

BRESCIA

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Now!

Homecoming —2016—

Amidst a year characteristic of debates, politics and elections, Barney the Bearcat became increasingly concerned in addressing issues such as rising higher education costs, student debt, and jobs for college graduates. With advice from officials in New Hampshire, he set his sights on 2016 as the year that he would represent all those who seek to better their lives and the lives of those around them through education, and with the Brescia community behind him, he would make a difference.

In October, Barney called on the students, alumni, faculty and staff, and friends of Brescia University to join him in celebrating on his campaign trail at the 2016 Brescia University Alumni Homecoming: **Barney 2016, Making a Difference.**

I, ALONG WITH MY FRIENDS IN THE BRESCIA COMMUNITY, HAVE SET MY SIGHTS ON 2016 AS THE YEAR THAT WE WILL TOGETHER MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR ALUMNI, OUR FACULTY AND STAFF, AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE WILL USE THE EDUCATION THAT BRESCIA UNIVERSITY HAS OFFERED US AND WE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD.



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Homecoming

2015



As a part of that celebration, Brescia honored three Distinguished Alumni at the annual banquet. The award was created to honor graduates who exemplify the elements that encompass The Brescia Difference: Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership.

The 2016 Distinguished Alumni are Richard E. Brown '72, Jamie Buskill '86, and Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU '66.

Richard E. Brown, a 1972 alumnus, was appointed by the governor to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Board of Commissioners in 2001. He has served on the Daviess County Foundation Board, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Owensboro Career Development Association Inc. Throughout his life, Richard has been a long-time activist for civil and human rights in Owensboro, helping to enact various changes and accomplishments for the rights of minorities in the state of Kentucky.

Jamie Buskill, a 1986 alumnus, is a current member of the Brescia University Board of Trustees and serves as Senior Vice President/Chief Financial and Administrative Officer for Boardwalk Pipeline Partners. Jamie has also held various management roles with Texas Gas since 1986, is a member of the Southern Gas Association Accounting and Finance Committee and serves on the board of various charitable organizations.

Sister Mary Matthias Ward, a 1966 alumnus, served as the Director of the Sacred Heart Retreat & Conference Center in Gallup, N.M. from 2003 to 2009. She has ministered as a teacher and principal, director at three retreat centers, parish administrator, Newman center director, and the congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. She currently serves as the director of Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.



Brescia University also welcomed back alumnus Pat Yates '90, for the "Return to the Arch" Alumni Speaker Series. Pat is the President and Owner of Happy Feet, a company that makes slippers that often feature sports teams' logos, television and movie characters and other recognizable designs. Pat has been featured on ABC's Shark Tank and Happy Feet have made appearances several television shows including Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Late Show with David Letterman, The Wendy Williams Show, Good Morning America and The Today Show. Happy Feet recently signed on to produce plush toys and slippers for a number of Dream Works properties, including: Shrek, Kung Fu Panda, Madagascar and How to Train Your Dragon.



Staff, faculty and students participate in "Throwback Thursday" as part of the Homecoming Spirit Week festivities.



1. Juniors Alanna Mudd, Caneyville, and Cameron Robinson, White Plains, were crowned the 2016 Brescia University Homecoming Queen and King. 2. Jerry and Beverly McCandless were awarded the 2016 Father Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame Award at the annual alumni meeting. 3. Alex Mattingly was presented with the 2016 Outstanding Alumni Award at the annual alumni meeting, held in the newly renovated O'Bryan's Dining Hall.

Homecoming King & Queen

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WELCOME
December Graduates

Congratulations to all of our December graduates and welcome to the Brescia University Alumni family!
We wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors. We'll see you at commencement in the spring!

KENTUCKY

Beverly
Meredith Asher, ASSOCIATE OF
ARTS, HUMAN SERVICES

Brandenburg
Dylan Massey, BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE:
EMPHASIS IN BUSINESS

Clay
Kyle Nixon, BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE, BUSINESS: EMPHASIS
IN MANAGEMENT

Elizabethtown
Kassie Spink, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Gravel Switch
Alexis Kirkland, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
CUM LAUDE

Madisonville
Chad Menser, MASTER OF
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Maple Mount
Sister Anh Tran, BACHELOR OF
ARTS THEOLOGY PHILOSOPHY
MINOR MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Owensboro
Sarah Hedges, MASTER OF
SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT;

Nicholas Krampe, BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE, ACCOUNTING, MAGNA
CUM LAUDE;

Erica McFarland, BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE, BIOLOGY;

Tonya Moorman, BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE, ACCOUNTING, CUM
LAUDE;

Abigail Thomas, BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE, MIDDLE SCHOOL
EDUCATION

Philpot
Sarah Martin, BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE, ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION

Utica
Kayleigh Bowlds, BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE, SPEECH PATHOLOGY
AND AUDIOLOGY

Viper
Joyce Coots, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

ALABAMA

Semmes
Lindsay Lum, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
CUM LAUDE

ARIZONA

Litchfield Park
Chelsie Stewman, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
CUM LAUDE

CALIFORNIA

Adelanto
Demetria Hill, ASSOCIATE OF
ARTS, HUMAN SERVICES
Colma
Taylor Ignaczak, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
CUM LAUDE

Hemet
Sarah Perez, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

Winnetka
Jessica Castillo, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
CUM LAUDE

COLORADO

Colorado Springs
Heather Wilkins, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

FLORIDA

Delray Beach
Floencia Martinez Echenique,
BACHELOR OF ARTS,
PSYCHOLOGY, MAGNA CUM
LAUDE

Earleton
Karen Smith, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Palmetto
Noelia Fredericks, ASSOCIATE OF
ARTS, HUMAN SERVICES

Valrico Mathew Strell, BACHELOR
OF SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

GEORGIA

Atlanta
Karen Celestine, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

Forest Park
Blair Weiseger, BACHELOR OF
ARTS, PSYCHOLOGY, CUM LAUDE

IDAHO

Caldwell
Brienne Fagenstrom, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
CUM LAUDE

Horseshoe Bend
Courtney Lossmann, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

Idaho Falls
Joan Radford, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

ILLINOIS

Galva
Lindsay Booze, ASSOCIATE OF
ARTS, HUMAN SERVICES

Normal
Elizabeth DeRosa, ASSOCIATE OF
ARTS, HUMAN SERVICES

INDIANA

Cloverdale
Victoria Boyette, BACHELOR OF
ARTS, ENGLISH

Cynthiana
Courtney Naas, BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE, ACCOUNTING, PRE-
LAW STUDIES MINOR

Marysville
Savannah Stivers, BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE, BUSINESS: EMPHASIS
IN HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT

Thorntown
Sarah Ackerman, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor
Tami Moreno, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

MINNESOTA

Kasson
Sara Tear, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS,
HUMAN SERVICES

MISSISSIPPI

Tupelo
Chemika Green, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

NEW YORK

Bronx
Johanna Rosa Torres, ASSOCIATE
OF ARTS, HUMAN SERVICES

Fort Drum
Niesha Porter, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

NORTH CAROLINA

Moorestville
Kristin Mobley, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Raleigh
Chantay Stanley, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
CUM LAUDE

Sanford
Joey Mosley, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK;

OHIO

Englewood
Clifton Early, BACHELOR OF ARTS,
PSYCHOLOGY

OREGON

Hermiston
Nicole Morris, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

Irrigon
Rebecca Moore, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

TENNESSEE

Gallatin
CelMarion Cummings, BACHELOR
OF ARTS, PSYCHOLOGY

TEXAS

Houston
Danielle Smith, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

Lindale
Deborah Sanchez, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK,
CUM LAUDE

VIRGINIA

Culpeper
Emily Calabrese, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

Mechanicsville
Kelin Santos, BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK, SOCIAL WORK

WASHINGTON

Mount Vernon
Matthew Gunderson, BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE, ACCOUNTING

Vancouver
Joshua Settell, ASSOCIATE OF
SCIENCES, HUMAN SERVICES



Class of 2020

ARRIVES AT BRESCIA



With over 1,300 students calling Brescia home, the University experienced a busy start to the semester. This year, Brescia University welcomed the Class of 2020! Orientation weekend was packed full with events to welcome the new Bearcats and their families and help them to get settled into their home away from home.

The new students and their families learned all about campus and navigating their first year with a series of classes, workshops and activities that included convocation, registration and of course, move in! The weekend rounded out with a service day on Monday where the freshmen lent a hand at our local non-profit organizations.



Members of the freshman class visited local organizations to extend a helping hand. Students pictured above visited the Western Kentucky Botanical Garden.



The Women's Soccer Team lends a hand to help freshmen get moved into their dorms.



Students stopped by registration tables to learn about local organizations, on campus clubs and activities and other campus departments.



Little sister of freshman, Hannah Brown from Oakland City, Indiana.

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY NAMED 5TH FASTEST GROWING CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN THE NATION

Brescia University has been identified as the 5th Fastest Growing Catholic College in the Nation among Baccalaureate institutions by the Chronicle of Higher Education in the 2016-2017 Almanac released in August.

During the 10-year period that was cited, the University experienced a growth rate of 56.7 percent, seeing enrollment climb from 674 students in fall 2004 to 1,056 in fall 2014, which was the second highest total in school history.

"We are pleased to be recognized by such a distinguished source of higher education information," stated Father Larry Hostetter, President of Brescia University. "But what I am even more grateful for are the students who have chosen to call Brescia University their home. These students are more than a number to us, they each are a part of our family, as are all of our alumni, faculty and staff. Their success and ability to receive a quality education in a holistic environment is our number one priority and we are so proud of the difference they are making by sharing their talents and knowledge with others. Thank you to our faculty and staff, and specifically those involved in the recruitment of our students that allow us to continue to transform the world through education."

To accommodate the growth the institution has experienced over the past ten years, Brescia University has embarked on a \$10 million capital campaign that will support the expansion and renovation of The Moore Center, located on Frederica Street, and the construction of a new, innovative academic building on the corner of Ninth and Frederica. The campaign stems from a Master Plan that began in 2008 aimed at understanding the unique needs of contemporary students and addressing those needs with an education customized to the individual student.

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY'S GROWTH IS ATTRIBUTED, BUT NOT LIMITED, TO THE FOLLOWING:

- The long standing support of the Owensboro community;
- The foundation laid by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph;
- Strategic planning;
- Expansion into online learning;
- Addition of academic programs including a Master of Business Administration, Pre-Law, Pre-Nursing, and Human Services, among others;
- Development of robust student life offerings that focus on leadership;
- Enrollment services;
- Active partnerships with 2-year institutions.

IN ADDITION TO THIS RECOGNITION, BRESCIA UNIVERSITY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING AWARDS AND HONORS THIS FALL:

- A Best College in the Southeast (Princeton Review)
- Best Regional College in the South (U.S. News & World Report)
- Champions of Character Five-Star Institution (NAIA)
- Best Bang for the Buck-South (Washington Monthly)
- Top 10 Online Bachelor's Degrees in Substance Abuse and Addictions Counseling ((Best Counseling Degrees)
- Top Colleges 2016 in Kentucky (OnlineColleges)
- Best Online Bachelor's in Social Work (College Choice)
- Safest Colleges in Kentucky for 2016 (backgroundchecks.org)
- 10 Most Affordable Online Bachelor's in Social Work (College Choice)
- Top 10 Most Affordable Online Catholic Colleges (Value Colleges)
- Best Online Psychology Degree for 2015-2016 (Affordable Colleges Online) #5
- Best Online Social Work Degree Program for 2016-2017 (Affordable Colleges Online)
- Affordable Online Bachelor's Degrees in Accounting (Affordable Colleges Online)



Students in the Class of 2020 visited the Daviess County Animal Shelter as part of service day during orientation.

Campus Life



CHECK OUT THE BRESCIA UNIVERSITY GRITS BUS THAT IS NOW A PART OF THE OWENSBORO TRANSIT SYSTEM!

Follow Barney to your future!

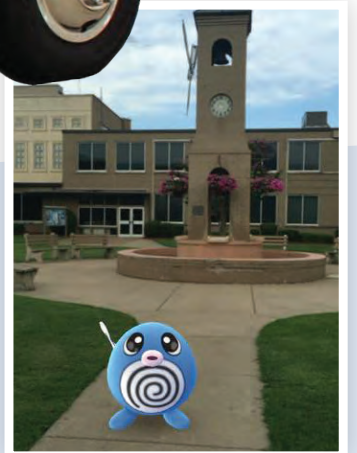


1ST PLACE IN BOTANY POSTER COMPETITION

Biochemistry students presented at the Kentucky Academy of Science Annual Meeting and took home 1st Place in the botany poster competition. They presented their research project entitled: Expression analysis of metabolic and senescence genes in Rosa hybrid infected with the Rose Rosette Virus.

POKEMON GO

The Pokemon Go craze brought a Poliwhg to campus. Even Pokemon want to know about the Brescia Difference!



BU-TIFUL BEES

The Brescia University team, BU-tiful Bees, took home the Imagination Library Spelling Bee championship.

HOW SHOULD CATHOLICS VOTE?

Prior to the election, Brescia University hosted a series of events to help educate the local community on voting. The events included a candidate forum for individuals running for the Kentucky House of Representative seats in the districts in and surrounding Daviess County, as well as a forum for the candidate who ran for Daviess County Family Court Judge. Assistant Professor of Theology, Stuart Squires, presented a public lecture entitled "How Should Catholics Vote?" that reviewed the 2015 document from the U.S. bishops titled "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" that provided principles all Catholics should consider when entering the voting booth.

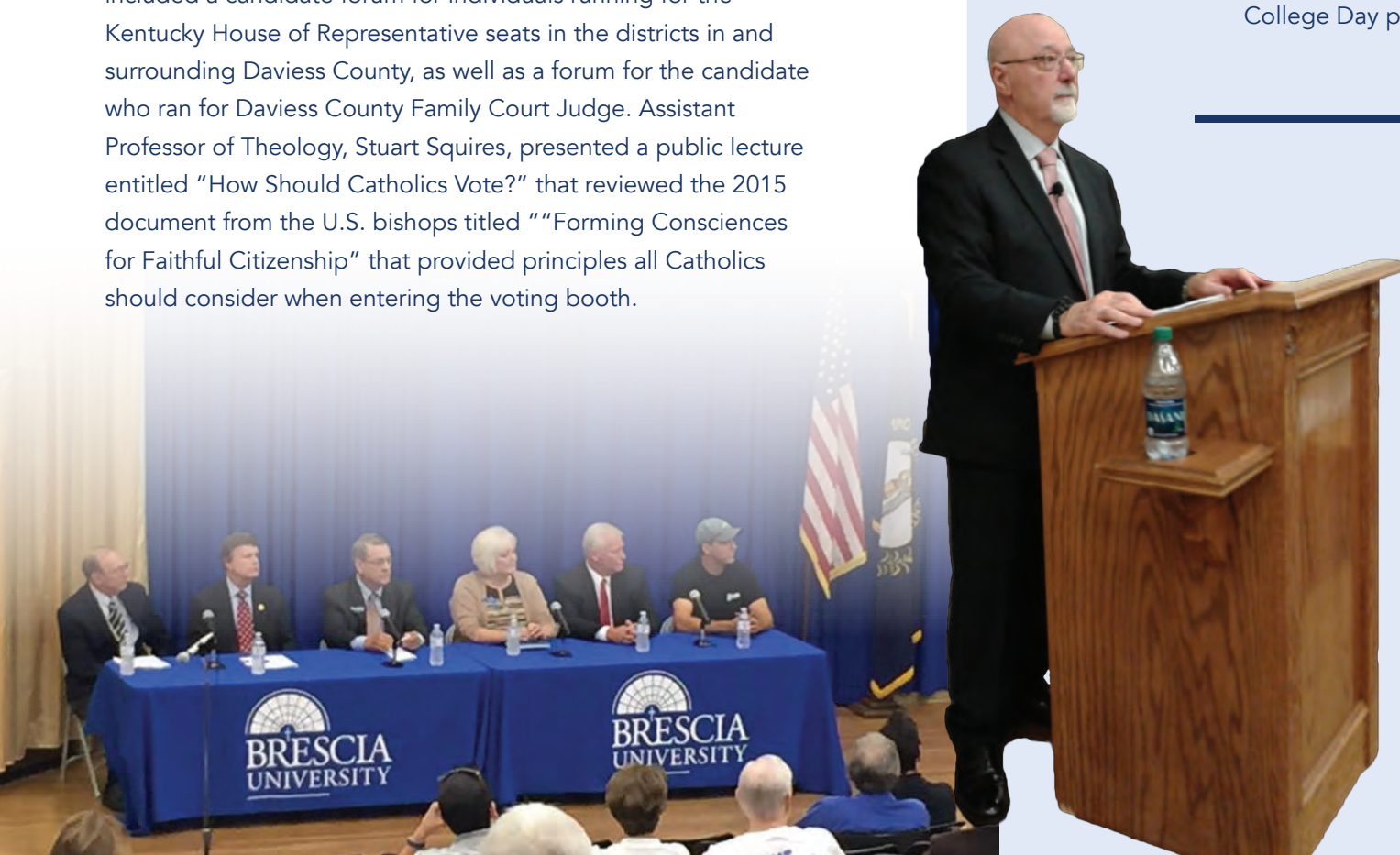
COLLEGE DAY

Barney the Bearcat visited Highland Elementary in Owensboro for their College Day pep rally



WE ARE ALREADY ONE

Jonathan Montaldo, the former director of the Thomas Merton Center at Bellarmine University and associate director for the Merton Institute of Contemplative Living, presented "We Are Already One: Thomas Merton's Legacy of Love, Mercy and Hope" in October. The presentation outlined the spiritual and literary legacy of Kentucky-homed monk and writer, Thomas Merton.





ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

Students who are a part of the Honors College Senior Seminar hosted a Senior Citizen's Prom themed "Rock-Around-the-Clock" for residents at the Roosevelt House. The students planned the entertainment, the decorations, refreshments, and activities that included pre-prom nail painting and a photo booth equipped with lots of fun props.

BARNEY 2016: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Students, faculty and staff, President Father Larry Hostetter, and Barney the Bearcat campaigned for "Barney 2016: Making a Difference" as Brescia University sponsored the September Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Rooster Booster Breakfast.



The parents of teen Megan Miller, who was tragically killed in a car crash, as well as members of the Owensboro Police Department, visited campus to share the message of "Buckle Up for Megan Miller" with students. They provided a demonstration of a rollover and what can happen if you are not wearing a seatbelt.



OVER \$1,700 RAISED DURING SOUP DAY

The Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work hosted its annual Soup Day, inviting members of the Brescia and Owensboro community to feast on an array of homemade soups. Over \$1,700 was raised to donate to St. Paul's Mission in Crownpoint, New Mexico to help with Christmas for the children living on the Navajo Reservation.



ANNA EATON STOUT ART GALLERY

Members of the Brescia community gathered at the RiverPark Center for a ribbon cutting of the temporary home of the Anna Eaton Stout Art Gallery. Due to The Moore Center renovations, the former gallery closed in May, but will reopen in 2020 when construction of the "Signature Building" is complete. The gallery kicked off with an Alumni Art Show at its new location.



BARNEY THE BEARCAT JOINS "PINK OUT"

Barney the Bearcat joined the St. John Paul II Knights in Morganfield, Kentucky for their "Pink Out" game for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

LUNCH WITH LOUIS ROSSETTI

The students in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program traveled to Evansville, Indiana to hear world renowned researcher and publisher, Louis Rossetti, and was able to have lunch with him following the event.

Campus life



SEA OF BLUE



Students, alumni, faculty and staff, and friends turned Downtown Owensboro into a sea of blue at the final Friday After Five of the season, sponsored by Brescia University on September 2nd.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES: A LOCAL COLLABORATION



The Brescia University Art and Education Departments partnered with Arc of Owensboro Opportunity Center to provide art education for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities on a college campus.

The collaboration allowed Brescia University students studying in the special education program a hands on experience

to develop the skills and knowledge taught in the classroom.

"This opportunity allows the Brescia students to develop the qualities and character of servant leadership, as well as provides joy and validation of their career path," stated Tina Wolken, Assistant Professor of Special Education. "They also build authentic experience related to their major of art and special education. Assisting in the delivery of instruction from the art faculty mirrors their role as a special education teacher in an inclusive setting."

The participants visited campus each Friday from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm during the fall semester to practice skills in each of the curriculum areas, including ceramics, mosaics, drawing and painting. They spent three consecutive Fridays in each area with one-on-one assistance from Brescia University art and special education students for each session.

"The Brescia University Art faculty generously agreed to offer specialty classes in their respective areas of ceramics, mosaics, and drawing. Individuals from the Arc are able to have hands on experiences under the tutelage of Brescia University faculty members and for many, it is their first opportunity in all or some of these media," said Wolken.

To commemorate the partnership and celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Arc of Owensboro Opportunity Center, a 60th Anniversary Celebration was held November 17th at the RiverPark Center beginning at 6:15 pm. The celebration featured a buffet-style dinner, a live and silent auction of participants' art, as well as, art pieces by local artists.

Dinnerware, mosaic walking stones, and paintings created by participants of the program at the Friday sessions adorned the tables and was auctioned off as silent auction items to help fund Arc programming at the Opportunity Center and Activity Hall.



2016 FALL ACADEMIC

Dean's list

KENTUCKY

Bardstown: **Lawrence Johnson**, Junior, Special Edu Elem;

Beaver Dam: **Kami Simpson**, Freshman, Spanish Edu; **Rylan Smith**, Junior, Political Science; **Katrina Vincent**, Senior, Psychology;

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

Bowling Green: **Leah Armstrong**, Senior, English; **Tyler Cunningham**, Freshman, Biology; **Courtney Reels**, Junior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Katelyn Reynolds**, Junior, Social Work; **Brandon Stacker**, Freshman, Special Edu Mid;

Campbellsville: **Amber Flinchum**, Junior, Psychology; **Rene Perkins**, Senior, Social Work;

Caneyville: **Amy Dolen**, Freshman, Art; **Alanna Mudd**, Junior, Elementary Education;

Central City: **April Gilbert**, Sophomore, Psychology; **Haley Hopper**, Senior, Social Work; **Kelsey Whitaker**, Junior, Special Edu Mid;

Cloverport: **Hallie Popham**, Senior, Medical Technology;

Corydon: **Sarah Adams**, Senior, Social Work;

Covington: **LaTasha Snow**, Senior, Social Work;

Crestwood: **Robert Caudill**, Senior, Social Work; **Benjamin Sammet**, Sophomore, Psychology;

Eddyville: **Courtney Klueppel**, Sophomore, Biology;

Elizabethtown: **Kassie Spink**, Senior, Social Work;

Elkton: **Jayde Robinson**, Freshman, Health Sciences;

Flemingsburg: **Tiffany Teegarden**, Junior, Social Work;

Fort Campbell: **Renea Williams**, Senior, Social Work;

Franklin: **Shelby Franklin**, Senior, Special Edu Elem;

Gravel Switch: **Alexis Kirkland**, Senior, Social Work;

Greenville: **Andrew Hall**, Sophomore, Psychology;

Hardinsburg: **Kelsie Hendrick**, Sophomore; Madalyn Jolly, Senior, Psychology; **Christopher Simmons**, Sophomore, Accounting;

Hartford: **Taylor Love**, Sophomore, Elementary Education;

Hawesville: **Jessica Burk**, Senior, Social Work;

Hazel: **Ryan Oates**, Junior, Biochemistry, Mathematics;

Henderson: **Amy Bassett**, Senior, Social Work; **Kaylee Buckman-Nelson**, Junior, English; **Charlotte Hoge**, Junior, Social Work; **Alex Lander**, Sophomore, Business; **Mason Roland**, Sophomore, Biology;

Hopkinsville: **Lesley Cansler**, Junior, Accounting; **Debra Pitts**, Junior, Social Work;

Jefferson: **Derrick Kromenacker**, Freshman, Biology;

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

Lebanon: **Theresa Cecil**, Sophomore, Biology;

Lebanon Jct: **Kassi Gilbert**, Sophomore, Secondary Biology, Chemistry;

Leitchfield: **Logan Hart**, Sophomore, Business;

Lewisport: **John Bolin**, Sophomore, Art Education; **Sara Lewis**, Junior, Theology; **Taylor Noble**, Freshman, Biology; **Yasmani Ochoa**, Senior, Biology;

Lexington: **Raven Dixon**, Junior, Social Work;

Louisville: **Kaylee Crawley**, Sophomore, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Abigail Leanhart**, Sophomore, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Chase McCauley**, Junior, Business: Emphasis in Management; **Abigail Munger**, Senior, Art; **Julie Ringham**, Senior, Integrated Studies; **Shayla Weppel**, Freshman;

Maceo: **Adam Hayden**, Sophomore, Biology; **Jessica Mann**, Freshman, Social Work;

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

Maple Mount: **Sister Anh Tran**, Senior, Theology;

Marion: **Brenden Phillips**, Junior, History;

Mayfield: **Justin Roberts**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics, Business: Emphasis in Management;

Millwood: **Jessica Robinson**, Sophomore, Accounting;

Milton: **Heather Garcia**, Senior, Social Work;

Owensboro: **Preye Agbana**, Senior, Chemistry; **Peace Anene**, Senior, Social Work; **Katelynn Arnold**, Freshman, Business: Emphasis in Management; **Debra Barrett**, Junior, Psychology; **Heather Boaz**, Senior, Middle School Education; **Brooklyn Bowman**, Sophomore, Middle School Education; **Londa Boyd**, Junior, Accounting; **Leigh Chapman**, Junior, Psychology; **Allison Chappell**, Freshman; **Shaun Conklin**, Sophomore, Graphic Design; **Nicole Cooke-Frost**, Junior, Social Work; **Haley Coons**, Junior, Accounting, Pre-Law Studies; **Helen Coyle**, Junior, Middle School Education; **Karyssa Creager**, Sophomore, Social Work; **Mary Eichholz**, Sophomore, Biology, Biochemistry; **Jessica Embry**, Junior, Special Edu Elem; **Jacob Fischer**, Senior, Integrated Studies; **Hunter Gaddis**, Sophomore, Computer Science; **Whitney Galloway**, Junior, Business; **Danielle Hancock**, Junior, Biology; **Chad Harl**, Sophomore, Accounting; **Kirstin Horsley**, Senior, Psychology; **Jeanna James**, Sophomore; **Kathleen Jurkiewicz**, Senior, Accounting; **Nicholas Krampe**, Senior, Accounting; **Ashley Kruta**, Junior, Psychology; **Angela Kurz**, Junior, Accounting; **Savannah Maxberry**, Junior, Business: Emphasis in Management;

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

Katelyn McCarthy, Sophomore, Psychology; **Emily Miller**, Freshman, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Deborah Ogulu**, Senior, Chemistry; **Kelsey Postiglione**, Sophomore, Elementary Education, Spanish; **Christy Probus**, Senior, Social Work; **Jennie Satterfield**, Junior, Psychology, Pre-Law Studies; **William Scalf**, Junior, Accounting; **Jonathan Speed**, Sophomore, Health Sciences; **Morgan Thomas**, Sophomore, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Stephanie Wall**, Senior, English; **Icces Wilcox**, Junior, Social Studies Secondary; **Alexandria Wink**, Sophomore, Secondary Mathematics;

Philpot: **Olivia Conder**, Junior, Art; **Emily Ditto**, Junior, English with an Emphasis in Professional Writing; **Devin Ford**, Junior, Biology; **Nathan Huff**, Senior, Graphic Design;

Pikeville: **Natasha Tackett**, Senior, Social Work;

Radcliff: **Victoria King**, Senior, Graphic Design;

Robards: **Jonathan Harris**, Senior, Integrated Studies;

Shelbyville: **Melissa Wise**, Sophomore, Human Services;

Shepherdsville: **Megan Myers**, Freshman, Political Science;

Spottsville: **Robert Mitchell**, Freshman, Accounting;

Strunk: **Amanda McKnight**, Senior, Theology;

Sturgis: **Katlyn Mendoza**, Sophomore, Social Work;

Tomahawk: **Angela Spence**, Junior, Social Work;

Tompkinsville: **Dillon Gerald**s, Junior, Elementary Education;

Union: **Mason Sturdivant**, Sophomore, Engineering Studies;

Utica: **Amber Boarman**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Andrea Boarman**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Kayleigh Bowlds**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Tristan Haight**, Sophomore, Biochemistry; **Mallorie Polston**, Sophomore, Elementary Education; **Andrew Roberts**, Senior, Accounting; **Morgan Wiggins**, Sophomore, Accounting;

White Plains: **Cameron Robinson**, Junior, Political Science;

Whitesville: **Hannah Bland**, Sophomore, Theology; **Reagan Calloway**, Freshman, Business: Emphasis in Management; **Liza Howard**, Junior, Special Edu Elem;

AE

APO: **Michael Egolf**, Freshman, Human Services;

ALABAMA

Huntsville: **Christina Kirkland**, Senior, Social Work;

Kennedy: **Erica Nurse**, Junior, Social Work;

Wetumpka: **Cynthia Ann Foote**, Senior, Social Work;

ARIZONA

Coolidge: **Eric Cole**, Sophomore, Human Services;

ARKANSAS

Benton: **Te'Marco Boykins**, Junior, Social Work;

Charleston: **Richard Nelson**, Junior, Social Work;

Mountain Home: **Autumn Goss**, Senior, Social Work;

CALIFORNIA

Chula Vista: **Perlita Ortiz**, Junior, Social Work;

Colma: **Taylor Ignaczak**, Senior, Social Work;

Fair Oaks: **Katherine Lobertini**, Senior, Social Work;

Hemet: **Sarah Perez**, Senior, Social Work;

Hesperia: **Regina Romo**, Junior, Social Work;

Olivehurst: **Erin Ticarat**, Senior, Social Work;

Rancho Cucamonga: **Sal Arredondo**, Junior, Social Work;

Susanville: **Natasha Gilstrap-Cote**, Sophomore, Social Work;

COLORADO

Denver: **Lauren Pleva**, Sophomore, Social Work;

FLORIDA

Coconut Creek: **Michelle Edwards**, Junior, Social Work;

Gainesville: **Marnie Shaeffer**, Sophomore, Human Services;

Inverness: **Jennifer Monier**, Junior, Social Work;

Kissimmee: **Yolanda Mitchell**, Freshman, Human Services;

Largo: **Matthew Howard**, Senior, Social Work;

Longwood: **Danielle Moran**, Senior, Social Work;

Tampa: **Renee LaSala**, Sophomore, Psychology;

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Fort Benning: **Stasha Fowler**, Sophomore, Human Services;

Hampton: **Tyneisha Taylor**, Junior, Social Work;

Hartwell: **Sophia Walker**, Senior, Social Work;

Jonesboro: **Sophnielle Santana**, Freshman, Human Services;

Lithonia: **Sophia Slater**, Senior, Social Work; **Lakeshia Walker**, Junior, Social Work;

Monroe: **Keeley Kookan**, Senior, Social Work;

Stone Mountain: **Kelly Hooper**, Senior, Social Work;

HAWAII

Wahiawa: **Megan Miller**, Freshman, Human Services

IDAHO

Idaho Falls: **Joan Radford**, Senior, Social Work

ILLINOIS

Marquette Heights: **Molly Steinseifer**, Senior, Social Work;

Mascoutah: **Nickole Durbin**, Senior, Political Science;

Metropolis: **Caleb Tisher**, Sophomore, History; **Joshua Wetzel**, Senior, Accounting;

INDIANA

Evansville: **Corey Mason**, Junior, Business; **Christina Patterson**, Sophomore, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies; **Andrea Townsend**, Senior, Social Work;

Ferdinand: **Kara Dilger**, Sophomore, Business;

Georgetown: **Alexander Flock**, Sophomore, Social Studies, Pre-Law Studies;

Haubstadt: **Mariah Kramer**, Sophomore, Speech Pathology/Audiology;

Huntingburg: **Audrey Mehling**, Junior, Elementary Education;

Leopold: **Samantha Steckler**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies;

Marysville: **Savannah Stivers**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in HRM;

Oakland City: **Jordan Blemker**, Freshman;

Portland: **Catherine Dunn**, Sophomore;

Washington: **Zachary Scheid**, Freshman, Accounting;

IOWA

Burlington: **Tiffany Siefken**, Junior, Social Work

KANSAS

Manhattan: **Dakota Barron**, Senior, Computer Science with Emphasis in Quantative Theory

LOUISIANA

Joyce: **DeAnna Moller**, Freshman, Human Services

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Upper Marlboro: **Laniece Goines**, Senior, Social Work;

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Southbridge: **Alexa Manso**, Junior, Social Work;

MICHIGAN

Battle Creek: **Rachel Gorlitz**, Senior, Social Work;

Charlotte: **Leticia Stone**, Senior, Social Work;

Midland: **Betsy Morey**, Senior, Social Work; **Hope Walker**, Senior, Social Work;

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Eden Prairie: **Laura Jo Rodriguez**, Senior, Social Work;

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Ortonville: **Kirstin Scoblic**, Senior, Social Work;

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Brandon: **Amber Taylor**, Senior, Social Work

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Belton: **Jennifer Cochran**, Junior, Social Work;

Branson: **Christina Hull**, Junior, Social Work;

Troy: **Alexa Nicholas**, Sophomore, Health Sciences;

Waynesville: **Debra Walker**, Junior, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies;

MONTANA

Big Timber: **Kay McDonnell**, Junior, Social Work

NEVADA

Panaca: **Janie Rippetoe**, Junior, Social Work

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nashua: **Barbara Bevins**, Junior, Social Work

NEW JERSEY

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Monroe Township: **Michele Herrington**, Junior, Social Work;

Somerset: **Nancy Mount**, Sophomore, Social Work;

NEW YORK

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Clayton: **Dymphna Roman-Loring**, Senior, Social Work;

Fort Drum: **Niesha Porter**, Senior, Social Work;

Poughkeepsie: **Peyton Hutson**, Senior, Social Work;

Yonkers: **Kevin Larrea**, Junior, Business;

NORTH CAROLINA

Arden: **Joanna Earls**, Senior, Social Work;

Charlotte: **Chloe Dabrowski**, Senior, Social Work;

Lake Lure: **Leonard Ferguson**, Junior, Psychology;

Mooresville: **Kristin Mobley**, Senior, Social Work;

Moravain Falls: **Kendra Farris**, Freshman, Human Services;

Sanford: **Joey Mosley**, Senior, Social Work;

OHIO

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Canton: **Lisa Cranston**, Senior, Social Work;

Coshocton: **Andrea Garrett**, Junior, Social Work;

Kettering: **April Rillo**, Freshman, Human Services;

Luckey: **Melisa Konesni**, Sophomore, Human Services;

Norwood: **Kathryn Long**, Senior, Social Work;

South Lebanon: **Rachel Fedor**, Senior, Business;

Windham: **Kaytlin O'Bryan**, Sophomore, Human Services;

OREGON

Hillsboro: **Colette Klein**, Junior, Social Work

PENNSYLVANIA

Duboisstown: **Heather Millard**, Junior, Social Work;

Harrisburg: **Wendy Dalpiaz**, Junior, Social Work;

Marietta: **Raquel Austin**, Senior, Social Work;

SOUTH CAROLINA

Beaufort: **Alyssa Plontz**, Senior, Social Work;

Mrytle Beach: **Lindsay Woodward**, Junior, Social Work;

TENNESSEE

Antioch: **David Amadi**, Senior, Computer Science with Emphasis in Quantative Theory;

Atwood: Annie Emert, Sophomore, Psychology;

Clarksville: **Julie Miller**, Senior, Social Work; **Brenden Williams**, Junior, Computer Science with Emphasis in Business & Management Sys;

Nashville: **Michael Stoxstill**, Senior, Social Work;

Nolensville: **Shelby Nelson**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology;

Portland: **Shawn Callis**, Junior, Business;

WAVERLY: **Sigrid Igartua**, Senior, Social Work;

TEXAS

Alvin: **William Mortley**, Junior, Social Work;

Austin: **Terina Buentello**, Senior, Social Work;

Cleburne: **Stacy Waldrip**, Junior, Social Work;

El Paso: **Alana Heitzer**, Junior, Social Work;

Friendswood: **Marissa Meader**, Senior, Social Work;

Houston: **Alysha Meacham**, Senior, Social Work; Danielle Smith, Senior, Social Work;

Killeen: **Cheyenne Tonkin**, Sophomore, Human Services;

Lindale: **Deborah Sanchez**, Senior, Social Work;

Mineola: **Erin Boyd**, Junior, Social Work;

Mission: **Berenice Mendoza**, Junior, Social Work;

San Antonio: **Ashley Sanchez**, Junior, Social Work;

VERMONT

West Rutland: **Amanda Wood**, Senior, Social Work

VIRGINIA

Mechanicsville: **Kelin Santos**, Senior, Social Work;

Springfield: **Yo'Lauder Holt**, Junior, Social Work;

Suffolk: **Tiffany Faulkner**, Senior, Social Work;

Vinton: Ana Zuniga Arana, Senior, Social Work;

Woodbridge: **Madison Miller**, Junior, Social Work;

WASHINGTON

Seatac: **Tammera Ferguson**, Senior, Social Work;

WISCONSIN

Chippewa Falls: **Tiffany Berg**, Senior, Social Work;

Frederic: **Jeanne Daniels**, Sophomore, Psychology;

Kenosha: **Alisha Pournaras**, Senior, Social Work;

Luck: **Sarah Funk**, Senior, Social Work;

Madison: Erica Johnson, Senior, Social Work;

Miwaukee: **Kimberly Anderson**, Freshman, Human Services;

New Franken: **Jenny Davis**, Senior, Social Work;

Peshtigo: **Brianna Banister**, Senior, Social Work;

Sharon: **Tiffany Carroll**, Sophomore, Social Work;

Stanley: **Desiree Ciokiewicz**, Senior, Social Work;

BRAZIL

Mogi Das Cruzes: **Turilo Duck**, Sophomore, Business

COSTA RICA

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NIGERIA

Port Harcourt: **Millicent Akere**, Senior, Mathematics, Chemistry

SPAIN

Malaga: **Jose Alcazar Camargo**, Freshman, Business: Emphasis in Management;

Madrid: **Hector Horcajada Romay**, Freshman, Computer Science;



BEARCAT athletics



Kyran Weemaels, a sophomore at Brescia University, returned to the mound for the Belgium national baseball team to gain more experience in the European Championship in Hoofddorp, Netherlands, held Sept. 9th – 18th. This past summer he played with the premier league Brasschaat Braves in Belgium and he picked up a couple innings in the Flanders Invitational Baseball Tournament in Antwerp last July. Kyran will return to the mound for Brescia University this spring.

RIVER STATES CONFERENCE AWARDS

FIRST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Natalie Jones (Owensboro, KY) – Volleyball

SECOND ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Kerby Edme (Port-au-Prince, Haiti) – Men's Soccer

Ricardo Majano (La Union, El Salvador) – Men's Soccer

Rhiannon Ungerer (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) – Volleyball

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Natalie Jones (Owensboro, KY) – Volleyball Newcomer of the Year



The Bearcat Men's Basketball team made a special friend at a restaurant in Tennessee this fall while traveling for a game. Blaize, pictured with the team, was celebrating his birthday and the team was able to sing him Happy Birthday to help him celebrate!



The Bearcat Softball team channeled their inner superhero, volunteering at the CASA 5K Fun Run/Walk in Legion Park.



Freshman Women's Soccer Player, Desirae Renfrow, poses by her billboard in Fordsville, Kentucky



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The Women's Soccer team poses at their year-end awards banquet

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY SELECTED AS 2015-2016 CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER FIVE-STAR INSTITUTION

Brescia University was selected by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Champions of Character Committee and the National Office as a 2015-2016 Champions of Character Five-Star Institution. Brescia University was one of 171 member institutions at the national level that was selected for the honor and this is the fifth time the University has received this honor.

The Champions of Character Committee uses a scorecard to measure each institution’s commitment to the Champions of Character and points are earned in five key areas; character training, academic

focus, character recognition, character promotion and conduct in competition. An institution must score 60% or above on the scorecard to be named a Champions of Character Five-Star Institution.

“It is the implication of Catholic higher education to make sure that such a fundamental value as love is not only fostered in the lives of our students, but strengthened by the holistic education they receive at Brescia University,” stated Father Larry Hostetter, President of Brescia University. “That is why being named a 2015-2016 Champions of Character Five-Star Institution is such an honor. It speaks to the

goodness of our students, and their identity as servant leaders, as well as our faculty and staff’s ability to teach and coach through the vocation of love in a way that inspires champions of character, both in play and in life.”

Brescia University received the silver medallion, awarded to institutions that score above 75 percent. In the 2015-2016 school year, 14 individual student athletes at Brescia University were recognized as Champions of Character for exemplifying the NAIA’s five core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

MEN’S SOCCER TEAM REACHES OUT IN WAKE OF A TRAGEDY THAT HITS CLOSE TO HOME

With the devastation and damage caused by Hurricane Matthew to parts of the US and Caribbean countries such as Haiti, the Brescia University Men’s Soccer team collected donations of blankets, clothing, shoes and monetary gifts to be donated.

The team, led by head coach Will Van Nostrand and Assistant Coach, John Harralson, were inspired to seek out a way to aid those that were affected by the hurricane by four members of the Brescia University Men’s Soccer Team who are of Haitian decent and still have family and friends residing in Haiti; Doodlyn Colas (Petion-Ville Montagne-Noire), Kerby Edme (Delmas, Port-au-Prince), Jean Gilbert Laurent (Saint Marc) and Wenderson Petit (Saint Marc).

“We wanted to find a way to provide aid and donations to the relief efforts for the people of Haiti, and after researching we discovered that blankets, clothing and shoes were the items that were needed the most,” stated Van Nostrand. “We are very fortunate to have Doodlyn, Kerby, Jean and Wenderson as a part of our team, some of whom he came to the United States and eventually here to Brescia, following the devastating earthquake that affected Haiti a few years back.”

“It is very sad to see Haiti get affected by Hurricane Matthew because [they] haven’t fully recovered from the earthquake,” stated Laurent, who has been in the U.S. since 2010.

And while all four of the students have resided in the U.S. for at least four years or more, they attribute their love of soccer to their home country and the pride Haitian take in their beloved sport.

“Soccer is the main sport in Haiti,” explained

Edme. “Most kids start playing soccer at a young age. As for me, I have been playing soccer for as long as I can remember.”

Petit, who has resided in the U.S. since 2004, described how playing soccer in Haiti was different: “I remember most kids couldn’t afford a pair of cleats so some of us would play barefoot. We were also reckless, playing in the rain with power lines over our head. We would use unconventional ways to just play the only sport that mattered to us. We didn’t always have a soccer ball since they were expensive, but it didn’t matter. To us, a tennis ball was a soccer ball, so was a deflated basketball, a football etc. And when there wasn’t a ball to kick around, an empty soda can or plastic bottle was what we used.”

For someone like Colas, who has played soccer since he was six-years-old, he described playing soccer as “the best things that can happen to a Haitian.”

Their love of soccer eventually led them here to Brescia University, but these Computer Science majors are pursuing their dreams that include obtaining Masters Degrees and even looking into the possibility of playing professional soccer.

“My experience has been really good at Brescia so far, both in the classroom and on the soccer field. The professors are always there for you. Since the classrooms are small, it is easier to have a one on one conversation with the professor,” stated Edme. “I know that I can always get that one on one time with the professor.”



The team members are still adjusting to the Kentucky weather and the idea of a cold winter, but their experience at Brescia has made an impact. Laurent describes his teammates as being “like family to me now.”

“I’m still in the adjustment process,” stated Petit, who is currently in his second season with the Bearcats. “This is all new to me, however, I think it is a great experience; traveling with the team, living on campus, making new friends. It is definitely worth it.”

The team was able to collect over \$x,xxx and hundreds of items to donate to those in Haiti by way of Water with Blessings, a non-profit organization that recognizes and builds upon the capacity of local people as the solution for their own local need for safe water. The organization was founded by Brescia University alum, Sr. Lorraine Lauter.

“I believe every human feels sad about what happened to Haiti. But as Haitians, people who were born and grew up in Haiti, we want to not only help the people when they are in need but make a plan to prevent those natural disasters from making maximum damage when they occur,” said Edme.

Honors Trip



BEARCATS TAKE ON WASHINGTON, D.C.

Brescia University's Honors College is a program designed for students that have achieved exceptional academic standards in high school that allows them to experience learning, in and out of the classroom, during their collegiate experience. In November, honors students enrolled in a Social and Political Philosophy course taught by Dr. Allen Gehring took a tour of Washington, D.C. The students even had the opportunity to visit the White House, just three days before the presidential election.

"Going into the trip I knew little about our government and how it is ran. This trip allowed me to see our government in action and see all of the important documents that helped this country become what it is today," stated Daniel Steele. "It also allowed me to become more educated on our nation's history and the significance that each building has. This trip has certainly helped me grow as a person and it will forever be a trip I will remember."

Each year, students in the Honors College take special courses, and each course has a field trip associated with the theme of that class. Students in Dr. Gehring's course were

studying a number of the issues that were hot topics during this year's presidential election and debates.

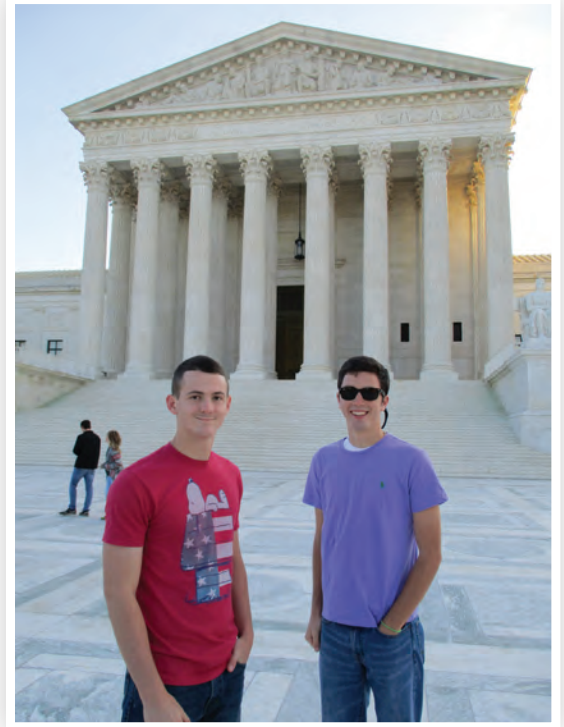
"One of the reasons I decided to offer a course in Social and Political Philosophy involved the presidential election," Dr. Gehring said. "I thought it would be good for our students to have a chance to think deeply about many of the political issues they hear about in a rigorous academic setting."

The students in Dr. Gehring's course, in addition to touring the White House, also toured Congress, entered the House Gallery and observed the House of Representatives. They also had the opportunity to see some of Washington D.C.'s most iconic sites, such as, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial.

"The honors trip to Washington DC was an amazing experience and one that I will not forget. The places we went to were remarkable, but those places are not the only thing that I will remember. It was the friendships I made with classmates. The trip was a bonding experience for me to get to know my classmates better," said Jessica Robinson



The group poses outside of the White House (L-R Dr. Gehring, Hunter Gaddis, Cameron Chappell, Amy Dolen, Kassi Gilbert, Kelsey Postiglione, Jeanna James, and Machaela Cassidy)



Reagan Calloway and Robert Mitchell outside of the Supreme Court



Students in Dr. Walt Bosse's class, Introduction to Social Protest Literature, also had the opportunity to travel to Cincinnati, Ohio to visit The Underground Railroad Freedom Center and Museum, the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park for a performance of A Prayer for Owen Meany, and the Newport Aquarium. This course explores the imaginative literatures from a variety of historical, cultural, and geographical contexts that confront and challenge specific problems in society. The students used the course to better connect with the classroom content and to challenge their assumptions about each subject.



Class Photo in front of Congress



alumni notes



CHIEF ART EALUM '06

was appointed to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council in August. The KLEC is comprised of 23 members, 12 of whom are appointed by the Governor. The council's main duties are to govern the training curriculum used for law enforcement training in Kentucky as well as oversee the abilities of those tasked as instructors.



LEVI BRISTOW '00

was named new head Baseball Coach at Carroll County School District in August. He has spent the past several years coaching baseball at East Oldham Middle School.

ANDY ROBERTS '02

was crowned the 2016 Clark's Pump-n-Shop Marathon Kentucky Amateur Champion in July at Bellefonte Country Club in Ashland. He carded three birdies to offset two bogeys on his way to final round of one-under-par 69 to finish at nine-under-par (201) and complete a two shot victory over fellow competitors and good friends Denver Haddix, Jr. of Lexington and Deraney.

PAUL RALEY '80

has developed a product that is more effective than Bluetooth, and is currently being used by world-class musicians, such as The Doobie Brothers, on their electric guitars.



JERMAIN LANGLEY

committed to play professional basketball in Hannover, Germany. Langley, a 6'3 guard from Henderson, Kentucky, is one of two American players on the roster. The opportunity came after Langley attracted the eye of Michael Stinnett, a pro scout for European leagues, at a summer camp he attended in Louisville.

ASHLEE GUNN-MILLER '08

was named the third-region Coach of the Year by the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association and Kentucky Prep Softball for the Muhlenberg County High School.

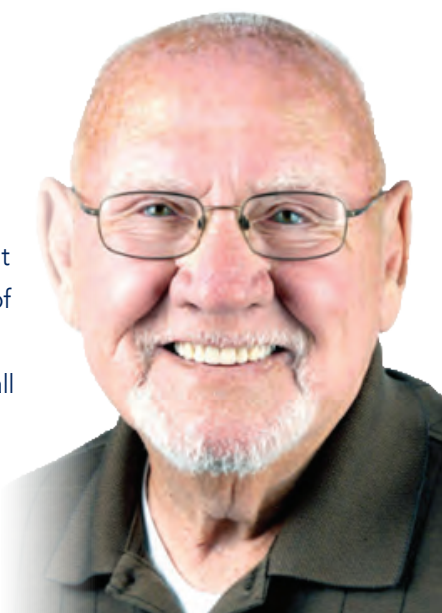


GILBERT CAMACHO '11

proposed to his girlfriend following the Rock and Roll marathon in Los Angeles after clocking his personal best. They have known each other since middle school.

DAVE MCBRIDE

is now authoring a column for the Owensboro Messenger Inquirer. In Dave's words, his new column, entitled "Little Bit of Everything" will feature weekly messages that are 'family-oriented, sometimes humorous, sometimes a little tear jerky and sometimes, if [he] may, a fling at some homespun wisdom. Dave not only has over 58 years of experience in journalism, but is a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.



JULIE HOWARD FORD '97

was named the 2017 KCTE High School Teacher of the Year. Each year, KCTE recognizes an outstanding elementary, middle, high school, and college teacher who has a passion for English education and demonstrates a willingness to go above and beyond in the classroom.



DR. PAUL COOMES '73

emertius professor of economics at the University of Louisville, was appointed the new executive director of the Office of Health Policy in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. He leads the office responsible for health planning and policy research as well as administering the state's Certificate of Need Program.



Members of the class of 1968 and 1969 visited campus to tour The Moore Center, which is currently undergoing renovations as part of the Campaign for Brescia University: Gateway to Our Second Century, expected to be completed this spring.

SISTER BARBARA JEAN HEAD OSU '69

began a three-year term as a board member on the UNANIMA International Board in New York, a non-governmental organization (NGO) advocating on behalf of women and children, immigrants and refugees, and the environment. The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph were one of the seven charter members of UNANIMA in 2001 and its membership consists of 20 congregations of Roman Catholic sisters whose 20,000 constituents work in over 80 countries. They bring their voices, concerns, and experiences as educators, health care providers, social workers, and development workers to the United Nations.

Faculty AND Staff NEWS



AMANDA SHANKS '03

and her father, Terry Stewart, had an art exhibit in Greenville Kentucky at the Thistle Cottage. The exhibit, entitled "Exhibit of Charcoal Paints by Amanda Shanks and Terry Stewart," included 14 portraits by Amanda, 10 portraits by Terry and 5 collaborations they worked on together.



CHRISTIE WALL HAGAN '08

and husband, Michael, welcomed their third child, James Stephen Hagan March 14, 2016 at Owensboro Health. His weight was 7lbs 7oz and he was 19.5in long. He has two very proud older siblings, Ethan (4 years old) and Beth (2 years old).

KIM GIBSON '11

has been appointed to the Georgia Statewide Independent Living Council board by Governor Nathan Deal. Kim is the executive director of disABILITY LINK, a member of several subcommittees for the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) and sits on the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living board of directors as the external vice president.



RASHEAL CHARLES '15

currently serves as the Team Leader/ Social Work on the Elder Abuse Resource and Supports (EARS) team in Edmonton, Canada. Her team recently won an Award from the Alberta Government for the work that we have been doing in Family Violence Prevention for Elder Abuse. The Inspiration Award was awarded to groups/ individuals and agencies for their Leadership in Family violence prevention.

Dr. Amanda Dawson, Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama, attended and presented at two conference in Fall 2016. In August, Dr. Dawson presented her paper, "Hidden Scars: Wounds of the Mind and Body in the Vietnam Veteran," at the Association of Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) Conference in Chicago. In November, she presented another paper, "Transgressive Voices: Soldiers Transition Home," at the American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR) Conference in Minneapolis.

Dr. Conrad Toepfer, Associate Professor of Biology, co-delivered a workshop, Teaching Like a Pro in Your First Years, at the Annual Meeting of the Association of College and University Biology Educators in Milwaukee, WI. He also gave an invited address, 60 Years of ACUBE from a Not-60 Historian. In addition, Dr. Toepfer attended the Leadership in Higher Education Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Janett Walters-Williams, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, will be presenting her abstract entitled "Comparative Evaluation of the Mutual Information Class of ICA with other classes: A Case Study on denoising EEG" at the 4th International Conference on Big Data Analysis and Data Mining to be held September of 2017 in Paris, France.

THE PEOPLE

Who Make Us Great

As featured in Issue 38 of the St. Joseph's Peace Mission newsletter distributed fall 2016.

When Judy Brandon was growing up in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, she was one of 6 kids with a very musical father. She remembers her dad playing music by ear, and she would sing along. She has always been around music, singing in choirs starting in third grade, and continuing through high school and college. She had applied and been accepted at a college in South Dakota, but was unable to make the extended train trip from Tennessee this would entail. An Ursuline sister casually mentioned to her father that there was a college in Owensboro, Kentucky that would be glad to have her. It was at Brescia College (now University) that Judy met her late husband Cliff Brandon. The rest, as they say, was history.

Judy was one of the first to major in Special Education, and was the first to start a Special Needs class in Owensboro at the old Lincoln School on Breckinridge. Over the years, she has taught at many levels of classes, at county and city schools, teaching Special Needs children such diverse subjects as math, spelling, life skills, manners, square dancing, even leading a children's choir in sign

language! Her approach has never varied; "there are a lot of really good kids out there," she says. "They're like all the others, they just need to be shown what they can do."

One of her assignments for her last kindergarten class was A Pail of Nails, where she encouraged the class to do good deeds, which their parents would reward with one penny. The kids were excited to give the pennies accumulated over one year to Habitat for Humanity, to buy nails for a Habitat house.

In her free time, Judy relaxes by playing cards, singing with friends and in the Immaculate Parish choir, and has recently begun to sing with Hospice. Truly a woman with many talents and a warm heart for kids!

Judy graduated from Brescia College in 1964. Her granddaughter currently attends Brescia and will be graduating in May. Judy and Shelby are pictured above with her late husband, Cliff Brandon who graduated from Brescia College in 1964. Judy and Cliff were very instrumental in Shelby's decision to come to Brescia.





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