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The new C.E. Field Center for Professional Studies (above) and the newly announced residence hall (below) are both designed in a manner architecturally consistent with the recently renovated Moore Center, all keeping Brescia's Italian roots close to home.

The Campaign CONTINUES

The new residence hall will be located between the newly named Roy and Victoria Duffy Roberts Center for the Sciences and the School of Business buildings where three bungalow houses once stood.



Gaddis Excavation and Acme Plumbing have been hard at work preparing the site for the start of construction which is scheduled to begin in late January 2019.



One year after the opening of the Moore Center, construction continues on both the north and south ends of campus. In addition to the C.E. Field Center for Professional Studies located at the corner of 9th and Frederica Streets, construction of a new 38-bed residence hall on St. Ann Street has also commenced. The expansion of the second phase of construction in "The Campaign for Brescia University: Gateway to Our Second Century" is a direct result of the growth the University has experienced. This fall, Brescia University welcomed 231 first-time full-time freshmen, the largest such cohort in university history. The total number of new students to Brescia University, including transfer students and BUonline, topped 350.

The new 2-story residence hall will feature an open concept great room area featuring a full kitchen, large island and multiple seating areas. The bedrooms will be two-bed spaces joined by jack-and-jill baths. The highlight of the design is the large covered front porch and 2nd floor balcony. The hall will house 38 students. The expansion was approved by the Board of Trustees this summer, and the new building, designed in a similar architectural style as the newly renovated Moore Center, will be located on St. Ann Street.

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“The new residence hall will be a welcome addition to our growing campus. It will create additional housing opportunities for our students to more easily embrace all that Brescia University has to offer,” stated Isaac Duncan, Assistant Dean of Students for Residence Life.

The estimated cost of the new residence hall is \$2 million and is scheduled to be complete in July 2019. Construction will take place simultaneously with the construction of the C.E. Field Center for Professional Studies, a \$9 million project which is scheduled to open in early 2020. They will house a 150 seat auditorium, the University’s art gallery, a small chapel area, a digital studio for innovative learning, computer labs, and seminar rooms. To date, over \$13.6 million has been raised to support the construction projects. Both buildings are part of Brescia University’s Master Plan and are intended maintain a student-centered environment that offers a high-quality, transformational

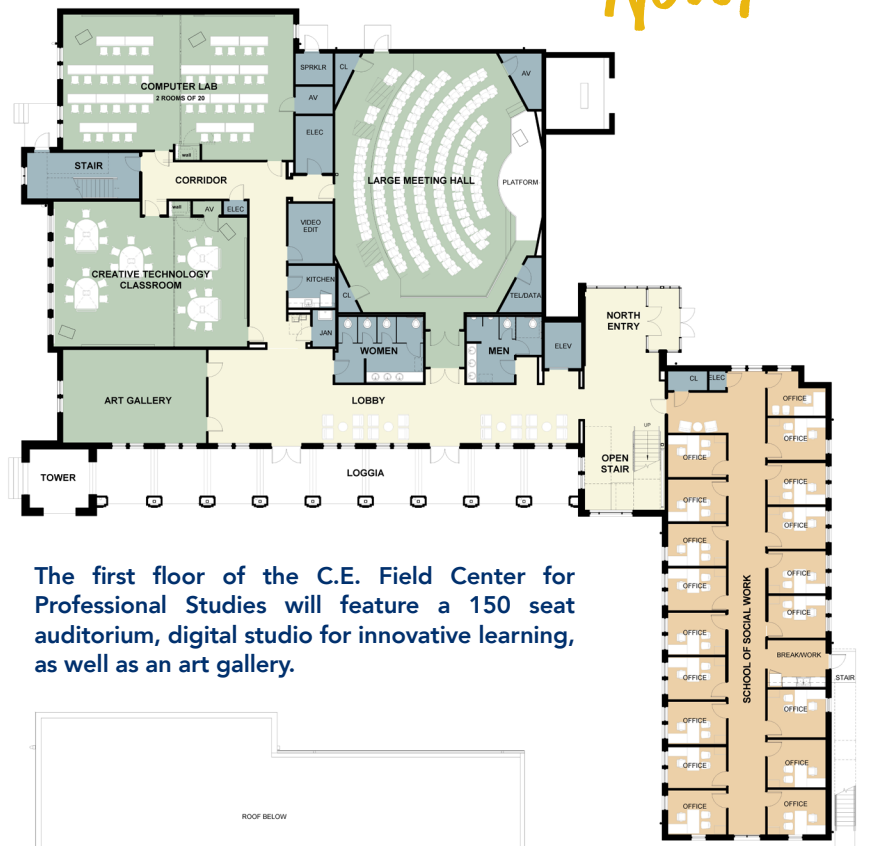
education experience and remain competitive in an every changing higher education landscape.

“The Campaign for Brescia University: Gateway to our Second Century” was launched in 2014 and is the first of a multi-phase initiative identified in the University’s Master Plan. The plan reflects the University’s goals to maintain a student-centered environment that offers a high-quality, transformational education experience and to remain competitive in an ever changing higher education landscape. Brescia University has raised over \$13.6 million in support of the construction projects with hopes of reaching a revised anticipated goal of \$15 million.

If you are interested in contributing to the Campaign or becoming involved in another way, please contact the Institutional Advancement office at 270.686.2101 or 2ndcentury@brescia.edu.



There will be ample living space, as well as 2 large kitchens, will be available so students will feel at home



The first floor of the C.E. Field Center for Professional Studies will feature a 150 seat auditorium, digital studio for innovative learning, as well as an art gallery.



The second and third floors of the C.E. Field Center for Professional Studies will have a number of classrooms and a balcony on the second floor.



The building that formerly housed Blossom's Boutique was torn down in June to make way for construction, but the former Shoe Garden will remain a part of campus.



In July, ninety six 50+ footers were poured as part of the foundation for the 3-story C.E. Field Center.



The first piece of steel was raised on December 11th.



Class of 2020 IS MAKING HISTORY

At the beginning of the fall semester Brescia University welcomed 231 First-time Full-time Freshman! This is the largest enrollment in history with the previous record being 199 in the fall of 1977. This large freshman class came at the perfect time as the new dorms on St. Ann are being built. The new dorms

experiences as special as welcoming this record setting freshman class to Brescia University. I am so proud of all the hard work put forth by so many people across our campus community that have made this historic achievement possible,” said Chris Houk, Vice President for Enrollment Management. “This growth is directly attributable to the hard work and dedication of the members of our entire campus community who model the Brescia Difference in their daily service.”

“Brescia is no longer the best keep secret in Western KY,” said Fr. Larry Hostetter, President. “Congratulations and gratitude to all of our faculty and staff for creating a quality educational environment. In a special way I want to thank all those involved with the recruitment of our students. We are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our students, this community and beyond. I think this record number of students in the freshman class shows that people want to be part of what is taking place on this campus.”

The amount of students also increased which required a move into several rental properties adjacent to campus and bringing the total resident population to 323.

With all the growth Brescia is currently experiencing it is a wonderful time to be a Bearcat!



will be open in time for the students return in the fall. This new freshman class is not the only exciting news, the total number of new students that enrolled at Brescia for the fall 2018 semester was over 350. The current headcount of students is 1,037, marking the 5th consecutive year that the fall enrollment surpassed the 1,000 student mark. “As a 21-year enrollment professional, there have been few



During orientation, new freshmen are divided into groups for icebreakers, activities, workshops, testing, service projects and more in an effort to make the transition to college as seamless as possible.

Homecoming 2018

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE BRESCIA BEARCAT

In 1968, a group of students took to the basketball court, representing Brescia University in some of the first organized games. However, they were missing an official name. Eventually, the group of students decided they would play as the "Brescia Bearcats," and it stuck. Fifty years later, there are thousands of Brescia Bearcats around the globe, making a difference in the lives of those around them. And each year, we welcome even more Brescia Bearcats to campus as they claim their spot in Brescia's history.



Kayode Daboiku of Cincinnati, OH and Sierra Tomblin of Orlinda, TN were crowned the 2018 Homecoming King and Queen. Both are juniors at Brescia. Sierra, a psychology major, is member of the Brescia Bearcat Women's Soccer team, the secretary for Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a student ambassador. Kayode, a business major, is a member of the Brescia Bearcat Men's Basketball team, a River States Conference male student-athlete council member, and a student ambassador.

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During the annual alumni luncheon Sally Halbig '90 was awarded The Fr. Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame Award and Nathan Held '03 received the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Both are pictured with Grant Collins '14, Outgoing President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and Jake Davis '12, Director of Alumni and Donor Relations.





Bearcats new and old gathered in the Moore Center gym to take a group photo.



Due to rain chariot races looked a little different this year. Students and alums competed against each other in a number of different indoor activities. Left: Grant Collins '14, Lark Buckman '69, Kevin Booth '08. Middle: Students and Jake Davis '12. Right: Jim Demaio '95



Bob Brewster (Class of 1973), Carmina Rodriguez-Villa (Class of 1971), and J.R. Greulich (Class of 1998) pictured here with President, Father Larry Hostetter, were honored as the 2018 Distinguished Alumni at the annual banquet Friday evening.



Brescia University faculty, staff, and students participated in Spirit Week.



The "Return to the Arch" Alumni Speaker series brought back Adria Nassim '10. Adria gave a talk titled "My Able Life" about living with autism, learning disabilities, and other disabilities including cerebral palsy.



Bernetia Curry Akin, class photo from 1968.

BY: BERNETIA CURRY AKIN

CIRCLING BACK

A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE 50TH REUNION OF THE BRESCIA CLASS OF '68

It's probably safe to say that most of the approximately 120 individuals who graduated from what was then called Brescia College in the spring of 1968, left the Owensboro, Kentucky, campus with mixed feelings.

Of course, we had the grand hopes for the future that naiveté and a hard-earned diploma can bestow. But for many there was also a sense of regret, the knowledge that we were leaving a lot of good friends and a lot of good times behind and a premonition that we would never again have quite as much fun.

It was surely the latter sensation that made so many of us respond positively when a voice from the past – also, unmistakably from New Jersey – called our far-flung individual domiciles and posed the prospect of a reunion during the 2018 Homecoming, formerly known as “Family Weekend.”

Tom Dreyer not only got the ball rolling, he pushed and guided it for a year until more than 70 people, including a few from other '60s and early '70s classes, made their way to Frederica Street for that September weekend. (Attendees included 14 married couples who had met and dated at Brescia and are still together decades later, which itself may be some sort of record.)

Each of us arrived via a different route, even those of us who traveled together, and you can cover a lot of ground in 50 years. I started out as a teacher but moved from the classroom to the newsroom and then to the office of an international foundation; my Brescia-mate husband, Mic Akin, went from social work to hotel management and on to directing a charity.

At the reunion, we learned a little about some of our classmates' journeys. Some had gone to graduate school before starting careers. Some entered military service during the Viet Nam War. Many became educators. Some went into politics, or business, or the legal or health professions. One went into business and took over the family farm. At least one lived and worked a stint in Saudi Arabia. Indeed, some had traveled extensively. And many had lived most of their lives in Kentucky or neighboring states.

What we held in common was a good liberal arts education that served as a solid foundation on which to build a fulfilling life. That, and a lot of fond memories of Brescia. We spent the weekend sharing those.

Initial encounters leaned toward the tentative:

“Liz Coker?? Excuse me, but are you Liz Coker? I mean Liz Bellew?”

“Is that, um, Patsy and Terry?”

“Are you all here for the Brescia reunion?”

“Sorry, I don't recognize you.”

Only rarely was it “You look just the same! I knew it was you.”

Yet it generally took less than a minute of conversation for the years to fade away and for a face to become familiar again. “Ah! There you are,” I thought again and again, each time hoping that my old collegemate was experiencing the same kindness of memory toward me.

The weekend was packed with opportunities to get reacquainted, some of them planned especially for the reunion, others regular Homecoming events to which the '60s alumni were warmly welcomed.

Things started Friday night with the Distinguished Alumni Dinner and a less formal gathering at Bar Louie where we crowded into the back room for banter and beverages. They ended Sunday with Mass and brunch.

On Saturday rain cancelled the infamous Chariot Races – a tradition started the year we were freshmen and still an integral part of the student homecoming activities. Staff from the alumni and development departments, led by Jake Davis, were prepared

with a substitute; they herded students and alumni into the gym for a succession of not-too-athletic contests, pitting representatives from each group against one another. The old folks didn't win much, but we did cheer the loudest.

After lunch in the cafeteria – not quite gourmet, but at least no “mystery meat” appeared – student volunteers led small groups for a tour of the campus, followed by a meeting with Brescia president Fr. Larry Hostetter.

Gone are most of the old houses that served as dorms or classrooms a half century ago; in their place are buildings designed for specific educational purposes. Most recent addition is the Moore Center, an impressive, multi-purpose structure that includes a gym and cafeteria and that borders the “Quad” which was the center of campus back in the day and still serves as an impromptu gathering space for students. Under construction is the C.E. Field Center for Professional Studies at Frederica and Ninth Streets which will be home to business, education, social work and creative technology classes. Also in the works, is a new residence hall to house 34 students. The university is in the midst of a multi-million-dollar capital campaign to meet the needs of a student population that has been growing in recent years.

A lot will and has changed, but the old footprint is still there. The administration building and the chapel are quite recognizable despite extensive renovation. Merici Hall, a girls' dorm for freshmen and sophomores in the 60s, looks much the same although it is now co-ed. (From our guide's reaction to our stories of the good ol' days, apparently there is no longer a requirement to sign in and out, no need to sneak in after a late date, and no clandestine trips to “Panama,” our code for midnight forays into the adjoining cafeteria. It's just some place to sleep, socialize and study. What fun is that?)

One iconic piece of history resides in the alumni office: the bar from the uncontested Most Popular Watering Hole of generations of Brescia students - Martin's Bar.

Highlight of the reunion was a dinner Saturday night. It included a rolling video of old and current photos, music from the 1960s, catering by the Moonlite Bar-B-Que (who else?) and not a few “testimonials” to the days at Brescia.

In both public and private forums, the weekend was filled with talk of riverbank beer beach bashes and unauthorized parties in Gabe's Tower hotel; of a crowded ride to a Bob Dylan concert; the mysterious disappearance of a life-sized statue from the administration foyer; filling buses to join the Civil Rights march in Selma, attending early morning classes in a trench coat thrown over pajamas; raffling off a date with a friend in a vain attempt to raise money for spring break; sheltering in the Rudd (aka the “Crud”) hotel . . .

There were more sober accounts too. One woman revealed she almost had to drop out a semester short of graduation because she couldn't afford tuition. One man came up short of credits at the end of senior year. In each case – and we may never know how many others – it was Ursuline sisters of Brescia who made sure their mission was fulfilled, helping the woman get a small loan, guiding the man into a career path.

It's the kind of thing that happens in a small school where personal relationships are fostered not only among classmates but between faculty and students.

As the festivities wound up, talk began to circulate about the “next” reunion. Since we're not planning on trying for another 50, don't be surprised if the Class of '68 makes another appearance in a couple years or so. Expect a call or email from Tom Dreyer.



Fr. Larry Hostetter joins the Class of 1968 Reunion pictured here with Sam '69, Kathleen Dunlany '70, and JC Hagan '68.



Moggie Riney, Dana Hoffman, Ann Portman '68 Pierce, and Donna Trunk Yehling catch up at the Class of 1968 Reunion.



M.A. Hackett '68, Kathy Riordan '67, Bernetia '68 and Mic '68 Akin visit Martin's Bar, which is currently in Alumni Hall.

Campus Life



BRESCIA CELEBRATED HALLOWEEN THIS YEAR WITH TRUNK OR TREAT

The Brescia University Psychology Club sponsored a trunk or treat. This event was open to the Owensboro and Brescia communities. Different clubs, teams, and departments decorated their trunks with themes and handed out treats to local children.



BU 101 SERVES THE COMMUNITY

Students enrolled in BU 101, Brescia's freshman orientation course, participate in community service projects for a variety of non-profit agencies and organizations throughout the semester. Students in Dr. Amanda Dawson's section spent the day at the Theatre Workshop of Owensboro, a local community theatre. Students helped construct the set and props for TWO's first production of the season, William Shakespear's MacBeth.



BEARCATS GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

For the holiday season our Student Government Association, Band, and Choir joined together for a special Hanging of the Greens. Students hung an ornament to represent their clubs and organizations while the band and choir performed Christmas carols. Members of the community as well as students enjoyed hot chocolate and a cookie decorating station while decorating the Moore Center Atrium.



BRESCIA HELD THE 5TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Our Student Government Association and Students Activities Program Board invited community members to participate in this year's Fall Festival. Students, faculty, and staff members also got to participate in a number of activities and treats to enjoy a perfect fall day in the quad. The activities included a cake walk, inflatables, pumpkin painting, and corn hole.

BRESCIA PARTICIPATES IN THE KENTUCKY THESPIAN FESTIVAL



The statewide high school Kentucky Thespians Festival was held at RiverPark Center in Owensboro, Kentucky on November 9-10, 2018. Dr. Amanda Dawson, Brescia's Theatre and Speech Professor, was invited to participate in the festival. Dr. Dawson was able to promote Brescia University and related Speech and Drama opportunities to over 375 high school students in attendance from across the

state. Dr. Dawson and her colleague, Dr. Nate Gross, Kentucky Wesleyan College Professor of Speech and Drama, also promoted the collaborative theatre company, Owensboro Theatre Alliance which is comprised of students and faculty from Brescia University, KWC, and Owensboro Community and Technical College. Dr. Dawson served as an adjudicator for the musical theatre individual events. She also led two workshops: one on directing and one on theatre warm-up activities.



BEARCATS TAKE A STUDY BREAK

Students were treated to a bingo night during homecoming week. This version of bingo included grocery prizes and gave students a new way to get into the homecoming spirit.



THE TRADITION CONTINUES

The newly renovated fountain in the quad is shown overflowing with soap suds during Welcome Week, the first week of the fall semester. Soaping the fountain has become a tradition at various points throughout the school year.

Campus life



BEARCATS VISIT NASHVILLE FOR CHRISTMAS

Members of the Student Affairs staff and a group of Brescia's international students traveled to Nashville for the day on November 17th. The group visited an international grocery store and the Nashville Farmer's Market where the students were able to visit a variety of ethnically diverse food stands. The group toured the ICE! Exhibit at the Opryland Hotel where the "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" ice sculptures was a favorite.



BEARCATS TAKE PART IN THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

The Walk to End Alzheimer's took place on August 25, 2018 at Smothers Park. Aaliyah Rodgers, social work major, is completing her field practicum with the Alzheimer's Association. She served as the team captain of Brescia Bearcats, and oversaw the Promise Garden. Aaliyah states, "This was a great experience for me. It was amazing to see how the community can come together to raise awareness and support individuals with the disease and those caring for them. We had an amazing outcome and I can't wait till next year." The Walk to End Alzheimer's met 89% of the desired event goal and the Brescia Bearcats team raised \$1,320 for the cause.



BRESCIA CONTINUES THEIR WRITERS SERIES

The St. Ann St. Visiting Writers Series has hosted over 10 writers during their fall sessions. This series has brought writers from all over the country to campus to share their insights on the writing process. Students and community members have been able to hear from authors, journalists, and poets.



BRESCIA STUDENT IS AGAIN FEATURED IN KY CPA JOURNAL

Senior Brooklyn Hattabaugh was again featured in the KY CPA Journal for her participation in the KYCPA College Leadership Institute. Thirty-eight students from 14 colleges and universities across the region completed the program in June. Accounting majors developed their professional skills and were provided the tools needed to cultivate effective communication and networking skills.



BEARCATS TEAMED UP WITH OTA FOR THEIR LATEST PRODUCTION

The Owensboro Theatre Alliance kicked off the fall semester with an outdoor production on the Quad at Brescia University September 20th through the 23rd. The group performed Qui Nguyen's "She Kills Monsters," directed by Brescia University Theatre and Speech Professor, Dr. Amanda Dawson.. She Kills Monsters is a comedic story, which dives into the world of fantasy role-playing in the game Dungeons & Dragons. Sisters, Tilly and Agnus, learn about each other and themselves as they fight monsters across New Landia. Dr. Dawson describes the play as, "A touching story about finding strength, power, and magic in each other and ourselves." The next OTA's production is Legally Blonde: The Musical, which will be produced February 20-24, 2019 at the RiverPark Center.



COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHER FOR SOUP DAY

The Brescia University Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work held their annual Soup Day in October. Members of the Brescia and Owensboro communities enjoyed soup in the Ramold Center where the proceeds went to benefit Saint Paul’s Mission in Crownpoint, New Mexico that serves Navajo families and children.



GOVERNOR MATT BEVIN VISITS CAMPUS

In August Governor Bevin visited campus for a community forum event for economic development and other key initiatives in the state. During the forum he took questions about our relations with China, pensions, coal, and climate change.

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BEARCATS PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

During the holiday season the Brescia University Fellowship of Christian Athletes club took part in Operation Christmas Child. Using special decorative shoe boxes, Operation Christmas Child sends gifts world-wide to children in need. Members Bonnie Jones, Cross Plains, TN, and Tyler Cunningham, Bowling Green, KY, helped to collect over 40 boxes for those in need.



BRESCIA PINS NEW EDUCATION STUDENTS

The Brescia University School of Education held their annual pinning ceremony for newly accepted teacher education candidates on September 21st. Thirteen students met the criteria for acceptance into candidacy status and received their uniquely designed pin from various School of Education faculty members. Distinguished Alumna Carmina Rodeiguez-Villa ’71 was the keynote speaker for the event. She spoke to the new candidates, their friends, family, and members of Brescia’s campus community about the variety of challenges and rewards she experienced in her career as an educator.



BEARCATS SHOW OFF THEIR SPIRIT

To kick off homecoming, students gathered in the Moore Center gym for a SGA hosted pep rally. Students participated in a number of activities and received prizes while the Brescia Band performed the fight song.



BEARCATS COME BACK HOME FOR THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES



BARNEY GIVES BACK

Logan County High School was the winner of the 2018 Barney’s Bracket Challenge and was awarded \$500 to be used to support athletics at the school. During March Madness, Brescia University offers high schools the chance to display school spirit for the chance to win not only \$500, but bragging rights. Keep an eye out for details about the 2019 Barney’s Bracket Challenge.

BU Online

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



FROM U.S. ARMY TO BRESCIA BEARCAT

BY: LYDIA TINSLEY FOR THE BRESCIA BROADCAST

Michael Egolf, originally from Marysville, Pennsylvania, is an online student of Brescia University. Studying Social Work, Egolf is now living in Schwanheim, Germany.

It was through the army Egolf came to live in Germany. He worked his way to being a sergeant working in transportation. Now a disabled veteran, Egolf saw how dark a place the world is when receiving treatment while seeing those who needed help. It was this that sparked his interest in Social Work.

"I was in the U.S. Army, now I am now Medically Retired. I joined the Military because I felt that it was my obligation to my country to serve especially after 9-11. I was stationed in Germany for 8 years, I love it. The culture is friendly, and this country is rich in

history," Egolf said.

Egolf chose to make Brescia his home after googling the top online programs for Social Work and having Brescia stick with him as he looked. Choosing this path, though something he wanted, was not always easy. "Balancing military and college was quite a task. When I was in class and I was deployed to Afghanistan it was rough to do school because the internet was horrible, and the mission took up most of my time," Egolf said.

Planning to graduate in May 2020, Egolf will take what he's learned from Brescia which he takes with no grain of salt, and go forward and serve others.

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New

Brooke Staples,
Social Work Academic
Advisor

Ashley Justice,
Administrative Assistant to
the Academic Dean

Victoria Ochoa,
Admissions Counselor

Cat Horn,
BU Online Recruitment
Coordinator

Jordan Cooper-Livers,
Admissions Counselor

Kimberly Ann McCrady,
Head JV Softball Coach

Matthew Horn,
Assistant Coach, E-Sports

McKenzie Weyer,
Head JV Volleyball Coach

Laura Estridge,
Assistant Coach, Women's
Soccer

Dale Armistead,
Assistant Coach, Men's
Soccer

Shelby Buschkoetter,
Assistant Coach, Volleyball

Fernando Garcia,
Assistant Coach, Men's
and Women's Tennis

Morgan Hildebrandt,
Assistant Coach, Cheer
and Dance

Hires

Jacob Hudson,
Assistant Coach, Baseball

Jonathan Cozad,
Assistant Coach, Baseball

Jon Herbig,
Head Baseball Coach

Jennifer Alsman,
Assistant Professor of Social
Work

Alexis Ortiz,
Assistant Professor of
Spanish

Lynn Price,
Assistant Professor of
Education

Van Pham,
Assistant Professor of Art

Lauren Reynolds,
Library Evening/Weekend
Supervisor

Lauren McCrary,
Executive Assistant to the
President

Devonna Crocker,
Spirit Shop Associate

Nikki Cagg,
Spirit Shop Associate

Ellen Aud,
Administrative Assistant to
Student Affairs

A Perpetual Tribute:



ENSURING ONE'S LIGHT SHINES BEYOND TODAY.

BY: TRACY NAYLOR, VICE PRESIDENT OF
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Suzanne Swigert King Hagan was born and raised in Louisville, KY. She attended Our Mother of Sorrows School and St. Raphael School before graduating from Assumption High School in 1963. She attended Catherine Spalding College before transferring to then Brescia College in 1964. She graduated Cum Laude in 1967 with a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. That same year, she married her husband of 50 years, J.C. She went on to obtain her MA from Southern Illinois University and a Doctorate of Optometry from the University of Missouri St. Louis. Prior to becoming an optometrist, Suzanne had a variety of careers in college teaching, science, and medical writing and editing. She volunteered at the Shaw Nature Reserve and the Green Center in University City. She was an advocate for Single Payer Health Care and was a frequent letter writer on this topic in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. She was honored with the Brescia University Distinguished Alumni Award, the President's highest award, in 2000.

Anyone who met Suzanne quickly recognized and experienced a radiant light that shone from her. She was deeply

devoted to her family, her husband, three children, and six grandchildren. She was a fierce advocate for the rights of others and was never shy in her defense of those in need, but always graceful yet strong in her message. Her desire to educate and serve was rooted in a compassion and love for others. She embodied, in a very unique and special way, the Brescia Difference.

Suzanne passed away on October 18, 2017 after a nine year battle with primary peritoneal carcinoma. In her memory, the Dr. Suzanne Swigert King Hagan and J.C. Hagan Endowed Scholarship has been created through the donations of her family and friends. This scholarship is being established to pay forward Suzanne's legacy and to continue to give to those in need in perpetuity. This scholarship will be reserved for female students majoring in the fields Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics who find themselves in financial need. Suzanne's strength and resilience will live on in the lives of these students who earn rewarding and successful careers and who make the Brescia Difference in their own way.



BEARCAT athletics



The Volleyball team competed against former players in an Alumni Volleyball match on August, 20.

AWARDS AND HONORS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

- Adam Hayden (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Men’s Cross Country
- Kyle Robinson (Henderson, Kentucky)
– Men’s Cross Country
- Davis Mitchell (Spottsville, Kentucky)
– Men’s Soccer
- Jessica Embry (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Women’s Soccer
- Haley Coons (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Women’s Soccer
- Kassi Gilbert (Lebanon Junction, Kentucky)
– Women’s Soccer
- Jordan Blemker (Oakland City, Indiana)
– Women’s Soccer
- Alex Satterfield (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Volleyball
- Tonya Tivitt (Hardinsburg, Kentucky)
– Volleyball
- Katherine Porter (Madisonville, Kentucky)
– Volleyball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICAN

- Natalie Jones (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Volleyball

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

- Kyle Robinson (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Men’s Cross Country
- Madeline Jones (Mt. Carmel, Illinois)
– Women’s Cross Country
- Jacob Stanley (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Men’s Soccer
- Jordan Blemker (Oakland City, Indiana)
– Women’s Soccer
- Alex Satterfield (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Volleyball

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

- Adam Hayden (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Men’s Cross Country
- Jaleel Parris (Lovejoy, Georgia)
– Men’s Cross Country
- Kyle Robinson (Henderson, Kentucky)
– Men’s Cross Country
- Madeline Jones (Mt. Carmel, Illinois)
– Women’s Cross Country
- Fabian Torres (Clay, Kentucky)
– Men’s Soccer
- Jacob Stanley (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Men’s Soccer
- Luan Cordeiro Yoshida (Sao Joes dos Compos, Brazil)
– Men’s Soccer

- Davis Mitchell (Spottsville, Kentucky)
– Men’s Soccer

- Jessica Embry (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Women’s Soccer

- Haley Coons (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Women’s Soccer

- Kassi Gilbert (Lebanon Junction, Kentucky)
– Women’s Soccer

- Jordan Blemker (Oakland City, Indiana)
– Women’s Soccer

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

- Jean Laurent (Port-au-Prince, Haiti)
– Men’s Soccer
- Jacob Stanley (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Men’s Soccer
- Natalie Jones (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Volleyball

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

- Kyle Robinson (Henderson, Kentucky)
– Men’s Cross Country
- Kristin Logsdon (Robards, Kentucky)
– Volleyball
- Tonya Tivitt (Hardinsburg, Kentucky)
– Volleyball

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Jean Laurent (Port-au-Prince, Haiti)
– Men’s Soccer
- Kerby Edme (Port-au-Prince, Haiti)
– Men’s Soccer

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Jacob Stanley (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Men’s Soccer

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE DEFENDER OF THE WEEK

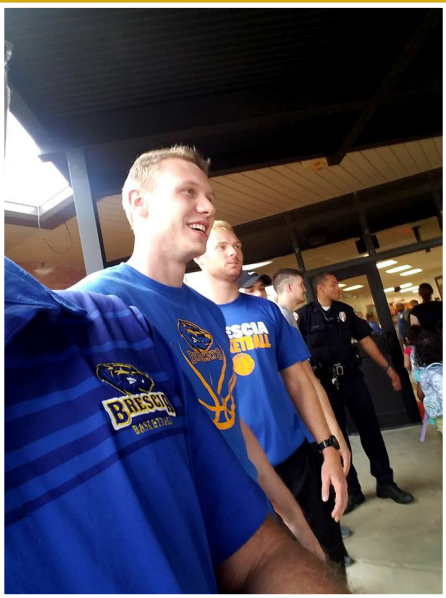
- Kristin Logsdon (Robards, Kentucky)
– Volleyball

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE SETTER OF THE WEEK

- Brittney Just (Louisville, Kentucky)
– Volleyball

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE ATTACKER OF THE WEEK

- Natalie Jones (Owensboro, Kentucky)
– Volleyball



The Bresca University men’s basketball and soccer teams helped welcome back students at Owensboro Middle and Foust Elementary School. The teams participated in Owensboro Public School’s Million Man March initiative to gather men from the Owensboro community to line up outside schools in the district to welcome students as they arrive for the first day of school. The effort is intended to provide students an opportunity to see positive male role models as they begin their year and provide support and encouragement to learn and succeed.



Senior Kyle Robinson, Henderson, KY, competed in the 63rd Annual NAIA Men's Cross Country National Championship in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he placed 284th out of 330.



Zach McDaniel, a senior from Bowling Green, KY, makes a shot against Crowley Ridge during the team's first home game of the season.



The Brescia University Cheer and Dance teams hosted a Spooktacular Spirit Camp on October 27th for children ages 3 to 8. The campers performed during half-time of the Bearcat men's basketball game against Crowley's Ridge College on October 29th.



President Fr. Larry Hostetter ran in the Tunnel Hill 50 Mile Trail Run. He finished all 50 miles in support of our Brescia University Athletics program. He took pledges for each mile ran and raised over \$9,000 to benefit our student athletes!



The Brescia Women's Soccer team members Seirra Tomblin (Orlinda, TN), Rebecca Chin (Louisville, KY), Alison Chapel (Owensboro, KY), GERALYN Smith (Cincinnati, OH), Emma Brogi (Bowling Green), celebrate after Erin McGuire (Ersine, Scotland) makes a goal against St. Mary of the Woods.



Jean Laurent, a senior from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, competes against an opponent from Kentucky Wesleyan College in the Mayor's Cup Men's Soccer Crosstown Shootout on September 1st. Along with bragging rights, the teams competed for the collection of donated items to support the Daniel Pitino Shelter.



BU Volleyball MAKES HISTORY

BY KYLE ROBINSON FOR THE BRESCIA BROADCAST

This story was written for the Brescia Broadcast on November 13, 2018 prior to the NAIA Nationals Tournament. The Lady Bearcats fell to Central Methodist in the NAIA Opening Round

The Brescia University Volleyball team made school history by qualifying for NAIA Nationals for the first time ever. The River States Conference (RSC) regular season and Conference champions each automatically qualify for the competition. Since IU Kokomo was the regular season and conference champion, Brescia automatically took the second National bid as the second place team, said Head Coach Jerry Forbes.

"It is quite an accomplishment for Brescia Volleyball to reach the National tournament for the first time ever. We have worked really hard all season to get to this point," said Kristin Logsdon (SO, Robards, Ky).

In the opening round of the National tournament the Lady Bearcats will play the Central Methodist Eagles, who are ranked 21st in the nation. If the Bearcats are going to defeat the Eagles, they will need to continue to improve. Specifically, they will need to start more aggressive and improve their blocking, said Forbes. "Improvement in

those areas equals an improved chance against Central Methodist," said Forbes.

"I think we could improve on our communication," said Melissa Bell (FR, Santa Claus, Ind.). She went on to say, "We are fully capable of being a great team, but we are an outstanding team when we communicate effectively."

Forbes admitted that the Eagles are a very good team, but also said that he is "very confident" that Brescia can win as long as the Lady Bearcats have the right mindset going in.

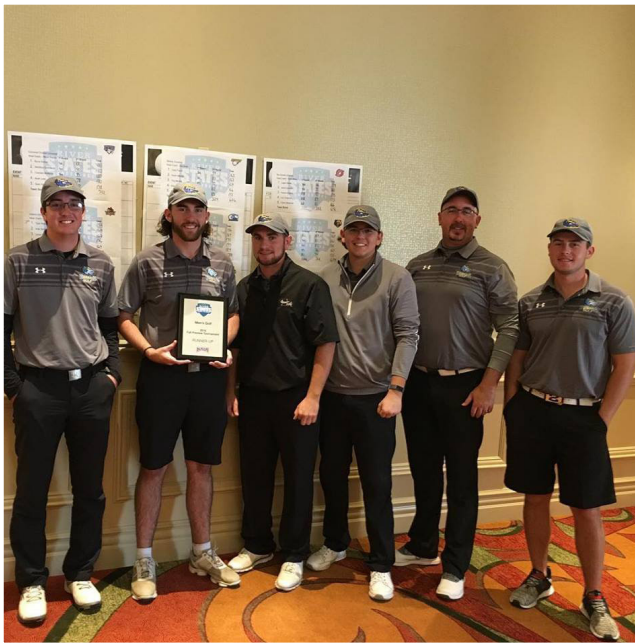
Bell said, "For our first game on Saturday, the mindset is quickness. We have a very quick and athletic team. If we exploit greatest strengths on Saturday, I fully believe we can accomplish big things."

"We have to go into Saturday's game knowing our hard work has paid off and play like we can, with everyone giving their all," Logsdon said.

The Lady Bearcats will begin National play on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. at Central Methodist in Fayette, Mo.



During a home game against Indiana University Southeast Aaliyah Rodgers takes control of the ball.



The Brescia Men's Golf team placed second in the River States Conference Preview Tournament.



Brooklyn Spicer, a freshman from Whitehouse, TN, made a hole in one at The Pearl Club.



Natalie Jones, a junior from Owensboro, KY, broke the school record for most career kills this season with a total of 1,467. She also holds the single season record for most kills with 595!



AN OPEN LETTER To Alumni

BY: JAKE DAVIS

7,787 MILES.

I figured it up, and that's roughly how many miles I have traveled visiting Brescia University alumni and hosting alumni events in the two years I've served as Director of Alumni and Donor Relations. That's the equivalent of driving from New York to Los Angeles almost three times. It's also enough to make it from Brescia University to Brescia, Italy nearly twice. Within those nearly 8,000 miles, there are hours and hours of arguing with my GPS, checking email in truck stop parking lots, and shuffling through my trunk to make sure I have enough giveaway t-shirts or copies of Brescia Now. But more importantly, there are stories: stories of friends and family, teachers and mentors, coaches and teammates, Martin's Bar and Merici Hall, Campus Capers and Cat's Den Karaoke, and of lives lived in the pursuit of success and service, stories that all serve as evidence of the Brescia Difference.

In a recent interview for the Brescia Broadcast, I was asked, "What sets Brescia apart to you?" My answer was simple. "The Brescia Difference." I told the student reporter that the Brescia Difference is much more than the four tenants: Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership. It's not just a slogan. It's an idea and a mission. Brescia University isn't the biggest school. We don't have all the resources or amenities we would like. What we do have, though, is a culture of dedication to learning and serving others that is incredibly special. Our students truly come first. Sure, parking may be tight sometimes and we may not have a rock-climbing wall and Jacuzzis in our student union, but the faculty, staff, and alumni of Brescia are uniquely dedicated to helping our students find and reach their purpose, and that dedication does not falter. THAT – is the Brescia Difference.

The Brescia Difference lives through the faculty who stay after hours to help students prepare for exams or graduate school applications. It lives through the house keeping and maintenance staff who are at work before the sun rises to make sure our students have clean and well-maintained facilities. It lives through the coaches who know that teaching and learning do not only happen in the classroom. The Brescia Difference lives through our alumni who teach at their local elementary school, advise clients on planning for retirement, and provide excellent medical care for their patients. It lives through our alumni who build and grow businesses from small local establishments to regional and international operations, care and advocate for children in the foster care system, and lead non-profits that serve those who need it most. The Brescia Difference lives through the alumni who establish scholarships and endowments focused on areas important to them, alumni who support our capital campaigns through million-dollar gifts, and alumni who, year after year, answer the phone during Phonathon and faithfully send their \$25 check to support the University that meant so

much to them. It lives through civil servants and representatives, lawyers and bankers, social workers and speech therapists, clergy and soldiers, artists and scientists. The Brescia Difference lives through thousands of alumni and graduates from the 1920's all the way to today.

With our second century upon us, we are working hard every day to ensure that the Brescia Difference lives on for another 100 years and beyond. As I'm writing this, construction is underway on two corners of campus. On one end, the C.E Field Center for Professional Studies is slated for completion in early 2020 and will house our schools of education, business, and social work. This state-of-the-art academic building will serve as the foundation for the next 100 years of educating educators, business leaders, and difference makers. On the other end of campus, a new residence hall is to be completed in July 2019, a project that is the direct result of Brescia growing faster than anticipated due in part to our welcoming the school's largest ever freshman class in 2018. These two projects, in addition to the recently renovated Moore Center, serve as physical representation of Brescia's growth. We are also taking steps to make sure our growth is not limited to brick and mortar. New programs and initiatives have been implemented to make sure our students and alumni are better served and more connected than ever. The Ursuline Center for Teaching and Learning was recently established and serves as a resource for the entire campus community by offering tutoring services, faculty and staff development opportunities, and much more. The Alumni Mentoring Program is a joint venture between the offices of career development and alumni relations to pair current students with Brescia alumni working in their field of study in order to gain hands-on experience and professional networking before graduation. Combine initiatives like these with our newest academic programs, such as the Master of Social Work and Agri-Business dual-degree program, and you have just some of the exciting new elements of the Brescia University experience.

I began by including a random bit of trivia, and I'll close with a question. What is the Brescia Difference to you? We're doing more alumni gatherings and events than ever before. Come join us. Tell us your story. In the meantime, there are plenty of ways to stay connected so you're never missing out on Brescia's story. You can visit brescia.edu/alumni to update your contact information, and we'll make sure you're getting invitations to gatherings and events, opportunities to interact with current students and faculty, and the latest news from the university. I look forward to hearing your stories and what the Brescia Difference is for you.

Talk to you soon,

-JAKE



Alumni and students gather for an alumni night at a Nashville Predators game.



Several stops have been made on the Brew and Gold tour with stops in Bowling Green, Evansville, and Louisville coming in the spring. The photos shown were taken at the Henderson Brewing Company in Henderson, KY, The Rhinegeist in Cincinnati, OH, and the Pour Haus in Tell City, IN.

Brescia Family THROUGH AND THROUGH

BY: EDDY MCFARLAND

A LEGACY CONTINUES WITH THREE DAUGHTERS

It seems like I've been around Brescia all of my life. My aunt, Charlotte Oberst, moved into the house at 122 West Seventh Street, along with her father and sister, in the early 1960s. This is across the street from where the tennis courts are now. Growing up, we would often visit my aunts and were around the Brescia campus. When Aunt Charlotte passed away in 2016, we asked Father Larry Hostetter if he would preside at her funeral; our family has always been grateful that Father Larry made time in his schedule to be with us at visitation and to preside at the funeral and burial.

When I was a student at Owensboro Catholic High School, we visited Brescia College. I don't remember considering any other college; I just knew Brescia was where I was supposed to be. I enrolled at Brescia, and graduated in 1983. I was the official scorekeeper for the men's basketball team for several seasons, which I greatly enjoyed. I was involved with the Brescia Alumni Association in the early 1990s, and I received the 1997 Outstanding Alumnus award.

My older brother enrolled at Brescia in the early 1970s. It took him a while, but he graduated in 1988.

My wife Lorraine and I have three daughters. Our oldest daughter, Dana, chose to attend another school to play volleyball. After one year there, she returned to Owensboro and enrolled at Brescia. She attended Brescia for several years, but as sometimes happens, she didn't finish her degree program.

Another daughter, Chelsea, enrolled at Brescia. She was active on campus, and played volleyball for four years. She graduated with a double major, in Business and Spanish. She then pursued her graduate degree at the University of Texas-Dallas. She graduated with a Master's Degree in International Political Economy in May 2017.

Our youngest daughter, Erica, also attended Brescia. She

graduated with a degree in Biology. She now has a Master of Arts Degree in from the University of Louisville, in Higher Education Administration. She is on staff at Brescia, in Admissions and BU-Online.

Along with my three daughters, my god-daughter, Megan Dunn, has her undergraduate degree from Brescia, graduating with Chelsea when she got her undergraduate degree, and then her Master of Social Work from Brescia, graduating with Erica.

It was at the May 2017 Brescia graduation ceremony, when Erica graduated, that Dana heard the Commencement Address, delivered by Dr. Belle Whelan, President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, through which Brescia is accredited. Dr. Whelan's address moved and inspired Dana to reconsider finishing her degree. Dana met with Sister Cheryl Clemons, Brescia's Academic Dean, who was very kind and encouraging. Dana wanted to take classes on-line if possible, so she met with Sagan Storm and Shanda LaRue to see what was possible. With their help and encouragement, Dana was able to get registered and enrolled, and the classes she needed fell in place. She successfully completed the remainder of her courses and she graduated in May 2018. This was a very happy day for our family!

We are excited about the Moore Center, and look forward to the other improvements to the Brescia campus. Lorraine and I attend several volleyball and basketball games each season, and always look forward to getting our holiday ham. (This year we're getting two!)

As you might imagine, Lorraine and I are very proud of our girls, and we are very pleased that they have all graduated from Brescia. I have only found one drawback to having three Brescia Alumni daughters: they wear my Brescia sweatshirts!



Faculty NEWS

Brooks Rexroat, Assistant Professor of English, won The Great Novella Contest 2018 with his submission The Busker. This win will lead to the publication of his third book in the past two years. His book Thrift Store Coats and his second book, Pine Gap, will be available soon..

Associate Academic Dean **Dr. Jeff Barnette** graduated from Indiana University with his doctorate in “Instructional Systems Technology.”

Adjunct Theology Professor, **Dr. Tom Malewitz**, successfully defended his dissertation earning his doctorate.

Dr. Jacob Adler, Assistant Professor of English, along with students Ryan Oates, Mary Eichholz, and Tristian Haight will be going to San Diego to the American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting. Dr. Adler will be presenting at the international meeting for cell biologists to present their research findings. This stemmed from a project concerning the impact of a gene impacted with promoting cancer on a novel target for this cancer causing protein. These students along with alumni Jennifer Minton and Maggie Ballou were successful in their research project last academic year and were selected to present at this very significant meeting to the wider scientific community.

Theatre and Speech Professor, **Dr. Amanda Dawson** was invited to direct at Theatre Workshop of Owensboro (TWO), a local community theatre. Dr. Dawson’s passion for new plays is evident in her play selection. Becky Shaw, by Gina Gionfriddo, was written and first performed in 2009 at Actors Theatre of Louisville as part of the Humana Festival for New American Plays. While the style and content is different than much of what TWO produces, a slot is reserved each year for something a bit more modern. Becky Shaw is a comedy of “bad manners” that tells the story of a newlywed couple who fixes up two friends of their’s. Little did they know, Becky Shaw would shake up their whole world. Dr. Dawson also designed the set for this production



IN MEMORY

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCED THE LOSS OF TWO VALUED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. WHILE THE WORK OF THE TRUSTEES REMAINS STEADFAST, THE VOID LEFT BY THE PASSING OF SR. JOSEPH ANGELA BOONE, TRUSTEE EMERITUS, AND ROY ROBERTS, TRUSTEE, WILL BE DEEP AND CHALLENGING TO REPAIR. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND LIGHT OF CHRIST.



Sister Joseph Angela Boone, 90, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, at Mount Saint Joseph in her 71st year of religious life. She was a native of New Haven.

Sister Joseph Angela was a teacher for 19 years, serving at Sts. Joseph and Paul School, Owensboro (1949-51, 1959-61), in Louisville and as a math professor at Brescia College (1963-70), where she was named a Distinguished Alumna in 2009. She was most known for her brilliance with financial matters. She served as treasurer and business administrator for the Ursuline Sisters from 1970-89, which included starting the retirement fund and the Mount Saint Joseph Picnic. She then served as chancellor and director of administration for the Diocese of Owensboro from 1989-2011. She also served on the Ursuline leadership Council from 1972-76, as well as numerous nonprofit boards. In August 2014, Boone Lodge at the Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp near Bowling Green was named in her honor.



Roy Lee Roberts passed away Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Duke University Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Victoria Lucille Duffy and five children, Michele Casey, Lisa Roberts (Paul), Troy Roberts (Jenny), Scott Roberts (Blair), Todd Roberts (Sara). In addition, he is survived by his brother Harold Roberts and sisters Brenda Starr and Joan Wimsatt. Roy, also known as “Poppy”, will be fondly remembered by his 14 grandchildren, Alex Casey, Graham Casey, Jacob Casey, Sydney Garcia, Addison Garcia, Devon Roberts, Lucas Roberts, Landon Roberts, Camden Roberts, LilliCate Roberts, Will Roberts, Madelyn Roberts, Kennedy Roberts and Jamison Roberts. Roy is predeceased by his parents, Ellen Ruth and Roy Gilbert and brother Larry Roberts.

He graduated from Brescia University with Bachelors of Science Degrees in Math and Physics, Minors in Theology, Economics, Logic and Philosophy. He went on to earn a MBA from Butler University. He furthered his education with professional development degrees from Northwestern University, Princeton University, the Wharton School of Business and IBM’s System Research Institute. Roy continued his strong belief of education through ongoing support of Brescia University and serving on the Board of Trustees.

Roy was named a Distinguished Alumna in 2003. Recently, after his gift of \$1.3 Million gift in support of the “Gateway to Our Second Century” capital campaign, the science building was renamed to the Roy and Victoria Duffy Roberts Center for the Sciences. Their gift will also provide for the establishment of a 150 seat auditorium and an executive boardroom/classroom, both to be housed in the future C.E. Field Center for Academic Studies.



Class Notes

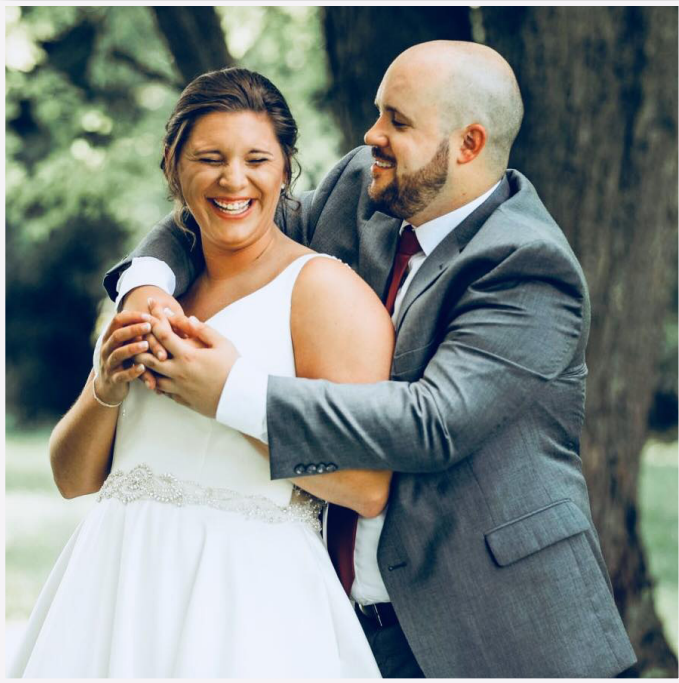
Alum Dette Howard '82 Cinnamond and Director of Alumni Relations Jake Davis '12 served students doughnuts during Stress Free Zone during finals



CAPTAIN BRENTON L. FORD '97

was named Post Commander of the Kentucky State Police Post 16-Henderson.

OLIVIA MOORE SCHUM '14



got married to Jason Schum on June 29, 2018. She is currently teaching Health & Physical Education at Holy Cross High School and entering her third season as the Head Girls Basketball Coach at Holy Cross High School.

WES JOHNSON '05

was named Director of Human Services for Graves County Schools.



JENNY HALL '08

began a new job at Louisville Gas & Electric in Louisville, Kentucky, as the Gas Control Room Management Trainer.

DEBBIE STOFER '96

published a children's book called Doc, the Little Tractor. Her second book, called Lil' Bill and the Blue Moon Express, is about a little bluegrass music train and should be published in the summer of 2019.



Save the Date!

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019

SEPTEMBER 15-22



JACOB REID '04

was named president of Independence Bank. He is the Reid's family third generation to serve as president of Independence Bank.



SISTER LARRAINE LAUTER '87

was honored as the Muhammad Ali Kentucky Humanitarian on September 20, 2018 for her work with Water With Blessings. Photo Courtesy Bryan Woolston.

MSW GRADUATES

TAMARA BEABER '18,

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KATHERINE HARRISON '18,

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In 1993, Brescia University (then Brescia College) began an undergraduate Social Work degree program to respond to the needs of area agencies. Now 25 years later, the program has grown into a school that is considered an anchor for the university, offering both graduate and undergraduate Social Work degrees to students across the country and around the world.

During the month of March, the Brescia University Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work will host the William T. Young Lecture Series as well as a Social Work Continuing Education opportunity presentation. There will be a number of activities and community engagements throughout the month. Stay tuned for more details.

**BRESCIA UNIVERSITY MARILYN
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OF SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION!!**

MARCH 14TH

William T. Young Lecture Series featuring Jennifer Scott at 7 PM with a reception following the presentation

MARCH 15TH

An open house and a continuing education presentation will be held in the Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work beginning at noon