# BRING 2019 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY - OWENSBORD, KY



# KENTUCKY

### Bardstown

Lawrence Tavon Thomas Johnson, B.S. in Special Education: LBD Emphasis in Learning Behavior Disorders

Beaver Dam +Rylan Tate Smith, B.A. in Political Science (Summa Cum Laude) Andrea Kay Flores, B.S.W. in Social Work

## Central City

+April Rose Gilbert, B.A. in Psychology (Summa Cum Laude) Kelsey Faith Whitaker, B.S. in Special Education: LBD Emphasis in Learning Behavior Disorders

Cloverport Wyatt Owen West, A.S. in Engineering Studies

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2019 Brescia University Graduates!

Welcome to the Brescia University Alumni family! We are excited to see the difference you will make in the world! Thank you for letting us be a part of your journey!

Brescia University awarded degrees at the RiverPark Center on May 4, 2019. 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.)

### Beverly

Meredith Hallie Asher, B.S.W. in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)

Bowling Green Morgan Ann Manning, B.S. in Elementary Education Zach McDaniel, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphasis in Education and Sports Management

Butler Angela M. Poe, A.A. in Human Services

Campbellsville Amber Rae Flinchum, B.A. in Psychology

Caneyville Ashley Faith Dennis, B.A. in Art +Alanna Marie Mudd, B.S. in Elementary Education (Magna Cum Laude) Taylor Allyse Clevenger, A.S. in Business Charlotte S. Hoge, B.S.W. in Social Work

Crestwood +Benjamin Sammet, B.A. in Psychology (Summa Cum Laude)

Elizabethtown Amber Kadence Estes, B.S. in Medical Technology William Andrew Beams, M.S.M.

Franklin Shelby Franklin, B.S. in Special Education: LBD Emphasis in Learning Behavior Disorders (Cum Laude) Maura M. Rowland, B.S. in Business

Greenville +Haley Brooke Cornett, M.S.W. MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (M.B.A.) Master of Science in Management (M.S.M) 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, AND/OR Phi Alpha Honor Society





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# BRESCIA



### Hardinsburg

Kody C. Hughes, B.S. in Special Education: LBD Emphasis in Learning Behavior Disorders

### Hartford

Zachary A. Johnson, B.S. in Business

### Hawesville

Megan Nicole Kurz, B.A. in English: Emphasis in Professional Writing

### Hazel

+Ryan N. Oates, B.S. in Biochemistry and Mathematics (Cum Laude)

### Henderson

Kyle Austin Robinson, B.A. in English (Cum Laude) Trevor Perkins Brown, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Management Frances K. Hensley, B.S. in Business Alex Cole Lander, B.S. in Business

### Hickory

Barbara Stephens, B.S.W. in Social Work

### Hopkinsville

Haley Paige Cook, B.A. in Psychology (Cum Laude) Khalia Sherise O'Hara, B.A. in Integrated Studies: Emphasis in Psychology and Social Work Brittany Sierra Mason, B.S. in Biology

Lebanon Theresa D. Cecil, B.S. in Biology

# Lewisport John Thomas Bolin, B.A. in Art (Cum Laude)

Lexington Raven Mechelle Dixon, B.S.W. in Social Work

Livia Debra A. Dunn, B.A. in Psychology (Cum Laude)

### Louisville

Devonna Naurice Crocker, B.A. in Psychology +Kaylee Noel Crawley, B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Magna Cum Laude) +Jamie Lynn Chowning, B.S.W. in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude) Deana Downs, B.S.W. in Social Work

### Studies

Jackson P. Nichols, A.S. in Health Sciences Erin Anderson, B.A. in Graphic Design Melissa Dawn Barnett, B.A. in Psychology Virginia Lea Carrico, B.A. in Political Science (Magna Cum Laude) +Leigh Ann Chapman, B.A. in Psychology (Magna Cum Laude) Briscoe Paul Horrell, B.A. in Spanish Education (Summa Cum Laude) Benjamin Joseph Keller, B.A. in English: **Emphasis in Professional Writing** Ashley Marie Laslie, B.A. in Psychology (Cum Laude) Joshua C. Lester, B.A. in Psychology +Katelyn Sue McCarthy, B.A. in Psychology (Magna Cum Laude) Mollie Hannah McGehee, B.A. in Psychology +Jennie Satterfield, B.A. in Psychology and Pre-Law Studies (Summa Cum Laude) Lydia S. Tinsley, B.A. in English: Emphasis in **Professional Writing** Teresa Jewel Whitten, B.A. in Political Science Icces Lasha Wilcox, B.A. in History (Cum Laude) Paul Woodsmall, B.A. in Psychology Morgan Lynn Bazemore, B.S. in **Communication Sciences and Disorders** Edwin Elijah Carter, B.S. in Computer Sciences: Emphasis in Business and Management Systems +Brooklyn Nicole Cole, B.S. in Middle School Education (Magna Cum Laude). +Haley Coons, B.S. in Accounting (Summa Cum Laude) Helen D. Curry, B.S. in Business +Devin Rae Ford, B.S. in Biology (Cum Ladue) Mary Kyndra Nicole Hagan, B.S. in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Tristan John Haight, B.S. in Biochemistry and Biology Ann Renee Henderson, B.S. in Accounting Makenzie Blake Jackson, B.S. in Special Education: LBD Emphasis in Learning **Behavior** Disorders

Amber N. Lee, B.S. in Accounting Savannah Darling Maxberry, B.S. in Business: **Emphasis in Management** Justin N. Roby, B.S. in Business William Scalf, B.S. in Accounting (Cum Laude) George Nathaniel Taylor, B.S. in Accounting +Morgan Taylor Thomas, B.S. in **Communication Sciences and Disorders** (Summa Cum Laude) Adam Luke Wilkinson, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphasis in Sports Management and Education +Alexandria Sierra Wink, B.S. in Mathematics (Cum Laude) Larry Joe Douglas, B.S.W. in Social Work Jeremy S. Brailsford, M.B.A Meleeisa Dawson, M.B.A. Lindsay Catherine Heath, M.S.M. Rachel Faye Whelan, M.S.M. Lorinda Wilson, M.S.M. Peace Udochukwu Anene, M.S.W. Kara Joy Flahardy, M.S.W. + Ashley M. Miller, M.S.W. +Tara Lee Thrasher, M.S.W. Tarren Renee Wilkey, M.S.W.

### Pikeville

Devin Michele Thacker, B.S.W. in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)

Princeton Aaliyah Bre'el Rodgers, B.S.W. in Social Work

### Prospect +Abigail Christine Leanhart, B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Cum Laude)

Rineyville Lydia Catherine Wiseman, B.S. in Medical Technology

### Sebree

Mason Dale Roland, B.A. in Psychology (Cum Laude)

### Shelbyville

Steven Lee Standafer, B.S. in Business (Cum Laude)

Stanford Jerrica Paige Kidd, B.A. in Psychology

### Sturgis

Katlyn Michelle Mendoza, B.S.W. in Social Work (Cum Laude)

# Summer Shade Kolton Downing Myatt, B.A. in Psychology (Magna Cum Laude)

Tompkinsville Jacob Chance England, B.S.W. in Social Work

### Utica +Mallorie Rachelle Polston, B.S. in Elementary Education (Summa Cum Laude)

Whitesville +Hannah Faith Bland, B.A. in Theology (Magna Cum Laude) Carrie Ann Howard, B.A. in Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies

# ALABAMA

Dothan Sandra Panaa Collins A A in Human

### Imperial Beach Melissa Evick, B.S.W. in Social Work

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Colorado Springs Yo'Lauder Holt, B.S.W. in Social Work

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Jasper Hannah Leigh Colvin, B.S.W. in Social Work

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Washington Zachary Scheid, A.S. in Engineering Studies

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Kasson Sara Marjorite Tear, B.S.W. in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)

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> Timmonsville Melvin James Moore, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphasis in Social Work and Business

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Yorktown Marlene Allen, B.S.W. in Social Work

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WEST VIRGINIA Belington

Kacy D. King, B.S.W. in Social Work

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BRAZIL

Sao Paulo Luan Cordeiro Yoshida, B.S. in Chemistry

**CANADA** Whitby Ontario **Yonnelle Firebrace, B**.A. in Psychology

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Mineola Erin Anne Boyd, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphasis in Psychology and Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)

Mission Berenice Ivett Mendoza, B.S.W. in Social Work

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**Mai Kim T Pham,** B.S.W. in Social Work (Cum Laude)



# ONWARD, BRESCIA!

Stepping into Our Second Century

launch of a new \$3 million special initiatives fundfunds raised will support a variety of targeted ed Fr. Larry. "Onward, Brescia! will fund several

n Friday evening, June 14th, Fr. Lar- Capital Campaign has ensured Brescia will rery Hostetter, president, announced the main a competitive leader in the region's higher education landscape for the next 100 years raising campaign for the University. "Onward, while remaining rooted in the history and heri-Brescial: Stepping into Our Second Century" will tage of our Ursuline sisters who founded Brescia take place between now and May 31, 2020, and in 1925. But we are only getting started," stat-

initiatives and campus enhancements aimed at key initiatives that will be foundational not only recruitment, growth, new programming, and the to Brescia's second century, but will also allow us overall student experience. The announcement to do what we have historically done and that was made at a celebration dinner at which facul- is respond to the signs of the times and meet ty, staff, students, trustees, alumni, donors, and some very specific needs in our greater commugovernment officials were gathered and came nity through education, partnerships, and colon the heels of Fr. Larry sharing that the Universilaboration. ty was bringing an early close to "The Campaign The new special initiatives campaign cofor Brescia University: Gateway to Our Second incides with and will support the development

Century", which exceeded its fundraising goal of the final 5-year strategic plan of Brescia University's first century, and will serve to jump by \$3.6 million.

"The Gateway to Our Second Century start several key facets of the new plan which is

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Stepping into Our Second Century

scheduled to be approved by the University's Board of Trustees in October. Additional details about what will be included in that plan will be released at a later date.

"The momentum on campus is palpable. The plan we are developing will help to ensure Brescia truly is a 21st century institution, not a 20th century institution trying to respond to 21st century needs. I will be excited to share future developments. I



think the greater Owensboro community will be well served by Brescia's enduring strength and presence," stated Fr. Larry.

The \$3 million "Onward, Brescia!" goal will include all normal annual fund giving for the 19/20 academic year as well as additional fundraising efforts. If you would like more information about how to support Brescia's initiatives, please visit www.brescia. edu/give/ or contact the Office of Advancement at 270-686-2101.



# Brescia University's Master Il Social Work Program GRANTED ACCREDITATION

uring the February 2019 meeting for the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation (COA), Brescia University's Master of Social Work (MSW) program was granted Initial Accreditation for 4 years. Initial Accreditation for 4 years is the common amount of time this type of accreditation is granted. The University was informed that official decision letters from the COA are scheduled to be emailed to all programs the week of March 11, 2019. COA decision was made public on the CSWE website on Monday, March 11, 2019.

Brescia University's Marilyn Younger-Conley School of Social Work is currently celebrating its 25th Anniversary. The University has offered a traditional, on-ground Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree since 1994 and an online BSW degree since 2009. The MSW degree was launched in the online format in 2016. The MSW program was granted early approval to offer an Advanced Standing (1-year) cohort and attained candidacy status in February 2017.

"The full accreditation of our MSW is evidence of the deep commitment of Brescia University to servdents who have already graduated so they may declare they have graduated from an accredited MSW program, which is required for state professional licensure in some states.

Dr. Gibson commented, "It's been my honor to work with a team of professionals here at Brescia who share the same unwavering vision: to graduate ethical, highly competent social workers whom we entrust to serve our society's most vulnerable and marginalized populations in the spirit of caritas."

The online BSW program was the first of its kind when approved by the Council on Social Work Education in 2009. The program remained the only accredited online degree program, not only in Kentucky, but in the United States, until 2015. The MSW program was only the second in Kentucky, along with the University of Louisville, to offer a program that allowed students from all 50 states to attend full-time via 100 percent online delivery format program with no residency requirement. The MSW was launched thanks in part to a \$500,000 grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation in Louisville.

ing the needs of our students and our community. The process for achieving this accreditation is incredibly rigorous, and I'm grateful to all those who dedicated their time and expertise to seeing it to its successful completion. Through programs like our MSW, Brescia students, faculty, staff and alumni continue to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable of our society," said Fr. Larry Hostetter, Brescia University President.

To date, 31 students, hailing from across the United States, from Connecticut to California, have graduated from Brescia University's MSW program. Another 28 candidates are expected to graduate in May. The CSWE accreditation retroactively applies to those stu-

The U.S. Bureau of Labor reported in 2014 that the need for social workers will increase by 12 percent before 2024; specifically, the necessity of mental health, substance abuse, and healthcare social workers will increase by 19 percent. In an effort meet the growing demand, Brescia University is currently constructing the C.E. Field Center for Professional Studies which will house the Marilyn Younger-Conley School of Social Work. The extension of the School of Social Work will allow the institution to produce hundreds more qualified graduates annually to address pressing social problems.





# BRESCIA STUDENTS RECEIVE Honors for their leadership (



Seniors Alex Wink '19, of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Adam Hayden '19, of Mayfield, Kentucky, were awarded the Spirit of Angela Award during the annual Founder's Day Convocation. Recipients of the award embody the Brescia Difference and are servant leaders modeled after St. Angela Merici, Founder of the Ursuline Sisters.



# ECONOMIST VISITS BEARCATS

Brescia University and German American Bank brought Dr. Dan Thornton to campus. Dr. Thornton previously worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in St Louis and published multiple pieces on the economy. He spoke on quantitative easing, monetary policy, Brexit, unemployment, and interest rates, followed by a question and answer session with students, faculty and staff, and community members.



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION INDUCTS NEW LEADERS

Fr. Larry Hostetter helped induct the newest leaders of Brescia University's Student Government Association. SGA provides students a representative government to be able to voice their concerns to the University's faculty and administration and serve the best interests of the students and University.



# **BRESCIA HOSTS ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS**

This year the Brescia University Spring Concert featured music from Woodstock and Disney's The Lion King. Brescia's Band and Choir performed along with students from Owensboro Catholic High School and Saint Paul's Parish and School in Leitchfield, Kentucky. Brescia University's Theatre Club also performed monologues featuring facts and speeches from Woodstock.





# STUDENTS TAKE A BREAK FROM Studying to enjoy The quad

# STUDENTS PRESENT CANCER CELL BIOLOGY RESEARCH

Dr. Jacob Adler, Assistant Professor of Biology, took two students to San Diego, CA this past December to present at the American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting. The students Tristan Haight, of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Ryan Oates, of Hazel, Kentucky, presented their directed research project on cancer cell biology. Dr. Jacob Adler also presented at this same meeting. Dr. Adler was overwhelmed with the positive interaction and responsesfrom researchers around the world who were intrigued by the Brescia research. Dr. Adler stated that "I am extremely proud of these students, going on a trip like this and presenting at the major research conference in the field is not easy. It is a great stepping stone and will be a major plus as they begin their transitions into graduate school. Tristan and Ryan have both been accepted into graduate school to further pursue their ambitions in areas related to biochemistry. I am very excited for them"

Attached picture is from left to right, Dr. Jacob Adler, Tristan Haight, and Ryan Oates



# BEARCATS EXPERIENCE VEGAS AT HOME

Dr. Rachel Besing, Assistant Professor of Psychology, dealt blackjack to students during Vegas Night. This SAPB hosted event brought students, faculty, and staff together for a relaxing evening with food and prizes.



# BRESCIA STUDENT SHOWCASES MUSICAL TALENT

Student Shane Lowe, Louisville, Kentucky, gave a musical performance with his partner Precious Perez. They held their performance in O'Bryan's Dining Hall while students gathered for dinner.



# BRESCIA STUDENTS COMPETE In Praxis

Brescia University's undergraduate Communication Science and Disorders academic team, which included members Abby Leanhart, of Prospect, Kentucky, Megan Weinzapfel, of Evansville, Indiana, Mariah Kramer, of Haubstadt, Indiana, and Morgan Thomas, of Owensboro, Kentucky, participated in this year's KSHA Praxis Bowl. The team took 2nd place, beating the graduate level CSD academic teams from EKU, WKU, UK, and MSU.



# JENNIFER SCOTT PRESENTS DURING THE WILLIAM T. YOUNG LECTURE SERIES

Jennifer Scott, Jane Addams Hull-House Museum director and chief curator, presented Just Neighborhoods: Museums Engaging Communities around Social Justice. This talk, which was part of the 25th anniversary of social education at Brescia University as well as part of the William T. Young Lecture Series, discussed how museums can use their histories as places of social change to confront present-day social justice issues including poverty, violence, mass incarceration, labor, education, racial and gender disparity.



# SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS LOBBY AT CAPITAL

BSW students Jessica Mann, of Maceo, Kentucky and Sonya Ray, of Henderson, Kentucky, attended Social Work Lobby Day at the KY State Capitol on March 7, 2019. Joining with hundreds of social workers from around the state, the students participated in a rally in the rotunda coordinated by the KY Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The students were accompanied by BSW faculty member George Gray, CSW, and MSW faculty member Jamie Edmonds, CSW.

# **BEARCATS STAND AGAINST Child Abuse**



Brescia social work students had a booth at the annual Stand Against Child Abuse on April 12, 2019, at KY Wesleyan College. This large community event brings together dozens of local agencies that provide services for children and families in order to raise awareness and share resources with the public. The Brescia booth offered face painting, temporary tattoos, and origami hats

# BEARCATS CELEBRATE NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK



During the week of March 17, students, staff, friends, and the Ursuline Sisters united while serving a cause. Together the group made 10 "no sew blankets" for the local Burmese families and Crossroads of Hope families of Owensboro.

# BRESCIA STUDENTS GET A Course in Adulting



Adulting 101 presentations are hosted by the Career Services and Residence Life offices. These classes teach students about investing, health insurance, and basic car maintenance.

# **EMPTY BOWLS HELPS LOCAL CAUSE**



This year's Empty Bowls recipient was Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Seven Hills Backpack Program. Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church started their outreach ministry program in the summer of 2018. The program provides 22 preschool students weekend food each week. These preschoolers, ages 3 and 4, are selected based on the greatest need. Many of the children depend on their regular meals at the school during the week but are not

provided for during the weekend. The funds received from the event and silent auction will allow the Backpack Program to continue their mission to help the students in need.



# BEARCATS SUIT UP

Brescia students, alongside Kentucky Wesleyan students, were invited by the office of Career Services to attend JC Penny's Suit Up Event. Students were provided the opportunity to purchase professional clothing for interviews and jobs at a generous discount.

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# **BEARCATS GET A TASTE OF DIFFERENT CULTURES**



Faculty, staff, and students joined together for the Multicultural Fest on April 11th. The Brescia University Political Science Club, SGA, SAPB, and Fresh Ideas sponsored the event that included foods from other countries including Poland, Ukraine, Thailand, and Jamaica. There was also an African dance performance by Johannes "Jomo" Xulu.

# THE TRADITION CONTINUES





# SENIOR ART STUDENT DISPLAYS WORK

Senior art student John Brolin, of Lewisport, Kentucky, showcased his art work in the atrium of the Moore Center during Fine Arts Week. Other art students showcased their artwork in the lobby of Bartholomy-Taylor Hall.



# CAT'S DEN GET Upgrade

In January, there was a grand opening for the newly renovated Game Room, which is in the Cat's Den. Students are now able to play pool, ping pong, or board games at their leisure.



# FACULTY MAKE LOCAL NEWS

In preparation for Social Work Month in March, Assistant Professors of Social Work, Dr. Elaine Wright and George Gray were on Mid-Day with Mike to discuss the month's events and the celebration for the 25th anniversary of social work education at Brescia University.



# KENTUCKY

Auburn: Devin Roche, Junior, Social Work;

Bardstown: **Savannah Jackson**, Sophomore, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Daniel Steele**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics;

Beaver Dam: **Camryn Segers**, Sophomore, Undecided; **Rylan Smith**, Senior, Political Science;

Bowling Green: Jacob Bostick, Junior, Social Work; Tyler Cunningham, Senior, Biology; Allison Holeman, Senior, Business: Emphasis in HRM; Zach McDaniel, Senior, Integrated Studies; Brandon Stacker, Senior, Special Edu-Mid; Reagan White, Freshman, Elementary Education;

Calhoun: **Debra Barrett**, Senior, Psychology; **Jessika Houghtaling**, Junior, Psychology;

Caneyville: **Hannah Allen**, Junior, Art Education P-12;

Central City: Alexis Drumheller, Junior, Psychology; April Gilbert, Senior, Psychology;

Cerulean: **Baylee Holder**, Sophomore, Accounting;

Clay: Fabian Torres, Junior, Biology;

Cloverport: **Teresa Edge**, Senior, Social Work; **Paytience Ferguson,** Junior, Graphic Design;

Corbin: Brianna Minton, Senior, Social Work;

Corydon: Taylor Clevenger, Junior, Business;

Crestwood: **Benjamin Sammet**, Senior, Psychology;

Dixon: Kaylee Moore, Senior, Social Work;

Eddyville: Courtney Klueppel, Senior, Biology;

Elizabethtown: Ke'mya Jones, Junior, Social Work;

Elkton: Jayde Robinson, Senior, Psychology;

Fort Thomas: Ruthie Barth, Junior, Psychology;

Greenville: Andrew Hall, Senior, Psychology;

Hardinsburg: Chasity Duncan, Junior, Social Work; Gracie Rothrock, Junior, Accounting; Andrea Sheroan, Senior, Social Work; Matthew Tate, Junior, Theology; Tonya Tivitt, Senior, Computer Science; Wyatt West, Sophomore, Engineering Studies; Autumn Wilson, Junior, Medical Technology;

Hawesville: Leah Price, Junior, Social Work; Madesyn Thomas, Sophomore, Psychology;

Henderson: **Trevor Brown**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in Management; **Nathan Cissel**l, Senior, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics; **Sonya Ray**, Senior, Social Work; **Kyle Robinson**, Senior, English; **Mason Roland**, Senior, Psychology;

Hopkinsville: Kyle Bleidt, Junior, Social Studies

Professional Writing; **Hang Nguyen**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in Management; **Phuong Nguyen**, Junior, Accounting; **Thanh Nguyen**, Junior, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies; **Thoa Phan**, Junior, English;

Marion: **Rachel Butler**, Sophomore, Psychology, English: Emphasis in Professional Writing;

Millwood: Jessica Robinson, Senior, Accounting;

Morganfield: **Aidan Cassidy**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics;

Muldraugh: **Erika Biddle**, Sophomore, Psychology;

Mundfordville: Mary Kate Dennis, Junior, Biology;

Nortonville: **Hannah Cartner**, Sophomore, Undecided;

Olmstead: Kailee Moore, Junior, Psychology;

Owensboro: Joseph Allen, Junior, Biology; Katelynn Arnold, Senior, Business: Emphasis in HRM; Ashanta Ashley, Sophomore, Social Work; Morgan Bazemore, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Jade Beal, Senior, Psychology; Blake Boswell, Sophomore, Health Sciences; Jamison Bowlds, Senior, Elementary Education; Sarandan Brooks-Green, Sophomore, Political Science; Haley Burr, Junior, Accounting; Virginia Carrico, Senior, Political Science; Edwin Carter, Senior, Computer Science with Emphasis in Business & Management Sys; Haley Coons, Senior, Accounting; Deanna Darnes, Junior, Social Work; Jessica Embry, Senior, Special Edu-Elem; Miranda Filbert, Junior, Computer Science; Daniel Fulkerson, Sophomore, Special Edu-Elem; Hunter Gaddis, Senior, Computer Science; Elizabeth Gillim, Junior, Art Education P-12; Lydia Hobdy, Freshman, Integrated Studies; Briscoe Horrell, Senior, Spanish Edu P-12; Jeanna James, Senior, History, Political Science; Crystal Johnson, Senior, Psychology; Larkin Johnson, Junior, Psychology; Natalie Jones, Senior, Psychology; Kelsey Kimmell, Senior, Elementary Education, Spanish; Emily Lyons, Sophomore, Psychology; Peter Mattingly, Junior, Social Work; Katelyn McCarthy, Senior, Psychology; Emily Miller, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Matthew Nuss, Sophomore, Graphic Design; Lydia Onstott, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Seth Parker, Sophomore, Biology; Traci Renfrow, Junior, Graphic Design; Leah Sergeant, Junior, Psychology; Jonathan Speed, Senior, Accounting; Tina Stallings, Senior, Psychology; Jacob Stanley, Senior, Biology; Shawnda Stanley, Junior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Crystal Stevens, Senior, Social Work; Hannah Straney, Sophomore, Psychology; Mary Sumlut, Junior, Biochemistry; Micah Swift, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Ian Taylor, Sophomore, Theology; Kimberly Taylor, Junior, Business; Madison Taylor, Junior, Elementary Education; Andrew Tennant, Sophomore, Computer Science; Morgan Thomas, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Ivellana Whittaker, Sophomore, Psychology; Icces Wilcox, Senior, History; Adam Wilkinson, Senior, Integrated Studies; Lauren Willett, Junior, Undecided; Alexandria Wink, Senior, Mathematics; Paul Woodsmall, Senior, Psychology;



# **BEARCATS NETWORK**

The Brescia University Student Affairs Office hosted a Career and Community Involvement Fair. This allowed students to network with local companies who may be hiring and nonprofits who may need volunteers.

# **PILOTS WIN BARNEY'S BRACKET CHALLENGE**



Each year during March Madness, Brescia University holds Barney's Bracket Challenge where high school mascots compete to see who reigns supreme. This year, Fulton County was crowned the winner. Barney delivered \$500 for their athletic department. Sec; **Candice Wentling**, Senior, Social Work;

LaGrange: **Whitney Anderson**, Senior, Social Work;

Lebanon Junction: **Kassi Gilbert**, Senior, Secondary Biology, Chemistry;

Leitchfield: **Miranda Boaz**, Junior, Social Studies Sec;

Lewisburg: **Shelby Hardison**, Junior, Elementary Education; **Katherine Cox**, Sophomore, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Tyler O'Bryan**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics;

Louisville: **Kaylee Crawley**, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Brittney Just**, Sophomore, Special Edu-Elem; **Shane Lowe**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in HRM;

Maceo: Adam Hayden, Senior, Biology; Emily Storm, Sophomore, Business;

Madisonville: **Katherine Porter**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics;

Maple Mount: Lanh Hoang, Junior, Theology; Trang Le, Sophomore, English: Emphasis in Paducah: **William Bell**, Junior, Accounting; **Zaria Brown**, Senior, English, Pre-Law Studies;

Park City: Megan Bartley, Senior, Psychology;

Philpot: Whitney Embry, Sophomore, Biology; Olivia Millay, Sophomore, Special Edu-Elem; Tyler Wathen, Sophomore, Accounting;

Princeton: Aaliyah Rodgers, Senior, Social Work;

Providence: Kellie Lander, Sophomore, Business;

Raceland: Brandi Morris, Senior, Social Work;

Robards: Kristin Logsdon, Junior, Accounting;

Sedalia: **Grant Jackson**, Junior, Computer Science;

Shelbyville: **Michael Lonak**, Sophomore, Computer Science; **Steven Standafer**, Senior, Business; **Kristen Wood**, Sophomore, Biology;

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FROM BRESCIA UNIVERSITY WHO Were named to the spring 2019 dean's list for completing at least 12 Credit Hours with a 3.5-4.0 gpa.

Slaughters: Noah Cunningham, Junior, Biology; Spottsville: Robert Mitchell, Senior, Accounting;

- Stanford: **Jessica Phillips,** Sophomore, Social Studies Sec;
- Sturgis: Katlyn Mendoza, Senior, Social Work;

Summer Shade: **Kolton Myatt,** Senior, Psychology;

Tompkinsville: Jacob England, Senior, Social Work; Dillon Geralds, Senior, Elementary Education;

Utica: **Marissa Haight,** Sophomore, Accounting; **Tristan Haight,** Senior, Biochemistry, Biology;

Walton: Kyle Taylor, Sophomore, Undecided;

Whitesville: Isaac Calloway, Sophomore, Business; Morgan Porter, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Zechariah Roberts, Sophomore, Biology;

Woodburn: **Colton Hurt**, Senior, Secondary Math;

# AE

APO: Angela Stover, Senior, Social Work;

# ALASKA

Chugiak: April Beardslee, Senior, Social Work;

# **CALIFORNIA**

Canyon Country: **Tiffany Hill,** Senior, Social Work;

# CONNECTICUT

Glastonbury: **Haley Mandeville**, Senior, Social Work;

# **FLORIDA**

Gainesville: **Marnie Shaeffer,** Senior, Social Work;

Key West: Alysha Kelly, Senior, Social Work;

Land O Lakes: Renee LaSala, Senior, Psychology; Naples: Annette Zamora, Senior, Social Work;

# HAWAII

Aiea: **Mark Liberato**, Sophomore, Computer Science;

Waipahu: Logan Bates, Sophomore, Accounting;

# ILLINOIS

Eldorado: **Kaylee McGuire**, Sophomore, Health Sciences;

Grandview: **Justice Taylor,** Senior, Special Edu-Elem;

Haubstadt: **Mariah Kramer**, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Hannah Rumble**, Sophomore, Elementary Education;

Jasper: Hannah Colvin, Senior, Social Work;

Oakland City: **Jordan Blemker,** Senior, Secondary Math;

Portland: **Catherine Dunn,** Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders;

Rockport: **Savannah Maxberry**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in Management;

Santa Claus: **Melissa Bell**, Sophomore, Elementary Education;

Tell City: **Lynnann Harding,** Junior, Medical Technology;

Tennyson: **Mayli Englert**, Sophomore, Business, Psychology;

Vincennes: **Rachel Frey**, Junior, Elementary Education;

Washington: Zachary Scheid, Senior, Business;

Zionsville: Tyler Milby, Sophomore, Biology;

# IOWA

Charles City: **Cassandra Gomez**, Senior, Social Work;

# Louisiana

Baton Rouge: **Dianna Lowrance**, Sophomore, Social Work;

Joyce: DeAnna Moller, Junior, Social Work;

# MARYLAND

Baltimore: **Tiatki McNutt**, Sophomore, Social Work;

# MASSACHUSETTS

Fall River: Kristen Silva, Junior, Social Work;

# MICHIGAN

Baldwin: **Shawn Washington**, Senior, Social Work;

Howell: Paula Waters, Junior, Social Work;

# MINNESOTA

Cloquet: **Andrea Linton**, Junior, Social Work; Kasson: **Sara Tear**, Senior, Social Work;

# **NEW JERSEY**

East Windsor: **Carol Wolkiewicz,** Sophomore, Human Services;

Hackettstown: **Michael Gallo,** Junior, Social Work;

Somerset: Nancy Mount, Senior, Social Work;

# NEW MEXICO

Blanco: Elizabeth Tran, Senior, Psychology;

# **NEW YORK**

Fort Drum: Megan Miller, Junior, Social Work;

Patterson: Marcella Occhicone, Senior, Social

Work; Victor: **Jennifer Tortora**, Sophomore, Social Work;

Washingtonville: **Yessica Amadi**s, Junior, Social Work;

# NORTH CAROLINA

Cary: Christine Allen, Junior, Social Work;

Tarawa Terrace: **Autumn Negron**, Junior, Social Work;

Wilmington: **Alyssa Devericks**, Junior, Social Work;

# OHIO

Fayetteville: Sadie Benfield, Senior, Social Work;

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Fort Recovery: **Shannon Garman**, Freshman, Human Services;

Kettering: April Rillo, Junior, Social Work;

Luckey: Melisa Konesni, Senior, Social Work;

Milford: Ashli Sheldon, Junior, Business;

Norwalk: **Elizabeth Ratliff**, Sophomore, History, Pre-Law Studies;

Ravenna: Kaytlin O'Bryan, Senior, Psychology;

Sardinia: **Madison Hopkins**, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders;

# OKLAHOMA

Lawton: **Marisol Felix Murillo**, Senior, Social Work;

# PENNSYLVANIA

Duboistown: **Heather Millard**, Senior, Social Work;

Hanover: Heather Custred, Senior, Social Work;

Hendersonville: **Medardas Jurjonas**, Senior, Integrated Studies; 11

Murfreesboro: Angel Jeffries, Junior, Biology;

Orlinda: Sierra Tomblin, Senior, Psychology;

# TEXAS

Copperas Cove: **Cheyenne Tonkin**, Senior, Social Work;

Dallas: Lesly Evans, Junior, Psychology;

El Paso: Kayla Draughn, Senior, Social Work;

Garland: Princess Holloway, Senior, Social Work;

Portland: **Deana Carey**, Sophomore, Human Services;

San Antonio: **Alva Lee**, Senior, Social Work; Caleb Tisher, Senior, History;

Stephenville: **Rhonda Perkins**, Junior, Social Work;

# UTAH

North Salt Lake**: Lauren Pleva**, Senior, Social Work;

Riverdale: Kirsten Reinhard, Senior, Social Work;

# VIRGINIA

Woodbridge: Iris Benitez, Senior, Social Work;

Reardan: Noah Ray, Sophomore, Secondary

Milwaukee: Kimberly Anderson, Senior, Social

New Richmond: Rebecca Schoene, Sophomore,

# WASHINGTON

English;

Work;

WISCONSIN

Grayslake: Angelita Clark, Senior, Social Work;

Mount Carmel: **Madeline Jones**, Senior, Accounting;

Olney: Jaycie Luna, Senior, Social Work;

Park Forest: **Lashayia Holman**, Senior, Social Work;

West Frankfort: **Chase McLaren**, Senior, Accounting;

Westchester: Dorothy Allen, Senior, Social Work;

# INDIANA

Boonville: **Jaime Jolley**, Junior, Social Studies Secondary;

Cannelton: Taylor Lawalin, Senior, Social Work;

Chandler: **Kaitlin Baker**, Sophomore, Financial Mathematics;

Corydon: Emma Farnsley, Junior, Undecided;

Evansville: **Ryan Howard**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in Management; **Bertha Melendres**, Junior, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies; **Megan Weinzapfel**, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; White Bear Lake: **Noah McClain**, Sophomore, Computer Science;

# MISSOURI

Belton: Jennifer Cochran, Senior, Social Work;

Caruthersville: Maria Ibarra, Junior, Social Work;

De Soto: **Hunter Canada**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in Management;

# Montana

Kalispell: Amanda Warren, Senior, Social Work;

# NEVADA

Panaca: Janie Rippetoe, Senior, Social Work;

Reno: **Eilynn Gumm**, Sophomore, Human Services;

# **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

North Haverhill: **Stacey Fontaine**, Senior, Social Work;

Pittsburgh: **Christine Adams**, Senior, Social Work;

Reading: **Matilda Hernandez**, Junior, Social Work;

# SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia: **Anthony Heimos**, Junior, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies;

Sumter: Rebekah Taves, Senior, Social Work;

# SOUTH DAKOTA

Rapid City: **Mackenzie Parker**, Sophomore, Human Services;

# TENNESSEE

Bybee: Alicia Penton, Junior, Social Work;

Chattanooga: **Edward Chubb**, Junior, Social Work;

Cross Plains: Bonnie Jones, Senior, Biology;

Fayetteville: **Sarah Cox**, Junior, English with an Emphasis in Professional Writing;

Business;

Business;

BAHAMAS

# BELARUS

Minsk: Danila Pyzh, Sophomore, Accounting;

Freeport: Hannah-Joy Simms, Sophomore,

# **CANADA**

Medicine Hat: **Ethan Boutkan,** Sophomore, Business;

# **COLOMBIA**

Bogota: **Daniel Paez Hernandez**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in Management;

# SERBIA

Novi Sad: **Eleni Stravolemos**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in Management;

# **UNITED KINGDOM**

Erskine: Erin McGuire, Sophomore, Business;



# RIVER STATES CONFERENCE

## FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Kayode Daboiku (Cincinnati, Ohio) – Men's Basketball Trevor Brown (Henderson, Kentucky) – Men's Golf Steven Zehr (Morganfield, Kentucky) – Men's Golf Danila Pyzh (Minsk, Belarus) – Men's Tennis Hannah-Joy Simms (Freeport, Bahamas) – Women's Tennis

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM AT-LARGE Cassidy Moss (Marion, Kentucky) – Softball

# RIVER STATES CONFERENCE SECOND TEAM ALL-

Conference Dillon Geralds (Tompkinsville, Kentucky) – Men's Basketball Catherine Dunn (Portland, Indiana) – Women's Basketball Zachary Scheid (Washington, Indiana) – Baseball Yonnelle Firebrace (Toronto, Ontario) – Baseball Courtney Klueppel (Eddyville, Kentucky) – Softball Daniel Steele (Bardstown, Kentucky) – Men's Golf Eleni Stravolemos (Novi Sad, Serbia) – Women's Tennis

# RIVER STATES CONFERENCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

Dillon Geralds (Tompkinsville, Kentucky) – Men's Basketball Noah Cunningham (Madisonville, Kentucky) – Men's Basketball Dylan Beckham (Bowling Green, Kentucky) – Men's Basketball Tyler Cunningham (Bowling Green, Kentucky) – Baseball Nathan Cissell (Henderson, Kentucky) – Baseball Tyler Woods (Oblong, Illinois) – Baseball Colton Hurt (Franklin, Kentucky) – Baseball

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICAN

BEARCAT

Kayode Daboiku (Cincinnati, Ohio) – Men's Basketball

# RIVER STATES CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

Kayode Daboiku (Cincinnati, Ohio) – Men's Basketball Jaycie Luna (Olney, Illinois) – Women's Basketball Colton Hurt (Franklin, Kentucky) -Baseball Lauren Willett (Owensboro, Kentucky) – Softball Chance England (Tompkinsville, Allison Holeman (Bowling Green, Kentucky) - Women's Golf Danila Pyzh (Minsk, Belarus) -Men's Tennis Hannah-Joy Simms (Freeport, Bahamas) – Women's Tennis Jaleel Parris (Lovejoy, Georgia) -

### RIVER STATES CONFERENCE

TRACK ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Landon Holt (Dawson Springs, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field

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# RIVER STATES ALL-CONFERENCE 400M

Landon Holt (Dawson Springs, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field

RIVER STATES ALL-CONFERENCE

# 110 HURDLES

Landon Holt (Dawson Springs, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field

### RIVER STATES ALL-CONFERENCE 400 HURDLES

Landon Holt (Dawson Springs, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field

# RIVER STATES ALL-CONFERENCE POLE VAULT

Jaleel Parris (Lovejoy, Georgia) – Men's Track and Field Landon Holt (Dawson Springs,

Steven Standafer (Shelbyville, Kentucky) – Baseball Zachary Scheid (Washington, Indiana) - Baseball Chase McLaren (West Franklin, Illinois) – Baseball William Parker Brown (Henderson, Kentucky) - Men's Golf Alex Lander (Henderson, Kentucky) – Men's Golf Daniel Steele (Bardstown, Kentucky) - Men's Golf Steven Zehr (Morganfield, Kentucky) – Men's Golf Trevor Brown (Henderson, Kentucky) - Men's Golf Chance England (Tompkinsville, Kentucky) - Men's Golf Allison Holeman (Bowling Green, Kentucky) – Women's Golf Brooke Hattabaugh (Brownstown, Indiana) - Women's Golf Toni Keeling (Bardstown, Kentucky) – Women's Tennis Zachary Johnson (Leitchfield, Kentucky) - Men's Track and Field Brandon Stacker (Bowling Green, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field Jacob Stanley (Owensboro, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field Devin Roche (Auburn, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field Jaleel Parris (Lovejoy, Georgia) – Men's Track and Field Kyle Robinson (Henderson, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field Alicia Salazar (Elkton, Kentucky) – Women's Track and Field MiKayla Chinn (Newburgh, Indiana) - Women's Track and Field Madeline Jones (Mt. Carmel, Indiana) - Women's Track and Field Brittany Lear (Madisonville, Kentucky) – Women's Track and Field Kassi Gilbert (Lebanon Junction, Kentucky) - Women's Track and Field Men's Track and Field Kyle Robinson (Henderson, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field Kassi Gilbert (Lebanon Junction, Kentucky) – Women's Track and Field Alicia Salazar (Elkton, Kentucky) – Women's Track and Field

### RIVER STATES CONFERENCE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Steven Zehr (Morganfield, Kentucky) – Men's Golf Danila Pyzh (Minsk, Belarus) – Men's Tennis

### RIVER STATES CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR

Jason Cox (Owensboro, Kentucky) – Men's Golf RIVER STATES CONFERENCE TRACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Landon Holt (Dawson Springs, Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field Kentucky) – Men's Track and Field Rachel Frey (Vincennes, Indiana) – Women's Track and Field RIVER STATES ALL-CONFERENCE INDOOR POLE VAULT Rachel Frey (Vincennes, Indiana)

- Women's Track and Field

# RIVER STATES ALL-CONFERENCE

### INDOOR SHOT PUT

MiKayla Chinn (Newburgh, Indiana) – Women's Track and Field

### RIVER STATES ALL-CONFERENCE LONG JUMP

Madison Hopkins (Sardinia, Ohio) - Women's Track and Field

- RIVER STATES ALL-CONFERENCE
- HIGH JUMP

Madison Hopkins (Sardinia, Ohio) - Women's Track and Field



Sophomore Makenzie Moore, from Ohio County, Kentucky, tees off During the Midway Invitational at Frankfort Country Club.



Brescia University women's track and field team broke ten indoor track records this season. Rachel Frey, a freshman from Vincennes, Indiana, set the record for pole vaulting. Freshman Mallory Toler from Rockport, Indiana, sprinted a 200 meter dash in 29.67 seconds and the 60 meter dash in 8.68 seconds. Kassie Gilbert, a junior from Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, beat her own record for long jump and triple long jump. Breanna Chester, a sophomore from Henderson, Kentucky, broke her own record in the 400 meter at 1:10.12 and Autumn Tonkins, a junior from Evansville, Indiana, established a Brescia record in the 600 meter with 2:12.29. In the 4x200m relay team of Toler, Gilbert, Chester, and Frey set the relay record at 1:55.44. Finally, Mikayla Chinn, a sophomore from Newburgh, Indiana, threw a distance of 7.83 meters in weighted throw and broke her own record in shot put with a distance of 11.56 meters.



Freshman Tres Corrigan, of Saint Augustine, Florida, competes against Indiana University Kokomo.



Junior Landon Holt of Dawson Springs, Kentucky hit NAIA Standard for Decathlon on April 7th. Holt scored 5,852 points, which is the "B" standard, becoming the second Brescia University track and field athlete to qualify. \*Can we make this the header photo?



During a match against Indiana University East, Daniel Paez Fernandez of Bogota, Colombia, volleys against opponent.



he Brescia Men's Gold triumphed again to earn back-to-back River States Conference (RSC) championships.

The Brescia men's golf team won the RSC championship for the second consecutive year. Brescia defeated the other 11 teams in the RSC on April 16th at Belterra Golf Course in Florence, Indiana. The conference championship was split into two days — the teams played 36 holes on day one and 18 holes on day two.

"We minimized damage better than

anyone else," said Head Coach Jason Cox, who also mentioned that the weather conditions were not ideal for low scores.

The Bearcats led by nine strokes after day one. However, their lead was not as big as one would think. "You play five [athletes] and count four [scores]," explained Cox, "so it doesn't take a lot for other teams to catch up."

Nevertheless, Cox said that the team was "happy to be the hunter instead of the hunted (for first place)."

the conference championship for the second consecutive year.

Trevor Brown (SR, Henderson, Kentucky) and Steven Zehr (JR, Morganfield, Kentucky) were named All RSC First-Team, while teammate Daniel Steele (JR, Bardstown, Kentucky) was named All RSC Second-Team.

Cox was named as the RSC Men's Golf Coach of the Year. "It's very humbling to get that kind of recognition from other coaches," said Cox.

The men's golf team will compete at the NAIA National Championship on May 21-24 at Las Sendas Golf Course Mesa in Mesa, Arizona.

# ALLISON SIMPSON 76 2019 HONORS CONVOCATION ADDRESS

H i everyone! Wow- I am so honored to be here speaking to you all today. It actually hasn't been all that long since I was sitting out there at my last honors convocation before graduation. There I was just two weeks away from the next chapter of my life, and all I could think about was that had decorated my cap upside down, again just like high school. You know, priorities. That was three years ago, and a lot has changed -- well, except for the whole graduation cap part. I earned my master's degree last May, and you would think that after graduating so many times, I would have gotten the hang of it, but that would be incorrect assumption. Practice doesn't make perfect, it makes persistent... persistently illplanned cap decorations.

I am sure that there are several of you here today know me and my story, but for the rest of you all who don't: My decision to come to BU was last minute. I had actually interviewed and been accepted with a full ride at another college, but when I toured campus, it just didn't feel like it was for me. I knew that I was not going to do well in that environment. I had already applied here, so I figured I might as well tour and see what happened.

From the minute I stepped on campus, it was home. The student ambassador who showed me around was wonderful, but she really wasted her time because I had decided that this was where my future started before she even said a word. The people, the environment, everything - it all just clicked, and it felt like this was where I was supposed to be. My choice to enroll at Brescia changed my life in more ways than one. I know that I wouldn't be where I am today, doing what I'm doing if I hadn't received the phenomenal liberal arts education that is so unique to Brescia.

So, what is liberal arts exactly? We hear it in the media all the time as a topic of debate. People question whether or not it is important, and if receiving a liberal arts education is any more valuable than receiving an education that is geared directly toward one's professional interests alone. To put it simply, liberal arts can be defined as an education that involves exposure to the humanities, mathematics, and sciences that are outside of one's major or field of study. To put it even more simply, it is those pesky general education requirements that we all tend to complain about Regardless of your feelings about those classes, they are so impactful on your education in ways that you don't realize until much later. The impact of liberal arts lies in the distinction between knowledge and wisdom. We enroll in college and take classes with the hope that we will gain knowledge to help us succeed in our professional lives, and we do. Knowledge is the ability to recall information, pass tests, and write convincing essays. Wisdom is more. Wisdom is the ability to sit down in a room full of people who are different than you and be able to relate on a core level. Wisdom is being able to use the knowledge you have attained to solve problems and think creatively. Wisdom is the ability to realize that there is always more that you can learn and there are always areas for improvement. Anyone from any program can attain knowledge, but what makes liberal arts programs so special is that they impart wisdom too.

people who have the same strong opinions. As a society, we tend to surround ourselves with information and people who agree with us. In social science, we call this a confirmation bias. If we only consume ideas and facts that confirm that which we already believe and know, our biases become stronger and the divide between people who are fundamentally similar grows deeper. This type of cyclical thinking in the echo chamber of social media propagates hatred.

Hatred, by definition, is the combination of ignorance and fear. It is a biologically programmed response that originally served an adaptive purpose. We were supposed to fear things we did not know because those things might be dangerous. The reason we are scared of the dark is the same reason that prejudice exists. By requiring us to take classes in religion, world history, art, and philosophy that are outside of what we consider our interests, liberal arts education is stamping out the ignorance that fuels hatred. Liberal arts allows us to explore foreign topics in a safe environment and allows us to be more open-minded and compassionate people. Liberal arts makes the world a better place.

Having a liberal arts education also makes us more valuable to employers and graduate school admissions teams. I actually had an assignment in one of my graduate school classes this semester where we were asked to produce a list of the top ten qualities desired in employees and graduate students. If you type that into google, you will come up with hundreds and hundreds of different lists. Among the top mentioned qualities are: communication and interpersonal skills, teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, organization, time management, leadership, perseverance, open-mindedness, and a positive attitude. Nowhere was I able to find a list that said: "knows the most about biology," or "has textbook-like knowledge base of the Franco-Prussian War."

When I went on grad school interviews, nobody asked me to label the parts of a neuron or discuss behavior theory or my opinion on Sigmund Freud. No, they wanted to know my stance on diversity issues, and what skills I had that would make me a good psychologist. It's expected that you will know the information you were supposed to learn in your major. That is implied by the degree. What people want to know is will you

Wisdom is crucial for building compassion and empathy with others, and it is essential for communicating, crossing boundaries, and breaking down walls. We live in a world that is very polarized. People have strong opinions and they tend to share them on the internet with other be able to use that information in a meaningful way. They want to know if you have wisdom.

Of course, it's difficult to realize all of these things when you are sitting through that 8 AM you wish you didn't have to take. I certainly didn't know I was gaining wisdom while it was happening. In my intro psych class, taking an exam - one of the exams that were open book, open note, open blackberry, blueberry etcetera - I had no idea I was gaining skills that would make me employable. Those tests were really difficult, and the answers weren't actually in the book. The book was just there for moral support. I had to use critical thinking and problem solving to figure it out. It wasn't apparent to me that by writing an MLA-style essay on Sylvia Plath, I was learning organization. When I took my Spanish classes I wasn't aware that I was not only learning another language, but also how to communicate. And when I frustratedly drew the same image for a seventh time in Drawing I, as the first six iterations were "not finished enough," it was hard to see that I was learning to have a critical eye and to be persistent. All of the skills that we gain from the liberal arts are cumulative, and they often develop outside of our awareness that they are happening. It is really quite magical.

Brescia is not the only school in the nation that offers a solid liberal arts education, but it is unique in so many other ways. Whether you're involved in student activities and SGA, are part of a club, play in the band, or on a sports team. Brescia teaches each of its students to make a difference, through teaching us to value what is important, grow in our virtues, gain knowledge, and become good servant leaders.

I never thought that I had what it took to be a doctor, not really. My mom and grandma did, but not me. When I got accepted, I thought, for sure, that I was going to have to fight really hard to stand out among my cohorts who came from these big schools with lots of money and resources, but that wasn't the case. In fact, the director of clinical training at EKU has asked me on more than one occasion when I will be recruiting him some more BU students. Because of the experience I had at BU, I was more than well-prepared. Because Brescia allowed me to individualize my education experience and take classes that mattered, I had experience in

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topics that people who came from larger universities did not have. And because I had faculty and staff who cared about me as an individual, rather than just than a seat or number in a class, I was able to become the person I am today.

I still talk a lot about BU, how important it was to me, and how the people I met and experiences I had here changed me for the better. Sometimes, it's warranted the response of: "Wow, Allison, you really love your undergrad, don't you? Are they paying you to say all that stuff? The answer is no, no they have not paid me to say anything. I love Brescia because Brescia loved me. I am so proud to be a Bearcat.

You all should be so proud, too, of yourselves for being here today, whether you are a sophomore getting recognition for academic or athletic performance or a senior who is getting ready to graduate. It's such an accomplishment and an honor. Thank you all so much for having me. I wish each and everyone of you the best. Congratulations!

# THIS IS A STORY ABOUT MY SISTER AND THE PROMISE THAT BRESCIA UNIVERSITY OFFERS.

A SPECIAL SISTER

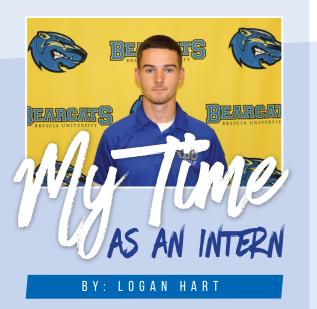
y sister Karen, now in her early 70's, was diagnosed with special needs soon after birth. The diagnosis was devastating for my parents and our family. Despite recommendations from specialists and the family doctor to place her in an institution, my parents were determined to keep her at home, insure the best possible quality of life and fully integrate her into family life. Growing up, Karen generally understood what was going on around her, but she had difficulty communicating her thoughts, often becoming frustrated and "acting out." At the time, local professional support for edu-

time for her and others with special needs. Today, in-school, adult assistance, and other social service programs are widely available. They are staffed by graduates of Special Education and Social Work degree programs like those offered by Brescia University.

My wife, Cindy Brinker, and I spent our professional careers working in higher education. We witnessed the impact higher education can have when opportunities are provided for students who otherwise may not have the resources to pursue their chosen career. Cindy and I have established the Mary Karen Jones Special Education Fund to provide financial assistance to Special Education students and general support to the Special Education Program at Brescia. Our hope is that these funds will help Special Education students achieve their career goals to provide educational opportunities and better serve the many people with special needs. M. Edward Jones graduated Brescia in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in history, and also holds a master's degree in education and a doctorate in higher education administration, both from Indiana University. He served as assistant dean in the School of Continuing Studies at Northwestern University from 1972-74. He is now vice provost emeritus for the University of Southern Indian's Outreach and Engagement.

- cation, life skills training or social services for special needs persons were very limited. Special Education services were not available at either the public or parochial schools. Through an arrangement with our parish school to get Karen into a regular education routine, our  $\mathbf{c}$ mother worked with the nuns to experiment with enrolling her in pri-4 mary classes. Regrettably, this arrangement was not successful. Our  $\geq$ mother took on the task as best she could. With sporadic assistance from Social Services, this arrangement continued until our mother passed away at age 93. At that time the primary care responsibility was assumed by my sister, Shirley. Since 2000, Karen has eagerly  $\geq$ participated and thrived in an adult day care program where her socialization and communication skills have improved, and her life
  - has expanded. We often wonder how different Karen's life would
- have been if these opportunities had been available at an earlier an





<sup>•</sup> hile I was in Washington I interned for two organizations. Praescient Analytics and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Praescient Analytics is a small data analytics company in Alexandria, VA. They provide analytic solutions to clients across the public and private sectors. At Praescient, I was a business development intern. My job consisted of opportunity searching, proposal writing, requests for information, and research on business development topics. Also, I helped to test software that Praescient was developing alongside IBM for the United States Marine Corps. I really enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside and learn from several military intelligence officers and software engineers. The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation is a nonprofit organization that works to find a cure for Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis. At the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, I was a policy intern. I research and wrote summaries of the new healthcare legislation that was introduced by the 116th Congress. I also helped to find information that was used in an amicus brief for the case Texas v. Azar. During my time in D.C. I was able to make many connections with people working for various organizations in both the public and private sectors. These connections will be incredibly important if I decide to come back to live and work in Washington. The job market in Washington, D.C. is incredibly competitive. Having connections could make the difference between landing a job or not. I'm very glad that I participated in this program. I learned a lot and believe that I am more prepared for life after college because of it.

# DEAR ALUMNI,

ack in early April, I was at an alumni event in Evansville, Indiana. It was one of the last stops on this year's Brew and Gold Tour, a series of alumni gatherings at breweries and pubs across the region. We had a nice turnout, with folks ranging in graduating class from 1968 to 2016. It was a truly lovely evening filled with good food, good beer, and good conversation. I spent a large portion of the night chatting and laughing over memories with a few members of the '68 class who had a reunion on campus back in the fall (There's a class of 1969 reunion at this year's homecoming, by the way). I can't describe how special it was sitting in that room with journalists, scientists, educators, and business leaders, all telling stories and connecting with one another. I thought to myself, "How lucky am I?" that my job allows me to bring together people from across generations and backgrounds and build meaningful relationships.

After the event, a coworker told me that at one point during the evening, an alum asked her when we were going to be asking for money for the school. My coworker answered that the event was simply to connect with Brescia alumni and have a good time over shared experiences. The alum was pleasantly surprised, as were a few of the other alumni in attendance who had wondered the same thing. This question surprised me, but it shouldn't have.

It's part of being a private liberal arts college. We ask our alumni and friends for financial support, and we do it often. But we do so humbly and with purpose. In keeping with our Ursuline heritage, we strive to provide access to a quality, affordable education. That's who we are. It's who we've always been. It's who we'll always be. Every mailer, every owing and professional networking, our students will complete the program with much needed experience in their field and build lasting relationships with Brescia alumni and community leaders. Being a mentor and imparting wisdom and friendship to our current students is a high-impact way of giving back. This spring, we invited alumni who work in biology and chemistry related careers to speak at an alumni panel for underclassman science students. Going forward, we hope to host alumni panels for various academic and professional disciplines. By participating in these panels and offering advice to our students, these alumni are giving back. In partnership with our Career Services office, we are inviting alumni to participate in career readiness programming like our speed-dating style mock interviews and alumni networking events. We have also recently increased the membership for the Alumni Association Board of Directors. By including more alumni, we are opening the door for more people to be among the most active and engaged alumni. Whether it's through our annual golf scramble or Christmas ham sale, sponsoring the annual baccalaureate reception to welcome new graduates into the alumni family or serving late night snacks to students during finals week, the alumni association and its board of directors are giving back with their time, talent, and treasure to support scholarships and sponsor campus projects.

As you can see, giving back to Brescia does not have to involve a check or credit card. While our fundraising efforts are vital to our mission, I also invite our alumni to consider giving back and getting involved in other ways. I invite our alumni to come back to campus to speak to classes about their professional experiences. I invite our alumni to be mentor to our students. I invite our alumni to volunteer and be involved in the life of our university. As Brescia moves onward, my hope is that our entire Bearcat family sees the value in what we are doing. Whether through mentorship, volunteerism, sharing of knowledge, or, yes, answering that phonathon call, I invite our Brescia Alumni to give back.

phonathon call, every social media appeal...we do it for our students so that they may have an excellent and enriching education. We do it for our alumni so that they may be proud of the good their alma mater is doing in our world. We do it for our communities so that well-educated servant leaders from Brescia University may better them. We always want our alumni and friends to support Brescia. But there are many ways to give back.

Over the past few years, we have expanded what it means for our alumni to give back. We recently completed the third year of our Alumni Mentoring Program. This program pairs a current student with a Brescia graduate who is working in the student's preferred career. Our goal is that, through job shad-

# TALK TO YOU SOON,

- Jake Davis, Director of Alumni and Donor Relations

To find out how you can give back, contact him at jake.davis@brescia.edu .

# BRESCIA ALUMS AND MINISTERS AMONG THE URSULINE SISTERS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

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Sister Marie Montgomery, a native of St. Lawrence, is celebrating 75 years of religious life. She is a 1963 graduate of Brescia College with a degree in education, and she continued her education by taking courses at various colleges and attending workshops. Sister Marie served 55 years as a teacher, principal and parish minister, primarily in New Mexico, but also in Kentucky, Missouri and Arizona. Her teaching ministry included St. Alphonsus School, St. Joseph (1960-62). She is retired at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount where she is active in the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Clara Reid is celebrating 60 years of religious life. A native of Holy Cross, Kentucky, Sister Clara is a 1971 Brescia graduate with a degree in education. She earned a master's degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky University in 1975. She taught at Blessed Mother School in Owensboro from 1961-64 and was principal at St. Pius Tenth School from 1981-85. Sister Clara also taught in Mayfield and spent 38 years serving in New Mexico. She is retired at the Motherhouse, where she serves as an information receptionist and is active in the Powerhouse of Prayer. Five of the seven Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph who are celebrating anniversaries of religious profession this year are graduates of Brescia.



Sister Cecelia Joseph **Olinger** is celebrating 60 years of religious life. A native of Glennonville, Missouri, she is a 1969 graduate of Brescia with a degree in social sciences. She earned a master's degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky University in 1974. Sister Cecelia Joseph taught at Precious Blood School in Owensboro from 1961-63, and at Immaculate Conception School in Hawesville from 1965-66. She was director of religious education at St. Peter of Alcantara Parish in Stanley from 2015-17. She also served in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Missouri and New Mexico. She is currently a postmaster, quilter and coordinator of the Guest House and Bethany at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount.





ministries at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount, including hospitality and reception at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (1991-92, 2007-13), director of the Center Shop (1992-93), hospitality in the chapel (1997-2004) and Motherhouse information receptionist (1997-2005, 2013-present). She is also an assistant in the Mission Advancement office.



Sister Larraine Lauter is celebrating 40 years as an Ursuline Sister. She is a native of St. Petersburg, Florida, and a 1987 graduate of Brescia with a degree in fine arts and education. She earned a master's degree in theology from St. Meinrad School of Theology in 1996. In 2015 she was honored as a Distinguished Alumna of Brescia. She taught at Cathedral School, Owensboro (1982-83, 1985-87) and Trinity High School, Whitesville (1987-90). She was a pastoral minister at St. Columba Parish, Lewisport (1990-92), then pastoral associate and liturgist at Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro (1992-2002). She was executive director of Migrant Immigrant Shelter and Support in Owensboro (2002-2006). She has served in Louisville since 2006, and since 2012 she has served as executive director of Water With Blessings, a nonprofit which equips, empowers and entrusts mothers to become Water Women in order to provide clean water for families in developing countries.

**Sister Mary McDermott** is celebrating 40 years as an Ursuline Sister. The St. Louis native is a 1985 graduate of Brescia with a degree in education. She was an administrative assistant at Brescia from 2005-06. She taught at Immaculate Conception School, Hawesville (1986-87) and also served in Morganfield and in Nebraska. She has served in numerous

Jubilarian congratulations may be sent to Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356. Founded at Maple Mount in Daviess County, Ky., in 1874, the Ursuline 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.

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**BLAIRE LINN '14 NEIGHBORS** was named the director of Employment Opportunities at Puzzle Pieces in Owensboro, Kentucky.

In January, LYNN HARDESTY '10 began working as a travel speech-language pathologist with a contract in Anchorage, Alaska.

# SHELBY NELSON '17



graduated in May from the University of Tennessee with a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. Shelby was one 1 of 4 from her class nominated to the National Honor Society of Health Professions.

MORGAN WIMBERG '17 was recently promoted to Assistant Property Manager with CLK Multifamily Management at La Fontenay in Louisville, Kentucky.

KAYLEIGH BOWLDS '17 POLSTON graduated in May with a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from Western Kentucky University

ALUMNUS AMBER BOARMAN '17 and AN-DREA BOARMAN '17 both graduated in May with a Master of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

MAGAN BAIZE '13 Millsaps recently opened her own private practice in Owensboro, Kentucky: Magan Millsaps Counseling, LLC.

ASHLEY MILLER '12 PHILLIPS graduated in May with her Master of Social Work degree from Brescia University and is beginning a new career with Heritage Children Services.

EMILY ADKINS '16 ROIDL will graduate in August with a Master of Arts in International Business with a concentration in Human Resources Management and Leadership from the Cologne

Business School in Cologne, Germany.

SHELBY FRANKLIN '18 is now teaching Special Education at Simpson County Middle School in Franklin, Kentucky.

MARY KYNDRA HAGAN '18 is teaching Preschool at Hager Preschool in Owensboro, Kentucky.

**MORGAN MANNING '18** is teaching 4th grade at Rockfield Elementary School in Warren County, Kentucky.

**ALANNA MUDD** '19 was recently hired at Deer Park Elementary School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

KELSEY WHITAKER '18 is teaching Special Education at College View Middle School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

BROOKLYN COLE '19 will be teaching Science at Owensboro Middle School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

BRISCOE HORRELL '19 will be teaching Spanish at North Hopkins Middle School in Madisonville, Kentucky.

KODY HUGHES '19 will be teaching Special Education at Burns Middle School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

MAKENZIE JACKSON '19 will be teaching Special Education at Cravens Elementary School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

MALLORIE POLSTON '19 will be teaching 1st grade at Newton Parrish in Owensboro, Kentucky.

NATHAN HUFF '17 was recently promoted to Assistant Creative Director for University of Kentucky Athletics in Lexington, Kentucky.



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# JULIE WHITFILL '16

recently completed an elective clinical rotation at OVI Children's Hospital in Migori, Kenya as part of her Physician Assistant-Certified program

at the University of Kentucky. "I spent my days working with the kids, adjusting treatments, and making diagnoses. This rotation has been an incredible experience and opportunity for me. I plan to become an ambassador of the hospital to raise awareness and hopefully lead mission trips here for students who are interested in the medical field one day."

Whitfill said her Brescia education influenced and enhanced her experience in Kenya. "Honestly, the Brescia mission of servant leadership stuck out to me during this trip, and I believe this is my way of fulfilling that. Also, being a Moore Presidential Scholar and seeing what all the Distinguished Alumni have achieved really inspired me to do something good for not only myself, but for other people too. "

Upon completion of graduate school, Whitfill hopes to return to her home in Breckenridge County to work in family medicine. "My hometown was the beginning of shaping me into the person I want/strive to be. My community has literally given me so much support and love and I feel that by going back and helping to help take care of people when they're in need is the best I can do to return the kindness and support they all showed me, even if it's by doing small things such as giving them a cure for a cold. I believe that even small, good actions can make a huge impact on a person's life."

Turn your Required Minimum Distribution into Maximum Tax Savings

This year, instead of paying more in taxes, use your IRA to support Brescia University students in their pursuit of higher education. If you are age 70 ½ or older, the IRS requires you to withdraw a certain amount from your IRA each year whether you need the funds or not. And you pay income tax on every distribution you take. For many IRA account holders, the taxes can be a significant and undesirable annual burden.

benefits. It allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to Brescia instead of receiving the distribution yourself. You pay no taxes on the transfer and your gift counts dollar-for-dollar to support Brescia's mission of providing a Catholic, liberal arts education to students. You are also able to deduct your gift from your required minimum distribution amount, which lowers your income and taxes this year.

Instead of taking on this inconvenient tax The IRA charitable rollover provides several liability, you can roll over up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Brescia University. You will not be

taxed on the transfer and it meets the need of your required distribution. Best of all, it's easy.

Many people are discovering they can make a big difference to help further our mission with an IRA rollover gift. For an added benefit, consider designating Brescia University as a beneficiary of your IRA.

Contact us or your IRA administrator to see how you can rollover into tax savings.



**JOHN DEAN**, a member of the housekeeping staff, completed 50,000 miles on his bike this past spring which was a life goal of his.

Adjunct instructors, **NAHEED MURTAZA**, who teaches the Politics and Social Issues course, and her students conducted a research project where they looked into local businesses and non-profits to see what efforts they have made to promote equity and equality. On June 7th, Professor of Graphic Design and Art, **DAVID STRATTON**, was invited to present in a duo show at the Mclean County Arts Center, in Bloomington, Illinois.

**MISS LINDA** retired from Brescia University after countless years working in the dining hall.



**AMANDA MORRIS**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, and recent Bachelor of Social Work Field Practicum graduate Aaliyah Rodgers, served as guest speakers for the Owensboro Alzheimer's Caregiver Support group. Morris and Rodgers led an educational session



The Brescia University Office of Career Services is pleased to announce the addition of a campus "Career Closet" for enrolled students beginning in Fall 2019. The Career Closet will house professional attire for students to wear on interviews for internships, graduate schools, and job opportunities. The Director of Career Services hopes to be able to provide a few staple items for both men and women such as: dress slacks, khaki pants, shoes, button up shirts/ professional blouses, and blazers. The Career Closet will give our students an opportunity to look and feel their best during an interview without added pressure to their finances. The focus is currently on business professional attire, but other items such as winter coats, hats, and gloves will also be accepted.

Career Services is excited about this new addition to campus, but is in need of a little help to get things started. The career services department would be happy to take some of your business professional attire that needs a new home!

# WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Lightly worn, fashion forward items (the last 5-6 years) in all sizes
- Khaki pants

about caregiver stress and the importance of self-care. The effort was funded by a BU

High Impact Practices grant. Using grant funds, Morris and Rodgers secured a from Brescia University that funded a partnership with Lauren Miller, contracted licensed massage therapist with Owensboro Health. Miller was able to offer massage services to the group members and Morris led the participants in a guided imagery relaxation technique. When planning the activity, Morris and Rodgers wanted the chance to truly give the participants a chance to relax-to offer them the time and space to invest in self-care. Ultimately, the two wanted to give them the opportunity in the moment to combat some of the caregiver stress experienced by those who sacrificially give of themselves for those who cannot care for themselves secondary to Alzheimer's Disease. Morris is also a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association where her and her students help the organization through fundraising and participating in the Owensboro Walk to End Alzheimer's.

- Dress slacks
- Shoes
- Button up shirts and polos
- Professional blouses
- Skirts
- Business professional attire for men and women

# WHERE CAN I DROP OFF MY DONATION?

• The Office of Career Services is located on the second floor of the Moore Center

\*\*All donations are final and will be sorted based on current student needs.



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