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## Homecoming Queen & King

Juniors, Zach McDaniel (Bowling Green) and Alex Wink (Owensboro), were crowned the 2017 Homecoming King and Queen. Alex is actively involved on campus, including her position as Historian for the Student Government Association, and Zach is a member of the Men's Bearcat Basketball team.



Members of the Men's and Women's basketball program from years past reunited at the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, a new event added to the Homecoming schedule this year.



The Brescia Bearcat Volleyball team defeated Asbury University on Tuesday night

Students, faculty and staff, alumni, and friends braved the cooler temperatures to cheer on the teams as the chariot race teams barreled down 7th street.



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Jason (Class of 1996) and Eric (Class of 1992) Kyle, Sr. Sharon Sullivan (Class of 1975), and Dr. Paul Coomes (Class of 1973) pictured here with President, Father Larry Hostetter, were honored as the 2017 Distinguished Alumni at the annual banquet Friday evening.



Marty Rowe (Women's Basketball Coach, 1998-2004), Matthew Lowe (Class of 2013), John Reilly (Men's Basketball Coach, 1993-2005), and Graeme Abel (Class of 2004, not pictured) were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame as part of Homecoming weekend.



Members of the Bearcat Baseball team were victorious in the annual Battle for the Bell Chariot Races



The "Return to the Arch" Alumni Speaker series brought back Sr. Michele Morek, OSU '66, who was joined by current student, Alex Satterfield. The duo spoke on the mission work of the sisters and work they each have done involving awareness and prevention of human trafficking and their time together at UNANIMA.



Lisa Payne Jones '93 was awarded the Father Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame award and Chris Ford '97 was named the Outstanding Alumnus at the alumni luncheon

# SPIRIT WEEK





# WELCOME *Class of 2020*



A new class of Bearcats arrived on campus in August, and we are so excited to see what they accomplish! New, incoming students and their families participated in a four-day Orientation where they learned everything they need to know to have a successful college experience. Workshops and activities filled the weekend as the new Bearcats settled into their home away from home. They are quickly learning what it means to #livelikeabearcat!



New students participated in a Day of Service during Orientation. The new Bearcats visited locations such as Theatre Workshop, the local animal shelter, and Habitat for Humanity, among others, to lend a Bearcat paw to local non-profits.



Faculty, staff, and local businesses welcomed the new students and educated them about campus and community resources.



Students and their families joined faculty and staff in the newly renovated Moore Center gymnasium for the Welcome and Academic Convocation.



Students lent a helping hand to new students, helping them move into their new homes.





## BRESCIA UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES THE

# GRAND OPENING OF THE MOORE CENTER

BY: KAYLA ALTMAN

Brescia University celebrated the grand opening of the newly renovated Moore Center on September 8, 2017. The day of festivities kicked off with a Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting and a dedication by Bishop William Medley. The atrium was full as Fr. Larry welcomed guests to the new space. Joe Moore, the donor for whose family the building is named, expressed the meaning behind the build and his gratitude for his parents and their legacy. Guests then partook in lunch in O'Bryan's Dining Hall, and enjoyed tours of the building throughout the afternoon. The day of celebration concluded with a picnic style dinner on the quad that featured live bluegrass music, a performance by local artist and speed painter Aaron Kizer, and other commemorative activities.

The renovation of The Moore Center completes the first of a two phase building project. Brescia University launched a \$10 million capital campaign in October 2014; The Campaign for Brescia University: Gateway to Our Second Century. The campaign and building projects are part of a vision to meet the evolving needs of students in a growing competitive landscape of higher education.

The Moore Center, previously known as the Campus Center, was originally constructed in 1988. Brescia University broke ground on the renovations project in March 2016. The building was completed in July 2017. The Moore Center boasts an open concept living and dining area, including the remodeled O'Bryan's Dining Hall, named in memory of William M. O'Bryan, one of the founding members of the then Brescia College Board of Trustees. The main floor's open air atrium also features Barney's Café, a new downtown coffee shop destination, open to the public from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Friday and 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Sunday evenings. Bearcat Corner, the University's spirit shop, and the Office of Admissions, sponsored by Old National Bank, are also located inside the atrium.

The most notable addition is an expanded gymnasium that will accommodate 750 fans and features two full-size practice courts in conjunction with the primary playing court. The second floor now features the expanded Owensboro Health Walking Track, open to the public from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday, a new health and wellness center for students, faculty, and staff, and updated Student Development office space that includes a new Counseling and Campus Ministry Center.

The Moore Center is named in recognition of the Parvin and Mildred Moore Family. The Moore's son, Joe, graduated cum laude from then Brescia College in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in accounting. He is a CPA with more than 30 years of experience in hospital management and operations and recently retired from his position as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Vanguard Health Systems. He now spends his time as a semi-retiree lending his expertise with Martin Ventures, a Nashville based venture capital firm. Joe is currently serving his third term as a member of the Brescia University Board of Trustees and also serves as the chair of the Campaign Cabinet for the Gateway to Our Second Century Capital Campaign. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 2005.



The atrium was packed with members of the Brescia family and Owensboro community who came to witness the ribbon cutting.



Local artist and speed painter, Aaron Kizer, who composed a painting of Barney the Bearcat that will be displayed in the Moore Center.



Pictured above is the Sadie Tree, which represents both the roots of tradition and new life, and is named in honor of the daughter of alumni, Glenn Cox '14 and Audrey Popham '11 Cox, who met at the Capital Campaign Kickoff. When you find yourself on campus, venture into the quad where located to the right of the prayer garden, you will find the Sadie tree. Just like little Sadie's adventure, this tree is only the beginning of the lives that will be impacted by our capital campaign.



In 2014, Joe and his wife Jeanne pledged a \$1 million dollar gift to the campaign, and in November 2015 were responsible for securing an additional \$1 million gift from The Martin foundation, a gift given in Joe's honor. Joe and Jeanne chose to give tribute to his parents with a scripture from Proverbs 16:30, "Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed," a life lesson among many they taught him through his upbringing.

The second phase of the building projects will be the construction of a new academic building located on the corner of 9th and Frederica Street. Ground breaking will take place in the spring of 2018 with completion slated for late 2019. The "Signature Building," as it is being called at this time, will house Brescia University's School of Education, the Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work, and the Charles A. Reid School of Business. Total construction costs for both projects will likely surpass \$14million. The University has raised over \$12million. Naming opportunities are still available for interested donors.

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The plaque recognizing the generous gift of donor Joe Moore and the namesake of the building, the Parvin and Mildred Moore Family, features Proverbs 16:3 and is displayed on the entry wall of the building.



Centerpieces at the evening picnic were a nod to the Ursuline legacy, showcasing buttermilk and watermelon, the first meal the sisters ate when they arrived at the Mount.



Members of the Brescia family celebrate the grand opening with a picnic on the quad.

# A JOURNAL FROM THE PAST

BY: ERIN TICARAT

**Students enrolled in Dr. Elaine Wright's MSW 600 course, *The Intersection of Poverty, Human Rights, and Caritas*, completed an assignment that required them to conduct an interview or participate in an immersion related to human rights. Erin Ticarat chose to interview her mother-in-law about her experience growing up in communist Russia. Below is the excerpt from her journal.**

For this journal entry, I decided to interview my mother-in-law, Catita Ticarat, regarding human rights. She was born in the countryside of Romania near the town of Oradea. She was married and had nine children in Romania, before moving to Austria for a short time and later to the U.S. in 1979. She was 42 years old when their family moved to the U.S., and she had endured many hardships and human rights violations during the communistic reign of Nicolae Ceaușescu. My husband was two years-old when they came to America, and he was the youngest of her children. I became interested in interviewing her because I have heard some stories of the hardships the family went through over the years, but I have never really got an in-depth look at what human rights looked like in Romania when she was growing up and starting to raise her family.

Catita was only allowed to go to school through the fourth grade because she had to help her mother and brother at home. Even though she has lived in America for almost forty years, she never learned English or learned to drive. I think that is very much related to the culture she grew up in and how women were lacking human rights in Romania. Her mother and father were not married, which was uncommon during that time period. The community looked down upon her and her family. She says that people would make fun of her family and look down upon them because they were poor and did not have a father.

When she was 17, she married my father in law, who passed away in 1997. She saw marriage as her only option in life. She did not have opportunities to go to school or start a career. She recalls how her husband was often abusive, and did not treat her well. She was expected to take care of the children, cook 3 meals a day from scratch, and keep the house clean. As the children got older, they were expected to do much of the work, and were punished for doing childlike things such as riding their bikes. In Romania, her husband was regarded as the head of the house, and she was supposed to be submissive to his rule. She did not have a voice or a right to stand up or speak out. Getting a divorce would have been completely unheard of, and she would have been treated poorly by the community. She did not view divorce as an option, even if her marriage was unhealthy, abusive, or unhappy.

She also worked for a short period of time. She had learned to sew from her mother, and she begun working in sewing factory shortly after she was married. The labor conditions were harsh and in violation of human rights standards. She had to work whenever she was told. The factory worked three shifts, but the employees were not assigned to a regular shift. The manager could change your shift time daily if they wanted, or could make you work two shifts in a row. She recalls working all three shifts within the same week. The constant changing of shifts interfered with family life and the employees' body rhythms. To this day, she has difficulty sleeping and requires sleeping medication which she attributes to the constant shift changes. She also got paid very little money. She estimates that it was equivalent to less than five dollars a day in today's terms. The managers were also very harsh. She recalls them always yelling and complaining.

During the communist reign, Eastern Orthodox was the only accepted religion, and the religion was controlled by the government. The people were not free to worship any other denomination or type of religion. Catita's mother was Orthodox, but her husband was an evangelical Christian. After they were married, she converted to her husband's religion. Evangelical churches had to meet secretly in the homes of people. If the government found out, they could have been beaten, killed, or imprisoned. A close friend of hers was imprisoned twice and threatened to be killed before he was able to come to American. My husband's family was approved to immigrate to the U.S. on the

grounds of religious persecution. She recalls how hard it was for Christians, and how many of her friends were beaten or thrown in jail. She was very scared for her family, and she was afraid of what would happen if her husband was killed or thrown in jail. She could not provide for the family on her own.

She also faced hardships dealing with food, water, and shelter when she was young. They did not have a lot of food, and sometimes they went hungry. They grew food during the summer, and everything was made from scratch. Meat was not eaten every day. They did not have running water, but were able to get water from a nearby well when she was growing up. They had an outhouse for a bathroom, and bathed using boiled water and a basin. The winters were very cold, and she remembers how she hated using the outhouse when it was so cold. Their home was very small, and a fireplace was their only source of heat. She describes harsh living conditions, and she is very glad that she now has everything she needs to be comfortable and safe.

I had heard of some of the stories before, but many were new to me. I never realized how bad things actually were when she was growing up in Romania. Before this interview, I had never put much thought into the human rights violations that she endured. One of my sisters-in-law moved to America from Romania about 14 years ago. She says that much has changed in Romania. Many of their rights are now similar to our rights in the U.S. Women are able to work, go to school, own businesses, and get divorced. Food insecurity is still a problem, especially in rural areas, but it is not as bad as it was before. Most homes have running water, heating, and air conditioning, although some homes in the country may still lack these amenities. People have religious freedoms and are no longer persecuted for their beliefs. They are now able to express their political views without fear. When I asked my sister-in-law what she thought was the biggest reason for the advancement of human rights, she said the fall of communism was the biggest change.

I am glad I decided to do this interview. It has helped me to understand my mother-in-law better, and to better understand the reasons that she does things. For example, she refuses to eat the last of something, such as the last cookie, piece of bread, or piece of fruit. She might eat the whole box, except she refuses to finish it. She says it is because of growing up with so little food, she would get in trouble for eating all of something. Now she makes sure to leave some, so that she is not accused of eating it all. She cannot recall any human rights groups that advocated for human rights. She remembers some people that came around from time to time that helped with food, but she says it had to be done in secret because of the government. I learned a lot from this interview about the human rights struggles in Romania during the 1950's to the 1980's. Except for the rich and powerful, all Romanians suffered from human rights violations, and women had even fewer rights than men. I gained insight into how government leaders can take away the rights of the people and make them live in fear every day. When a government leader gains too much power, the people are subject to their policies which can be very limiting. I am glad that my husband's family was able to immigrate from Romania and no longer had to endure the numerous civil rights violations. They were extremely happy to come to America and gain religious freedoms. To my husband's parents, religious freedom was more important than any other right they gained from moving to America. I have a new appreciation for those facing hardships due to human rights violations. My mother-in-law endured a lot, but she was determined to overcome the difficulties she faced. I am very thankful for the rights that we have in America, especially the freedoms for women. I know that America has room to improve in terms of human rights, but I do appreciate all of the rights that we do have. I am thankful that no matter what our political, personal, or religious views are, we are able to express them without fear of punishment.

# Campus life



## BRESCIA ALUMNI SPEAK TO STUDENTS

Brescia welcomed home Owensboro Chief of Police Art Ealum, Lauren Reid Patton from Independence Bank, and Bretnea Turner Thomas from Owensboro Catholic High School, along with Brescia University Vice President for Academic Affairs, Sr. Cheryl Clemmons, to speak to students in Brescia's Honors College. The group provided panel discussion entitled "Servant Leadership in the Real World."

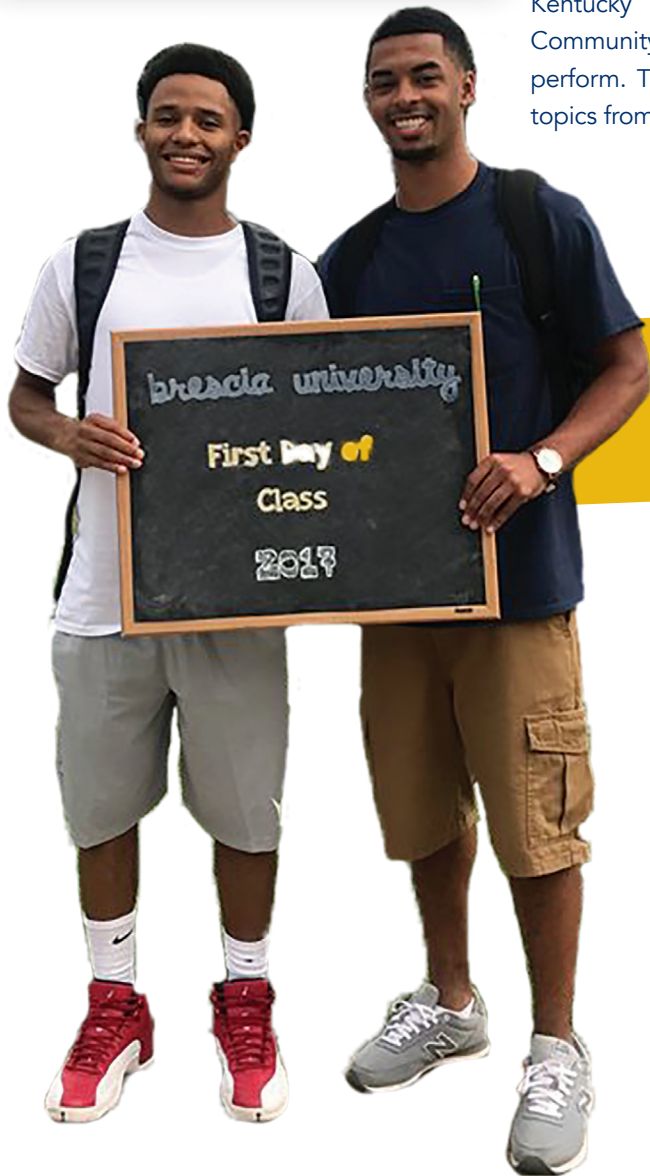
## BEARCATS DECK THE HALLS

Members of campus clubs, the student body, and faculty and staff joined the Student Government Association for the annual Hanging of the Greens celebration. Participants enjoyed arts and crafts, hot chocolate, and other tasty holiday treats while decorating the newly renovated Moore Center Atrium.



## BEARCATS BRING THE DRAMA

The Theatre and Speech Club (TSC) performed their first production - Shorties: An Evening of 10 Minute Plays - on November 2nd and 3rd. This was a collaborative project, which brought together students and faculty from Brescia University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, and Owensboro Community Technical College to direct and to perform. TSC performed six short plays covering topics from immigration to suicide to Elvis's dog.



## BRESCIA STUDENTS RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

## OWENSBORO INNOVATION ACADEMY



Owensboro Innovation Academy students visited Brescia University's campus for their first day of school. Students at the Innovation Academy can now enroll in dual credit courses, and possibly an Associate's Degree at Brescia to receive college credit while in high school.

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## COLLEGIATE DAY OF SERVICE

Brescia University freshmen joined students from Kentucky Wesleyan University, WKU-Owensboro, and Owensboro Community and Technical College for the first community Collegiate Day of Service in Owensboro. Students from Brescia completed their service hours by cleaning neighborhoods between Orchard Street and Crabtree Avenue and Fourth to Eighth streets.



## COMMUNITY JOINS BRESCIA FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Community members visited Brescia University's campus to participate in all of the fall treats and activities that were part of the annual Fall Festival. Members of the student body and faculty and staff also had the opportunity to grab some cotton candy, paint pumpkins and enjoy the inflatable on the quad.



## BRESCIA'S FURRY FRIENDS PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS



# BRESCIA STUDENTS FEATURED IN KENTUCKY CPA JOURNAL

Four Brescia University students were featured in Issue 3 of the Kentucky CPA Journal that was released in the fall. Brookelyn Hattabaugh, Andrew Roberts, and Angela Kurz were featured for their participation in the annual KYCPA College Leadership Institute, which took place in June. Nineteen students, recommended by accounting faculty from 13 colleges, participated in the two-day program where they worked to develop professional skills through sessions designed to provide tools needed to cultivate effective communication and networking skills. William Christian Scalf was also listed as a new student member of KY CPA.



# STUDENTS HOLD MEMORIAL TO REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11TH

Students held a memorial in the quad to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. During the memorial observance, students held a flag with the names of those who were lost and recited the following prayer: "God of mercy and compassion, you see those places in the heart that are carved out by pain and grief, those places that are darkened by hatred and destruction, those places that are deepened by compassion and love. Pour forth into our hearts the healing presence of your Holy Spirit, that we may love more deeply and more faithfully, so that the world will be spared the horror of which we are all capable when we turn away from love. We ask in the name of him in whom all suffering humanity finds peace at the last, Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen"



# STELLAR BEARCAT GOLFERS

Grant Collins '14, Kevin Boothe '08, Matt Galloway '14 and Chase Carrico '15 were the winners of the annual Alumni Association Golf Scramble held at Ben Hawes Golf Course this year.



# BRESCIA WELCOMES AUTHOR WILLIAM KAMKWAMBA

Brescia University had the pleasure of welcoming author William Kamkwamba to campus as part of the First Year Experience Program. Kamkwamba is the co-author of The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope, how he achieved his dream of bringing electricity, light, and the promise of a better life to his family and his Malawi village. The book was a New York Times best-seller, and Kamkwamba's story was featured early in the Wall Street Journal. An accomplished speaker, Kamkwamba has addressed audiences at the 2008 World Economic Forum, multiple times at TED, and at schools and universities across the globe.



# SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY

The Brescia community gathered in the quad on August 21st to witness the landmark eclipse on the fringe of totality epicenter.

# BRESCIA FAMILY CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN WITH TRUNK OR TREAT

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The Brescia University Psychology Club sponsored a trunk or treat for the Owensboro and Brescia communities. Athletic teams, campus organizations, and members of the student body, and faculty and staff, decorated their trunks and handed out treats to local children.



# BEARCATS GO COUNTRY IN NASHVILLE

Fifteen students in the Brescia University Honors College Arts and the Human Experience class traveled to Nashville Tennessee. The class toured the Parthenon, Music Row, the Country Music Hall of Fame and also had the opportunity to attend the Grand Ole Opry. The Opry was hosted by Vince Gill and featured Reba McEntire. The students got more than they bargained for when Dolly Parton and Carrie Underwood made a surprise appearance to celebrate Reba McEntire's 40th anniversary as a member of the Opry.

# Campus life



## BARNEY THE BEARCAT GOES TO HIGHLAND

Barney the Bearcat visited the students and teachers at Highland Elementary for College Day! Barney had the opportunity to visit with students, say hi to alumni, and was even featured on Highland's morning news show. Barney the Bearcat loves his Highland Hornets!

## LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENJOY SOUP DAY

Members of the Owensboro and Brescia communities visited the Ramold Center on Brescia's campus for the annual Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work Soup Day. Participants enjoyed a meal of homemade soup, bread and desserts that benefited Saint Paul's Mission in Crownpoint, New Mexico, which serves Navajo families and children.



## CONGRESSMAN BRETT GUTHRIE VISITS CAMPUS

Kentucky Congressman Brett Guthrie visited Brescia University's campus in October and enjoyed a campus tour and a tour of the newly renovated Moore Center led by students and President, Father Larry Hostetter.



## BRESCIA TAKES PART IN THE KENTUCKY THESPIAN FESTIVAL

Dr. Amanda Dawson, Brescia's Theatre and Speech Professor, was invited to participate in the Kentucky Thespian Festival, an annual statewide conference for Kentucky high school theatre students, that was held at RiverPark Center in Owensboro, Kentucky on November 3rd – 4th. There were over 350 Kentucky high school students in attendance. Brescia University student and Theatre and Speech Club Secretary, Simon Forgue, represented the University by talking with students about being a Bearcat. Dr. Dawson served as an adjudicator for one act plays and individual events. She also led two workshops on directing and dramaturgy.



## BRESCIA SPELLING BEE TEAM DEFEND THEIR TITLE

Brescia's Spelling Bee team once again took home the trophy at the Imagination Library Community Spelling Bee. The team took home the victory during a final showdown match against Kentucky Wesleyan College with the winning word "tintinnabulations".

# BEARCATS TAKE LOS ANGELES

Members of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association attended the ASHA Convention in Los Angeles, California.



# BU Online TUITION FREEZE

BY: SHANDA LARUE

One of the main hurdles adult students face when thinking of returning to school is the cost of earning a degree. That is why Brescia University will not increase the undergraduate tuition or online course fee for BUonline for the next 4 years. The current tuition rate of \$425 per credit hour and online course fees of \$150 per course will be in effect until Spring 2022. These four years will allow students the opportunity to return to school to finish their online associate or bachelor degree while knowing the cost of the program will not go up.

BUonline at Brescia University caters to working adults that are trying to reach their educational goals while working full time and raising families. At Brescia University we believe that each person is a unique representation of God's creation that will never be repeated; that's why we pay particular attention to the individuality of our students and help each student access the resources they need to be a successful online student. With BUonline, each student will complete an orientation to ensure they are ready for their first online course and have a full-time academic advisor with access to free online tutoring.

Brescia University's BUonline has consistently ranked among the top online programs in the state of Kentucky and the country. We offer four completely online associate degrees and six completely online bachelor degrees. For more information, please contact Brescia University at [BUonline@brescia.edu](mailto:BUonline@brescia.edu) or visit [online.brescia.edu](http://online.brescia.edu).

*Shanda LaRue is the Director of Operations for BUonline. She has been employed at Brescia University for over 9 years and oversees the administrative, fiscal, recruitment and supervisory duties related to BUonline.*

## NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

*Terry Baggett, Visiting Professor of Computer Science*

*Andrew Beams, Residence Life Assistant*

*Beau Branson, Assistant Professor of Philosophy*

*Auston Bruder, Assistant Coach, Men's Soccer*

*Brett Cagg, Assistant Professor of Chemistry*

*Amy Carpenter, Human Resource Assistant*

*Kendal Connor, Head Cheer and Dance Coach*

*Chad Cox, Assistant Coach, Baseball*

*Jason Cox, Head Golf Coach*

*David Drury, Education Assistant*

*Sarah Eastlund, Assistant Professor of English*

*Kelly Gaynor, Financial Aid Counselor*

*Robert Moskos, Assistant Professor of Social Work*

*Lauren Osowicz, Director of the Annual Fund*

*Keith Piersawl, Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball*

*Lisa Reece, Assistant Professor of Social Work*

*Brooks Rexroat, Assistant Professor of English*

*Penny Riley, Admissions Counselor for BUonline*

*Emily Robertson, Student Development Office Assistant*

*Morgan Russelburg, Career Services Coordinator*

*Chelsie Staples, Assistant Coach, Cheer and Dance*

*Ashley Tyler, Housekeeping*

*Emilee Ward, Admissions Counselor*

*Danielle Woodward, Mailroom Clerk*



# BEARCAT

# athletics



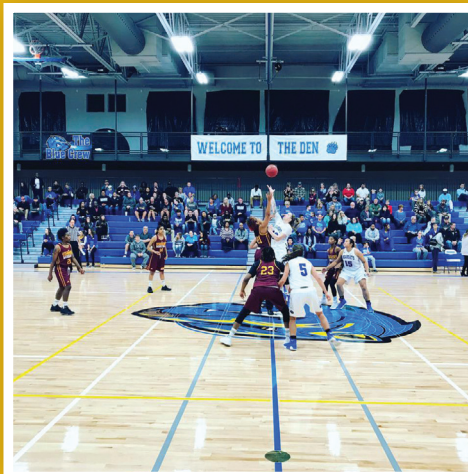
Bearcat golfer Trevor Brown took home the title at the Jace Bugg Men's City Tournament at the Henderson County Club in July.



Kelsey Kirkpatrick (Tompkinsville) and Dillon Gerald (Tompkinsville) both surpassed 1,000 points in their Brescia University Basketball careers.



The Brescia Bearcat Dance Team was joined by GRADSA for a holiday halftime performance this winter. The dancers were dressed to spread Christmas cheer! GRADSA Star Squad Assistant Coach, Micah Swift said, "It was a great experience having both the teams I am involved with come together at Brescia. Coaching the GRADSA StarSquad is rewarding because the dancers love what they do!"



Haley Cook, senior, secured the first Women's Basketball tip off in the newly renovated Moore Center.

## RIVER STATES CONFERENCE AWARDS

### CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

Doodyln Colas (Petion Ville, Haiti)

– Men's Soccer

Jordan Blemker (Oakland City, Indiana)

– Women's Soccer

Kyle Robinson (Henderson, Kentucky)

– Cross Country

Madeline Jones (Mt. Carmel, Illinois)

– Cross Country

Courtney Reels (Bowling Green, Kentucky)

– Volleyball

### FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Rhiannon Ungerer (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

– Volleyball

Natalie Jones (Owensboro, Kentucky)

– Volleyball

### SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Kristin Logsdon (Robards, Kentucky)

– Volleyball

### SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

Davis Mitchell (Spottsville, Kentucky) – Men's Soccer

Luan Yoshida (Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil) – Men's Soccer

Jerrica Kidd (Stanford, Kentucky) – Women's Soccer

Jessica Embry (Owensboro, Kentucky) - Women's Soccer

Haley Coons (Owensboro, Kentucky) - Women's Soccer

Allison Chappell (Owensboro, Kentucky) - Women's Soccer

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

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

Chase McCauley (Louisville, Kentucky) – Cross Country

Brent Crawford (Clarkson, Kentucky) – Cross Country

Kyle Robinson (Henderson, Kentucky) – Cross Country

Makenzie Jackson (Owensboro, Kentucky) – Cross Country

Courtney Reels (Bowling Green, Kentucky) - Volleyball

Alex Satterfield (Owensboro, Kentucky) – Volleyball

Katherine Porter (Madisonville, Kentucky) – Volleyball

Bonnie Jones (Cross Plains, Tennessee) – Volleyball

Shelby Buschkoetter (Owensboro, Kentucky) – Volleyball

Tonya Tivitt (Hardinsburg, Kentucky) – Volleyball

Natalie Jones (Owensboro, Kentucky) – Volleyball



Senior Volleyball players are accompanied by their families as they are honored on Senior Night.



The Volleyball team was joined by players from past years in the Alumni Volleyball matchup.



Members of the Women's Soccer team enjoy a team meal in Dublin, Ohio during travel.



The Men's Soccer team finished the season with a win against Ohio Christian.



The eSports team began competing this fall in their new arena, located in Bartholomy-Taylor Hall.



# ONE YEAR FROM LAST CANCER TREATMENT Porter signs with Brescia

By Elliot Pratt, Bowling Green Daily News

PHOTO: ELLIOTT PRATT/photo@bgdailynews.com

RUSSELLVILLE – Dillon Porter's college signing wasn't like any other signing, considering it wasn't long ago he thought he'd never play baseball again.

Porter signed a letter of intent Friday afternoon (November 17, 2017) to play baseball at Brescia University just one year after his last remission treatment for battling lymphoblastic lymphoma, a form of cancer.

Porter is expecting to recover 100 percent by the time he starts pitching as the No. 1 senior for the Panthers in the spring.

"This is amazing," Porter said. "I never thought I'd get the chance to play college baseball. Actually getting this opportunity is great."

Porter's first full year playing varsity came last year just a few months after his last treatment. He went 1-3 with five starts with a 5.25 ERA. He struck out 19 batters and gave up 46 hits and 24 earned runs.

"It's really special," Russellville baseball coach Tyler Meacham said. "You've got kids now with obstacles they face with health conditions and it's

amazing to be where he was and then now he's starting his senior year and already signing to play college baseball."

Porter was active in swimming, soccer and the marching band on top of playing baseball when he was diagnosed with lymphoblastic lymphoma in November 2014. He had one at-bat in 2015 and slowly worked his way back to the varsity team halfway through his sophomore season.

There was one occasion when he left chemotherapy and immediately went to a baseball game to keep the score book in the dugout.

"I didn't want to let my team down," Porter said. "Even though I was going through treatment, I had to be there and watch them. I went and sat and kept the book and got sick a couple of times throughout the game, but I stayed through it." Through all the treatment, Porter said baseball



was the motivation that kept his spirits up.

"Baseball has definitely been a big part of it because that has been my motivation to get over everything and push through," Porter said. "If I didn't have that, I wouldn't have any goal in mind. "I really hope this is a great year and I'm really looking forward to it with the opportunity to be the No. 1 pitcher. I hope everything goes well for the team as well, not just for me."

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# THE FIRST STEP of a long journey

Two summers ago, I had an incredible experience working in New York City as an intern for a non-governmental organization (NGO) called UNANIMA International, which is based in the United Nations. My personal subject of interest quickly became anti-human trafficking efforts, and I knew at the end of the six weeks that I wanted to continue to build on the education that the UN had provided. Over the past school year, I connected with Redeeming Zoe, a non-profit organization committed to fighting sexual exploitation of children in the Philippines. Cebu City, Philippines, is the highest concentrated area for child exploitation in the world, and thus it is Redeeming Zoe's primary target and where they will permanently plant their organization. Thankfully, I was blessed to have the opportunity to spend three weeks in the Philippines working with Redeeming Zoe in July of this year.

I have had a consistent plan for my future since I was around ten years old. I thought that my time in the Philippines would just confirm the blueprint that I have created and been working toward, but instead, it completely changed my life and re-shaped my future. I was exposed to an absolutely beautiful culture that is being corrupted for the benefit of those who thrive on the dehumanization and abuse of children, the world's most innocent population. Because Redeeming Zoe is in its beginning stages internationally, the primary goal for our trip was to establish as many contacts in the field as possible. There are a plethora of organizations working on various forms of aftercare for survivors of trafficking, but we are not aware of any other groups focusing primarily on prevention. This means that Redeeming Zoe has the potential to be the binding force that proves how effective it will be for all organizations with the same goal to unite rather than compete.

We spent each day meeting with as many colleagues as possible, while simultaneously allowing ourselves to be exposed to the culture so we could better understand how the trafficking epidemic is so prevalent. There is a very legitimate corruption issue within the local governments, so not everyone we met could know our true purpose for being there. Part of my job, as a pre-law and psychology major, was to study the behaviors of everyone we spent time with and try to establish



patterns that would help us to approach each person or area in the most appropriate fashion, leading to the best results. Hearing the stories and statistics from people who witness atrocities, such as a two-month-old baby being rescued from online sexual exploitation, every single day was a new level of education that I was not emotionally prepared to handle. We spent time in churches, schools, prisons, and

shelters, and I cannot put into words how difficult it was to walk away after what I witnessed. I did not originally intend for this trip to be the first of many, but coming back to the life I have been blessed with has pushed me to find a way to get back there as soon as possible.

I am so honored that Hillary Evans and Becca Haskell, the co-founders of Redeeming Zoe, allowed me to be a part of their mission. The bond that was created between the three of us in such a short time is something I will cherish as I continue to pursue work in this field. We hope to work together again in the future, and we all agree that this kind of internship is something that every student should have the opportunity to experience for themselves. We are the generation that is going to have to handle the world's crises, and what better way to prepare ourselves for that task than to know firsthand exactly what we are dealing with? I want to return to the Philippines and continue the work that I started, but I also want to apply what I learned to the trafficking problem that is just as concerning right here at home. I am so thankful to everyone who helped make this dream a reality for me, and I hope I can honor those that I advocate for as I take what this experience has taught me and continue to fight human trafficking in any and every way possible.

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# Like Mother, Like Daughter...

MOTHER PASSES ON THE BRESCIA EXPERIENCE TO HER DAUGHTER AS THE DUO START A BEARCAT LEGACY.

BY: JENNIFER ELBERT

My Brescia experience started 26 years ago, when I attended a college fair in the Fall of 1991. I met Lonnie, Admissions Counselor and Assistant Volleyball coach. Like most high school seniors, I filled out the card, handed it over to the recruiter and began to walk off. Lonnie stopped me immediately. She said, "You are exactly what we are looking for at Brescia: a Math major and a Volleyball player." The next thing I knew my parents were driving me to Owensboro to try-out for the volleyball team.

Pulling into the parking lot of the Campus Center, I was a little concerned about the size of the school and if it was a co-ed or not. By the end of the day, I had decided that Brescia was the school for me. I wanted to be a Bearcat. Walking into the gym and meeting my soon to be teammates and Coaches, I felt at home. Touring the campus and talking with other students, I felt welcomed and encouraged. During try-outs, I also met Missy (O'Keefe) Bowman, who by the end of the day, would be my roommate.

During the next two years, I played the sport I love for the school I loved even more. The adventures and experiences I shared with my teammates are some of my very favorite memories. We were a small team with a lot of potential. We might have been small in size but we were so much bigger in heart. We worked hard and learned a lot of lessons on the way. Our team grew as players and as young adults. Our small school always filled the gym to support us and we had some of the best fans. My parents never missed a game. It was great to look in the stands and see them cheering for my team. I never really understood the pride they had until I had my daughter.

So, fast forward to Spring 2016, when my daughter's Brescia Experience started. Brie has heard many, many stories about my time at Brescia. From playing volleyball to changing my major; from being home sick to graduation, and everything in between. She never showed interest in attending Brescia and stated many times, I am going to New York. I want to make my own path. Point taken and I did what any mom does and continue to support her dreams. Until that day in May, she came home and told me all about Katie Jones. Katie had opened her eyes to what she could have at Brescia. Brie looked at our calendars and started planning for a visit. She took time to reach out and complete all the information on-line so she could meet with Coach Forbes and scheduled time with one of the English professors.

On our first visit, Brie really explored the campus. Matching up my memories to the different spots on campus. Unfortunately, the Moore Center was being renovated so we weren't able to take a look into my beloved gym. We spent a little time outside chatting with Father Larry



as he was out on a late morning walk. Finally, we sat down with Coach Forbes. We talked all things volleyball: Brie's accomplishments, strengths, weakness, and her willingness to grow, and my time at Brescia. When we walked out of that meeting, Brie said this is where she was supposed to be. She wanted to continue her education here and she want to play volleyball here. I don't think I have ever been prouder. Watching my daughter find a home in a place that I dearly love and seeing it through her eyes make all the sacrifices worth it for the opportunities that lay before her.

As summer closed and fall approached, we made arrangements for Brie to visit the volleyball team with an overnight stay and practice with the team. The mom in me was so nervous but the player in me knew that she had it in her to show her skills and her willingness to continue to learn and play this sport we both love. We left that weekend with a verbal commitment to be a Brescia Bearcat.

In December, Coach Forbes arrived at her high school for the formal signing. What an honor to have your child chose to attend the college you love and for the opportunity for her to play the same sport that we both love too. Such a blessing for us both and the best thing she ever said to me, "Whatever path I take in my life, I know my mom will always lead the way."

Coach Forbes invites all Volleyball Alumni to play in the annual Alumni game against the current team. I was very excited to join the tradition this year. I had not played in the Alumni game before so I recruited my old roommate, Missy, to join in and I hope that more of my teammates will join us next year. I wasn't sure what to expect but walking on to this new floor in the Moore Center, where Brie will make her own memories, was an honor to play against her to show her where it all started.

For athletic parents, it's very hard for us to not live through our children and to not give our unsolicited opinion and to continuously be coaching them in their sports. I must say that after playing against her and her team, I think she knows that I just might know what I am talking about and that when I say that was a good pass or an awesome save or if I stand up cheering and going crazy it's because I have lived it, I have felt what they are feeling and I know this game.

There is no better experience than the Brescia Experience and it's even better that my daughter will get to share in this Brescia Experience too. And I look forward to the day, that we are both on the Alumni side of the net and continue to this tradition together.

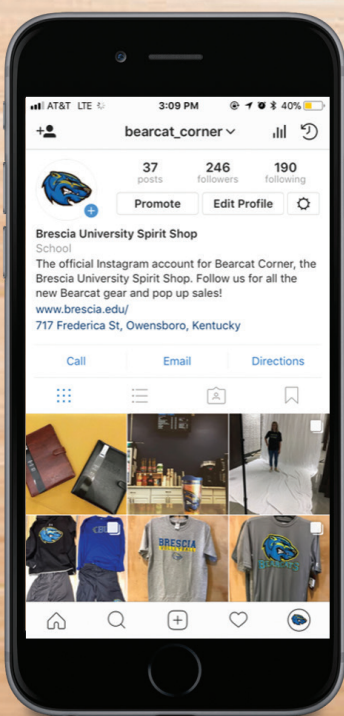
# Class



## Bearcat Corner

## COME JOIN US!

Our new Spirit Shop, Bearcat Corner, is now open in the newly renovated Moore Center! Stop by and check out all of the Bearcat gear and accessories. Follow us on Instagram, @bearcat\_corner to be the first to know about new products, sales, and giveaways. Go Bearcats!



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### DANNY MAY '00

has been named the Director of Marriage and Family Life for the Owensboro Diocese.



### SARAH POOLE 'XX

has been named the Vice President for Intermediate Care Facility Services at Wendell Foster.



### MARK SNELL

has been named the new President and CEO of the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation. Mark returned home to Owensboro for the position after living away nearly 40 years.

### JULIE EADENS '03

was named President of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Henderson, Kentucky, effective in June of this year.

### CHRISTINE TORRES '00

has started working for Alion Science and Technology near Ft. Meade, Maryland after transiting out of Active Duty (Army) status for the position. She will be working for the Air Force Spectrum Management Office at Alion and will continue to serve the Army with the Maryland National Guard.

# Notes

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INCLUDED IN THE JUNE EDITION TO  
COMMUNICATIONS@BRESCIA.EDU.



Brescia University alumni and members of the Alumni Office enjoyed a night at the Bowling Green Hot Rods Ballpark in Bowling Green.



## MICHELLE STORM HAIRE '04

and husband James Haire welcomed twin boys,  
James Theodore and Arthur Simon, on June 14th.

## JOSEFINE GRUPS LOE '12

received her Doctorate  
in Psychology from Nova  
Southeastern University  
in June.



Alumni Isaac Duncan '13 and  
Matt Galloway '12 enjoyed one  
of the stops on the Bearcat  
Bourbon and Wine Trail, O.Z.  
Tyler Distillery in Owensboro,  
Kentucky.



## SARAH MARTIN '17

accepted a 1st grade teaching position at Burns  
Elementary this fall.

# Faculty NEWS



Rachel Basing, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was the first author on an article that was accepted for publication by the journal Hippocampus. The piece was entitled *GSK3 activity regulates rhythms in hippocampal clock gene expression and synaptic plasticity*.



John Dean, a member of Brescia's housekeeping staff, received a number of awards at the Plastic Model Club Contest and Swap Meet at the Elizabeth Mundy Center in Owensboro in September. He won 3rd place with his 2007 Dodge Charger Super Bee model and he won 1st place and People's Choice with his 2012 Corvette. John has been building models for over 30 years and has built over 300 models.



Amanda Morris, MSSW, Assistant Professor of Social Work, served as the Chairperson for the 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's. The Walk took place on August 26th at Smother's Park with a very successful outcome. Approximately 500 people attended. The walk surpassed the \$50,000 goal by raising over \$65,000. Susan Howard, Associate Professor of Social Work, served as team captain for the Brescia University team, which raised over \$1,300.



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