photos celebrating Catholic Schools Week for a chance to win a Chromebook and \$500 for their school. There were over 150 submissions and this year the winner was from the Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus. Barney dropped off the prizes and visited with some students!

BEARCATS PIED FOR A CAUSE

The Residence Life Department hosted an event on April 19th to raise goods for the Brescia Student Food Pantry. For a minimum of 3 canned goods or 3 packs of ramen, participants could pie an RA. For a jar of peanut butter they got the chance to pie the Director of Residence Life, Melissa Scuderi. 672 individual items were donated to the pantry.



BIOLOGY BREAK

The Brescia University Mathematics and Natural Sciences Division hosted a lunch for students studying biology at the beginning of the fall semester. This event helped students within the same major network to build a stronger community.



BEARCATS HELP CLEAN COMMUNITY

Brescia University participated in the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation first annual Operation Community Clean Up on April 15th. Students, faculty, and staff helped pick up trash in the neighborhoods around campus. Pictures are members of the Women's Soccer team.

STUDENTS GAMBLE THE NIGHT AWAY



Students gathered in the Moore Center Atrium for the chance to win prizes during Vegas Night. This student event is hosted during the fall and spring semesters with faculty and staff serving as dealers. Students cash in their tokens at the end of the night for a chance to win prizes such as speakers, projectors, snacks, and gift cards.

BEARCATS SAY FAREWELL

As the academic year came to a close, Bearcats gathered in the quad for one last day of fun! The Farewell Fest gave students the opportunity to rock climb, play volleyball, compete in an inflatable obstacle course, and have lots of food!



BRESCIA COMMEMORATES MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Each year Owensboro colleges and universities take turns hosting a Martin Luther King Day celebration for the community. This year Brescia hosted, starting with a march from Owensboro High School to the Roberts Center for the Sciences. The community then met in Taylor Lecture Hall for a keynote address from Chris Singleton, a former minor league baseball player drafted by the Chicago Cubs and an inspirational speaker. Members of the community who also spoke included Mayor Tom Watson and Judge Executive Charlie Castlen.



STUDENTS CONTINUE CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Students, faculty, and staff celebrated this holiday season with the Hanging of the Greens. During the event students hung ornaments on the tree to represent their teams, clubs, or organization.

WE ARE BU

Each summer, Brescia President Father Larry Hostetter hosts the Society of the Arch dinner, an event recognizing and thanking our most generous donors and alumni. During his remarks, Father Larry highlights a few recent graduates who are making a difference in their careers. During the 2022 Dinner, he mentioned **Tavon Johnson '19**, a former Men's Basketball player who was teaching and coaching in his hometown of Bardstown. He pointed to **Allison Simpson '16** and **Preye Agbana '17** as examples of the Brescia Difference in action, with Allison earning her Psy.D and working with underserved communities in Eastern Kentucky as a Psychologist and Preye earning his Ph.D in Pharmaceutical

Science and researching new aspects of chemotherapeutics. In sharing stories like these, Father Larry thanked our alumni and donors by showing them the return on their investment. After the event, he tasked the Alumni Association with finding some more stories for him to share. This endeavor became the We Are BU project.

Over the next couple of weeks and months, Director of Alumni Relations, Jake Davis, got to work reaching out to recent alumni to see what they were doing in the years (and in some cases, months) since graduation. What he encountered was a reminder of the importance of what we do here at Brescia. "Our work

in educating students from around the region, country, and world makes direct impacts in communities far and wide. So many of our alumni are using their education to uplift, advocate for, and serve those around them in so many different ways," said Davis about gathering the alumni stories. "I was reminded, but not surprised by all the wonderful things they are doing. After all, at Brescia University, that's who we are."

Brescia University serves underrepresented populations: like **Rylan Smith '19** who completed law school after his time at Brescia and is now living and working the St. Louis area as a civil rights and immigration



TAVON JOHNSON '19
Hometown: Bardstown, KY
Degree: Elementary Education with Certification in Special Education
Job: Special Education Teacher and Head Basketball Coach



ALLISON SIMPSON '16
Hometown: Belton, KY
Degree: Psychology
Job: Psychologist



PREYE AGBANA '17
Hometown: Port Harcourt, Nigeria
Degree: Chemistry
Job: Bio-Product Research and Development



RYLAN SMITH '19
Hometown: Beaver Dam, KY
Degree: Political Science
Job: Civil Rights and Immigration Attorney



CRYSTAL SAPP '18
Hometown: Owensboro, KY
Degree: Social Work
Job: Executive Director, Nonprofit



RICKY CHRISTIE '13
Hometown: Aberdeen, Scotland
Degree: Business Administration
Job: Business Development Manager



TOM ROI DL '16
Hometown: Willich, Germany
Degree: Business
Job: Information Technology and Software Development Consultant

attorney; and **Crystal Sapp '18**, a two time graduate of our Social Work program, who is the Executive Director of St. Joseph Peace Mission for Children, a non-profit in Owensboro that provides care and services to disaffected youth. Brescia is contributing to business communities around the world: **Ricky Christie '13** returned home to the UK after majoring in Business Administration and playing soccer at Brescia, earned his MBA in Defence and Security Export, and is working as a Business Development Manager in London; and **Emily '16 and Tom '16 Roidl** who moved to Germany where Emily works for Trivago as a Data Analyst and Tom works as an IT and software development consultant.

Brescia University is providing healthcare for our communities: like **Julie Whitfill Nixon '16** who, following a Hall of Fame athletic career in Women's Basketball, is now serving her community

in Breckenridge County as a Physician's Assistant; and **Kolon Myatt '19**, a former Men's Golf standout, who earned his Doctor of Physical Therapy and is working in his hometown of Tompkinsville. Brescia also helps people hear and speak better: **Leslie Powell '13**, a former SGA President, works as a Speech Language Pathologist for schools in Indiana; and **Andrea '17 and Amber '17 Boarman** who work in hospitals in Hardinsburg and Owensboro.

After months of talking with Brescia graduates from around the world, Davis has gathered stories from over 200 Bearcats and we're just scratching the surface. These examples all graduated within the last ten years and, with decades of graduates yet to explore, it is beyond exciting to discover more about the lives of our alumni.

As we approach our 100th Anniversary in 2025, we

want to tell the story of Brescia University, and we ask that you share your story with us. We are educators and scientists. We are social workers and civil servants. We are physical and mental healthcare providers. We are business owners and community leaders. We are so many things, in so many places, and in so many ways. In short, We Are BU.

Scan the code or visit Brescia.edu/alumni to share your story and complete a We Are BU profile.



EMILY ROIIDL '16

Hometown: Owensboro, KY
Degree: Business: Emphasis in Human Resources
Job: Data Analyst



JULIE WHITFILL NIXON '16

Hometown: Hardinsburg, KY
Degree: Biology
Job: Physician's Assistant



KOLTON MYATT '19

Hometown: Tompkinsville, KY
Degree: Psychology
Job: Physical Therapist



LESLIE POWELL '13

Hometown: Evansville, IN
Degree: Speech Language Pathology and Audiology
Job: School Speech Language Pathologist



AMBER BOARMAN '17

Hometown: Utica, KY
Degree: Communication Sciences and Disorders
Job: Hospital Speech Language Pathologist



ANDREA BOARMAN '17

Hometown: Utica, KY
Degree: Communication Sciences and Disorders
Job: Hospital Speech Language Pathologist

Class of '26 Freshman

The newest Bearcats were welcomed to campus on Saturday, August 13th, 2023 for New Student Orientation. Students were greeted by student athletes helping to move new Bearcats into their dorms, then students and their parents visited the gym for the resource fair, before pairing off with the BU 101 classes. On Sunday students attended mass and participated in a scavenger hunt downtown. On Monday the Bearcats visited locations around town for service projects before their final activity with comedian Eric O'Shea performing in Taylor Lecture Hall.



No orientation is complete without a soaped fountain!



Above & Below: Bearcats visited the Botanical Garden, Girls Inc., the Humane Society, and more for their BU 101 Service Projects.

Orientation Leaders and Resident Assistants helped to check in the new Bearcats.



During Academic Convocation, students continued the tradition of pouring sand into a large vase to symbolize all the places that students travel to get an education from Brescia.



Barney and Brescia Bearcat student athletes helped our new students move into their dorms.



Orientation



To end the first day of orientation, students gathered in the Moore Center gym for icebreakers.



Orientation Leaders, or OL's, show off their group signs based on the movie Jurassic Park, the theme for orientation. Each group was made up of the students together in BU 101, the introductory class for all Brescia students, where they will learn skills to be success in the classroom and post-graduation.



The 2022 Orientation Leaders and the Class of 2026.

Summer Bridge Program

Brescia University received a grant from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education to develop Summer Bridge Program. The Summer Bridge program has been designed to address the needs of the University's student population and provide a supportive connector for students between high school and college. The goal of the program is to address the areas of writing, reading, mathematics, and student success skills while interweaving the interdisciplinary concept of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The University received \$49,950 to bring 40 first-time full-time students to campus from July 24th to August 4th.

All students who register for remedial courses in math, writing, and reading comprehension in the Fall 2023 semester will receive materials regarding the Summer Bridge program in their registration program. During these registration programs, the Director of Student Success will also hold information sessions regarding the Summer Bridge and explain

the benefits of the program to student success in remedial and college-level courses. In addition, Brescia will also support students through Counseling Services, Career Services, Campus Ministry, tutoring services, student advisement, and academic coaching, along with a food pantry and professional wardrobe available to students who are going for interviews.

"The Office of Student Success is excited to see this grant and the summer bridge program come to fruition. The goal of the Office of Student Success is to provide every student with the resources needed to be successful; the summer bridge program is a great way to begin that journey of student success," stated Icces Crocker, Director of Student Success. "This program will create a way to plant the seeds of education and support into Brescia University's incoming class, so they can blossom as students continue their education."

The Mission of Brescia University focuses on educating "the total person in a caring and supportive environment" and "building a more compassionate human community through service." In its very nature, Brescia holds dear the values of social equity and equality, a holistic approach to all human beings, and servant leadership.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education is a coordinating board that oversees Kentucky's state universities and the KCTCS system. The Council facilitates a positive return on investment of public funds supporting higher education by monitoring academic quality, affordability, and student success through policy and accountability measures.

For more information about the Summer Bridge Program, contact Icces Crocker, Director of Student Success, at 270.686.4274 or icces.crocker@brescia.edu.

PEP BAND SCHOLARSHIPS



Brescia University announced new scholarship opportunities in the creation of a student Pep Band for the 2023-2024 academic year. This musical endeavor will be led by Assistant Professor of Music Brett Ballard. Students participating in Pep Band will be performing at all home basketball games throughout the school year. Scholarships are available to qualified students.

Chris Houk, Brescia University Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management said of this new opportunity, “the creation of a pep band will help us continue to meet students where they are. Creating a new way for students to connect with campus is instrumental in having a full student experience. The scholarship opportunities

being created will allow high school students to continue their musical career and cultivate school spirit. This is a great step for the University.”

Currently the Brescia University Band plays once a year at basketball games but not as an official Pep Band.

“I am very excited that Brescia University will be expanding our musical ensemble offerings to add a dedicated Pep Band next academic year to include all home basketball games while school is in session,” said Ballard. “Nothing improves a collegiate game day experience quite like the passion (and joyful noise!) of a student band. I am looking forward to next year and the impact this will have on the experience of all of our students.”

The Brescia University Bearcat Basketball teams schedule can be found at bresciabearcats.com for their 2023-2024 season.

If you are interested in being a part of the Brescia University Pep Band, fill out the form at:



The Caritas of Angela, Love through Ursuline Education

By: Dr. Emily A. DeMoor, Ph.D. Director, The Caritas Center

The Caritas Center of Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky, in conjunction with the Ursuline Education Network (UEN), hosted a retreat on Brescia's campus on September 15-17, 2022 for engaged high school students who desire a deeper understanding of their Catholic, Ursuline faith. Entitled, The Caritas of Angela, Love through Ursuline Education, the retreat, which was generously funded by the Lilly Endowment, focused on Ursuline founder St. Angela Merici's incorporation of love as a means to inspire, guide and educate. Prayer, reflection, a service activity, and participation in the Ursuline Sisters' 2022 Global Convocation were part of the event, which was attended by 24 students and 8 adults from 6 Ursuline high schools, including Saint Ursula Academy in Cincinnati, OH, Ursuline Academy in Dallas, TX, Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, KY, Ursuline Academy in St. Louis, MO, Villa Angela-St. Joseph in Cleveland, OH, and Ursuline Academy in Wilmington, DE. Dr. Lauren McCrary, Brescia Vice President for Executive Affairs and Chief of Staff, and Peggy McCormick-Platz, Associate Director of the UEN, served as retreat coordinators.

The retreat was a direct outgrowth of the Brescia-UEN Conference in September 2021, which brought Ursuline educators together to craft a partnership which will build capacity for Catholic education at the high school and university levels – a partnership grounded in caritas, or love. The guiding questions for our work together are: Who are we as people who are loved and called to love? What do we need to know as people called to love? What do we need to do as people called to love? –Responding to these questions, the themes of the recent UEN student retreat were “love as an instrument in God's Providence,” “the identity of love,” and “love as endeavor.”

Caritas was the central theme of Mass, with Brescia University President Fr. Larry Hostetter presiding and music provided by Mike Bogdan, Diocesan Director of the Office of Music, and a musical ensemble. Fr. Larry spoke eloquently of the life and dignity of the human person, setting the tone for the presentations that followed. Prayer, reflection and journaling were integrated throughout the retreat.

Engaging the theme of “love as instrument,” Mary Danhauer, Kim Jones and Jessica Head gave a presentation on Water with Blessings, “a non-profit

water purification ministry devoted to bringing clean water to God's thirsty children,” founded by Ursuline sister Lorraine Lauter. The students then decorated large, plastic buckets that will be fitted with water filters and distributed to flood survivors in Eastern Kentucky, who still do not have access to clean water.

Dressed as St. Angela Merici, Brescia Director of Campus Minister, Sr. Pam Mueller, gave a heartfelt keynote address on “the identity of love,” telling the story of St. Angela's life in first person. In doing so, she drew students into St. Angela's life in a personal and endearing way. Dr. Josh Clary, Vice President for Student Life and Diversity at Marian University, then introduced the theme of “love as an endeavor” by sharing a poignant story of how tragedy humanizes us, emphasizing gratitude and love as choices we make, and engaging students in a creative follow-up activity on peacemaking. Dr. Emily DeMoor, Director of Brescia's Caritas Center, continued this theme by presenting on “Caritas and Creation,” in which she connected the teachings of St. Angela Merici and the last three Catholic popes to the moral issue of climate change. She then led them in an artistic activity through which students came to a greater understanding of how they are connected to one another, like a river, and how their actions are affected by those ‘upstream’ from them and affect those who are ‘downstream,’ in one sacred whole.

In preparation for participating in the opening of the Ursuline Sisters Convocation, students from each of the six UEN schools acknowledged their Ursuline identity by sharing a brief oral history of their schools. In doing so, they showed great pride in their schools' histories and Ursuline identity as well as their personal experiences of community, sisterhood, hospitality, belonging, service and love for the Ursuline sisters. The students then joined participants from various places around the world in a virtual convocation entitled “Challenged and Changed for Our Times,” which was the opening session of a six-week “virtual pilgrimage of encounter with Angela Merici and her Ursuline family.” The retreat participants were delighted to receive hot pink sweatshirts with their schools' names and logos interwoven within the UEN logo – a reminder that their lives are interwoven in Christ, and in the spirit of St. Angela Merici, in a larger network of love; an understanding they will bring back to their schools to enliven and enrich them.



Athletics



SENIOR PITCH

The Baseball team sends their seniors off right during their Senior Weekend vs. IUS.



SHOPPING SPREE

The Men's Basketball team are seen shopping for the Brescia student food pantry for our "Pie an RA" event on April 19th. The event allowed students to pie an RA in the quad with a minimum donation of 3 goods. Our food pantry houses not only food items, but also hygiene products such as towels, sheets, and basic undergarments.



WINNER'S SMILE

Courtney Peyton smiles at her teammates as they compete against Oakland City University on March 30th. The Brescia Women's Softball team won 5-2 in the first game, and 11-3 in the second.



MEDIA DAY

Track and Field athletes Jordyn Cardwell, Talon Hutto, and Jada Saunders pose for a picture for media day.



IT'S A TEAM THING

The Brescia Women's Golf team, led by Jason Cox, are seen at John A. Logan College in Cartersville, IL. Meredith Mayes, 4th from left, won the Individual Title.

BRESCIA ANNOUNCES MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Brescia University has announced the addition of Men's Volleyball to its Athletic Programs. This will be the only men's volleyball program in the region. The University has over 20 athletic programs, including both varsity and junior varsity levels. This new program will be coached by Jerry Forbes and will start their season in Spring 2024.

Mark Perdue, Brescia University Director of Athletics said of the new program, "Men's volleyball is a fast growing sport nationally and we at Brescia want to give athletes in Western Kentucky and Southern Indiana a choice locally to participate collegiately."

Men's volleyball is currently one of the fastest growing sports in the nation, with more universities and high schools adding the team to their programs each year. The Brescia Bearcats will join other colleges and universities such as Georgetown, Midway, and Campbellsville in offering a men's team. Currently the University is part of the River States Conference, but the men's team will be placed in the Mid-South Conference, or MSC, once associate membership has been established.

Forbes was previously the Head Women's Volleyball Coach at the University from 2012 to 2018. During his previous tenure, he led the

Brescia women's team to their first National Tournament. In 2018 Forbes became the Head Volleyball Coach at Lindsey Wilson College, leading the program to a 93-31 overall record along with three MSC Tournament Championships.

"I am humbled to be tasked with starting a new athletics program for the University," said Forbes. "I am excited for the future and to give an opportunity for men to compete in volleyball locally."

The team is currently recruiting for the 2023-2024 academic year. For more information on recruiting contact Jerry Forbes at Jerry.Forbes@brescia.edu.



ON TOP OF THE WORLD

The Brescia Cheer team competed at the WHAC Championship at Rochester University against 7 other teams. Seen at the top are Raelyn Leppert and Tierney Hemminger. (photo credit to Hanna Swanson)



I PLAYED SOCCER BEFORE I WALKED

Brescia women's soccer players Duda Feres, Jada Saunders, Jennifer Ramirez, Tara Hardin, and Kimberly Faulconer pose at the She Believes Cup for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team in Nashville on February 19th.



BASKETBALL AND BARBEQUE

The Brescia Men's Basketball team is seen at their end of year team BBQ. Pictured are Rory Watts, Daniel Rusiecki, Jeff Groves, Evan Vowels, and Calvonta Shaw.



NOTHING BUT NET

McKenzie Arline takes a shot during the Ohio Christian vs. Brescia game on January 21st.



BRESCIA WELCOMES DUAL RECRUIT

Landon Huff commits to Brescia University for the 2023-2024 school year as a dual-sport athlete. He will be playing Men's Basketball and is one of the first recruits for Men's Volleyball, coached by Jerry Forbes.



BLUE VS. YELLOW: The Women's Soccer team hosts their inter-squad spring scrimmage, where the team is split between "yellow" and "blue" teams. This scrimmage was won by the blue team, coached by Michaela Rhoads.



LEAD LIKE JACOB

Lead Like Jacob, a group dedicated to celebrating Jacob Crabtree's leadership, love, and life, is in its second year of awarding a scholarship in honor of Jacob. Working with Dinger Bats, they awarded Macy Dame, a junior at Kentucky Wesleyan College, this bat on April 28th.



BLOCKING OUT THE COMPETITION

Brescia Bearcat Men's Basketball player Micheal Caswell blocks a Middle Tennessee University player from getting the ball. Caswell averaged eight points a game last season and totaled 175 points, 24 steals, 44 rebounds and 39 assists. (photo credit to Emily Cole, MT Athletic Communications)



BEARCATS



2023 SPORTS Awards

All River States Conference Women's Soccer First Team

Maci Uffleman (Murphysboro, IL)

All River States Conference Baseball Second Team

Juan Guzman (San Jose de Guanipa, Venezuela)

All River States Conference Men's Basketball Second Team

Tay Smith (Bowling Green, KY)

All River States Conference Men's Soccer Second Team

Luis Baldivieso (Owensboro, KY)

Joao Benassi Silva (Sao Paulo, Brazil)

All River States Conference Men's Soccer Honorable Mention

Max Endres (Lebach, Germany)
Jacob Sauls (Henderson, KY)

All River States Conference Men's Golf Second Team

Aaron Munger (Madisonville, KY)

All River States Conference Women's Golf Second Team

Meredith Mayes (Central City, KY)

All River States Conference Men's Basketball Honorable Mention

Javion Johnson (Jackson, MS)

River States Conference

Colin Garrett (Madisonville, KY) – Baseball

Ethan Boutkan (Medicine Hat, Alberta) – Baseball

Josh Martini (Cincinnati, OH) – Baseball

Mikey Clements (Bardstown, KY) – Baseball

Preston Franey (Owensboro, KY) – Baseball

Shom Berry (Plainville, IN) – Baseball

Tommy Clark (Owensboro, KY) – Baseball

Daniel Rusiecki (Saint Petersburg, FL) – Men's Basketball

Evan Vowels (Bowling Green, KY) – Men's Basketball

Nolan Nofsinger (Central City, KY) – Men's Golf

James Barrow (Elizabethtown, KY) – Men's Cross Country

Will Binkley (Hopkinsville, KY) – Men's Golf

Luis Baldivieso (Owensboro, KY) – Men's Soccer

Javier Alonso Lopez (La Coruna, Spain) – Men's Soccer

Max Endres (Lebach, Germany) – Men's Soccer

Gabriel Human (San Antonio, TX) – Men's Soccer

Paige Vanzant (Russellville, KY) – Women's Basketball

Elisabeth Joines (Greenville, KY) – Women's Basketball

Lindsey Peyton (Madisonville, KY) – Women's Basketball

Carmela Shorkey (Macomb, MI) – Women's Cross Country

River States Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week

Tay Smith
(Bowling Green, KY) – January 2-8, 2023

River States Conference Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week

Luis Baldivieso (Owensboro, KY) – October 17-23, 2022

All River States Conference Women's Soccer Honorable Mention

Geneva Hann
(South Beloit, IL)

All River States Conference Softball Honorable Mention

Lindsey Peyton
(Hanson, KY)

River States Conference Champions of Character

Juan Guzman
(San Jose de Guanipa, Venezuela) – Baseball

Micheal Caswell
(Jacksonville, FL) –Basketball

Brody Kurz
(Owensboro, KY) – Men's Cross Country

Aaron Munger
(Madisonville, KY) –Men's Golf

Jacob Sauls
(Henderson, KY) – Men's Soccer

Jessee Wood
(Sacramento, KY) – Men's Track and Field

Gerrick Sheffer
(Morganfield, KY) –Men's Track and Field

Paige Vanzant
(Russellville, KY) –Women's Basketball

Carmela Shorkey
(Macomb, MI) –Women's Cross Country

Laurel Hotchkiss
(Fishers, IN) –Women's Golf

Morgan Green
(Henderson, KY) – Women's Soccer

Hannah Hailey
(Hartsville, TN) –Softball

Shealyn Riggs
(Fort Branch, IN) – Volleyball

Jada Saunders
(Louisville, KY) – Women's Track and Field

Marquia White
(Warner Robins, GA) – Women's Track and Field

River States Conference Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week

Jacob Sauls (Henderson, KY) – October 17-23, 2022

Victor Protet (Macon, France) – September 12-18, 2022

River States Conference Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week

Maci Uffleman (Murphysboro, IL) – September 12-18, 2022

River States Conference Women's Track Athlete of the Week

Breanna Alderton (Owensboro, KY) – March 20-26, 2023

River States Conference Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week

Breanna Alderton (Owensboro, KY) – October 3-9, 2022

Conference Scholar Athletes

Jessica Bickett
(Shepherdsville, KY) – Women's Cross Country

Abigail Burgett
(Dawson Springs, KY) – Women's Cross Country

Morgan Curry
(Hawesville, KY) – Women's Cross Country

Abagale Huelsman
(Fort Branch, IN) – Women's Cross Country

Breanna Alderton
(Owensboro, KY) – Women's Cross Country

Laurel Hotchkiss
(Fishers, IN) – Women's Golf

Maci Uffleman
(Murphysboro, IL) – Women's Soccer

Morgan Green
(Henderson, KY) – Women's Soccer

Maria Eduarda Feres
(Curitiba, Brazil) – Women's Soccer

Ashby Greenwell
(Henderson, KY) – Women's Soccer

Isabella McChesney
(Henderson, KY) – Women's Soccer

Michaela Rhoads
(Chillicothe, OH) – Women's Soccer

Mercedes Santos Tellez
(Louisville, KY) – Women's Soccer

Ashley Taylor
(Independence, KY) – Women's Soccer

Lindsey Peyton
(Hanson, KY) – Softball

Hannah Hailey
(Hartsville, TN) – Softball

Courtney Peyton
(Hanson, KY) – Softball

Kaylyn Sowders
(Owensboro, KY) – Softball

Keely Eans
(Owensboro, KY) – Softball

Raini Gerometta
(Westmoreland, TN) – Softball

Navaeh DeArmond
(Russellville, KY) – Volleyball

Katie Fitzgerald
(Auburn, KY) – Volleyball

Joie Porter
(Madisonville, KY) – Volleyball

Sydney Stevens
(Louisville, KY) – Volleyball

Hannah Beitler
(Fort Wayne, IN) – Volleyball

Class Notes



PREYE AGBANA '17

Graduated from University of Kentucky with Ph.D in Pharmaceutical Sciences, began work for Eli Lilly and Co. working on bio-products research and development.

KARYSSA CREAGER '19

Graduated from University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work with her MSSW.



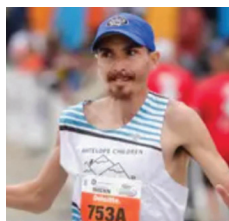
TAVON JOHNSON '18

Named Head Boys Basketball Coach at Central Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, KY.



ANDREW SELF '08

Named Principal at Newton Parrish Elementary School in Owensboro, KY.



ANTONIO MARCHI '17

Overall Male Winner of the Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon with a time of 2:24:21.

FATHER JAMIE DENNIS '09

Celebrated seven years of Ordination and was named Parish Administrator for St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho, KY.



COURTNEY KLUPEL '20

Graduated from the University of Evansville with her Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree.

TYLER CUNNINGHAM '20

Graduated from Christian Brothers University with a Masters of Physician Assistant Studies.



JEANNA JAMES '20

Graduated with her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School, was awarded Notre Dame's Thomas L. Shaffer Fellowship where she will work in Central Kentucky addressing housing stability and criminal records relief with Legal Aid of the Bluegrass.

SARAH POOLE '09

Named Head Girls Soccer Coach at Owensboro High School.

SAGAN STORM '11

Elected to second term as President of the Brescia University Alumni Association.



KELSEY COSGROVE '15

Named Athletic Director at Amplus Academy in Las Vegas, NV.

KRISTIN MILLER '13

Named Principal at Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus.

Connecting with our alumni and local communities in a new way: The Bearcat Breakfast Club. Alumni and prospective students were invited to join us at coffee shops and bakeries in Paducah (Pipers Tea and Coffee), Owensboro (Gramps Donuts and Coffee and alumni-owned Niko's Bakery and Café), and Louisville (Heine Bros. Coffee). The attendance was great, the conversations were great, and the coffee was great! The donuts, cronuts, and pastries weren't too bad either! We hope to see you this Fall as we continue the Bearcat Breakfast Club. Keep an eye out for an invite to a meeting near you.



WHAT'S NEW IN THE FR. ALVEY LIBRARY

By: Sarah Cox, MLIS Public Services Manager

During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Fr. Leonard Alvey Library hosted a variety of events and started a few new traditions!

One such event was a visit from the Finals Fairy during the Fall 2022 finals week. The Finals Fairy hid prizes around the library throughout finals week to encourage study breaks that got students up and walking around. While there were many different prizes, the grand prize was a hidden gift card that was slowly revealed through hints posted on the library's social media channels. Congratulations to students Brie Gaddis and Charly Hayden for finding the gift card and a special "thank you" to Laura Jones for designing our finals fairy mascot. In

celebration of National Library Week during April, faculty, staff, and students were invited to stop by the library, pose for a photo, and talk about their library experience to be submitted into a gift card drawing. Congrats to Tammy Keller for being the lucky winner!

Students in David Stratton's Art Appreciation class could be seen searching through the library attempting to solve escape room boxes that were the result of a collaborative project between the library staff and art department. Participants were led through a series of challenges that put them into contact with relevant art library resources to solve

the boxes. The Fr. Leonard Alvey Library also provided students, faculty, and staff with an in person and virtual spring workshop series dedicated to various library resources and databases. The library also invited faculty members to a pizza party to discuss library usage and ways to further connect students with library resources. Staff met with two different divisions and were able to discuss library engagement and ideas to further connect with students in the classroom.

If you visit the main floor of the library and go into the Elieen & Robert McDowell reading room, you may notice a few things are different this year such as the table dedicated to the "stress-free zone" puzzle

or the large bean bags for studying and relaxing. If you are feeling competitive, you can challenge your friends to a checkers match on our 8ft-by-8ft checkerboard. The library has also been encouraging student interactions by posting fun questions and polls on one of the portable white boards.

In response to student feedback about the library, the staff will be researching ways to add and update new study areas for individuals and groups. If you would like to keep up with the library and our progress, be sure to follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram at @bresciauniversitylibrary or stop by for a visit in person.



The grand prize has been found! Congrats to Brie and Charly for finding the gift card!



A special thank you to Laura for designing our finals fairy!

Faculty & Staff

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

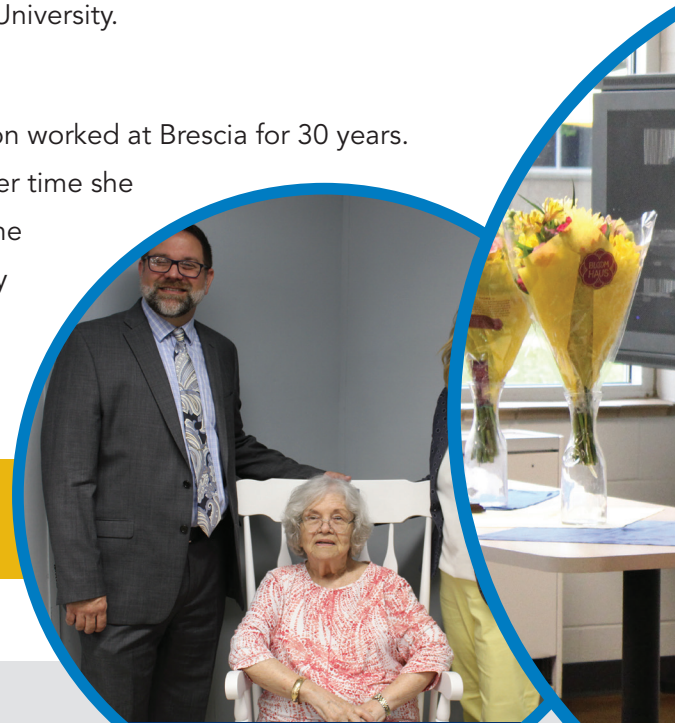
Brescia University retired two prolific professors this academic year. Dr. Ellen Dugan-Barrette and Dr. Nancy Keeton will be ending their tenure at the University after a combined 75 years. Dr. Dugan-Barrette was Professor of English, while Dr. Keeton taught in the Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work.

Dr. Dugan-Barrette worked at the University for 45 years, and helped hundreds of students graduate. She started at the University in 1979 as a part-time Instructor of English, before becoming an Assistant Professor of English in 1980. In 1999, Dr. Dugan-Barrette became the Chair of the Humanities Division for the University until her retirement. She said one of her greatest accomplishments was seeing students leave Brescia and have great successes in life and career. Over the course of her career, she taught courses such as Intro to

Literature, Advanced Grammar and Editing, and Intro to Poetry.

Dr. Dugan-Barrette also served the Daviess County Community, serving on the Daviess County Public Library Board while the Frederica Street location was being built. She has also served on the Board of Directors for the Audubon Area Community Services. In the Summer of 2019 she attended the Council of Independent Colleges Seminar on the Ancient Greek Hero, which was sponsored by Harvard University.

Dr. Keeton worked at Brescia for 30 years. During her time she helped the University move to



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offering online courses, writing and teaching social work classes in 2004, helping to create what is now BUonline. When she started at the University in 1993, she was the Director of Field and Faculty and Assistant Professor of Social Work. Dr. Keeton taught courses such as Social Work and Aging, Social Welfare Policy, and Intro to Social Work.

Dr. Keeton helped initiate OASIS Shelter's programming for women, which included substance abuse treatment in shelters with their children. She also worked at River Valley Behavioral Health for 20 years as a Consultant in Clinical Programs. In honor of her time spent at River Valley and Brescia University, a rocking chair was dedicated in her honor at the Amythest Center on May 9th.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM

FACULTY & STAFF NEW HIRES

Kenneth W. Barrese;
Assistant Professor of
Mathematics

Madison Ralph;
Assistant Women's
Volleyball Coach

Diana G. Hunter; Head
Tennis Coach

Keasha Phillips;
Assistant Golf Coach

Mallory Toler; Assistant
Coach Cross Country
Coach

William King; Assistant
Tennis Coach

Natalie Pfeifer; Spirit
Shop Manager

Melissa Scuderi;
Director of Residence
Life

Peggy Howe;
Housekeeping

Malcolm Webb;
Assistant Professor of
Education

Brian Felker; Director of
Instructional Technology

Elizabeth
Gramelspacher; Director
of Career Services

Charles Jones;
Housekeeping

Mark Perdue; Athletic
Director

Brandon Fisher; Head
Women's Basketball
Coach

Jerry Forbes; Head
eSports Coach and
Head Men's Volleyball
Coach

Shea Sarno; BUonline
Administrative
Coordinator

Trina Riney; Assistant
Women's Basketball
Coach

Joseph Mckearin;
BUonline Recruitment
Coordinator

Emm Derry; Head
Women's Volleyball
Coach

Lori Etheridge; Vice
President of the Office
of Student Affairs/Dean
of Students

Emily Fabrizio;
Admissions Counselor

Aaron Lee; Assistant
Cross Country Coach



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Faculty & Staff NEWS

Sr. Helena Fischer, registrar, received recognition for her 35 years of service at Brescia University in August.

Dr. Julie Johnson, Associate Professor of Management, received the 2022 STAR Award for her outstanding work and maintaining the Brescia Difference.

Jason Cox, Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach, took over hosting duties for Golfing the Tri-State in August. During an episode two Bearcats, Nolan Nofsigner and Matthew Godsey competed at The Pearl Club.

Dr. Emily DeMoor, Director of the Caritas Center, reviewed the book God's Good Earth: Praise and

Prayer for Creation for Emmanuel Magazine in the September/October 2022 edition.

David Stratton, Professor of Art, was a competition juror for the 14th annual Bowling Green Artist Competition ran by the Artworks Gallery in September.

Lori Etheridge, Vice President of the Office of Student Affairs/Dean of Students, received her Doctorate.

Amanda Morris, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean, received her Doctorate.

Todd Palmer, Director of the Bachelor of Social Work program, received his Doctorate.



A TOAST FROM *Julie & Chris Ford*

During this year's Society of the Arch dinner, Society of the Arch members Chris and Julie Ford gave a toast to the celebrate the evening. Through the generosity of Brescia's donors, our students are able to have a well-rounded education, rooted in Caritas - Christ's call for us to love on another as he has loved us.

"Hello. We are Julie and Chris Ford, and we are honored to be here tonight. We are both proud 1997 graduates of Brescia University, Brescia College at that time, where we met on the first day of our freshman year on campus, at the swing in the quad. Yes, we are one of those couples.

"Brescia is not just a place where we learned and grew, but also a community that welcomed us, supported us, and inspired us. Brescia is so much more than just a place to earn a degree. It is a place for young adults to learn how to be adults, a place that fosters community, a place where friends and family are made.

"We are grateful for everything that Brescia has done for us, and that is why we have been members of the Society of the Arch for nearly 10 years now. We want to give back to and help Brescia continue its mission of providing quality education in the Catholic tradition.

"We are not alone in this endeavor, as we are joined by all of you. We thank you for your commitment and your generosity. Your giving makes a difference in the future of Brescia by impacting the lives of the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Brescia.

"So, let us raise our glasses and toast to Brescia University, to the Society of the Arch, and to each other. Cheers! "



SOA LIST

Beacon

Joseph '74 and Jeanne Moore
Ronald and Catherine Tisch

Tower

Diocese of Owensboro
Charlie '62 and Linda Kamuf
Vicki Duffy '67 Roberts

Arch

John and Helen Cornell
Marguerite Harper
Owensboro Grain Company, a
Cargill Company

Stellar

Robert and Della Best
Boardwalk Pipelines Partners, LP
Sister Vivian Bowles '69
Taylor and Mary Cox
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Greenwell-Chisholm Printing Co.
Richard '86 and Kim Higdon
Michael Horn
Independence Bank
David McJoynt
Dale '73 Smith and Kathy
Speevack
Specialty Foods Group, Inc.

Keystone

Association of Catholic Colleges
and Universities
Jamie '86 and Ann-Renee
Hoeffken '92 Buskill
Don Moore GM Center
Denzil '67 and Sharon Edge
Jean Felix V
The Field-Weller Endowment
Fund
Richard and Susanne Wright '79
Harris
William '90 and Lisa Atwood '90
Hawley
Reverend Laurence Hostetter
Dan and Kathy Medley
John and Julie Moore
Sister Elizabeth Moyer '74
Joseph '72 and Katherine Smith
Glenn '90 and Mary Evans '68
Snyder
Ernest '70 and Shirley Osborne
'74 Taliaferro

Banner

Betty Allard
Atmos Energy Corporation
Rusty and Kate Burton
Kevin '86 and Deborah Carrico
Patrick '92 and Carolyn Cason
Joseph '70 and Gloria Janiak '65
Cecil
Larry '83 and Rosemary Conder
Christopher '97 and Julie Howard
'97 Ford
Dr. Cynthia Getz V
Kenneth Gibson '67 and Jackie
Snyder
Elaine Grant
Michael '70 and Michelle Hagan
Dean and Tina Jones
Alex '02 and Suzanne Mattingly
Robert '89 and April Mitchell
Larry '70 and Connie O'Bryan
Owensboro Municipal Utilities
David and Vicki Frey Thompson
Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint
Joseph
Gary and Linda '11 Wahl
James '02 and Dixie Weafer
Russ Wilkey

Foundation

Advanced Investment
Management
Evelyn Kennedy Ambrose '84
Phoebe Athey
Margaret Backer '61
Baird Private Wealth Management
Noel and Theresa Ballard
Francis '72 and Peggy Ballard
Bert Barker '81
Jeffrey and Jacque Barnette
Harry '67 and Margaret Bellew
James '66 and Elizabeth Coker
'68 Bellew
Mary Bryan Booth
Nicholas and Candance Castlen
'93 Brake
Gary and Virginia Braswell
Mary Ann Bratton
Robert '73 and Helen Brewster
Marshall '66 Jones and Cynthia
Brinker
Richard '72 and Patricia Brown
Lark '69 and Sharon Thompson
'70 Buckman
Dale '84 and Lisa Cecil
Bong Chul '72 and Hyun Jung
Cha

Chick-Fil-A

Tony and Carolyn Clark
Joshua '06 and Stephanie Quarles
'06 Clary
Noel and Brenda Clayton
Charles E. Cobb
Commonwealth Rolled Products
Dennis and Monica Thomas '73
Connelly
Kevin '76 V and Phyllis Connelly
Jason Cox '97 and Tracy Naylor
'01
Icces and Devonna Crocker
Simeon '77 and Wilma Davies
Jake Davis '12
Disaster Team/Building by Wayne
Baker
Siebrand and Wanda Dooper
Samuel '69 and Kathleen Kerr '70
DunLany
Ebelhar Whitehead, PLLC
Regina Emmick
Demontae Foots '05
Neel and Sarah Ford
Margaret G. Frey
Buddy '73 and Kae Fuqua
Steve and Peggy Gardner
Gates F. Young Trust
Glenn Funeral Home, Inc.
Christopher '02 and Amanda
Noble '04 Graff
Carl '73 and Molly O'Harrow '75
Greenwell
J.C. Hagan '68
Dan and Sally Ryan '90 Halbig
King and Doreen Harney
Hartz Contracting Co.
David '68 and Paula Hayden
John Hein
Darrell and Denise Higginbotham
Edward '74 and Karen Hagan '81
Hodskins
Carroll Howard '55
Keith and Marcia Howard
Melvin '71 and Beverly Clemons
'71 Howard
Ryan Howard '06
Robert '62 and Patsy Hudson
Christopher and Denise Warren
'05 Jarboe
Nancy Keeton '72
Joseph and Jo Ann Kiefer
Rod and Lois Kuegel
Michael '64 and Gloria
Lindemann
Michael '74 and Jan Martin

Alfred '69 and Judy Mattingly
Jesse '75 and Nora Davidson '81
Mattingly
Roger and Karen Hancock '79
McAlister
William '83 and Lorraine
McFarland
Richard '76 McGrail and
Catherine '81 Steed
David '57 and Janet Williams '63
Medley
Most Reverend William Medley
Richard and Jane Mehling
Gregory '72 and Patricia
Biscopink '73 Merimee
Rauf and Naheed Murtaza
Andrew and Jean Calhoun '10
Owen
Tara Henderson '74 Parker
Darrell and Mary Payne
Lisa Prendergast '77
Public Life Foundation of
Owensboro, Inc.
Bill '80 and Kathryn Coffey '93
Raymer
Chris and Sarah O'Reilly '03 Rebar
Audry '83 and Ada Rhodes
Gary and Patricia Satterwhite
Michael '75 and Janice Scherm
Mary Catherine Schueler
Kevin and Rebecca Blandford '05
Schwartz
Reverend Anthony Shonis '76
Ryan '00 and Jessie Smith
Southern Tank & Manufacturing
Inc.
Deron and Sagan Storm
Leroy and Sandra Stratton
Ronald Sullivan
Swedish Match North America
John '75 and Cathy Vinson
David Waldeck '02
Isaac and Sydney Warren
Paul Warren
Mary Alice Wethington '82
John and Roberta Weber '69
White
Mack and Suzanne Cecil '02
White
Lyndal and Rebecca Whitehead
Carrie Wieder '72
Pat and Hope Yager
Mark '71 and Donna Yehling
Bruce and Joyce Bittel '69 Yeiser
William and Karen Young

FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION



On January 24th, 2023, Brescia University held its Founder's Day Winter Convocation. With this came the awarding of the Spirit of St. Angela award. This prestige is given to students who best encompass the true spirit of St. Angela and showcase the Brescia Difference.

Juan Tavera Moreno, senior, and Aubrey Jones, '23 graduate, were this year's recipients of the Spirit of St. Angela award. Moreno is from Bogota, Columbia and double majors in Political Science and Business. He admits in his first year, he was very shy and had difficulties with the language, however since coming to Brescia he has developed close relationships with his peers that have helped him gain his confidence. He has become a mentor to not only his teammates on the tennis team, but his classmates as well. He also serves on several organizations in Bogota, Columbia to provide more effective healthcare and to be a strong presence for impoverished children. He extends the joys of tennis to children in Columbia that have terminal illnesses, and mentions how much he enjoys spending time with them and seeing their confidence grow.

Jones is from Harrodsburg, KY and graduated with a B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Summa Cum Laude). Jones is also a mentor, and has been a student ambassador, orientation leader, and peer educator for Brescia's FYE (First Year Experience) during her time on campus as well. She credits her time at Brescia for introducing her to servant leadership, now knowing of a way to lead that included the love of Christ. Jones states, "I consider myself to be a natural leader, so I was willing to take leadership positions throughout my entire time at Brescia, and it was my favorite part of being a student." She continues, "As soccer captain, I made sure we prayed as a team before all of our games. As an orientation leader and peer educator, I made it known that I was more than happy to help my freshman find ways to stay involved in their faith if they wanted my help."

Along with Juan Tavera Moreno and Aubrey Jones, the following student leaders were recognized for all their hard work:

Sydney Stevens
Student Government Association

Lizabeth Schmits
Student Activities Program Board

Abi Burgett
Women's Track & Field

Jessee Wood
Men's Track & Field

Madison Dunaway
Student Ambassador

Maria Duda Feres
Women's Soccer

Jacob Sauls
Men's Soccer

Deimante Krivickaite
UCTL Tutor

Mason Thompson
Psychology Club

Abbye Huelsman
Women's Cross Country

James Barrow
Men's Cross Country

Maritza Gonzalez Agosto
Phi Alpha Honor Society

Raelyn Leppert
Project Holding Hope

Jax Matthews
Music Club

Elisabeth Joines
Women's Basketball

Carrieun Mathis
Men's Basketball

Amber Payne
Brescia Students for Life

Emilee Clark
Women's Golf

Aaron Munger
Men's Golf

Kenzie Severs
Kentucky Education Association

Emilyann Petri
Brescia Cheer & Dance

Kaylyn Sowders
Softball

Nevaeh DeArmond
Volleyball

Shom Berry
Orientation Leader

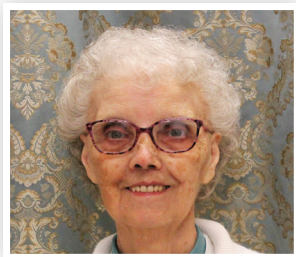
Aubrey Jones
Peer Educator

Bailey Stricklin
Resident Assistant

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TEN URSULINES WITH TIES TO BRESCIA CELEBRATE JUBILEES

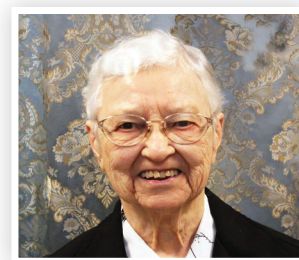
Ten Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph who graduated from Brescia – which includes four who served at the college – are among 13 Sisters celebrating anniversaries of religious profession in 2023.



Sister Paul Marie Greenwell, a native of New Haven, Ky., is celebrating 70 years.



Sister Naomi Aull, a native of Knottsville, Ky., is celebrating 80 years.



Sister Marie Bosco Wathen, a native of the Marion County town of St. Joseph, Ky., is celebrating 80 years.

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Sister Patricia Rhoten, a native of Palmyra, Neb., is celebrating 60 years.



Sister Mary Celine Weidenbenner, a native of Glennonville, Mo., is celebrating 60 years.



Sister Margaret Ann Aull, a native of St. Lawrence, Ky., is celebrating 70 years.



Sister Jacinta Powers, a native of Curdsville, Ky., is celebrating 50 years.



Sister Clarita Browning, is celebrating her 75th year of religious life.



Sister Mary Gerald Payne, a native of Knottsville, Ky., is celebrating 70 years.



Sister Catherine Therese Barber, a native of Springfield, Ky., is celebrating 70 years.

...e congratulations may be sent to 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

...ine Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph currently minister throughout Kentucky and in Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Tennessee; and in Washington, D.C., and Chile, South America.

Workforce Development Initiative

Brescia University announced a Workforce Development Initiative that will help businesses provide their employees skills in critical thinking, communication, and life-long learning. Currently the University is offering highly customizable 10-week courses, with flexible hours of synchronous, virtual instructor-guided student work, ranging from 60 minutes to 3 hours. Course prices are flexible and affordable.

Focused on critical thinking, effective communication, and information literacy, Brescia's program pushes forward employee skills vital to running a successful organization in the framework of holistic, student-centered learning. Employees who strengthen these skills are able to make decisions quickly, share creative yet practical ideas in a team setting, advance as effective leaders, and

benefit their place of business through their own continuous development.

Dr. Anna Kuthy, Ursuline Center for Teaching and Learning Director and Project Coordinator, said of the initiative, "We all play vital roles in our communities, the immediate and the broader ones. And we all are responsible for the wellbeing of those communities." Dr. Kuthy continues, "Courses such as these help to develop critical thinking which is necessary to see where one fits in life, where one wants to go in life, what one is all about in their existence. On the professional side, almost all, if not all employers, want their teams to solve problems or puzzles of sorts. You cannot do that without solid critical thinking skills. As a supervisor or an employee, you must have solid critical thinking skills to be effective in your job."

Brescia faculty design

programs which address the needs identified by the organization. Brescia works in collaboration with company leadership to offer a teaching and learning environment fit to the culture of the organization, and focused on the particular needs and characteristics of its employees. In preparation for success in an ever-changing environment, employees learn how to adapt, adjust, and solve complex problems in the commitment to life-long learning. This active learning program is delivered virtually, with extensive synchronous learning opportunities to actively learn with and from their coworkers and Brescia faculty.

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BRESCIA UNIVERSITY WELCOMES VISITING PROFESSOR



Brescia University welcomed visiting professor from the Czech Republic, Dr. Michal Opatrný, to study the Brescia University Caritas Center, the Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work, and the University's integration of caritas theory. Opatrný will be at the University until May 14th.

Dr. Michal Opatrný is the Vice-Dean for Research and Strategic Development, Head of the Department of Social Work and Caritas Theory, and Associate Professor for Pastoral Theology, Social Work and Caritas Studies in the Faculty of Theology at the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czech Republic.

A permanent deacon of the Catholic Church, he earned a doctorate from the Catholic Private University Linz in Austria and is a recipient of a Humboldt Research Fellowship in Germany. Dr. Opatrný's research is oriented to the transdisciplinary issues in social work, including the interaction of theology and social sciences.

Dr. Elaine Wright, Associate Professor of Social Work, said of this visit, "Dr. Opatrný's visit has been a wonderful opportunity for our campus and community to engage with an international scholar to learn more about social work and social services in the Czech Republic." She continued

on with, "considering the current political challenges in Europe and war in Ukraine, his visit has helped bring a richer context and meaning to their realities and what our countries can learn from each other. It was powerful to see the impact he had on my graduate students when describing the experiences of Czech social workers responding to the needs of Ukrainian refugees."

During his time in Daviess County Opatrný has served as deacon at St. Anthony's parish mass, met with Bishop Medley, toured Catholic Charities and St. Joseph Peace Mission, and visited local attractions such as Green River Distillery.

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BEARCAT GOLF SCRAMBLE
PRESENTED BY BAIRD: THE O'BRYAN, HAWLEY, CLEMENS, MARSHALL, SCHMIDT GROUP
8:00 AM TEE TIME, BEN HAWES GOLF COURSE, OWENSBORO, KY

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LIVE MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, AND STATIONS HOSTED BY BRESCIA FACULTY AND STUDENTS! CLASS OF 1973 REUNION.



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9 PM, TAYLOR LECTURE HALL



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HOMECOMING MASS
10 AM, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHAPEL

HOMECOMING BRUNCH
11 AM, O'BRYAN'S DINING HALL FOLLOWING MASS.



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