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Graduation —2016—



"I wanted to thank you all for the WONDERFUL experiences I've had over the last three years. I can honestly say that it still feels surreal that I actually successfully completed the BSW program. You all have and always will hold a special place in my heart as you challenged me to do the work. I am so honored to have been a part of the professionalism, in addition to, the material that I learned from at Brescia. You all are why social work is an awesome place to be. And this might be a biased statement; nevertheless, Brescia has by far the best social work faculty by far! Thank you for all that are and all that you do!" —Albert Phillips, Decatur, Georgia



Class of 2016

Congratulations to all of our May graduates and welcome to the Brescia University Alumni family! We wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors. Brescia University awarded degrees at the RiverPark Center on May 14, 2016. The following students received degrees as indicated:

KENTUCKY

Beaver Dam

Shelby Marie Goff, B.S.W.; Member of Phi Alpha

Belton

Allison Nicole Simpson, B.A. in Psychology; Summa Cum Laude; Member of Alpha Chi

Bowling Green

Cheryl Anne Powell, B.A. in Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies; Magna Cum Laude

Calhoun

Patrick Clouse, B.S. in Biology

Caneyville

David Nathaniel Thacker, A.A. in Liberal Arts

Centertown

Kayla Kim Melton, M.S.T.L.

Central City

Chris John Krawiec, Jr., B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Biology and Sports Management

Clarkson

Laura Marie Wygant, B.S. in Medical Technology

Clay

Lauren Michaela, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology

Cub Run

Kelsey Leann Fox, B.A. in English and Spanish; Magna Cum Laude

Danville

Brian Douglas Wray, B.A. in History and Pre-Law; Magna Cum Laude; Member of Alpha Chi

Elizabethtown

Irene B. Stull, A.S. in Business

Gilbertsville

Carleigh Jan Bright, B.A. in Political Science

Glasgow

Cassandra Marie Cochran, B.S. in Business

Greenville

Shaelyn Dean Vaught, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management

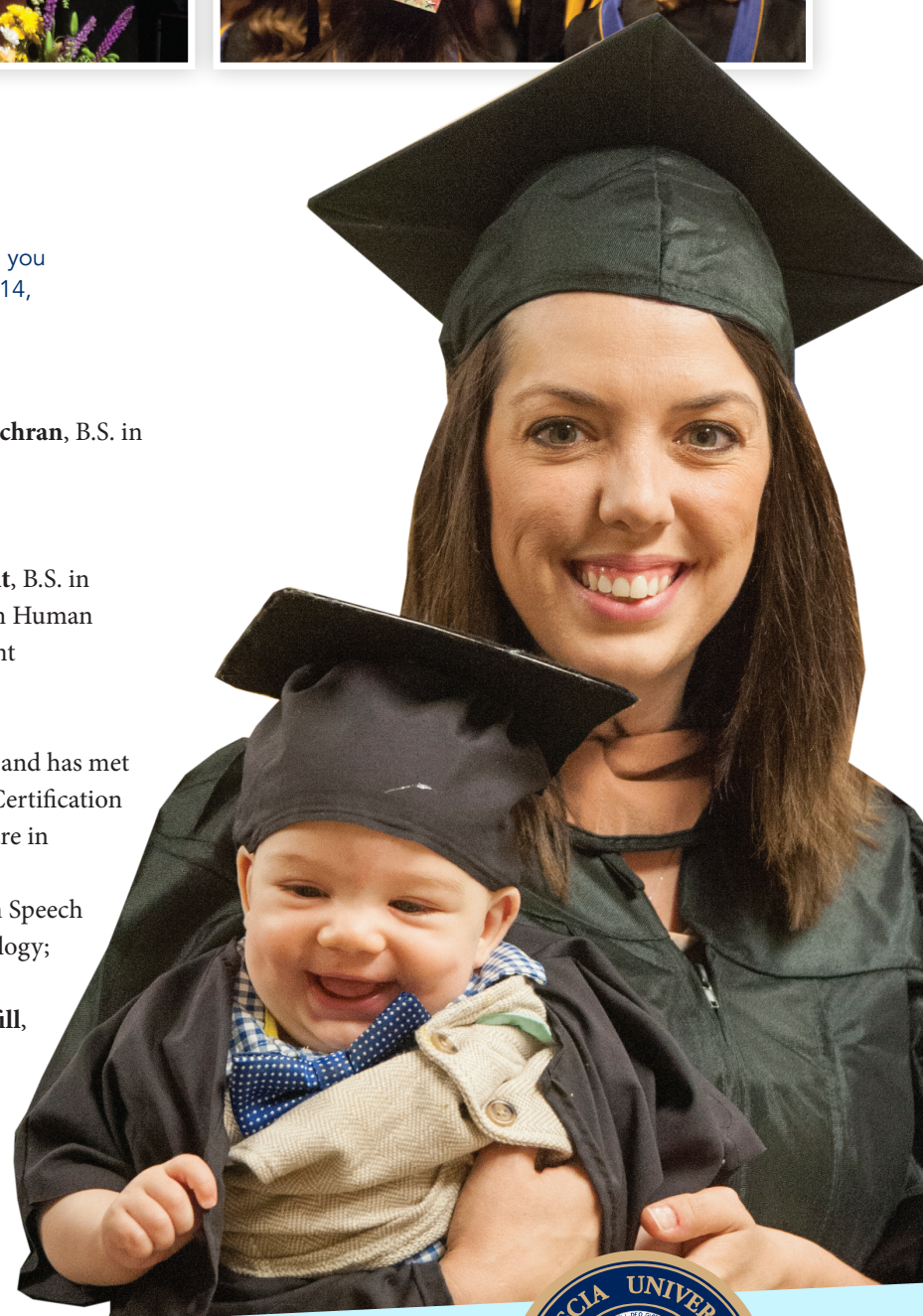
Hardinsburg

Kayela Clark, B.S.W. and has met all requirements for Certification in Public Child Welfare in Kentucky

Paige Mingus, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology; Magna Cum Laude

Jacob Thomas Whitfill, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics

Julianna Lee Whitfill, B.S. in Biology; Cum Laude



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Harned

Courtney Grace Lucas, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Education, Psychology, and Social Work

Hawesville

Sara Beth Brown, B.S. in Middle School Education in Math with Teacher Certification in Grades 5-9 and in Special Education with Teacher Certification in Learning Behavior Disorders in grades P-12; Magna Cum Laude
Justin C. McCormick, A.S. in Business

Henderson

Zachary Scott Capps, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Education and Psychology
Emily Blake Fabrizio, B.A. in English, Emphasis in Professional Writing; Psychology Minor
Jason Allen Johnson, B.S. in Business
Amanda Dawn Keown, B.A. in English
Christian Allen McHatton, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Management and Psychology
Timothy De'Wayne Miller, B.A. in Psychology
Patricia Crespo Padilla, B.S. in Business: Emphases in both Finance and Economics, and in Human Resource Management, with a second major in Spanish; Magna Cum Laude
Christopher Michael Thomas, B.S. in Accounting

Hopkinsville

Kayla Wade, B.S. in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, with Kentucky Certification Birth Through Primary; Cum Laude

Knottsville

Sydney Bernadette Warren, M.S.M.

Lawrenceberg

Ricki Lynne Neff, A.A in Human Services

Leitchfield

Chelsea Marie Whobrey, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology

Louisville

Jessica Ann Head, B.S.W.; Member of Phi Alpha
Caressia Shareese Marshall, B.S.W.

Manitou

Christopher Owen Blalock, M.B.A.

Mayfield

Courtney Montana Woods, B.A. in English

Morganfield

Jalyn Houston, B.S. in Biology

Munfordville

Jamie Lynn Alvey, B.A. in English, Theatre Minor; Summa Cum Laude

Owensboro

Brian T. Applegate, B.A. in English
Amber Gayle Banks, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology
Kaitlin Elizabeth Bash, B.S.W.; Cum Laude
Laura Renae Cavender, A.A in Human Services
Logan Michael Cecil, B.S. in Biology
Landon Dame, B.S. in Chemistry, Biology Minor
Sarah Rae Dowell, B.S. in Business
Madalyn Rose Duty, B.A. in English, Business Minor; Cum Laude
Ashley Armstrong Everly, B.S.W.
Katie Lynn Ford, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology; Summa Cum Laude
Robert James Glenn, IV, B.S. in Business
James Kerry Groves, M.B.A.
Ethan James Hall, B.S. in Biology; Cum Laude
Samantha Sparks Hall, B.S. in Accounting; Magna Cum Laude
Hannah Lea Harper, A.A in Human Services
Chandra Marie Harry, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics; Magna Cum Laude; Member of Alpha Chi
Charles Connor Hundley, B.S. in Biology, Chemistry Minor; Summa Cum Laude
Charles Jordan Johnson, M.B.A.
Jonathon Ray Kamuf, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics; Cum Laude
Aaron Blaine King, B.A. in Psychology
Martina Louise Krampe, B.S. in Accounting
Sarah Elizabeth Lawson, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude
Stacy M. Lawson, B.S. in Business
Bonita D. Ballard Lowrie, B.S.W.
Caitlin Elizabeth Merritt, B.A. in English: Emphasis in Professional Writing
Karen Tanner Midkiff, A.A in Human Services
Morgan Neal, B.S. in Business
Zachary S. Ottman, A.S. in Business
Nicole Allison Ralph, B.S. in Elementary Education with Kentucky Teacher Certification for grades P-5
Amanda N. Richards, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management; Cum Laude
Abigail Victoria Thomas, B.S. in Middle School Education with

English and Social Studies, with Kentucky Teacher Certification for grades 5-9

Taylor Madison Wathen, A.A in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Psychology and Speech Pathology
Haley Renee Westerman, B.A. in English; Cum Laude
Kelsi Woodall, B.S.W.; Cum Laude

Paducah

Chad R. Cox, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Psychology and Sports Management
Dakota Lynn Durrett, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Business and Art

Paintsville

Heather Michelle Salyers, B.S.W.

Philpot

Samantha Jo Howard, M.S.M.
Brett Roberts, B.S. in Accounting

Princeton

Sara Brynn Vailes, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude; Member of Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha

Radcliff

Cassandra Kay Punjack, B.S. in Biology with Kentucky Secondary Teacher Certification

Reynolds Station

Lesley Ann Henderson, B.A. in English: Emphasis in Professional Writing

Russellville

William Joseph McKenzie, B.S. in Mathematics, Sports Management Minor

Stanford

Laura Ann Estridge, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology; Magna Cum Laude

Utica

Emily Adkins, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management
Derek Charles Austin, B.A. in Psychology; Magna Cum Laude

ALABAMA

Cullman

Erin Marie Dover, B.S.W.

Mobile

Terese Fisher, B.S.W.

Tuscaloosa

Merry Joyce Nobles, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude; Member of Alpha Chi

ARKANSAS

Fort Smith

Susan Ann Morales, A.A in Human Services

Jacksonville

Cleyardis Melody McDonald-Amaker, B.S.W.; Member of Phi Alpha

Mountain Home

Jamie R. Leach, B.S.W.
Jennifer M. Stickles, B.S.W.

CALIFORNIA

Alta Loma

Stephanie Ursula Vasquez, B.S.W.

Pasadena

Dona M. King-Johnson, B.S.W.
Mariam Manucharyan, B.S.W.

San Diego

Dulce Y. Lopez, B.S.W.; Cum Laude; Member of Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha

San Jose

Alexandra Utschig, B.S.W.; Summa Cum Laude

Chula Vista

Paul Anthony Lopez, B.A. in Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies

COLORADO

Colorado Springs

Michelle Lynn Herrera, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

DELAWARE

Wilmington

Ryan Lutz, B.A. in Psychology

FLORIDA

Clermont

Lesli Faye Huerta, B.S.W.; Member of Phi Alpha

Lehigh Acres

Melissa Anne Wisniewski, B.A. Psychology; Cum Laude

Pensacola

Michele Alexandria Johnston, B.S.W. and a B.A. in Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies; Cum Laude

Tallahassee

Alex Knight, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Psychology and Sports Management

Tampa

Brianna Rose, B.S.W.; Cum Laude

GEORGIA

Blairsville

Jamie L. Seabolt, B.S.W.; Summa Cum Laude

Georgia

Albert Leon Phillips, Jr., B.S.W.; Cum Laude

IDAHO

Sugar City

Chelsie Yardley Rencher, A.A in Human Services

ILLINOIS

Carterville

Abigail Rose Cowser-Barnett, B.S.W.

Elmwood Park

Zachary Michael Sciacotta, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Social Work, Law Enforcement, and Psychology

Nashville

Lacey R. Gill, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Business and Education

INDIANA

Dale

Kathryn Keller, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Art and Business; Magna Cum Laude

Evansville

Katherine Denton, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology
Michael D. McIntosh, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Biology and Psychology
Austin-Lee Dakota Morris, Sr., B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Sports Management and Psychology

Fort Wayne

Taylor DeAnn Holley, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology; Cum Laude

Greenfield

Jolene L. Fugate, A.A in Human Services

Indianapolis

Amanda Ann Meyer, B.S.W.

Ireland

Bonita L. Meadows, B.A. in Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies; Cum Laude

New Salisbury

Samantha Lee Johnson, A.A in Human Services

Newburgh

Sherry S. McBride, A.S. in Business
Laura Sophie Ann Chandley, B.S.W.

Taswell

Dustin Ray Smith, B.S.W.

KANSAS

Manhattan

Amy Jane Hartman, B.S.W.

Topeka

Ratina Plummie Rich, B.S.W.; Cum Laude; Member of Alpha Chi

MARYLAND

Easton

Katherine Lindsay Harrison, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude; Member of Alpha Chi

MICHIGAN

East Jordan

Sharon Ruth Bordinat, B.S.W.

MINNESOTA

Brainerd

Maribeth LaDouceur, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Kenyon

Christine Mallery, B.S.W.; Cum Laude

MISSISSIPPI

Biloxi

Rose M. Bautista, B.S.W.; Cum Laude

Brandon

Amber Corinne Taylor, A.A in Human Services

Toomsuba

Stacey Brown, A.A in Human Services

MISSOURI

Jackson

Katherine J. Jones, B.A. in Psychology and Theology

Branson

Christina Hull, A.A in Human Services

MONTANA

Bozeman

Cynthia L. Soriano, A.A in Human Services

NEVADA

Gardnerville

Wendy Sands, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Las Vegas

Jennifer Nycole Lively-Pagliuca, B.S.W.

NEW JERSEY

Belleville

Daphnee F. Jocelyn, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Cliffwood Beach

Victoria L. Walsh, B.A. in Psychology; Cum Laude

NEW YORK

Cohocton

Marie Owens, B.S.W.

Endwell

Kelly Nicole Roma, B.S.W.

Fort Drum

Lauren Elizabeth O'Connor, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Social Work and Psychology; Cum Laude

NORTH CAROLINA

Efland

Irene W. Crowder, B.A. in Theology; Cum Laude

Gastonia

Kathryn Frances Wilkey, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Lake Lure

Leonard Sean Ferguson, A.A in Human Services

Roanoke Rapids

Georgiana Jeanne Couden, B.S.W.; Summa Cum Laude; Member of Phi Alpha

Yanceyville

Donna Elisa Graves, B.S.W.; Cum Laude

NORTH DAKOTA

Grand Forks

Reagan Ashley Lange, B.S.W.



Graduation

— 2016 —

OHIO

Beavercreek Township
Julie Ann Hernandez, B.S.W.

Bidwell
Bethany Hope Corbin, A.A in Human Services

Cincinnati
Victoria Jetter, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Elyria
Ashley Brook Moore, B.S.W.
Elizabeth Annette Williams, B.S.W.; Cum Laude

Leavittsburg
Maggi Lynn Rihel, A.A in Human Services

Medina
Marie A. Buddie, B.S.W.

Piqua
Tam'ara Marie O'Toole, B.S.W.

Saint Paris
Julie Dunn, B.S.W.; Summa Cum Laude

Salineville
Crystal D. Dickson, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Sardinia
Amanda J. Clark Widmeyer, B.A. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Sociology, Social Work, and Psychology

Star
Kari Lael Frymire, B.S.W.; Cum Laude

OREGON

Medford
Lisa Sue Gielow, B.S.W., Psychology Minor; Summa Cum Laude; Member of Phi Alpha
Tasheena Nicole Richards, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Portland
Victoria Nkechi Anyanwu, B.S.W.

PENNSYLVANIA

Gettysburg
Jenna L. Moore, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Mechanicsburg
Elizabeth Ann Walden, B.S.W.

SOUTH CAROLINA

West Columbia
Lindsey Nicole Bradley, B.S.W.

TENNESSEE

Antioch
Olivia Griffith, B.S.W.; Cum Laude

Dyersburg
Kassie Ann Scott, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Nashville
Eva Burelos Nieto, B.S. in Chemistry

TEXAS

Grandview
Stacy Nichole Waldrup, A.A in Human Services

Houston
Grace Olubulola Omidiji, B.S.W.; Member of Phi Alpha

Irving
Apryl Rachelle Green, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Katy
Jenifer Shelley McLuskie, B.A. in Psychology; Cum Laude

VIRGINIA

Alexandria
Linsey D. Berens, B.S.W.

Virginia Beach
Dawn J. Seay, A.A in Human Services
Kimberly D. Pierson-Hobart, B.S.W.; Cum Laude; Member of Phi Alpha

WASHINGTON

Cheney
Gretchen Gallagher Van Blair, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Dance, Theology, and Psychology

Port Orchard
Jessica R. VanHouten, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude; Member of Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha

Renton
Charlene R. Schubert, B.S.W.; Magna Cum Laude

Spokane
Miranda Dawn Biddle, B.S.W.

WISCONSIN

Madison
Erica D. Johnson, A.A in Human Services

BRAZIL

Rio De Janerio
Gustavo Silva Rabello De Carvalho, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Management

Sao Paula
Tarsila Thomaz Duck, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management

CANADA

Edmonton
Rasheal Andre' Charles, B.S.W.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Olomouc
Marketa Kreuzingerova, B.S. in Accounting and in Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics; Summa Cum Laude

ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa
Eyob Arega Balcha, B.S. in Computer Science: Emphasis in Business and Management Systems

GERMANY

Dusseldorf
Tom Frederick Roidl, B.S. in Business

PARAGUAY

Asuncion
Federico Gabriel Rios Echeverria, A.S. in Engineering Studies

SOUTH SUDAN

Juba
Joseph Acueil Wol, A.A in Human Services

BRESCIA

Now!

Graduate PROFILE

Rasheal poses with Director of Social Work, Todd Palmer at graduation

Rasheal Charles

HOMETOWN
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

MAJOR
SOCIAL WORK

Why did you choose Brescia University to pursue your Bachelor's Degree?

Brescia University was a degree completion program that fit my lifestyle at the time, because I was working full-time in the field of Human Services already and I wanted to put all my practical knowledge towards a degree in Social Work.

What made you decide to go into the field of social work?

I love to help people and I love to work alongside individuals that seem to be marginalized in society and it would be a great opportunity for me to learn about different walks of life from individuals that often don't have a voice.

What does the Brescia Difference mean to you?

The Brescia Difference means that I have learned to carry out making a difference in the lives of others that I touch through the love of Christ and not being ashamed. It means being gentle, wise and knowledgeable with the people I work with, not only with courage but also having a consciousness to treat all those I encounter with compassion and respect.

Why was attending the graduation activities in Owensboro so important to you?

Attending graduation in Owensboro was important to me because this was a life accomplishment. I also really enjoyed meeting all the professors that have taught me over the past two years. Being able to meet them face-to-face was extremely encouraging and uplifting, as well as meeting some lifelong friends and peers. It was just a clear representation of achieving my goal!

Had you ever been to Owensboro before? If not, what did you find most surprising about the city?

I have never been to Owensboro before and what I found most surprising is that it was so easy to get around and it was so beautiful!

What hobbies do you have outside of school?

I like to do a lot of crafts, like making my own vintage hats and I have also just started looking into making cloth brooches.

What are your future plans now that you have graduated?

My future plans are to get into grad school and potentially find a different job.

Tell us about your family!

Both my parents are from the Caribbean island of Grenada, which is 100 miles east of Venezuela. I have one older brother and one younger brother, and a sister-in-law. I also have an ADORABLE niece and nephew.

What is the most important thing you have learned during your time at Brescia?

The most important thing that I learned at Brescia University is how to cultivate good relationships and the importance of being thorough and precise. I have also learned not to be afraid of new challenges, and that pushing myself to be the best is not something that should be waitlisted because of fear.

BRESCIA COMMUNITY CELEBRATES

Groundbreaking OF THE MOORE CENTER

On March 31, 2016, students, faculty and staff, alumni, donors and friends gathered as Brescia University broke ground on The Moore Center following the community chamber breakfast. The ceremony celebrated the first phase of The Campaign for Brescia University: Gateway to Our Second Century, a \$10 million capital campaign designed to meet the evolving needs of students and the growing competitive landscape of higher education.

Hartz Construction of Owensboro was announced as the contractor for the project and will be leading the construction for phase one of the campaign.

The Moore Center is named for the Moore Family in honor of Board of Trustees member and donor Joe Moore for his contribution to the campaign. In 2014, the Moore's pledged a \$1 million dollar gift to the campaign, and in November 2015 were responsible for securing an additional \$1 million gift from a Nashville foundation, a gift given in Joe's honor.

Joe graduated cum laude from then Brescia College in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in accounting. He won an award for having the highest accounting GPA in his graduating accounting class. In 2005, Joe was recognized by Brescia University with the Distinguished Alumnus award.

Joe served as a member of the President's Advisory Council for approximately 10 years before being selected to Board service in February 2005. He is currently serving his third term as Trustee. Joe is the Chair for Campaign Cabinet for the Gateway to Our Second Century Capital Campaign and is the past-chair of the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Joe, a CPA, has more than 30 years of experience in hospital management and operations and recently retired 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. He was formerly Senior Vice-President, Development at Columbia/Hospital Corporation of America.

In October 2007, Joe and his wife Jeanne also made a \$1 million dollar commitment to establish The Moore Presidential Scholars Endowed Scholarship. Joe, a native of Morganfield KY, and his wife Jeanne currently reside in Nashville, Tennessee and have two sons.

The first phase of the capital campaign will include major renovations to The Moore Center, including an open concept living and dining area on the first floor that will include a remodeled cafeteria, as well as a brand new snack bar, and spirit shop. This floor will also see a new Athletic Hall of Fame and an expanded gymnasium to accommodate nearly 1,000 fans and will feature two full practice courts and a primary playing court. The addition of two new team locker rooms and an enrollment center will also be housed on the first floor of the building. The second floor will see extensive renovations as well, with the addition of a health and wellness center, expanded walking track and updated office space that include a new counseling center.

The second phase will include the construction of a new Signature Building on the corner of 9th and Frederica that will give a face lift, not only to Brescia University's campus, but to Downtown Owensboro, serving as a Gateway to the thriving downtown area.

This building will feature an innovative digital learning studio, an auditorium that will be available for community use, state-of-the-art classrooms and computer laboratories, and will house the School of Business, the School of Education and the School of Social Work. Innovation and technology will be hallmarks of this new state-of-the-art facility.

Construction on The Moore Center started soon after the groundbreaking and is slated to be completed early 2017.

The \$10 million Capital Campaign kicked off in October of 2014. To date, Brescia University has secured \$9.5 Million in gifts and pledges.



Campus life

BRESCIA STUDENTS HONORED FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP

During the annual Founder's Day Convocation, student leaders were honored for their involvement in campus life, academics and athletics. Logan Cecil, Owensboro, and C.J. Bright, Gilbertsville, were named the 2016 Spirit of Angela Award Winners for their embodiment of the Brescia Difference and their servant leadership modeled after Saint Angela Merici.



BUONLINE STUDENT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HER COMMUNITY



As part of the requirements of the online social work program at Brescia University, student Laurie White became involved in Catholic Charities refugee resettlement program in Phoenix, Arizona. In just a semester of work, Laurie credits the program with having a huge impact not only on her education, but on her life.

Laurie began an internship in January as a job developer for the organization where she works with non-Spanish speaking refugees to help them prepare for employment. She arranges training sessions that teach the clients how to find jobs, identify proper interview attire, fill out applications and other skills, like handshakes, eye contact and smiling.

"We role play the interviews, so clients are prepared and know what to expect," said White. She also works to help them gather previous

work and education experience so they are ready for the application process.

Her work with the program's clients also introduced Laurie to a struggle they faced that went beyond difficulty finding a job. She found that the clients often did not have sufficient funds to purchase hygiene and cleaning products for themselves and their families. Laurie took advantage of a required community project for her social work to reach out to local churches and ask if they would be interested in holding a hygiene supply drive. St. Rose Catholic Community embraced the idea and with the help of the Program Director, Patricia Gillem, and a former refugee, Samuel Ndayiragije, the kids at St. Rose's learned about life for a refugee and helped collect hygiene items for them.

"Interning at Catholic Charities has been a wonderful opportunity for me," said White. She plans to continue her internship next fall and working for organizations like Catholic Charities who advocate for people.

BRESCIA STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AT THE ANNUAL FAREWELL FEST IN THE QUAD



BRESCIA UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$50,000 GIFT

Brescia University received a gift of \$50,000 from Old National Bank as part of the Campaign for Brescia University: Gateway to Our Second Century. The gift will be used toward renovations of the Moore Center on Frederica Street, including naming the Admissions Reception area that will be part of the updates made.

The public phase of the Capital Campaign began in October of 2015 as part of a strategic plan by the university to meet the current needs of the institution, as well as position Brescia to excel in the years to come. The first phase encompasses updates to the current Campus Center, which opened in 1989, including an expanded gymnasium and walking track, the addition of a health and wellness center, a remodeled cafeteria, as well as a brand new Athletic Hall of Fame, snack bar, spirit shop, and enrollment center.

BRESCIA RECEIVES \$15,000 GRANT FROM PNC BANK

Brescia University has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from PNC Bank that will be used to purchase technology for the School of Education. Candidates will use the technology in conjunction with their studies in order to learn new, innovative ways to prepare for their career in teaching and address twenty-first century skills. Brescia’s School of Education will purchase iPads and iPods with the funds that can be used in the higher educational setting to build lessons that candidates will implement in the field. Faculty members will provide hands-on learning for students in the program, as well as community partners’ students, to prepare candidates to teach the technology-literate learners that are currently in the P-12 setting.



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK NAMED FOR FACULTY MEMBER



The Social Work Department became the Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work on Thursday, April 14th as the department was named after Marilyn, who has been instrumental in making it into the successful program that it is today. Friends and family of Marilyn gathered in the Study Pavilion to celebrate the occasion.

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY LITTLE THEATRE NAMED AFTER RETIRING PROFESSOR



The Brescia University Little Theatre has been renamed the Belinda Thomson Little Theatre to honor retiring faculty member, Belinda Thomson. Belinda, a 1972 graduate of Brescia University, has worked at Brescia nearly 30 years, where she started out as a part-time faculty member. She is retiring as the Professor of Speech and Drama.

Campus life

BARNEY THE BEARCAT CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

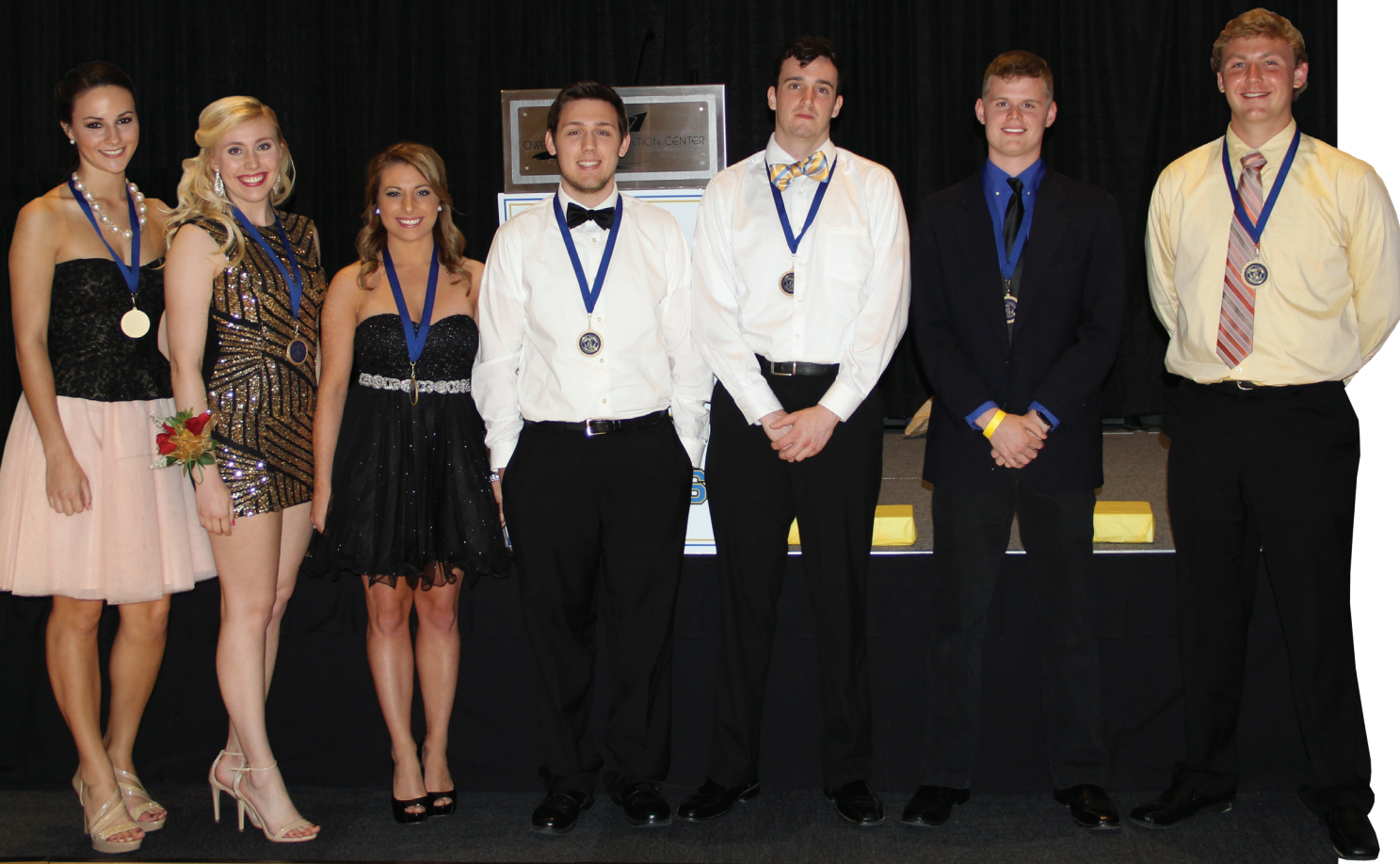


OAKS DAY

Brescia University faculty and staff gathered on Oaks Day to celebrate the end of another successful semester with wind-up toy races, big hats, and lots of food.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HOSTS INAUGURAL BALL FOR NEWLY ELECTED LEADERSHIP



BRESCIA SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS AND FACULTY CHARTER PHI ALPHA CHAPTER

This spring, 30 online students in the Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work, living anywhere from Virginia to California, with faculty sponsors Laura Gibson and Morgan Fields chartered the nation's newest chapter of Phi Alpha, the honor society for social work. The national office gave the chapter its official name – Chi Psi. The purpose of Phi Alpha is to recognize and promote students' scholastic achievement, leadership, and service to further humanitarian goals and ideals. BSW students must be social work majors, have attained at least sophomore status, have completed at least 9 hours of required social work courses, have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 and have a social work GPA of at least 3.25.

When asked about the importance of Phi Alpha to social work students, chapter president Sarah Adams said, "I have been with Brescia University's Phi Alpha chapter from the start, so it means the world to me. It is a place where social work students can join together and celebrate their achievements, while still helping to make a difference in the world around them. Chi Psi is a chapter founded on unity, achievements, friendship, and selflessness." Members have already done some preliminary planning for their first service project.

BRESCIA STUDENTS ATTEND PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SPRING RETREAT



In April, Social Work students Kayela Clark and Rachel Tanner attended a Public Child Welfare Certification Program Spring Retreat at Eastern Kentucky University, accompanied by Susan Howard, Associate Professor of Social Work and Sociology. Retreats are held every Spring and Fall and provide training for students in the Public Child Welfare Certification program. Brescia University has been part of this collaborative program since 2000 and has had 38 students graduate with Certification in Public Child Welfare in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



BRESCIA STUDENTS MEET KENTUCKY SENATOR

A group of students from Brescia University had the opportunity to attend the Rotary Club meeting in March to hear the address from Senator Rand Paul. The students were able to ask questions of the Senator and he was delighted to answer their interesting, intelligent and challenging questions. The students even had the opportunity to meet Senator Paul following the event.

BIOCHEMISTRY STUDENTS PUBLISH DNA SEQUENCES FROM ROSE STUDY



A group of biochemistry students published their DNA sequences from a study of rose plants that were infected with the Rose Rosette Virus in February. These sequences were then reviewed and published by the National Center for Biotechnological Information (NCBI). The study was completed under the direction of Dr. Jacob Adler and involved collaboration with Bill Tyler, and the Western Kentucky Botanical Garden. The students were awarded a \$730 grant from the Kentucky Academy of Science that was used to fund the study. Students involved included Laura Sims, Landon Dame, William Beams, Charles Hundley and Eva Burelos.

BRESCIA STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF PARTICIPATE IN THE 5K COLOR RUN



BRESCIA'S OPEN 24 HOURS

The 2016 issue of *Open 24 Hours*, Brescia University's annual literacy journal, is now available. Those interested in acquiring a copy can contact David Bartholomy, Associate Professor of English, by email at davidb@brescia.edu.

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Learning to Lead with Love

As part of Brescia University's mission of helping students realize their God-given potential, Brescia introduced the Caritas Leadership Workshop Series "Learning to Lead with Love" to students this semester. This program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop their own leadership abilities, explore leadership opportunities on campus, and envision ways in which they can be leaders in their communities by embracing the ideals of Caritas theology in response to Jesus' call to "love one another" as he loves us. The program includes sessions on a wide variety of topics including personality assessments, faith, diversity, and conflict resolution.

The Caritas Workshop Series culminates with a service/pilgrimage experience to Honduras with the organization Water with Blessings (WWB). Founded by Brescia alumnus Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU, Water with Blessings is a non-profit organization which seeks to equip and empower mothers living in marginal communities to become agents of clean water and compassion in their community. WWB provides mothers with water filtration systems and empowers them to bring clean water to their families and communities. Participants in the Caritas program spent eight days in Honduras working and praying with women in their communities, putting into action loving leadership and service.

Brescia University began offering this program March 7, 2016, and participants attend two sessions a week on Monday and Friday. Beginning in the fall, the program will be available to on-ground and online students who attend Brescia University. There are twelve total required sessions, including opening and closing sessions,



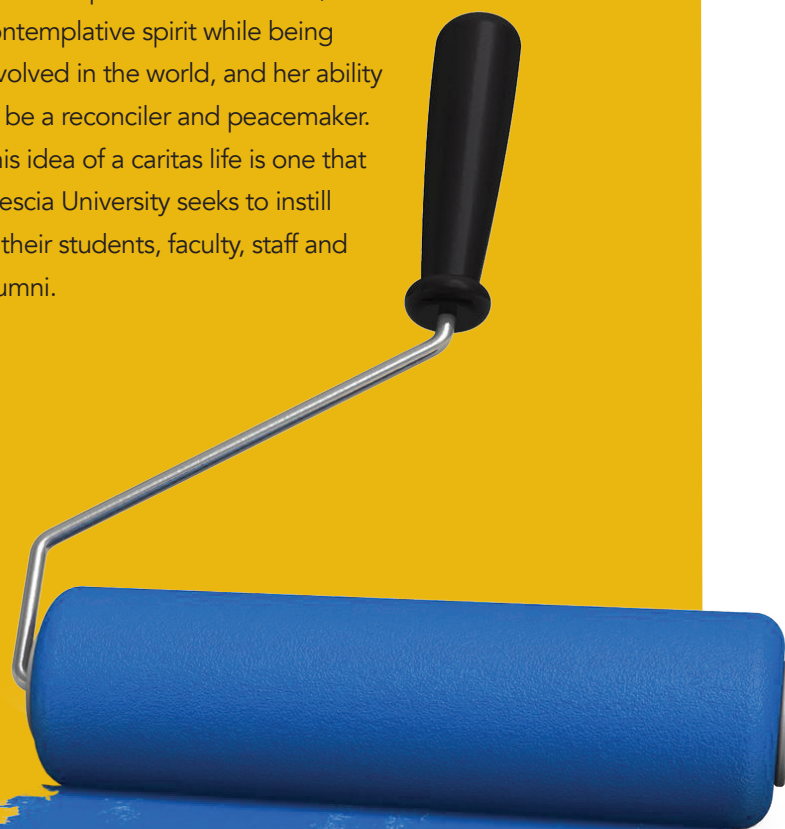
supplemental sessions and a service project.

Session topics include:

- What is Caritas?
- Discovering Your Leadership Style
- Leading Through Your Faith
- Working Together
- Setting Goals and Time Management
- Multicultural Leadership
- Leadership After Graduation
- Leadership 101
- Event Planning Basics
- Authenticity and Leadership
- Conflict Resolution

The program is a living testament to the University's devotion to servant leadership, inspired by Saint Angela Merici who founded the Ursuline Sisters. Saint Angela attracted people from all walks of life; rich and poor, nobility and common folk, learned and uneducated. She is often noted for her

hospitality, her healthy sense of self in relationship to God and others, her contemplative spirit while being involved in the world, and her ability to be a reconciler and peacemaker. This idea of a caritas life is one that Brescia University seeks to instill in their students, faculty, staff and alumni.



BRESCIA ALUMNA ADVOCATES FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

BY: RHONDA MISKA (GLOBAL SISTERS REPORT)

In 1989, while serving in Guatemala as a missionary in a Mayan community, Ursuline Sr. Dianna Ortiz was abducted and tortured by Guatemalan security forces. This trauma fueled her passion for human rights work.

Ortiz now serves as the editor of Education for Justice, a project of the Center of Concern. She also founded the international Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition (TASSC International) and served as its director for 10 years. Ortiz has received many honors for her human rights work, including three honorary doctorates, the Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace Award, and the Rothko Chapel Oscar Romero Award.

Ortiz shared with Global Sisters Report the story of her journey from survivor to visionary advocate and educator and talked about the spirituality that supports her in her work. Like many sisters, Ortiz works to raise awareness to end human trafficking. She helped produce the short video “I Am Miriam,” which tells the story of a trafficking survivor.

GSR: What are the spiritual practices that nourish you in the ‘long-haul’ work of social justice ministry?

Ortiz: Years back, I was asked to give a presentation on the relationship between my own spirituality and justice. This was one of the most agonizing reflections that I had ever been asked to give. How could a person who was present at the eclipse of God and felt divorced from humanity claim to have a spiritual life? My experience of torture left me feeling lifeless and with a lack of purpose. I came to recognize that my spirituality at that given moment was surviving — stitching back together my shredded trust in God, my hope in humanity, and my dignity as a woman.

Our world is faced with so many problems [including] poverty, corruption, extreme forms of violence [and] ecological peril. Being an advocate for change is not easy and can take a toll on a person’s life. There were times I was passionate — some might say ‘obsessed’ — in my attempt to get people to recognize what was happening in our world with torture. My life goal was to create a world free of torture, to raise awareness of its impacts of individuals, families, societies and perpetrators.

But this single goal was not physically, emotionally, or spiritually healthy for me or for others. I had to make changes. This meant permitting myself to live a dignified and joy-filled life. This included admitting to myself that, whether I like it or not, I was a tiny fragment of the fabric of humanity, called by God to live a principled and fulfilled life.

There is a wonderful section in [Pope Francis’] ‘Joy of the Gospel.’ I paraphrase: When a person’s life becomes caught up in own self-interest and concern, there is no longer room for others or the poor, and God’s voice is no longer heard. The quiet joy of God’s love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. Pope Francis goes on to say that this is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life.

This is a long answer. I’m getting to the answer to your question!

Thank you, yes, this is all important context of your story.

When one recognizes that she is part of the human family, she has been charged to connect with the hurting world and to replace injustice with justice. When a homeless person is being ridiculed for the fact that he appears disheveled, or when racist jokes are made against Native Americans or other ethnic groups, one needs to have the courage to speak up and speak out. One must make a choice to be a bystander and join the culture of indifference or to stand in solidarity with the vulnerable. One must draw from the well of the soul to have the courage to act. Witnessing injustice should call us to prayer, reflection and action. All three are interconnected.

Today, my spirituality is an attempt to live a Gospel-centered life that is formed, inspired and transformed and guides me in my ministry. Prayer centers my heart and ministry on what is most important.

I have misgivings that the problems of our world will ever be completely solved. The walls of our world are painted with evil, yet we mustn’t negate the fact it is beautiful and filled with goodness and hope.

In my attempt to make my contribution to a just world, I rely on simple, everyday practices. I read Scripture in one hand and the newspaper in the other to respond to the signs of our times.

I’m an avid reader — part of my spiritual growth happens by learning from the written words of others.

And lately, I have been trying to incorporate laughter into my life. Laughter can promote overall health and wellness, fortify relationships, and nurture creativity and clarity of thought.

Rhonda Miska is a former Jesuit Volunteer (Nicaragua, 2002-2004) and a graduate of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Her past ministries include accompaniment of the Spanish-speaking immigrant community, Muslim-Christian dialogue, teaching poetry as spiritual practice, social justice education, direct outreach to people who are homeless, congregation-based community organizing, and coordination of a community with adults with intellectual disabilities. Her writing has appeared in various print and online publications, including Celebration, the Young Adult Catholics blog, and Millennial Journal. She is a contributor to Catholic Women Speak: Bringing Our Gifts to the Table (Paulist Press, 2015). A native of Middleton, Wisconsin, she lives in Dubuque, Iowa.



Sr. Dianna Ortiz

Faculty NEWS

Darryl Dockery, Lecturer in Music, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation and earned his Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling. He also conducted the Third District Kentucky Middle School Honor’s Choir.



David Ballou, Head Men’s and Women’s Golf Coach, was named KIAC Coach of the Year for the 2015-2016 KIAC Golf season.

Dr. Allen Gehring Jr., Assistant Professor of Philosophy, was invited to speak to Catholic Business Leaders for a Better World in February 2016. In April 2016, he also presented a paper at the Kentucky Philosophical Association.

Dr. Laura Gibson, MSW Program Director, presented a workshop at the Social Work Distance Education conference held in Indianapolis, IN. It was titled “Challenging Social Injustice in Our Own Backyard: Using UDL Principles to Increase Access to Education.

George Gray, Academic Advisor for the Social Work Program, had a book review published in the Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics, 12(2), 2015. The book was titled Value-guided Practice for a Global Society, by C. Bisman.

Susan Howard, Associate Professor of Social Work/Sociology, was elected as the Chair of the Green River Aging Council, which is an advisory group to the full GRADD board.

2016 SPRING ACADEMIC

Dean's list

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Almo: **Kayleigh House**, Sophomore, Engineering Studies

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Belton: **Allison Simpson**, Senior, Psychology

Beverly: **Meredith Asher**, Sophomore, Human Services

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Caneyville: **Alanna Mudd**, Sophomore, Elementary Education

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Clay: **Lauren Grant**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology

Cloverport: **Hallie Popham**, Junior, Medical Technology

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Lagrange: **Byron Williamson**, Junior, Biology

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FROM BRESCIA UNIVERSITY WHO WERE NAMED TO THE SPRING 2016 DEAN’S LIST FOR COMPLETING 12 CREDIT HOURS WITH A 3.5 GPA.

Sophomore, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Taylor Wathen**, Sophomore, Integrated Studies; **Nicholas Wells**, Sophomore, Computer Science with Emphasis in Business & Management Sys; **Haley Westerman**, Senior, English; **Jennifer Withers**, Sophomore, Biology; **Megan Young**, Sophomore, Human Services

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Utica: **Emily Adkins**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in HRM; **Amber Boarman**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Andrea Boarman**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Kayleigh Bowlds**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Mallorie Polston**, Sophomore, Elementary Education

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Katy: **Jenifer McLuskie**, Senior, Psychology

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Kenosha: **Alisha Pournaras**, Junior, Social Work

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BEARCAT athletics

Jermain Langley, a senior from Henderson, KY, at the line shooting free throws.



Brescia University's Men's Golf Team claimed the title of KIAC Men's Golf Tournament champions with a final-round team score of 306 on Saturday, April 16. The Bearcats were the leaders over the two-day tournament and won over Point Park University by four strokes.



Junior guard, Shelbi Samsil, looks to her teammates for help during a game.

KIAC INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Julie Whitfill (Hardinsburg, KY) – KIAC Player of the Year

BASEBALL

Zach Johnson (Beaver Dam, KY) - KIAC Gold Glove Team

KIAC ALL CONFERENCE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Austin Morris (Evansville, IN) - 1st Team

Jermain Langley (Henderson, KY) - 1st Team

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Julie Whitfill (Hardinsburg, KY) – 1st Team

Kelsey Kirkpatrick (Tompkinsville, KY) – 2nd Team

SOFTBALL

Rachel Tanner (Owensboro, KY) – 2nd Team

MEN'S GOLF

Trevor Brown (Henderson, KY)

WOMEN'S GOLF

Nicole Burks (Paducah, KY)

2015 KIAC CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kyle Nixon (Fort Branch, IN)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Julie Whitfill (Hardinsburg, KY)

BASEBALL

Chad Cox (Paducah, KY)

SOFTBALL

Jordan Melton (Bremen, KY)

TRACK

Brent Crawford (Clarkson, KY)

Victoria King (Radcliff, KY)

WOMEN'S GOLF

Julie Whitfill (Hardinsburg, KY)

TENNIS

Tom Roidl (Dusseldorf, Germany)

NAIA AWARDS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Austin Morris (Evansville, IN) – All American Honorable Mention

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Julie Whitfill (Hardinsburg, KY) – 2015-2016 NAIA Division II Women's Basketball All Americans 2nd Team



The Baseball team makes time for site seeing while on the road for an away game.



The Women's Tennis team celebrated their achievements with an end-of-the-season awards banquet.

You can find rosters, schedules, and daily news stories on the Bearcats by visiting WWW.BRESCIABEARCATS.COM

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BRESCIA CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD TEAM PARTNERS WITH LOCAL PARISH

The Brescia University Track & Field/Cross Country team partnered with St. Joseph and Paul Parish of Owensboro to collect shoes for members of Saint Joseph Church in La Loma (Lalomas), Haiti.

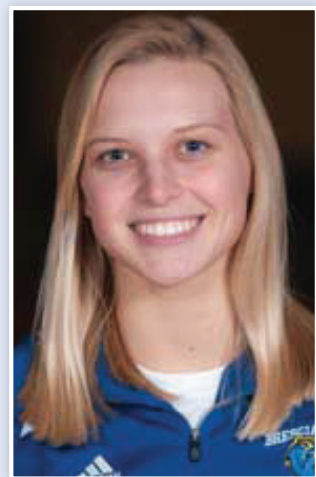
La Loma is a small village in the mountains of Northern Haiti with a population that consist of mostly subsistence farmers and underprivileged families. Because of this, they do not have access to fundamental necessities. There is currently no industry in the area, including manufacturing, and retail, and there are no job opportunities for these villagers. The members of the village utilize a barter system to obtain food and clothing. There is a large population of children in La Loma and the national average life expectancy is 55 years.

The team was able to collect over four hundred pairs of shoes to send to Haiti.

“I think as athletes and coaches it is important to give back. We sometimes take for granted all that we have and by doing the smallest of things, such as collecting old shoes, we can help those individuals in need,” stated Erin Gale, Brescia University Head Men’s and Women’s Track & Field/Cross Country Coach.



BRESCIA BEARCAT BREAKS RECORDS IN SPRING SEMESTER



Senior, Julie Whitfill, had more to celebrate in the 2015-2016 basketball season than simply a successful senior year. The guard from Hardinsburg, Kentucky broke two school records, earning her the honor of her jersey being retired.

Whitfill became the

all-time leading scorer in Brescia University's history of Men and Women's basketball with a total of 2,444 career points and 370 total field goals gives her the title of Most Three-Point Field Goals made in Brescia's history.

“This is a tremendous milestone in Julie’s career. Julie defines what a true student-athlete is; she excels in the classroom just as much as she has excelled on the basketball court,” said Brian Skortz, Brescia University Athletic Director. “Julie gives a lot of credit to others, which includes her past and current teammates, for the success she has had on the hardwood. She is well deserved in the accolades she has earned and I am very proud of what she stands for, she has represented this athletic department and university well.”

“My accomplishments could not have been possible without God, the support of my family and friends, and the help of my teammates and coaches,” stated Whitfill.

It’s fitting that when you ask her favorite quote for her student athlete profile, Whitfill would cite a statement renowned athlete, Michael Jordan, once said; “I can accept failure, everyone fails at something, but I can’t accept not trying.” While reflective of her humble spirit, Whitfill has done anything but fail during her career as a member of the Bearcat Women’s basketball team since 2012. With impressive stats and the character of a champion, Whitfill has truly made a difference during her time at Brescia.

2015-16 Rankings

- Number 2 in Division II in Total Scoring (730)
- Number 3 in Division II in Free Throw Percentage (0.890)
- Number 4 in Division II Points per Game (22.121)
- Number 5 in Division II Total 3-Pt FG Made (117)
- Number 5 in Division II in 3-Pt FG Made per Game (3.545)

Collegiate Career Stats (2012-April 2016)

- Total FG Made: 817
- Total 3-PT Shots Made: 370
- Total Offensive Rebounds: 211
- Total Defensive Rebounds: 339

- Total Assists: 156
- Total Points Scored: 2444

Honors:

- KIAC All-Conference, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16
- NAIA Division II Record Holder – Most 3-Point Field Goals Made (14), Most 3-Point Field Goals Attempted (31)
- Brescia University Record Holder – Most Points Scored in a Game (51 points), All-time Leading Scorer in School History of Men’s and Women’s Basketball (2012)

“My favorite thing about having the privilege to coach Julie has been observing her work-ethic. She strives for excellence in everything she does. In the classroom, on the court, in her day to day, Julie works hard and she sets the pace for her peers,” said Summer Quesenberry, Brescia University Women’s Basketball Head Coach. “Her achievements are a direct result of the time and dedication she puts into her dreams and goals. Julie is a testament to those who believe success is determined by those who are willing to sacrifice and work hard for it. I’m blessed to have had the opportunity to be Julie’s college coach.”

Whitfill attended Breckinridge County High School before coming to Brescia University. She is the daughter of Carroll and Brenda Whitfill, has two siblings and graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Cum Laude.

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Brescia University held its annual Honors Convocation on Sunday May 1, 2016 to celebrate the academic achievements of its students and awarded a number of honors, scholarships and other recognition.

Brescia University alumna Kristiin Burden Reilein '99 was the featured speaker and addressed the students on her advice to being successful; being all in in whatever you do, being willing to change your course when needed, valuing your education and thank your professors for what they have done for you and always working hard.

"Be bold, and take advantage of opportunities. Be the Brescia Difference," Reilein said encouraging the honorees. "Value your education. I have firsthand knowledge of educational backgrounds, reading comprehensive, writing abilities and interview skills of potential employees and I am here to tell you that your education you received at Brescia is equal, and in many aspects, superior to any other educational institution."

Reilein is an Intelligence Analyst for the FBI who has dedicated her career to protecting the national security of the United States. She earned a BA in history and professional writing from Brescia University, a JD from Thomas Cooley Law School, and an MA in national security from the University of Kentucky. She was also one of ten alumni recently inducted into Owensboro High School's Hall of Achievement on April 22nd.



Honors

The following students received honors at the event:

SCHOLARSHIPS

Aaron Anderson, sophomore, Lewisport, KY - Sr. Mary Jean Cotter Art Scholarship

Leah Armstrong, sophomore, Bowling Green, KY - Sr. Mary Carmel Browning Scholarship

Tonice Banks, sophomore, Radcliff, KY - Lincoln Service Business Scholarship

Cheyenne Bennett, sophomore, Utica, KY - Sr. Mary Jean Cotter Art Scholarship

John Bolin, freshman, Lewisport, KY - Margarite Hawkett Art Scholarship

Kayleigh Bowlds, senior, Utica, KY - Virginia Stout Fitzgerald Scholarship

Olivia Conder, sophomore, Philpot, KY - Margarite Hawkett Art Scholarship

Haley Coons, sophomore, Owensboro, KY - William M. Elmer Business Scholarship

Larry Douglas, junior, Owensboro, KY - Suzetta Ebelhar Education Scholarship

Antonio Figueroa-Martinez, freshman, Goodlettsville, TN - Robert McDowell Music Scholarship and Geoffrey Ferry Scholarship

Hadley Fitzgerald, senior, Owensboro, KY - John D. & Anna Marie Byrne Family Education Scholarship

Shelby Franklin, junior, Franklin, KY - August C. Muckler Education Scholarship and Jack Keeney Civitan Education Scholarship

Kelly Gilmore, sophomore, Knottsville, KY - Mildred S. Field Scholarship

Adam Hayden, freshman, Maceo, KY - Sr. Casimir Czules Biology Scholarship and Gary Karr Music Scholarship

Victoria King, junior, Radcliff, KY - Mary Jean Cotter Art Scholarship

Justin Maloney, sophomore, Lebanon, TN - J. B. Hocker Good Government Scholarship

Shelby Nelson, junior, Nolensville, TN - Delbert Murphy Alumni Scholarship

Lauren Reynolds, junior, Fordsville, KY - Sr. Robert Irene Golden Art Scholarship and Florence Henderson Music Scholarship

Justin Roberts, junior, Mayfield, KY - Charles E. Field Business Scholarship

Audrey Rock, graduate, Owensboro, KY - Gruelich Scholarship

Jennie Satterfield, sophomore, Owensboro, KY - Phillip Hayden Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Steckler, sophomore, Leopold, IN - Sr. Alberta Birkhead Memorial Business Scholarship

Stephanie Wall, junior, Owensboro, KY - Sr. Irene Hayden Music Scholarship and Delbert Murphy Alumni Scholarship

Michael Warga, freshman, Cromwell, KY - Bill & Jacinta Garinger Scholarship

AWARDS

Sarah Ackerman, senior, Thorntown, IN - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Sarah Adams, junior, Henderson, KY - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Preye Agbana, junior, Port Harcourt, Nigeria - St. Sebastian Award for Scholar Athletes and Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society

Millicent Akere, senior, Port Harcourt Nigeria - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society

Jamie Alvey, senior, Munfordville, KY - Lucinda Clements Literature Honors Award; High Scholastic Achievement; Achievement in Original Fiction Writing

Aaron Anderson, sophomore, Lewisport, KY - Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Painting and 3-D

Jeribai Andrew-Jaja, junior, Port Harcourt, Nigeria - Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Drawing and Best of Show; Outstanding First Year Computer Science Student Award; Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society

Amber Banks, senior, Owensboro, KY - Outstanding Achievement in Speech Pathology and Audiology

Sara Barnard, senior, Princeton, KY - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society & Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Dakota Barron, sophomore, Manhattan, KS - Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science Award and Outstanding Student in Mathematics

Kaitlin Bash, senior, Owensboro, KY - Outstanding Social Work Student

Cheyenne Bennett, sophomore, Utica, KY - Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Sculpture and Stained Glass

John Bolin, freshman, Lewisport, KY - Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Watercolor

Carleigh Bright, senior, Gilbertsville, KY - Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Sara Brown, graduate, Lewisport, KY - Outstanding Clinical Practice Candidate - Special Education

Eva Burelos, senior, Nashville, TN - Outstanding Service in the Biology Area

Convocation

Deborah Castle, senior, Youngstown, OH - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Arielle Chesnovitz, senior, Hamilton, NJ - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Kayela Clark, senior, Hardinsburg, KY - Certification in Public Child Welfare in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Haley Coons, sophomore, Owensboro, KY - St. Catherine Award for Scholar Athletes

Georgiana Couden, senior, Roanoke Rapids, NC - High Scholastic Achievement and Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society and Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Brent Crawford, sophomore, Clarkson, KY - St. Sebastian Award for Scholar Athletes

Patricia Crespo, senior, Henderson, KY - Outstanding Achievement in Spanish & Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Jill Darsie, senior, Ithaca, NY - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society

Veronica Duncan, freshman, Mt. Washington, KY - St. Catherine Award for Scholar Athletes

Catherine Dunn, freshman, Portland, IN - St. Catherine Award for Scholar Athletes

Julie Dunn, graduate, St. Paris, OH - High Scholastic Achievement

Cynthia Foote, junior, Montgomery, AL - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Katie Ford, senior, Philpot, KY - High Scholastic Achievement

Kelsey Fox, senior, Cub Run, KY - Outstanding Achievement in Spanish and Achievement in Original Poetry and Accepted into the Western Kentucky University English and Literature Program

Dillon Geralds, sophomore, Tompkinsville, KY - St. Sebastian Award for Scholar Athletes
Lisa Gielow, senior, Medford, OR - High Scholastic Achievement and Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Shelby Goff, senior, Beaver Dam, KY - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Ethan Hall, senior, Owensboro, KY - Outstanding Senior in Biology

Chandra Harry, senior, Owensboro, KY - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society

Jessica Head, senior, Louisville, KY - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Yo'Lauder Holt, junior, Springfield, VA - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Haley Hopper, junior, Central City, KY - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society and Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Kayleigh House, freshman, Almo, KY - St. Catherine Award for Scholar Athletes

Lesli Huerta, senior, Clemont, FL - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Nathan Huff, senior, Philpot, KY - Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Connor Hundley, senior, Owensboro, KY - Fred. J. Clements Science Honors Award and High Scholastic Achievement

April Ivy, junior, Brooklyn, NY - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Kathleen Jurkiewicz, senior, Owensboro, KY - Outstanding Accounting Student Award and Alpha Chi National Scholarship Honor Society

Jonathon Kamuf, senior, Owensboro, KY - St. Sebastian Award for Scholar Athletes

Victoria King, junior, Ratcliff, KY - Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Graphic Design

Keeley Kooken, senior, Monroe, GA - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society

Nicholas Krampe, senior, Owensboro, KY - Institute of Management Accountants Honors Award

Marketa Kreuzingerova, senior, Whitesville, KY - Outstanding Business Student Award and High Scholastic Achievement and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Lorel Lawrence, junior, Athens, GA - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Sarah Lawson, graduate, Owensboro, KY - Outstanding Field Practicum Student in Social Work

Wyatt Locke, junior, Orlando, FL - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society and Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Dulce Lopez, senior, San Diego, CA - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Taylor Love, freshman, Hartford, KY - Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for 2-D and Juror's Choice

Justin Maloney, sophomore, Lebanon, TN - Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Cleyardis McDonald-Amaker, senior, Sumter, SC - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Erica McFarland, senior, Owensboro, KY - Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Caitlin Merritt, senior, Owensboro, KY - Achievement in Original Poetry Writing

Paige Mingus, senior, Hardinsburg, KY - Accepted into the Communication Sciences

and Disorders Master's Program at Murray State University

Tami Moreno, senior, Ann Arbor, MI - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society

Shelby Nelson, junior, Nolensville, TN - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Ryan Oates, sophomore, Hazel, KY - Freshman Mathematics Award

Deborah Ogulu, junior, Port Harcourt, Nigeria - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society

Grace Omidiji, senior, Houston, TX - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Courtney Onwuzuruigbo, junior, Forestdale, MA - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Marie Owens, senior, Cohocton, NY - High Scholastic Achievement

Trent Patterson, sophomore, Franklin, KY - Outstanding First Year Advocate Award

Sarah Pierce, sophomore, Owensboro, KY - Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Photography

Kimberly Pierson-Hobart, senior, Virginia Beach, VA - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Christy Probus, senior, Owensboro, KY - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Shelby Radford, freshman, Owensboro, KY - St. Catherine Award for Scholar Athletes

Lauren Reynolds, junior, Fordsville, KY - Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Printmaking

Ratina Rich, graduate, Topeka, KS - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society Leadership

Andrew Roberts, junior, Utica, KY - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society

Justin Roberts, junior, Mayfield, KY - St. Sebastian Award for Scholar Athletes

Cameron Robinson, sophomore, White Plains, KY - Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Deborah Sanchez, senior, Lindale, TX - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Jamie Seabolt, senior, Blairsville, GA - High Scholastic Achievement

Allison Simpson, senior, Belton, KY - Outstanding Achievement in Psychology; High Scholastic Achievement; Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society Leadership; and Accepted into the Doctor of Psychology Program in Clinical Psychology at Eastern Kentucky University and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Chelsie Stewman, senior, Litchfield Park, AZ - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Savannah Stivers, senior, Marysville, IN - Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Leticia Stone, senior, Charlotte, MI - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Amber Taylor, junior, Brandon, MS - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Abigail Thomas, senior, Owensboro, KY - Sr. George Ann Cecil Leadership Award and Outstanding Clinical Practice Candidate - Middle School Education

Caleb Tisher, freshman, Scott AFB, IL - LaVega Clements History Honors Award

Benita Tobin, junior, Lawrenceville, GA - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Sr. Anh Tran, senior, Maple Mount, KY - Maggie Clements Religious Studies Award

Jessica Vanhouten, senior, Port Orchard, WA - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society and Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Stephanie Wall, junior, Owensboro, KY - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Taylor Wathen, freshman, Owensboro, KY - St. Catherine Award for Scholar Athletes

Josh Wetzel, senior, Metropolis, IL - St. Sebastian Award for Scholar Athletes

Margaret White, senior, Auburn, MI - Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Jacob Whitfill, senior, Hardinsburg, KY - Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Julie Whitfill, senior, Hardinsburg, KY - Special Recognition in the Biology Area and St. Catherine Award for Scholar Athletes and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Heather Wilkins, senior, Colorado Spring, CO - Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society and Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society
Brenden Williams, sophomore, Clarksville, TN - Computer Science Sportsman Award

jubilarians

URSULINE SISTERS WITH BRESCIA TIES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Seven Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are celebrating jubilees of religious life in 2016, including six who are graduates of Brescia College.



Sister Pauletta McCarty, a native of Curdsville, Ky., is celebrating her 75th jubilee. She is a 1962 graduate of Brescia with a degree in education, and earned a master's degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky University in 1972. She was an educator for more than 36 years, teaching in Kentucky, Missouri and Nebraska. She also served as a minister to nursing homes at Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro (1981-86) and was a parish minister at St. Joseph Catholic Center, Greenville, Ky. (1986-89). She was assistant local superior, director of transportation and sacristan at Mount Saint Joseph. Sister Pauletta retired to the Motherhouse in 1998, where she remains active in the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister George Mary Hagan, a native of New Haven, Ky., is celebrating 60 years. She is a 1966 graduate of Brescia with a degree in English, and earned a master's degree in education from Western Kentucky University in 1972. She was a teacher in Kentucky for 26 years, then was director of religious education for the Office of Chaplains at Fort Knox (1984-2003). She was program assistant volunteer at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (2004-05), then director of religious education at St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph (2005-2009). Since 2009 she has been involved in numerous internal ministries at the Motherhouse, including transportation for the sisters.



Sister Ruth Mattingly, a native of Loretto, Ky., is celebrating 60 years. She is a 1969 graduate of Brescia with a degree in English. She earned a master's degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky University in 1974. She was a teacher for 28 years in Kentucky, Missouri and New Mexico. She was a parish minister at St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield, Ky. (1996-2005). She served at the Motherhouse in personal and pastoral care in the infirmary (1984-91) and as coordinator of the Guest House (1993-96). She is retired at the Motherhouse and active in prayer and quilting baby quilts.



Sister Rita Scott, a native of Louisville, Ky., is celebrating her 50th jubilee. She graduated from Brescia in 1970 with a degree in elementary education and earned a master's of arts degree in education from St. Louis University in 1980. She was an educator for 20 years, from 1970 to 1990, in Kentucky and southeast Missouri, including principal at Blessed Mother School/St. Angela Merici School, Owensboro (1985-90). She served as associate business administrator for the Ursuline Sisters from 1990-2001, and since 2001 has been plant administrator at the Motherhouse. Since 2010 she has also served as an elected councilor on the Ursuline leadership Council.



Sister Mary Irene Cecil, a native of West Louisville, Ky., is celebrating 70 years. She is a 1966 graduate of Brescia with a degree in French, and earned a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Kentucky in 1978. She was a teacher for 21 years in Kentucky and Missouri, and was supervisor of schools for the Archdiocese of Louisville (1969-76). She was elected as a councilor on the Ursuline leadership Council (1974-80), then was elected major superior of the community (1980-88). She was coordinator of staff, director of lay ministry and director of adult formation for the Diocese of Owensboro (1989-95). She was director of postulants for her community (1995-96), minister to the sick at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro (1996-2002), and was co-director of pastoral care at Saint Joseph Villa at the Motherhouse (2002-2009). Since 2009 she has been a seamstress for the sisters in Saint Joseph Villa.



Sister Martha Keller, a native of Whitesville, Ky., is celebrating 40 years. She graduated from Brescia in 1980 with a degree in elementary education, and earned a master's in pastoral studies from Boston College in 1992. She was a teacher for 13 years in Kentucky, including at St. Pius Tenth School, Owensboro (1987-88), St. Mary High School, Paducah (1989-90) and Owensboro Catholic High School (1990-93). She has been involved in pastoral ministry since 1993 in Kentucky, including at St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley and St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro (2003-08). She has served in internal ministry at the Motherhouse in health care (1988-89) and as director of vocation ministry and the potential member contact program (1999-2000, 2006-07, 2010-14). Since 2012 she has served as pastoral associate at St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm, and as director of the contact program for the Ursuline Sisters.

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Alumni



TERESA THOMPSON MORGAN '89

Teresa Thompson Morgan '89 was named the new superintendent of Hardin County schools in Kentucky. Teresa was one of four finalists and was chosen for the job by the Hardin County Board of Education in March. She previously served as the Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction for Hardin County and started her educational career in 1989 as a special education teacher at Vine Grove Elementary School.

JUAN (CHUCK) VALLARINO

Juan (Chuck) Vallarino lives in Guayaquil, Ecuador and has been involved in relief work in his country after the devastating earthquake that took nearly 600 lives. He has been working with a Jesuit organization to rebuild homes.

SHERRY BAUMGART DILE '77

Sherry Baumgart Dile has retired after 38 years as a special education teacher in the South Gibson School Corporation and the Gibson-Pike-Warrick Special Education Cooperative. Sherry and her husband Rick have 2 sons, Rick Jr. and Andy, and have been blessed with one grandson so far. Mason Stephen Dile was born on November 27, 2014 and Sherry and her husband have enjoyed watching him grow. In her retirement, Sherry looks forward to more motorcycle rides and camping trips in the summer months. She credits Brescia University for making an impact in her life, both professionally and personally, in countless ways.

Jubilarian congratulations may be sent to Mount Saint Joseph,
8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

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Notes

BOB MITCHEL ‘67

Bob Mitchel has retired from his longtime position as the Director of Involvement Inc., an organization established in 1978 by Henderson community service agencies as a rehabilitative effort for juveniles who had broken the law. Bob was hired to the position nearly 20 years ago and has changed the lives of many juveniles during his time there.

SISTER MICHELE MOREK ‘66

Sister Michele Morek joined world leaders who gathered in April to sign the landmark Paris Agreement on Climate Change that environmental activists and advocates hope will help reverse the effects of climate change. Sr. Michele is the coordinator of UNANIMA, a U.N.-based coalition of Catholic congregations focused on concerns of women and children and was part of the negotiations in Paris in late 2015 that led to the agreement.

One hundred, ninety six countries pledged to sign the agreement that based on goals and promises, seeks to limit the overall increase of global temperature to below 2 degrees.



Sister Michele Morek

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY AWARDS DIPLOMA TO OLDEST LIVING ALUMNI



Brescia University recently awarded an Associate of Arts Honoris Causa to its oldest known graduate, Cecelia “Dolly” Mischel Boarman, 102, during an Alumni Visit trip to Arizona. Formerly of Owensboro, now of Prescott, Arizona, Boarman was awarded the degree 47 years after completing her last class at then Brescia College.

A 1931 graduate of St. Joseph’s High School in Owensboro, Boarman began her studies at Brescia in 1957 at the age of 42, hoping to complete her degree in Education and simply for the love of learning. Dolly even attended classes alongside her daughter Jovita Boarman (Fine) who graduated from Brescia in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree

in Sociology. She taught full-time in the Catholic school system for 11 years, before retiring and serving as a substitute teacher for several years following.

“Her face just beamed and Tracy took a picture of her holding the diploma,” Fine recalled. “Mom was 102, but her mind was sharp. It was very clear she knew what she was getting. I thought this was the most exciting thing to happen to my mom in her old age.”

Tracy Naylor, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Brescia, learned about Dolly’s studies in talking with Fine regarding their upcoming visit.

“When Jovita told me that her mother lived with her and had also attended Brescia, I started doing the math in my head. I knew Jovita graduated in 1966 so this must be a really special connection,” said Naylor. “When she said she was 102, I was truly at a loss for words. I immediately checked her transcripts, calculated her credits, and asked Sr. Cheryl Clemons, Vice President for Academic Affairs, if there was any way I could deliver a diploma during my visit. She was immediately willing and we were able to pull off a very nice surprise. It was one of the best things I’ve had the opportunity of doing during my career.”

“I am so thrilled to finally get a diploma after all these years,” said Dolly. “Thank you, to Tracy. And thank you to Brescia.”

Dolly passed away on April 7th after suffering from congenital heart failure and pneumonia. She was survived by one child, three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

“She had a pretty remarkable life,” stated Fine. “She was so beloved by everybody in the whole family. She loved to play cards. She played bridge and canasta and that was one of the ways she spent time socializing with people. She was musical. She played piano and the drums when she was young in an all-girls orchestra. She was just a strong, independent, well-loved lady. We are all saddened by losing her, we had a good, long time and really enjoyed being with her.”



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